

Dunheved China handpainted thimbles (Cornwall)

Dunheved China are usually taller and wider than traditional British china thimbles; measuring 30-35cm in height. This gives the painters a larger area to paint – good for their detailed scenic Cornish scenes
There are two thimble painters – partners Sheila Whitcombe and Derek Wilson. Generally, Whitcombe's thimbles are bolder – Wilson's pastel: compare their Jamaica Inn thimbles

Being handpainted no two thimbles are identical



green Dunheved mark is from late 1970s when smaller sized thimbles were used - not signed

Sheila Whitcombe (1988-2005)

Whitcombe (nee Watson) began painting portraits at 16
she became a modeller for Royal Worcester, tho never painted thimbles for them
Sheila needed specialised knowledge of ceramic oxides to paint her historical figures their jewel colours.
which are stronger for clearer pictures



Almshouses Barnstaple



Armada 400th anniversary 1588-1988



Beethoven
1770-1827



Badger



cat



Charles I
1994



cheetah



Chevaliers Gardens Officer 1796



Chopin 1810-49



Cornflowers
2001



Cornish piskey
limited to **84**



Cotswald cottage



Cottage on Dartmoor



Devon



Devon cottage



Devon pixie



2005
dog



First Fleet
departure 1787



First Fleet
departure 1787



First Fleet
Tenerife 1787



First Fleet
Rio de Janeiro 1787



First Fleet
Cape of Good Hope 1787



First Fleet
arrival 1788



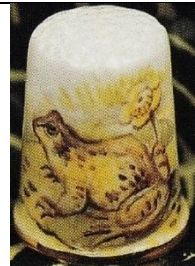
First Fleet
arrival 1788



First Fleet
arrival 1788



First Fleet
arrival 1788



Frog
1993



Fruit – berries
2005



George IV



Goose



Henry VII





Henry VIII
1509-47 (R: have dates)
1992



horse



Jamaica Inn



Ladybird
with dog rose



lion



Lorna Doone farm



Marsh frog



Mevagissey



Otter



Padstow



Pansy flower fairy



Pendennis Castle



Persian cat



Polperro



Poppy flower fairy



Queen Elizabeth I
limited to **90**
1996



Queen Elizabeth II 1993
1993



Queen Mother



Queen Mother



Queen of the Meadow flower fairy



Queen Victoria
limited to **350**
1992



Rabbit



Rabbit



Reindeer
1988



Richard III
1992



Roe deer



Roses



Roses & forget-me-nots
2002



Sir Francis Drake



Strawberry flower fairy



Snowdrop flower fairy



Tabby



terrier



The Cobb Lyme Regis



Thrift flower fairy



Truro Cathedral



Unicorn



Weston-Super-Mare



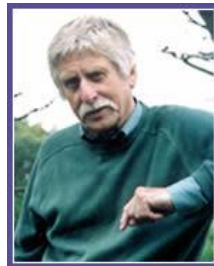
Wood mouse



Yarn Market Dunster

Derek Wilson (1983-2011)

Wilson is a Royal Worcester trained artist, 1930-1954
 thimbles are signed D Wilson, often cleverly camouflaged
 being a birdwatcher and a wildlife artist, Derek's thimbles are painted in great detail with British birds,
 adding wildflowers, animals, and Cornish villages also feature
 the bird name is lettered on inside rim – places on the outside
 Derek works on two sizes of Dunheved thimbles – the smaller size thimblette is named in the TTG
 catalogues. These were used more frequently towards the end of his career
 Wilson died in 2014



Anne Hathaway's cottage
 limited to **250**
 1992



Avocet
 2005



Badger and robin
 limited to **195**
 1998



Badgers
 1998



Badgers
 2009



Barn owl
 2004



Barn owl



Barred owl
 2004



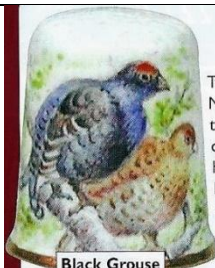
Bearded tit
2005



Beer Devon



Bill Sikes



Black Grouse
Black grouse
2005



Black grouse
2007



Black tailed godwit



Blackbird
2002



Blackbird



Blackbirds



Blackbirds
2007



Blackcap
2006



Blue tit
2002



Blue tit
2010



Blue tit



Bluethroats
2006



Brambling
2003



Bramblings
2006



Broad-Lock Stourport



Budgerigars
2004



Budgies



Bullfinch
limited to **150**
1994



Bullfinch
limited to **200**
1998



Bullfinch
2004



bunny



Buzzard



Chaffinch
limited to **125**
1999



Chaffinch
2005



Chaffinch



Chaffinch



Chaffinches
2007



Cheddar Gorge



Chiffchaff
2011



Choughs
2005



Christian Radish



Christmas rose
1990



Church in winter



Church with sheep



Curlew



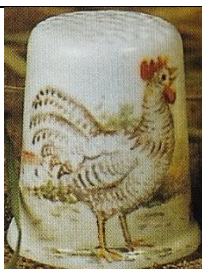
Cockerel and hen
2004



Collared (sic) doves
2007



Comma butterfly
2011



Corky the Cock
limited to **200**
1993



Cornish cottage



Cornish harbour



Cornish Tin Mine – Levant
1983



Crested tit
2005



Curlew
2007



Dabchicks
2007



Dartford warbler
limited to **200**
2000



Devon cottage



Devon cottage - Upton



Devon estuary - Polperro
limited to **150**
1993



Dipper
2006



Dormouse
2004



Ducks



Dunster Castle



Eagle owl
2002



English cottage
1991



Exeter Cathedral



Fagin



Field fare



Firecrest
2003



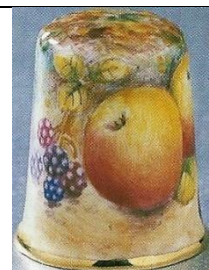
Fowey



Fox and robin
limited to **150**
1999



Frenchman's Creek



fruit - apple
2004



fruit - apple



fruit - peach



Geese
limited to **150**
1997



Geese



Glastonbury Abbey



Gloucester Old Spot pig
1995



Goldcrests



Golden eagle
2008



Golden eagle



Golden Hind



Golden oriole
2004



Golden plover
March 2006



Goldfinch
2005



Goldfinch
2009



Goldfinch



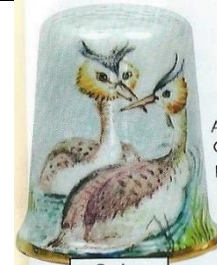
Goldfinch



Goosanders
2008



Goose



Great crested grebe
2005



Great spotted woodpecker
limited to **100**
1995



Great tit
2001



Green woodpecker



Greenfinch
2004
limited to **84**



Greenland falcon
2007



Grey seals
1998



Grey thrush
2002



Grey Wagtail
2006



Grey wagtail



Guy Fawkes
1995



Hare
2011



Hare and robin
1996



Harvest mouse



Hedgehog
limited to **150**
1993



Hedgehog
1996



Hedgehog and robin



Heron
2005



Highland cattle
limited to **150**
1996



Honey buzzard
1985



Hoopoe
2005



house with sled
1998



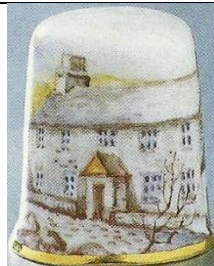
House martin
2007



House-sparrows
2008



Jack Russell
1994



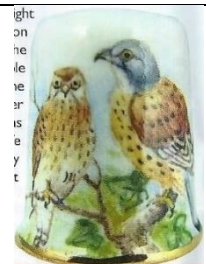
Jamaica Inn
2002



Jay
2005



Jay



Kestrels
2007



Kingfisher
1993



Kingfisher
limited to **200**
1993



Kittiwakes nesting
2005



Knot
2008



Lapwing



Lee Bay



Lesser spotted woodpecker



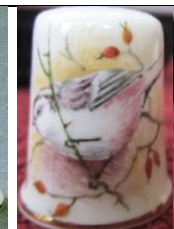
Linnets



Little owl
1983



Long eared owl



Long tailed tit
2009



Looe



Lovebirds
2006



Mallard



Mandarin ducks



Mary Rose 1545



Market House Chagford
1983



Mary Rose
sank 1545 raised 1982



Meadow pipit
2010



Meerkats
2010



Mevagissey



Mistle thrush



Mole
2010



Montagu's harrier 1983



mouse



Mousehole
limited to **250**
1992



Mousehole



Mousehole
limited to **250**
1996



Mr Bumble the beadle



Mr Dick



Mr Micawber



Newlyn
limited to **150**
1995



Nightingale
2006



Nuthatch
2002



Nuthatch
2004



Nuthatch



Old Spot



Orchard blackbird
2010



Otter
2009



Otter



Over the bar Bideford
1993



Oystercatcher
2001



Partridge & rabbit
2006



Partridges
2006



Peacock



Peacock



Penguin
1991



Peregrine falcon
2004



Pheasant and partridges
1989



Pheasant and partridges
2005



Pheasants
limited to **195**
1992



Pheasants
2001



Pheasants
2007



Pied flycatchers
2006



Pilson Church



Pink cockatoo
2003



Polar bears
1992



Ptarmigan
Ptarmigan
2005



Polperro



Puffin
1994



Puffin
2003



Quail
2006



R.M.S Titanic sank 2.20am April
15 1912



Red fox
1994



Red grouse
limited to **175**
1993



Red grouse
2006



Red squirrel
2009



Red squirrel



Redstarts



Redwing
1994



Redwings
1994



Redwings
2008



Reed buntings
2008



Ringed plovers
2008



Robin
1986



Robin
1987



Robin
1995



Robin
1997



Robin
2000



Robin
2003



Robin
2005



Robin
2005



Robin
2006



Robin
2007



Robin
2007



Robin with Anne Hathaway's
cottage



Robin
with blue tit



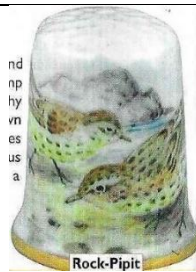
Robin
with house



Robins
2005



robins



Rock-pipit
2006



Rose-coloured starlings
2007



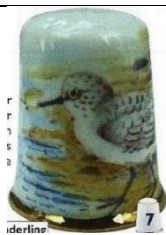
Ross-on-Wye



Ruby throated hummingbird
2003



Ruff
2007



Sanderling
2008



Sand-martins
2008



Schubert 1797-1828



Scops owl
2003



Sheep
limited to **145**
1996



Shepherds
Christmas 2000



Shore-lark
2007



Snipe
2008



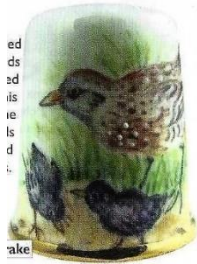
Sidmouth



Skylark
2007



Snow bunting
2001

		
Snow goose 2003	Snowman 1990	Snowman 1997
		
Snowman 2000	Snowman	Snowman tobogganning 1994
		
Snowy owl 2003	Snowy owl	Somerset cottage
		
Song thrush 1994	Song thrush 2006	Sparrowhawk
		
Spotted crake 2007	Spring see also: Suffolk sheep	Squirrel 2001
		
St. Eustachist Cathedral Tavistock		St. Mawes Castle



St. Michael's Mount
1993



Stonechat



Stonechats



Suffolk sheep
limited to **150**
1995
see also: Spring



Swallows
2004



Swallows



Tawny owl
2002



Tawny owl
2008



Teal
limited to **150**
1997



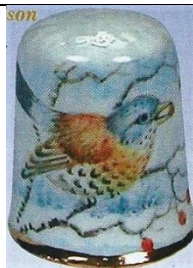
The Cobb Lyme Regis



The Nunnery Dunster



Thomas Hardy's birthplace
1992



Thrush
2004



Thrush



Tintagel Castle
limited to **250**
1996



Tomago House N.S.W.
1998



Tommy Traddles



Treecreeper
2004



Treecreeper
2007



Turkey
1994



Turnstone
2007



Turtle dove
2006



Twite
2009



Valley of Rocks Lynton
1983



Venice



Wanda the Witch
limited to **150**
1995



Washbeerhayes



Water-rail
2007



Water shrew



Waxwing
2003



Wells Cathedral



Westminster Cathedral

H.R.H. Prince Andrew Miss Sarah Ferguson to commemorate their marriage 23.7.86



Weston-Super-Mare



Wheatear
2006



Whinchat
2007



White stork
2006



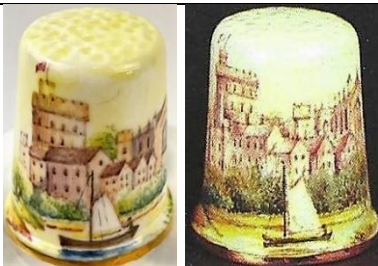
Whitethroat
2005



Willow tits
2007



Willow warbler
2009



Windsor Castle
limited to **350**
1992



Winter
1996



Winter partridges
2002



Woodcock
2005



Woodlark
2005



Woodlark
2007



Wren
1987



Wren
1997



Wren
2003



Wren
2005 2008



Wren



Wren



Wrens
2007



Yarn Market Place Dunster



Yellow wagtail
2008



Yellow hammer
2003



Yellowhammer
2005

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