

NEW ISSUE UPDATE U4

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COMMEMORATIVES

Mint	<p>UK A-Z Part 2 (14v in 2 s/t strips of 6 and s/t pair – Issued 10.4.12)..... 11.30</p> <p><i>Printed in litho by Cartor in sheets of 30 and 60 containing 5 or 10 se-tenant strips of 6 or 15 or 30 se-tenant pairs respectively, the latter split into two panes separated by a vertical gutter. The stamps are square in format, measuring 35mm. Each stamp bears an all-over-phosphor coating covering their entire surface. They are perforated 14½ and are printed on OFNP/PVA paper and gum.</i></p> <p><i>This is the second of two sets of stamps depicting landmarks, both natural and man-made, from up and down our fair isles. With one stamp depicting a well-known landmark for each letter of the alphabet, this second set covers letters M to Z – Manchester Town Hall to London Zoo. The layout is virtually identical to those from the first instalment but due to there being 26 letters in the alphabet, the second part has, awkwardly, to include 14 stamps meaning that the last two stamps depicting letters Y and Z have to be in a se-tenant pair in a sheet of their own, which doesn't sit very comfortably with the se-tenant strips of 6. Content wise, like the first 12 stamps, they use a pleasing photographic style to show the disparate group of chosen natural beauty spots, iconic architecture and engineering and historic monuments in their best light. However, due to the difficulty in finding suitable subject matter for some of the letters a little artistic licence has been used, such as "Station X Bletchley Park" for "X".</i></p>
	<p>UK A-Z Composite Sheet (Issued 10.4.12)..... 21.00</p> <p><i>Printed in litho by Cartor, the sheet is A4 in size (210 x 297mm) and contains all 26 of the UK A-Z stamps from the 2 sets, arranged in two rows of four stamps at top and bottom and three rows of 6. This has left the four positions at the corner of the stamp area of the sheet, perforated as labels, each depicting the parliament or assembly building of each of the four nations in a very similar style to the issued stamps. However, they naturally do not have values nor bear the Queen's head and to avoid further confusion they also are in a full bleed design and don't bear the white border surrounds. The sheet background is a photograph of what looks like a Scottish or Welsh valley and bears the names of all the illustrations featured on the set beneath the stamps. The stamps in the sheet are a close match to those printed in conventional sheets, having the same technical specifications as listed above. However, there is a significant difference in the fluor levels added to the phosphor, the composite sheet versions being significantly brighter.</i></p>
Mint 2/Printings	<p><u>Titanic Smilers</u></p> <p><i>The first commemorative sheet of 2012 was issued on 10th April and marks the centenary of both the maiden voyage and the sinking of the infamous liner Titanic. The sheet contains 10 copies of the Small Format for Smilers 1st Royal Mail Seal design, accompanied by 10 different labels, each featuring photographs, promotional posters, newspaper headlines and contemporary paintings of the ill-fated vessel during it's construction and on it's maiden and only passenger bearing voyage. The stamps and labels are set against a grey background, featuring another image of the liner at sea at the bottom. Above the stamp is the sheet title, surmounted by the company crest of the White Star Line. The Royal Mail cruciform logo appears at the top-left. This sheet bears no serial number nor any indication of whether it is a limited edition or not – serial numbers seem to be added pretty randomly to these issues. As this is considered by Royal Mail to be a "Philatelic Document" it is sold at a significant premium over face value. And to mitigate the price, the sheet is sold in a presentation pack style folder, giving more in-depth information about the liner and it's tragic loss.</i></p> <p><i>The self-adhesive stamps are printed in litho by Cartor, bear elliptical perms on each edge and are very similar to the Royal Mail Seal stamps in previous Smilers sheets. We are supplying sheets of 10 to all Smilers sheet collectors and pairs to Printings collectors to match the previously adopted style for these sheets.</i></p> <p>Cartor Litho – OFNP/SA</p> <p>Small Format Smilers 1st Royal Mail Seal 2B in a pair with Titanic pictorial labels attached..... 5.25</p>
Smilers Generic	<p>Complete sheet of 10 23.00</p>
Gutter Pairs	<p>UK A-Z Part 2 24.50</p>
Presentation Pack	<p>UK A-Z Part 2 12.20</p>
P.O. FDC	<p>Comics – Issued 20.3.12 10.20</p>

COMMEMORATIVES (Continued)

P.O. Gutter FDC	Comics	SOLD OUT
Cotswold FDC	Comics	11.05
Stuart FDC	Comics	SOLD OUT
Benham FDC	Farm Animals	14.50
	Classic Locomotives of Scotland miniature sheet.....	13.50
	Comics	13.50
PHQ Mint	UK A-Z Part 2	13.80
PHQ FDI Obverse	Comics	20.05
PHQ FDI Reverse	Comics	20.05

POST & GO

Pictorials Mint Basic / Mint Standard

Farm Animals Pictorials 2

Walsall / Hytech – Gravure & Thermographic FCP/SAN pack issues



On 24th April Royal Mail issued the second of their new Pictorial series based around the theme of Farm Animals. As before the stamps are available in two configurations – a set of the 6 designs, all in the 1st class value, available from all post offices with philatelic sales facilities and then all the six designs available in each of the 6 possible rates, printed by machines upon request in main post offices with installed Post & Go facilities.

The base stamps share exactly the same specifications as before – they have the pictorial image to the right which has two 4.5mm phosphor bands at either edge, leaving an area to the left of the image in which the stamp data – Service indicator, weight and code lines – is printed. Underlying it all is the now familiar grey “ROYAL MAIL” swirly patterned underprint which act as a security device. All of this is printed in gravure by Walsall. They have die-cut simulated perforations in a gauge of 14½, are self-adhesive and are supplied on a yellowish silicon coated backing paper. All pack stamps bear exactly the same code line – “002012 04-51840-06” – making them instantly identifiable. They are supplied in a Presentation Pack style container for ease of sale.

As before we are offering the pack based issues to everybody who collects pictorial Post & Go’s under the basic and standard categories. The machine printed set of 36 will be sent under the Standard category only on the next distribution.

Farm Animals 2 Pictorials 1st – Type 3 typeface (6v – Issued 24.2.12)
 [To be catalogued as PPGATF071 (Berkshire), PPGATF081 (Gloucestershire Old Spots), PPGATF091 (Oxford Sandy & Black), PPGATF101 (Welsh), PPGATF111 (Tamworth) and PPGATF121 (British Saddleback)]..... 5.50

Type 3 – ex Hytech machines

Pictorials Mint Standard

Birds Pictorials 2

We have been very fortunate to track down a very few copies of the Birds 2 stamps, in the recently introduced Worldwide 40g rate. Quite why an office still had these is unclear – presumably a roll of these Birds design was forgotten at the back of the store cupboard and when found, installed in the Post & Go machine long after they had sold-out everywhere else. The quantities of these are extremely limited and, as they will receive full catalogue status in the SG Concise catalogue, are already highly sought after – single stamps have been changing hands for anything up to £30 and sets of 6 at around £150. We are pleased to be able to offer these at a significant discount from these prices

Walsall / Wincor – Gravure /Thermographic FCP/SAN machine printed issues

Birds 2 Pictorials Worldwide 40g in each bird design, with Type 2 typeface..... 130.00

To be catalogued as follows:

	Worldwide 40g		Worldwide 40g
Blackbird	PPGTW4070	Chaffinch	PPGTW4100
Magpies	PPGTW4080	Collared Dove	PPGTW4110
Long-tailed Tit	PPGTW4090	Greenfinch	PPGTW4120

We have also tracked down a few Birds 1 with Worldwide 40g values and expect to supply these on a future sending.

POST & GO (Continued)

Pictorials Printings



Post & Go Farm Animals 1 Hytech Issue

As well as the Diamond Jubilee Machins that were made available from their Hytech machines at Autumn Stampex, Royal Mail also printed Farm Animals 1 – Sheep issues. All the current 6 values were available to be printed on the 6 different design Sheep, making 36 possible design and value combinations. The printing was in the now familiar type 3 typeface, which is only available from these Hytech devices, making this a significantly different set from those available from standard Wincor machines in post offices. Obviously the 1st values from Hytech machines are available in packs but bear different and individual code-lines, proving their source. We are aware that these are of less relevance than the other values so have been included at a reduced rate, simply to complete the set.

This set was actually released on the Friday of the exhibition so they were only available for just two days, making this scarce. Fortunately we managed to obtain a small stock of all 36 values, and can offer copies to new issue customers at a much more beneficial rate, herewith. However, we have virtually no surplus stocks of these. We have also managed to obtain a few se-tenant strips of six showing one of each value on a different bird, which we will offer on the next distribution.

Birds 4 Hytech Trial Issues with Type 3 Typeface

Walsall, Thermographic – FCP/SAN coil issues

1st 2B, 1st Large 2B, Europe 2B, Worldwide 10g 2B, Worldwide 20g 2B and Worldwide 40g each available in each of the six Farm Animals 1 – Sheep designs

Total for the 36 stamps 85.00

To be catalogued as follows:

	1st	1st Large	Europe 20g	Worldwide 10g	Worldwide 20g	Worldwide 40g
Welsh Mountain	PPGATF011	PPGATFL011	PPGATE2011	PPGATW1011	PPGATW2011	PPGATW4011
Dalesbred	PPGATF021	PPGATFL021	PPGATE2021	PPGATW1021	PPGATW2021	PPGATW4021
Jacob	PPGATF031	PPGATFL031	PPGATE2031	PPGATW1031	PPGATW2031	PPGATW4031
Suffolk	PPGATF041	PPGATFL041	PPGATE2041	PPGATW1041	PPGATW2041	PPGATW4041
Soay	PPGATF051	PPGATFL051	PPGATE2051	PPGATW1051	PPGATW2051	PPGATW4051
Leicester Longwool	PPGATF061	PPGATFL061	PPGATE2061	PPGATW1061	PPGATW2061	PPGATW4061

Pictorial FDC Standard Farm Animals Pictorials 1 Hytech Trial

Walsall Thermographic Machine Printed Issues

One cover with one bird design, selected at random, bearing 1st, 1st Large, Europe 20g, Worldwide 10g, Worldwide 20g & Worldwide 40g values – Dated 24.2.12 18.00

Pictorial FDC Specialised Set of 6 covers, one for each bird design, each of the covers bearing 1st, 1st Large, Europe 20g, Worldwide 10g, Worldwide 20g & Worldwide 40g values – Dated 24.2.12.... 95.00

Definitives Mint Basic / Arnold Machin Stampex Issues

Mint Standard Hytech Trial Issues with Type 3 Typeface & Arnold Machin Birth Centenary Inscription

We have managed to scrape together a few of the Arnold Machin overprint strips from last Autumn’s Stampex, which in addition to inset phosphor bands, which every strip we have seen shows, also exhibit short bands at bottom. The quality of the short band does vary, sometimes from stamp to stamp on the same strip, and they have therefore been priced to take this into account. We have nowhere near enough to meet our normal demand for these, so if required but not supplied, please order early to avoid disappointment.

Walsall, Thermographic – FCP/SAN coil issues

1st 2B Olive-brown [To be catalogued as DPGTF5 (S17)].....	8.20	... ..
1st Large 2B Olive-brown [To be catalogued as DPGTFL5 (S17)].....	8.85	... ..
Europe 20g 2B Olive-brown [To be catalogued as DPGTE204 (S17)].....	8.65	... ..
Worldwide 10g 2B Olive-brown [To be catalogued as DPGTW104 (S17)].....	8.85	... ..
Worldwide 20g 2B Olive-brown [To be catalogued as DPGTW204 (S17)].....	9.40	... ..
Worldwide 40g 2B Olive-brown [To be catalogued as DPGTW401 (S17)].....	10.00	... ..
Total for the 6 stamps in s/t strip	52.50	... ..

DEFINITIVES/MACHINS

Mint / Printings 2

Improved Security Definitives

Showing Hidden Date code “12” in iridescent overprint

“12” dated issues continue to appear. On this sending we are pleased to supply a 2nd class value from counter sheets and a 2nd Large from Business sheets. The positioning of the “12” date code, and the “B” source code on the 2nd Large is the same as on previous issues.

DEFINITIVES/MACHINS (Continued)

Mint / Printings 2

De La Rue, Gravure – OFNP/SA, Type 2 slits
No Code 2nd bright blue CB [To be catalogued as SI2D1] 1.40
 As above but in gutter pair 2.80
Ex 25/01/12 printing. Cylinder and dates to follow.

Walsall, Gravure – OFNP/SAN, Type 2 slits
Code B 2nd Large bright blue 2B [To be catalogued as PI2SLW1] 2.50
Ex Type 10A business sheet of 50. Top panels to follow.

Diamond Jubilee Definitives

The contract to print Business sheets changed from De La Rue to Walsall at the beginning of the year and the first reprints of the Diamond Jubilee 1st by Walsall have just appeared. The stamps are identifiable by the wider break in the slits and the shade of the fluor additive to the phosphor, which is appreciably brighter.

Walsall, Gravure – OFNP/SAN, Type 2 slits
Code B Diamond Jubilee 1st grey-blue 2B [To be catalogued as FDJW3] 1.65
Ex Type 9B business sheets of 100. We expect to offer top panels from these sheets in the near future.

Total for the 3 stamps 5.55

Printings

Olympic / Paralympic Definitives

De La Rue, Gravure – OFNP/PVA

Worldwide 20g Olympic cyan 2B – Short phosphor bands at top
[To be catalogued as ODGW1 (S16)] 13.75
 Worldwide 20g Paralympic cyan 2B – Short phosphor bands at top
[To be catalogued as ODGW2 (S16)] 13.75
 Three copies each of above in a cylinder block of 6 75.00
Ex 20/10/11 printing. Scarce and insufficient to meet full requirements.

Walsall, Gravure – OFNP/SAN

1st Olympic orange 2B – Short phosphor bands at top
[To be catalogued as OWGF1(S16)] 10.50
 1st Paralympic orange 2B – Short phosphor bands at top
[To be catalogued as OWGF2(S16)] 10.50
Ex Series SAC20 booklets of 6. Scarce and insufficient to meet full requirements.
 1st Olympic orange 2B – Inset right phosphor band [To be catalogued as OWGF1(I2)] .. 8.25
 1st Paralympic orange 2B – Inset right phosphor band
[To be catalogued as OWGF2(I2)] 8.25
Ex Series SAC20 booklets of 6.

Diamond Jubilee Definitives

Walsall, Gravure – OFNP/SAN, Type 2 slits

Code B Diamond Jubilee 1st grey-blue 2B – Iridescence inset at left
[To be catalogued as FDJW3IIL] 8.25
 Diamond Jubilee 1st grey-blue 2B – Short phosphor bands at top *
[To be catalogued as FDJW3(S16)] 11.00
Ex Type 9B business sheets of 100.

Total for the 8 stamps 84.25

P.O.FDC

Improved Security Definitives – Date Code “12” – Type 2 slits

De La Rue Gravure

No Source Code 2nd bright blue CB – Dated 02.4.12 11.00

Walsall Gravure

Code B 2nd bright blue CB – Dated 29.2.12 11.00
Both covers bear make-up values to get to the first class rate to ensure cancellation

Business Sheet Top Panels

Type 9A – Improved Security standard NVI stamps, FSC Logo

Following the latest round of tendering for Royal Mail’s printing, the contract to print Business sheets has swapped from De La Rue to Walsall, and these have coincided with a change in the design of the top panel. To the left of the bar code is a small white block containing the FSC logo and accreditation, similar to that seen on the rear of booklets – the accreditation number relating to that printer. Therefore, although not implicitly mentioned, it acts as a printer’s imprint. In addition, the printing date on the reverse has changed to run vertically down the panel instead of horizontally as on De La Rue printings.

Type 2 Slits – Date Code “12” in Overprint

Walsall – OFNP/SAN

2nd CB – Top panel of 4 10.00

CYLINDER & DATE BLOCKS

Commem Cyl Blocks	Basic	UK A-Z Part 2 (Blocks of 8 & 24)	54.50	...	.....
	Spec	UK A-Z Part 1 (Cartor)				
		1st M-R	C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 (C1).....	24.25
		1st S-X	C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 (C1).....	24.25
		1st Y-Z	C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 (C1).....	6.00
		Total for 3 blocks	54.50	...	.....
Traffic Light Blocks		UK A-Z Part 2 (Blocks of 6 & 18)	43.90	...	.....
Defin Cyl Blocks	Basic	<u>Improved Security Machins</u>				
		<u>De La Rue Gravure – OFNP/SAN</u>				
		<u>Date Code “12” – Type 2 slits</u>				
		76p pink 2B	D1 D1 (D1).....	20.00
		2nd bright blue CB	D1 D1 (D1).....	10.50
		Total for 2 blocks	30.50	...	.....
Defin Date Blocks		<u>Improved Security Machins</u>				
		<u>De La Rue Gravure – OFNP/SAN (in blocks of 6)</u>				
		<u>No Iridescent Overprint – Type 2 slits</u>				
		2p 2B	24/01/12 (3.85)			
		20p 2B	31/08/11 (6.60)			
		<u>Date Code “11” – Type 2 slits</u>				
		£1 2B	12/01/12 (13.75)			
		2nd Large 2B	01/09/11 (11.50)			
		1st Large 2B	09/01/12 (13.75)			
			Total for 5 blocks	49.45
Defin Colour Blocks		<u>Improved Security Machins</u>				
		<u>Date Code “12” – Type 2 slits</u>				
		2nd bright blue CB	10.50	...	.....
Business Sheet Top Panels		<u>De La Rue – OFNP/SAN (Top panels of 4 or 5 with date on reverse)</u>				
		<u>Type 8A – Pip Rates, Improved Security standard NVI stamps</u>				
		<u>Type 2 Slits – No Date Code in Overprint</u>				
		2nd CB	17/01/09 (13.75)			
		<u>Type 8B – PIP Rates, Improved Security standard NVI stamps – Date Code “10” in Overprint</u>				
		1st 2B	29/09/10 (11.00)			
		<u>Type 8C – PIP Rates, Improved Security standard NVI stamps – Date Code “11” in Overprint</u>				
		1st 2B	21/10/11 (11.00)			
		<u>Type 6C – Improved Security Large PIP Business Sheets – Date Code “11” in Overprint</u>				
		2nd Large 2B	16/08/11 (12.50)			
		<u>Walsall – OFNP/SAN (Top panels of 4 or 5 with date on reverse)</u>				
		<u>Type 9B – Improved Security Standard NVI stamps – FSC logo – Date Code “12” in Overprint</u>				
		2nd CB	23/01/12 (10.00)			
		01/02/12 (10.00)				
		Total for the 6 top panels	68.25	...	.....

BOOKLET MATERIAL

Defin Counter Book/ Pane Specialised		<i>Series SAC20 – Olympics / Paralympics Definitives Booklets</i>			
	<u>Walsall</u>	1st x 3 Olympics defins, 3 x 1st Paralympics defins – Key Dates pane			
		Every stamp with inset right phosphor bands.			
		– Plain	45.00	...	.....
		1st x 3 Paralympics defins, 3 x 1st Olympics defins – London Vision pane			
	Every stamp with inset right phosphor bands.				
	– Plain	45.00	...	.....
	– cyl W1 W1 (W1).....	50.00	...	.....
	<i>We are still collecting cylinder booklets of both types with synchronised bands and expect to offer these imminently</i>				

JERSEY

Mint	Aviation History XI (Issued 10.3.12)	6.40	...	.....
	Aviation History XI miniature sheet (6v – Issued 10.3.12)	5.30	...	.....
	Aviation History XI – set of 4 souvenir sheets (Issued 10.3.12)	24.00	...	.....
	Titanic miniature sheet (Issued 14.4.12)	5.30	...	.....

JERSEY (Continued)

Used	Aviation History XI	6.75	.....
	Aviation History XI miniature sheet	5.35	.....
	Titanic miniature sheet	5.35	.....
Sheetlets	Aviation History XI in sheetlets of 10	60.00	.....
FDC	Aviation History XI	8.25	.....
	Aviation History XI miniature sheet	7.05	.....
	Titanic miniature sheet	7.05	.....
Presentation Packs	Aviation History XI	7.52	.....
	Aviation History XI miniature sheet	7.05	.....
	Titanic miniature sheet	7.05	.....
Prestige Booklet	Aviation History XI	24.00	.....
Prestige Panes	Four panes from above booklet	24.00	.....

ISLE OF MAN

Mint	Harbour Lights – Europa (6v – Issued 2.4.12)	9.40	.....
	Titanic (6v in 2 s/t strips of 3 – Issued 2.4.12)	8.80	.....
	Diamond Jubilee – Lifetime of Service miniature sheet (Issued 21.4.12)	5.30	.....
Used	Harbour Lights	9.70	.....
	Titanic	9.05	.....
	Diamond Jubilee – Lifetime of Service miniature sheet	5.35	.....
Sheetlets	Harbour Lights- Europa 68p in sheetlet of 10	12.00	.....
FDC	Harbour Lights	10.60	.....
	Titanic	10.00	.....
	Diamond Jubilee – Lifetime of Service miniature sheet	6.50	.....
Presentation Packs	Harbour Lights	10.70	.....
	Titanic	10.05	.....
	Diamond Jubilee – Lifetime of Service miniature sheet	6.60

PAYMENT DETAILS

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