

Variety Club News

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Premium Prestige

1982 £4 Story of Stanley Gibbons prestige booklet – Final pane of 9 x 15½p (DP58) showing a heavy all over phosphor coating to the centre vertical strip of 3 stamps. Rare, the stamps individually catalogue £675 (222AOP) £600



1983 £4 Story of the Royal Mint prestige booklet – Royal Mint & America pane with higher set value (DP63A), missing phosphor. Rare with the stamps in this setting£650

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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 P 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.

Condition

All items offered in this list are offered in fresh and fine mint condition, unless otherwise stated. Single stamps, coil strips and booklets are all supplied unmounted mint, with good perfs all round.

Catalogue Numbering

Catalogue numbers for each item are included in italic type contained in square brackets at the end of each description. Dependent upon the category, different catalogues have been used to aid identification. The relevant catalogues are detailed below:

Commemoratives: Stanley Gibbons GB Concise 2007 unless prefixed "Spec" when GB Specialised Vol 3 (10th edition) or Vol 5 (3rd Edition) have been used.

Wildings & pre-decimal Regionals: Stanley Gibbons GB Specialised Vol 3 (10th Edition)

Machins, Booklets, Castle High Values & Decimal Regionals: Connoisseur Catalogue 10th Edition, Supplement or from the forthcoming 11th Edition

Key

☉ An illustration of this item is included.

Buying

We are always keen to purchase similar items to those included in this list to add to our extensive stocks. We are particularly on the look out for errors and unusual items, or earlier key printings, major errors, booklets and collections – we make immediate, highly competitive offers and ensure prompt settlement. If you have something that you think we might be interested in, why not give us a call – we would be delighted to hear from you.

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ITEMS SELECTED FROM STOCK

Commemoratives

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| <p>1 1961 POSB 2½d, bottom marginal horizontal pair, showing a spillage of black ink, leaving a large oval patch spread over the two stamps, partially obscuring the text, value and Queen's head on the left stamp [623Bvar] J £25</p> <p>2 1964 Geographical 9d (ord), wmk inverted [657wi] ⚡ £30</p> <p>3 1965 Lister 1/- (phos), new blue square shifted approx 3mm to left [668p/var] ⚡ £25</p> <p>4 1965 ITU 9d (ord), pink printing shifted approx 4mm to the left, partially overprinting Queen's head [683var] ⚡ £40</p> <p>5 1966 Landscapes 1/6 (ord), watermark inverted [692W] £12.50</p> <p>6 1966 World Cup 6d (ord), missing black (goalies, jumper, socks and player's hair) [694a] ⚡ £100</p> <p>7 1966 Hastings 4d (phos) all 6 values but split into two strips of 3, missing grey affecting all six stamps [705pj-710pj] ⚡ £140</p> <p>8 1966 Christmas 1/6 (ord), a block of four in which the top pair but just show a sliver of the outline of the back of the gold Queen's head. This is the result of poor positioning of the gold leaf, from which the head was punched out, and which was reused due to the cost of the product. Very unusual and interesting [714var] ⚡ £95</p> <p>9 1967 EFTA 9d (phos), missing brown (rail trucks, etc) [715pd] ⚡ £40</p> <p>10 1967 Discoveries 1/-, missing phosphor [753Ey] £6</p> <p>11 1968 Bridges 9d, missing gold Queen's head [764a] ⚡ £150</p> <p>12 1968 Christmas 4d, missing ultramarine and phosphor [775c] ⚡ £230</p> | <p>13 1969 Cathedrals 9d, missing black value and phosphor [800Eya] ⚡ £125</p> <p>14 1970 Cottages 9d, missing phosphor [816Ey] £10</p> <p>15 1970 Cottages 1/6, with all over phosphor coating, previously unrecorded [818var] £30</p> <p>16 1970 Anniversaries 5d, gold printing shifted downwards by approximately 6mm, leaving Queen's head sitting on top of value [819var] ⚡ £20</p> <p>17 As above but in a lower-right corner traffic light block of 10, where the gold traffic light overprints the black one. One or two tone spots but most stamps perfect [819var] £100</p> <p>18 1970 Anniversaries 5d, heavy dry print of emerald-green, so that it is missing from the hems of the cloaks of the figures at the right, but still can be just seen on the tunic of the figure to the left of the desk [819bvar] £35</p> <p>19 1970 Anniversaries 1/-, missing green (tablecloth) [821c] ⚡ £70</p> <p>20 1970 Anniversaries 1/6, missing emerald from hem of dress, soldier's tunics, etc [822b] ⚡ £65</p> <p>21 1970 Literary Anniversaries 1/6, horizontal strip of 3, left stamps normal, centre stamp partially missing silver, right stamp completely missing silver [828b] ⚡ £100</p> <p>22 1970 Commonwealth Games 1/6, missing phosphor [833Ey] £45</p> <p>23 1970 Christmas 5d, missing embossing [839Ed] £10</p> <p>24 1971 Ulster 9p, missing phosphor [883Ey] £18</p> <p>25 1971 Anniversaries 9p, one broad band at right [889var/W209e] £8</p> <p>26 As above but in a traffic light block of 8 £60</p> |
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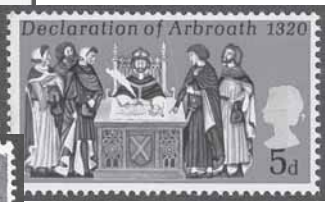
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- 27 1971 Christmas 3p, missing lemon [895c] ⚡ £150
- 28 1971 Christmas 7½p, missing embossing [896Ef] £35
- 29 1971 Christmas 7½p, gold Queen's head shifted downwards by 3mm [896var] £15
- 30 1972 General Anniversaries 9p, missing phosphor [903Ey] £25
- 31 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
- 32 1972 BBC 5p, missing phosphor from front but printed on back [W230b] £30
- 33 1972 Christmas 7½p, missing ochre from centre panel of Angel's robes [915a] £95
- 34 1973 Explorers 3p se-tenant pair, missing gold Queen's heads from both stamps [923b,924b] ⚡ £110
- 35 1973 Explorers 5p, missing phosphor and embossing [w245d] £22
- 36 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
- 37 1973 Paintings 3p, a top-right horizontal corner pair, showing 6mm perforations shift to the right, the left stamp having the value at the right instead of the left and the right hand stamp missing the value and incorporating a large unprinted area at the right which would normally be part of the selvage. Striking [931var] ⚡ £100

- 38 1973 Paintings 7½p, missing gold Queen's head [933a] ⚡ £115
- 39 1973 Christmas 3½p (PVA), turquoise-green shifted to the right, leaving the peasant figure at the left with double outline [948var] ⚡ £20
- 40 1979 Spring Flowers 11p, silver Queen's head shifted 3mm to the right [1081var] £15
- 41 1981 Butterflies 18p in cylinder block of 6, gold Queen's head shifted 6mm to the right, the gold cylinder number overprinting the bright green [1152var] £125
- 42 1985 Films Hitchcock 34p, silver printing shifted down by approx 15mm, leaving Queen's head below value [1302var] ⚡ £50
- 43 1994 Channel Tunnel 41p s/t pair, showing significant shifts in different degrees of all colours by as much as 10mm to the left, except for the navy blue and silver which remain correctly aligned. In addition the perforations are also slightly shifted to the right creating a dramatic but almost incomprehensible design. Very striking [1822a/var] ⚡ £65
- 44 1997 Henry VIII set on FDC, upper half of the left hand 3 stamps in the Wives se-tenant strip are completely or partially imperforate. Due to the nature of the find, the imperforate areas have been torn apart from the adjoining strip and margins, which we can only assume might have been totally imperf! A previously unrecorded error, although, unfortunately no completely imperf stamps are present. Nevertheless a unique and important FDC [1966a/var] ⚡ £125

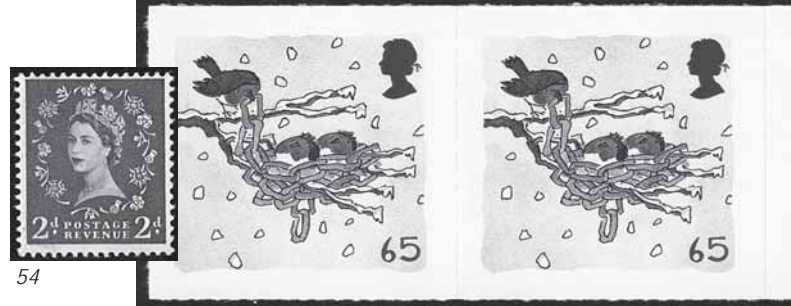


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- 45 **1998 Christmas 20p**, left marginal horizontal strip of 3, left pair completely imperforate, right stamp imperf at left but normal at right [2064a] ✪ £350
- 46 **2001 Christmas 65p**, right marginal horizontal pair showing imperforate backing paper missing the die-cut perforations, but with rouletting still present [2242b] ✪ £275
- 47 **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 and significantly under-catalogued when compared with items of a similar scarcity [2265b] ✪ £7,500
- 48 **2004 Lord of the Rings 1st se-tenant block of 10**, gold Queen's head and value shifted upwards by 4mm, leaving the head bisecting the perfs with a portion showing at the bottom of the stamp above. Just a handful of blocks affected on an extremely popular issue [2429a/var] ✪ £295



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Smilers Sheets

- 49 **2000 Christmas 1st and 2nd generic sheets**, scarce [LS2, LS3] £275
- 50 **2001 Smiles 1st generic sheet**, scarce [LS5] £135
- 51 **2003 Christmas Ice Sculptures 1st generic sheet**, showing a very unusual apparent double application of phosphor, one application offset to the right by approximately 10mm, leaving the left 10mm of the stamp with weak phosphor and the left hand edge of the adjoining labels with a phosphor band. Very unusual and important error [LS16var] £200

Wildings

- 52 **1958-61 Graphite 1d ultramarine** in coil strip of 5, both graphite lines at right (when viewed from back) [588a] £4
- 53 **1958-65 wmk mult Crowns 4d deep ultramarine**, block of six, three stamps showing a curious inking flaw that resembles a curved line drawn through the background [576a] £20
- 54 **1959 Phosphor-graphite 2d red-brown, SBL**, error of wmk St. Edward's Crown instead of Multiple Crown [605a] ✪ £150
- 55 **1960-67 Phosphor 2d light red-brown**, blue phosphor, one broad band at left [S46da] £25
- 56 **1960-67 Phosphor 2½d carmine-red**, blue phosphor, one broad band at centre [S66b] £14
- 57 **1960-67 Phosphor 3d deep lilac, CB**, violet phosphor, all over phosphor [S79var] £25

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Pre-decimal Machins

GA

- 58 **4d sepia**, head A, 250 screen, one broad band at right, ex horizontal coil CO7 [O8A/BB] ⚡ £30
- 59 **4d vermilion**, CB, head A, 250 screen, ex OB14 panes of 6 [O12] £25
- 60 **9d green**, missing phosphor, ex cyl 2 [O14NP] ⚡ £30
- 61 **1/6 pale & dark blue**, missing phosphor, ex cyl 3A2B [O18NP] £15
- 62 **1/9 dull orange & black**, missing phosphor, ex cyl 1A1B [O20NP] ⚡ £60

PVA

- 63 **2d lake-brown**, head B, 150 screen, wide band at right (the listed broad band variety), ex vert coil CO2A [O28BB] £20
- 64 **4d sepia**, screened value, head A, missing phosphor, scarce, ex cyl 12 [O37NP] £40
- 65 **4d deep olive-brown**, head B, side band at left (phos displaced), ex pane OB5 [O42BL] £10
- 66 **4d vermilion**, CB, head B, perforations shifted 3mm to right [O47var] ⚡ £25
- 67 **7d bright emerald**, missing phosphor, scarce. Ex cyl 3 [O66NP] ⚡ £85

Decimal Machins

OCP/PVA

- 68 **1p crimson**, 2B, thin paper, ex vertical coil C2AA, scarce [27A] £25
- 69 **1p reddish claret**, 2B, perfs shifted 2.5mm to the left, ex cyl 1 or 3 [29var] ⚡ £18
- 70 **3p deep ultramarine**, thin value, missing phosphor, ex 50p pane DP9 [39NP] £65
- 71 **3p deep ultramarine**, 2B, striking inking flaw almost completely obscuring Queen's head and value [40var] ⚡ £100
- 72 **6p light green**, thick value, missing phosphor, ex cyl 1 [46NP] ⚡ £60

FCP/PVA

- 73 **½p bright turquoise**, thin value, missing phosphor, ex pane DP13 [50NP] ⚡ £125
- 74 **½p deep bright turquoise**, thick value, broad band at centre, ex DP11A [52BB] ⚡ £35
- 75 **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] ⚡ £85
- 76 **2p green**, broad band at centre, ex DP11A [59BB] ⚡ £35
- 77 **3p slate-blue**, thin value, set to the right, one broad band at left, ex pane DP17 [78BB] £25
- 78 **7½p pale brown**, missing phosphor, ex cyl 1 [87NP] ⚡ £195
- 79 **9p bright orange and deep sepia**, screened value, missing phosphor, ex cyl 4A4B [88A/NP] ⚡ £95

FCP/DEX

- 80 **1p deep crimson**, CB, head B1, heavy all over wash covers three-quarters of stamp. Ex 10p s/t coil CS9 [116AOPvar] ⚡ £50
- 81 **3p bright pink**, head B2, missing phosphor, ex DP57 [128C/NP] £120
- 82 **6½p peacock blue**, CB, head B1, uncoated paper, ex cyl 4. Scarce [146UC] ⚡ £150
- 83 **6½p peacock blue**, CB, head B2, an imperforate horizontal pair from top-right corner of sheet. Ex cyl 9 [147IMP] ⚡ £250
- 84 **7p deep reddish brown**, CB, head B1, perfs shifted downwards by 2.5mm [152var] £10
- 85 **8p bright red**, CB, value set away from bust, uncoated paper, ex cyl 7. Rare [163UC] ⚡ £500
- 86 **8p bright red**, CB, head B1, value set close to bust, heavy all over wash covers three-quarters of stamp. Ex 10 s/t coil CS9 [163A/AOPvar] ⚡ £100
- 87 **10p light orange**, CB, offset to right, with additional band at left. Ex E3 Wedgwood pane DP43. Very rare [To be catalogued as 187/2B in next edition of Connoisseur Catalogue] ⚡ £450



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- 88 12½p light emerald, thin value, set low, ex Royal Mint pane DP63 [210NP] ⚡ £50
- 89 12½p light emerald, thin value, set high, ex Royal Mint pane DP63A. Rare [211NP] ⚡ £125
- 90 12½p light emerald, thin value, set low, ex Royal Mint pane DP63 [214NP] £50
- 91 15½p pale violet 2B, all over phosphor wash, ex Stanley Gibbons pane DP55 [222AOP] ⚡ £225
- 92 15½p pale violet, horizontal pair, one 6.5mm broad band at centre, other 9.5mm broad band at centre, ex DP55 [222BBa, 222BBb] £75
- 93 15½p pale violet 2B, phosphor bands printed front and back, ex DP58 [222FBa] ⚡ £80

ACP/DEX

- 94 16p mushroom, imperforate horizontal pair, ex cyl 2 [A160IMP] ⚡ £120

Redrawn Values

- 95 FCP/DEX 12p Emerald, 4.5mm phos, band displaced to right, ex British Rail pane DP87 [RF120A/BR] £40
- 96 FCP/DEX 12p Emerald, CB, star underprint, perforations shifted downwards by 3mm, ex cyl 9 [RF121var] £12.50
- 97 FCP/DEX 12p Emerald, SBL, phosphor bands printed front & back, ex British Rail pane DP88. Rare [RF122FB] ⚡ £325
- 98 FCP/DEX 12p Emerald, SBR, phosphor bands printed front & back, ex British Rail pane DP88. Rare [RF123FB] ⚡ £325
- 99 FCP/DEX 13p chestnut, CB, all over phosphor wash, ex pane DP 68 [RF130AOP] £12
- 100 FCP/DEX 17p grey-blue, star underprint, right band omitted, ex DP82 [RF173MRB] £75
- 101 FCP/DEX 17p grey blue, missing phosphor, ex Christian Heritage pane, DP74. Scarce [RF170NP] ⚡ £250
- 101A FCP/DEX "A" phos 17p deep blue, missing phosphor, ex 50p pane DP162 [RFA171NP] £8
- 102 PCP/DEX 17p grey-blue, double direction perforation shift to the left and upwards of approximately 3mm in each axis, striking [RP170var] ⚡ £30
- 103 PCP/DEX 23p brown-red, vertical strip of 4, top two stamps showing a striking dry print, resulting in very patchy and weak background and Queen's head, bottom two stamps normal. A truly visual error, ex cyl 1 [RP230var] ⚡ £75
- 104 ACP/DEX 17p grey-blue, imperforate right marginal horizontal pair, ex cyl 13 [RA170IMP] ⚡ £275
- 105 OFNP/DEX 19p olive-green, two narrow side bands, ex cyl 3 [RSF190/2B] ⚡ £125
- 106 OFNP/PVA 19p olive-green, computer engraved, missing phosphor, ex cylinder 9 [RCF192NP] £100

Other Printers and Non-Standard Designs

- 107 Enschedé OFNP/PVA yellow fluor 6p lime green, missing phosphor, ex cyl 1, Rare [E61NP] ⚡ £175
- 108 Enschedé OFNP/PVA 50p ochre, 2B, blue fluor, white gum, top marginal vertical strip of 5, top 3 stamps completely imperf, next stamp partially imperf, bottom stamp normal. Unfortunately, in trying to remove these stamps from the sheet, whilst imperforate the unknowing owner has torn through the paper, resulting in top and third imperforate stamps with no margin to speak of at left and slightly torn into design. Nevertheless this is a very rare piece and an inexpensive way in which to tell an interesting story [E503IMP] ⚡ £95



- 109 Questa FCP/PVA 33p light emerald, missing phosphor, ex Wales pane DP 181. Rare [Q331NP] ⚡ £450
- 110 Double Head FCP/DEX 15p bright blue, CB, perforations shifted upwards by approximately 4mm. Ex cyl 3 [DHP150SCR/var] ⚡ £20
- 111 Millennium Machins Questa 1st yellowish olive, missing right phosphor band, ex DP 302 [FMQ2MRB] £35

NVI Machins

- 112 Walsall Litho OFNP/PVA 1st orange-red, cream gum, single 4mm centre band (OR), ex pane DP195. Scarce [FSW1BC] ⚡ £175
- 113 Questa Litho OFNP/PVA 2nd bright blue, CB (4mm), blue fluor, ER ellipse, ex pane DP94C [SSQ6A] £30
- 114 Questa Boots sheetlet 1st, 2B, cream gum, ER ellipse, inset left band [MFQ1 (11)] £30
- 115 Questa OFNP/SA 2nd bright blue, CB, bright fluor, perforations shifted downwards by approximately 12mm, completely bisecting stamp and leaving gutter that normally appears between stamps in the booklet within the perforated area. Ex SAC2 books of 12, supplied on booklet backing paper [SQV1var] ⚡ £45

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High Values

- 116 **Recess Large Format Machin Head 50p deep ultramarine**, post office paper, on uncoated paper [H7UC] ⚡ £40
- 117 **1992 Castles £1 deep green**, white paper, clear offset of Queen's head on reverse [LRO1000var] £30
- 118 **1992 Castles £1 deep green**, cream paper, top marginal vertical pair, showing upwards shift of perforation, completely bisecting castle name, so that it is split half at the top and half at the bottom of the bottom stamp and half missing from the top stamp. Striking [LRO1001var] ⚡ £90
- 119 **1992 Castles £1.50 plum**, white paper, perforations shifted 6mm to left, leaving end tower and "LE from name at left instead of at right [LRO1500var] ⚡ £60
- 120 **1992 Castles £2**, white paper, bright blue colour error [LRO2000EC] ⚡ £90
- 121 **1994 Re-etched Castles £2**, cream paper, bright blue colour error [LRO2003EC] £60

Booklets

Stitched Panes

- 122 **FCP/PVA 2½p pane of 5 plus B.Alan label**, P(r) perf, missing phosphor [DP16N] £30
- 123 **FCP/PVA 2½p pane of 5 plus B.Alan label**, PAP perf, missing phosphor [DP16N] £45
- 124 **FCP/PVA 3p + 3p + 3p / £4315 Label + 3p + 3p**, pane of six, jet phosphor, P(r) perf [DP6J] £20
- 125 **FCP/PVA 3p + 3p + 3p / £4315 Label + 3p + 3p**, pane of six, jet phosphor, PAP perf [DP6J] £20

Stitched Books

The following four items are cover proofs printed in black on white glazed paper in the issued design. These form an interesting, yet relatively inexpensive adjunct to any pre-decimal collection.

- 126 **6/- Kingfisher** (June 1968) booklet front cover proof on white glazed paper ⚡ £20
- 127 **6/- Peregrine Falcon** (August 1968) booklet front cover proof on white glazed paper £20
- 128 **6/- Great Crested Grebe** (December 1968) booklet front cover proof on white glazed paper ⚡ £20
- 129 **6/- Barn Owl** (January 1969 1968) booklet front cover proof on white glazed paper £20

Folded Booklets

- 130 **90p Llangollen**, right selvedge, plain book with good perfs, scarce [DB8(4)] £250
- 131 **£1.25 LMS Passenger Tank Engine**, Corrected rates cover, left selvedge, showing black vinyl tape repair across all stamps. Unusual [DB7(23)B var] £50

Vending Booklets

- 132 **£1 Nicholas Nickleby**, comb perf, cyl B6 B21 (B78)) pane. Scarce [DB15(10)] £110
- 133 **£1 Red Cover**, litho contents, plate Q6 pane, missing phosphor from all stamps, good perfs. Very rare [DP243NP] ⚡ £900
- 134 **£2 Red Cover**, gravure contents - 2nd x 2, 1st x 6, showing major phosphor shift, leaving all 1st stamps with broad band at left and 2nd with single band at right [DP312BB] £125



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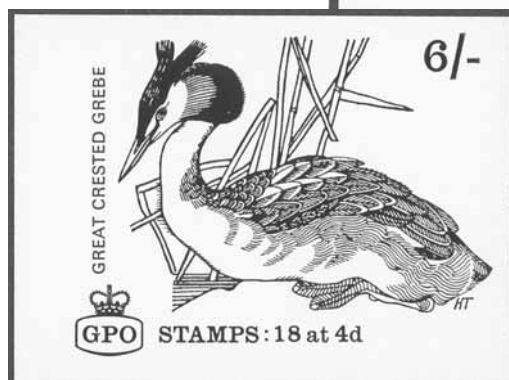
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Self-adhesive Booklets

- 135 Series SAC5 Colour Coded cover Questa 2nd x 12 Q1 cylinder booklet, five stamps in the bottom row show adhesive tape stuck across the surface of the stamps prior to printing, possibly as a means of affix the stamps to the press. The result is to leave a 9mm wide strip of uncoated paper running diagonally across each stamp bearing part of the stamp image. Unfortunately the finder removed and used 4 stamps from the booklet before realising the importance of his find, but this is still a most striking error of a type we have not seen on self-adhesive booklets before ✪ £275
- 136 Series SAA1 Advertising book - Hello Smilers Walsall 1st x 6 cylinder W2 booklet - pane shows a major displacement of the phosphor downwards by approximately 4.5mm, leaving the gap in the phosphor that would normally fall in the matrix stripped area between the stamps, actually appearing on the bottom stamps themselves, along with the bottom 3mm from the bands of the stamps above, creating 3 interrupted band stamps. This is a new interrupted band stamp with the interrupt at the top (previously all we have seen have had the band interrupted at the bottom). This book is the only copy we have so far seen. Rare ... £295

Prestige Books

- 137 £4 Stanley Gibbons booklet, back cover incorrect guillotined so that a 10mm unprinted band appears at the top and the bottom 10mm is missing [DB5 (3) var] ✪ £40
- 138 £6.48 Euro'96 booklet, Panes 2 and 3 stitched into booklet in reversed order, i.e. pane 3 before pane 2 [DB5(18)var] £50
- 139 £7.54 Profile on Print booklet, Pane 2 shows embossing and die cut perforations skewed so that the Queen's heads are positioned more to the right at the top of the pane than at the bottom and the perforations incorporate some of the border design into the stamp area at the top-right [DB5(22)var]..... £60

Regionals

Northern Ireland

- 140 1958-67 1/6d grey-blue, missing phosphor [N16Ey] ✪ £175
- 141 Photo FCP/DEX 8p Post Office red, missing phosphor, ex cyl 1 [N16NP] ✪ £80
- 142 Litho OFN/PVA 63p light emerald, 2B, ER ellipse, rare [LN631] ✪ £115

Scotland

- 143 1967-70 4d bright vermilion, perforations shifted upwards by 2mm, cutting into base of thistle and St Andrew's Cross [S10var] ✪ £17.50
- 144 197-70 5d royal blue, phosphor omitted [S11Ey] ✪... £40
- 145 Litho FCP/PVA 15p bright blue, left marginal block of 6 (3 x 2), centre vertical pair imperforate on 3 sides, the result of a missing perf comb strike [LS150IMP] ✪ £275
- 146 Litho OFNP/PVA 19p olive-green, CB, yellow fluor, white gum, ES ellipse, short band at top, scarce [LS194AA (S1)]..... £30
- 147 Litho OFNP/PVA 20p bright green, CB, blue fluor, ES ellipse, showing a 6mm upwards shift of perfs, leaving value at top instead of at bottom [LS203var] ✪ £40

Wales

- 148 Photo FCP/DEX 5 1/2p violet, missing phosphor, ex cyl 1. Rare [W14NP] ✪ £175
- 149 Litho OFNP/PVA 25p salmon pink, 2B, blue fluor, ER ellipse, scarce [LW253A] £27.50

Guernsey

- 150 1968-69 4d olive-sepia, missing phosphor [10Ey] ✪ . £32.50

Isle of Man

- 151 1968-69 4d olive-sepia, missing phosphor [5Ey] ✪ ... £20

G E N E R I C S M I L E R S S H E E T S & S T A M P S

<p>2000 StampShow 2000 Smiles (LS1) Sheet of 10 22.50</p> <p>2000 Christmas 19p & 1st (Post Office imprint) (LS2 & 3) 19p Robin CB – Vertical pair, s/t with labels 7.00 Sheet of 20 200.00 1st Cracker 2B – Vertical pair, s/ with labels 10.00 Sheet of 10 stamps 125.00 Pair of sheets 275.00</p> <p>2001 Occasions Hallmarks (LS4) Vertical strip of 5 30.00 Sheet of 20 stamps 120.00</p> <p>2001 Smiles (LS5) Sheet of 10 135.00</p> <p>2001 Christmas 19p & 1st (Consignia imprint) (LS2a & 3a) 19p Robin CB – Sheet of 20 <i>Buying</i> 1st Cracker 2B – Sheet of 10 450.00</p> <p>2001 Cartoons (LS6) Sheet of 10 30.00</p> <p>2002 Occasions (LS7) Vertical strip of 5 12.50 Sheet of 20 45.00</p> <p>2002 World Cup (LS8) Single stamp with label 2.75 Vertical strip of 5 6.00 Sheet of 20 17.50</p> <p>2002 Knock Knock – Teddy/Dennis the Menace (LS9) Single stamps of both designs with labels 3.25 Vertical strip of 5 of both designs 10.00 Sheet of 10 x Teddy & 10 x Dennis 20.00</p> <p>2002 Christmas (LS10) Single stamp with label 1.75 Horizontal strip of 4 with set of labels 5.00 Sheet of 10 16.50</p> <p>2003 Flowers (LS11) Block of 10 different designs 10.00 Sheet of 20 17.50</p> <p>2003 Occasions Multiple Choice (LS12) Block of 10 containing set of 6 plus 4 repeated designs 10.00 Sheet of 20 17.50</p> <p>2003 Stampex Hello Single stamp with label 3.00 Sheet of 10 (<i>only 3,100 issued</i>) 25.00</p> <p>2003 Cartoons Crossword (LS13) Block of 10 different designs 9.00 Sheet of 20 16.00</p> <p>2003 Stampex Teddy Single stamp with label 2.00 Sheet of 10 (<i>only 3,500 issued</i>) 18.00</p> <p>2003 Christmas Robins (LS14) Single stamp with label 1.50 Block of 10 with different label designs 8.00 Sheet of 20 14.00</p> <p>2003 Christmas Ice Sculptures 2nd & 1st (LS15 & 16) Single stamps with labels 3.50 Both values in blocks of 10 with different labels ... 18.00 Both values in sheets of 20 32.50</p>	<p>2004 Hong Kong Exhibition (LS17) Single stamp with label 1.50 Vertical strip of 5 with set of 5 labels 4.50 Sheet of 20 13.00</p> <p>2004 Occasions Envelopes (LS18) Vertical strip of 5 4.50 Sheet of 20 13.00</p> <p>2004 Stampex Gibraltar Love Single stamp with label 2.00 Sheet of 10 (<i>just over 3,000 issued</i>) 18.00</p> <p>2004 RHS Dahlias (LS19) Single stamp with label 1.50 Vertical strip of 5 with 5 different labels 4.50 Sheet of 20 13.00</p> <p>2004 Rule Britannia Union Jack (LS20) Single stamp with label 1.50 Vertical strip of 5 with 5 different labels 4.25 Sheet of 20 12.50</p> <p>2004 Stampex Union Jack Single stamp with label 2.00 Sheet of 10 (<i>about 3,000 issued</i>) 18.00</p> <p>2004 Father Christmas 2nd & 1st (LS21) Pair of single stamps with labels 3.50 Block of 10 containing 5 of each value plus labels .. 7.50 Sheet of 20 containing 1st x 10 & 2nd x 10 12.50</p> <p>2005 Farm Animals (LS22) Block of 10 different designs 7.50 Sheet of 20 (<i>2 sets</i>) 13.50</p> <p>2005 Stampex Rotary Hello Single stamp with label 2.50 Sheet of 10 (<i>about 3,000 issued</i>) <i>Buying</i></p> <p>2005 Magic (LS23) Single stamp with label 1.50 Vertical strip of 5 with different labels 4.50 Sheet of 20 15.00</p> <p>2005 Pacific Explorer Exhibition (LS24) Single stamp with label 1.50 Vertical strip of 5 with different labels 3.75 Sheet of 20 12.00</p> <p>2005 White Ensign (LS25) Single stamp with label 1.50 Vertical strip of 5 with different labels 3.60 Sheet of 20 11.00</p> <p>2005 Stampex Nelson White Ensign Single stamp with label 2.00 Sheet of 10 (<i>about 3,000 issued</i>) 18.00</p> <p>2005 Classic ITV (LS26) Single stamp with label 1.50 Vertical strip of 5 with different labels 3.60 Sheet of 20 11.00</p> <p>2005 Christmas Robins 2nd & 1st (LS27) Pair of single stamps with labels attached 2.25 Vertical strips of 5 6.50 Sheet of 20 containing 1st x 10 and 2nd x 10 10.50</p>
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COMMEMORATIVES

2005 Farm Animals

Enschede – Gravure

1st 2B Se-tenant block of 10 – All 5 stamps in top row, showing short phosphor bands at top 33.00 ...

Peace & Freedom

Enschede – Gravure

1st 2B St. Paul's Cathedral – Inset right band, short bands at bottom
Single 16.50 ...

Motorcycles

Walsall – Litho

60p 2B Short bands at top, inset left band. Scarce
Single 11.75 ...
Gutter pair, top stamp just inset left band 17.50 ...

Trafalgar

Cartor – Litho

Sheet Stamps

68p 2B Se-tenant pair, both stamps with inset right phosphor bands
Single se-tenant pair 12.75 ...
Cylinder block of 8 39.50 ...
Traffic light block of 6 30.25 ...

Christmas 2005

De La Rue Byfleet Gravure – OFNP/SA

Sheet Stamps

2nd CB Short phosphor bands at top
Single 4.95 ...
Gutter pair 9.90 ...
Traffic light block of 6 28.60 ...
Cylinder block of 8 35.75 ...
42p 2B Exceedingly short phosphor bands at bottom
Single 7.25 ...
Gutter pair 14.50 ...
Cylinder block of 8 55.00 ...

Cylinder blocks of 8 (De La Rue)

2nd SBR D1 D1 D1 D1 D2 (D1) Right dot 4.95 ...
68p 2B D1 D2 D2 D2 D2 (D1) Right dot 12.75 ...

Date blocks of 6

2nd No warrant 15/06/05 3.50 ...
05/08/05 3.50 ...
08/08/05 5.25 ...
16/09/05 3.50 ...

Christmas 2005 (Continued)

2nd No warrant 19/09/05 3.50 ...
13/10/05 3.50 ...
14/10/05 5.25 ...
17/10/05 5.25 ...
1st No warrant 31/08/05 4.40 ...
01/09/05 4.40 ...
20/09/05 4.40 ...
18/10/05 4.40 ...
19/10/05 4.40 ...
20/10/05 6.50 ...
42p No warrant 18/07/05 7.35 ...
25/08/05 6.15 ...
26/08/05 6.15 ...
06/09/05 6.15 ...
68p No warrant 19/07/05 10.10 ...
07/09/05 8.80 ...
£1.12 No warrant 17/07/05 13.20 ...

Staff Sheet Stamps

1st 2B Short phosphor bands at top
Pair 17.50 ...
Date block of 6 – 09/07/05 (one only) 52.50 ...
Cylinder block of 8 70.00 ...

These are offered in a pair to match the pairs supplied for full banded versions.

Animal Tales (8v in 4 s/t pairs – Issued 10.1.06)

Printed by De La Rue in litho sheets of 30 and 60 (the latter with a vertical gutter between). The 2nd class values have a single 4.5mm phosphor band with a bluish violet tint, inset from the left by approximately 8.5mm. The other values all show two side phosphor bands, measuring approximately 18mm in total, solid across their entire width. The stamps are in the off-square format, printed on cream colour PVA gummed paper with perms measuring 14.5. The left stamp of the 68p pair shows two holes in the stamp, presumably areas that the featured "Hungry Caterpillar" has eaten!

The stamps depict Animal Characters from famous Children's stories, including Kipper, Jeremy Fisher, The White Rabbit and Paddington Bear. This a joint issue with the US Postal Service and the two designs used on the 68p pair (The Hungry Caterpillar and Maisy) are used on both country's issues, however the other six designs are unique to each country, presumably because the cross-over of children's literature between our two nation's is not that great. Looking at the designs and the way they have been treated I am pleased to say that I eminently prefer the GB stamps. This is a fun set and one that has the potential of attracting a few much needed youngsters into our hobby.



Animal Tales (Continued)

Mint	5.65 ...
Used	7.15 ...
Gutter Pairs	12.40 ...
Traffic Light Gutter Pairs	24.80 ...
<i>Due to the positioning of the traffic lights in the gutter, these are supplied as blocks of 4, rather than pairs</i>	
Presentation Pack	6.60 ...
P.O.FDC	7.45 ...
Cotswold FDC	8.50 ...
Stuart FDC	8.50 ...
PHQ Mint	5.25 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	13.25 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	13.25 ...
42p Comic Adventures of Boots design – Inset left band	
Single in s/t pair with normal White Rabbit design	6.25 ...
Gutter pair, one s/t pair with inset band, the other with normal bands	7.50 ...
Cylinder block of 8 containing 4 examples	25.00 ...
Traffic light blocks of 6 containing 3 s/t pairs ...	19.50 ...

Plate blocks of 8 containing 4 s/t pairs (De La Rue)
Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, confirming a four-up print run. However, we have only seen 42p in upper boxes and 68p in lower box positions, presumably the result of printing them in pairs on a printer's primary sheet.

2nd CB D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	
Upper-left or lower-left dot	3.25 ...
1st 2B D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	
Upper-left or lower-left dot	4.50 ...
42p 2B D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	
Upper-left dot	6.40 ...
68p 2B D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	
Lower-left dot	10.45 ...

Paddington Bear Smilers (Issued 10.1.06)

To coincide with the Animal Tales issue, Royal Mail have released a Smilers sheet, featuring Paddington Bear, one of the most loved animals in Children's fiction. The sheet contains 20 copies of the Animal Tales 1st stamp showing Paddington. Both Generic and photo-label sheets exist. Generic sheets show 10 different illustrations by artist Peggy Fortnum, taken from the original Paddington books, on the labels attached to the stamps. The sheet surround is in a deep yellow colour and is entitled "A Bear called Paddington". The bottom margin contains the inscriptions "Bears paws aren't very good with envelopes" and "Please look after this bear. Thank you."



Paddington Bear Smilers (continued)

The Smilers stamps in this sheet are printed in litho, as are sheet stamps. But there the similarity ends. Smilers versions are printed by Cartor, whereas sheet versions were printed by De La Rue. For the first time, Royal Mail have issued the Smilers sheet as a self-adhesive, when the sheet stamps are gummed (previous self-adhesive Smilers have all been Christmas issues where the sheet stamps have also been self-adhesive). Although the phosphor bands measure 18mm in total width, similar to sheet stamps, the fluor in the bands is much brighter and is vignettted towards the centre on Smilers issues. The shade of the stamps is also appreciably deeper than sheet issues.

Cartor, Litho – OFNP/SA

Generic Label Version

Animal Tales 1st Paddington Bear with generic labels attached

Single	1.50 ...
Vertical strip of 5	3.75 ...
Used (Single)	1.25 ...
Complete sheet of 20	11.50 ...
P.O.FDC bearing strip of 5 stamps with a set of 5 different labels attached – split over 3 covers	6.30 ...

Photo Label Version

Animal Tales 1st Paddington Bear with a photo-label attached to each stamp

Complete sheet of 1st x 20	26.00 ...
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A British Journey: England (10v in s/t block – Issued 7.2.06)

Printed by De La Rue in gravure sheets of 30 and 60 (the latter with a vertical gutter between) comprising 3 or 6 sets, respectively. All stamps have two side phosphor bands, measuring approximately 18mm in total width, vignettted towards the centre. The stamps are in the off-square format, printed on cream colour PVA gummed paper with perfs measuring 14½.



Originally there were going to be 10 sets covering the whole of the British Isles, but, due to tail off in interest in this series, Royal Mail have decided to bring it to a premature end. In an attempt to cover the rest of England, they have expanded this to a set of 10 – the South West was covered in a set of 6 in February of last year and previous issues have featured Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Ironically, this set is probably the best, having moved away from just natural landscapes and features man-made landmarks including St Paul's Cathedral, and the village of Robin Hood's Bay, amongst others. If all the stamps had been so thoughtfully designed it is possible the series may have held the interest of collectors and run it's intended course.

Mint	5.30 ...
Used	6.95 ...
Gutter Pairs	11.50 ...

A British Journey: England (continued)

Presentation Pack	6.15 ...
P.O.FDC	7.20 ...
Cotswold FDC	8.10 ...
Stuart FDC	8.10 ...
PHQ Mint	6.60 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	14.30 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	14.30 ...
Traffic light bloc of 20 containing 2 s/t blocks	12.30 ...
Cylinder block of 20 containing 2 s/t blocks of 10 (<i>De La Rue</i>)	
<i>Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, confirming a four-up print run.</i>	
1st 2B D2 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	
Lower-left or lower-right dot	12.30 ...

Cheers Hallmark Brunel Stampex Smilers (Issued 22.2.06)

The seventh in the series of Stampex Exhibition sponsored sheets features the Cheers Hallmark 1st design from the Occasions issue of 2001, and the subsequent Smilers sheets of later that year. The sheet marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Isambard Kingdom Brunel and features images of his engineering achievements as the sheet surround, overlaid by the Stampex and PTS logos. The 10 stamps all have different labels attached which, rather curiously feature somewhat random illustrations of items such as birds, ships, planes, etc., which bear no relation to Brunel, but instead are intended to represent thematic stamp collecting!

Printed by Cartor in litho. the stamps are distinctive from both the



2001 Enschedé gravure sheet printings and Questa Litho Smilers issue. They are very much more greenish in shade and show very prominent phosphor bands (similar to the Questa version – the Enschedé versions are vignettted towards the centre) which have a very bright violet tint (similar to the Esnchedé version – Questa stamps have a very dull fluor).

Cartor, Litho – OFNP/PVA

Cheers Hallmark 1st 2B stamp with a thematic label attached

Single	1.80 ...
Gutter pair	3.65 ...
Complete sheet of 10	13.75 ...
Official FDC – Issued 22.2.06	4.15 ...

Brunel (Issued 23.2.06)

The stamps depict just a few of the astonishing engineering achievements of that colossus, Isambard Kingdom Brunel, who would have celebrated his 200th birthday this year, had he still been alive. The designs have been adapted from contemporary illustrations and admirably convey the spirit of what was a truly pioneering age.

Sheet Stamps (6v)

Printed by Enschedé in litho in sheets of 24 and 48 (the latter with a vertical gutter between). All the values, apart from the 42p, bear two phosphor bands, one measuring approximately 10mm aligned along the right hand edge of the stamps, the other inset from the left edge by approximately 14mm and measuring approximately 14mm in width. The 42p has an all over phosphor coating, presumably to create a sufficient phosphor response to trigger sorting equipment, against a mostly black background. The stamps are in the increasingly common panoramic format, which is particularly effective for illustrations of this type. They have blue tinted shiny PVA gum and are perforated 14 x 13½.



Mint	5.05 ...
Used	6.50 ...
Gutter Pairs	11.10 ...
Presentation Pack	6.00 ...
P.O.FDC	6.60 ...
Cotswold FDC	7.75 ...
Stuart FDC	7.75 ...
PHQ Mint – Includes card for miniature sheet	4.60 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse – Includes cards for miniature sheet*	19.20 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse – Includes cards for miniature sheet*	19.20 ...
* Due to the size of the miniature sheet it has been necessary to split it across two cards.	
Traffic light blocks of 6	34.70 ...
Plate blocks of 8 (<i>Enschedé</i>)	
<i>Dots are positioned in one of six boxes, confirming a six-up print run. However, 1st, 42p and 60p values have only been seen in right hand boxes and 40p, 47p and 68p values with dots at the left, implying that these were printed in pairs of values.</i>	
1st 2B E1 E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1) Middle-right dot	4.50 ...
40p 2B E1 E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1) Middle-left dot	6.05 ...
42p AOPE1 E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1) Middle-right dot	6.40 ...
47p 2B E1 E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1) Middle-left dot	7.15 ...
60p 2B E1 E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1) Middle-right dot	9.15 ...
68p 2B E1 E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1) Middle-left dot	10.65 ...

Miniature Sheet

Also printed by Enschedé in litho, the sheet measures 190 x 67mm. The contents of the sheet match the sheet stamps described above in technical specification.



The sheet contains the six stamps arranged in value order, three across and two down. It has a silver surround with a decorative pattern top and bottom, and bears the inscription "BRUNEL 1806-2006" in a box in the top margin.

Mint	5.05 ...
Used	6.50 ...
P.O.FDC	6.60 ...
Cotswold FDC	7.75 ...
Stuart FDC	7.75 ...

Booklet Stamps

Ex Brunel prestige booklet, these are also printed in litho by Enschedé. These stamps are a remarkably close match to those found in both sheets and the miniature sheet. However, the phosphor on booklet stamps is a little patchy (particularly noticeable on the 42p value) and contains a slightly brighter fluor than from those sources.

1st, 42p and 68p in sheetlet of 3	3.05 ...
40p, 47p and 60p in sheetlet of 3	3.15 ...



Ocean Liners (Issued 23.2.06)

Enschede Litho – OFNP/PVA

Booklet stamp

Ex the Brunel Prestige booklet, this stamp differs markedly from the sheet stamp in the same design printed by De La Rue in 2004. This stamp is litho, whereas De La Rue versions were gravure. The result is many physical differences, which we list below – the features of the De La Rue stamps are given in brackets after those of the Enschedé version. The gum has a bluish tint (cream); the phosphor bands measure approximately 20mm in total width (18mm) and are solid across their width (vignetted towards the centre); the band is cut out where the gold Queen’s head appears (not cut out); the fluor is a dull violet colour under UV (bright violet). Despite these traits the stamps do appear remarkably well matched in view of the different printing processes and printer used.

68p	PS Great Western 2B	
	Mint	1.95 ...
	Used	2.00 ...
	P.O.FDC	3.85 ...

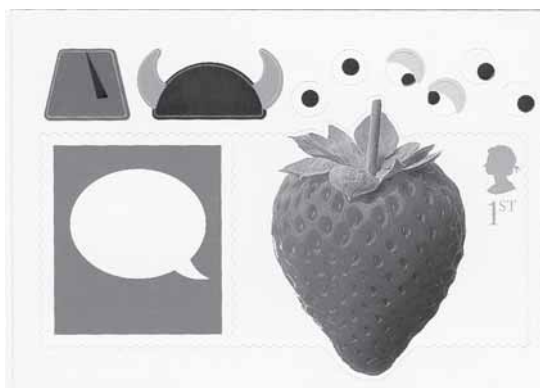
Welsh Assembly Miniature sheet (Issued 1.03.06)

Printed by De La Rue Byfleet in gravure. Issued to mark the opening of the new Welsh Assembly building in Cardiff by the Queen. Although this sheet contains Welsh Regional Emblem stamps in a pictorial border showing the roof of the Assembly building, it is being treated as a commemorative issue by Royal Mail.

Mint	3.82 ...
Used	4.95 ...
P.O. FDC	5.35 ...
Cotswold FDC	6.25 ...
Stuart FDC	6.25 ...

Fun with Fruit & Veg Smilers (Issued 7.3.06)

Royal Mail have re-used the ten designs from the 2003 Fun with Fruit & Veg set to create a new Smilers sheet. Each sheet contains 20 stamps – two copies of each design – with rouletting down the centre making it easy and convenient to split it into two sets. Both generic and photo-label versions exist, although the photo-label version was not available at the date of issue and will follow in due course. Generic sheet labels show cartoon style speech bubbles on a primary coloured background. The sheet margins are used for the facial features such as moustaches, eyes, lips, etc. that can be used to turn the vegetable into a “Mr Potato-head” style character. Previously, for the 2003 shrinkwrapped version, these were on a separate sheet to the stamps.



Fun with Fruit & Veg Smilers (continued)

Like the 2003 issues the Smilers versions are self-adhesive. However the new Smilers versions are printed by Cartor in litho, whereas the earlier versions were printed by Walsall in gravure. The stamps are a very good match on a purely visual basis, but if you examine them under UV, the phosphor bands on the Smilers issue have a much duller violet tint to the fluor, whereas the Walsall versions show a very bright fluor.

Cartor, Litho – OFNP/ISA

Generic Version

Fun with Fruit & Veg 1st 2B in a block of 10, each attached to a different generic label

Mint	7.50 ...
Used	7.95 ...
Complete sheet of 20 stamps	11.50 ...
P.O. FDC – Split over 3 covers	9.35 ...

Photo Label Version

Fun with Fruit & Veg 1st 2B in a block of 10 with a photo-label attached to each stamp

Complete sheet of 1st x 20	26.00 ...
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Ice Age Animals (5v – Issued 21.3.06)



Printed by Enschedé in litho sheets of 25 and 50 with a vertical gutter between. All stamps have two side phosphor bands, measuring approximately 18.5mm in total width, solid across their width. The stamps are in the off-square format, printed on faintly blue tinted PVA gummed paper with perfs measuring 14½.

The stamps depict five Animals that roamed these isles during the last Ice Age. The designs are in the form of monotone woodblock prints which are quite effective although they tend to look rather more impressive at a larger size.

Mint	5.25 ...
Used	7.15 ...
Gutter pairs	11.50 ...
Presentation Pack	6.15 ...
P.O.FDC	6.70 ...
Gutter FDC	13.40 ...
Cotswold FDC	7.90 ...
Stuart FDC	7.90 ...
PHQ Mint	3.30 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	10.45 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	10.45 ...
Traffic light blocks of 6	36.20 ...

Plate blocks of 8 (Enschedé)

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

1st 2B	E1 E1 (E1)	Lower-left dot	4.50 ...
42p 2B	E1 E1 (E1)	Lower-right dot	6.40 ...
47p 2B	E1 E1 (E1)	Lower-right dot	7.15 ...
68p 2B	E1 E1 (E1)	Lower-right dot	10.45 ...
£1.12p 2B	E1 E1 (E1)	Lower-left dot	15.95 ...



The Queen's 80th Birthday (8v in 4 s/t pairs – Issued 18.4.06)

Printed by Enschedé in gravure sheets of 30 and 60 with a vertical gutter between. The left hand stamp in the 2nd class s/t pair has a single 4.5mm phosphor band at the right, the right stamp has a similar width band, offset to the left of centre. Higher values all have two side phosphor bands, measuring approximately 18mm in total width, vignettted towards the centre. In a style similar to that of last year's Christmas set, each stamp has the year "2006" reversed out of one of the phosphor bands towards the bottom. The stamps measure 41 x 30mm – an unusual format for GB stamps – are printed on a cream PVA gummed paper and are perforated 14½ x 14.

The stamps show a laughing and smiling Queen through the different decades of her life in the form of black and white photographs. Although some have criticised the set for not being bright and colourful. This concept wouldn't have been possible if the colour approach had been taken as there are very few colour photographs of Her Majesty in her younger years. We feel it is a fitting tribute to such a vibrant and long serving Monarch.

Mint	6.00 ...
Used	7.50 ...
Gutter Pairs	13.15 ...
Presentation Pack	6.95 ...
P.O.FDC	7.80 ...
Cotswold FDC	8.95 ...
Stuart FDC	8.95 ...
PHQ Mint	5.25 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	13.65 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	13.65 ...
1st s/t pair Left hand stamp show inset left phosphor band	
Pair	6.30 ...
Gutter pair	12.60 ...
Cylinder block of 8, with inset affecting 4 stamps	25.20 ...
Traffic light blocks of 6 (containing 3 s/t pairs)	20.65 ...
Cylinder blocks of 8 comprising 4 s/t pairs (Enschedé)	
<i>Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, confirming a four-up print run. However, we have only seen 1st and 72p in right hand boxes and 2nd and 44p in left hand box positions, presumably the result of printing them in pairs on a printer's primary sheet (likely 2nd & 1st and 44p & 72p in combination).</i>	

2nd 2B E1 E1 E1 (E1) Lower-left dot	3.45 ...
1st 2B E1 E1 E1 (E1) Lower-right dot	4.75 ...
44p 2B E1 E1 E1 (E1) Lower-left dot	6.60 ...
72p 2B E1 E1 E1 (E1) Lower-right dot	10.75 ...

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Washington 2006 Smilers (Issued 25.5.06)

Issued on the opening date of the Washington World Philatelic Exhibition, Royal Mail issued the third in a series of Smilers sheets to tie in with their attendance at international exhibitions. As with the previous Hong Kong and Pacific Smilers, this sheet re-uses the same Hello 1st Greetings stamps, each attached to an identical label showing a US style post box set against a blue sky with the exhibition title as an inscription. The sheet surrounds are also similar to the previous issues, with a sky and clouds background with a red plane towing a sign showing the Hello message from Royal Mail along with the Exhibition logo.

The litho printed stamps in the sheet are a very close match to those from last year's Pacific Explorer sheet, but are printed by Cartor, instead of Walsall. The only noticeable difference is that the phosphor bands appear solid across their entire width whereas the Walsall issues were vignettted towards the centre. Only generic versions of the sheet were produced – no photo-label type is available.

Cartor, Litho OFNP/SA

Hello Greetings 1st iwith generic labels attached

Single with label attached	1.50 ...
Vertical strip of 5	4.05 ...
Complete sheet of 20	12.20 ...
P.O. FDC bearing Smilers Hello 1st pair	3.60 ...



World Cup Winners (6v – Issued 6.6.06)

Printed in litho by Walsall Security Printers in sheets of 25 and 50 with a vertical gutter between. All have two side phosphor bands, measuring approximately 18mm in total width, vignettted towards the centre. The stamps measure 35mm square, are perforated 14.5 and have a cream PVA gum.

Issued in conjunction with the 2006 World Cup, they show the lower half of the torso (and thus avoiding showing anyone in particular) of footballers from six of the seven nations that have won the World cup in the past kicking a globe instead of a ball. At the right is that winning nation's flag with the date or dates when they were World Champions. This is a set likely to appeal to all football fans, particularly as, at the time of writing, the country seems to have gone "football crazy". The only thing spoiling the set is the omission of Uruguay, two times winners, albeit back in 1930 and 1950.

Mint	5.35 ...
Used	6.60 ...
Gutter Pairs	11.70 ...
Presentation pack	6.25 ...
P.O.FDC	6.90 ...
Cotswold FDC	8.05 ...
Stuart FDC	8.05 ...



World Cup Winners (Continued)

PHQ Mint	3.95 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	11.30 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	11.30 ...
1st 2B Inset left phosphor band	
Single	5.50 ...
44p 2B Inset right phosphor band	
Single	6.25 ...
72p 2B Inset left phosphor band	
Single	6.90 ...
Traffic light blocks of 6	36.75 ...
Plate blocks of 8 (Walsall)	

Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, confirming a four-up print run. However, we have only seen 1st, 44p and 64p in right hand boxes and 42p, 50p and 72p in left hand box positions, presumably the result of printing them in pairs on a printer's primary sheet.

1st 2B W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	
Lower-right dot	4.75 ...
42p 2B W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	
Lower-left dot	6.50 ...
44p 2B W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	
Lower-right dot	6.60 ...
50p 2B W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	
Lower-left dot	7.70 ...
64p 2B W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	
Lower-right dot	9.85 ...
72p 2B W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	
Lower-left dot	11.10 ...

World Cup Winners 42p Missing phosphor



For the first time in several years a sheet commemorative has been discovered missing phosphor. Just one sheet of 50 of the 42p World Cup Winners issue has been discovered completely missing the two side phosphor bands, making this amongst the scarcest of all recorded phosphor omissions. It appears on a stamp which has very strong thematic appeal, and a nice added bonus is the fact the error has occurred on the stamp celebrating the nation, Italy, who ended up winning the World Cup!

Single	95.00 ...
Gutter pair (just 3 available)	190.00 ...
Traffic light block of 6 (just 1 available)	575.00 ...
Cylinder block of 8 (just 1 available)	750.00 ...

World Cup Winners 50p Perf Shift



Perforations shifted approx 1.5mm to the left, leaving a portion of the black left sleeve of the footballer, at the left instead of at the right. Although this is a minor shift it is modestly priced and is makes for an inexpensive addition to liven up a commemorative collection.

Single	6.00 ...
Traffic Light block of 6 (just 1 available)	35.00 ...

England's Finest Hour Smilers (Issued 6.6.06)

To accompany the World Cup Winners issue, Royal Mail issued a further Smilers sheet on 6th June to mark the 40th Anniversary of England's triumph in the 1966 World Cup Final. The sheet features 20 copies of the World Cup Winners 1st stamp (featuring England) each adjoined by a label featuring a different scene from that famous day. The sheet surround is in grey with the inscription "England's Finest Hour...Wembley Stadium, London, 30 July 1966" reversed out of the top margin in white.

The stamps in this sheet are printed in litho, as are sheet stamps, but are by Cartor whereas sheet stamps are by Walsall. The stamps are very similar in shade but are distinguishable by their phosphor. The Cartor Smilers versions have a very heavy application of phosphor, readily visible to the naked eye, whereas on Walsall sheet versions the phosphor is very difficult to see. When examined under UV, the Smilers version has a very bright violet tinted fluor, with bands solid across their entire width, whereas the sheet version's fluor is much duller and is clearly vignettted towards the centre. Surprisingly, only generic sheets exist – no photo-label types were produced for this issue.



Cartor, Litho – OFNP/SA

World Cup Winners 1st with generic labels attached

Single with label attached	1.50 ...
Vertical strip of 5	4.05 ...
Used (Single)	1.25 ...
Complete sheet of 20	12.20 ...
Presentation pack	6.25 ...
P.O.FDC bearing strip of 5 stamps with a set of 5 different labels attached – split over 3 covers	6.30 ...

Modern Architecture (6v – Issued 20.6.06)

Printed in gravure by Walsall Security Printers in sheets of 25 and 50 with a vertical gutter between. All have two side phosphor bands, measuring approximately 18mm in total width, vignettted towards the centre. The stamps measure 35mm square, are perforated 14.5 and have a cream PVA gum.

The stamps illustrate six modern British buildings, which have received high praise and awards within architectural circles. Although some of the buildings are iconic, others are quite forgettable, notably the ferry shelter from the Isle of Teree, which looks more like a concrete bunker! As a set, however, these stamps are attractive and show British Architecture in a positive light.

Mint	5.35 ...
Used	6.60 ...
Gutter Pairs	11.70 ...
Presentation pack	6.25 ...
P.O.FDC	6.90 ...
Cotswold FDC	8.05 ...
Stuart FDC	8.05 ...
PHQ Mint	3.95 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	11.30 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	11.30 ...
42p 2B Inset right phosphor band	
Single	5.75 ...
50p 2B Short phosphor bands at top	
Single	6.60 ...



Modern Architecture (continued)

Traffic light blocks of 6 36.75 ...

Cylinder blocks of 8 (Walsall)

Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, confirming a four-up print run. However, we have only seen 1st, 42p, 64p and 72p in right hand boxes and 44p and 50p in left hand box positions. Presumably at least four of the values have been printed in pairs on a printer's primary sheet.

1st 2B	W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	Lower-right dot	..... 4.75 ...
42p 2B	W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	Lower-right dot	..... 6.50 ...
44p 2B	W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	Lower-left dot	..... 6.60 ...
50p 2B	W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	Lower-left dot	..... 7.70 ...
64p 2B	W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	Lower-right dot	..... 9.85 ...
72p 2B	W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	Lower-right dot	..... 11.10 ...

For Life's Special Moments Smilers (Issued 4.7.06)

At long last in July Royal Mail issued their generic Smilers sheet to accompany the Small Format Pictorial Smilers stamps first issued in October of last year. However, what wasn't expected was that the stamps would be self-adhesive – Royal Mail's original intent was that any generic sheet for these stamps would be conventionally gummed, but clearly something has happened to change their minds in the interim period. The sheet contains the conventional 20 stamps – 3 copies of each of the 6 Small format designs plus additional copies of the "Hello" and "Love" stamps. Each bears an attached label in the new, elongated format, showing some appropriately linked imagery to the stamp, which is taken from the sheet margins of the single design photo-label sheets of that value. The sheet border is inscribed "For Life's Special Moments" and depicts in an illustrative style what is supposed to be "anytown" in the UK and subtly incorporates design elements from the stamps.

The stamps are litho printed by Cartor, as were last year's photo-label versions and are a close match in shade terms. However, the new generic sheet versions show a brighter fluor when examined under UV, probably as the result of very heavy application of the phosphor, which is very obvious, even to the naked eye, leaving the bands appearing very prominent and yellowish in colour, rather detracting from the stamp design. As you probably can guess, no photo-label versions of this composite design sheet exists. Stamps are offered in half sheets of 10 (containing one complete set and four additional values) as it is impossible to cut up the self adhesive sheet to supply just the six values in a set.

Cartor, Litho OFNP/SA

Generic Label Version

Small Format Standard Design Smilers 1st s/t block of 10 with generic labels attached

Mint 7.15 ...

Complete sheet of 20 12.20 ...

P.O. FDC with set of 6 x 1st with generic labels attached – split over 2 covers 8.25 ...



Small Format Pictorial Stamps for Smilers

Booklet Stamps

Due to their source and self-adhesive gum, these stamps are supplied in their original booklet.

Walsall, Gravure – OFNP/SA

Ex Series SAA3 booklet.

1st 2B x 6 Bright fluor
All 6 designs with short phosphor bands at bottom 25.00 ...

Ex Series SAA4 booklet.

1st 2B x 6 Dull fluor
Normal copies of all 6 stamps 3.75 ...

Smilers Sheet Stamps

Cartor Litho – OFNP/SA

Ex sheets of 20, with customised labels attached

P.O. FDCs bearing set of 6 stamps split over 2 covers .25.00 ...

Very few prepared (about 50) despite being an important new printing. The reason for this was that Royal Mail incorrectly announced that the sheet stamps and booklet stamps were actually all litho, when in fact the booklet stamps, from where almost all FDCs were prepared were gravure printed.

National Portrait Gallery (10v in s/t block – Issued 18.7.06)

Printed in gravure by De La Rue in sheets of 30 and 60 stamps (comprising 3 or 6 s/t blocks respectively). Sheets of 60 have a vertical gutter between panes. Each stamp has two side phosphor bands, measuring 18mm in total width and vignettted towards the centre – more obviously so on some than other designs. The stamps measure 27 x 37mm, an unusual format for GB values, but making a compact s/t block. They are perforated 14 x 14½ and gummed with cream PVA gum on an OFNP paper.



Despite ostensibly marking the 150th Anniversary of the National Gallery, the stamps show some of the portraits in the gallery's collection and therefore have the double effect of featuring some of the more famous characters in British history, literature and the arts, giving them an additional thematic appeal, notably through the inclusion of portraits of Shakespeare, Darwin and Churchill. Although the subject matter is well chosen, some of the actual portraits leave something to be desired, particularly that of T.S. Eliot, which makes him appear more like an alien from the planet Zog than one of this country's most celebrated poets!

Mint 5.65 ...

Used 7.20 ...

Gutter pair 12.30 ...

National Portrait Gallery (continued)

Traffic light gutter pair	24.60 ...
<i>Due to the arrangement of traffic lights being spread over two blocks, it is necessary to supply this as a double block.</i>	
Presentation pack	6.50 ...
P.O.FDC	7.60 ...
Cotswold FDC	8.75 ...
Stuart FDC	8.75 ...
PHQ Mint	6.60 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	14.75 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	14.75 ...
Traffic light blocks of 20, comprising 2 s/t sets	13.00 ...
Cylinder blocks of 20, comprising 2 s/t sets (<i>De La Rue</i>)	
<i>Dots are positioned in one of six boxes, confirming a six-up print run.</i>	

1st 2B D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)
 Top-left, top-centre or bottom-left dot 13.00 ...

Year of the Three Kings miniature sheet (Issued 31.8.06)

Printed in gravure by De La Rue the sheet contains one £3 2B Machin stamp gummed with cream PVA gum on OFNP paper. The sheet measures 128 x 73mm.

2006 marks the seventieth anniversary of the year of the Three Kings, when George V, Edward VIII and George VI all held the throne. Surprisingly, perhaps, this is not a unique occurrence in English history. In fact this was the third occasion of a year in which three monarchs reigned. In 1483 Edward IV, Edward V and Richard III all stood on the throne, and likewise in 1553 when Edward VI, Lady Jane Grey and Mary were notionally the crown rulers. Never one to miss an opportunity, Royal Mail have issued a miniature sheet to mark last century's version. The sheet shows a 1d definitive in red from each of the three Kings, set against a cream coloured background with suitable inscriptions, including the Kings' dates and featuring the four regional emblems in the four corners as found on Wilding definitives. The King stamps are imperforate, as although now demonetised, Royal Mail wished to avoid officially re-issuing these stamps. To make it postally valid, however, the sheet contains a current £3 small format Machin head stamp. This is another in the line of successful miniature sheets revisiting earlier definitive issues and is likely to be popular. However, why a lower value stamp couldn't have been used in the sheet or a specially designed stamp incorporating all the Kings' heads, is still something of a mystery.

Despite containing a definitive, the sheet is being accorded commemorative status by Royal Mail and is, therefore, listed under both commemorative and high value categories.

Mint	5.25 ...
Used	5.75 ...
P.O.FDC	6.90 ...
Cotswold FDC	7.75 ...

Victoria Cross (Issued 21.9.06)

The first Victoria Cross was awarded, unsurprisingly, by Queen Victoria, 150 years ago, in 1856. These stamps illustrate six of the recipients of this highest award for valour made over the years. They span all the services and a wide age range and are truly representative of members of a truly exclusive club of just 1,355 laureates. Each stamp features a sepia toned illustration of the recipient, alongside a mocked up newspaper story/citation set against a cream coloured background. The stamps are attractive, if a little repetitive in their execution, but are likely to prove particularly popular with those collectors and members of the public who lived through World War II.

Sheet Stamps (6v in 3s/t pairs)

Printed in litho by Enschedé in sheets of 30 and 60, the latter with a vertical gutter between panes of 30. They appear in horizontal se-tenant pairs in the familiar



Victoria Cross (continued)

landscape format (measuring 41 x 30mm). Each stamp has an all over phosphor coating covering the entire surface of the stamp apart from an approximately 9mm vertical strip at either the left or the right of the stamp (dependent upon the position in the s/t pair the stamp appears) where the Queen's head, value and illustration of the Medal appears. The year "2006" is reversed out of the phosphor in the lower-left or lower-right corner. The stamps are printed on OFNP/PVA paper which has a bluish tint to the gum. They are perforated 14½ x 14.

Mint	5.90 ...
Used	7.30 ...
Gutter pairs	12.95 ...
Presentation pack	6.85 ...
P.O.FDC	7.60 ...
Cotswold FDC	8.70 ...
Stuart FDC	8.70 ...
PHQ Mint – Includes card for miniature sheet	4.60 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse – Includes cards for miniature sheet*	24.45 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse – Includes cards for miniature sheet*	24.45 ...

** Due to the size of the miniature sheet it has been necessary to split it across two cards.*

Traffic light blocks of 6, comprising 3 s/t sets 20.30 ...
 Plate blocks of 8 comprising 4 sets (*Enschedé*)
Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, confirming a four-up print run. However, we have only seen 64p values in left hand boxes and 72p in right hand box positions, presumably the result of printing them in pairs on a printer's primary sheet.

1st 2B E1 E1 E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1)	
	Lower-left or upper-left dot 4.75 ...
64p 2B E1 E1 E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1)	
	Lower-left or upper-left dot 9.55 ...
72p 2B E1 E1 E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1)	
	Lower-right or upper-right dot 10.80 ...

Miniature Sheet

Printed in litho by Enschedé, this sheet contains the six stamps found in the sheet set with identical technical specifications, plus a copy of the 20p Victoria Cross design reprinted from the 1990 Gallantry Awards issue. This stamp has an all over phosphor coating and is perforated 14 x 14½. The sheet measures 190 x 67mm.

Mint	6.25 ...
Used	7.50 ...
P.O.FDC	8.00 ...
Cotswold FDC	9.00 ...
Stuart FDC	9.00 ...



Victoria Cross (continued)

Booklet Stamps

These stamps closely match sheet values but do have some distinguishing features. The fluor additive to the phosphor has a distinctly whitish tint, when compared to the 64p & 72p sheet values which are noticeably violet in colour (The 1st pair is similar to booklet stamps).

- 1st, 64p and 72p designs with the Queen's head at the right 3.60 ...
- 1st, 64p and 72p designs with the Queen's head at the left 3.60 ...

Victoria Cross 20p

The 20p Victoria Cross design from the 1990 Gallantry Awards issue has been reprinted to accompany the new Victoria Cross issue. Although identical in design, the stamp is otherwise quite different from its predecessor. The new stamp is printed in litho by Enschedé, whereas the original was gravure printed by Harrison. It also is perforated 14 x 14½ whereas the 1990 stamp was perforated 14 x 15. The original version is printed on ACP paper with phosphor in the coating, whereas the new version is on ONFNP and has all over phosphor with a blue fluor additive. In addition the new stamp is gummed with PVA with a bluish tint, whereas the original was Dextrin gummed. The stamp comes both from the Victoria Cross prestige booklet and the Victoria Cross miniature sheet, both are virtually indistinguishable, and will receive full catalogue status in all SG catalogues including Collect British Stamps.



Booklet stamps

- Mint 1.10 ...
- Sheetlet of 4 3.30 ...
- P.O. FDC bearing a pair – Issued 21.9.06 3.30 ...

AIRLETTERS

DEFINITIVE AIRLETTERS

English language airletter

New Definitive Airletter on white paper

Gone is the familiar blue paper in this new airletter, the colour being dropped, apparently, to save money !

- Mint 1.55 ...
- FDI – Dated 16.6.06 5.00 ...
- Discount version with star on top flap*
- Mint 1.55 ...
- FDI – Dated 30.8.06 5.00 ...

* New issue customers please note that this will be supplied on a future distribution.



Union Jack Victoria Cross Stampex Smilers (Issued 27.9.06)

The latest in the series of Stampex exhibition sponsored sheets features the Union Jack 1st design from the Flags & Ensigns issue of 2001, which was subsequently re-used for the 2004 Rule Britannia Smilers sheet. The sheet marks the 150th Anniversary of the Victoria Cross and shows images from various military engagements, supplied by the VC Society, in the bottom selvage. The side margins illustrate the current Royal Mail issue and briefly detail the history of the award. The top margin displays the Stampex logo. Each of the 10 stamps bears a label illustrating a Victoria Cross Medal in one of two alignments – slanted to the left or to the right.

The stamps are printed in litho by Cartor and are individually distinguishable from the Questa gravure printed miniature sheet and booklet stamps of 2001 and the Walsall litho issue of 2004. The shade of these stamps is appreciably deeper in almost all colours and the silver Queen's head, which was dull and fairly indistinguishable on the Walsall version, is clear and bright, as if printed on top of the phosphor band. The bands are also very obviously visible to the naked eye and are solid across their entire width (previous versions were vignettted towards the centre of the stamp). They are offered as singles with the Victoria Cross label attached. However, they are also available to order, as a pair with the image on the label slanted in the two different positions.

Cartor Litho – OFNP/PVA

Union Jack 1st 2B single with Victoria Cross label attached

- Mint 1.80 ...
- Vertical pair of above showing VC on label in two different alignments 3.65 ...
- Gutter pair 3.65 ...
- Complete sheet of 10 13.75 ...
- Official FDC with official Stampex handstamp 4.15 ...



MACHINS

FCP/GA 3p Phosphor Error

The FCP/GA 3p from cyl 8 with the phosphor band displaced from the centre to the left of the stamp by approximately 6mm has been one of the scarcest of all Machin misplaced phosphor bands with less than 25 copies believed to exist. The stamp (CC 20BL) is catalogued at £650 and we have only rarely had a copy to offer.

However a recent small find, retained by the original finder for over 30 years, means we are now able to offer this rarity to new issue customers at a very special price for a limited period until our surplus stocks are exhausted. This may well be a one-off chance to obtain this scarce stamp.

FCP/GA

- 3p Deep ultramarine
- Phosphor displaced to left creating a side band left stamp (20BL) 110.00 ...



BLUE FLUOR COMPUTER ENGRAVED GRAVURE ISSUES

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

Warrant/Dates are supplied in block of 8

Blue tinted shiny gum, with fluorescence in surface coating

2p 2B	Deep green, pale Queen's head Cylinder blocks of 6 D1 (D1) Dot	4.95 ...
9p 2B	Bright orange Inset left phosphor band (DBG90 (11))	11.50 ...
	No warrant 01/04/05	3.85 ...
10p 2B	Deep bright orange Single (DBG103)	3.00 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6 D1 (D1) No dot	11.00 ...
	D1 (D1) Dot	11.00 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 6	11.00 ...
	No warrant 08/04/05	5.25 ...

Ex the previously unheralded 08/04/05 printing, this stamp is appreciably brighter shade than any previous De La Rue 10p. It is also printed on paper with a noticeably duller fluorescence than previously seen, although not as dull as the cream gum issues without fluor in the surface. It appeared, briefly, in stocks before the cream gum D2 cylinder issues started to appear.

10p 2B	Deep very bright orange Single (DBG104)	3.50 ...
	<i>Ex 08/04/05 printing. Despite coming from the same date as DBG103, early printings were in an even brighter and distinctive shade. Scarce.</i>	
35p CB	Pale lime-green Cylinder blocks of 6 D2 (D1) No Dot	9.95 ...
	D2 (D1) Dot	9.95 ...
39p 2B	Pale light grey Cylinder blocks of 6 D2 (D2) No Dot	22.50 ...
	No warrant 04/03/04	19.25 ...
39p 2B	Light grey, dull fluor in phosphor bands Single (DBG393)	3.25 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6 D2 (D2) No dot	19.50 ...
	D2 (D2) Dot	19.50 ...
	No warrant 23/08/04	19.25 ...
42p 2B	Grey-green No warrant 02/09/04	7.95 ...
£1 2B	Bluish violet Inset left phosphor band (DBG1000 (11))	25.00 ...

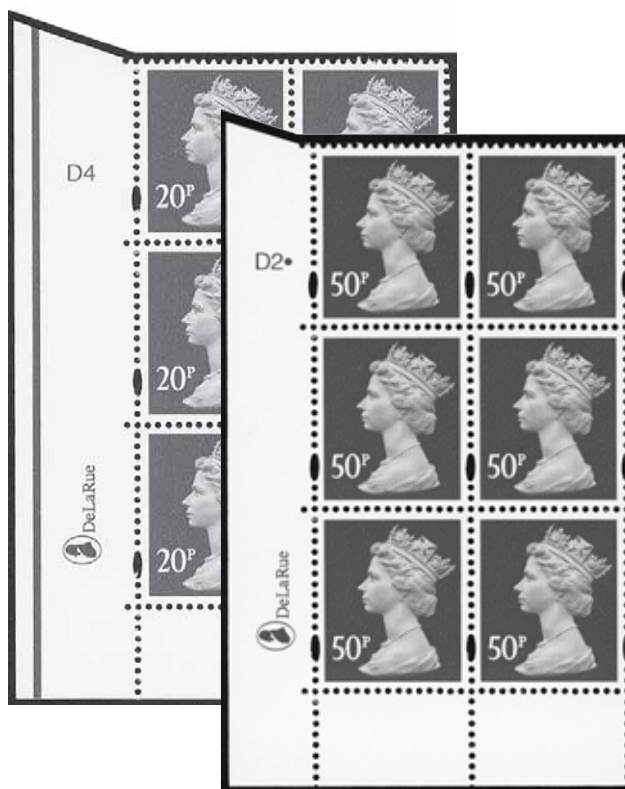
De La Rue (Dunstable) – OFNP/PVA sheet issues

D2 & D4 Printings

Several of the printings below are ex new D2 cylinders (or D4 on 20ps). These have been created in an attempt to revert to the Machin standard, which has not been possible to achieve since the switch from the blue gummed paper stock to the cream gummed paper with the shiny finish (also known in some quarters as RMS paper). The stamps are quite distinctive from the original Dunstable printings from D1 (or D3) cylinders and more closely match the Matthews colour standard. They tend to have a less intense but brighter background (although the 2p and 20p are actually noticeably darker) and a deeper coloured, more detailed Queen's head. This intentional change will follow through on other values as reprints are required.

Cream gum, no fluorescence in surface coating, glossy paper

1p 2B	Crimson Short bands at bottom (DDG10 (S17))	10.50 ...
	As above but in a cylinder block of 6 containing 2 copies & 4 normals	22.00 ...
	As above but in lower-right corner control block of 8 containing 2 copies & 6 normals	22.00 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6 D1 (D1) Dot	2.20 ...
	No warrant 23/07/05	2.45 ...
1p 2B	Bright crimson, deep Queen's head Single (DDG11)	1.00 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6 D2 (D1) No dot	3.20 ...
	D2 (D1) Dot	3.20 ...
	No warrant 17/03/06	3.00 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 6	2.25 ...
2p 2B	Deep green Inset right band (DDG20 (I2))	10.00 ...
	As above but in date block of 8 containing 4 inset stamps	40.00 ...
	As above in a lower-right corner control block of 6 containing 3 inset stamps	30.00 ...
	No warrant 10/11/05	2.45 ...
	11/11/05	2.45 ...
	10/01/06	2.75 ...



2p 2B	Very deep green Cylinder blocks of 6 D1 (D1) No dot	4.20 ...
	D1 (D1) Dot	4.20 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 6	4.20 ...
2p 2B	Dark green, deep Queen's head Single (DDG22)	1.10 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6 D2 (D1) No dot	3.30 ...
	D2 (D1) Dot	3.30 ...
	No warrant 16/03/06	3.80 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 6	3.30 ...

5p 2B	Deep claret	
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 (D1) Dot	3.50 ...
	No warrant 23/07/05	3.80 ...
	09/11/05	3.80 ...
	12/01/06	3.80 ...
5p 2B	Very deep claret shade	
	Single (DDG51)	2.25 ...
10p 2B	Deep orange	
	Single (DDG100)	1.05 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 (D1) Dot	5.00 ...
	No warrant 09/11/05	5.20 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 6	5.00 ...
	FDC bearing a strip of 3 * - Dated 6.1.06	15.00 ...
10p 2B	Deep bright orange, deep Queen's head	
	Single (DDG101)	1.25 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D2 (D1) No dot	3.75 ...
	D2 (D1) Dot	3.75 ...
	No warrant 23/03/06	3.95 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 6	3.75 ...



37p CB	Olive-green	
	Single (DDG371)	0.85 ...
	Used	0.90 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D2 (D1) No Dot	4.90 ...
	D2 (D1) Dot	4.90 ...
	No warrant 30/01/06	6.05 ...
	31/01/06	9.00 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 8	5.00 ...
	P.O. FDC bearing 37p CB, 44p 2B, 49p 2B, 72p 2B - Issued 28.3.06	5.25 ...
	Set of 4 P.O. Fdcs bearing cylinder blocks of 6 of the above	30.00 ...
	Cotswold FDC of above 39p CB, 44p 2B, 49p 2B, 72p 2B	6.15 ...
42p 2B	Pale grey-green	
	Single (DDG420)	1.70 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 (D1) No dot	7.25 ...
	D1 (D1) Dot	8.25 ...
	No warrant 20/07/05	9.35 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 6	8.25 ...
44p 2B	Ultramarine	
	Single (DDG440)	0.95 ...
	Used	1.00 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 (D1) No Dot	5.75 ...
	D1 (D1) Dot	5.75 ...
	No warrant 31/01/06	7.20 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 6	5.75 ...
46p 2B	Deep yellow	
	Single (DDG460)	1.55 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 (D1) No Dot	12.00 ...
	D1 (D1) Dot	22.50 ...
	No warrant 06/06/05	11.50 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 6	12.00 ...
	FDC* - Dated 9.12.05	15.00 ...
47p 2B	Sea-green	
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 (D1) No Dot	12.50 ...
	No warrant 11/11/05	14.50 ...
	FDC bearing a pair *- Dated 19.10.05	15.00 ...
49p 2B	Reddish brown	
	Single (DDG490)	1.00 ...
	Used	1.05 ...
	Short bands at top (DDG490(S16))	16.50 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 (D1) No Dot	6.45 ...
	D1 (D1) Dot	6.45 ...
	No warrant 01/02/06	7.95 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 6	6.45 ...

50p 2B	Deep Ochre	
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 (D1) Dot	7.70 ...
	No warrant 24/05/05	9.00 ...
	07/11/05	10.50 ...
	08/11/05	9.00 ...
	10/01/06	10.75 ...
	11/01/06	10.00 ...
	FDC bearing a pair * – Dated 12.10.05	15.00 ...
50p 2B	Deep ochre, weak phosphor	
	Single (DDG500PE)	5.00 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 (D1) Dot	27.50 ...
	No warrant 20/07/05	20.00 ...
	<i>Ex 20/07/05 printing. When held to the light the phosphor bands are very weak and barely visible, when compared to printings from other dates. In addition, when examined under UV the phosphor is very patchy, similar to that found on the £1 printing (DBG1003). This is, presumably, the result of poor electrostatic attraction, which is the same cause of snowy printings, to which this printing is very closely related.</i>	
50p 2B	Deep bright ochre, deep Queen's head	
	Single (DDG501)	1.90 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D2 (D1) No dot	7.75 ...
	D2 (D1) Dot	7.75 ...
	No warrant 15/03/06	9.75 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 6	7.75 ...
72p 2B	Rosine	
	Single (DDG720)	1.40 ...
	Used	1.45 ...
	Inset left phosphor band (DDG720 (I1))	7.25 ...
	Cylinder block of six, containing 3 inset band stamps & 3 normal	22.00 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 (D1) No Dot	9.50 ...
	D1 (D1) Dot	9.50 ...
	No warrant 02/02/06	11.75 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 6	9.50 ...
£1 2B	Bluish violet	
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 D1 (D1) No Dot	13.50 ...
	D1 D1 (D1) Dot	13.50 ...

£1 2B	Bluish violet	
	No warrant 21/07/05	15.95 ...
	08/11/05	15.95 ...
	11/01/06	15.95 ...
	FDC* – Dated 26.10.05	15.00 ...
	<i>Silhouetted Queen's head as a result of the iriodin ink being misplaced to the right</i>	
	Single (DDG1000SH)	6.50 ...
	<i>Ex 21/07/05 printing. The misalignment of the iriodin coating creates a three-dimensional look to the Queen's head and also leaves a darker line down the left edge of the stamp.</i>	
£1 2B	Bright bluish violet, deep Queen's head	
	Single (DDG1001)	2.75 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D2 D2 (D1) No dot	13.50 ...
	D2 D2 (D1) Dot	13.50 ...
	No warrant 23/03/06	15.95 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 6	13.50 ...
1st 2B	Gold	
	Short bands at top (FCD2 (S16))	13.75 ...
	No warrant 10/11/05	5.30 ...
1st 2B	Deep gold, pale Queen's head, dull fluor	
	Single (FCD4)	3.00 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 (D1) No Dot	15.00 ...
	D1 (D1) Dot	15.00 ...
	No warrant 18/08/05	13.75 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 6	13.75 ...
	<i>Apart from the background being appreciably deeper than original sheet printings (FCD2), the surface of the paper is glossier, in keeping with recent De La Rue issues using this paper printed at Dunstable. This also results in much less obviously visible phosphor bands.</i>	
	Presentation pack containing De La Rue 37p olive-green CB, 44p ultramarine 2B, 49p reddish brown 2B & 72p rosine 2B in new rate pack (Pack no. 72)	
		4.20 ...
	Presentation pack containing De La Rue Machin 12p 2B, 14p 2B, PIP 2nd CB, 1st 2B, PIP Large 2nd 2B, 1st 2B (Pack no.74)	
		3.80 ...
	<i>*These covers bear Dunstable printings on the new cream gum paper, which can be easily distinguished by the glossy surface, deep shades and the lack of fluor in the coating. Very few of these have been prepared (approx 80 in total) on the day of their first availability.</i>	

Enschedé – OFNP/PVA prestige booklet issues

Ex Brunel Prestige booklet.

35p CB	Deep lime-green, pale Queen's head, bright fluor	
	Single (E355)	1.50 ...
	S/t pairs 35p 2B/Label vert pair	2.25 ...
	Label/35p 2B vert pair	2.25 ...
	35p 2B/1st 2B horiz pair	3.20 ...
	1st 2B/35p 2B horiz pair	3.20 ...
40p 2B	Greenish blue	
	Single (E400)	1.65 ...
	Used	1.70 ...
	P.O. FDC – Issued 23.2.06	4.40 ...
	Cotswold FDC	5.40 ...
	S/t pairs 40p 2B/Label horiz pair	2.40 ...
	Label/40p 2B horiz pair	2.40 ...
	40p 2B/1st 2B vert pair	3.35 ...
	1st 2B/40p 2B vert pair	3.35 ...
1st 2B	Deep yellowish gold, pale Queen's head, ER ellipse, bright fluor with a violet tint (FCE6)	1.20 ...



Ex Victoria Cross prestige booklet.

50p 2B	Deep ochre, dull fluor, value set closer to bust	
	Single (E505)	1.45 ...
	S/t pairs 50p 2B/PIP 1st 2B vert pair	3.00 ...
	PIP 1st 2B/50p 2B vert pair	3.00 ...
	50p 2B/PIP 1st 2B horiz pair	3.00 ...
	PIP 1st 2B/50p 2B horiz pair	3.00 ...

Enschedé – OFNP/PVA miniature sheet issues

End of War miniature sheet

Sheet	Every stamp with inset right phosphor bands (FCEMS1 (I2))	40.00 ...	1st 2B	Gold, dull fluor with a violet tint Inset left band (FCE5(I1))	30.00 ...
	Every stamp with short phosphor bands at the bottom and inset at right (FCEMS1 (S17) (I2))	55.00 ...		Short phosphor bands at bottom, inset right band (FCE5 (S17) (I2))	14.50 ...

SELF-ADHESIVE BLUE FLUOR GRAVURE ISSUES

Enschedé – OFNP/SA coil issues

Ex coils of 10,000. Although we were surprised when the Enschedé 2nd roll of 10,000 returned to the self-adhesive format last year, these 1st rolls are even more unexpected. This design NVI was due to be replaced within a few weeks of it's introduction but even so Royal Mail have seen sufficient demand to justify an issue of this large format roll, presumably from large direct mailing organisations, even with such a limited lifespan. These are only sold as complete rolls with a face value of £3,200 via Royal Mail's direct channel, and not through regular post offices or philatelic outlets. This is the first self-adhesive 1st gold coil stamp and strip – previous self-adhesives have all been in the orange-red colour, making it a brand new item to even non-specialists. As was the case with the 2nd strip, the backing paper on these is in a distinctly yellowish colour, the result of the use

1st 2B	Gold – no matrix surround, translucent yellowish backing paper Single (FEV10)	1.75 ...
	Vertical coil strip of 5 (CSAF6)	7.50 ...
	Vertical coil strip of 5 with inkjet number printed on back of backing paper of last stamp (CSAF6a)	7.50 ...
	FDC – Dated 12.6.06	17.50 ...

This cover bears the Enschedé self-adhesive 1st gold from coil rolls of 10,000. Covers bear two strips of 4 on backing paper, plus a further two single copies applied directly to the cover (plus a £1 to make up the Special Delivery rate). Very limited – less than 100 covers serviced.

Walsall – OFNP/SA booklet issues

2nd CB	Pale bright blue, dull fluor, opaque backing paper Weak phosphor band (SWV11PE)	6.00 ...
	<i>Ex SAC7 booklets of 12, ex cyl W1 This stamp is very similar to the De La Rue 50p (DDG500PE) and £1 (DBG1003) stamps where the phosphor band is weak and very patchy, presumably the result of poor electrostatic attraction.</i>	
2nd CB	Bright blue, bright fluor, with patchy background Single (SWV17)	2.75 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAC7 booklets of 12. The background behind the Queen's head appears to be patchy with screening clearly visible in places, particularly at the edge of the design due to a weak printing.</i>	

of glassine backing, whereas the original self-adhesive 1st orange-red boxed coils had a whiter Kraft paper backing. On every tenth stamp there is an inkjet printed number, counting down to the centre of the coil, indicating how many stamps remain on the coil. This number is printed vertically on the back of the paper, but in reverse so it can be seen the correct way round when viewed through the paper, presumably as this is the way they would be seen on the stamp affixing machine. This is a significant sub-type and we are offering two strips of five, one with and one without the number. Each will receive a catalogue number.



2nd CB	Pale bright blue, pale Queen's head – Dull fluor, no matrix surround, translucent yellowish backing paper Single (SEV11)	1.75 ...
	Vertical coil strip of 5 (CSAS7)	7.50 ...
	Vertical coil strip of 5 with inkjet number printed on back of backing paper of last stamp (CSAS7a)	7.50 ...

Errata

Please note that the catalogue numbers assigned to the 2nd self-adhesive coil rolls supplied in the last VCN (and re-offered above correctly) were incorrect. These strips will be renumbered CSAS7 from CS9 and CSAS7a from CS9a for the version with the numbering on the 5th stamp.

1st 2B	Pale gold, pale Queen's head, dull fluor, opaque backing paper – 10mm phosphor bands Single (FWV18)	1.65 ...
	<i>Ex series SAC7 and SAC8 booklets of 12 from phosphor cylinder W2. Those from W1 show narrower 9.5mm phosphor bands.</i>	

Walsall – OFNP/SA pack issues

1st 2B	Gold – perforated around backing paper, unprinted on reverse P.O. FDC bearing 1st gold 2B & 2nd CB bright blue – Issued 6.9.05	15.00 ...
	<i>Ex packs, these covers have a hole punched through, enabling the backs of the stamps to be seen. Less than 50 covers prepared – very rare.</i>	

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?

Walsall – OFNP/SA business sheet issues

Type 3B sheets

2nd CB Bright blue

Top panel of 4 with date on reverse

21/12/04	9.00 ...
08/07/05	9.00 ...
25/07/05	9.00 ...
27/07/05	9.00 ...
28/07/05	9.00 ...
29/07/05	9.00 ...
19/08/05	9.00 ...
22/08/05	9.00 ...
23/08/05	9.00 ...
24/08/05	9.00 ...
20/09/05	9.00 ...
22/09/05	9.00 ...
23/09/05	9.00 ...
20/10/05	9.00 ...
24/10/05	9.00 ...
26/10/05	9.00 ...
27/10/05	9.00 ...
29/11/05	9.00 ...
30/11/05	9.00 ...
01/12/05	9.00 ...
16/01/06	9.00 ...
16/01/06 with short phos bands at bottom .	14.75 ...
17/01/06	9.00 ...
19/01/06	9.00 ...
14/02/06	9.00 ...
15/02/06	9.00 ...
14/03/06	9.00 ...

2nd CB Pale bright blue, pale Queen's head, coarse phosphor screen, snowy print to background, translucent backing paper

Single (SWV18) 4.75 ...

Ex 18/01/06 printing of business sheets of 100. Unusually for a snowy print, on this stamp it is the background that appear spotty, not the Queen's head as is normal. The screening on the phosphor bands is also coarser than normal and is readily visible under relatively low powered magnification.

1st 2B Gold

Top panel of 4 with date on reverse

22/12/04	9.50 ...
30/06/05	9.50 ...
18/07/05	9.50 ...
19/07/05	9.50 ...
20/07/05	9.50 ...
21/07/05	9.50 ...
22/07/05	9.50 ...
25/07/05	9.50 ...
17/08/05	9.50 ...
18/08/05	9.50 ...
16/09/05	9.50 ...
19/09/05	9.50 ...
17/10/05	9.50 ...
18/10/05	9.50 ...
05/12/05	9.50 ...
06/12/05	9.50 ...
12/01/06	9.50 ...
13/01/06	9.50 ...
13/02/06	9.50 ...

Type 4 sheets

The top panel of the self-adhesive business sheets of 100 has been redesigned to include a notice about the Pricing In Proportion (PIP) tariff introduced in August, and the validity of the non PIP NVI stamps in this sheet when the new system came into effect. Both 1st and 2nd class sheets with this new inscription were issued on May 16, and contain stamps that are, in their first printing, distinctive to them. Both the values from these new sheets show a much deeper etching of the Queen's head, which has recently become increasingly pale. This is similar to the deeper heads on the recent printings of sheet stamps by De La Rue. As before the top panels have the printing date applied to their reverse by inkjet. Sheets in this format were short lived as they were replaced by versions containing redesigned Machin PIP NVI's on August 15.



2nd CB Rich bright blue, deep Queen's head, bright fluor, translucent backing paper

Single (SWV19) 1.05 ...

Top panel of 4 with date on reverse

Basic top panel (no specific date)	9.00 ...
16/03/06	9.25 ...
17/03/06	9.25 ...
20/03/06	9.25 ...
11/04/06	9.25 ...
12/04/06	9.25 ...
13/04/06	9.25 ...
18/04/06	9.25 ...
24/05/06	9.25 ...
30/05/06	9.25 ...

1st 2B Yellowish gold, deep Queen's head, bright fluor, translucent backing paper

Single (FWV17) 1.05 ...

Top panel of 4 with date on reverse

Basic top panel (no specific date)	9.50 ...
22/03/06	9.75 ...
19/04/06	9.75 ...
20/04/06	9.75 ...
21/04/06	9.75 ...

PIP GRAVURE MACHINS

Pricing in Proportion (PIP)

On 21st August Royal Mail introduced a radical revision as to how they charge for inland mail. No longer is the weight of the item the sole determinant of the tariff. Now a combination of both weight and size is used to assess the postal charge levied. Known as Pricing in Proportion (or PIP), there are now three size bands that an item of mail can fall into – “Letter” for items not exceeding 240 x 165mm and 5mm in thickness and weighing below 100g; “Large Letter” for items larger than Letter size but below 353 x 250mm and 25mm in thickness and weighing no more than 750g; and “Packet” for all items that are bigger than Large Letters or weigh over 750g. Within the Large Letter and Packet categories there are various rate steps dependent upon weight (Letter size has just one weight step up to 100g), but these steps are larger than before.

Accordingly, Royal Mail claim that the new tariff is a simplification of the previous system! The intention of these changes is to more accurately reflect the true cost of transmitting an item of mail. Any items above Letter size need some manual intervention and thus cost more to process. Overall the change is intended to be revenue neutral, as a result of more generous weight allowances within the extended weight steps, but large light items will cost appreciably more to post than before.

To cope with the new tariff, Royal Mail have revised their range of stamps. Gone are the traditional Machin design NVIs, replaced by versions for standard Letter and Large Letter in both 1st and 2nd values. The standard Letter versions retain the familiar definitive dimensions, but show a reduced sized Machin head with a greatly enlarged value tablet, positioned in the top left corner. The font for the value has also changed from the custom designed Jeffery



Matthews type seen on previous NVIs to Helvetica, the type face that has been used on booklet covers for several years. Large Letter versions measure 30mm x 24mm – the same height but 1½ times the width of a conventional definitive. Although the Queen’s head remains the same size as on the PIP Letter versions, the value tablet is larger still, and beneath it, in the lower-left corner is the



inscription “Large”. Other features of the stamp including ellipses, paper, gum and phosphor match those on existing stamps printed by the various current security printers. Unusually, large 2nd stamps have 2 side phosphor bands (measuring 9mm in total width) so that they can still treated as 1st value if applied to a standard sized Letter below 100g. This, however is in direct contrast with current 37p stamps, also intended to prepay a second step in the second class band which has a single centre phosphor band. Although the 37p will remain on sale and will not be withdrawn, it will not be reprinted once existing stocks are exhausted.

A full range of products – sheet stamps, booklets, coil strips and business sheets – containing these new NVIs were issued over a period of two or three months from August, in the process generating several new stamps. In addition two values in traditional Machin design – 12p and 14p – have been issued to make-up the difference between 1st Letter and 1st Large letter and 2nd Letter and 2nd Large Letter first steps. We will refer to the new stamps as PIP NVIs 1st and 1st Large, 2nd and 2nd Large. They will also require a new Connoisseur numbering scheme, with PIP issues prefixed “P” then the value “F” or “S” then if a Large letter “L” then a letter to denote the printer. Therefore the new booklet 2nd Large issue will be number PSLW1 and the sheet 1st standard Letter will be PFD1.

De La Rue – OFNP/PVA sheet issues

Cream gum, no fluorescence in surface coating, glossy paper

2nd CB	Bright blue	
	Single (PSD1)	0.55 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 (D1) No dot	3.25 ...
	D1 (D1) Dot	3.25 ...
	No warrant 28/04/06	4.20 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 8	3.90 ...
	P.O. FDC bearing 2nd CB & 1st 2B	
	– Issued 1.8.06	3.60 ...
	Cotswold FDC of above	4.45 ...
1st 2B	Gold	
	Single (PFD1)	0.65 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 (D1) No dot	4.05 ...
	D1 (D1) Dot	4.05 ...
	No warrant 02/05/06	5.40 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 6	4.05 ...
2nd Large 2B	Bright blue	
	Single (PSLD1)0.75	.....
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 (D1) No dot	4.90 ...
	D1 (D1) Dot	4.90 ...
	No warrant 15/05/06	6.00 ...
	16/05/06	7.00 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 6	4.90 ...
	P.O. FDC bearing 2nd Large 2B & 1st Large 2B – Issued 1.8.06	4.15 ...
	Cotswold FDC of above	5.00 ...

1st Large 2B	Gold	
	Single (PFLD1)0.85	.....
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 (D1) No dot	5.75 ...
	D1 (D1) Dot	5.75 ...
	No warrant 11/05/06	7.20 ...
	12/05/06 7.20	.....
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 6	5.75 ...
	Presentation pack containing Machin 12p 2B, 14p 2B, PIP 2nd CB, 1st 2B, PIP Large 2nd 2B, 1st 2B (Pack no.74)	3.80 ...

De La Rue – OFNP/PVA coil issues

Cream gum, no fluorescence in surface coating, glossy paper

2nd CB	Bright blue – Pale Queen’s head	
	Single (PSD2) 1.00	.....
	Vertical coil strip of 5 (CPS1)	5.50 ...
	As above but a strip of 10 showing coil join between strips of 5 (Very few, perfs as they come)	16.50 ...
	As above but in a strip of 10 with coil leader attached	15.00 ...
	P.O. FDC bearing 2nd CB strip of 5	
	Issued 15.8.06	7.75 ...
	Ex coil rolls of 500.	



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Walsall – OFNP/SA booklet issues

Ex SAC9 self-adhesive booklets, with opaque backing paper.

2nd CB	Bright blue	
	Single (PSW1)	0.60 ...
	P.O. FDC bearing 2nd CB & 1st 2B	
	– Issued 12.9.06	3.75 ...
1st 2B	Gold	
	Single (PFW1)	0.80 ...
2nd Large 2B	Bright blue	
	Single (PSLW1)	0.95 ...
	P.O. FDC bearing 2nd Large 2B & 1st	
	Large 2B – Issued 15.8.06	4.25 ...
	Cotswold FDC of above	5.55 ...
1st Large 2B	Gold	
	Single (PFLW1)	1.10 ...

Enschedé – OFNP/PVA booklet issues

Ex Victoria Cross prestige book.

1st 2B	Gold	
	Single (PFE1)	1.05 ...
S/t pairs	Label/PIP 1st 2B vert pair	1.80 ...
	PIP 1st 2B/Label vert pair	1.80 ...
	Label/PIP 1st 2B horiz pair	1.80 ...
	PIP 1st 2B/Label horiz pair	1.80 ...
	50p 2B/PIP 1st 2B vert pair	3.00 ...
	PIP 1st 2B/50p 2B vert pair	3.00 ...
	50p 2B/PIP 1st 2B horiz pair	3.00 ...
	PIP 1st 2B/50p 2B horiz pair	3.00 ...
	P.O. FDC bearing PIP 1st 2B and Machin	
	Enschedé 50p 2B – Issued 21.9.06	4.15 ...
	Cotswold FDC of above	5.10 ...



Walsall – OFNP/SA business sheet issues

Ex type 5 Business sheets, with translucent backing paper. Top panels are redesigned to include weight validity information and include PIP machins.

2nd CB	Bright blue	
	Single (PSW2)	0.90 ...
	Top panel of 4 with date on reverse	
	Basic top panel (no specific date)*	9.00 ...
1st 2B	Gold	
	Single (PFW2)	1.00 ...
	Top panel of 4 with date on reverse	
	Basic top panel (no specific date)*	9.50 ...

* At the time of publication, these toppanels were only starting to appear in circulation. It may be that supply may take a little longer than normal if ordered in early October. New issue customers should be aware that we will be supplying these on an imminent new issue distribution.

UNIVERSAL AIRMAIL STAMPS

Walsall – Gravure, OFNP/SA

Booklet Issues

“Europe” 2B Deep bright blue– dull fluor, on cut square backing paper
Short phosphor bands at top
(UEW3 (S16)) 30.00 ...
Ex Series SAO2 ex W2 W2 (W2) books.
This stamp also shows a downwards shift of the blue colour as detailed below.

Colour Shift

“Europe” deep bright blue 2B – dull fluor, on cut square backing paper showing a downwards shift of the blue colour leaving perfs cutting into the wording “up to 40 grams” at the bottom and a much larger unprinted gap at the top. At first this looks like a perf shift but the positioning of the stamps on the booklet backing prove that it is actually the colour that has been misaligned. Less than 50 books, (Series SAO2 ex W2 W2 (W2)) showing this variety were found.



Single (UEW3var) 12.50 ...



Original Head Setting (ex W1 or W2)

Higher Head Setting (ex W3)

Universal Europe Head Settings

These stamps (UEW10) show the blue Queen's head set approximately 0.25mm higher in comparison to the "Europe" and "up to 40 grams" text and the airmail bars. This setting is the result of a revised W3 blue cylinder, which was evidently also used for the pack issue with the unprinted back (UEW9) as this has the same higher setting of the Queen's head. The easiest way to identify the two settings is to compare either the gap between the base of the Queen's head and text at the base, which is wider on the higher setting, or, better still, the position of the Queen's nose. On the original lower setting the base of the nose almost exactly lines up with the bottom of the "E" in Europe". On the higher setting it is clearly moved up to sit nearer to the middle of the base line of the "E".

- "Europe" 2B Pale bright blue – dull fluor, cut square backing paper
Inset left phosphor band (UEW7(I1)) 8.90 ...
Short phosphor bands at bottom, inset left band (UEW7(S17)(I1)) 12.50 ...
- "Europe" 2B Bright blue – Queen's head set high, dull fluor, on cut square backing paper
Single (UEW10) 2.50 ...
Short bands at bottom (UEW10(S17)) 5.50 ...
Inset right band (UEW10(I2)) 16.50 ...
Inset right band, short bands at bottom (UEW10(S17)(I2)) 16.50 ...
Ex Series SA03 books from cyl W3 W2). See above.

- "Worldwide" 2B Pale magenta – dull fluor, cut square backing paper
Single (UWW7) 3.25 ...
Short phosphor bands at bottom (UWW7(S17)) 7.40 ...
- "Worldwide" 2B Deep magenta – dull fluor, cut square backing paper
Full band single* (UWW5) 6.95 ...
Short phosphor bands at top (UWW5(S16)) 30.00 ...
Short phosphor bands at bottom (UWW5(S17)) 21.50 ...

*Ex series SA02 booklets. Although we have previously been able to supply an inset right band (UWW5 (I2)) version of the stamp in this shade, until now full band versions of the stamp have been almost impossible to find. After a lot of searching we are delighted to have, at long last, tracked down just a handful of this elusive item.

HIGH VALUES



Year of the Three Kings miniature sheet (Issued 31.8.06)

Printed in gravure by De La Rue the sheet contains one £3 2B Machin stamp . The sheet measures 128 x 73mm.

Issued to mark the 70th Anniversary of the year in which the three Kings reigned. For further details see under Commemoratives.

- £3 Miniature sheet (DGHMS1)
Mint 5.25 ...
P.O.FDC 6.90 ...
Cotswold FDC 7.75 ...

De La Rue – Gravure, OFNP/PVA

Cream gum, no fluor in coating to paper surface

Ex Year of the Three Kings miniature sheet. This stamp differs from the sheet issue of 2003 (DGH3000) by the gum which was previously the blue tinted type and by the dramatically different shade, possibly the result of the use of a lower-density irridin ink overprint.

For convenience, the stamps are supplied still contained in the miniature sheet from which they emanate. There will be listings and spaces for both the single stamp and complete miniature sheet in the Connoisseur Catalogue and Albums.

- £3 2B Deep bright purple shade
Mint (DGH3001) 5.25 ...
Short phosphor bands at bottom (DGH3001 (S17)) 19.50 ...

REGIONALS

COUNTRY EMBLEM DEFINITIVES WITH FULL BLEED DESIGNS

De La Rue (Byfleet) – Gravure, OFNP/PVA sheet issues

Shiny Blue tinted gum, no fluor in coating to paper surface

England

1st 2B Lion & Cross of St.George
 Single (EEF4) 16.50 ...
Ex 06/04/03 printing. At long last we are able to offer this important paper difference that has proven very elusive. Previous Byfleet printings from the following day (EEF3) have a bright fluor content to the paper.



COUNTRY EMBLEM DEFINITIVES WITH WHITE BORDER SURROUNDS

Warrant/Date blocks are supplied in 8s unless otherwise stated.

Welsh Assembly Miniature sheet (Issued 1.03.06)



De La Rue – Gravure, OFNP/PVA

Issued to mark the opening of the new Welsh Assembly building in Cardiff by the Queen. This sheet contains 2nd CB x 1, 1st 2B x 2 and 68p 2B x 2 Welsh Regional Emblem stamps in a pictorial border showing the roof of the Assembly building. The left hand 3 stamps are almost identical to sheet issues, but the right hand pair shows different vignetting to the left and right hand phosphor bands.

£2.17 Miniature sheet, containing (WEWMS1)
 Mint 3.82 ...
 Used 4.95 ...
 P.O. FDC 5.35 ...
 Cotswold FDC 6.25 ...
 Stuart FDC 6.25 ...

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

Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface

Wales

1st 2B Dragon – Left phosphor band with narrower vignettted area
 Single (WEWF2) 1.40 ...
 68p 2B Prince of Wales Feathers – Left phosphor band with narrower vignettted area
 Single (WEW681) 1.75 ...

Ex Welsh Assembly miniature sheet, this variation only affects the right hand pair of stamps. The vignettted (rough) area of the left hand phosphor band measures approx. 1.5mm in width and the solid area of the band 5mm, whereas on the right hand band the vignettted area is approximately 2mm and the solid area 4.5mm. On previous versions of these stamps from sheets and those from the right of the miniature sheet (WEWF1 & WEW680), both bands have a 2mm vignettted area and 4.5mm solid area.

De La Rue – Gravure, OFNP/PVA sheet issues

Blue tinted gum, fluorescence in coating to paper surface

England

2nd CB Three Lions
 No warrant 14/07/03 10.50 ...
 2nd CB Three Lions in pale greyish blue shade
 Single (EEWS7) 3.00 ...
 Cylinder blocks of 6
 D1 D1 (D1) dot 12.50 ...
 No warrant 21/04/04 14.00 ...
 Lower-right corner control blocks of 8 14.00 ...
 1st 2B Lion & Cross of St.George
 Cylinder blocks of 6
 D1 D1 (D1) dot 9.35 ...
 No warrant 21/04/04 7.70 ...

Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface

England

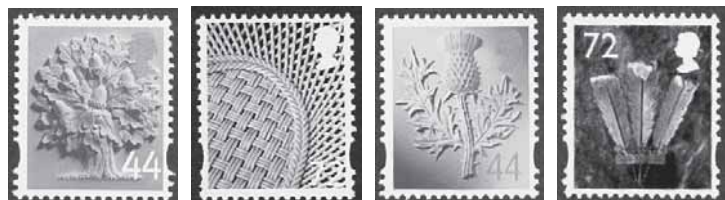
2nd CB Three Lions
 No warrant 07/11/05 7.20 ...
 1st 2B Lion & Cross of St.George in deep brownish terracotta shade, glossy finish
The paper has an extremely glossy finish, making the phosphor bands much less prominent than before.
 Single (EEWF5) 3.00 ...
 No warrant 18/08/05 18.00 ...
 42p 2B English Oak
 No warrant 19/04/05 9.00 ...

De La Rue – Gravure, OFNP/PVA sheet issues (continued)

Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface

England

44p 2B	English Oak	
	Single (EEW440).....	0.85 ...
	Used	1.10 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 D1 (D1) No Dot	5.75 ...
	D1 D1 (D1) Dot	5.75 ...
	No warrant 07/02/06	10.75 ...
	08/02/06	7.20 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 8	7.20 ...
	P.O.FDC bearing 44p 2B & 72p 2B	
	– Issued 28.3.06.....	3.55 ...
	Cotswold FDC bearings 44p 2B & 72p 2B	4.35 ...
72p 2B	Tudor Rose	
	Single (EEW720).....	1.30 ...
	Used	1.55 ...
	Inset left band (EEW720 (11)).....	10.50 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 D1 (D1) No Dot	9.50 ...
	D1 D1 (D1) Dot	9.50 ...
	No warrant 03/02/06	11.70 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 8	11.70 ...



De La Rue – Litho, OFNP/PVA sheet issues

N.Ireland

44p 2B	Irish Linen	
	Single (NEW440).....	0.85 ...
	Used	1.10 ...
	Plate blocks of 6	
	D1a D1a D1a (D1a)	5.75 ...
	No warrant 01/02/06	7.20 ...
	P.O.FDC bearing 44p 2B & 72p 2B	
	– Issued 28.3.06.....	3.55 ...
	Cotswold FDC bearings 44p 2B & 72p 2B	4.35 ...
72p 2B	Parian China	
	Single (NEW720)	1.30 ...
	Used	1.55 ...
	Plate blocks of 6	
	D1a D1a D1a D2a (D1a)	9.50 ...
	No warrant 30/01/06	11.70 ...

Presentation pack containing England, N.Ireland, Scotland & Wales 44p & 72p stamps (Pack No. 73) 8.80 ...

Scotland

2nd CB	Saltire	
	No warrant 14/04/04	6.60 ...
42p 2B	Thistle	
	No warrant 18/12/04	12.00 ...
44p 2B	Thistle	
	Single (SEW440).....	0.85 ...
	Used	1.10 ...
	Inset left phosphor band (SEW440 (11))	8.50 ...
	Cylinder block of 6 containing three copies	
	plus 3 normals	25.00 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 D1 D1 (D1) No Dot.....	5.75 ...
	D1 D1 D1 (D1) Dot	5.75 ...
	No warrant 06/02/06	7.20 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 10	8.15 ...
	P.O.FDC bearing 44p 2B & 72p 2B	
	– Issued 28.3.06.....	3.55 ...
	Cotswold FDC bearings 44p 2B & 72p 2B	4.35 ...
72p 2B	Tartan	
	Single (SEW720).....	1.30 ...
	Used	1.55 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1) No Dot	9.50 ...
	D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1) Dot	9.50 ...
	No warrant 08/02/06	11.70 ...
	09/02/06	13.75 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 10	13.00 ...

Wales

44p 2B	Daffodil	
	Single (WEW440).....	0.85 ...
	Used	1.10 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 D1 D1 (D1) No Dot.....	5.75 ...
	D1 D1 D1 (D1) Dot	5.75 ...
	No warrant 10/02/06	7.20 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 10	8.15 ...
	P.O.FDC bearing 44p 2B & 72p 2B	
	– Issued 28.3.06.....	3.55 ...
	Cotswold FDC bearings 44p 2B & 72p 2B	4.35 ...
72p 2B	Prince of Wales Feathers	
	Single (WEW720).....	1.30 ...
	Used	1.55 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1) No Dot	9.50 ...
	D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1) Dot.....	9.50 ...
	No warrant 14/02/06	11.70 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 10	13.00 ...

BOOKLET MATERIAL

PRESTIGE BOOKLETS

Brunel – Enschedé litho (Commems) or gravure (Machins)

£7.40	Prestige booklet	13.50 ...
	Page 1 Brunel 1st 2B, 42p AOP, 68p 2B	3.00 ...
	Page 2 Brunel 40p 2B, 60p 2B, 47p 2B	3.15 ...
	Page 3 Ocean Liners 68p 2B x 2,	
	Brunel 47p 2B	3.50 ...
	Page 4 Machin 1st 2B x 4, 35p CB x 2,	
	40p 2B x 2 + label	7.00 ...
	P.O. FDCs of above panes on 4 covers each	
	with a different handstamp – Issued 23.2.06	21.40 ...



Victoria Cross – Enschedé litho (Commems) or gravure (Machins)

£7.44	Prestige book	13.55 ...
	<u>Pane 1</u> Victoria Cross 1st, 64p & 72p all with Queen's head to the right	3.60 ...
	<u>Pane 2</u> Victoria Cross 1st, 64p & 72p all with Queen's head to the left	3.60 ...
	<u>Pane 3</u> Machin 50p 2B x 4, PIP 1st 2B x 4 + label	7.00 ...
	<u>Pane 4</u> Gallantry Awards 20p x 4	3.30 ...
	P.O. FDCs of above panes on 4 covers each with a different handstamp – Issued 21.9.06	21.40 ...



SELF-ADHESIVE BOOKLETS

Series SAC7 – Real Network Removed from Cover

Walsall

1st gold 2B x 6 – Dull fluor	
W2 (W2)	15.00 ...
W3 (W2)	5.75 ...
W3 (W3)	5.85 ...
1st gold 2B x 12 – Dull fluor, 9.5mm phosphor bands	
W1 (XP)	22.00 ...
1st gold 2B x 12 – Dull fluor, 10mm phosphor bands*	
W3 (W2)	8.50 ...
2nd blue CB x 12 – Bright fluor	
W1 (W1)	10.00 ...

Series SAC8 – Real Network Removed, Pricing In Proportion Validity Covers

These new booklets are very similar in layout to the SAC7 series but have an information notice on the back cover informing users of the validity of the stamps up to 21st August and the revised validity after under the new Pricing in Proportion tariff, introduced on that day.

Walsall

1st gold 2B x 6	
Plain	3.75 ...
W3 (W2)	4.20 ...
1st gold 2B x 12 – 10mm phosphor bands*	
Plain	7.00 ...
W3 (W2)	7.65 ...
2nd bright blue CB x 12	
Plain	5.20 ...
W1 (W1)	5.70 ...

* 1st x 12 panes using phosphor cylinder cyl W2 show wider phosphor bands of 10mm in total width. Booklets from phosphor cyl W1 had 9.5mm phosphor bands.



Series SAC8 Back Cover

Christmas 2005

De La Rue

2nd x 24 Christmas 2005 commemoratives	
D1 D1 D1 D2 D1 D1 (D1)	12.50 ...

Series SAC9 – Pricing in Proportion cover containing PIP Machins

These are the first in a new series of booklets containing the new PIP NVIs, with large format stamps in books of 4 and small format versions in books of 6 and 12. The front cover is similar to SAC7 and SAC8 books whereas on the back there is a validity notice for the stamps giving maximum dimensions and weight limits. In the tab there is a single cut out on 1st class books and two on second class books, similar to those used before to aid visually impaired users, but in books containing the Large stamps the cut-out is elongated to indicate large stamps.



Walsall

1st 2B x 6	
Plain	3.75 ...
W1 (W1)	4.20 ...
FDCs of 1st x 6, 1st x 12 and 2nd x 12 panes – Issued 12.9.06	45.00 ...
<i>Supplied on Special Delivery covers and specially prepared to allow the entire pane and booklet cover of each booklet to appear on a separate FDC. Covers also bear additional postage to make up the value to Special Delivery levels. Scarce – only 60 covers of each produced.</i>	
1st 2B x 12	
Plain	7.00 ...
W1 (W1)	7.65 ...



Series SAC9 Back Cover

2nd CB x 12	Plain	5.20 ...
	W1 (W1)	5.70 ...
1st Large 2B x 4	Plain	3.45 ...
	W1 (W1)	4.00 ...
	FDCs of 1st Large & 2nd Large panes of 4* - Issued 15.8.06	30.00 ...
	<i>Supplied on Special Delivery covers and specially prepared to allow the entire pane and booklet cover of each booklet to appear on a separate FDC. Covers also bear additional postage to make up the value to Special Delivery levels. Scarce – only 65 covers of each produced.</i>	
2nd Large 2B x 4	Plain	2.90 ...
	W1 (W1)	3.50 ...

Series SAA1 – Advertising covers – Smilers Promotion (Hello)

Walsall

1st x 6 pale gold 2B with Smilers advertisement label - Hello stamp – dull fluor	W2 (W2)	30.00 ...
	W3 (XP)*	10.00 ...

*This book appears to show no phosphor number at all.

Series SAA3 – Advertising covers – Smilers promotion 3 (Small Pictorial Stamps for Smilers)

Walsall

1st 2B x 6 book containing one each of the Small format Pictorial stamps – Bright fluor All stamps with short bands at bottom	Plain	25.00 ...
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Series SAA4 – Advertising Covers – Smilers Promotion 3 PIP instructions cover

This book is similar to the Series SAA3 book. However, the cover no longer bears the inscription “New Stamps”, but adds a validity notice for the enclosed stamps under the PIP scheme on the back cover above the contact details. Again, Royal Mail are treating these booklets as definitive issues, to be on constant sale. All stamps show a much duller fluor than those from SAA3 booklets. Once again, no Cylinders exist on this booklet.

Walsall

1st 2B x 6 booklet containing one each of the Small Format Pictorial Stamps – Dull fluor	Plain	3.75 ...
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Series SAO2 – Overseas Rate Books – Real Network covers

Walsall

68p 2B x 6 W1 (W2)	15.00 ...
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The original copies of this booklet had a phosphor cylinder W1. However a small reprint that appeared close to the end of the life of the book were reprinted with a W2 phosphor cylinder.

Walsall – Universal Issues

“Worldwide” in deep magenta 2B x 4 – Dull fluor	Full bands	Plain	27.50 ...
	W2 W2 (W1)		29.50 ...
	<i>Very scarce. Although we have seen occasional examples of booklets containing stamps in this shade, until now all have shown inset and/or short band stamps.</i>		
	Top two stamps with short bands at top, bottom stamps with full bands		
	Plain		60.00 ...
	W2 W2 (W1)		62.50 ...
	Bottom two stamps with short bands at bottom, top stamps with full bands		
	Plain		45.00 ...

Series SAO3 – Overseas Rate Books – Real Network Removed Covers

Walsall – Universal Issues

“Europe” in pale bright blue shade 2B x 4 – Dull fluor	Full bands	Plain	7.50 ...
	W2 W2 (W1)		8.00 ...
	<i>We have found this booklet very hard to find, up until now. Previously all books we have managed to supply showed short phosphor bands at bottom of the lower pair of stamps.</i>		
	Top pair with inset left bands, bottom pair short bands at bottom & inset at left		
	Plain		35.00 ...
	W2 W2 (W1)		36.00 ...
“Europe” in pale bright blue 2B x 4 – High set Queen’s head, dull fluor	<i>Ex cyl W3 W3 (W2). The Queen’s head is positioned higher in comparison to the text and airmail bars at the side than those from W1 and W2 cylinders. See diagram on page 27.</i>		
	Plain		8.25 ...
	W3 W3 (W2)		9.00 ...
	Top stamps with full bands, bottom stamps with short bands at bottom		
	Plain		15.00 ...
	W3 W3 (W2)		16.50 ...
	Top stamps with inset right bands, bottom stamps with inset right bands and short bands at bottom		
	Plain		55.00 ...
	Probable damage to phosphor cylinder, resulting in one stamp at the right with part of right hand phosphor band missing. An unusual error. In addition, both bottom stamps show short bands at bottom		
	Plain		19.50 ...
	Cyl W3 W3 (W2) – <i>Very few available</i>		22.50 ...
“Worldwide” in pale magenta 2B x 4 – Dull fluor	Short bands at bottom	Plain	13.75 ...
	W2 W2 (W1)		16.50 ...
	<i>This is the first dull fluor version of this pane in Series SAO3 covers. Previous SAO3 books contained panes with bright fluor. The stamps on the bottom row all show short phosphor bands at bottom.</i>		

GUERNSEY

Endangered Species of the Everglades miniature sheet *(Issued 16.2.06)*

Mint	4.40 ...
Used	4.50 ...
FDC	5.60 ...
Presentation pack	5.60 ...

150 Years of the Victoria Cross (6v – Issued 16.2.06)

Mint	4.50 ...
Used	4.80 ...
FDC	5.75 ...
Presentation pack	5.75 ...

Andy Priaulx – World Touring Car Champion (Issued 20.5.06)

Sheet stamps (6v)

Mint	4.65 ...
Used	5.00 ...
Sheetlets of 10	46.00 ...
FDC	5.90 ...
Presentation pack	5.90 ...

Miniature sheet

Mint	4.65 ...
Used	5.00 ...
FDC	5.90 ...
Presentation pack	5.90 ...

I.K.Brunel (Issued 20.5.06)

Sheet stamps (6v)

Mint	4.65 ...
Used	5.00 ...
FDC	5.90 ...
Presentation pack	5.90 ...

Prestige Booklet

Complete booklet	18.65 ...
6 panes from above book	18.65 ...
FDCs of above panes on 6 covers	28.00 ...

Gap Year – Europa 2006 (6v – Issued 20.5.06)

Mint	4.65 ...
Used	5.00 ...
Sheetlets of 10	46.00 ...
FDC	5.90 ...
Presentation pack	5.90 ...

A Devotion to Duty – Queen’s 80th Birthday £10 (Issued 17.6.06)

This stamp shows a portrait of the Queen whose head is embossed to create a 3d effect. This stamp will now double as the £10 definitive value.

Mint	17.50 ...
Used	17.55 ...
Sheetlet of 5	80.00 ...
FDC	18.80 ...
Presentation pack	18.80 ...

Ramsar (Issued 27.7.06)

Sheet stamps (6v)

Mint	4.65 ...
Used	5.00 ...
Sheetlets of 10	46.00 ...
FDC	5.90 ...
Presentation pack	5.90 ...

Miniature sheet

Mint	4.65 ...
Used	5.00 ...
FDC	5.90 ...
Presentation pack	5.90 ...

JERSEY

Jersey Cows & Farm Produce 2005 self-adhesives *(5v in s/t strip – Issued 21.10.05)*

These are the original 2001 designs respectively, reprinted with a 2005 imprint by Sprintpak.

Mint	3.40 ...
Used	3.70 ...
Coil strips of 10 showing coil join	7.05 ...
Complete boxed roll of 100	55.00 ...

Christmas Illuminations 2005 self-adhesives *(10v in 2 s/t strips of 5 – Issued 21.10.05)*

These are the original 2004 designs respectively, reprinted with a 2005 imprint by Sprintpak.

Mint	6.65 ...
Used	7.20 ...
Coil strips of 10 showing coil joins	13.75 ...
Complete boxed roll of 100	110.00 ...

Jersey Royal Militia II (Issued 6.1.06)

Mint	4.05 ...
Used	4.35 ...
Sheetlets of 10	40.00 ...
FDC	5.50 ...
Presentation pack	5.50 ...

Year of the Dog miniature sheet (Issued 29.1.06)

Mint	1.75 ...
Used	1.80 ...
FDC	3.15 ...
Presentation pack	3.15 ...

150th Anniversary of the Victoria Cross sheet (Issued 29.1.06)

Mint	1.75 ...
Used	1.80 ...
FDC	3.15 ...
Presentation pack	3.15 ...

Jersey – A Multicultural Island – Europa 2006 (4v – Issued 7.3.06)

Mint	3.20 ...
Used	3.30 ...
Sheetlets of 10	32.00 ...
FDC	4.60 ...

Marine Life VI – Sea Shells (Issued 4.4.06)

Sheet stamps (6v)

Mint	5.20 ...
Used	5.50 ...
Sheetlets of 10	51.85 ...
FDC	6.60 ...
Presentation pack	6.60 ...

Miniature sheet

Mint	3.50 ...
Used	3.55 ...
FDC	4.95 ...
Presentation pack	4.95 ...

Prince of Wales & Duchess of Cornwall’s First Wedding Anniv. *(1v – Issued 9.4.06)*

Mint	3.50 ...
Used	3.55 ...
Sheetlet of 4	14.30 ...
FDC	4.95 ...
Presentation pack	4.95 ...

Football III – World Cup Winners miniature sheet (Issued 9.6.06)

Mint	3.50 ...
Used	3.55 ...
FDC	4.95 ...
Presentation pack	4.95 ...

Queen's 80th Birthday £5 defin (Issued 21.4.06)

Sheet stamp

Mint	8.80 ...
Used	8.85 ...
Sheetlet of 4	34.00 ...
FDC	10.20 ...
Presentation pack	10.20 ...

Joint Issue miniature sheet

Joint issue with New Zealand whose \$5 stamp in the same design is included in the miniature sheet as well

Mint	12.30 ...
Used	12.40 ...
FDC	13.70 ...
Presentation pack	13.70 ...

Nature – Butterflies and Moths II (Issued 1.8.06)

Sheet stamps (6v)

Mint	5.20 ...
Used	5.50 ...
Sheetlets of 10	51.00 ...
FDC	6.60 ...
Presentation pack	6.60 ...

Miniature sheet

Mint	3.20 ...
Used	3.35 ...
FDC	4.60 ...
Presentation pack	4.60 ...

Island Views NVI self-adhesives (4v – Issued 11.7.06)

Mint	2.60 ...
Used	2.80 ...
FDC	4.00 ...
Presentation pack	4.00 ...
Coil strips of 8 comprising 2 sets with coil join between	6.50 ...
Complete boxed roll of 100	58.00 ...

Wild Flower Definitives Part 2 (Issued 26.9.06)

Sheet stamps (8v)

Mint	6.05 ...
Used	6.30 ...
Sheetlets of 10	58.00 ...
FDC	7.45 ...
Presentation Pack	7.45 ...

Miniature sheet

Mint	6.05 ...
Used	6.30 ...
FDC	7.45 ...
Presentation Pack	7.45 ...

ALDERNEY

The Once And Future King (Issued 16.2.06)

Sheet stamps (6v)

Mint	4.55 ...
Used	4.85 ...
Sheetlets of 10	45.00 ...
Presentation pack with miniature sheet insert	10.50 ...

Miniature sheet

Mint	4.55 ...
Used	4.85 ...
FDC	5.75 ...

Queen's 80th Birthday (8v in 4 s/t pairs – Issued 21.4.06)

Mint	5.30 ...
Used	5.70 ...
Sheetlets of 10 (comprising 5 s/t pairs of each value)	26.00 ...
FDC	6.40 ...
Presentation pack	6.40 ...

ISLE OF MAN

A Lifetime of Duty & Service – Queen's 80th Birthday

(8v in 2 s/t strips of 4 – Issued 7.11.05)

Mint	7.05 ...
Used	7.50 ...
Sheetlets containing 4 strips	28.00 ...
FDC	8.15 ...
Presentation Pack	8.25 ...

Manx Study – Natural History & Antiquarian Society

(6v – Issued 15.2.06)

Mint	6.35 ...
Used	6.70 ...
FDC	7.50 ...
Presentation pack	7.60 ...

Manx Bird Atlas (10v in 2 s/t strips of 5 – Issued 17.4.06)

Mint	5.20 ...
Used	5.70 ...
FDC	6.40 ...
Presentation pack	6.50 ...

Happy Birthday Lord Of Mann miniature sheet (Issued 21.4.06)

Mint	3.50 ...
Used	3.65 ...
FDC	4.75 ...
Presentation pack	4.85 ...

50th Anniversary of First Europa Stamps miniature sheet

(Issued 2.5.06)

Mint	2.20 ...
Used	2.30 ...
FDC	3.40 ...
Presentation pack	3.50 ...

40th Anniversary of Wembley World Cup Final (6v – Issued 2.5.06)

Mint	6.20 ...
Used	6.50 ...
FDC	7.40 ...
Presentation pack	7.50 ...

Manx Links with Washington (6v – Issued 23.5.06)

Mint	5.50 ...
Used	5.80 ...
FDC	6.75 ...
Presentation pack	6.85 ...

Peel Cars (6v – Issued 23.7.06)

Mint	5.05 ...
Used	5.35 ...
FDC	6.25 ...
Presentation pack	6.35 ...

National Portrait Gallery (8v – Issued 25.8.06)

Mint	6.95 ...
Used	7.40 ...
FDC	8.20 ...
Presentation pack	8.30 ...

Resident Birds Part 1 – Seabirds (Issued 27.7.06)

Sheet stamps (6v)

Mint	4.65 ...
Used	5.00 ...
Sheetlets of 10	46.00 ...
FDC	5.90 ...
Presentation Pack	5.90 ...

Prestige Booklet

Complete booklet	18.65 ...
6 panes from above booklet	18.65 ...
FDCs of above panes on 6 covers	28.00 ...

INDEX OF DEFINITIVE SINGLE STAMPS & COIL STRIPS IN THIS VCN
Listed by Connoisseur Catalogue Number

Harrison – FCP/GA

20BL 3p, deep ultramarine – Phos displaced creating side band left 110.00 ...

BLUE FLUOR COMPUTER ENGRAVED GRAVURE ISSUES

De La Rue (Byfleet) – OFNP/PVA

Blue tinted shiny gum, with fluorescence in surface coating

DBG90 (I1) 9p 2B, bright orange, inset left band 11.50 ...
DBG103 10p 2B, deep bright orange 3.00 ...
DBG104 10p 2B, deep very bright orange 3.50 ...
DBG393 39p 2B, light grey, dull fluor in phos 3.25 ...
DBG1000 (I1) £1 2B, bluish violet, inset left band 25.00 ...

De La Rue (Dunstable) – OFNP/PVA

Cream gum, no fluorescence in surface coating

DDG10 (S17) 1p 2B, crimson, short bands bottom 10.50 ...
DDG11 1p 2B, bright crimson, deep Queen's head .. 1.00 ...
DDG22 2p 2B, dark green, deep Queen's head 1.10 ...
DDG23 (I2) 2p 2B, deep sage green, inset right band .. 10.00 ...
DDG51 5p 2B, very deep claret 2.25 ...
DDG100 10p 2B, deep orange 1.05 ...
DDG101 10p 2B, deep bright orange, deep head 1.25 ...
DDG120 12p 2B, dark turquoise 0.40 ...
DDG140 14p 2B, salmon pink 0.45 ...
DDG200 20p 2B, deep bright green, pale Queen's head 1.40 ...
DDG201 20p 2B, very deep bright green, deep Queen's head 1.50 ...
DDG371 37p CB, olive-green 0.85 ...
DDG420 42p 2B, pale grey-green 1.70 ...
DDG440 44p 2B, ultramarine 0.95 ...
DDG460 46p 2B, deep yellow 1.55 ...
DDG490 49p 2B, reddish brown 1.00 ...

SELF-ADHESIVE BLUE FLUOR GRAVURE ISSUES

NVI Enschedé – OFNP/SA

FEV10 1st 2B, gold, translucent yellowish backing .. 1.75 ...

NVI Walsall – OFNP/SA

SWV11PE 2nd CB, pale bright blue, dull fluor, opaque backing, weak phosphor 6.00 ...
SWV17 2nd CB, bright blue, bright fluor, patchy background 2.75 ...
SWV18 2nd CB, pale bright blue, pale head, coarse phos screen, snowy print to background, translucent backing 4.75 ...
SWV19 2nd CB, rich bright blue, deep head, bright fluor, translucent backing 1.05 ...
FWV18 1st 2B, pale gold, pale head, dull fluor, opaque backing– 10mm phos bands 1.65 ...
FWV17 1st 2B, yellowish gold, deep head, bright fluor, translucent backing 1.05 ...

PIP GRAVURE MACHINS

De La Rue – OFNP/PVA

PSD1 2nd CB, bright blue 0.55 ...
PSD2 2nd CB, bright blue, pale head 1.00 ...
PFD1 1st 2B, gold 0.65 ...
PSLD1 2nd Large 2B, bright blue 0.75 ...
PFLD1 1st Large 2B, gold 0.85 ...

Walsall – OFNP/SA

PSW1 2nd CB, bright blue, opaque backing 0.60 ...
PSW2 2nd CB, bright blue, translucent backing 0.90 ...
PFW1 1st 2B, gold, opaque backing 0.80 ...
PFW2 1st 2B, gold, translucent backing 1.00 ...
PSLW1 2nd Large 2B, bright blue 0.95 ...
PFLW1 1st Large 2B, gold 1.10 ...

Enschedé – OFNP/PVA

PFE1 1st 2B, gold 1.05 ...

De La Rue (Dunstable) – OFNP/PVA

Cream gum, no fluorescence in surface coating

DDG490(S16) 49p 2B, reddish brown, short bands at top . 16.50 ...
DDG500PE 50p 2B, deep ochre, weak phosphor 5.00 ...
DDG501 50p 2B, deep bright ochre, deep Queen's head 1.90 ...
DDG720 72p 2B, rosine 1.40 ...
DDG720 (I1) 72p 2B, rosine, inset left band 7.25 ...
DDG1000SH £1 2B, bluish violet, silhouetted Queen's head . 6.50 ...
DDG1001 £1 2B, bright bluish violet, deep Queen's head . 2.75 ...

NVI De La Rue – OFNP/PVA

FCD2 (S16) 1st 2B, gold, short bands at top 13.75 ...
FCD4 1st 2B, deep gold, pale Queen's head, dull fluor 3.00 ...

Enschedé – OFNP/PVA

E355 35p CB, deep lime-green, pale Queen's head, bright fluor 1.50 ...
E400 40p 2B, greenish blue 1.65 ...
E505 50p 2B, deep ochre, dull fluor, value close to bust 1.45 ...

NVI Enschedé – OFNP/PVA

FCE5(I1) 1st 2B, gold, dull fluor, violet tint, inset left band 30.00 ...
FCE5 (S17) (I2) 1st 2B, gold, dull fluor, violet tint, short bands bottom, inset right band 14.50 ...
FCE6 1st 2B, deep yellowish gold, pale head, ER, bright fluor violet tint 1.20 ...
FCEMS1 (I2) End of War miniature sheet, inset right bands 40.00 ...
FCEMS1 (S17) (I2) End of War miniature sheet, short bands bottom, inset right 55.00 ...

UNIVERSAL AIRMAIL STAMPS

Walsall – OFNP/SA

UEW3 (S16) "Europe" 2B, deep bright blue, dull fluor, cut square backing, short bands top 30.00 ...
UEW7(I1) "Europe" 2B, pale bright blue, dull fluor, cut square backing, inset left band 8.90 ...
UEW7(S17)(I1) "Europe" 2B, pale bright blue, dull fluor, cut square backing, short bands bottom, inset left band 12.50 ...
UEW10 "Europe" 2B, bright blue, Queen's head set high, dull fluor, cut square backing 2.50 ...
UEW10(S17) "Europe" 2B, bright blue, Queen's head set high, dull fluor, cut square backing, short bands bottom 5.50 ...
UEW10(I2) "Europe" 2B, bright blue, Queen's head set high, dull fluor, cut square backing, inset right band 16.50 ...
UEW10(S17)(I2) "Europe" 2B, bright blue, Queen's head set high, dull fluor, cut square backing, inset right band, short bands bottom 16.50 ...
UWW7 "Worldwide" 2B, pale magenta, dull fluor, cut square backing 3.25 ...
UWW7(S17) "Worldwide" 2B, pale magenta, dull fluor, cut square backing, short bands bottom 7.40 ...
UWW5 "Worldwide" 2B, deep magenta, dull fluor, cut square backing, full band 6.95 ...
UWW5(S16) "Worldwide" 2B, deep magenta, dull fluor, cut square backing, short bands top 30.00 ...
UWW5(S17) "Worldwide" 2B, deep magenta, dull fluor, cut square backing, short bands bottom 21.50 ...

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HIGH VALUES

Small Format Machin Head – De La Rue Gravure, OFNP/PVA

DGH3001	£3 2B, deep bright purple	5.25 ...
DGH3001(S17)	£3 2B, deep bright purple, short bands at bottom	19.50 ...
DGHMS1	Year of the Three Kings miniature sheet	5.25 ...

REGIONALS

Emblems – Full Bleed Design – De La Rue (Byfleet) – Gravure, OFNP/PVA

EEF4	1st 2B, blue gum, no fluor in coating	16.50 ...
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Emblems – White Borders – De La Rue – Gravure or Litho OFNP/PVA

England

EEWS7	2nd CB, blue gum, pale greyish blue	3.00 ...
EEWF5	1st 2B, cream gum, deep brownish terracotta	3.00 ...
EEW440	44p 2B	0.85 ...
EEW720	72p 2B	1.30 ...
EEW720 (I1)	72p 2B, inset left band	10.50 ...

Scotland

SEW440	44p 2B	0.85 ...
SEW440 (I1)	44p 2B, inset left band	8.50 ...
SEW720	72p 2B	1.30 ...

COIL STRIPS

PIP Machins De La Rue – OFNP/PVA

CPS1	2nd CB, bright blue, pale head, vert strip of 5 ..	5.50 ...
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NVI Enschedé – OFNP/SA

CSAF6	1st 2B, gold, yellowish backing, vert strip of 5 ..	7.50 ...
CSAF6a	1st 2B, gold, yellowish backing, vert strip of 5 with inkjet number printed on back	7.50 ...

Wales

WEWF2	1st 2B, left band with narrower vignette	1.40 ...
WEW440	44p 2B	0.85 ...
WEW681	68p 2B, left band with narrower vignette	1.75 ...
WEW720	72p 2B	1.30 ...
WEWMS1	Welsh Assembly miniature sheet	3.82 ...

N.Ireland

NEW440	44p 2B	0.85 ...
NEW720	72p 2B	1.30 ...

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Following it's purchase from a former client, we are able to offer a splendid collection of Machins, Castles and Regionals, contained in three Connoisseur albums, all with slip cases and in immaculate condition.

The collection starts with a useful selection of pre-decimal issues including some good missing phosphors, notably the 8d turquoise, uncoated papers and some broad bands, along with a range of shades and phosphor screens and many coil stamps. Early decimal issues are less well represented but those there include band displacements (including 20BL and 146BL), missing phosphors (with RFA50SEL/NP) uncoated and thin papers and Jet phosphors. Moving into redrawn value type issues the collection starts to fill out with several short, inset and notched bands. From the Security issue period (unsurprisingly this is when this customer joined our new issue service) the collection is almost complete excluding the very scarce errors. Once again stamps include issuing phosphors notably RCF192NP, inset and short bands, papers, fluors and and shades for all the printers. NVI's are similarly well covered with many awkward short bands. The collection also contains a very good representation of recess and Castle high values, including most of the colour errors and paper types.

Regionals from the security issues onwards are again very well covered with several missing phosphors, scarce ellipse types, etc. Issues from 2003 to 2006 are contained and clearly labelled in a stockbook, and again are almost complete for the last 4 years, awaiting the next supplement of Connoisseur Album. A full list of the contents is available upon request. All the stamps examined are in unmounted mint and fine condition.

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