

Thimble Collectors Club Thimbles



L>R: UK Club logo – USA club logo – German club logo



both sides of a TCC Membership card

The Thimble Collectors Club (TCC) came to my attention quite early on in my thimble collecting days - 1986. The glossy pamphlets that they issued promoted the idea of collecting "good" brands of china or porcelain from famous or often unheard-of thimble china manufacturers. The added appeal was that on joining the Club one would automatically receive/pay for a new thimble every month. What a selection of high-quality thimbles!!

I lived in South Africa when I made my first enquiry about joining the Club, but I had no response to my application. I put this down to being where I lived. I have always enjoyed collecting Royal Doulton thimbles and once I knew that TCC had issued a thimble featuring Balloon Seller, I approached them again and was able to purchase this lovely thimble as a one-off, in October 1987.

I became interested in the scheme again in late 1989 when an English pen friend sent me two, she had bought for me - the uniqueness and quality of the thimbles really appealed, but I only joined the [English] Club in April 1993. At that time, the free gift on joining was Oakley's Little Owl but it had been around since May 1985 - whether as part of the original subscriptions, or as a free gift like mine.

An amazing facility was that one could return thimbles, if they were not suitable, within one week of receipt. Did these returns form the basis of the 'free joining gifts'?

In September 1995, the Club switched from supplying thimbles each month, to sending out a batch of twelve at a time, for each year - though they were still paid monthly. From 1996, the individual certificates stopped, in preference for one booklet brochure with all twelve thimble descriptions.

There were at least three Thimble Collectors Clubs - one in Chessington (Surrey, England - a division of MBI Inc, a company incorporated with limited liability in Delaware USA.); another in Norwalk (Connecticut, USA) and another in Germany (Der Fingerhut-Sammler-Club). The Club logos are different (see above). Which Club was established first and when? Rosie has now established "that the MBI Inc began business in 1969 under the name The Danbury Mint. Danbury Mint UK was founded in 1969 by Ted Stanley, in Connecticut, USA, to sell the best in fine collectables direct to the consumer and opened an office in London in 1976 and started to develop products especially for UK; products are usually created exclusively for them and sold only by them through their magazine advertising, mailings ... and the internet. In the US, the name Thimble Collector's Club and the logo is registered as a Trademark by the company MBI, Inc. This company is located at 47 Richards Avenue Norwalk, CT 06857. The Thimble Collectors Club sells goods and services of thimbles sold primarily as collectors' items. This logo and Trademark was filed on 11 April 1988 and was first used on 1 September 1984." As the UK concern is part of an International company it needs no separate registration.

There are around TCC **600** thimbles in this listing, so my theory is that different thimbles were made for the different Clubs - otherwise TCC would have been going for 36 years!! Were the same thimbles issued to all members worldwide at the same time? No. From information I have received, newer members got thimbles that had been issued in the past. I have included the earliest date of issue known. If yours is earlier, please let me know. The USA Club closed in 1998, tho the registration is still active and was renewed in 2008. It seems that the English Club ceased to exist in 2003.

The earliest date I can find recorded in the A-Z listing of thimbles in this topic, is for the UK club in September 1984: there are so many that I do not have a date of issue recorded.

Each thimble is boxed and has an accompanying leaflet/certificate giving a brief history of the china house and the name of each thimble and in the case of the US certificates, there is an illustration of the thimble's backstamp. The certificates are great to have and are even more important now that the Clubs no longer exist. Sadly, none of the pamphlets are dated. There is no way of linking the thimbles back to TCC or dating the thimbles once the certificate has become separated from the thimble. There are exceptions: where the thimbles have a "Thimble Collectors Club" backstamp as well as the maker's mark - eg Moriken, Oakley, Shibata, Sutherland, Kiyomasa. Now you will be able to link your thimbles to TCC, with the marvellous photos supplied by Cathy and Jenny.

Now that I have seen the certificates from both the USA and UK Clubs, it is easy to tell the difference between them. The USA Club certificates have the maker's backstamp on the certificate; the thimble information is on the other side. The English TCC certificates are all printed on one side and there is no illustration of the backstamp. The same thimbles have differing descriptions on the certificates (see Longton Hall's Rustic Castle). Both are included where possible. The German certificates follow the UK Club's style.

In compiling these pages, I have followed the name of the thimble design as mentioned in bold lettering on each certificate - and done the same for each china house. Where there are discrepancies, there will be linked cross-references. I have ignored the text on each certificate (except the thimble patterns descriptions) as it often has conflicting information.

As well as offering thimbles by the month, TCC also offered sets for sale.

China and porcelain thimble collecting came to its zenith during the 1980s and there were hundreds of different maker's marks or backstamps to collect. The Thimble Collectors Club fostered this passion and found many new "thimbles makers" for their Club members. In 1986 Royal Worcester stopped making thimbles to be followed by Wedgwood (1991 though this was revived in 2000 when their thimbles were produced at their Visitors Centre), Spode (1992) and Caverswall (1993).

Anyone who has tried to follow the takeovers and amalgamations of china manufacturers in the 1980s, in the wider field outside thimbles, will know that this is a vast field even for the experts. Royal Doulton has a huge list of 'brands' in their stable, but they have never been prolific thimble makers. For thimbles, shape is predominant, and the dominant makers have specific thimble shapes that identify them immediately.

It must have been difficult for the Club to continue to find new sources with this trend of closures. Was this when the practice began, of one thimble manufacturer using new backstamps other than their own, to inflate the number of new makers? MAYBE they were even buying backstamps, where the previous owner was no longer interested or able to make thimbles themselves? It is perfectly legal in Britain when a business or company closes or goes bankrupt, liquidated stock can be sold off and can include Intellectual Property rights such as designs, copyright, and trademarks.

Welsh thimbles, made by **Heritage Coast China** (originally founded by Mr Clarke & Co in 1986 as Westbury), include the following backstamps:

Afan Valley | Ammonite Studio | Avonvale | Celtic Cross | Green Isaf Farm Pottery | Kingfisher Pottery | Kingston Pottery | Platypus Gallery | Principality | St Donats | St Illtyd | Vale
Westbury Studio | Wyaside | Yr Felin Wynt

Some of their patterns - Blue Satsuma, Welsh Poppy, Brambles/Blackberry Bush, Old Mill, Hazelnut - even appear with the differing backstamps of Avonvale / Heritage Coast, St Donats / Glyn-Coch, Afan Valley / Wyaside, Heart of England Westbury and Celtic Cross / Wyaside respectively.

I imagine that the decals created were jealously guarded by their creators, but some are in the public domain.

I presume that Gien first made the design Lilypad, and that this was purchased by Vale?

What about the identical Songbird produced by both Revol and Carl Schumann?

Blue Floral by Bordeaux - the same decal as Revol's Blue Onion

Birds of Paradise by Scherzer and Schumann's Parrots

Harcourt and Brimstone use the same Dolphin decals

Chelsea and Britannia have the same Unicorn thimble decal

there is an identical decal and shape in the Tropical Fish by Sutherland and Whielden

Ospag and Lilien have identical Viennese scenes (they just have slightly different names) all identical thimbles with differing backstamps/names!

'Strange' isn't it that many of these names are replicated within the Sutherland stable list below?

Sutherland China can be identified by thimbles with crystals, or their thimbles made in distinctive shapes, or shaped apices. They have used these additional makers' marks:

Accorn | Bell & Co | Bell Vue | Blossom China | Blyth Works | Bow | Branksome Ceramics

Brimstone Fine China | Britannia China Company | Brown-Westhead Moore & Co
 Campbellfield Castle Pottery | Ceramart | Chelsea | Davenport | Don Pottery | Dorset
 Dublin Pottery | Empress Porcelain | Fenton | Francesca China | George Jones
 Hanbridge Fine Ceramics | Herculaneum Ceramics | Hilditch & Son | Ironstone China
 Isle of Wight | John and Richard Riley | Lockhart | Longton Hall | Mercia Crown
 Nautilus Pottery | Nouveau Pottery | Northfield Hawley Oak Tree China Orb Pottery
 Ralph Stevenson | Rockingham | Rose China | Royal Westminster | Seacombe
 Thomas Greene | Tulip Fine China | Whieldon Ware

Bow and Chelsea both have Fluted Floral thimbles, though the flowers depicted are different; Davenport / Sutherland have Playing Cards

Sutherland/Rockingham's Still Life are the same decal

Crysglass/Krister both use the same blue flower decal Flower and Nouvelles.

Another clue to this practice is the wording "produced in homage ..." - "a thimble in tribute ..." - "in the style of ..." etc. on the certificates.

In the 1998 and 2002 range Sutherland would also have made the following "European" thimbles with the backstamps for: Charmaine (France) | Empress (Czech Republic) | Fleur (France) Katerina (Russia) | Tulip (Holland) | Wiener-Kirsch (Vienna)

How is this for coincidence? Three separate thimble 'manufacturers' creating unusual identically shaped thimbles. Look for yourself - Blyth Farm animals - Branksome Giraffe - Kingston Cats. The apex of these thimbles is white and well hollowed out.

I am sure there are more of this type for other years too!!

I am more familiar with the English brands on china and porcelain thimbles, but if this practice was encouraged/abetted by TCC, what was to stop the prolific German and Japanese thimble makers, from doing the same? Check some of the German thimbles for yourself: Lindner - Eminence Ludwig - Gossel - Reutter.

Then there are the Czechoslovakian Bohemia and Thun with identical decals for the Entertainers/Court Figures!!

Stoke-on-Trent's equivalent in Japan is Seto, where most of Japanese porcelain is made. Iwasa in Tajimi (close to Seto) made thimbles for TCC probably with the additional backstamps of Koyomi, Shibata, Marutoyo and Yamasan.

Japanese thimbles traditionally were not backstamped. This was a request by TCC that the thimbles from Japan have the thimbles for TCC backstamped.

Did Sutherland China make these some of their thimbles with Japanese backstamps as well?

Another theory is that these thimbles, that were initially made for TCC, reached a wider market after their contract with TCC ceased. If the decals remained in their possession, there was nothing to stop them marketing them after TCC's closure, with whichever makers' mark they chose! Some of these designs are still being made today, even tho TCC has long gone.

Thimble boxes for the TCC thimbles are another clue to their origins and date. In the 1980s and into the mid-1990s, the thimble boxes supplied with the thimbles were the same brand as the thimble. Later boxes from 1996 were the generic blue thimble boxes lettered with 'Thimble Collectors Club' and the numbering as laid out above. Was this because there was no longer a thimble manufacturer with the thimble brand's name?



5-6th October 1985 magazine advertisements

the free thimble being offered as an incentive for membership was Royal Albert's Old Country Roses

I am no longer missing TCC thimble photos (June 2020). What I need are copies of missing certificates please. Only five are still to be found and their names may be little more than a description no certificates:

Brimstone Penguin | Hakutoh Blue floral | Haviland Empress Eugenia violets | Kingston Cats
Sutherland Christmas 1984

Since the beginning of 2009 I have been sent many photos of thimbles for inclusion in these pages that have previously been unrecorded. Most are in the blue TCC thimble boxes.

Maybe both versions came out of the same manufacturing house but at different times - one for the UK market and one for the US market? So far this has been noticed in similar but different versions - Akemi | Gossel | Jaeger | Lin | Pickard | Schwarzenhammer | Thun

In 2019 I have generously received two books from a Russian Thimble Collectors group in Moscow, for their members. They have published two volumes to date on TCC thimbles (A-E; F-K). I don't have a word of Russian, so I am not able to read the Russian text, but the photos are wonderful and shown in great detail. It seems that TCC certificates have been translated from English to Russian. At this stage that is purely my speculation.

Symbol used to indicate that for the TCC thimbles featured, there are corresponding certificates shown on separate pages – with the UK or the US certificates – or both.

Abbey China -

Abbey China
England



The Butterfly
2001

Accorn Fine China
Wales



The Minstrel
1997 (UK)

Afan Valley Pottery
Wales



Blackberry Bush



Peaches
1996 (UK)

These thimbles are made by
Heritage Coast China

Akemi
Japan



Mandarin Ducks/Mandarin Duck
August 1988 (UK)

There are two differing shapes - on the left a smooth rim, the other is fluted. A third version exists with a gold dot on the apex. The one on L has TCC marks in it

Albany England  Floral Fantasy	Altenkunstadt Porzellan Germany  Flower Bouquet/Flower Garland December 1988 (USA) April 1994 (UK)
Ammonite Studio Wales  Elephants 1999 (UK) These thimbles are made by Heritage Coast China	Anna-Perenna Germany  The Fruit Basket 1998 (UK)
AOFI Porzellan Germany  Gold Band June 1991 (USA)	Apollon Rhodes, Greece  Aegean Summer Agaeischer Sommer (German)
Arita Japan  Gold Imari January 1988 (UK) see also Gold Arita Imari for the identical US Club thimble	Avignon see Porcelaines Avignon

Arzberg
Germany



Waterlilies

December 1987

there are 2 versions - one with and one without a gold trim - R issued by TCC

Avonvale

England and Wales



Blue Satsuma

September 1990 (UK) June 1995 (USA)



Fox Cub

March 1991 (UK) July 1992 (USA)

These thimbles are made by Heritage Coast China

Aynsley

England



Canal Boat

December 1990 (USA) December 1991 (UK)



Pembroke Bird

September 1984 (UK) March 1992 (USA)

Barker Bros

England



Teapots

2003 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

BC & Co

see

Britannia China

Bell & Company

Scotland



Orchestra

2003 (UK)

The backstamp is graphic: a bell
additional 'Thimble Collectors Club' stamp inside
These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Belleek

Ireland

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Shamrocks

December 1984 (UK) January 1985 (USA)

Belle Vue Pottery

England

**Helena**

2003 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Bengal Ceramics

Bangladesh

**The Pondering Cat**

January 1993 (USA)

Berkshire China

England

**Bedtime Puppy**

May 1988 (USA)

September 1988 (UK)

**Hedgehogs**

January 1993 (USA)

**Wagon Train**

1995 (USA)

Berlin Design

Germany

**Egyptian Bazaar****Pennsylvania Dutch****Bernadotte**

Czechoslovakia

**Black and Gold Roses****Mother and Child**

October 1993 (UK)

Birchcroft

England

**Summer Meadow**

Bing & Grondahl

Denmark

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Butterfly



Classic Selection



The Little Mermaid
October 1985 (USA)
May 1986 (UK)

Blossom China

England



A Day by the Sea
2001 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Blyth Works

England



Farm Animals
2002 (UK)

These thimbles have also appeared with blue Swarovski crystals in the apex – they were not part of the issue by TCC

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Bohemia
Czechoslovakia



Court Figures

June 1995 (UK)

differing scenes still appear so I have no idea which was the original 'Court Figures'. Only one can have been issued by the TCC as a monthly thimble - which one?



differing village scenes still appear so I have no idea which was the TCC original - if even issued by TCC



see also: **Thun** thimbles as the backstamps often don't match the certificates

Bordeaux
France



Blue Floral
1998 (UK)

Branksome Ceramics
England



Giraffe
2003 (UK)

there is an additional 'Thimble Collectors Club' stamp inside
These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Bow Porcelain

England



The Carousel
August 1994 (UK)



Chrysanthemum



Crystal Garland



Fluted Floral
April 1995 (USA)



Spring Serenade
January 1989 (UK)
Fruehlingsserenade (German)



The Tailor's
July 1992

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Brimstone Fine China

England



Dolphins



Penguins

German: Die Welt der Pinguine

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China



Snowy Owl

Britannia and Brittanica China Company

England



Crown Luster
October 1993 (USA)
blue version was issued by TCC



Floral Blue
1995 (UK)



The Unicorn

The US certificates have the incorrect spelling of the firm's name
These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Brown Westhead and Moore and Brown-Westhead, Moore & Co
England



Inverary Castle



Merlin
2000 (UK)



Poinsettias
2002 (UK)



Swan Lake
1998 (UK)



the design is named on the verso +
'Pyotr Ilych Tchaikovsky'

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Campbellfield
Scotland



Flora
2003

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Cardinal Ceramics
The Philippines



Crown-Vetch
April 1992 (USA)

Carl Schumann Porcelain Factory
Germany



Edelweiss

January 1991 (USA)
September 1992 (UK)



Songbird

see also **Schumann**

Castle Pottery
England



Little Fawns
2002 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Caverswall
England



Chaffinches
Der Buchfink
(German)



Christmas 1991
1991 (UK)



Christmas 1992
1992 (UK)



Christmas Bell
1993
1993 (UK)



Newborn Lambs/Pastoral
Schaefer
(German)

Celtic Cross Pottery

Wales



Art Deco
1996 (UK)



Castell Coch

the castle is named on
the verso



Foxcubs

July 1995 (USA)



Nut Harvest

These thimbles are made by Heritage Coast China

Cemarpa

Venezuela



Monkeys/Spider Monkey

Ceramart

England



Persian Falconers

2003 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Charmaine

France



Elephants

2002 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

(H & C) Chodov

Czechoslovakia

the initials form part of the actual backstamp



Harvest Time

December 1989 (UK)

Chelsea Porcelain

England



Children's Strawberry/Child's



English Garden/Spring Garden

July 1991 (USA)
October 1990 (UK)



Fluted Floral
1995 (UK)
three views



Frost Fair on the Thames
February 1995 (UK)



Unicorn
March 1995 (USA)
two sizes for the US club
thimbles



The Victoria and Albert Museum
some examples exist without
the Chelsea backstamp
just the TCC one

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Classic Rose

Germany - A Rosenthal Company



Autumn Gold
January 1993 (UK)
an identical thimble for the USA issue is under
Rosenthal

Claymore Ceramics

England



Dolphins

Coalport

England

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Albany Flowers
September 1987



Balloons
Ballons (German)
October 1988 (UK)
December 1988 (USA)

Coimbra
Portugal



Adrienne

May 1987 (USA)



Portuguese Tiles

August 1989 (UK)

Colditz Porcelain House
Germany



Grape Leaves

July 1994 (USA)



Windmill

Countrylife Design Studio
England



Antelopes

Antilopen (German)



Chimps

Creativa Ceramica
Mexico



Mexican Country Scene/Mexican Scene

Crown Ducal
England



Woodpecker

see also: **Royal Crown Duchy**

Crown Staffordshire
England



Plough and Horses

Crown Stuart
England



The Proud Mother

Crysglass
Malta



Flower

August 1991 (USA)



Pink Roses

1998 (UK)

Dai-Ichi

Japan

**Peony/The Peony Flower**

Pfingstrose (German)

July 1986 (USA)

December 1986 (UK)

Don Pottery

England

**Gold Imari/Imari**

1996

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

**Hunting Scene**

2003 (UK)

Davenport

England

**Garland Cameo**September 1995
(UK)**Playing Cards**

November 1994

**Scene through
the Rose Arbour**

March 1994 (UK)

**The Stitch in
Time****Van Gogh Sun
Flowers**Sonnenblumen
(German)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Dorset

England

**Kingfishers**

February 1990

there is a Tennyson quote lettered in brown on the
verso

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

DuBarry

France

**Fuchsias****Dubi China**

Czechoslovakia

**Blue Onion**

February 1989 (USA)

Dublin Pottery

Ireland

**Dragon**

2000 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Elg & Elg Porslin

Sweden



Butterfly

March 1991 (USA)
April 1996 (UK)



Golden Fantasy

1998 (UK)



Swedish Summer / Young Love

October 1991 (UK)

Elysian Fine China

England



Camomile

December 1994 (UK)



Mitternachtfelder

German



Waterlily

December 1994 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Eminence Ludwig

Germany



Cobalt Musicians/Royal Musicians

June 1994 (USA)
September 1994 (UK)



Emerald Cascade

April 1988 (UK)

Empress Porcelain

Czech Republic



Auriculas

2002 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Epiag

Loket, Czechoslovakia



Garland of Roses

August 1994 (UK)



Images of Prague

July 1991 (UK)

the TCC certificate indicates
that this thimble is made by
Loket – the backstamp shows
Epiag

Eschenbach

Germany



Seals

July 1991 (UK)

Exclusividas Cemarpa

see
Cemarpa

Fenton
England



Honey Bees

June 1992 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Fleur
France



Beside the Seaside

2002 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Florencia
Chile



Grapevine/Grapes

Francesca China
England



Daisy Chain

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Freiberg/Freiberger Porzellan
Germany



Best Friends

March 1995 (UK)



Delft Windmill

April 1994 (USA)



Rose

Fukagawa
Japan



Butterfly

May 1985 (USA)

November 1986 (UK)

R: purple butterfly from US set



Iris

January 1991 (USA)

March 1991(UK)



Phoenix

George Jones (& Sons)

England



Pheasant (combined)

1999 (UK)

'Pheasant Phasianus colchias is
lettered on the verso



Robin (combined)

1999 (UK)

'Robin Erithacus rubecola' is
lettered on the verso



Tom, Tom the Piper's Son

1997 (UK)

The words of the nursery rhyme
are lettered throughout the design

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Georges Boyer

France



Bamboo

Germer

Brazil



Flowers of Brazil

March 1993 (UK)

with four different flowers in panels

Gerold Porzellan

Germany



The Shepherd

September 1987 (UK)

Der Schaefer und seine Herde (German)

Gien

France



Lilypond

1989 (UK)

Gien would have created this decal - did Vale China
purchase/use it for their later design, entitled Lily
Pond?

(Richard) Ginori

Italy

some of the designs include 'Richard...' as part of
the backstamp



Granduca

Glasgow Pottery

Scotland



Millennium

2000 (UK)

Glyn-Coch/Glyncoch Designs

Wales



Puffin

April 1990 (USA)
July 1990 (UK)



Welsh Poppy

February 1993 (USA)
December 1992 (UK)

Goho

Japan



Hana-Dori

May 1994 (UK)

Gold Imari Arita

Japan



Bussan

August 1987 (USA)
see also: Arita
for the identical UK club thimbles

Gossel Porzellan

Germany



Floral Panel



Heavens Above/Moon and Stars

1995 (USA) June 1996 (UK)
two versions – different rims L is TCC version

Green Isaf Farm Pottery

Wales



The Pagoda

1998 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Heritage Coast China

Grosvenor Collection

England



Autumn Feast



The Carousel

1995 (UK)

Hakusui

Japan



Cockerels

Hakutoh

Japan



Blue Floral

some examples have the backstamp showing as 'Hakutho'



Peacock/Peacocks

December 1986 (USA)
Pfauen (German)

Hammersley

England



Bamboo

January 1986
Schwarzer Bambus
(German)



Croquet



**Garden
Butterfly**

there is a USA Club
set of 12 TCC
different butterfly
thimbles



Shelley

A quotation in blue
lettering by P B
Shelley appears on
the verso



Strawberries

January 1992
(USA)
November 1992
(UK)

Hampshire Hall

England



Hedgehogs

September 1991 (UK)

Hanbridge Fine Ceramics

England



Christmas 2003

2003

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Harcourt China

England



Barnyard



Dolphins

1995 (UK)

Hashimoto

Japan



Madori

Heart of England

England



The Old Mill

Haviland

France

some of the TCC certificates include 'Limoges' as part of the brand name, some then omitting France



Hummingbirds/Humming Bird

April 1989 (UK)
Kolibri (German)



**The Roses of
Empress Josephine**

Haviland Limoges

France



**Empress Eugenia violets
(USA)**

Herculaneum Pottery

England



Celtic Glory

1998 (UK)



Chinese Print

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Heritage Coast China

Wales



Blue Satsuma

February 1994 (USA)



Bullfinches



Goldcrest/Goldcrests

October 1992 (USA)
April 1992 (UK)

Heron Fine China

England



Twilight Lustre

Herrandiz Porcelain

Spain



Catalonia

April 1995 (USA)



Seahorses

Hertel Porzellan

Germany



Gold Flowers



Seals

some versions of this
thimble have a domed
apex with a gold band at
apex rim

Highland China

Scotland



Stag

Hilditch & Son/s (H&S)

England



Clouds and Boat Trees and House (pair)

2000 (UK)



Country Cottage/English Cottage



Palace

2003 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

House of Tyler
England



T'ang Dynasty Dragon
applied dragon

Hutschenreuther
Germany



Bavarian Castle
December 1985 (UK)
April 1993 (USA)
lettered 'Schloss
Neuschwanstein' in a
scroll on verso



Canterbury Bell
November 1992 (USA)

Ibis Porcelain
Portugal



Bird



Floral Arrangement



Pink Rose

Impress Ceramics
Australia



Kangaroo

Ironstone China
England



Teddy Bear Nursery
1998 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Isle of Wight Pottery Studio
England



Bouquet
2003 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Izawa Porcelain
Japan



Kano

Jaeger Porzellan

Germany



Blue Flower



Flower/Winter Rose

August 1986

L USA R UK

John & Richard Riley

England



Cheetah

2000 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Kaiser Porzellan

Germany



Country Scene

February 1985 (UK)

July 1985 (USA)



Prince Albert

Katerina

Russia



Russian Rose

2002 (UK)

blue panels on verso

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Kenzan

Japan



Peony

Kingfisher Pottery

Wales



The Windmill

1998 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Heritage Coast China

Kingston Pottery

Wales



Cats

2001 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Heritage Coast China

Kirsch
Austria
see
Wiener Kirsch

Kitka
Bulgaria



Flowering Ivy
February 1992 (USA)

Kiyomasa Porcelain
Japan



Cho-kin/Iris
November 1988 (USA) August 1987 (UK)
Schwertlilie (German)

Kohzan
Japan



Kimono

Koenig Porzellan
Germany

The backstamp is lettered **König**



Bunnies
1995 (USA) May 1996 (UK)



Geese at Sunset



Jonquils
June 1989 (USA)

Koyomi
Japan



Zen Garden
2001 (UK)
These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Krister Porzellan
Germany



Nouvelles
March 1992 (UK)



Royal Roses
May 1990 (USA)

Krautheim Porzellan
Germany



Fantasia
1997 (UK)



Miniature Flowers



Summer Flowers
January 1989 (USA)

Kronach Porzellan

Germany



**Diamond
Jubilee/Garden
Bouquet**
April 1989 (USA)



**Garden
Rose/Midnight Rose**
two sides of the same
thimble



LadyBug



White Roses
1999
L USA R UK



See also: **Popp Porzellan** - where there are identical thimbles

Kuba Porzellan

Germany



Flower
June 1987 (USA)

Kudo

Japan



Hummingbird
February 1992 (UK)
maroon patterned panel on verso

Kunst Kronach

Germany

see

Popp Porzellan
and
Kronach Porzellan

Kyouei

Japan

see

Yamase Kyouei Shoten

Lang Ebrach

Germany



Donkeys
December 1987 (UK)
Der Esel (German)

Langenthal China

Switzerland



Alpine Meadow



Suisse
November 1987 (USA)

La Seynie Porcelaines

France



Ships at Sunset

February 1988

Schiffe in Sonnenuntergang (German)

examples with different coloured backstamps have been noted
one with a green backstamp is slightly smaller and more brightly painted
the other is black. Were these issued for different clubs?

Lilien Porzellan

Austria



Austrian Heritage

August 1990 (UK)



Country Folk

January 1992 (USA)



Midnight Rose

1999 (UK)



Nature's Glory



Sunflowers

Limoges Castel

France



Basket/Flower Basket

July 1991



Fragonard



Golden Bouquet

June 1986 (USA)

August 1991 (UK)

Goldenes Bouquet (German)

Lin Porcelain

Taiwan



Flower Cart

May 1989 (USA) January 1991? (UK)

L USA R UK

Lockhart

Scotland



Crinoline Ladies

2003 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Lindner Porzellan

Germany



Clowns on Parade

September 1994 (USA)



Daisies/Flower

October 1987 (USA)

May 1988 (UK)



Flower-Crowned



The Golden Roses

May 1993 (USA)

Locket

see

Epiag

Longton Hall/Longton

England



**Blue Chrysanthemum/
Chrysanthemum**



Butterflies

2002 (UK)

with a butterfly-shaped apex



Memories of Spring

July 1989 (UK)

Zarte Blueten (German)



Rule Britannia

October 1994 (UK)



Rustic Castle

February 1986 (UK)

July 1987 (USA)



Violets & Roses



Young Bunny

October 1994 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Marlborough

England



Bird



Penguins

June 1987 (UK)

Marugo

Japan



Night Snow at Kambara

2001 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Marutoyo Porcelain

Japan



Panda/Panda Family

March 1988 (UK) November 1991 (USA)

R: Gold apex

both versions were issued by TCC

Mason's Ironstone

England

See also: [Learn More About ... Thimbles topics](#)



Brocade

February 1987 (USA)

Matsumine

Japan



Phoenix

September 1995 (USA)

Meixian

China



Bird and Flowers

March 1987 (USA)

Mercia Crown

England



Treasure Hunt

2001 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Meycraft

Scotland



Osprey

Mino

Japan



Oriental Splendour

July 1992 (UK)

Minoru

Japan



Crane

Kraenich (German)
October 1986 (UK)

Minton
England

See also: [Learn More About ... Thimbles topics](#)



Spring Bouquet
May 1987 (UK)

Monno Ceramic
Bangladesh



Flower Wreath

Moor & Vellum
England



Magic Carpet Ride
2001 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Morgan Graham
England



Chickens

Moriken Porcelain
Japan



Damascene

Moschendorf Porzellan
Germany



Country Scene



Dutch Girl/Dutch Children
1996 (UK)

Nanzan Porcelain
Japan



Iwadori
August 1988 (USA)

Nautilus Pottery
Scotland



Windsor Castle
2000 (UK)
These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

NG Oficina de Porcelanas, LDA

Portugal

See also: **Quinta Nova**



Egrets (filed in Q)



Hibiscus

October 1990 (USA)

It seems that the USA TCC issues used this form of the name, whereas the UK issues used the name Quinta Nova, for the same thimbles

Nimura Ceramics

Japan



Plum Blossoms

Pflaumenbluete (German)

Noirlac

France



Badgers

Northfield Hawley Pottery

England



Bed of Roses

2003 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Nouveau Pottery

England



Sunrise at Stonehenge

2001 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Oakley China

England



The Indian Tree

May 1992 (USA)

this was the free gift
thimble in May 1993



The Little Owl

May 1985

September 1986
Kleine Eule (German)

Oak Tree China

England



This Green and Pleasant Land

2001

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Orb Pottery

England



New Era

2001

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Ospag Porzellan

Austria



Vienna City Scene

September 1990

Palissy

England



Butterflies and Thistle



Strawberries

January 1985



Violets

Palissy is part of the Royal Worcester Company

Paragon

England



Tree of Kashmir

March 1986 (USA) December 1986 (UK)

Parbus Porzellan

Germany



Golden Trellis



Summer Blossoms

July 1988 (USA)

Phoenix China

England



Cobalt Rose



Doves of Peace

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Pickard China

USA



Pansies

September 1988 (USA)



Tanagers/Western Tanager

November 1988 (UK)
there seem to be two versions



Pirkenhammer

Czechoslovakia



Butterflies



Rose Garland

November 1986 (UK)

Platypus Gallery

Wales



The Koala

1997 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Heritage Coast China
This brand name is registered in Melbourne
Australia

Poole Pottery

England

See also: [Learn More About ... Thimbles topics](#)



Country Berries



Seabirds

September 1986 (UK)
Seevoegel (German)

Popp Porzellan

Kunst Kronach - Germany



Beauty of the Rose/Roses

October 1986 (USA)

in the Certificates section this is filed in the
P section tho the certificate shows Kunst ...

See **Kronach**

where identical thimbles are listed

Porcelaines Avignon

France



The Camargue Horses

April 1993



Umbrellas

Porcelanas Florencia

see
Florencia

Porcellana Ancap

Italy



Cardinals
1995 (USA)



**Flore Italiana/
Primrose**

Porcellanas del Ampurdan

Spain



Alhambra



Green Garden

L: the thimble has a backstamp as listed above
the certificate does not match this maker's name
instead listing it as Pordamsa
This name is within the text of the description

Portmeirion Potteries

England



Botanic Garden

Botanischer Garten (German)
all their other flower thimbles are from the TCC set
of 12 Portmeirion with the same name

Porzellanfabrik Retsch

see

Retsch

Princess Royale

England



Royal Rose

August 1992 (UK)

Principality China

Wales



Teddy Bears

1996 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Heritage Coast China

Prinknash Pottery

England



The Gloucester Cathedral



Hands of Prayer

March 1995 (USA)



Serenity Prayer

Quinta Nova

Portugal

see also **NG Oficina de Porcelanas, LDA**



Egrets

Die Reiher (German)

July 1988 (UK)

It would seem that the UK issues used this form of the name, whereas the US issues used the name
NG Oficiana de Porcelanas, for the same thimbles



Hibiscus

Rabat Spain  Spanish Balcony	Ralph Stevenson England  Happy Pigs 2000 (UK) These thimbles are made by Sutherland China
Raynaud France  Cancan	Reczyc Pottery Czech Republic  Chooks 'n' Chicks 2002 (UK)
Regal Flower England  Elephant 2001 (UK)	Reiho Japan  Golden Peony
Renaissance England  Blue Tits March 1988 (USA) July 1987 (UK)	Retsch Porzellanfabrik Germany   Forget-Me-Not August 1993 (UK) Lilies of the Valley

Reutter Porzellan

Germany



Floral Medley
June 1985 (USA)



Garland of Flowers
March 1986 (UK)



Honeysuckle



Pennsylvania Dutch
1996



Posy of Pansies
October 1992 (UK)



The Serenade/Romance
June 1990 (USA)

Revol Porcelain

France



Blue Chrysanthemum



Blue Onion
1999 (UK)



Cloverleaf
November 1991 (USA)



Songbird
1996 (UK)

Rex
Spain



Swallows

Rörstrand
Sweden



Kurbits

Richard Ginori
see
Ginori

Riley
see
John & Richard Riley

Rockingham Pottery England



The First Balloon Flight



Floral Fantasy I
January 1999 (UK)



Floral Fantasy II (one
certificate)
1999 (UK)



Floral Lustre
June 1991 (UK)



Golden Romance



Harebell
March 1995 (UK)



Piggy Holiday
2002 (UK)



Red Dragon
May 1994 (USA)



Scottish Thistle



The Sleigh Ride
1997 (UK)



Still Life
May 1992 (USA)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Rose China England



Busy Bears
2001 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Rosenthal Germany



Autumn Gold
May 1991 (USA)

The identical thimble for the UK issue is listed under 'Classic Rose'

Royal Adderley England



Romance
September 1992 (UK)

Royal Boch Belgium



Anemones
July 1993 (UK)



Pansy
1996 (UK)

Royal Albert

See also: [Learn More About ... Thimbles topics](#)



Old Country Roses

this was the free thimble on joining
in September 1985



Red Squirrels

April 1990 (UK)



Serenity

April 1988 (UK)

Royal Chelsea

England



Bullfinch

Royal Coach

England



**Little Lambs/Mary
had a Little Lamb**

September 1995 (UK)

L US name - R UK name



London Bound

June 1993 (USA)

Royal Court

England



Bramble Blossom

October 1987 (UK)

Brombeere (German)



Butterfly

October 1986 (USA)



Wild Rose

April 1987 (USA)

Royal Crown Derby

England

See also: [Learn More About ... Thimbles topics](#)



Red Aves

July 1986 (UK)

Royal Crown Duchy

England

see also **Crown Duchal**



Heath Fritillary

Royal Delfesta

England

**Flower Cart****Royal Dux**

Czechoslovakia

**The Circus**

November 1993 (UK)

Royal Doulton

England

See also: [Learn More About ... Thimbles topics](#)**Balloon Seller**

November 1986 (UK)

January 1987 (USA)

**Carousel**

March 1990 (UK)

Royal England

England

**Badgers/Badger**

1995 (USA)

March 1996 (UK)

**Games of Yesteryear**

November 1990 (UK)

Royal Franconia

Germany

**Bouquet****Royal Georgina**

Canada

**Blue Jay**

May 1991 (USA)

**Images of Canada****Royal Kendal**

England

**Autumn River**

Royal Grafton England



The Blossoms of Spring
October 1984



Elephants



**Princess Diana
25th Birthday**
September 1986 (USA)



Sumatra
August 1993 (USA)

Royal Mosa Netherlands



Dutch Windmill
November 1984
Hollaendische Windmuehlen
(German)



Milk Maid
1996



Picnic Afloat
Schwan (German)
December 1988 (UK)

Royal Porzellan Germany



Elegance/Pastel Flowers
February 1990 (USA) April 1991 (UK)

The English thimbles (L) have a glazed exterior - the USA thimbles are unglazed (R)

Royal Stafford England



Apple Blossom
June 1990 (USA) March 1991
(UK)

Royal Sutherland England



Swallowtails and Harebells
July 1990 (USA) May 1989 (UK)
Schwalbenschwanz (German)

Royal Tara China Ireland

See also: [Learn More About ... Thimbles topics](#)



The Book of Kells



Shamrocks

Royal Westminster China

England



Xmas Holly

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Royal Worcester

see also: [Learn More About ... Thimbles topics](#)



Chipmunk



Cottage Garden

April 1988 (USA)

September 1987 (UK)



Country Garden

April 1985 (USA)

October 1986 (UK)



Finger and Thumb

December 1991 (USA)



River Romances



Swans

Rozan

Japan



Japanese Ladies

January 1989 (UK)

Saechsches Porzellanwerk

Germany



Romance

1995

Schendorf Porzellan
Germany
see
Moschendorf Porzellan

Scherzer
Germany



Birds of Paradise
thimbles are identical to
Schumann 'Parrots'



Dragon
September 1992 (USA)
April 1995 (UK) the dragons
have either red or gold feet



Nouveau Rose

Schirnding Porzellan
Germany



Kittens/Playful Kittens
1995



Reichsburg

Schumann
Germany



Parrots
June 1993 (UK)
identical to **Scherzer** 'Birds of Paradise'
thimbles
see also: **Carl Schumann**

Schwarzenhammer
Germany



Blue Bouquet/Blue Danube
September 1985 (USA)
the US version (R) has a
scalloped edge



The Pride/Pride of Lions

Seacombe Pottery
England



Ladybirds/Lady Bug



Playful Friends pair
2000 (UK)
These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Sheer Elegance
England



Rabbits

Shibata Porcelain
Japan



Imari
August 1985 (UK) October 1988 (USA)
Orientalische Symphonie von Imari (German)

Shires England  Sport of Kings 1995 (UK)	Shogo Japan  Clipper Ship June 1990
Shozan Japan  Hikari February 1987 (USA) January 1987 (UK)	Shuuwa Japan  Rose 1995 (USA)
Sir Francis Denmark  Mermaid March 1988 (UK)	Slavkov Czechoslovakia  Festivals
Sophienthal Porzellan Germany	
 Fallow Deer May 1990 (UK)	 Flower July 1989 (USA)

Spode

England

See also: [Learn More About ... Thimbles topics](#)



The 1985 Flower of the Year - Poppy
1985 (UK)



The 1986 Flower of the Year
April 1986 - Buttercup
/Buttercup
Butterblume (German)



The 1987 Flower of the Year - Bluebell
March 1987 (UK)



Billingsley Rose
March 1993
(USA)



The Butterfly
October 1993 (USA)



Christmas Tree
November 1990 (USA)



Dandelion Clocks and Butterflies/Butterflies and Dandelions
March 1989 (UK)
Schmetterlinge (German)



Foxglove - Flower of the Year 1992
April 1993 (UK)



Iris - Flower of the Year 1991
November 1991 (UK)



The Marlborough Sprays
March 1993 (USA)



Wild Rose
1990 (UK)

St Donats Fine China

Wales



Art Deco
1997 (UK)



Spring Garland



Strawberries

January 1995 (UK)



Welsh Poppy
May 1994 (USA)

These thimbles are made by Heritage Coast China

St Iltyd

Wales



Peacock Perfection

1999 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Heritage Coast China

Studio Fine Arts

England



Kite Flying

Suizan

Japan



Shobu - Iris

Sutherland China / Fine China

England



Barn Owl

1987 (UK)

Die Schleiereule
(German)



Cherry Blossoms

April 1986 (USA)



Christmas 1984

December 1984 (UK)
Also has TCC backstamp



Christmas 1994

December 1994
(UK)

same design as 1984 -
shape different



Christmas 1995

December 1995 (UK)



Christmas 1996

1996 (UK)



Christmas 1997

1997 (UK)



Christmas 1998

1998 (UK)



Christmas 1999 - Carol Singers

1999 (UK)



Christmas 2000

2000 (UK)



Christmas 2001

2001 (UK)



Christmas 2002

2002 (UK)



**Classic Rose/Ring of
Roses**

June 1991 (USA)
December 1990 (UK)



**Convolvulus/Heart-
Shaped Flower**

June 1994



Dragon

2000



The English Garden



Golden Geisha Girl



Red Poppy



Das Schloss
(German)



Sea Charm
Meereszauber
(German)



Still Life
August 1993 (USA)
May 1992 (UK)



Tropical Fish
October 1994 (UK)



Valentine
June 1987 (USA)



Victorian Lovers



Wisteria/Peacock
January 1988 (UK)
Pfau (German)



A World of Thimbles



1985 Calendar
also has TCC backstamp



Sunrise
Canada



Arctic
January 1988 (USA) November 1986 (UK)

Swillington Bridge Pottery
England



Goblin
2000 (UK)



Hummingbird
1996 also marked
'Ironstone' inside thimble

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Takiro Pottery
Japan



Fujiyama
August 1988 (USA) March 1989 (UK)

Takuya
Japan



Peacock
January 1994 (UK)

Thomas Green/Greene
England



Ancient Egypt



Butterflies
1997



Peacock



The Thimblemakers
May 1995 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Thun
Czechoslovakia



Floral Spray

see also **Bohemia** as the backstamps often don't match the certificates

Tirschenreuth
Germany



Summer Blossom
January 1993 (USA)

Tozan
Japan



Nouveau Butterfly
August 1991 (UK)

with and without top gold rim
These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Trillium Fine Bone China
Canada



Red-Headed Woodpecker

Tulip Fine China
Holland



Fruit Pickers
2002 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Uhlenhorst Porzellan

Germany



Flowers

February 1988 (USA)

Vale Fine China

Wales



Lily Pond

July 1990 (USA)



Mallards

1998 (UK)



Orchids

December 1991 (UK)
September 1994 (USA)



Pansies

1995 (UK)



Piggies



Pink Roses

November 1994



Strawberries

These thimbles are made by Heritage Coast China

Victoria China

England



Cornfield/Wheat Field

April 1987 (UK)



Family Picnic

May 1993 (UK)



Good Night

Vista Alegre
Portugal



Bird/Songbird
July 1985 (USA)



**Flamingoes/
Flamingos**
January 1990 (USA)
October 1989 (UK)

Vohenstrauss Porzellan
Germany



Doves
August 1991 (USA)
September 1989 (UK)



Golden Leaves
April 1988 (USA)
August 1986 (UK)

Waldenburg Porzellan
Germany



Family of Ducks
September 1996 (USA)



Teddy Bears

Walküre
Germany



Bavarian Beauty



Bullfinch
1997 (UK)



Christmas Floral
February 1994 (USA)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Wedgwood

England

See also: [Learn More About ... Thimbles topics](#)



Floral Girl

August 1986 (USA)
Blumenmaedchen (German)



Otters

November 1987 (UK)



Playful Kittens

May 1991 (UK)



Queen 's Portrait

December 1986 (UK)



Rose

2000

both thimbles were issued in the
UK with identical certificates



Swan

November 1985 (UK)
there is a short & a long version
of the UK certificate

Westbury Studio

Wales



Attic Treasures



Bullfinches

January 1995 (USA)



Fox Cubs



Little Owls



Old Mill



The Road to Canterbury

February 1987 (UK)
Die Strafie nach Canterbury
(German)



Rose Garden

June 1989 (UK)

this design comes in 2 sizes
which was made for TCC?
25x20mm or 28x23mm?

These thimbles are made by Heritage Coast China

Westchester China
USA



**Bundle of Toys/
Toy Pattern**
1996



Columbus

Westminster
Australia



Koalas

September 1989 (USA) August 1990 (UK)

Whieldon Ware
England



Black Agate
February 1991 (UK)



Blue Agate



Tropical Fish
July 1994 (USA)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Wiener-Kirsch Porcelain
Austria



Fruit Still Life
1999 (UK)



Glory of the Rose
1998 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Sutherland China

Wilhelmsburg
Austria



Fruit Picking
October 1993 (UK)



Swan
1996

Wyeside Pottery
Wales



Brambles



Hazelnut



Violets

February 1995 (UK)



The Wise Owl
1997 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Heritage Coast China

Yachiyo
Japan



Hexagon/Kohshi Flower
January 1991 (UK)

Yamasan
Japan



Mount Fuji
September 1986 (UK)
January 1987 (USA)



Tranquility
October 1991 (USA)

Yamase
Japan



Orchid
September 1994 (USA)

Yamase Kyouei Shoten
Japan



backstamp



Bouquet of Roses



The Hermosa Rose
September 1991 (USA)

Yr Felin Wynt Pottery
Wales



Nile Dream
1999 (UK)

These thimbles are made by Heritage Coast China

Zapf Porzellan

Germany



Ocean Racers

June 1991 (UK)



Sea Sunset



Songbird

1995 (USA) R: from the original
US TCC prototype collection?

Zehendner

Germany



Cascade



Petticoat

February 1993 (UK)

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