

Variety Club News

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From the
Sublime ...

2002 Coastlines 1st se-tenant block of 10 from top-left corner of sheet, every stamp missing the silver Queen's head (underprint of grey still present). Very rare, just four complete blocks of 10 and one strip of 5 discovered, making this one of the rarest of all GB missing colours. Catalogued by SG at £9,000 [2265b]..... £8,000



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Ridiculous

1992 Castles £1, white gum in a plate block of 10, the bottom margin showing crazily irregular perforations caused by a pre-perforation paper fold, which, extraordinarily, has not actually affected any of the stamps! Very unusual and so nearly spectacular! [LRO1000var] £150

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Welcome to Variety Club News Xtra. The list is split into two main parts, the latest issues as supplied on our recent R distribution new issue sendings towards the back and nearer the front a selection of items chosen from stock including interesting and better items, most of which are more elusive, and some of which are one off pieces that do not fall within the scope of standard catalogues, making them highly desirable and extremely unlikely to be offered again. Prices range from just a few pounds to several hundreds, hopefully offering a little something for every collector, whatever their budget or interest.

This selection represents just a small selection of many similar items from our stock, so if you don't see what you are looking for here, why not let us know? It's quite possible we might have that special item you have been hunting for, tucked away in one of our stockbooks.

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Key

☉ An illustration of this item is included.

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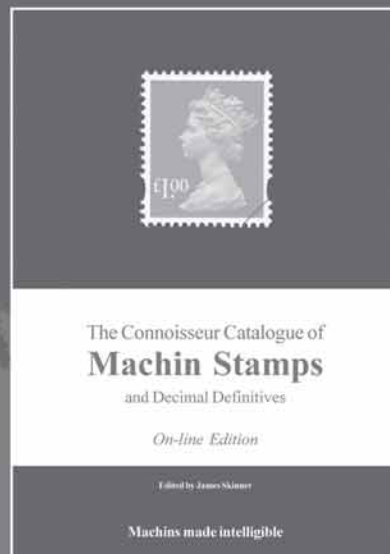
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Although several sections of a new edition had been worked on and completed in the interim period, by the time that subsequent sections had been finished the earlier sections need further revision, a never-ending task, not dissimilar to painting the Forth Road Bridge!

Now, by utilising the internet, the Connoisseur Catalogue will be published in chapters as soon as they are completed, making them instantly available on-line. It is also the intention to update the catalogue on a much more frequent basis, a godsend to collectors in this rapidly moving field. Illustrations will also be in colour, a significant upgrade to the black and white images in previous print editions.

How it works

Initially, the website will mainly contain pages from the 10th edition and its supplement. Over the next few months we will be adding updated and new chapters to the website as soon as they are finished, gradually building up the catalogue into an up-to-date reference. Initial chapters for the single stamps are already online, the majority of which have been thoroughly revised and updated into full 11th edition versions. Emphasis has been placed on single stamp sections as these are the most popular area of collecting, but coil strips, cylinder and date blocks, booklets and panes and other supplementary items will follow in time.

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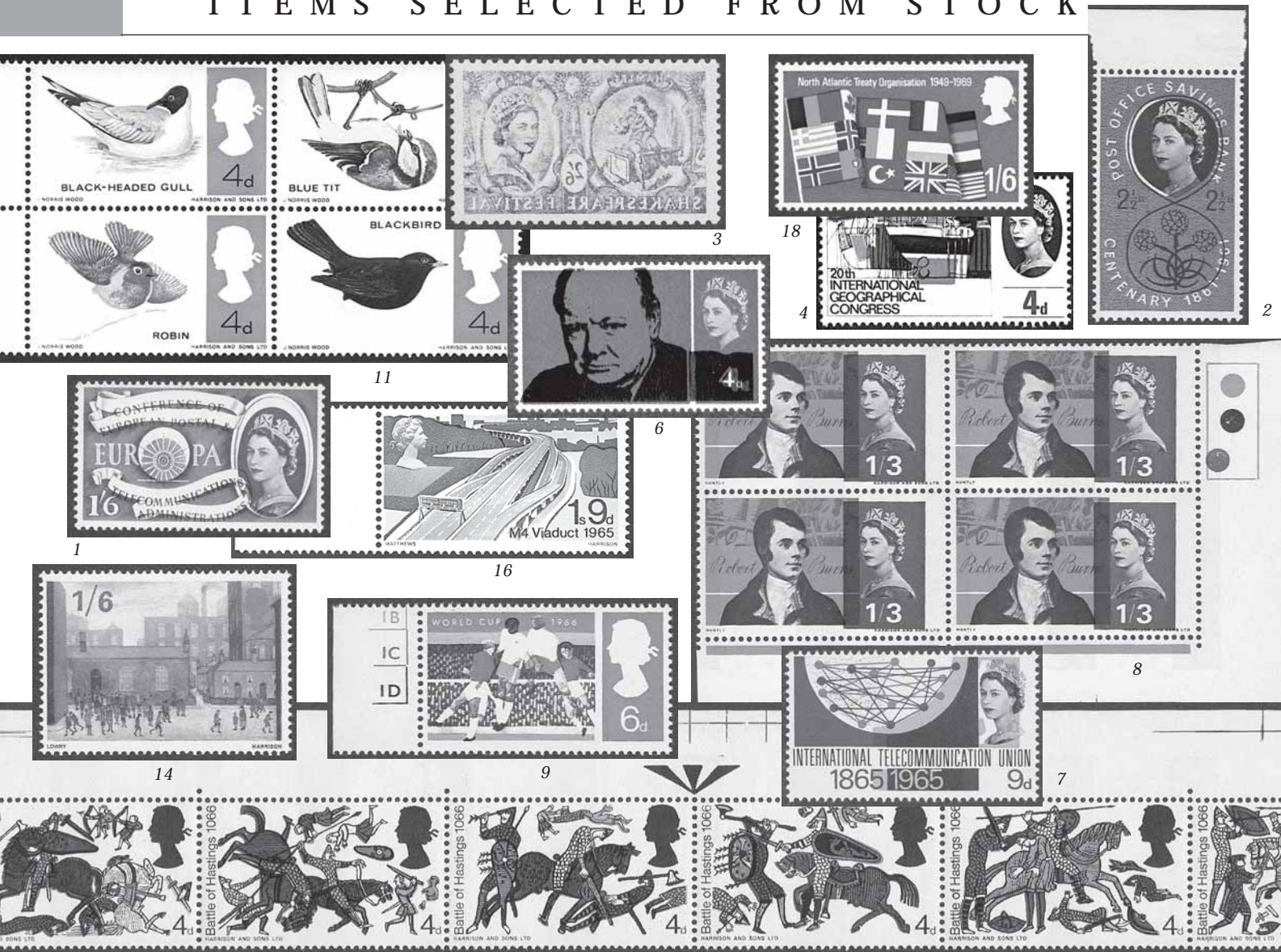
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Commemoratives

- 1 **1960 Europa 1/6**, brown printing shifted downwards creating "white scrolls" error [622var] Ⓢ **£35**
- 2 **1961 POSB 2½d**, black printing shifted approx. 2mm to the right so Queen's head is partially out of frame and text is obscured by black line [623var] Ⓢ .. **£17.50**
- 3 **1964 Shakespeare 2/6**, complete and full offset on reverse. Very striking [650var] Ⓢ **£295**
- 4 **1964 Geographical 4d** (Ord), rose hull of boat shifted downwards and to left by approx. 2mm [652var] Ⓢ **£20**
- 5 **1964 Geographical 4d** (Ord), violet affecting value, harbour wall, etc, shifted approx. 2mm to left [652var]... **£12.50**
- 6 **1965 Churchill 4d** (Ord, Rembrandt), black printing shifted approx 2mm to left, obscuring value [661var] Ⓢ **£20**
- 7 **1965 ITU 9d** (ord), pink printing shifted approximately 4mm to the left, partially overprinting Queen's head [683var] Ⓢ **£40**
- 8 **1966 Burns 1/3** (Phos), lower-right corner traffic light block of 4, slate-blue printing shifted down and to the left by approximately 3mm, creating a dramatic key piece [686p/var] Ⓢ **£125**
- 9 **1966 World Cup 6d** (Ord), missing black (goalies jumper, sock's and player's hair) a cylinder single copy missing the black 1E cylinder number [694a] Ⓢ **£175**

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- 10 **1966 World Cup 6d** (Ord), bottom marginal copy showing apple-green printing affecting white-shirted player's shorts and pitch to be shifted down and to left by approx 2mm [694var] **£20**
- 11 **1966 Birds 4d** (Ord) se-tenant block of 4, Robin and Blackbird stamps missing reddish brown legs [698j,699j] Ⓢ **£160**
- 12 **1966 Hastings 4d** (phos) se-tenant strip of six, missing grey, a top marginal strip showing autotrom marks in margin, but, naturally, missing the grey cross [705pj-710pj] Ⓢ **£250**
- 13 **1967 EFTA 9d** (Phos), brown printing shifted downwards by approx 2mm, leaving trucks white. Actually scarcer than the missing colour! [715p/var]... **£20**
- 14 **1967 Paintings 1/6**, missing grey clouds and shading [750c] Ⓢ **£110**
- 15 **1968 Bridges 4d**, printed on the gummed side [763a] .. **£17.50**
- 16 **1968 Bridges 1/9d**, missing gold Queen's head [766a] Ⓢ **£250**
- 17 **1968 Paintings 1/9**, missing embossing [774Ec] **£115**
- 18 **1969 Anniversaries 1/6**, missing yellow-green [794f] Ⓢ .. **£75**
- 19 **1969 Anniversaries 1/6**, missing yellow-green and phosphor [794Eya] **£85**
- 20 **1970 Cottages 1/-**, missing new blue [817a] **£95**

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- 21 **1970 Anniversaries 5d**, missing emerald [819b] ⚡ .. **£350**
- 22 **1970 Anniversaries 5d**, gold printing shifted downwards by approximately 6mm, leaving Queen's head sitting on top of value [819var]..... **£20**
- 23 **1970 Anniversaries 9d**, missing emerald [822b] ⚡ .. **£110**
- 24 **1970 Literary Anniversaries 1/6**, missing silver "Grassmere" inscription in a horizontal strip of three, two of which are normal stamps [828b] ⚡ **£160**
- 25 **1970 Commonwealth Games 5d**, one broad band at right, scarce [W192c]..... **£35**
- 26 **1970 Philympia 5d**, one broad phosphor band at left [W195c]..... **£17.50**
- 27 **1970 Christmas 5d**, missing emerald [839d] **£75**
- 28 **1971 Anniversaries 9p**, missing olive-brown faces, hands, etc [889a] ⚡ **£195**
- 29 **1971 Christmas 2½p**, block of 15 comprising top 3 rows of sheet, showing two additional strikes of perforating comb, showing irregular perforations on top five stamps. Unusual and a one-off error. [894var] ⚡ **£125**
- 30 **1971 Christmas 3p**, missing lemon [895c] ⚡ **£225**
- 31 **1972 General Anniversaries 7½p**, missing phosphor [902Ey] ⚡ **£195**
- 32 **1972 General Anniversaries 9p**, brown printing shifted approx 3mm to the left and 2mm down, leaving Vaughan Williams features off his face! [903b] ⚡ **£45**

- 33 **1972 BBC 3p**, showing downwards shifts of the yellow from the terminals so that they appear missing (commonly believed to be the very rare missing yellow variety) and the grey Queen's head onto the microphone [909var]..... **£15**
- 34 **1972 Christmas 7½p**, missing ochre from centre panel of Angel's robes [915a] ⚡ **£145**
- 35 **1973 Tree 9p**, missing phosphor [922Ey]..... **£65**
- 36 **1973 Explorers 3p se-tenant pair**, missing gold Queen's heads from both stamps [923b,924b] ⚡ **£160**
- 37 **1973 Explorers 9p**, dual directional perforation shifted, approximately 2.5mm to the right, cutting into value and obscuring inscription and 2mm upwards, just touching the top of the Queen's head [927var] ⚡ **£25**
- 38 **1973 Paintings 7½p**, missing gold Queen's head [933a] ⚡ **£150**
- 39 **1973 Christmas 3½p (PVA)**, missing black value, inscription, facial features, etc [948b] ⚡ **£95**
- 40 **1973 Christmas 3½p (DEX)**, missing black value, inscription, facial features, etc [948b] **£100**
- 41 **1973 Christmas 3½p (DEX)**, missing salmon-pink flesh colour [948c] **£90**
- 42 **1973 Christmas 3½p (DEX)**, missing blue leg, sleeve, etc [948d] ⚡ **£180**
- 43 **1973 Christmas 3½p (PVA)**, missing bright rose-red, King's robes [948g] **£125**
- 44 **1973 Christmas 3½p (DEX)**, missing bright rose-red, King's robes [948g] ⚡ **£125**





- 45 **1975 Sailing 8p**, missing black intaglio printing in traffic light gutter pair [981a] Ⓢ **£150**
- 46 **1976 Christmas 11p**, on uncoated paper [1020a]..... **£50**
- 47 **1978 Cycling 10½p**, gold Queen's head shifted downwards by 4mm [1068var]..... **£17.50**
- 48 **1999 Scientists Tale 26p**, imperforate marginal pair, rare – just pairs known [2103a] Ⓢ **£950**
- 49 **2000 Spirit & Faith 1st**, imperforate bottom marginal pair [2171a] Ⓢ **£600**
- 50 **2003 Christmas 2nd**, an upwards shift of perforations by approximately 9mm, leaving a large unprinted section at the top of the stamp – what would have been the sheet selvage if normally perforated. A fine used example, but this is the only way that they have been discovered [2410var] Ⓢ **£65**
- 51 **2006 World Cup Winners 42p**, missing phosphor, rare – only one sheet of 50 discovered [2629var] Ⓢ .. **£95**

Smilers Sheets

- 52 **2000 Christmas Smilers** 1st x 10 sheet – every stamp showing inset right phosphor bands. The sheet is folded, but very unusual [LS3var] **£135**
- 53 **2001 Smiles** Smilers sheet of 10 [LS5] **£135**
- 54 **2001 Cartoons** Smilers sheet of 10 [LS6]..... **£30**

Wildings

- 55 **1958-65 Wmk Mult. Crowns 4d deep ultramarine**, white paper, top-right corner block of 4, top pair imperforate between stamp and sheet margin [S85c] Ⓢ **£350**
- 56 **1960-67 phosphor 9d** 2B, violet phosphor, perfs shifted 3mm to right [S128var] Ⓢ **£20**

Pre-decimal Machins

GA

- 57 **1/9 dull orange & black**, missing phosphor, ex cyl 1A1B [O20NP] Ⓢ **£60**

PVA

- 58 **1d olive** 2B, head A, missing phosphor, ex cyl 2 [O23NP] **£12.50**
- 59 **2d lake-brown**, 2B, head A, missing phosphor, ex cyl 1 [O27NP]..... **£35**
- 60 **4d deep olive-brown** CB, head A, 150 screen, perfs shifted down by approx 5mm, cutting into top of Queen's diadem, ex sheets [O39var] Ⓢ **£30**

Decimal Machins

OCP/GA

- 61 **½p turquoise**, 2B, on silicon coated paper, ex 5p s/t coil CS2 [2] **£35**
- 62 **1p crimson**, 2B, on silicon coated paper, ex 5p s/t coil CS2 [4] **£35**
- 63 **3p deep ultramarine** 2B, ex horizontal coil C7 [7] **£40**

OCP/PVA

- 64 **1p reddish claret**, missing phosphor, ex sheets [29NP] .. **£12.50**
- 65 **3p deep ultramarine** 2B, a left marhonal copy showing striking inking flaw that leaves value visible, but almost completely obscures the rest of the design, including the Queen's head. Very striking [40var] Ⓢ .. **£95**
- 66 **5p pale violet**, missing phosphor, ex cyl 2, scarce [45NP] Ⓢ . **£175**

FCP/PVA

- 67 **½p bright turquoise**, thin value, missing phosphor, ex pane DP13 [50NP] Ⓢ **£125**

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- 68 **1½p charcoal**, 2B, a right marginal example, imperforate at top and bottom, but with a single line of horizontal perfs approximately 10mm from the bottom of the stamp, ex cyl 4 [58var] ⚡ **£75**
- 69 **3p ultramarine**, thin paper, thin value, missing phosphor, ex cyl 21 [74NP] **£25**

FCP/DEX

- 70 **1p deep crimson** CB, head B1, very thin value set high, a heavy all over phosphor wash covering 70% of this rare stamp. Ex 10p s/t coil CS9 [116AOP] ⚡ **£95**
- 71 **2p bright green**, head B2, missing phosphor, ex £3 Wedgwood book [122A/NP] **£15**
- 72 **3½p bronze-green** 2B, vertical strip of 4, two stamps showing paper web-join, leaving them on double thickness paper, ex sheets [129var] **£45**
- 73 **8p bright red**, CB, value set away from bust, uncoated paper, ex cyl 7. Rare [163UC] ⚡ **£500**
- 74 **8p bright red**, CB, value set close to bust, a heavy all over phosphor wash covering 70% of this rare stamp. Ex 10p s/t coil CS9 [163A/AOP] ⚡ **£195**
- 75 **8½p lime-green**, 2B, downwards shift of perfs by 4.5mm, ex sheets [170var] ⚡ **£20**
- 76 **12p emerald**, CB, "A" phosphor, phosphor wash, ex cyl 12 [RFA120AOP] **£12.50**
- 77 **12½p light emerald**, phosphor band displaced to right, short at bottom, ex SG booklet pane DP57 [206B/NBR] ⚡ **£95**
- 78 **12½p light emerald**, thin value, set high, in a horizontal pair, missing phosphor, ex Royal Mint pane DP63A. Rare [211NP, 215NP] ⚡ **£250**
- 79 **15p bright blue**, missing phosphor, ex cyl 3 [RFA150NP] **£12.50**
- 80 **15½p pale violet** 2B, heavy all over phosphor wash, ex Stanley Gibbons pane DP55, scarce [222AOP] ⚡ **£225**
- 81 **15½p pale violet**, horizontal pair, one with single 6mm broad band at left, the other with single 9.5mm broad band at left, ex SG pane DP58 [222BBa, 222BBb] **£90**

- 82 **15½p pale violet 2B**, phosphor bands printed front and back, ex DP58 [222FBa] ⚡ **£80**
- 83 **17pgrey blue**, missing phosphor, ex Christian Heritage pane DP74, scarce [RF170NP] ⚡ **£175**
- 84 **18p grey-green**, missing phosphor, ex DP93D [RFA180NP] **£25**

PCP/DEX

- 85 **2½p bright rose**, substandard phosphor coating, ex se-tenant coil CS10SC [P26SC] **£25**
- 86 **3p pink**, head B1, substandard phosphor coating, ex se-tenant coil CS10SC [P32SC] **£10**

ACP/DEX

- 87 **16p mushroom**, perfs shifted upwards by 3mm, ex sheets [A160var] **£15**

OFNP/DEX

- 88 **19p olive-green**, CB, yellow fluor, a vertical strip of 3 from bottom of sheet, two stamps showing patches of weak or missing printing due to solvent spillage on the printing cylinder, one stamp more severely affected than the other, stamps with some wrinkles but this is almost certainly a contributory cause of the error and is very striking [RSF190var] ⚡ **£40**
- 89 **19p olive-green**, CB, yellow fluor, perforations shifted upward by 5mm, cutting into base of value [RSF190var] ⚡ **£40**
- 90 **25p salmon-pink**, missing phosphor, ex pane DP214B [RSF252NP] **£19.50**

OFNP/PVA

- 91 **19p olive-green**, computer engraved, missing phosphor, ex cylinder 9 [RCF192NP] ⚡ **£100**
- 92 **39p bright magenta**, 2B, imperforate left marginal horizontal pair. Very rare, only 15 pairs discovered [RCF390IMP] ⚡ **£950**

Other Printers

- 93 **Walsall - Litho OFNP/PVA 1st orange-red**, yellow fluor, cream gum, double broad band at right, ex DP195 [FSW1BB] ⚡ **£125**





- 94 **Walsall - Gravure OFNP/PVA 1st orange-red**, bright fluor, comb perfs, left band omitted in pair with normal. Scarce [FCW9A/MLB] ⚡ **£375**
- 95 **Walsall - Gravure OFNP/SA 2nd bright blue 2B**, imperforate pair, ex business sheets type 2 [FWV1/IMP] ⚡ **£75**
- 96 **Walsall - Gravure OFNP/SA 1st pale gold 2B** (9mm bands), bright fluor, interrupted phosphor bands at top, supplied in a vertical pair with a copy with very short bands at top. Ex SP59 [FWV10/IBb] ⚡ **£125**
- 97 **Questa - Litho, FCP/PVA 17p deep blue**, missing phosphor, ex Christie pane DP167, scarce [Q170NP] ⚡ **£195**
- 98 **Questa - Millenium Machin 1st yellowish olive**, perf 14, right phosphor band omitted, ex DP302 [FMQ2MRB] **£35**
- 99 **Enschedé FCP/DEX 8p red**, missing phosphor, ex cyl 1 [E80NP] **£225**

High Values

- 100 **1955-58 1st De La Rue set** (2/6 to £1), unmounted mint & fine [536a-539a] **£350**
- 101 **1974 Large Recess Machin Head Designs 50p ultramarine** on Contractors paper showing a clear offset of the design on the gummed side, complete with the exception of a tiny sliver of the design at the bottom. Catalogued by Pierron at £325. [H12var] **£90**
- 102 **1988 Castles £2**, light bright blue colour error [LR2000EC] **£50**
- 103 **1994 Castles Re-etched £2 DEX gum**, creamy translucent paper, a left marginal horizontal pair, showing perforations shifted approximately 3mm to the left, leaving an unprinted strip at the left of the marginal stamp and the perforations cutting through the Queen's heads on both copies [LRO2004var] **£65**

- 104 **1996 Castles Re-etched £3 PVA gum**, showing a striking 9mm perforation shift to the right, leaving letters "CAR" and left half of castle tower at the right instead of at left [LRO3002var] ⚡ **£75**
- 105 **1999 Small Format Machin Head De La Rue Intaglio £5 Sepia**, bottom marginal copy showing perforations shifted upwards by approx 2.5mm, leaving bottom of frame at the top of the stamp. Scarce, just 8 copies found [DMH5000var] ⚡ **£45**

Postage Dues

- 106 **1982 Second Series ACP/DEX 2p ultramarine**, paper error. Rare [D42A] ⚡ **£150**

Regionals

England

- 107 **Emblems Full bleed 2nd CB**, left marginal block of 18, top-right samp completely imperforate, three adjoining stamps partially imperforate, others normal. An interesting an important "proving" piece. Ex cyl 1/2 [EES1/IMP] ⚡ **£195**

Guernsey

- 108 **1968-69 4d pale ultramarine**, missing phosphor, ex cyl 1 [9Ey] ⚡ **£35**

Northern Ireland

- 109 **1968-69 5d royal blue**, missing phosphor, ex cyl 1 [NI10Ey] ⚡ **£25**

Scotland

- 110 **1958-67 wmk. Crowns 9d bronze-green**, perforations shifted 3.5mm to right, striking [S4var] ⚡ **£35**
- 111 **Questa Litho 41p stone 2B**, white gum, ER ellipse [LS413] **£50**

Wales

- 112 **OCP/PVA 5p reddish violet**, missing phosphor, ex cyl 3 [W5NP] **£20**

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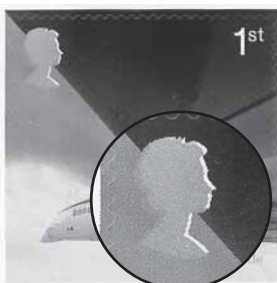
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COMMEMORATIVES

2002 Airliners

Questa – Gravure OFNP/SA

1st Concorde – ex s/a booklet
Silver Queen's head shifted approx. 1 to 2mm to left, leaving a very distinct white silhouette to the right edge of the Queen's face, where the unprinted image that is normally covered by the silver is now partially exposed. An amusing and inexpensive error



Single 8.50 ...
Two copies contained in a complete Series SAM4
Airliners 1st x 6 booklet 17.50 ...

2002 Commonwealth Games

Enschedé – Gravure

68p 2B – Short phosphor bands at top 10.00 ...

2003 British Journey: Scotland

De La Rue – Gravure

2nd CB – Short phosphor band at top 10.00 ...

2005 World Heritage Sites

Enschedé – Litho

1st 2B se-tenant pair – Short phosphor bands at top 20.00 ...

2005 Trooping the Colour Miniature Sheet

Walsall – Litho

1st 2B and 60p 2B values with inset left phos bands 15.00 ...

2005 Changing Tastes

Enschedé – Gravure

47p 2B – Inset left phosphor bands 10.00 ...

2005 Christmas

De La Rue – Gravure

42p 2B – Short phosphor bands at top 10.00 ...

2007 Harry Potter miniature sheet

Walsall – Litho

All 1st 2B stamps with short phos bands at bottom 30.00 ...

Crowned Lion & Shield of St. George Commemorative

De La Rue – Gravure OFNP/PVA

1st Lion and Shield of St. George 2B

Ex Wembley Stadium miniature sheet.

Inset left phosphor band 8.50 ...

British Army Uniforms (Issued 20.9.07)

Sheet Stamps (6v in 2 se-tenant strips of 3)

Printed in litho by Enschedé in sheets of 30 and 60, the latter in two panes of 30 separated by a vertical gutter. The stamps are rectangular in portrait format, measuring 37 x 37mm. Each stamp bears two side phosphor bands, measuring approximately 18mm in total, solid across their entire width. They are perforated 14 and are printed on OFNP paper with cream PVA gum.

This is the first in an annual series depicting uniforms of our military services – RAF Uniforms will follow later this year with the Navy series in 2009. The six designs, arranged in two se-tenant strips of three in reverse chronological order, depict British Army uniforms from 1661 to 1999. They feature troops in action, set against a white background and are very traditional in design, which will, no doubt, please most stamp collectors.

Mint 5.90 ...

Used 7.50 ...

Gutter Pairs 12.95 ...

Traffic Light Gutter Pairs 13.75 ...

Presentation Pack 6.85 ...

P.O.FDC 7.65 ...

Cotswold FDC 8.70 ...

Stuart FDC 8.70 ...

PHQ Mint 3.95 ...

PHQ FDI Obverse 11.40 ...

PHQ FDI Reverse 11.40 ...

Plate blocks of 12 comprising 4 s/t strips (Enschedé)

Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, indicating a four up print run.

1st 2B strip of 3 E1 E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1) 7.30 ...

78p 2B strip of 3 E1 E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1) 16.70 ...

Traffic Light blocks of 9 comprising 3 s/t strips 18.50 ...



British Army Uniforms (Continued)

Booklet Stamps

These stamps closely match those from sheets, but in a different se-tenant arrangement. However, the Queen's heads appear to be printed on top of the phosphor when they are under the phosphor on sheet versions.

1st 2B all three designs in sheetlet	2.60 ...
78p 2B all three designs in sheetlet	5.20 ...

Diamond Wedding Anniversary (Issued 16.10.07)

Sheet Stamps (6v in 3 se-tenant pairs)

Printed in litho by Cartor in sheets of 30 and 60, the latter in two panes of 30, separated by a horizontal gutter. The stamps are rectangular in shape in a landscape format, measuring 41 x 30mm. Each stamp has an all-over phosphor coating. They are perforated 14.5 x 14 and are printed on OFNP paper with cream PVA gum. The year "2007" is printed in microtext on the stamps in varying locations, making it something of a hunt to find it!

The set celebrates the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen and HRH Prince Philip. Each stamp bears a monochrome photograph of the Royal couple, each illustration spaced approximately a decade apart, which work their way backwards from 2006 on one of the 1st values to 1947 on one of the 78p values. Sensibly, each stamp is dated. The set is an ideal accompaniment for last year's Queen's 80th Birthday issue, matching it in both feel and style.

Mint	5.85 ...
Used	7.95 ...
Gutter Pairs	12.75 ...
Presentation Pack (includes miniature sheet)	10.55 ...
P.O.FDC	7.50 ...
Cotswold FDC	8.65 ...
Stuart FDC	8.65 ...
PHQ Mint (11 cards including m/s)	7.00 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	23.40 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	23.40 ...

Plate blocks of 8 comprising 4 s/t pairs (Cartor)
Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, indicating a four up print run.

1st 2B pair	C1 C1 (C1)	4.90 ...
54p 2B pair	C1 C1 (C1)	7.70 ...
78p 2B pair	C1 C1 (C1)	11.15 ...

Traffic Light blocks of 6 comprising 3 s/t pairs



Miniature sheet

Printed in gravure by Walsall. The sheet measures 115 x 90mm and contains 4 stamps, two rectangular in landscape format measuring 41 x 30mm, one rectangular in portrait format measuring 27 x 37mm and one 35mm square. Each bears two side phosphor bands, measuring approximately 18mm in total width, vignettted towards the centre. The sheet is self-adhesive with the stamps showing simulated die-cut perforations.

Three of the stamps show family portraits, taken over the years, whilst one 1st features a new Lord Snowdon portrait of the Royal couple on a balcony in Buckingham Palace, specially commissioned for the issue. The stamps are arranged at angles against a background of other photographs to simulate a pile of family snaps, most of which are in colour. Interestingly, the back of the miniature sheet also features a further group of photographs, this time in



black and white and taken at and around the time of their Wedding in 1947.

Mint	3.80 ...
Used	5.10 ...
P.O.FDC	5.10 ...
Cotswold FDC	6.15 ...
Stuart FDC	6.15 ...

Union Jack Garden Birds Stampex Smilers (Issued 19.9.07)

Another in the series of Stampex exhibition sponsored sheets features the Union Jack 1st design from the 2001 Flags & Ensigns issue. The sheet ties in with the Royal Mail issue for Birds, with each label attached to a 1st stamp depicting a British Garden Bird. The background of the sheet features a romantic landscape painting of the 17th or 18th century. The Stampex logo appears in the top sheet margin.

The stamps are printed in litho by Cartor and are virtually indistinguishable from the same stamps that appeared in the Autumn 2006 Stampex sheet, marking the Victoria Cross.

Sheets are of ten stamps, each with a different label attached. They are also offered as singles with one of the 10 labels attached.



Cartor Litho – OFNP/PVA

Union Jack 1st 2B with Bird label attached

Single	2.00 ...
Gutter pair	4.00 ...
Complete sheet of 10	15.00 ...
Official FDC cover with official Stampex handstamp	4.15 ...

Christmas 2007 – Angels (Issued 6.11.07)

Sheet Stamps (6v)

Printed in gravure by De La Rue in sheets of 50, in two panes of 25 separated by a vertical gutter. As was the case in 2006, there are two formats of stamps 2nd, 1st, 78p and £1.24 are in the standard definitive size format (measuring 20 x 24mm), and 2nd Large and 1st Large values are in the new large definitive format (30 x 24mm). The 2nd class value has a single 4.5mm centre phosphor band, whilst 1st, 72p and £1.19 have two side bands, measuring approximately 13mm in total width, vignettted towards the centre. 2nd Large and 1st Large also have two bands measuring 13mm in width, vignettted towards the centre but although one band is at the right side, the other is aligned to the left edge of the illustration, but

Christmas 2007 – Angels (Continued)

inset from the left edge of the stamp by 9mm, leaving the value panel uncovered by phosphor. The year of issue (2007) is reversed out of the phosphor bands at the bottom of the CB and the lower-left corner of the left band on 2B stamps. The stamps are self-adhesive and have simulated die-cut “perforations” measuring 15 x 14.

For 2007, the stamps bear a traditional, semi-religious theme on the subject of Angels, based around the well known Christmas Carol, “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”, which was written by Charles Wesley who was born three hundred years ago this year. Each of the designs show an Angel playing a musical instrument, set against a snowy landscape background.



Mint	6.15 ...
Used	8.25 ...
Gutter pairs	13.40 ...
Presentation pack (includes Madonna & Child stamps) ...	8.10 ...
P.O.FDC	7.85 ...
Cotswold FDC	8.90 ...
Stuart FDC	8.90 ...
PHQ Mint (7 cards including one for miniature sheet)	4.50 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	21.00 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	21.00 ...

Cylinder blocks of 8 (De La Rue)

Small format stamps have dots positioned in one of six boxes, indicating a six up print run. Large format stamps, however, only bear four boxes and thus were printed four up on a single printer's sheet.

2nd CB D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	3.45 ...
1st 2B D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	4.90 ...
2nd Large 2B D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	5.55 ...
1st Large 2B D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	6.90 ...
78p 2B D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	11.15 ...
£1.24 2B D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	17.70 ...

Traffic light blocks of 6	42.05 ...
Large 2nd 2B – Short phosphor bands at top	8.25 ...

Miniature sheet

Printed in gravure by De La Rue. These sheets have identical phosphor banding to the sheet stamps and the same perforations



– 15 x 14. The significant difference is that they are conventionally gummed with layflat PVA on OFNP paper. The sheet measures 115 x 103mm and shows a background of a snowy winter landscape featuring a robin in the lower-left corner, and is inscribed “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing/ Charles Wesley 1707-1788” below the stamps.

Mint	6.15 ...
Used	8.25 ...
P.O.FDC	7.85 ...
Cotswold FDC	8.90 ...
Stuart FDC	8.90 ...

Staff Sheet Stamps (1v)

As a small thank you for the extra work their staff put in over the hectic Christmas period, Royal Mail give every member of their staff, from postmen to sub-postmasters, free Christmas 1st class stamps with which to post their Christmas Cards. Similar to recent years, there is a difference between these gifts and those commercially available. Each employee has been given 50 copies (in the form of a sheet guillotined in two across the gutter) of the Angels 1st design. But rather than standard matrix striped sheets, the staff versions have the matrix between the stamps still present, making them an instantly collectible variation. As well as having the matrix present, the waxed backing paper, which is normally rouletted so that individual stamps can be torn from the sheet for counter sales, is imperforate on this version. In all other aspects the stamps are identical to the commercially available type. These sheets are invariably the first printed from the run, and, rather extraordinarily, the printing of these began as early as 17th May. This year, due to their format, no gutter pairs are available.

1st 2B with matrix present, backing paper imperforate	
Pair, without rouletting on reverse	5.00 ...
Marginal block of 4	10.00 ...
Date block of 6	17.50 ...
D1 Cyl block of 8 (scarce, very few available)	27.50 ...
Traffic light block of 6	17.50 ...
P.O.FDC bearing a pair with matrix between still present ...	22.50 ...

Approximately only 50 covers in total were prepared.

Booklet Stamps (2v)

Although the 1st and 2nd Angels stamps from these booklets are very similar to sheet stamps, they can be distinguished by the silicon coated backing paper. On booklet stamps this backing is opaque and has printing on the reverse whereas sheet stamps have a translucent, unprinted backing.

1st 2B & 2nd CB, both with opaque backing paper	1.55 ...
2nd CB – Short phosphor band at bottom	5.50 ...

Christmas 2007 Smilers (Issued 6.11.07)

Issued on the same days as the sheet stamps, Royal Mail have produced an accompanying Smilers sheet to this year's Christmas issue, using the small format 2nd and 1st designs, and, for the first time, the 78p value. The sheet background, like the miniature sheet and stamps, uses illustration by Marco Ventura and shows a carol singing family in front of a large Christmas tree that adorns a square in a small snow covered town. As in previous years there were both generic and photo-label versions of the sheet. Generic sheets bear 8 copies each of 1st and 2nd Christmas stamps and 4 copies of the 78p, arranged in alternating vertical columns containing 4 x 2nd and 1x 78p values and 4 x 1st and 1 x 78p values. Each has a generic label that is part of the sheet background although top stamps in the sheet each show lines of lyrics from the carol “Hark! The Herald Angel Sings” in scrolls. There are three photo-label sheets, one for each of the three values featured in the generic sheet and they come in two different formats. The 2nd and 1st value sheets each contain 20 copies of the relevant values in th standard A4 layout, whereas the 78p version comes in an A5 sized sheet of 10. The labels on photo-label sheets show an image of an angel sculpture and are inscribed “Christmas 2007”, in text colour coded to match the colour of the Angel's dress on the relevant values.



Christmas 2007 Smilers (Continued)

The sheets are printed in litho by Cartor, as opposed to the De La Rue sheet stamps which are gravure, and despite both being self-adhesive, the stamps from the two sources are identifiable. Although similar in width, the phosphor bands on Smilers versions are much more heavily applied, and on 1st and 78p values are solid across their width (as opposed to vignettted on sheet versions). The fluor is also very much duller and paler in appearance. Due to the arrangement of the sheet we are supplying generic issues in blocks of ten containing 4 copies each of both 1st and 2nd class values and 2 copies of the 78p design.

Cartor, Litho – OFNP/SA

Generic Label Version

Christmas 2007 2nd CB x 4, 1st 2B x 4 and 78p 2B x 2 arranged in a block of 10, with generic labels attached

Mint	8.25 ...
Used set of 3 values	3.95 ...
Complete sheet of 20	14.50 ...
P.O. FDC with 1st, 2nd & 78p Smilers with generic labels attached	4.40 ...



Photo label from Christmas Smilers

Photo Label Versions

Complete sheets of 1st x 20, 2nd x 20 and 78p x 10 62.00 ...

Christmas – Madonna & Child (2v – Issued 6.11.07)

Printed in gravure by De La Rue in sheets of 50, in two panes of 25 separated by a vertical gutter. These two stamps are in the small definitive format (20 x 24mm). The 2nd class value has a single 4.5mm centre phosphor band, whilst 1st has two side bands, measuring approximately 13mm in total width, vignettted towards the centre. There is no year of issue mentioned anywhere on the stamps. The stamps are self-adhesive and have simulated die-cut “perforations” measuring 15 x 14 with an ellipse punched out of each vertical line of perfs.

In response to calls from the Christian community that Christmas stamps have an overtly religious theme to mark the highlight of the Christian year, Royal Mail have introduced an alternative to the standard Christmas 2nd and 1st class values. The stamps feature very traditional portraits of the Madonna and Child, that on the 2nd being by William Dyce (painted c. 1827) and the 1st by Lippo di Dalmasio (c. 1390-1400). The intention is that these stamps will act like Christmas definitives, being re-issued every year for the foreseeable future. Hence they are undated and also have elliptical perforations.

Christmas – Madonna & Child (Continued)



Mint	1.05 ...
Used	1.35 ...
Gutter pairs	2.25 ...
P.O.FDC	2.15 ...
Cotswold FDC	3.00 ...
Stuart FDC	3.00 ...
PHQ Mint	1.35 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	3.25 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	3.25 ...

Cylinder blocks of 8 (De La Rue)

Dots are positioned in one of six boxes, indicating a six up print run.

2nd CB D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	3.45 ...
1st 2B D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	4.90 ...

Traffic light blocks of 6 7.05 ...

Lest We Forget II Miniature Sheet (Issued 8.11.07)

Printed in litho by De La Rue. The 1st stamp bears two side phosphor bands, measuring approximately 18mm in total, solid across their width, whereas the 78p stamps each bear two side bands measuring 13mm in width, also solid across their width. The 1st stamp is in the off-square size and perforated 14½ in both dimensions, whereas the 78p stamps are in the conventional definitive size and perforated 15 x 14. The sheet is printed on OFNP/PVA and measures 124 x 71mm.

This is the second in the series of sheets marking the 90th anniversaries of significant battles in the First World War and is issued to coincide with Remembrance Sunday. This sheet marks the 90th Anniversary of Passchedaele and, like it's predecessor, is set against a monochrome battlefield image, this time in brown, rather than the previous black. Initially the plan was to reuse the same Poppy design as on the 2006 sheet, but following comment from the stamp trade, a sensible decision was made to create another new design, similarly on the theme of poppies, but which is equally as effective as the previous stamp, creating silhouettes of troops out of the black stamen in the centre of the poppy. This is the strong part of the sheet design, but unfortunately the weak part of the design of the initial sheet is also repeated here — the somewhat inexplicable (other than to raise the face value of the sheet) use of the regular 78p Emblem designs from each of the four regions, which, according to Royal Mail, are intended to honour servicemen from all four regions who perished in the conflict. A final sheet will be issued in 2008 to honour those troops who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Great War.



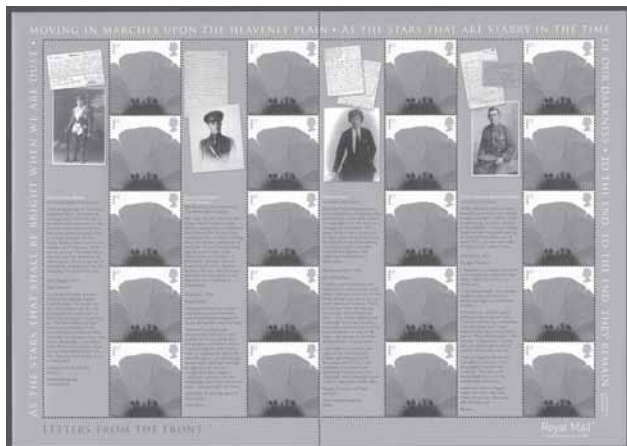
Lest We Forget II Miniature Sheet (Continued)

Mint	6.05 ...
Used	8.25 ...
Presentation pack	7.05 ...
P.O.FDC	7.50 ...
Cotswold FDC	8.75 ...
Stuart FDC	8.75 ...

2007 Poppies 1st 2B Stamp (De La Rue printing)

Mint	1.50 ...
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Letters From The Front Smilers (Issued 8.11.07)



As well as a miniature sheet, 8th November also saw the release of a Smilers sheet to mark the 90th Anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele. The sheet features 20 copies of the new 1st Poppies design, with generic labels featuring photographs of four service men and women, and include the text from letters that they sent home from the Front. As with last year's sheet, the labels are not individually perforated to match their adjoining stamps, but are perforated around the edge of a vertical strip of 5. The sheet borders (and labels) are printed in silver and contain a further stanza from the famous poem "For The Fallen" by Laurence Binyon.

The sheets are printed in litho by Cartor. Although both 1st Poppy stamps are printed by the same production method the miniature sheet and Smilers versions are identifiable by the fluor in the phosphor. Miniature sheet versions have a very dull fluor additive, whereas Smilers stamps have a much brighter fluor additive. Only generic versions of this sheet exist, and, as normal, they are offered in vertical strips of five with generic labels attached.

Cartor, Litho OFNP/SA

Letters From the Front 1st Poppy with generic labels attached	
Vertical strip of 5	4.15 ...
Used single	1.50 ...
Complete sheet of 20	12.20 ...
P.O. FDC bearing 1st Poppy with a set of 5 generic labels attached, split over 2 covers	5.75 ...

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Glorious Scotland Smilers (Issued 30.11.07)

The third in the series of "Glorious" Smilers sheets, was issued to coincide with St.Andrew's day, making it three sheets in 2007. Like the Wales and England sheets, Glorious Scotland contains 20 1st class Scottish Emblem stamps each with a pictorial label alongside on generic versions. There are 10 different designs of label, repeated on the left and right halves of the sheet The sheet is, once more, set against a flag background, this time a very dark blue version of the Saltire (St. Andrew's Cross) and is available in both generic and customisable photo-label versions.

The sheet is printed in litho by Cartor and is self-adhesive aided by the fact it shows no ellipses on the vertical perfs, making the stamp unique to this source. They are supplied in vertical strips of 5 and in complete sheets.

Cartor, Litho – OFNP/SA

Generic Sheets

Scotland 1st Lion 2B with pictorial labels attached	
Single	1.50 ...
Vertical strip of 5	4.15 ...
Complete sheet of 20	12.20 ...

Photo-label Sheets

Scotland 1st Lion with photo-labels attached bearing Saltire flag	
Complete sheet of 20	25.00 ...



In The Post... Smilers

This sheet was originally issued as one of the initial photo-label sheets of the Small Format Pictorial stamps range and features 20 x 1st Robin stamps. It has just been reprinted, however, with a change to the copyright notice, which now reads "© Royal Mail Group Ltd 2005". Initial printings were inscribed "© Royal Mail Group PLC 2005". The stamps also vary from the initial versions having a much duller fluor with a violet tint – singles of these are offered under the Printings category below. Otherwise the sheet appears identical. This only comes as a customisable photo-label sheet.

Photo Label Sheets – Cartor, Litho OFNP/SA

1st Robin 2B sheet with "© Royal Mail Group Ltd 2005" inscription.	
Complete sheet of 20	25.00 ...

Small Format Stamps For Smilers

1st Robin 2B – dull fluor with a violet tint & photo-label attached	2.75 ...
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James Bond (Issued 8.1.2008)



Sheet Stamps (6v)

Printed in litho by De La Rue in sheets of 24 and 48, the latter in two panes of 20 separated by a vertical gutter. The stamps are in the rectangular panoramic format, measuring 60 x 21mm. Each stamp bears two side phosphor bands, measuring approximately 18mm in total width. They are perforated 15 x 14 and are printed on OFNP/PVA paper and gum.

The stamps tie in with the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Ian Fleming, the author of the Bond novels. Each stamp features a different one of these titles showing covers from four different editions over the time they have been in print. The result is rather disappointing, particularly in view of how exciting the set could have been. However, the issue is licensed by Ian Fleming's Estate, not the movie franchise so the book covers are the only potential subject matter.

Mint	5.80 ...
Used	7.40 ...
Gutter pairs	12.75 ...
Presentation pack	6.60 ...
P.O. FDC	7.55 ...
Cotswold FDC	8.60 ...
Stuart FDC	8.60 ...
PHQ Mint (7 cards including one for m/s).....	4.50 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse*	17.80 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse*	17.80 ...

* Due to the format of the miniature sheet it is too large to fit on one card Accordingly it is split over two cards .

Plate blocks of 8 (De La Rue)

Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, indicating a four up print run. However, two of the boxes are greyed out, and are opposite on the other stamp bearing the same value, implying that the same value stamps were printed in pairs, two up.

1st Dr No 2B	D1 D1 D1 D1 D1	4.90 ...
1st Casino Royale 2B	D1 D1 D1 D1 D1	4.90 ...
54p Goldfinger 2B	D1 D1 D1 D1 D1	7.70 ...
54p Diamonds Are Forever 2B	D1 D1 D1 D1 D1	7.70 ...
78p From Russia With Love 2B	D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 ...	11.15 ...
78p For Your Eyes Only 2B	D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 ...	11.15 ...

Traffic light blocks of 6

Miniature Sheet

Printed in litho by De La Rue. The sheet measures 190 x 68mm and contains the same six stamps as found in sheets. They also show very similar attributes with regards to perforations, phosphor, paper and gum. The sheet surround depicts part of a first edition of one of his novels and the manuscript of Octopussy.



Miniature Sheet (Continued)

Mint	5.80 ...
Used	7.40 ...
P.O. FDC	7.55 ...
Cotswold FDC	8.60 ...
Stuart FDC	8.60 ...

Booklet Stamps (6v)

Ex Ian Fleming's James Bond prestige booklet. The second pane shows much brighter fluor than seen on sheet stamps and those from miniature sheets. Otherwise the stamps are a very close match for stamps from those sources.

1st Casino Royale 2B, 54p Goldfinger 2B, 78p For Your Eyes Only 2B in sheetlet	3.50 ...
1st Dr No 2B, 54p Diamonds Are Forever 2B, 78p From Russia With Love 2B in sheetlet – bright fluor	3.50 ...

Flags & Ensigns

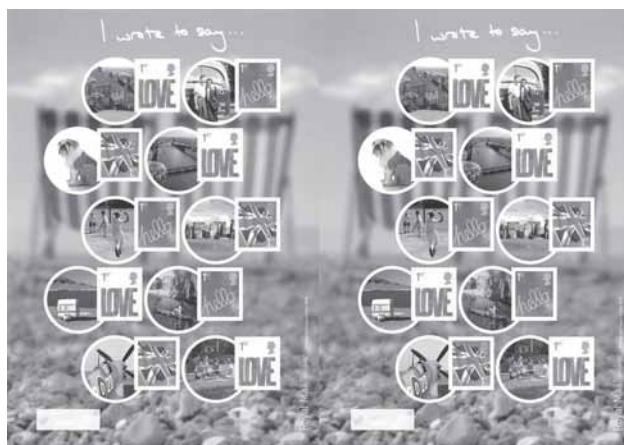
Ex Ian Fleming's James Bond prestige booklet. This is the first time that De La Rue have printed these stock stamps that continue to be re-released in various formats. Previous versions have been printed by Questa in gravure, and by Walsall and Cartor in litho. They have duller fluor than previous litho versions and use a navy colour on the flags which is more purple in hue. Most significant, however, is the positioning of the value tablet which is closer to the left edge of the stamp on both designs.

De La Rue – Litho

Booklet Stamps

1st Union Jack 2B x 2, 1st White Ensign 2B x 2 in sheetlet ..	3.00 ...
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I Wrote To Say... Circular Label Smilers (Issued 15.1.08)



On 15th January Royal Mail issued a new style Smilers sheet for three of their most popular "definitive" Smiler designs that featured in the first issue of their Small Format Pictorials – the Love, Hello and Union Jack stamps. These now sport adjoining circular shape labels, supposedly better to fit in pictures on the photo-label types. So that these are available to all collectors, they have issued a generic sheet of 20, which features 8 copies of the Love stamps and six of each of the other two designs, each with a circular pictorial label attached, showing images of British life. The sheet has a background of a deckchair on the beach, slightly out of focus and is entitled, "I wrote to say...". To fit the circular labels onto a standard A4 sized sheet it has been necessary to stagger the 4 columns of 5. As well as generic sheets, there are 3 photo-label sheets, each containing either 10 or 20 copies of each design, with a different background themed to the relevant stamp and with different titles. However, due to production difficulties these were not available to coincide with the generic issue and followed later. As has now become the norm, the sheet is printed in litho by Cartor and is self-adhesive. One significant change is that all stamps now bear elliptical perforations on their vertical edges, making the Hello and Union Jack designs unique to this source and the Love stamp unique in this format to this printer (A Love stamp with

I Wrote To Say.... Circular Label Smilers (Continued)

elliptical perforations was issued in a booklet of six stamps in 2007 and again, issued on the same release day as this sheet in 2008, but these were both printed by Walsall).

Due to the layout and the way the columns are staggered, it is not possible to supply these in the familiar vertical strips of 5 so they are supplied as half sheets of 10 stamps, containing 4 Love and three each of the other two designs.

Cartor, Litho – OFNP/SA

Generic Sheets

1st Hello, Love & Union Jack 2B with elliptical perfs with circular pictorial labels attached

Block of 10	7.15 ...
Used singles of each stamp	3.95 ...
Complete sheet of 20	12.20 ...
P.O. FDC	4.35 ...



Photo-label Sheets

1st Hello, Love & Union Jack 2B with circular customised labels attached

3 values each in complete sheet of 20	75.00 ...
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Small Format Pictorials For Smilers

Ex 2008 Valentine's booklet. This stamp is significantly different from the stamp that appeared in the 2007 version of the book. The phosphor bands are much wider – the 2007 version had 9.5mm bands, solid across their entire width with a duller fluor. The Queen's head is also in a paler grey colour. This is the first time that a booklet Smilers stamp has appeared with a generic label alongside.

Walsall – Gravure

1st Love 2B with elliptical perfs – 13mm phosphor bands (vignetted towards the centre), very bright fluor – with rectangular label attached

1.25 ...

Working Dogs (6v – Issued 5.2.2008)

Printed in litho by Cartor in sheets of 25 and 50, the latter in two panes of 25 separated by a vertical gutter. The stamps are in the off-square format, measuring 37 x 35mm. Each stamp bears two side phosphor bands, measuring approximately 18mm in total width. They are perforated 14½ and are printed on OFNP/PVA paper and gum.

The stamps depict dogs carrying out various valuable everyday tasks to aid their human owners – Assistance Dog; Mountain Rescue Dog; Police Dog; Customs Dog; Sheepdog & Guide Dog. They are attractively photographed in action and will appeal to all animal lovers, particularly those with a canine bent.

The 1st is Royal Mail's 2008 contribution to the Europa theme "The Letter" and bears the Europa logo in the top-right corner.



Working Dogs (Continued)

Mint	5.75 ...
Used	7.50 ...
Gutter pairs	12.60 ...
Presentation pack	6.70 ...
P.O. FDC	7.50 ...
Cotswold FDC	8.55 ...
Stuart FDC	8.55 ...
PHQ Mint	3.95 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	11.50 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	11.50 ...

Plate blocks of 8 (Cartor)

Dots are positioned in one of six boxes, indicating a six up print run.

1st 2B C1 C1 C1 C1 C1	4.90 ...
46p 2B C1 C1 C1 C1 C1	6.60 ...
48p 2B C1 C1 C1 C1 C1	6.90 ...
54p 2B C1 C1 C1 C1 C1	7.70 ...
69p 2B C1 C1 C1 C1 C1	9.90 ...
78p 2B C1 C1 C1 C1 C1	11.15 ...

Traffic light blocks of 6

36.20 ...

Cheers Hallmark Travel Stampex Smilers (Issued 27.2.08)

The first of the 2008 Stampex exhibition sponsored sheets features the Cheers Hallmark 1st design from the 2001 Greetings Occasions issue. The sheet marks a century of Travel, with each label attached to a 1st stamp depicting a method of transport that has been developed in the last century. The background of the sheet features an image of a Model T Ford. The Stampex logo appears in the top sheet margin.

The stamps are printed in litho by Cartor but are readily distinguishable from the same stamps that appeared in the Spring 2006 Stampex sheet, marking Brunel. The new stamps are in a distinctively greenish shade, whereas the Brunel sheet versions have a noticeably pinkish tint to them.

Sheets are of ten stamps, each with a different label attached. They are also offered as singles with one of the 10 labels attached.



Cartor Litho – OFNP/PVA

Cheers Hallmark 1st 2B single with Travel label attached

Single	2.00 ...
Gutter pair	4.00 ...
Complete sheet of 10	15.00 ...
Official FDC cover with official Stampex handstamp	4.15 ...

The Houses of Lancaster & York (Issued 28.2.2008)

Sheet Stamps (6v)

Printed in litho by Cartor in sheets of 25 and 50, the latter in two panes of 25 separated by a horizontal gutter. The stamps are in a smaller than standard rectangular format, measuring 27 x 37mm. Each stamp bears two side phosphor bands, measuring approximately 18mm in total width. They are perforated 14½ and are printed on OFNP/PVA paper and gum.

The stamps depict the six Kings of England running from Henry IV who came to the throne in 1399 to Richard III who died in 1485 and cover that turbulent period of history that encompassed the War of The Roses. They depict portraits of the various Kings that are contemporary and bear the King's name and dates in a silver-grey panel at the bottom of each stamp.



The Houses of Lancaster & York (Continued)

This is the first in an ongoing series that will feature Monarchs of our country and is sympathetically handled. In case you were wondering why we start with Henry IV, the portrait featured is the earliest known contemporary portrait of a ruling monarch.

Mint	5.50 ...
Used	7.40 ...
Gutter Pairs	12.00 ...
Traffic light gutter pairs	24.00 ...
<i>Due to placement of the traffic lights, it is necessary to supply these in a gutter block of 4</i>	
Presentation pack (includes miniature sheet)	9.44 ...
P.O. FDC	7.20 ...
Cotswold FDC	8.25 ...
Stuart FDC	8.25 ...
PHQ Mint (11 cards including miniature sheet and constituent stamps)	7.00 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	23.00 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	23.00 ...

Plate blocks of 8 (Cartor)

Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, indicating a four up print run. However, two of the boxes are greyed out, and are opposite on the other stamp bearing the same value, implying that the same value stamps were printed in pairs, two up.

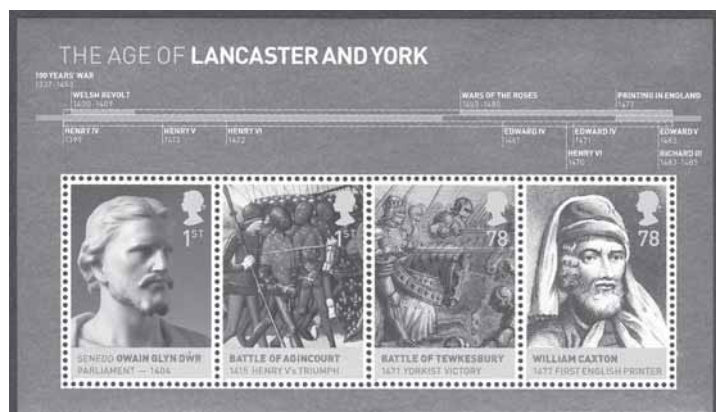
1st Henry IV 2B	C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 (C1)	4.90 ...
1st Henry V 2B	C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 (C1)	4.90 ...
54p Henry VI 2B	C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 (C1)	7.70 ...
54p Edward IV 2B	C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 (C1)	7.70 ...
69p Edward V 2B	C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 (C1)	9.90 ...
69p Richard III 2B	C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 (C1)	9.90 ...

Traffic light blocks of 6 35.00 ...

The Age of Lancaster & York Miniature Sheet

Printed in litho by Cartor, the sheet measures 123 x 70mm and contains 4 stamps in the same format as the above sheet stamps. They show very similar features, each bearing 2 phosphor bands measuring approximately 18mm in width, are perforated 14½ and are printed on OFNP/PVA paper.

This miniature sheet is an interesting adjunct to the Monarchs from standard sheets and mimics their style. However, rather than showing more monarchs' portraits the stamps illustrate four



The Age of Lancaster & York Miniature Sheet (Continued)

of the most significant events or personalities from the same time period – in this case Owain Glyndwr, the Battles of Agincourt and Tewkesbury and William Caxton. In the sheet margin above the stamps, there is a timeline showing where the featured stamps fall within the reigns of the Lancastrian and Yorkist Kings.

Mint	3.95 ...
Used	5.20 ...
P.O. FDC	5.30 ...
Cotswold FDC	6.25 ...
Stuart FDC	6.25 ...

Celebrating Northern Ireland miniature sheet (Issued 11.3.08)



Printed in litho by De La Rue. The sheet measures approx 123 x 70mm and bears four stamps — two 1st definitive sized stamps measuring 20 x 24mm and two elongated 78p pictorial issues in the commemorative landscape format, measuring 60 x 24mm. All stamps have two side phosphor bands that are solid across their width, the 1st values measuring approximately 13mm in total width and the 78p values 18mm. The sheet is printed on OFNP/PVA gummed paper.

This is the third in the series of four sheets that will be issued to mark the Saint's days of the respective countries, although this sheet does not perfectly coincide with St. Patrick's day (19th March) as this year it falls within Easter week and Royal Mail find it difficult, logistically, to issue stamps in a short week. The sheet follows the now familiar format of it's two predecessors, set against a background of a country scene on a misty morning. Previously one of the two definitive sized 1st values included in the sheet was the current Country Emblem issue and the other a flag of the country. However, the sheet departs from this convention on this occasion. Instead it bears one 1st showing Carrickfergus Castle and the other showing the Giant's Causeway (the subject of the standard Emblem 2nd, in a small way echoing the treatment of the Saltire on the Celebrating Scotland sheet).

More familiar is the inclusion of two newly designed large commemoratives 78p values – one showing St. Patrick surrounded by snakes in a style similar to that adopted for early Christian art, the other a panoramic photograph of the Queen's Bridge in Belfast. Once again, like the previous sheets, this is attractively designed and should appeal to both commemorative and regional collectors alike.

Mint	3.95 ...
Used	5.40 ...
Presentation pack	4.85 ...
P.O. FDC	5.30 ...
Cotswold FDC	6.25 ...
Stuart FDC	6.25 ...
PHQ Mint (5 cards including miniature sheet)	3.30 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	14.00 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	14.00 ...

Panoramic Format Stamps

78p St. Patrick 2B	1.60 ...
78p Belfast 2B	1.60 ...



Glorious Northern Ireland Smilers (Issued 13.3.08)

The fourth instalment in the series of "Glorious" Smilers sheets, *Glorious Northern Ireland* was issued to coincide with the release of the *Celebrating Northern Ireland* miniature sheet. Like the previous 3 sheets, *Glorious Northern Ireland* contains 20 1st class Northern Ireland Emblem stamps each with a pictorial label alongside on generic versions. There are 10 different designs of label repeated on the left and right halves of the sheet. Due to the political sensitivities surrounding a flag for Northern Ireland, the sheet has a background of the Giant's Causeway and not the national flag as used on previous sheets. As usual, the sheet is available in both generic and personalised photo-label versions. For photo-label versions, we originally intended to use a flag for Northern Ireland, completing the series in a coherent style. Unfortunately, for the same reasons that flag wasn't deemed a suitable background for the sheet, Royal Mail refused to use the image of the Ulster Banner we originally supplied. We therefore decided to avoid anything even vaguely controversial and have ended up using another image of the Giant's Causeway.

The sheet is printed in litho by Cartor and is self-adhesive, making the stamp unique to this source. They are supplied in the now familiar vertical strips of 5 and complete sheets.

Cartor Litho – OFNP/SA

Generic Sheets

Northern Ireland 1st Fields 2B with pictorial labels attached

- Single 1.50 ...
- Vertical strip of 5 4.15 ...
- Complete sheet of 20 12.20 ...



Photo-label Sheets

Northern Ireland 1st Fields with photo-labels attached bearing image of Giant's Causeway

- Complete sheet of 20 25.00 ...

Mayday: Rescue At Sea (6v – Issued 13.3.08)

Printed in litho by Walsall in sheets of 25 and 50, the latter in two panes of 25 separated by a vertical gutter. The stamps are in the standard rectangular format, measuring 41 x 30mm. Each stamp bears all over phosphor coating, which doesn't extend into the sheet margins. Innovatively they are traditionally perforated 14½ on the vertical edges but on the horizontal edges the perforations are punched out in the format of Morse code – three dots (or standard holes) followed by three dashes, spelling out S.O.S in Morse code. They are printed on standard OFNP/PVA paper and gum.

The set honours the sterling efforts of the Lifeboat and Coastguard Services who protect those in peril on the sea. They feature photographs of various rescues and rescue craft in action, and are basically printed in a blue monotone, with bright orange highlights – the colours of the RNLI. The set is an imaginative and splendid reminder of perhaps the most courageous of our public servants, many of whom, it should be remembered, are merely volunteers.



- Mint 5.75 ...
- Used 7.80 ...
- Gutter pairs 12.65 ...
- Presentation pack 6.70 ...
- P.O. FDC 7.50 ...
- Cotswold FDC 8.60 ...
- Stuart FDC 8.60 ...
- PHQ Mint 3.90 ...
- PHQ FDI Obverse 11.85 ...
- PHQ FDI Reverse 11.85 ...

Plate blocks of 8 (Walsall)

Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, indicating a four up print run. However, two of the boxes are greyed out, and are opposite on the other stamp bearing the same value, implying that the same value stamps were printed in pairs, two up.

- 1st AOP W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1) 4.90 ...
- 46p AOP W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1) 6.60 ...
- 48p AOP W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1) 6.85 ...
- 54p AOP W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1) 7.70 ...
- 69p AOP W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1) 9.90 ...
- 78p AOP W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1) 11.15 ...
- Traffic light blocks of 6 37.00 ...

Small Format Pictorial Stamps for Smilers

Ex Series SAA11 booklet. These are the first versions of these Walsall printed Small Format Pictorials for Smilers designs showing elliptical perfs and the first of all bar the Hello and Union Jack stamps (previously known printed by Cartor from Smilers sheets) with this type of perforation from any source or printer. Due to the source and the self-adhesive gum, we are supplying these stamps in their original booklet.

Walsall – Gravure OFNP/SA

1st x 6 designs – Hello, Flower, Union Jack, Balloons, Fireworks & Champagne – with elliptical perforations on vertical edges

- Mint 3.95 ...
- Used 4.50 ...
- P.O. FDC 4.75 ...

Insects (10v in a se-tenant block – Issued 15.4.08)

Printed in litho by De La Rue in sheets of 30 and 60, the latter in two panes of 30 separated by a vertical gutter. The stamps are in a square format, measuring 34.5mm in both dimensions. Each stamp bears an all over phosphor coating, but avoids the body of the insect which is cut-out from the phosphor. They are perforated 14½ and are printed on OFNP/PVA paper and gum.

The insects set is the next instalment in Royal Mail's ongoing series of wildlife based issues showing native species that were threatened with extinction, but now, due to work of conservationists, are making a comeback. The first in this series was last year's Birds set.

The stamps depict a range of different insects from above, set against a white background, in a manner similar to that of an entomological collection. Most of the subjects are actually enlarged from their normal size to make them fit the stamp space. This is very unusual in stamp design as, in almost every case, to fit onto a stamp the subject matter has to be reduced. They are a very pleasing set which is likely to be widely popular with all except those with an inherent dislike for "bugs".



Insects (Continued)

Mint	6.35 ...
Used	8.20 ...
Gutter Pairs	13.85 ...
Presentation pack	6.85 ...
P.O. FDC	8.45 ...
Cotswold FDC	9.50 ...
Stuart FDC	9.50 ...
PHQ Mint	6.40 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	14.60 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	14.60 ...

Plate blocks of 20 comprising 2 s/t blocks (De La Rue)
 Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, indicating a four up print run.

1st AOP D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1) 14.55 ...

Traffic light block of 20 – comprising 2 s/t blocks 14.55 ...

Territorial Army Comemorative Smilers (Issued 1.4.08)

In April, Royal Mail issued the first of a new product line which they are describing as Commemorative sheets. In actual fact the format is identical to early Smilers sheets and is now commonly seen in the Stampex Smilers and other privately produced sheets under the Business Customised sheet service. The sheet is A4 in size, contains 10 stamps that have already been issued – in this case the 1st Union Jack stamp that originally appeared in the Flags & Ensigns miniature sheet and which has subsequently re-issued on several occasions in Smilers sheets – with accompanying printed labels alongside. Royal Mail state that these new sheets will be used to mark anniversaries, the case for which was not quite significant enough to merit an entire stamp issue on their own, but for which they have received a strong lobby. In this first instance, the anniversary celebrated is 100 Years of the Territorial Army. The sheet is sold at an appreciable premium over face value, which Royal Mail justify by it being a limited edition and being sold in a presentation pack type folder with additional information to add value.

The sheet is set against a cream coloured background with illustrations of members of the TA at the top along with a title and inscription, with a further illustration of troops on active service below the stamps. Also at the bottom is an oval in which the sheet number is printed, on this occasion being limited to an



Territorial Army Commemoratives Smilers (Continued)

edition of 10,000. The labels that appear alongside the Union Jack 1st stamps come in two distinctive styles, one bearing significant statistics on the TA printed in black against the cream background of the rest of the sheet, the other showing a colour photograph depicting the TA undertaking various activities.

The stamps are printed in litho by Cartor, the third occasion we have supplied stamps in this design from this printer. In most respects they are similar to previous Cartor litho versions seen on the 2006 Stampex Victoria Cross and 2007 Stampex Birds sheets but are distinguishable by their shade which is deeper and brighter than seen before.

Cartor Litho – OFNP/PVA

Union Jack 1st 2B pair with one of each type of Territorial Army labels attached	5.20 ...
Complete sheet of 10 in presentation folder	23.00 ...
P.O. FDC bearing a pair with labels attached	5.95 ...

Cathedrals (Issued 13.5.08)

Sheet Stamps (6v)

Printed in litho by Enschedé in sheets of 25 and 50, the latter in two panes of 25 separated by a horizontal gutter. The stamps are in a rectangular portrait format, measuring 27 x 37mm. Each stamp bears an all over phosphor coating. They are perforated 14 x 14½ and are printed on OFNP/PVA paper and gum.



The stamps depict internal pictures of six cathedrals from around the country. They are illustrated in an apparent monotone but, to create the subtle depth and quality of image, are in fact printed in 4 shades of grey and black. The images are reproduced in quite incredible detail using a state of the art high resolution litho screen process, which results in a truly stunning set of stamps that look good even under very high magnification.

Mint	6.00 ...
Used	8.15 ...
Gutter pairs	13.20 ...
Traffic light gutter pairs	14.85 ...
Presentation pack (includes miniature sheet)	11.10 ...
P.O. FDC	7.75 ...
Cotswold FDC	8.80 ...
Stuart FDC	8.80 ...
PHQ Mint (11 cards including one for miniature sheet and one for each stamp in it)	9.20 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	25.50 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	25.50 ...

Cathedrals (Continued)

Plate blocks of 8 (Enschedé)

Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, indicating a four up print run. However, on the 48p, 50p, 56p and 72p values two of the boxes are greyed out, and are opposite on the stamp bearing the closest value, implying that these stamps were printed in pairs, two up.

1st AOP	E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1)	5.15	...
48p AOP	E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1)	6.85	...
50p AOP	E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1)	7.15	...
56p AOP	E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1)	8.00	...
72p AOP	E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1)	10.25	...
81p AOP	E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1)	11.60	...

Traffic light blocks of 6 37.75 ...

Miniature Sheet

Printed in litho by Enschedé, the sheet measures 115 x 89mm, whilst the constituent four stamps, which are in a rectangular landscape format, measure 41 x 30mm. They are all over phosphor coated and perforated 14½ x 14. The sheet surround bears no AOP, and is printed on ONFP/PVA gummed paper.

This miniature sheet compliments the sheet stamps but differs considerably in it's approach to the subject. The four stamps make up a splendid composite of a full colour internal image of St. Paul's Cathedral. It's architect, Sir Christopher Wren, is illustrated in the sheet's margin along with the inscription on his tomb which lies in the crypt of the cathedral.

Mint	4.10	...
Used	5.25	...
P.O. FDC	5.45	...
Cotswold FDC	6.50	...
Stuart FDC	6.50	...



Beside The Seaside (1v – Issued 13.5.08)

This stamp is a re-issue of the 2007 1st from the Beside The Seaside set. However, this version is printed by Walsall rather than De La Rue and, most significantly, is self-adhesive, whereas the original was conventionally gummed. Although phosphor bands on both printings measure 18mm in total width, those on the booklet stamps are noticeably less vignettted than sheet printings and therefore appear wider to the naked eye. The shade of the self-adhesive stamp is a good match with those from sheets but is slightly brighter.

Walsall Gravure – OFNP/SA

1st Ice Cream Cone 2B	
Mint	1.50
Used	1.60
P.O. FDC	3.25
Short phosphor bands at top	8.50



Carry On Hammer (6v – Issued 10.6.08)

Printed in litho by Walsall in sheets of 25 and 50, the latter in two panes of 25 separated by a vertical gutter. The stamps are in a rectangular landscape format, measuring 41 x 30mm. Each stamp bears two phosphor bands, measuring approximately 18mm in total width, vignettted towards the centre. They are perforated 14 in both dimensions and are printed on OFNP/PVA paper and gum.

The stamps mark the 50th anniversary of the first Hammer Horror and Carry On films, and celebrate the heritage that these uniquely British film franchises delivered to our country in the second half of the 20th century. The stamps show illustrations of the original film posters of six iconic films from this era, 3 from Hammer and 3 from Carry On. This is bound to be a popular set for film buffs and a dose of nostalgia for those of us who laughed or screamed our way through these movies on a Friday night at the local Odeon.

Mint	6.00	...
Gutter pairs	13.20	...
Presentation pack	6.95	...
P.O. FDC	7.75	...
Cotswold FDC	8.80	...
Stuart FDC	8.80	...
PHQ Mint	5.00	...
PHQ FDI Obverse	13.50	...
PHQ FDI Reverse	13.50	...
Stamp & Card set Mint	8.50	...

In addition to the normal PHQ card set, Royal Mail have released a new product intended to appeal to collectors and film fans. It is a set of 6 stamp postcards, slightly larger than a standard PHQ card in size, bearing an image of the stamp but set against a brick wall rather than the standard ochre coloured surround, presumably to simulate the posters appearing on a wall. The cards are sold in a sealed pack with a backing card that illustrates the stamps and also lines from four of the films. In addition to the cards, three copies each of the 1st and 56p stamps are supplied in a separate sealed sachet, intended for use to post these cards. The mint cards are supplied with this sachet.

Stamp Cards FDI Obverse	13.50	...
Stamp Cards FDI Reverse	13.50	...

Despite the Stamp cards being supplied with 3 x 1st and 3 x 56p stamps, we have affixed the stamps depicted on the relevant cards as we feel that this is a much more appropriate way to handle these.

Plate blocks of 8 (Walsall)

Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, indicating a four up print run. However, on the 48p, 56p, 72p and 81p values two of the boxes are greyed out, and are opposite on the stamp bearing the closest value, implying that these stamps were printed in pairs, two up.

1st 2B	W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	5.15	...
48p 2B	W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	6.85	...
50p 2B	W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	7.15	...
56p 2B	W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	8.00	...
72p 2B	W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	10.25	...
81p 2B	W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	11.60	...

Traffic light blocks of 6 37.75 ...



Air Displays (6v – Issued 17.7. 08)

Printed in gravure by De La Rue in sheets of 25 and 50, the latter in two panes of 25 separated by a vertical gutter. The stamps are in a rectangular landscape format, measuring 41 x 30mm. Each stamp bears two phosphor bands, measuring approximately 18mm in total width, vignetted towards the centre. They are perforated 14½ x 14 and are printed on OFNP/PVA paper and gum.

Air Displays have been taking place for 100 years in the UK and this issue coincides with the centenary of very first show that took place at Farnborough in 1908 when Samuel Cody made the first heavier than air flight in this country in front of a significant audience. Since then, air shows have become a familiar and hugely popular fixture in Britain's summer season. This set depicts scenes from over the last 100 years that have become a familiar sight in our summer skies. Although well executed the colours are a little muted, in attempt to blend colour with monochrome illustrations.

Mint	6.00 ...
Gutter pairs	13.20 ...
Presentation pack	6.95 ...
P.O. FDC	7.75 ...
Cotswold FDC	8.80 ...
Stuart FDC	8.80 ...
PHQ Mint	5.00 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	13.50 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	13.50 ...

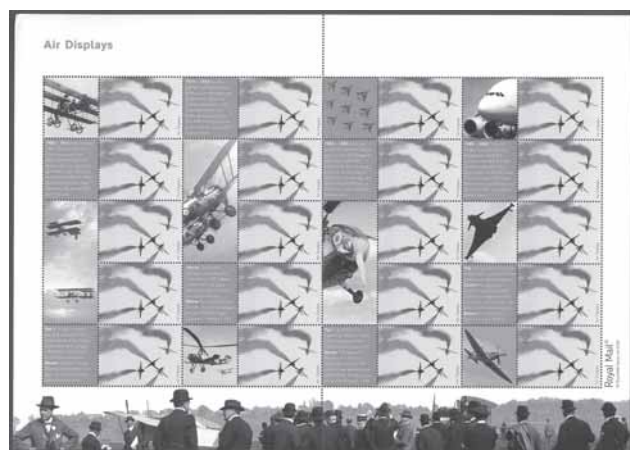
Cylinder blocks of 8 (De La Rue)

Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, indicating a a four up print run. However, on the 50p and 72p values two of the boxes are greyed out, and are opposite on the stamp bearing the closest value, implying that these stamps were printed in pairs, two up.

1st 2B D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	5.15 ...
48p 2B D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	6.85 ...
50p 2B D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	7.15 ...
56p 2B D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	8.00 ...
72p 2B D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	10.25 ...
81p 2B D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	11.60 ...
Traffic light blocks of 6	37.75 ...

Air Displays Smilers (Issued 17.7.08)

To complement the sheet stamps, 17th July also saw the release of a Smilers sheet on the topic of Air Displays. The sheet features 20 copies of the Air Displays 1st design, featuring Britain's top display team, the Red Arrows. Each stamp is adjoined by generic labels featuring



photographs of aircraft throughout the history of aviation along with descriptive text on the development of flight and air displays in this country. Although most labels are single height to match the size of a single stamp, three are double height to accommodate larger illustrations of aircraft. The sheet borders are unprinted at the top and sides with the exception of the sheet and a Royal Mail inscription & copyright notice. The bottom border shows spectators at an early airshow.

The sheets are printed in litho by Cartor, creating a brand new stamp. Despite the different process and printer the two 1st stamps are well matched, but can still be told apart. As with sheet stamps, they have 18mm phosphor bands, vignetted towards the centre. However the fluor additive is very dull, whereas on sheet stamps it is very bright violet in colour. The bands are also very matt and readily visible when held up to the light, whereas sheet versions have almost invisible bands to the naked eye. The blue colours are also slightly deeper on the Smilers version.

Only generic versions of this sheet exist, and, as normal, we are offering them in vertical strips of five with generic labels attached.

Cartor, Litho OFNP/SA

Air Displays 1st Red Arrows with generic labels attached	
Vertical strip of 5	4.30 ...
Used single	1.50 ...
Complete sheet of 20	13.50 ...
P.O. FDC bearing 1st Red Arrows with a set of 5 generic labels attached, split over 3 covers	6.60 ...



Centenary of 1908 London Olympics Commemorative Smilers (Issued 24.7.08)

Royal Mail issued the second in the series of Commemorative sheets on 24th July to mark the centenary of the 1908 London Olympics. As with April's Territorial Army sheet the format is identical to early Smilers sheets and is now commonly seen in the Stampex Smilers and other privately produced sheets under the Business Customised sheet service. The sheet is A4 in size, contains 10 copies of the 1st Union Jack stamp that originally appeared in the Flags & Ensigns miniature sheet and which has subsequently re-issued on several occasions in Smilers sheets – with accompanying printed labels alongside. The sheet is sold at a significant premium over face value, which Royal Mail justify by it being a limited edition and being sold in a presentation pack type folder with additional information to add value.

The sheet is set against a background of a hand tinted photograph of the Great Stadium at White City with text at the side captioning each photographic label that adjoin the ten stamps. These labels depict black and white photo of characters and scenes from the games. At the bottom is a rectangle in which the sheet number is printed, on this occasion being limited to an edition of 10,000.

The stamps are printed in litho by Cartor, the fourth occasion we have supplied stamps in this design from this printer. In most respects they are similar to previous Cartor litho versions but surprisingly differ from the Territorial Army sheet stamps in shade — they have a paler blue background – and phosphor – the fluor is much duller.

Cartor Litho – OFNP/PVA

Union Jack 1st 2B pair with one of each type of London Olympic labels attached	5.20 ...
Complete sheet of 10 in presentation folder	23.00 ...
P.O. FDC bearing a pair with labels attached	5.95 ...

DEFINITIVES/MACHINS

PRE-SECURITY ISSUES

Harrison, Photogravure – FCP/DEX sheet issues

10p CB Light orange
 AOP wash (187AOPb) 40.00 ...
Ex cyl 2, this comes from a find in a large accumulation collected directly from Post Offices at the time of issue. Although not a new item, it is the first time we have been able to offer it in anything other one off copies since it's release.

Harrison, Photogravure – FCP/DEX booklet Issues

3½p CB Pale purple-brown, very weak background
 Mint (RF36) 5.00 ...
Ex 50p Orkney sheep booklet, believed to come from cyl B9 printings, but as cylinder numbers were trimmed off it is impossible to confirm this. The shade is much paler than normal, possibly as the result of a wearing cylinder, which shows in the very weak printing of the background.

Waddington, Litho – FCP/PVA sheet issues

20p 2B Deep purple & pale purple, pale Queen's head
 Mint (WD200A) 3.75 ...
 Plate blocks of 8
 1A 1B (2) No Dot 12.50 ...
 2A 2B (1) Dot 22.50 ...
 2A 2B (2) No Dot 22.50 ...
Ex parts of plate 1A 1B and 2A 2B. This stamp is in sharp contrast to normal printings which show a very dark Queen's head.

YELLOW FLUOR LITHO ISSUES

Questa, Litho – FCP/PVA booklet issues

1st 2B Orange-red, cream gum, ER ellipse, thick value, but with serifs at top and bottom of value filled in
 Mint (FSQ2B) 5.25 ...
Ex 10 x 1st booklet DP208, from plate Q1 Q1. The serifs at the top and bottom of the value are filled in giving the appearance of a thin value, which, of course, doesn't exist on booklet stamps from this printing.

BLUE FLUOR COMPUTER ENGRAVED GRAVURE ISSUES

De La Rue (Dunstable) – OFNP/PVA sheet issues

Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface

1p 2B Bright crimson, deep Queen's head
 No warrant 05/10/06 5.50 ...
 21/03/07 2.50 ...
 2p 2B Dark green, deep Queen's head
 No warrant 20/01/07 3.00 ...
 5p 2B Dark claret, deep Queen's head
 No warrant 03/11/06 3.85 ...
 19/03/07 3.50 ...
 17/04/07 4.10 ...
 9p 2B Pale bright orange, deep Queen's head, lower set value
 Mint (DDG91) 1.05 ...
 Short bands at bottom (DDG91 (S17)) 30.00 ...
 Cylinder blocks of 6†
 D1 (D1) No Dot 2.75 ...
 D1 (D1) Dot 2.75 ...
 No warrant 10/01/08 3.50 ...
 11/01/08 4.85 ...
 Lower-right corner control block of 6 2.75 ...
 Colour block (top-left corner block of 8) 3.50 ...
 P.O. FDC (also bears a 1st to bring value up to minimum handstamping value) – Dated 1.4.08 3.60 ...
This is a re-issue of this value as a make-up rate between the first step 2nd and 1st class rates. Although the cylinder bears the same number, in fact it is completely new – it is the new re-engraved type with deeper Queen's head, the value is set lower, and the sheet margin bears the colour name, but is missing the De La Rue logo.
 10p 2B Deep bright orange, deep Queen's head
 No warrant 16/01/07 3.85 ...
 17/01/07 4.25 ...
 14p 2B Salmon pink
 No warrant 06/11/06 4.15 ...

15p 2B Shocking pink
 Mint (DDG150) 0.50 ...
 Used 0.55 ...
 Cylinder blocks of 6†
 D1 (D1) No Dot 2.75 ...
 D1 (D1) Dot 2.75 ...
 No warrant 08/01/08 3.50 ...
 Lower-right corner control block of 6 2.75 ...
 Colour block (top-left corner block of 8) 3.50 ...
 P.O. FDC bearing 15p 2B, 56p 2B, 81p 2B
 – Issued 1.4.08 4.60 ...





16p 2B	Pink		
	No warrant	02/04/07	3.50 ...
20p 2B	Very deep bright green, deep Queen's head		
	No warrant	04/04/07	4.85 ...
		07/09/07	4.85 ...
		29/01/08	4.85 ...
46p 2B	Mustard yellow, lower set value		
	Inset left phosphor band (DDG461 (11))		25.00 ...
	Ex 04/01/07 printing		
	No warrant	12/09/07	8.35 ...
48p 2B	Deep rhododendron, pale Queen's head		
	Mint (DDG482)		2.50 ...
	No warrant	08/01/08	12.50 ...
	Lower-right corner control block of 6		16.50 ...
50p 2B	Light grey		
	No warrant	03/04/07	8.80 ...
		23/05/07	8.35 ...
		24/05/07	8.35 ...

Presentation Pack containing De La Rue 15p Shocking pink 2B, 56p Lime green 2B, 81p Sea green 2B in new rate pack (Pack no. 78) 4.20 ...

De La Rue – OFNP/PVA coil issues

Ex vertical coils of 1,000. This is from a recent reprint made at Dunstable, much closer in shade to the recent De La Rue 2nd sheet printings than the earlier coil issues.

2nd CB	Turquoise bright blue, pale Queen's head, dull fluor		
	Mint (SCD5)		1.65 ...
	Vertical coil strip of 5 (CNS9)		8.25 ...

Enschedé –OFNP/PVA prestige booklet issues

Ex British Army Uniforms prestige booklet. These have a weak top border.

1p 2B	Pale crimson, pale Queen's head – 9mm phosphor bands		
	Mint (E16)		1.15 ...
	Short phosphor bands at bottom (E16 (S17))		37.50 ...
S/t pairs	1p 2B/46p 2B vert pair		2.90 ...
	46p 2B/1p 2B vert pair		2.90 ...
	1p 2B/46p 2Bhoriz pair		2.90 ...
	46p 2B/1p 2B horiz pair		2.90 ...
46p 2B	Mustard yellow		
	Mint (E460)		1.35 ...
	Used		1.40 ...
S/t pairs	46p 2B/54p 2B vert pair		3.25 ...
	54p 2B/46p 2B vert pair		3.25 ...
	46p 2B/54p 2B horiz pair		3.25 ...
	54p 2B/46p 2Bhoriz pair		3.25 ...
	46p 2B/Label vert pair		2.10 ...
	Label/42p 2B vert pair		2.10 ...
	46p 2B/Label horiz pair		2.10 ...
	Label/42p 2B horiz pair		2.10 ...
	P.O. FDC bearing 46p 2B, 54p 2B & 1p – Issued 20.9.07		4.95 ...
	Short phosphor bands at bottom (E460 (S17))		35.00 ...
54p 2B	Rust		
	Mint (E540)		1.60 ...
	Used		1.65 ...

54p 2B	Rust		
	No warrant	09/01/07	10.50 ...
		03/04/07	9.25 ...
		13/09/07	9.25 ...
56p 2B	Lime green		
	Mint (DDG560)		1.05 ...
	Used		1.25 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6†		
	D1 (D1) No Dot		7.40 ...
	D1 (D1) Dot		7.40 ...
	No warrant	09/01/08	9.15 ...
	Lower-right corner control block of 6		7.40 ...
	Colour block (top-left corner block of 8)		9.15 ...
81p 2B	Sea green		
	Mint (DDG810)		1.50 ...
	Used		1.70 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6†		
	D1 (D1) No Dot		10.65 ...
	D1 (D1) Dot		10.65 ...
	No warrant	10/01/08	13.25 ...
	Lower-right corner control block of 6		10.65 ...
	Colour block (top-left corner block of 8)		13.25 ...
£1 2B	Ruby 2B		
	No warrant	22/03/07	16.75 ...
		14/05/07	17.50 ...

†These blocks show no De La Rue logo or inscription alongside row 20.

BLUE FLUOR LITHO ISSUES

De La Rue – OFNP/PVA prestige booklet issues

Ex Ian Fleming's James Bond booklet. Extraordinarily, this is the first occasion we have had a conventionally gummed 1st gold printed in litho by any printer – all previous litho versions have been self-adhesive.

1st 2B	Gold		
	Mint (FSD1)		1.20 ...
	Used		1.30 ...
S/t pairs	1st 2B/Label vert pair		1.90 ...
	Label/1st 2B vert pair		1.90 ...
	1st 2B/Label horiz pair		1.90 ...
	Label/1st 2B horiz pair		1.90 ...
	P.O. FDC – Issued 8.1.08		3.25 ...



SELF-ADHESIVE BLUE FLUOR GRAVURE ISSUES

Walsall – OFNP/SA business sheet issues

Type 3B – Real Network Removed

2nd CB	Bright blue	
	Top panel of 4 with date on reverse	
	22/04/04	9.00 ...
	29/07/04	9.00 ...
	01/09/04	9.00 ...
	14/09/04	9.00 ...

Type 4 PIP Validity sheets.

2nd CB	Very bright blue, deep Queen's head, dull fluor, coarse phosphor screen	
	Snowy print (SWV22)	4.75 ...

Type 7 – PIP rates, standard NVI stamps

2nd CB	Pale bright blue, dull fluor	
	Top panel of 4 with date on reverse	
	28/04/07	9.00 ...
	22/05/07	9.00 ...
	23/05/07	9.00 ...
	24/05/07	9.00 ...
	11/06/07	9.00 ...
	12/06/07	9.00 ...
	13/06/07	9.00 ...
	14/06/07	9.00 ...
	06/07/07	9.00 ...
	23/07/07	9.00 ...
	24/07/07	9.00 ...
	25/07/07	9.00 ...
	26/07/07	9.00 ...
	01/08/07	9.00 ...
	29/08/07	9.00 ...
	06/09/07	9.00 ...
	26/10/07	9.00 ...
	12/12/07	9.00 ...
	02/01/08	9.00 ...
	11/03/08	9.00 ...
1st 2B	Pale gold, bright fluor	
	Top panel of 4 with date on reverse	
	27/04/07	9.50 ...
	31/05/07	9.50 ...
	01/06/07	9.50 ...
	07/06/07	9.50 ...
	05/06/07	9.50 ...
	06/06/07	9.50 ...
	08/06/07	9.50 ...
	20/07/07	9.50 ...
	14/01/08	9.50 ...

PIP GRAVURE MACHINS

De La Rue – OFNP/PVA sheet issues

<u>Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface</u>		
2nd CB	Bright blue	
	No warrant	16/01/07 7.15 ...
1st 2B	Gold	
	No warrant	16/09/06 8.80 ...
2nd Large 2B	Bright blue	
	No warrant	13/03/07 7.50 ...
1st Large 2B	Gold	
	No warrant	12/03/07 8.80 ...
		16/04/07 8.35 ...
		20/09/07 9.90 ...
		21/09/07 9.35 ...
		25/02/08 9.35 ...



Walsall – OFNP/SA booklet issues

42p 2B	Grey-green	
	Short phosphor bands at bottom	
	(WGS420 (S17))	40.00 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAO1 42p x 6 booklet. Rare.</i>	
2nd CB	Pale bright blue, pale Queen's head, dull fluor	
	Snowy print (SWV21)	10.50 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAC8 2nd x12 booklet.</i>	
2nd CB	Bright blue, pale Queen's head, very dull fluor	
	Short phosphor band at bottom (SWV23 (S2)) ..	7.25 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAC8 2nd x12 booklet.</i>	
1st 2B	Gold, pale Queen's , 9.5mm phosphor, bright fluor	
	Short phosphor bands at top (FWV20 (S16)) ..	11.00 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAA9 1st x 6 Harry Potter booklet.</i>	
	Inset right band (FWV20(I2))	10.50 ...
	<i>Ex SAC11 1st x 12 books.</i>	
1st 2B	Pale gold, pale Queen's head, very dull fluor, 9.5mm bands	
	Mint (FWV22)	3.00 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAC11 1st x 12 books, ex cyl W4 (W1) printing.</i>	
1st 2B	Yellowish gold, dull fluor, 9.5mm bands	
	Mint (FWV23)	1.35 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAA10 Valentine's booklet.</i>	
1st 2B	Pale yellowish gold, pale Queen's head, 9.5mm phosphor, bright fluor	
	Mint (FWV24)	1.30 ...
	Short bands at top (FWV24(S16))	9.50 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAM14 Seaside booklets. Apart from it's own distinguishing features, this stamp is also identifiable by the red coloured booklet backing paper.</i>	
1st 2B	Gold, pale Queen's head, 9.5mm phosphor bright fluor	
	Mint (FWV25)	1.30 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAA12 Carry On booklets.</i>	

Walsall – OFNP/SA booklet issues

2nd CB	Pale bright blue, very dull fluor	
	Short band at bottom (PSW3 (S2))	8.25 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAC9 2nd x 12 books.</i>	
2nd CB	Deep bright blue, very dull fluor	
	Short band at bottom (PSW7 (S2))	8.25 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAC9 2nd x 12 books, in a deeper shade.</i>	
2nd CB	Pale bright blue, bright fluor,	
	Mint (PSW8)	4.50 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAC9 12 x 2nd booklets.</i>	
1st 2B	Gold, bright fluor	
	Short bands at top (PFW1 (S16))	8.25 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAC9 12 x 1st booklets.</i>	

PIP 1st Missing Phosphor

Walsall – OFNP/SA 1st gold, ex business Sheets

For the first time in several years we have been fortunate to be able to purchase a newly discovered Machin missing phosphor. The stamp in question is the PIP 1st gold from Type 5 business sheets. The error occurred as a result of a dry print affecting just parts of just a few sheets of 100. On these sheets the majority of the stamps showed traces of the phosphor still present but less than 40 copies escaped without any phosphor at all and are completely missing phosphor. We are delighted to be able to offer these here, but they are naturally rare and offered on a first come, first served basis.



1st Gold
Missing phosphor (PFW2NP) 180.00 ...

Walsall – OFNP/SA business sheet issues

Type 5 – PIP Stamps in sheets

2nd CB Bright blue, dull fluor
Top panel of 4 with date on reverse
29/01/07 9.00 ...
01/02/07 9.00 ...
02/02/07 9.00 ...
05/02/07 9.00 ...
15/03/07 9.00 ...
16/03/07 9.00 ...

1st 2B Gold, bright fluor
Top panel of 4 with date on reverse
05/12/06 9.50 ...
08/12/06 9.50 ...
07/02/07 9.50 ...
12/02/07 9.50 ...
30/03/07 9.50 ...
02/04/07 9.50 ...
03/04/07 9.50 ...
04/04/07 9.50 ...
04/05/07 9.50 ...
08/05/07 9.50 ...

1st 2B Pale yellowish gold, pale Queen's head, dull fluor
Mint (PFW7) 3.25 ...
Top panel of 4 with date on reverse
01/11/06 19.50 ...

1st 2B Gold, pale Queen's head, dull fluor
Mint (PFW8) 3.25 ...
Ex 6/11/06 printing.

Type 6 – Large PIP business sheets

2nd Large 2B Bright blue
Top panel of 5 with date on reverse
12/03/07 11.50 ...
13/03/07 11.50 ...
26/03/07 11.50 ...

2nd Large 2B Bright blue – coarse phosphor screen
Mint (PSLW3) 5.50
Top panel of 5 with date on reverse
14/03/07 35.00 ...

1st Large 2B Deep gold
Top panel of 5 with date on reverse
09/03/07 12.00 ...
27/03/07 12.00 ...
13/04/07 12.00 ...
16/04/07 12.00 ...
03/07/07 12.00 ...

PIP Machin 2nd CB bright blue imperforate

A single Type 5 business sheet of 100 PIP 2nd bright blue stamps was found by a lucky purchaser from a post office in the Coventry area. It was widely believed that in the era of matrix stripped self-adhesives, imperfs would no longer would be possible on business sheet issues, but this proves that theory incorrect. The matrix is still intact, and of course, the stamps are consequently completely imperforate. Interestingly the rouletting of the sheet between separate panels was still present! As the PIP stamps have now been discontinued it would seem likely that this will be a unique sheet and the pairs will be scarce.

Imperforate pair with matrix still intact 225.00 ...



UNIVERSAL AIRMAIL STAMPS

Walsall – Gravure, OFNP/SA

Booklet Issues – Cut square backing paper

"Postcard" 2B Deep brownish grey, red & ultramarine lozenges, dull fluor
Short phosphor bands at bottom, inset at right (UPW4 (S17)(I2)) 27.50 ...

Ex Series SAO3 booklets, from cylinder W2 W1 W1.

"Postcard" 2B Deep brownish grey, snowy print – red & ultramarine lozenges, dull fluor
Short phosphor bands at bottom, inset at right (UPW5 (S17)(I2)) 27.50 ...

Ex Series SAO3 booklets, from cylinder W2 W1 W1.

"Europe" 2B Pale bright blue, red & ultramarine lozenges, dull fluor
Weak left phosphor band (UEW7WLB). 12.50 ...

Ex Series SAO3 booklets. The phosphor on the left band of the stamp is very weak and patchy and affects just the left stamps in a booklet, the right bands being absolutely normal. They are supplied in a horizontal pair with a normal copy.

"Europe" 2B Pale bright blue, red & ultramarine lozenges, very dull fluor
Short phosphor bands at top (UEW11 (S16)) 22.50 ...

"Europe" 2B Pale bright blue, red & ultramarine lozenges, very dull fluor
Snowy print (UEW12)) 10.50 ...

"Europe" 2B Pale bright, blue, red & ultramarine lozenges, Queen's head set high, very dull fluor
Mint (UEW13) 4.00 ...

Ex Series SAO3 booklets, from cylinder W3 W3.

"Worldwide" 2B Pale magenta, red & ultramarine lozenges, very dull fluor
Short bands at top (UWW9(S16)) 19.50 ...
Inset right phosphor band (UWW9 (I2)) ..22.50 ...

"Worldwide" 2B Pale magenta, red & ultramarine lozenges, very dull fluor
Snowy print (UWW10) 10.50 ...
Ex Series SAO3 booklets.

"Worldwide" 2B Pale magenta, red & ultramarine lozenges, dull fluor
Inset left phosphor band (UWW7 (I1)) ..40.00 ...
Short phosphor bands at bottom and inset band at left (UWW7 (S17)(I1))37.50 ...
Ex Series SAO3 booklets, from cylinder W2 W2.

HIGH VALUES

SMALL FORMAT – MACHIN HEAD

De La Rue – Gravure, OFNP/PVA

Shiny blue gum, fluorescence in coating to paper surface

£1.50 2B Reddish terracotta with pale Queen's head
Cylinder blocks of 6
D1 (D1) No Dot 30.00 ...

£3 2B Deep purple
Mint (DGH3000A) 12.50 ...
Ex 28/03/03 printing. This was a very surprise recent find, turning up in tiny quantities long after the issue date.

REGIONALS

STANDARD MACHIN HEAD REGIONALS

Harrison – FCP/VA

Northern Ireland

3p CB Ultramarine – Thicker paper
Mint (N7A) 5.00 ...
Cylinder blocks of 6
1 (8) dot 30.00 ...
1 (8) no dot (all with left margins cut straight) .30.00 ...

This stamp is on the paper that is more akin to the standard thickness paper of the day. Normal CB 3ps (N7) are on thin paper.

Scotland

3½p 2B Olive-green
All Over Phosphor wash (S10AOP) 37.50 ...

Ex cyl 1, this error affects stamps from just the left-hand column of just a few sheets. This has always been an elusive phosphor error. However, due to a recent find in some bulk stock which had been put aside since the time it was current, we have been lucky enough to acquire a small quantity of these stamps, only 33 years after their release!

Harrison – FCP/DEX

Scotland

3½p 2B Olive-green
All Over Phosphor wash (S14AOP) 13.75 ...
Cylinder block of 6 containing three copies AOP .. 45.00 ...

Ex cyl 1, this error is another item that comes from the same source as the 3½ PVA AOP stamp above and like it's PVA counterpart it almost uniquely affects stamps from just the left-hand column of sheets.

5½p CB Violet, Kampf perf, ex Cyl 1
Mint (S18A) 10.00 ...
Cylinder blocks of 6
1 (19) No dot 55.00 ...

6½p CB Peacock blue
All Over Phosphor wash (S19AOP) 10.00 ...

8½p 2B Pale yellow-green, weak printing with spotty appearance
Mint (S23A) 2.50 ...
Cylinder blocks of 6 (all with cut straight selvage)
1 (p21) Dot 20.00 ...

COUNTRY EMBLEM DEFINITIVES WITH WHITE BORDER SURROUNDS

De La Rue – Gravure, OFNP/PVA sheet issues

Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface

England

2nd CB Three Lions
No warrant 11/07/06 660 ...

1st 2B Lion & Cross of St.George
No warrant 04/11/05 8.50 ...

1st 2B Lion & Cross of St.George – deep brownish terracotta, invisible phosphor
Mint (EEWF8) 2.75 ...
No warrant 17/08/05 8.25 ...

Ex part of 17/08/05 printing. The phosphor is invisible to the eye when held up to the light. However, when illuminated with UV light, the bands are clearly still present and show a normal afterglow.

44p 2B English Oak
Inset left band (EEW440(I1)) 17.50 ...
Ex 7/02/06 printing.



50p 2B English Oak
Mint (EEW500) 0.95 ...
Used 1.10 ...
Cylinder blocks of 6
D1 D2 (D1) no dot 6.60 ...
D1 D2 (D1) dot 6.60 ...
No warrant 14/01/08 8.20 ...
Lower-right corner control blocks of 8 8.20 ...
P.O. FDC bearing 50p & 81p – Issued 1.4.08 4.10 ...

81p 2B Tudor Rose
Mint (EEW810) 1.55 ...
Used 1.75 ...
Cylinder blocks of 6
D1 D1 (D1) no dot 10.65 ...
D1 D1 (D1) dot 10.65 ...
No warrant 11/01/08 14.25 ...
17/01/08 13.25 ...
14/01/08 14.25 ...
Lower-right corner control blocks of 8 12.75 ...



N.Ireland

2nd CB	Giants Causeway	
	Mint (NEWS2)	0.60 ...
	Used	0.65 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1) no dot	3.00 ...
	D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1) dot	3.00 ...
	No warrant 26/07/07	5.05 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 10	6.05 ...
1st 2B	Fields	
	Mint (NEWF2)	0.80 ...
	Used	0.85 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 D1 D1 (D1) no dot	4.50 ...
	D1 D1 D1 (D1) dot	4.50 ...
	No warrant 21/06/07	6.60 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 10	8.25 ...
	P.O. FDC bearing 2nd & 1st – Issued 20.9.07	3.60 ...
50p 2B	Irish Linen	
	Mint (NEW500)	0.95 ...
	Used	1.10 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6*	
	D1 D1 (D1) no dot	6.60 ...
	No warrant 21/01/08	8.20 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 10	10.15 ...
	P.O. FDC bearing 50p & 81p – Issued 1.4.08	4.10 ...
78p 2B	Parian China	
	No warrant 17/01/07	16.00 ...
81p 2B	Parian China	
	Mint (NEW810)	1.55 ...
	Used	1.75 ...
	Short phosphor bands at top (NEW810 (S16))	18.00 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6*	
	D1 D1 D1 (D1) no dot	10.65 ...
	No warrant 18/01/08	13.25 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 12	16.95 ...
<u>Scotland</u>		
2nd CB	Saltire	
	Short phosphor band at top (SEWS1 (S1))	22.50 ...
	Ex 26/06/03 printing.	
	No warrant 10/09/04	7.05 ...
1st 2B	Lion	
	Inset right phosphor band (SEWF1(I2))	22.50 ...
	Ex 18/03/06 printing.	
44p 2B	Thistle	
	Short phosphor bands at top (SEW440 (S16))	27.50 ...
	Ex 6/02/06 printing.	
48p 2B	Thistle	
	No warrant 15/01/07	13.75 ...
50p 2B	Thistle	
	Mint (SEW500)	0.95 ...
	Used	1.10 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6*	
	D1 D1 D1 (D1) no dot (J)	6.60 ...
	No warrant 15/01/08	8.20 ...
	P.O. FDC bearing 50p & 81p – Issued 1.4.08	4.10 ...

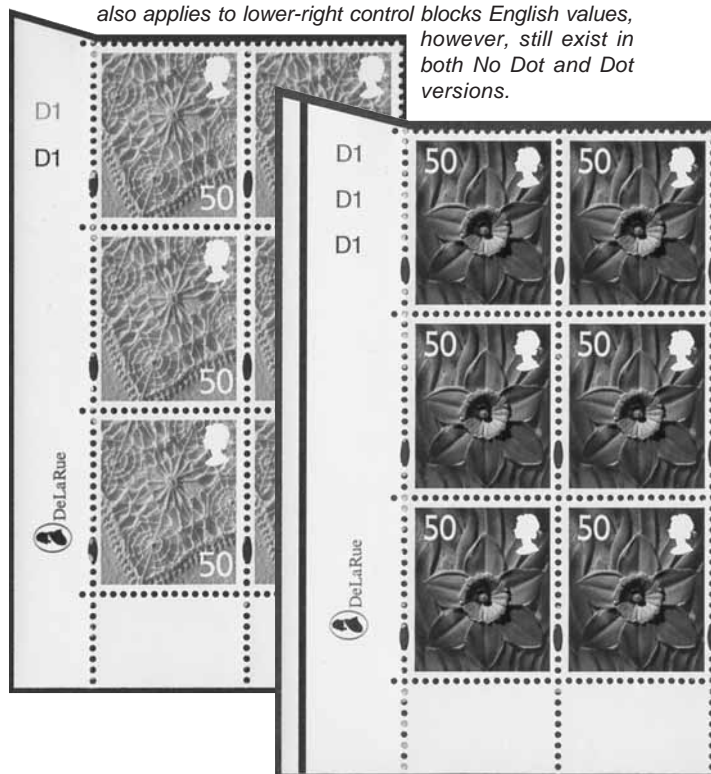
81p 2B	Tartan	
	Mint (SEW810)	1.55 ...
	Used	1.75 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6*	
	D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1) no dot (J)	10.65 ...
	No warrant 18/01/08	13.25 ...

Wales

50p 2B	Daffodil	
	Mint (WEW500)	0.95 ...
	Used	1.10 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6*	
	D1 D1 D1 (D1) no dot (J)	6.60 ...
	No warrant 21/01/08	8.20 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 8	8.20 ...
	P.O. FDC bearing 50p & 81p – Issued 1.4.08	4.10 ...
78p 2B	Prince Of Wales Feathers	
	No warrant 19/01/07	16.00 ...
81p 2B	Prince of Wales Feathers	
	Mint (WEW810)	1.55 ...
	Used	1.75 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6*	
	D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1) no dot	10.65 ...
	No warrant 18/01/08	13.25 ...

New Rate England, N.Ireland, Scotland & Wales 50p & 81p stamps combined in one pack – Pack No. 79 10.20 ...

**For the first time the Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish regional issues accompanying a new postal rate no longer appear in No Dot and Dot format – only No Dot blocks exist. However, they were not printed in a single pane. Instead two different values were printed side by side – not the two values from the same country but those where similar quantities were required. You can work out which values were printed with which by looking at the printing dates. It is still possible to identify which values were printed on the left (the traditional no dot pane) and which on the right (the dot pane) by the width of the selvedge (wide at left and narrow at right), the location of the printing date and by the fact that only left pane printings show the now familiar jubilee bar in the sheet margin. It is conceivable that in the future these may be printed on the other side of the sheet and therefore we have identified the jubilee bar issues with a (J) in brackets. Should alternative pane printings occur in the future, we will endeavour to supply these as well. This also applies to lower-right control blocks English values, however, still exist in both No Dot and Dot versions.*



De La Rue – Litho, OFNP/PVA sheet issues

Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper

Northern Ireland

1st 2B	Patchwork of Fields – deep green fields	
	Mint (NEWF1a)	3.00 ...
	Plate blocks of 6	
	D2a D2a D2a (D2a)	20.00 ...
	D2b D2b D2b (D2b)	20.00 ...
	No warrant 19/02/04	22.50 ...

This printing was only available for a very short period before original D1 printings re-appeared, and subsequently gravure printed versions, and had very limited availability. The shade of the fields is much deeper than previous printings from plate D1.

Cartor – Litho, OFNP/SA Smilers sheet issues

No elliptical perforations, supplied with label attached

Northern Ireland

1st 2B	Patchwork of Fields	
	Mint (NESAF1)	1.65 ...
	Used	1.75 ...
	Complete sheet of 20 with generic labels attached	12.20 ...
	Complete sheet of 20 with personalised labels attached (<i>Giants Causeway</i>)	25.00
	P.O. FDC bearing two copies with generic labels attached – Issued 13.3.08	3.95 ...



Scotland

1st 2B	Lion	
	Mint (SESAF1)	1.65 ...
	Used	1.75 ...
	Complete sheet of 20 with generic labels attached	12.20 ...
	Complete sheet of 20 with personalised labels attached (<i>Saltire</i>)	25.00
	P.O. FDC bearing two copies with generic labels attached – Issued 30.11.07	3.95 ...



Lest We Forget II miniature sheet (Issued 8.11.07)

De La Rue Litho – OFNP/PVA

Cream gum, no fluorescence in paper coating

This sheet, issued to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the Battle of Passchedaele, contains both 78p Regionals from all 4 countries and a 1st Commemorative.

£3.46	Miniature sheet (REWMS2)	
	Mint	6.10 ...

Celebrating Northern Ireland miniature sheet (Issued 11.3.08)

De La Rue Litho – OFNP/PVA

£2.24	Miniature sheet	
	Mint (NEWMS1)	3.95 ...

De La Rue – Gravure, OFNP/PVA miniature sheet issues

Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface

Ex Wembley miniature sheet

England

2nd CB	Three Lions, pale steel-blue	
	Additional narrow band at left (EEWS8/2B)	30.00 ...
78p 2B	Tudor Rose, greyish purple, phosphor bands with narrower vignettted area	
	Inset left band (EEW781(I1))	25.00 ...

De La Rue – Litho, OFNP/PVA miniature sheet issues

Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface

The following four 78p stamps are Ex Lest We Forget II miniature sheet. This is the first time that the 78p Emblems stamps have been issued in litho. They can be most easily recognised by the very dull fluor in the phosphor bands.

England

78p 2B	Tudor Rose	
	Mint (EEW782)	1.50 ...
	Used	1.75 ...
	P.O. FDC – Issued 8.11.07	3.25 ...

Scotland

78p 2B	Tartan	
	Mint (SEW781)	1.50 ...
	Used	1.75 ...
	P.O. FDC – Issued 8.11.07	3.25 ...

Wales

78p 2B	Prince of Wales Feathers	
	Mint (WEW781)	1.50 ...
	Used	1.75 ...
	P.O. FDC – Issued 8.11.07	3.25 ...

Northern Ireland

78p 2B	Parian China	
	Mint (NEW781)	1.50 ...
	Used	1.75 ...
	P.O. FDC – Issued 8.11.07	3.25 ...

New Issues – Where Do You Get Yours?

We are frequently approached by collectors looking for those elusive items they haven't been able to buy in their local post office, through their local stamp dealer, the regional post shop or the philatelic bureau. 99 times out of 100, we can help them fill those elusive and important gaps. When we ask them where they normally get their new issues, the answers are varied but mostly come back to the same sources as above. It is only when we send them a copy of this list do they realise what other items they have missed out on.

The items listed in this section of VCN Xtra have all been distributed to new issue customers over the past 9 months.

In fact there were actually other items, not listed here because these were scarce and have now sold out, with priority being given to new issue customers. What's more almost all the items distributed were sold at prices below these listed here – one of the key benefits we offer to loyal new issue customers.

We have literally hundreds of satisfied collectors on our new issue service, many of whom have been subscribing for decades. If you want to find out how to join the contented throng, please ask for our new issue brochure and application form.

Can you really afford not to?



Ex Celebrating Northern Ireland miniature sheet

- 1st 2B Carrickfergus Castle
Mint (NEPF1) 1.65 ...
- 1st 2B Giants Causeway
Mint (NEPF2) 1.65 ...



Enschedé – Litho, OFNP/PVA prestige booklet issues

Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface

Ex British Army Uniforms prestige book

England

- 1st 2B Lion & Cross of St.George
Mint (EEWF9) 1.10 ...
- Used 1.15 ...
- P.O. FDC – Issued 20.9.07..... 2.75 ...

N.Ireland

- 1st 2B Fields
Mint (NEWF3) 1.10 ...
- Used 1.15 ...
- P.O. FDC – Issued 20.9.07..... 2.75 ...

Scotland

- 1st 2B Lion
Mint (SEWF3) 1.10 ...
- Used 1.15 ...
- P.O. FDC – Issued 20.9.07..... 2.75 ...

Wales

- 1st 2B Dragon
Mint (WEWF3) 1.10 ...
- Used 1.15 ...
- P.O. FDC – Issued 20.9.07..... 2.75 ...

All four stamps above, supplied as an s/t block 4.40 ...

BOOKLET MATERIAL

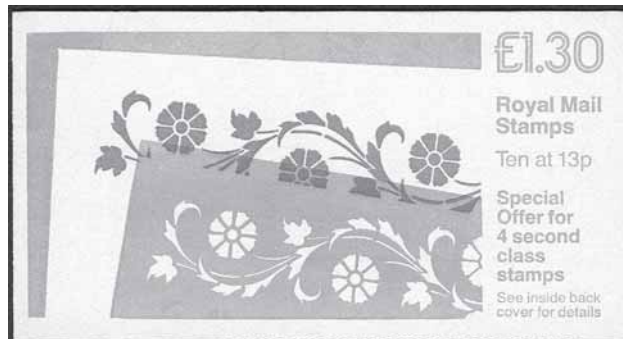
FOLDED BOOKLETS

£1.30 Brighter Writer

Showing an approximately 4mm downwards shift of the purple printing on the booklet cover, shifting it on to the orange-brown sheet of paper.

A few with slightly trimmed perfs, but this is fairly academic as the interest lies in the cover, not the panes. An unusual and modestly priced error, of which we only have a very limited number.

- £1.30 Brighter Writer
Plain, right margin copy 11.00 ...
- Cyl B12 (B62) right margin copy 14.00 ...



PRESTIGE BOOKLETS



British Army Uniforms – Enschedé Litho

- £7.66 Prestige booklet 13.80 ...
- Pane 1 British Army Uniforms 78p 2B x 3 designs 5.15 ...
- Pane 2 British Army Uniforms 1st 2B x 3 designs 2.55 ...
- Pane 3 Machin 1p 2B x 2, 46p 2B x 4, 54p 2B x 2 + label 5.70 ...
- Pane 4 England 1st 2B, N.Ireland 1st 2B, Scotland 1st 2B, Wales 1st 2B + 4 labels (one badge crest for each country) .. 4.40 ...
- P.O. FDCs of above panes on 4 covers, each with a different handstamp – Issued 20.9.07 23.00 ...

Ian Fleming's James Bond – De La Rue Litho

£7.40	Prestige booklet	13.75 ...
	<u>Pane 1</u> Machin 1st gold 2B x 8 plus label	5.20 ...
	<u>Pane 2</u> James Bond 1st Casino Royale, 54p Goldfinger, 78p For Your Eyes Only	3.50 ...
	<u>Pane 3</u> James Bond 1st Dr No, 54p Diamonds Are Forever, 78p From Russia With Love	3.50 ...
	<u>Pane 4</u> Flags & Ensigns 1st Union Jack x 2, 1st White Ensign x 2	2.95 ...
	P.O. FDCs of above panes on 4 covers, each with a different handstamp – Issued 8.1.08 ...	23.00 ...



SELF-ADHESIVE BOOKLETS & SACHETS



Carry On Hammer Sachet

In a surprising move, Royal Mail released a sachet style booklet in which three copies of each of the Carry On Hammer 1st and 56p are inserted loose. The stamps are supplied in concertina folded strips of 3 so do not, strictly speaking, create a pane. The sachet cover shows an image of a bill poster sticking the two enclosed stamps onto bill board. The reverse bears the standard Royal Mail Cruciform logo, a barcode and a website address. The sachet is supplied inside a self-seal polythene bag. It was created to accompany the Stamp Card set.

Walsall

Carry On 1st x 3, 56p x 3 sachet booklet	
Plain	5.50 ...



Christmas 2007

De La Rue

2007's Royal Mail's Christmas booklets continue in the more traditional format as used for current counter booklets. They are similar to series SAC11 series, but bear the wording "Christmas Stamps" on the front cover and a last posting date on the back cover, with a further notice on how to find postcodes replacing the PIP weight validity notice. The tab is also printed with part of the background used on the miniature sheet, although there is still room on the tab inside to show a cylinder number. 1st class booklets have a bright red cover and 2nd booklets a bright blue cover.

2nd CB x 12 Christmas 2007 stamps	
Plain	5.60 ...
Cyl D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	5.95 ...
Short phosphor bands at bottom on every stamp	
Plain	44.00 ...
Cyl D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	45.00 ...
1st 2B x 12 Christmas 2007 stamps	
Plain	7.70 ...
Cyl D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	10.05 ...
FDCs of 2nd CB x 12 & 1st 2B x 12 Christmas 2007 stamps on 2 cover – Issued 6.11.07	32.50 ...
Approx only 35 covers of each pane were prepared showing the full booklet on a Special Delivery first day cover.	

Series SAC9 – Pricing in Proportion cover containing PIP Machins

Walsall

2nd x 12 – bright blue, dull fluor	
Cyl W2 (-)	12.50 ...
This shows no phosphor number, presumably as the result of a dry print.	
2nd CB x 12 – pale bright blue shade, very dull fluor	
Short bands at bottom	
Plain	40.00 ...
2nd CB x 12 – pale bright blue shade, very dull fluor, ribbed impression to background	
Plain	19.25 ...
Cyl W2 (W1)	20.00 ...
The ribbing to the background affects the stamps in the pane in varying degrees, the best affect seen at the right hand side.	
1st 2B x 12 – gold, bright fluor, short bands at top	
Plain	40.00 ...
Cyl W1 (W1)	45.00 ...

Series SAC8 – Real Network Removed, Pricing in Proportion Validity covers

Walsall

2nd CB x 12 – pale bright blue, dull fluor, snowy print
 Cyl W1 (W1) 47.50 ...

The quality of the snowy printing varies across the pane, being strongest at the right. However each book contains at least 6 good stamps and is priced on this basis. All copies found are cylinder copies but no premium for cylinders has been applied

Series SAC11 – Pricing in Proportion cover containing standard NVI Machins

Walsall

2nd CB x 12 – very dull fluor
 Cyl W4 (W2) 7.75 ...

2nd x 12 – 2nd bright blue, pale Queen’s 2B – very dull fluor
 Every stamp with short bands at bottom
 Plain 65.00 ...

1st 2B x 12 – 1st gold, pale Queen’s 2B – 9.5mm phosphor, bright fluor
 Every stamp with inset bands at right
 Plain 49.50 ...

1st 2B x 12 – 1st pale gold, pale Queen’s 2B – 9.5mm dull fluor
 Plain 16.50 ...

Cyl W4 (W1) 17.00 ...

Cyl W5 (W1) 9.70 ...

Series SAC13 – PIP cover with Postcode notice in English and Welsh

The panes are very similar to SAC12 booklets, containing standard NVI 1st stamps but have the postcode notice on the panel facing the stamp pane inscribed in both English and Welsh languages.

Walsall

1st 2B x 6 booklet
 Plain 3.95 ...

Cyl W4 (W1) 4.30 ...

FDC – Issued 20.9.07 16.50 ...

Approx only 50 covers were prepared showing the full booklet on a Special Delivery first day cover, very scarce.



Series SAM4 – Mixed Commemorative Definitive Booklet – Airlines

Airlines 1st stamps both show the silver printing shifted approximately 1 to 2mm to the left, leaving a white silhouette around the profile of the Queen’s face where the white unprinted area that is normally covered by the silver head is partially exposed. A small shift but one that has quite a visual effect on the booklet pane. For illustration of shift see page 11).

Queta

Airlines 1st 2B x 2, Machin 1st 2B x 4
 Plain 17.50 ...

Cyl Q1 Q1 Q1 Q1 Q1 Q1 (Q1) 19.00 ...



Series SAM14 – Mixed Commemorative Definitive Booklet – Seaside

This surprise release sees the return of the mixed commemorative/ definitive self-adhesive booklet. The last issue prior to this was the British Journey Wales booklet of April 2004, which Royal Mail said would be the last due to increasing production costs. This booklet is issued in time to be available at seaside resorts for the summer season. The cover is, unusually, printed in red instead of the normal gold, and has a printed tab bearing the wording “oh I do like to be beside the seaside”. In other ways, externally, the booklet is similar to current series SAC11 books. As in previous mixed commemorative/ definitive booklets, the two commemorative stamps are positioned at the outside with the 4 x 1st Machins arranged in a block of four split across the fold of the booklet. Surprisingly, the commemoratives have a matrix surround, printed with an image of the sea lapping on the sand and the the inscription “oh I do / like to be / beside the / seaside” split above and below the two stamps. The matrix is stripped from around the Machins, however. As the tab is printed, no cylinder panes exist in this booklet.

Walsall

1st 2B Machins x 4, 2 x Seaside 1st Ice Cream booklet
 Plain 4.15 ...

FDC – Issued 13.5.08 15.00 ...

Approx only 45 covers were prepared showing the full booklet on a Special Delivery first day cover, very scarce.

All stamps with short bands at top
 Plain 37.50 ...

Series SAA9 – Advertising Covers – Harry Potter Edition

Walsall

1st x 6 booklet – 1st gold, pale Queen’s 2B, bright fluor
 All stamps with short phosphor bands at top
 Plain 47.50 ...

Series SAA10 – 2008 Valentines promotional booklet

The cover of this booklet is identical in design to Series SAC11, but has the tab strip at the right shows a heart motif similar to the 2007 edition of this book, but this year it is in gold. Due to the printed tab strip, no cylinder booklets exist. Instead of having an advertising pane on the inside of the front cover, this pane shows the two Love stamps with generic style Smilers labels in it’s place. The inside back cover contains the 4 x Machin 1st stamps, arranged in a conventional row of three at the top, with a single copy in the row below, alongside a double width label also printed in gold, promoting a Smilers ordering website.



Walsall

1st x 6 booklet containing Machin 1st 2B x 4 plus label,
Smilers Love stamp 1st 2B x 2, plus two
Smilers labels attached
Plain 3.95 ...
FDC – Issued 15.10.07 16.50 ...
*Approx only 45 covers were prepared showing
the full booklet on a Special Delivery first day
cover, very scarce.*

**Series SAA11 – Advertising Covers
– Smilers Promotion 5 – Flower**



Walsall

This book is similar to previous Smilers Promotion books. However, this cover has a PIP validity notice on the back above the contact details, but no inscription “New Stamps” on the cover. As before the tab strip to the right is printed with multi-coloured bars, making these booklets easy to identify from standard definitive PIP issues. As well as containing a mixture of small format pictorial stamps from both the 1st and 2nd issues, the panel on inside of the front cover bears an advertisement for Smilers using the flower stamp and label in full colour, inscribed “Add a special moment to your stamp” making for a striking pane. As the tab strip at the right is printed with multi-coloured bars, it was impossible to print cylinder numbers there and accordingly no cylinder panes exist.

1st x 6 booklet containing the following Small Format
Pictorial Stamps – Hello; Flower; Union Jack;
Balloons; Fireworks; Champagne. All stamps
with 2B and elliptical perfs on their vertical edge
Plain 3.95 ...
FDC – Issued 28.2.08 16.50 ...
*Approx only 45 covers were prepared
showing the full booklet on a Special Delivery
first day cover, very scarce.*

**Series SAA12 – Advertising Covers
– Carry On Films Promotion**

Externally this booklet is similar to SAC11 and SAC12 1st x 6 booklets. However the tab strip at the right features characters from the film Carry On Sergeant and because of this no cylinder panes exist. The panel on the left of the inside front cover shows a copy of the Carry On Hammer 1st stamp set against a red background. The text surrounding the illustration promotes the Carry On Hammer stamps with a web address for further details.

Walsall

1st x 6 booklet with advertising label on inside of front cover
Plain 4.15 ...
FDC – Issued 10.6.08 15.00 ...
*Approx only 45 covers were prepared showing
the full booklet on a Special Delivery first day
cover, very scarce.*



**Series SAO3 – Overseas Rate
Universal covers – Real Network Removed**

Walsall

“Postcard” x 4 – deep grey shade, dull fluor
All stamps with short bands at bottom, and
inset right band
Plain 80.00 ...
“Postcard” x 4 – deep grey shade, dull fluor, snowy print
All stamps with short bands at bottom, and
inset right band
Plain 80.00 ...
“Europe” x 4 – pale bright blue, dull fluor
Cyl W2 W2 (XP) & Cyl – (W1) 125.00 ...

This is the first displacement of a phosphor cylinder we have seen in a very long time and it's debut on a self-adhesive booklet. Copies of this pair have sold for over £400 in auction. Stock is very limited.

Very weak left phosphor affecting the 2 left
hand copies of the stamps in the booklet
(other stamps normal)
Plain 20.00 ...
Cyl W2 W2 (W1) 25.00 ...

“Europe” x 4 – pale bright blue, very dull fluor
Stamps in the top row show short phosphor
bands at top, other two stamps in the
booklet are normal
Plain 40.00 ...
Cyl W2 W2 (W1) 42.50 ...
Crown in logo on front cover showing multiple
colour shift, giving the appearance of being
doubled. Very unusual 16.50 ...



Snowy print affecting at least 3 copies of the
stamps in the booklet
Plain 30.00 ...

Due to the somewhat sporadic nature of this printing, most but not all the stamps show strong snowy prints. These are priced based on the fact that on average 3 stamps have a very snowy print effect.

“Europe” x 4 – Pale bright blue, very dull fluor, Queen's
head set high
Plain 15.00 ...
Cyl W3 W3 (W2) 16.00 ...
“Worldwide” x 4 – pale magenta, very dull fluor
Cyl W2 W2 (W1) 22.50 ...
Top two stamps showing short phosphor
bands at top, bottom stamps normal
Plain 32.50 ...
Cyl W2 W2 (W1) 35.00 ...
All stamps with inset right phosphor bands
Plain 55.00 ...
Cyl W2 W2 (W1) 57.50 ...
Snowy print
Plain 33.00 ...

ALDERNEY

Just So Stories (Issued 25.10.07)

<u>Sheet Stamps (6v)</u>	
Mint	5.00 ...
Used	5.30 ...
Sheetlets of 10	49.00 ...
FDC	6.30 ...
Presentation pack	6.30 ...
<u>Miniature sheet</u>	
Mint	5.00 ...
Used	5.30 ...
FDC	6.30 ...
Presentation pack	6.30 ...

Alderney Butterflies (Issued 28.2.08)

<u>Sheet Stamps (6v)</u>	
Mint	5.25 ...
Used	5.60 ...
Sheetlets of 10	52.25 ...
FDC	6.60 ...
Presentation pack	6.60 ...
<u>Miniature sheet</u>	
Mint	5.25 ...
Used	5.60 ...
FDC	6.60 ...
Presentation pack	6.60 ...

GUERNSEY

SEPAC – Sea Guernsey (6v – Issued 1.10.07)

Mint	5.00 ...
Used	5.30 ...
FDC	6.30 ...
Presentation pack	6.30 ...

Deck the Halls (10v – Issued 25.10.07)

Mint	7.80 ...
Used	8.35 ...
FDC (2 covers)	10.40 ...
Presentation Pack	9.15 ...

Andy Priaulx – Triple WT Car Champion (Issued 18.1.08)

Mint	5.30 ...
Used	5.45 ...
FDC	6.60 ...
Presentation pack	6.60 ...

Raymond Evison’s Wild Flora

– Definitives Part 1 (7v – Issued 28.2.08)

Mint	7.95 ...
Used	8.30 ...
Gutter pairs	17.30 ...
FDC	10.55 ...
Presentation pack	10.55 ...

Ramsar Sark (Issued 28.2.08)

<u>Sheet Stamps (6v)</u>	
Mint	5.25 ...
Used	5.60 ...
Sheetlets of 10	52.25 ...
FDC	6.60 ...
Presentation pack	6.60 ...
<u>Miniature sheet</u>	
Mint	5.25 ...
Used	5.60 ...
FDC	6.60 ...
Presentation pack	6.60 ...

Resident Raptors Part 3 (6v – Issued 15.5.08)

Mint	5.25 ...
Used	5.60 ...
Sheetlets of 10	52.25 ...
FDC	6.60 ...
Presentation pack	6.60 ...
<u>Prestige Booklet</u>	
Complete booklet	21.10 ...
Six panes from above book	21.10 ...
FDC of above panes on 6 covers	31.25 ...

25 Years of Alderney Stamps (6v – Issued 14.6.08)

Mint	5.25 ...
Used	5.60 ...
Sheetlets of 10	52.25 ...
FDC	6.60 ...
Presentation pack	6.60 ...

25 Years of Alderney Stamps £5 definitive (Issued 14.6.08)

Mint	8.80 ...
Used	8.85 ...
Sheetlet of 5	44.00 ...
FDC	10.10 ...
Presentation pack	10.10 ...

Mr Men Little Miss (6v – Issued 15.5.08)

Mint	5.25 ...
Used	5.60 ...
Sheetlets of 10	52.25 ...
FDC	6.60 ...
Presentation pack	6.60 ...

The Letter – Europa 2008 (6v – Issued 15.5.08)

Mint	5.25 ...
Used	5.60 ...
Sheetlets of 10	52.25 ...
Europa values only in sheetlets of 10	15.95 ...
FDC	6.60 ...
Presentation pack	6.60 ...

Abstract Guernsey NVI self-adhesives (10v – Issued 9.6.08)

Mint	6.50 ...
Used	7.00 ...
FDC	7.80 ...
Presentation pack	7.80 ...

Counter Booklets – Folded

These are standard folded booklets with a self-adhesive pane which uses the inside of the cover as it's backing paper. They contain self-adhesive panes of 10 comprising 2 each of the five designs, with the NVI usage instructions also printed on the selvedge between the stamps.

GY rate folded book of 10	6.00 ...
UK rate folded book of 10	7.05 ...

Counter Booklets – Stitched

GY rate folded book of 100	60.00 ...
UK rate folded book of 100	70.00 ...

These following two panes come from business books of 100, are stitched at the left, contain 2 each of the five designs and have unprinted backing paper.

GY rate x 10 pane	6.00 ...
UK rate x 10 pane	7.05 ...

ISLE OF MAN

European Ploughing Championship

(6v – Issued 26.7.07 except SEPAC 48p issued 1.10.07)

Mint	6.95
Used	7.25
FDC	8.20
Presentation pack	8.20

Hark The Herald Angels Sing self-adhesives

(5v – Issued 19.10.07)

Mint	5.80
Used	6.05
FDC	7.05
Presentation pack	7.10

Ocean Liners miniature sheet (Issued 13.1.08)

Mint	5.30
Used	5.45
FDC	6.40
Presentation pack	6.60

90th Anniversary of the RAF (6v – Issued 15.1.08)

Mint	6.35
Used	6.70
Sheetlets of 12 comprising 4 sets	25.50
FDC	7.60
Presentation pack	7.70

Prestige Booklet

Complete booklet	17.00
Four panes from above booklet	17.00
FDCs bearing above panes on separate covers	25.00

The Vikings (Issued 15.2.08)

Mint	6.15
Used	6.50
FDC	7.40
Presentation Pack	7.45

Manx Bank Notes (Issued 7.4.08)

Sheet Stamps (6v)

Mint	6.30
Used	6.65
FDC	7.55
Presentation pack	7.65

JERSEY

Aviation History XI – International Air Display

(6v – Issued 13.9.07)

Sheet Stamps (6v)

Mint	5.20
Used	5.50
Sheetlets of 10	51.50
FDC	6.70
Presentation pack	6.70

Miniature sheet

Mint	4.40
Used	4.45
FDC	5.85
Presentation pack	5.85

Prestige Booklet

Complete booklet	19.95
Four panes from above booklet	19.95
FDCs bearing above panes on separate covers	28.00

SEPAC – Scenery (6v – Issued 1.10.07)

Mint	5.20
Used	5.50
Sheetlets of 10	51.50
FDC	6.70
Presentation pack	6.70

Booklet 30p Stamp

Ex £3 Bank Notes booklet. Supplied on cut-square backing paper.

Mint	1.20
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Counter Booklet

£3 Bank Notes self-adhesive booklet	5.50
10 x 30p Bank Notes pane from above book	5.50
FDC of above pane	7.40

Beijing Olympics Miniature Sheet (Issued 21.4.08)

Mint	1.75
Used	1.95
Smilers sheets of 10 – 3 different	50.00

This is the first Smilers style sheet issue from the Isle of Man. Similar to Great Britain business customised and commemorative sheet issues, the sheets are A4 in format and feature 10 copies of the same stamp with pictorial labels alongside – in this case, each sheet is devoted to one of the three Ocean liners featured on the miniature sheet issue and the labels depict scenes on board that specific Liner. The sheets are supplied in a special hard backed card. Although this is a trial issue, it is quite possible that future Smilers sheets will follow.

FDC	3.00
Presentation pack	3.05

Interceltique – Europa 2008 (8v – Issued 12.5.08)

Mint	7.40
Used	7.80
Sheetlets of 10	73.00
Europa values only in sheetlets of 10	14.30
FDC	8.60
Presentation pack	8.60

Motoring Magic (Issued 10.7.08)

Sheet Stamps (6v)

Mint	7.35
Used	7.65
FDC	8.55
Presentation pack	8.65

Power & Glory miniature sheet

Mint	5.25
Used	5.60
FDC	6.50
Presentation pack	6.60

Diamond Wedding Anniversary £3 (Issued 20.11.07)

Mint	5.25
Used	5.30
Sheetlets of 4	21.00
FDC	6.75
Presentation Pack	6.75

Christmas Carols NVI self-adhesives

(10v in 2 strips of 5 – Issued 7.11.07)

Mint	6.50
Used	7.05
FDC	8.00
Presentation Pack	8.00

Signals (5v – Issued 15.1.08)

Mint	4.40
Used	4.70
Sheetlets of 10	44.00
FDC	6.00
Presentation pack	6.00

Europa – The Letter (4v – Issued 14.2.08)

Mint	3.40	...
Used	3.60	...
Sheetlets of 10	33.75	...
39p and 43p Europa values only in sheetlets of 10	14.40	...
FDC	4.95	...
Presentation pack	4.95	...

Festivals – Centenary of the Jersey Eisteddfod (5v – Issued 3.3.08)

Mint	4.40	...
Used	4.70	...
Sheetlets of 10	44.00	...
FDC	6.00	...
Presentation pack	6.00	...

Jersey Transport – Buses II (6v – Issued 8.4.08)

Sheet Stamps (6v)

Mint	5.30	...
Used	5.65	...
Sheetlets of 10	55.00	...
FDC	7.00	...
Presentation pack	7.00	...

Miniature sheet

Mint	4.40	...
Used	4.45	...
FDC	6.00	...
Presentation pack	6.00	...

Jersey Cows – World Jersey Cattle Bureau Miniature Sheet (Issued 18.5.08)

Mint	3.50	...
Used	3.55	...
FDC	5.10	...
Presentation pack	5.10	...

Jersey Orchids VI (Issued 20.5.08)

Sheet stamps (6v)

Mint	5.30	...
Used	5.65	...
Sheetlets of 10	55.00	...
FDC	7.00	...
Presentation pack	7.00	...

Miniature sheet

Mint	4.40	...
Used	4.45	...
FDC	6.00	...
Presentation pack	6.00	...

Jersey Cricket – World Cricket League Miniature Sheet (Issued 23.5.08)

Mint	3.50	...
Used	3.55	...
FDC	5.10	...
Presentation pack	5.10	...

Naval Connections II – Visiting Naval Vessels (Issued 24.6.08)

Sheet stamps (6v)

Mint	5.30	...
Used	5.65	...
Sheetlets of 10	55.00	...
FDC	7.00	...
Presentation pack	7.00	...

Miniature sheet

Mint	4.40	...
Used	4.45	...
FDC	6.00	...
Presentation pack	6.00	...

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PRE-SECURITY ISSUES

Harrison, Photogravure – FCP/DEX

187AOPb	10p CB, light orange, AOP wash	40.00	...
RF36	3½p CB, pale purple-brown, very weak background	5.00	...

Waddington, Litho – FCP/PVA

WD200A	20p 2B, deep purple & pale purple, pale Queen's head	3.75	...
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YELLOW FLUOR LITHO ISSUES

Questa, Litho – FCP/PVA

FSQ2B	1st 2B, orange-red, cream gum, ER, thick val, serifs at top & bottom of value filled in	5.25	...
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BLUE FLUOR COMPUTER ENGRAVED GRAVURE ISSUES

De La Rue (Dunstable) – OFNP/PVA

Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface

DDG91	9p 2B, pale bright orange, deep head, lower value	1.05	...
DDG91(S17)	9p 2B, pale bright orange, deep head, lower value, short bands bottom	30.00	...
DDG150	15p 2B, shocking pink	0.50	...
DDG461 (I1)	46p 2B, mustard yellow, lower set value, inset left band	25.00	...
DDG482	48p 2B, deep rhododendron, pale head	2.50	...
DDG560	56p 2B, lime green	1.05	...
DDG810	81p 2B, sea green	1.50	...

NVI De La Rue – OFNP/PVA

SCD5	2nd CB, turquisey bright blue, pale head, dull fluor	1.65	...
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BLUE FLUOR COMPUTER ENGRAVED GRAVURE ISSUES

Enschede – OFNP/PVA

E16	1p 2B, pale crimson, pale head, 9mm bands	1.15	...
E16 (S17)	1p 2B, pale crimson, pale head 9mm bands, short bands bottom	37.50	...
E460	46p 2B, mustard yellow	1.35	...
E460 (S17)	46p 2B, mustard yellow, short bnds bottom	35.00	...
E540	54p 2B, rust	1.60	...

BLUE FLUOR LITHO ISSUES

De La Rue – OFNP/PVA prestige booklet issues

FSD1	1st 2B, gold	1.20	...
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SELF-ADHESIVE BLUE FLUOR GRAVURE ISSUES

Walsall – OFNP/SA

WGS420(S17)	42p 2B, grey-green, short bands bottom	40.00	...
SWV21	2nd CB, pale bright blue, pale head, dull fluor, snowy print, opaque backing	10.50	...
SWV22	2nd CB, very bright blue, deep head, dull fluor, coarse phos screen, snowy print, trans backing	4.75	...
SWV23(S2)	2nd CB, bright blue, pale head, very dull fluor, short band bottom, opaque backing	7.25	...
FWV20(S16)	1st 2B, gold, pale head, 9.5mm phosphor, bright fluor, short bands top, opaque back .	11.00	...
FWV20(I2)	1st 2B, gold, pale head, 9.5mm phosphor, bright fluor, inset right band, opaque back .	10.50	...
FWV22	1st 2B, pale gold, pale head, very dull fluor, 9.5mm bands, opaque backing	3.00	...
FWV23	1st 2B, yellowish gold, dull fluor, 9.5mm bands, opaque backing	1.35	...

SELF-ADHESIVE BLUE FLUOR GRAVURE ISSUES

Walsall – OFNP/SA

FWV24	1st 2B, pale yellowish gold, pale head, 9.5mm phosphor, bright fluor, opaque back .	1.30 ...
FWV24(S16)	1st 2B, pale yellowish gold, pale head, 9.5mm phos, bright fluor, short bands top, opaque backing	9.50 ...
FWV25	1st 2B, gold, pale head, 9.5mm phosphor bright fluor, opaque backing	1.30 ...

PIP GRAVURE MACHINS

Walsall – OFNP/SA

PSW3 (S2)	2nd CB, pale bright blue, very dull fluor, short band bottom, opaque backing	8.25 ...
PSW7 (S2)	2nd CB, deep bright blue, very dull fluor, short band at bottom, opaque backing	8.25 ...
PSW8	2nd CB, pale bright blue, bright fluor, opaque backing	4.50 ...
PFW1 (S16)	1st 2B, gold, bright fluor, short bands at top, opaque backing	8.25 ...
PFW2NP	1st, gold, missing phosphor, translucent backing	180.00 ...
PFW7	1st 2B, pale yellowish gold, pale Queen's head, dull fluor, translucent backing	3.25 ...
PFW8	1st 2B, gold, pale Queen's head, dull fluor, translucent backing	3.25 ...
PSLW3	2nd Large 2B, bright blue, coarse phosphor screen, translucent backing	5.50 ...

HIGH VALUES

Machin Head Shiny blue gum, fluorescence in paper coating

DGH3000A	£3 2B, deep purple	12.50 ...
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REGIONALS

Standard Machin Head – Harrison, FCP/PVA

N.Ireland

N7A	3p CB, ultramarine, thicker paper	5.00 ...
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Scotland

S10AOP	3½p 2B, olive-green, all over phosphor wash	37.50 ...
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Standard Machin Head – Harrison, FCP/DEX

Scotland

S14AOP	3½p 2B, olive-green, all over phosphor wash ..	13.75 ...
S18A	5½p CB, violet, Kampf perf	10.00 ...
S19AOP	6½p CB, peacock blue, all over phosphor wash	10.00 ...
S23A	8½p 2B, pale yellow-green, weak printing, spotty appearance	2.50 ...

Emblems – White Borders – De La Rue Litho, OFNP/PVA

England

EEW782	78p 2B	1.50 ...
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N.Ireland

NEWF1a	1st 2B, deep green fields	3.00 ...
NEW781	78p 2B	1.50 ...
NEWMS1	Celebrating Northern Ireland miniature sheet	3.95 ...
NEPF1	1st 2B Carrickfergus Castle	1.65 ...
NEPF2	1st 2B Giants Causeway	1.65 ...

Scotland

SEW781	78p 2B	1.50 ...
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Wales

WEW781	78p 2B	1.50 ...
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All Regions

REWMS2	Lest We Forget II miniature sheet	6.10 ...
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Emblems – White Borders – De La Rue Gravure, OFNP/PVA

Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface

England

EEWS8/2B	2nd CB, pale steel-blue, additional narrow band left	35.00 ...
EEWF8	1st 2B, deep brownish terracotta, invisible phosphor	2.75 ...
EEW440(I1)	44p 2B, inset left band	17.50 ...

UNIVERSAL AIRMAIL STAMPS

Walsall – Gravure, OFNP/SA

UPW4(S17)(I2)	Postcard 2B, deep brownish grey, dull fluor, short bands bottom, inset right	27.50 ...
UPW5(S17)(I2)	Postcard 2B, deep brownish grey, snowy print, dull fluor, short bands bottom, inset right ..	27.50 ...
UEW7WLB	Europe 2B, pale bright blue, dull fluor, weak left band	12.50 ...
UEW11(S16)	Europe 2B, pale bright blue, very dull fluor, short bands top	22.50 ...
UEW12	Europe 2B, pale bright blue, red & ultramarine lozenges, very dull fluor, snowy print	10.50 ...
UEW13	Europe 2B, pale bright, Queen's head set high, very dull fluor	4.00 ...
UWW7 (I1)	Worldwide 2B, pale magenta, dull fluor, inset left band	40.00 ...
UWW7(S17)(I1)	Worldwide 2B, pale magenta, dull fluor, short bands bottom, inset left	37.50 ...
UWW9(S16)	Worldwide 2B, pale magenta, very dull fluor, short bands top	19.50 ...
UWW9(I2)	Worldwide 2B, pale magenta, very dull fluor, inset right band	22.50 ...
UWW10	Worldwide 2B, pale magenta, very dull fluor, snowy print	10.50 ...

COIL STRIPS

De La Rue (Dunstable) – OFNP/PVA

CNS9	2nd CB, turquoise bright blue, pale head, dull fluor, strip of 5	8.25 ...
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England

EEW500	50p 2B	0.95 ...
EEW781(I1)	78p 2B, greyish purple, bands with narrower vignette, inset left	25.00 ...

EEW810

NEWS2	2nd CB	0.60 ...
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N.Ireland

NEWF2	1st 2B	0.80 ...
NEW500	50p 2B	0.95 ...
NEW810	81p 2B	1.55 ...
NEW810(S16)	81p 2B, short bands top	18.00 ...

Scotland

SEWS1(S1)	2nd CB, short band top	22.50 ...
SEWF1(I2)	1st 2B, inset right band	22.50 ...
SEW440(S16)	44p 2B, short bands top	27.50 ...
SEW500	50p 2B	0.95 ...
SEW810	81p 2B	1.55 ...

Wales

WEW500	50p 2B	0.95 ...
WEW810	81p 2B	1.55 ...

Emblems – White Borders – Enschedé Litho, OFNP/PVA

Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface

England

EEWF9	1st 2B	1.10 ...
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N.Ireland

NEWF3	1st 2B	1.10 ...
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Scotland

SEWF3	1st 2B	1.10 ...
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Wales

WEWF3	1st 2B	1.10 ...
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Emblems – White Borders – Cartor Litho, OFNP/SA

No elliptical perforations, supplied with label attached

Northern Ireland

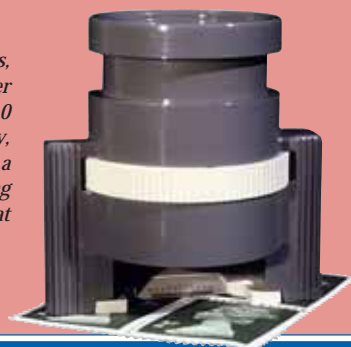
NESAF1	1st 2B	1.65 ...
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Scotland

SESAF1	1st 2B	1.65 ...
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