Mysterious postcard

1   A man received a mysterious postcard that had been 'lost in a time warp' after it took more than 40 years to be delivered. Checking through the mail on his doormat, Stewart Glass discovered a postcard by two women he had never heard of. The pair had been holidaying in Poole, Dorset and sent the card to a friend called Karen Tidd – and it only cost them six and a half pence. But on closer inspection Stewart was stunned to find it marked with the date August 5, 1976. 'We do sometimes get the wrong post delivered here but this was something else. It's like it was lost in a time warp,' said the 67-year-old.

2   The holiday card was written by two women called Linda and Janette. The photo depicts Branksome Chine beach in Poole and on the back the women write about having a 'lovely time'. They also describe meeting 'two lads from Malta' at a disco and complain about their lack of a suntan. Stewart, who has lived with his wife in Mickle Trafford, Cheshire for almost four years, said he had never heard of the women or the intended recipient, Karen Tidd. But a quick check of the deeds to the property revealed a family with the surname Tidd lived at the home from the 1960s. He said their 'postcard from the past' had quickly become a talking point among family, friends and neighbours since it was delivered last month.

3   'I thought something was a bit odd when I looked at the card and spotted the cars as they looked a bit ancient,' said the grandfather. 'Then I turned it over and saw the __31__ that was written on it and I couldn't believe it. It must just have been lying dormant somewhere until someone posted it. It's all very strange.'

4   Julie Pirone, spokesman for Royal Mail, said the card would have been delivered to the address as soon as it entered the postal system – even though it had a 40-year-old stamp on it. She said: 'It is very likely that the postcard has been put back into the postal system by someone recently, rather than it being lost or stuck somewhere.'

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