

Autumn 2007

Stunning
Slavery
2007 Aboloition of Slavery 1st s/t pair - Missing gold and phosphor. This results in missing the value and also an overlay of the gold Queen's head which is missing some detail on the

back of the Queen's hair and is in a much paler colour. This has occurred as a missing second run through the printing press. Very rare, just 8 pairs known. $\mathbf{£ 2 , 2 0 0}$


£1.30 Postal History 1 Penny Black, left selvedge - Pane and cover misaligned and, as a consequence, grossly misguillotined, so that the stamps in thetop row have been bisected, leaving half at the bottom. Sensational



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50p Pond Life 2 - Pane and cover misguillotined, so that the label now appears at the centre of the pane and parts of adjoining 17ps are at both left and right. Spectacular


Welcome to Variety Club News Xtra. The list is split into two main parts, the latest issues as supplied on our recent Q 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 GibbonsGB 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.

## Acknowledgements

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## How to Order

M any of the items in the special section of this list are one-off's and therefore subject to availability. To ensure obtaining that special item that you just can't live without, early ordering is advised. If you intend to pay by cheque, a phone call to check to see whether an item is still available is advised. If it is still unsold, we are happy to put a hold on an item for 3 days, pending receipt of a cheque.
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## Payment

Full payment must be included with your order, unless you are an established account customer. We accept payment by cash, cheque, credit or debit cards - Access, American Express, Delta, Eurocard, M astercard, Switch or Visa. To pay by card, please quote the full card number, expiry date, security code, issue number and starting date (Switch only), and name and address of the cardholder as shown on your statement.

## $\mathbf{O}$ verseas customers

We prefer payment by credit or debit card as listed above, cheque drawn on a U.K. bank or by cash in pounds sterling. Unfortunately we are no longer able to accept Eurocheques as UK banks have stopped procesing these. We can also accept payment by Giro transfer to our Girobank account, as detailed below, but we ask that an additional $£ 3$ be added to the total to cover bank charges. If payment must be made in a foreign currency or by cheque drawn on an overseas bank, please add $£ 10$ (or the equivalent) to cover the bank costs we incur in converting this.

> Girobank Plc, Bootle, M erseyside, G1R 0AA.

Account No: 0339 5022. Sortcode: 72-00-00.

## Spread Payment

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## The Connoisseur Catalogue of Machin Stamps

## Announcing the Online Edition of

## The Connoisseur

Catalogue of Machin Stamps and Decimal Definitives

## Why an online edition?

Since the publication of the 10th Edition of the Connoisseur Catalogue and it's subsequent supplement a huge amount has happened in the Machin world. The rate of development continues unabated, making it impossible for a Machin catalogue to be produced that is not out of date as soon as it is published. Connoisseur Publications have decided to embrace technology as a means to counteract this problem, which has been the main cause in the delay of publication of an 11th edition.

Although several sections of a new edition have been worked on and completed, by the time that subsequent sections have been finished the earlier sections need fur-
 ther revision, a never-ending task, not dissimilar to painting the Forth Road Bridge!
Now, by utilising the internet, the Connoisseur Catalogue will be published in chapters as soon as they are completed, making them instantly available on-line. It is also the intention to update the catalogue on a much more frequent basis, a godsend to collectors in this rapidly moving field. Illustrations will also be in colour, a significant upgrade to the black and white images in previous print editions.

## How it will work

Initially, the website will contain pages from the 10th edition and it's supplement. Over the next few months we will be adding updated and new chapters to the website as soon as they are finished, gradually building up the catalogue into an up-to date reference - we have several almost ready to go. Initial attention will be devoted to single stamps as this is the most popular area of collecting, but coil strips, cylinder and date blocks, booklets and panes and other supplementary items will follow in time.
During the initial process of adding to the website, we will ensure that completed sections are still regularly updated with new issues, new developments, new finds of earlier items and any corrections or omissions should they be drawn to our attention. If you register your address with us, we will even notify you by e-mail of revisions and additions to the catalogue.

## Costs

Whilst the website is being developed access will be free to everyone. However, when we are happy that it is operating smoothly and there is sufficient new content, we will ask users to pay a small annual subscription to access the information on the site, although some general information will still be free of charge. The cost of this subscription will be significantly lower than a new printed edition and of course, will always provide you with the most up to date version of the catalogue.

## Printed Catalogues

Although we do not intend to print a full 11 th edition in the imminent future, the idea has not been indefinitely shelved. However, those collectors who don't have internet access or simply prefer to look at a printed listing need not fear. We will be making available individual chapters from the catalogue in printed booklet format, similar to that of the 10 th edition supplement. As these will be printed to order on a digital press, they will always contain the most up to date version of the catalogue at the time of order. You will be able to choose just the chapters that interest you most, keeping the costs down. These will be available to order online, via e-mail or over the phone, fax or by post. Full details will be available on the website or via post in due course.

## Sample Pages

So you can see how the system will work click on the link $\$$ to see a sneak preview of a chapter that is currently in preparation.

## Register to receive information on progress

Supply us with your e-mail address and we will let you know when the website goes live and inform you when we make any new additions or major amendments. A sampler site is now available for you to check out .

## Machin Walsall - O FN P/SA 1st Imperf - Ex business sheets Type 1 <br> Ex Type 1business sheet of 100 . Just one sheet of the NVI 1st (of which a number were damaged) has been discovered that is completely imperforate. Remarkably this has turned up 9 years after it was issued! <br> These stamps differ significantly from previous Walsall 1st imperfs. Firstly, these stamps have unprinted backing paper, whereas previously known 1sts were from booklets. The phosphor bands are the narrow 7 mm width versions, whereas all later printings had wider 8 mm or 9 mm bands. Finally the stamps are spaced further apart at 6 mm rather than 4.5 mm spacing. <br> We have only a handful of these pairs and once sold will almost certainly never be available again. They will be catalogued as FWV1/IMP. Very scarce.

1st orange-red 2B (7mm phos) - Imperforate pair (FWV1/IMP) £195
As above but in a block of 4 £390


## England 1st Imperforatewith blue gum

O ne sheet of the England 1st emblem definitive, printed on blue tinted gum paper from the 07/09/04 printing has been discovered partially imperforate. Just over three quarters of the sheet was affected by the imperforate error, of which about 8 pairs were damaged. The sheet was found in a north country post office by a non-collector, who bought a sheet of stamps for his business post. When he found that he could only tear out a small number of stamps from the sheet, he decided to put them away for safekeeping. Now, almost three years after their appearance we are pleased to have purchased them from their lucky finder and can offer them on this distribution. Although a few imperforate pairs of England Emblem 1st value have surfaced before, these have all been on the cream gum paper with no fluor in the coating, making this a significantly different item and one, unlike the cream gum version, that is highly unlikely to ever appear again.

1st Lion \& Cross of St.George 2B - deep terracotta, very dull fluor in paper coating
Imperforate pair (EEWF7IMP) $\qquad$ £175
Block of 8, left vertical pair partially imper, right three pairs completely imperf £550

## 1973 Cricket set with 2 phosphor bands

An extraordinary find, some 34 years after release, has revealed just 29 sets of the 1973 Cricket issue showing two side phosphor bands rather than the normal all-over phosphor coating. This set was originally intended to have two side phosphor bands, but, when the initial supplies were delivered to Royal Mail, they were unhappy with their appearance - the area of the pastel coloured backgrounds covered by the phosphor were significantly discoloured when compared with the non-phosphor stripe down each stamp's centre. In a startling move, just six weeks before they were due to be issued, all the stock was consigned for destruction and reprinted using the same all-over phosphor coating as first used in the Explorers issue just five weeks before. All copies were thought to have been destroyed, until now.
A quick witted collector discovered the 29 sets sitting, quite unnoticed, amongst normal all-over phosphor examples in a dealers stock and bought the lot! How they got to be in the stock remains something of a mystery, but it can only be assumed that in the chaos of having to reprint tens of thousands of sheets of stamps in such short order and then distribute them to Post Offices up and down the country in time for the issue day, at least one set of sheets got mixed up with the standard issue.
Irrespective of how this remarkable variety got into circulation, what is clear is that it is a find of the highest importance, and is expected to receive listings in all major catalogues. We have only a small number of sets remaining, each of which is sold with a copy of the "Stamp History" from Royal Mail's archives which gives full details of the stamps production, including further details on the printing and subsequent scrapping of the two band version. Very rare. Set of 3 values with 2 side phosphor bands instead of AOP £450


## 1968 Anniversaries 9d - Imperforate Progressive Proofs

Having lain unnoticed in an attic for almost 40 years, a sheet of each of four different imperforate progressive proofs has turned up, three showing just one of each of the different colours -reddish violet, bluish grey and black - and one bearing a composite of reddish violet and black colours that go to make up the 9d Votes for Women design. Such plate proofs are known for other stamp from a similar era, notably the 1966 Hastings 4d strip, the 1968 Bridges $1 / 9$ and the 1969 Concorde $1 / 6$ value, but this design was unknown in this format until now. Despite their lack of care in storage the proofs still show full gum and are in remarkably good condition although there is the occasional negligible wrinkle. This is an ideal opportunity to obtain a fascinating insight as to how stamps were proofed and printed back in the 1960's at a very reasonable price. Only a handful available.
Set of four imperforate progressive proofs....................................................... $\mathbf{£ 1 7 5}$


## PIP Machin Self-adhesive

 W alsall 2nd Imperf

When Royal Mail asked their main producers of self-adhesive stamps, Walsall Security Printers, to remove the matrix waste area from between stamps, it was widely thought that the days of self-adhesive imperfs had gone. However, an extraordinary discovery in recent months has turned up just one sheet of 100 of the PIP 2nd from Type 5 business sheets with the matrix still present. As a consequence the sheet, found by a non-collector in the Coventry area, is also imperforate. As small format PIP M achins have now been discontinued, it would seem extremely unlikely that any further imperfs will be found, so these are likely to be rare.
( New issue customers please note that we will be distributing these on a forthcoming distribution).

Imperf pair

## Wembley Stadium Smilers Sheet Spelling Error

After the initial supplies of the Wembley Smilers sheet had been sent out to Post Offices, it was discovered that the name of Czech athlete "Emil Zatopek" on the label at the botoom left of the sheet was incorrectly spelt "Emile". Following the difficulties that Royal Mail encountered with the Glorious England sheet, where the spelling "Isle o fWhite" caused a recall, they felt obliged, in a similar manner to withdraw the Wembley sheet and reprint it with the speling corrected. They believed that all the copies of this sheet had been recalled. However, it transpired, once agaon, that a few copies of the sheet slipped the net and failed to be returned. We are delighted to be abe to offer just two copies of the error sheet. Rare
£425

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## ITEMS SELECTED FROM STOCK

## Commemoratives

11964 Shakespeare 1/6 (ord), turquoise printing shifted approx 3 mm to left leaving a large white outline to the right of the tent [649var] J£40

21966 World Cup 6d (Ord), missing black (goalies jumper, socks and player's hair [694a] © ................ £100

31966 W orld Cup $1 / 3$ (Ord), missing blue, lightly hinged and with a couple of gum creases, but a useful spacefiller [695a]..
£30
41966 World Cup 1/3 (O rd), downwards shift of blue by approx 5 mm , leaving centre footballer with predominantly white shirt [695var] © ....................... £ $£ 30$
51966 Birds 4d block of 4 (O rd), missing bright blue, perfs folded down the centre but fine $[696 \mathrm{~g} / 697 \mathrm{~g}]$ £750
$6 \quad 1966$ Birds 4d block of 6 (Ord), showing downwards shift of emerald by qpprox. 2 mm leaving two copies of the robin perching off the branch, the blue tit with second branch and gull with deeper water [696var/699var]
$\mathbf{£ 2 0}$
71967 Christmas 3d, printed on the gummed side. Rare [756b] © ........................................................... $£ 400$
81967 Christmas 3d, gold Queen's head and value shifted down and to the left by approximately 3 mm in both directions [756var]
$£ 40$


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5, etc. [813a] 〕 $\mathbf{. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~}$171970 Post Office Technology $\mathbf{1 / -}$-, perforations shifted4 mm to right, leaving white border between stampsinside body of stamps [810var]$£ 35$

181970 Anniversaries $1 /-$, missing gold Queen's head [821a] © .................................................................... $£ 70$


## ITEMS SELECTED FROM STOCK

341983 Army 26p, perfs shifted 7mm to right, leaving inscription at right instead of at left [1220var] ....... £70
351984 College of Arms 20½p showing upwards shift of perfs by approx 3mm, bisecting value [1237var] £40

361985 Christmas $12 p$ showing 5 mm upwards shift of perfs [1303var] ©
£30
371991 Scientific Achievements 22p Faraday, perforations shifted 5 mm to right bisecting value and Queen's head [1547var] ©
$£ 30$
381998 Lighthouses 63p, a gutter marginal single showing perfs shifted 9 mm to right leaving gold Queen's head and value in margin and at left on stamp instead of at right [2038var] $\boldsymbol{\omega}$
£110

## Wildings

40 1958-65 wmk mult Crowns 2d red-brown, cream paper, vertical strip of 3 showing paper web join, leaving parts of 2 stamps on double thickness paper [573var]

## Pre-decimal Machins

## PVA

$41 \quad 1 / 2 d$ orange-brown, missing phosphor, ex cyl 2 [O22NP] .. £35
42 1d yellow-olive $2 B$, head $B$, one broad phosphor band at either centre or at left, ex pane OB1 or 2 [O 25BB] £5

43 1d yellow-olive 2B, head B, phosphor printed on back only, ex s/t Cook book pane OB19 [O 25PB] £250
44 1d yellow-olive $2 B$, head $B$, printed on uncoated paper, slightly timmed perfs at top, ex s/t Cook book pane OB19 [O25UC] © .$£ 50$

45 4d deep olive-sepia, head $B$, one broad phosphor band, ex pane OB3 [O 38BB]..
46 5d slate-blue, 2B, head B, imperforate horizontal pair $£ \mathbf{1 2 5}$
47 5d deep blue, head B, screened borders, missing phosphor, ex cyl 15 [O 58N P]
£10
48 5d deep blue, 2B, head B, on uncoated paper, ex Cook book s/t pane, OB19. Scarce from this pane [O 59UC] $£ 45$
49 8d vermilion, missing phosphor, ex cyl2, scarce [O 67NP] ............................................................... £350
50 9d myrtle-green, missing phosphor, ex cyl 2 [O 69NP] £65
51 10d drab brown, 2B, printed on uncoated paper, ex cyl 1 [O70UC]
£25

## Decimal Machins

## OCP/PVA

52 1½p black, missing phosphor, ex cyl 1 [31NP]......... £25
53 1½p black, 2B, printed on uncoated paper, ex cyl 1 [31UC] 6

54 3p deep ultramarine, thin value, missing phosphor, ex pane DP6 from 30p book [39NP]
£65
$55 \quad 7122$ p light brown, missing phosphor, ex cyl 1 [48NP] $\mathbf{2 2 . 5 0}$ FCP/PVA
$56 \quad 1 / 2 p$ deep bright turquoise, thick value, missing phosphor, ex pane DP11 [52NP]
£125
$57 \frac{1}{2}$ p pale turquoise, thin value, missing phosphor, ex $£ 1$ Wedgwood booklet pane DP19 [53NP] ©.... $\mathbf{£ 3 0 0}$
$58 \mathbf{2 p}$ green, missing phosphor, ex pane DP11 [59NP] £125
$59 \quad \mathbf{2} 1 / 2$ p pale bright pink, thin value set left and up, ex cyl 9 or 11 [64N P]
£10



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$60 \quad \mathbf{2}^{12} \mathbf{2}$ p pale pink, very thin value, missing phosphor, ex $£ 1$ Wedgwood booklet pane DP19 [66NP] .... £200
$61 \quad \mathbf{2}^{1 ⁄ 2} \mathbf{p}$ very pale pink, SBL, thin value, ex $£ 1$ W edgwood booklet pane DP20A [69]£25
$62 \quad \mathbf{2 ¹}^{1 ⁄ 2} \mathbf{p}$ pale pink, very thin value, missing phosphor, ex $£ 1$ Wedgwood booklet pane DP19 [71NP] .... £200

63 3p slate-blue, thin value, set to the right, missing phosphor, ex $£ 1$ Wedgwood pane DP17 [78NP] © .. £40
64 9p bright orange \& deep sepia, one broad phosphor band at right, ex cyl 3A3B [88BB] £25
65 10p orange 2B, missing flesh-pink colour, ex cyl 3A 3B [89MC]
£150

## FCP/DEX

$66 \mathbf{2 p}$ bright green, thin value, one 6 mm phosphor band at centre, ex $£ 3$ W edgwood pane DP42 [122A/BBa] .. $£ 45$

67 3p bright pink, head B 2 , one 9.5 mm broad band at left, ex SG pane DP57, scarce [128C/BB] ...... £150
$68 \quad 3^{1 ⁄ 2} \mathbf{p}$ dull olive, phosphor band displaced to left, ex cyl 11 [132BL].£5

69 4½p steel-blue, missing phosphor, ex cyl 3 [136NP]. $\mathbf{£ 7}$
70 5p claret, straight edge at left, missing phosphor, ex £65
$71 \quad 512 p$ deep purple, $C B$, printed on uncoated paper, ex cyl 4. Scarce [140UC] © . £295
72 6p light green, missing phosphor, ex cyl 8, scarce [141NP]
£295
$73 \quad \mathbf{6} 1 / 2 p$ peacock blue, side band at left (phos displaced), ex cyl 4 [146BL] £85
74 9p dull violet, 2 B , phos under ink, perfs shifted upwards by 4.5 mm , ex sheets [176A/var] © ... £30

75 10p light orange, one broad band at right, ex cyl 3 [183BB] £10


76 121212p light emald, $C B$, thin value all phosphor wash,, ex sheets [206A/AOP] ... £7.50
$77 \quad 12 ½$ p light emerald, star underprint type 1, missing phosphor, ex DP59 [207NP] ..................... £60
$78 \quad 12^{1} / 2 \mathrm{p}$ light emerald, comb perf, missing phosphor, ex DP61 [214NP] © .................................................... £20
$79 \quad 12^{½}$ p light emerald, SBR, phosphor band printed front and back, ex SG pane DP57 [214FB] ........... $£ 90$
80 13p chestnut, one side band at right (phos displaced), ex horiz coil C30A [RF130BR]
81 14p deep blue, $C B$, perfs shifted upwards by 5 mm bisecting value, ex cyl 10 [RFA140var] $\boldsymbol{*}$.$£ 50$
82 14p deep blue, $C B$ " $A$ " phos, straight edge top and straight edge bottom vertical pair, all over phosphor, ex pane DP110 [RFA140SET/AOP, RFA140SEB/AOP] £20
83 15p bright blue, missing phosphor, ex 50p pane DP132, scarce [RFA151NP]
£150
$84 \quad 15^{½}$ p pale violet, star underprint type 1 , missing phosphor, ex DP59 [223NP] © $£ 90$
85 16p mushroom, missing phosphor, ex DP61 [226NP] £90
86 19p orange-red, straight edge at right, missing phosphor, ex $£ 1$ pane DP117. Rare [RFA192SER/NP] £300
87 20p black, missing phosphor, ex 50p pane DP132. Rare [RFA200NP] ©
$£ 400$
88 50p drab ochre, no phosphor, perfs shifted upwards by 3 mm , ex sheets [229var].
$£ 10$

## PCP/DEX

$89 \quad 15^{1 ⁄ 2} \mathbf{p}$ pale violet, fluorescent brightener omitted, ex cyl 3 [P155FBO].................................................... £15

## ACP/DEX

90 16p mushroom, imperforate horizontal pair, ex cyl 2 [A160IMP]
£120

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## Questa - Litho

91 1p crimson, ES ellipse, missing phosphor, ex $£ 1$ vending book, rare [Q11NP] ©
£450

## Walsall - Litho

92 14p deep blue, straight edge left, missing phosphor, ex pane DP125. Scarce [WL140SEL/NP] ©
93 19p orange, straight edge right, missing phosphor, ex pane DP125. Scarce [WL190SER/NP] © ... £195

## NVI Machins

94 Questa Litho O FNP/PVA 1st orange-red, thick value, ER ellipse, cream gum, missing phosphor, ex Bank of England label pane DP219. Rare [FSQ 2NP] £495
95 W alsall G ravure vertical format self-adhesive, 0 FNP/SA 1st orange-red 2B \& 2nd bright blue CB, perf $14 \times 131 / 2$ "dagger perf" pair, ex guillotined down business sheets of 100 . These are highly sought after and we have only ever had a few examples [FWV1A, SWV1A] ©
£220

## Booklets

## Stitched Panes

96 OCP/PVA $3 p+3 p+3 p / £ 4315$ label $+3 p+3 p$, missing phosphor $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{s})$ perf. Good perfs, scarce [DP6/N]
£300
97 FCP/PVA $2 p+1 / 2 p / 2 p+1 / 2 p$, broad band at centre, $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{r})$ perf. Good perfs, scarce [DP11] ........... $£ 125$
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Please use the postcode and include a return address


## Folded Booklets

$98 £ 1.30$ Postal History 1 Penny Black, left selvedge - Pane showing huge paper join affecting all 10 stamps in the pane
$99 \quad \mathbf{£ 1 . 5 0}$ Write Now, left selvedge - Pane showing huge paper join affecting all 10 stamps in the pane, and also with black marker pen marking to indicate the problem, which still went unnoticed in checking! $£ \mathbf{1 2 0}$
Vending Booklets
100 10p London 1980 - Pane and cover misguillotined, bisecting 8p and label. Striking [DB6 (10) var] ... $£ 150$
101 50p Orchids No.1 - Cover missing the lilac colour. This is a cover colour omission that we have never seen before [DB9 (27) var] $\boldsymbol{\delta}$
102 50p Pond Life 2 - Pane and cover misguillotined, so that the label now appears at the centre of the pane and parts of adjoining 17ps are at both left and right. Unfortunately the centre $17 p$ has been removed from the book, presumably by the finder as the only complete stamp in the book, but the remaining pane is truly spectacular [DB9(33)A var] £75




103 50p Aeroplanes 1 - missing phosphor, good perfs. Rare [DB14 (4) ]
$104 £ 1$ booklet, either Dickens 1 or $\mathbf{2}$ or Marine Life 3 - Cover is completely unprinted inside and out (hence the uncertainty of which booklet it is!). Very unusual $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ $\qquad$£175

Self-adhesive Booklets
105 Series SAC8 W alsall 12 x 1st book, die-cut perforations shifted approximately 4 mm to the left, leaving every stamp with the white selvedge that usually appears between the stamps within the stamps body, and the phosphor as a single broad band at left. The right hand six stamps have portions of the matrix that should have been stripped during production, overlaying them. A spectacular error £375

## Prestige Books

1061969 Stamps for Cooks $£ 1$ book - se-tenant pane (O B19) missing phosphor, good perfs on affected pane [PDB94var]
1071988 Financial Times $£ 5$ book - mock-up of book with text panels printed in Swedish, presumably as a Royal Mail essay similar to investigate the possibility of printing a Swedish version for use at exhibitions, similar to the Foreign language presentation packs of the late 1960's and early 1970's. Very unusual
$108 \mathbf{1 9 9 1}$ Agatha Christie $\mathbf{£ 6}$ book - mock-up of book with text panels printed in Swedish, presumably as a Royal Mail essay similar to investigate the possibility of printing a Swedish version for use at exhibitions, similar to the Foreign language presentation packs of the late 1960's and early 1970's. Very unusual $\qquad$ $£ 40$
RegionalsNorthern Ireland
109 Photo FCP/DEX 9p purple, missing phosphor incylinder 1 dot block of 6 [N 18NP]£180
Scotland
110 1967-70 1/6d grey-blue, missing phosphor. Scarce [S13Ey] 6 ..... $£ 110$
111 Photo FCP/DEX 3½p olive-green, missing phosphor, ex cyl 1 [S14NP] © ..... $£ 45$
W ales
112 Litho FCP/PVA 24p red-brown, perfs shifteddownwards by 3 mm , ex sheets [LW241var] $\odot$£15

## Guernsey

## 1131993 De La Rue Centenary 28p booklet pane of 4,

 showing a striking misplacement of the perforating comb, resulting in every stamp grossly misperforated. U nfortunately the pane was cust out of it's booklet across the pane, the selvedge of which also has a small tear, but the stamps themselves are undamaged and the appearance is truly striking.[619var] © ..... $£ 250$
## Isle of Man

114 Regional OCP/PVA 5p reddish violet, missing phosphor, ex cyl 4. Rare [M3NP] © $\qquad$ £295
1151999 Legends of Music The Bee Gees 37p, perforations shifted approximately 3 mm to the left, leaving white border at the left within body of design [864var] 8

[^0]We are pleased to be able to offer part of a collection on behalf of one of our long standing customers who wishes to dispose of some of his more peripheral items. The items are broken down into convenient groups, each a very useful collection in their own rights but which make an excellent basis for a truly specialised study. In each case the condition is generally very good if not perfect, although occasional panes have trimmed perfs. We list the better items in the descriptions below but a full detailed listing is available upon request either in the form of an Excel spreadsheet via e-mail or as a printed list by post. These list detail catalogue numbers, catalogue pricing, and for the booklet panes a grading definition using the Loveland scale from 1 to 7 where 1 is full perforations, 4 is more extensive trimming with less than half of the perforations remaining and 7 is straight edge close to the stamp. Although we haven't verified the identity of all the items, we have checked most of the more valuable panes and blocks which are correctly described, so there is no reason to assume that the others would be misidentified. As this is a sale by Private Treaty, please contact us to discuss payment if of interest.

A comprehensive collection of panes of 2, 4 and 6, including Tudor, St Edward's Crown, graphite , multiple Crown and Phosphor issues, upright, inverted, sideways and sideways inverted watermarks, paper, phosphor colours, perf types, some cylinder panes. Included are many of the booklet cover from which the panes emanated and when not present, scans replace the originals.
Panes include SB7 cyl E12; SB13 cyl E14 J15; SB14 (slight trim); SB14a; SB17; SB21a; SB24a; SB25a; SB30 cyl F10 T dot; SB33 cyl F12; SB40; SB40a; SB46; SB65 cyl G11 (trimmed), cyl G15 no dot, cyl G16 (trimmed); SB68a (trimmed); SB70 (slight trim at foot); SB70a (good perfs); SB71; SB71a; SB73; SB74 (trimmed at right); SB76; SB76a (trimmed at top); SB77; SB77a; SB78a; SB79 (trimmed at top); SB79a (trimmed at top and at right); SB83a (trimmed at bottom); SB85; SB86 (trimmed at bottom); SB86a cyl J13 T (slight trim at bottom); SB87 (trimmed at bottom); SB87a (trimmed at bottom); SB88; SB88a; SB89 (trimmed at bottom); SB89a (very slight trimming at right); SB92 cyl K7 T, cyl K13 no dot (trimmed at right), cyl K15 dot (slightly trimmed at right); SB106 cyl N4 (slightly trimmed at bottom); SB109 cyl N1 T no dot, dot (slight trim at bottom).

Approximately 174 panes with a total SG catalogue value by 2006 SG Spec part 3 is $£ 7,400$

A pretty comprehensive collection of approximately 120 cylinder blocks of 6 . Collection includes various gums, perforations, paper types, etc. Typical of the era, the left margins, when imperforate, are usually cut straight but a few are angled back, but condition seems good.
Blocks include: GA 3d cyl 1 El perf no dot \& dot; GA 9d cyl 2 El perf no dot \& dot; PVA 4d sepia 2B cyl 4 dot PE perf, cyl 12 no dot \& dot, cyl 13 no dot \& dot, cyl 15 no dot; PVA 4d sepia CB cyl 12 no dot \& dot; 6 d cyl 3 dot - bright magenta shade, cyl 4 no dot; $1 / 6 \mathrm{cyl} 3 \mathrm{~A} 1 \mathrm{~B} ; 1 / 9 \mathrm{cyl} 1 \mathrm{~A} 1 \mathrm{~B}$. also $4 d$ vermilion cyl 13 dot block of 16 , missing phosphor. Also included is a small selection of Predecimal Machin booklet panes including OB10a.
Total Connoisseur Catalogue value (10th edition) £895 and SG Specialised vol 3 (2006) £1037.

## Decimal Stitched Booklet Panes

A useful collection of 94 booklet panes, including various paper, perf and gum types, panes of 4 and 6 , with odd cylinder copies. Mostly with good perfs although one or two show slight trimming. This would make an ideal collection to fill most of the gaps in the Connoisseur Album stitched pane section.

Panes include: DP3A AP and PAP perfs; DP4A AP and PAP perfs; DP5A AP and PAP perfs; DP6 I perf; DP6A OCP/PVA PAP perfs; DP6a FCP/PVA thin paper PAP perf (slightly trimmed at top); DP7A P, AP and PAP perfs; DP8A AP and PAP perfs; DP9 OCP/PVA P and AP perf; DP15 PAP perf cyl B15; DP21 P perf; DP21A PAP perf.

Total Connoisseur Catalogue value (10th edition) £552 and SG Specialised vol 4 (2000) £644.

## Q Distributions

The items listed below are mostly those that have been distributed on our new issue $Q$ distributions. To order from this list, please mark the order column as appropriate, giving your name and address or account number (if applicable) in the details section at the end. If you are not an account customer, payment should be made with the order, including any postage charges. Payment may be made by cash, cheque, Debit or Credit card - We accept Access, Visa, Mastercard, Eurocard, American Express, Diners Club, Delta or Switch. Simply phone, fax or write your order, and subject to availability, the goods will be despatched within 14 days. All prices are subject to revision. The prices of these items is higher than those charged to customers prebooked for new issues. To obtain discounted rates, ask for details of our specialised New Issue Service, which can be tailored to your specific requirements. For further details on postage \& packing and other ordering information see page 2
N.B. All items referred to are mint, unless otherwise stated. In the Machin section, where Connoisseur Catalogue numbers have been allocated, these are included in brackets after the listing for single stamps or coil strips. It should be noted, however, that these numbers are still provisional. Those for which no Connoisseur Catalogue number is listed have not yet had a number allocated to them, but should have shortly.

## COMMEMORATIVES

## 2005 London 2012 Miniature Sheet

Walsall, Litho - OFNP/PVA
Miniature sheet with left hand vertical pair showing inset left phosphor bands 25.00 .

## Victoria Cross

Enschedé Litho - OFNP/PVA
Sheet Stamps
Original 1st class stamps from sheets, miniature sheets and booklets had the photographs of the VC laureates in a more conventional sepia tone. We have come across a few sheets where their portraits show a disntinctly pinkish tinge.
1st pair showing VC winner's portraits with a pinkish tint
Se-tenant pair
Gutter pairs .. $7.00 \ldots$
T.L. Block of 6 ................................................................10.50 ...
Cylinder blocks of 8 .............................

Sounds of Britain ( 5 v - Issued 3.10.06)
Printed in litho by Cartor in sheets of 25 and 50, the latter with a horizontal gutter between panes of 25. The stamps are in the offsquare format (measuring $37 \times 35 \mathrm{~mm}$ ). Each stamp has an all over phosphor coating covering the entire white background surface of the stamp and the Queen's head but appears to not overprint the darker silhouettes of the musicians. The stamps are printed on OFNP/PVA paper with cream gum. They are perforated $14 \times 141 / 2$.
This set is Britain's contribution to the 2006 Europa theme and the 1 st and 50 p values bear the Europa inscription. They feature musicians from various ethnic backgrounds who have added their own dimension to the rich British musical tradition. Styles featured are Asian, Reggae/Calypso, Celtic, Blues/Jazz and Latin. Although always happy to embrace cultural diversity we feel perhaps there should have been some allowance made for traditional native music styles - this smacks, once again, of being politically correct but ignoring the over-riding, uncomplaining and long suffering indigenous


## Sounds of Britain (Continued)

majority of our country! The designs are based on photographs which show the artists in silhouette with just one or two highlights illuminating small areas of their bodies and musical instruments, but which cleverly avoid illuminating their facial features.
Mint ................................................................................ 5.55 ...
Used ............................................................................... 6.85 ...
Gutter Pairs .................................................................. 23.00 ...
Traffic Light Gutter Pairs ............................................... 26.45 ...
Due to the positioning of the traffic lights in the gutter,
these are supplied as blocks of 4, rather than pairs
Presentation Pack 6.42 ...
P.O.FDC .......................................................................... 7.10 ...

Cotswold FDC ................................................................. 8.20 ..
Stuart FDC ...................................................................... 8.20 ..
PHQ Mint ........................................................................3.30 ..
PHQ FDI Obverse .......................................................... 10.75 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse ........................................................10.75 ..
Traffic Light blocks of 6 ...................................................... 38.10 ...
Plate blocks of 8 comprising 4 sets (Cartor)
Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, confirming a four-up print run.

| 1st 2B | C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 (C1) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 42p 2B | C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 (C1) | 6.50 ... |
| 50p 2B | C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 (C1) | 7.70 ... |
| 72p 2B | C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 (C1) | . 10.75 |
| £1.19 2B | C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 (C1) | 18.00 |

## Small Format Pictorial Stamps for Smilers Issue 2

(6v-Issued 17.10.06)
Printed in gravure by Walsall in booklets of 6 containing one of each design. The stamps bear two side phosphor bands, measuring approximately 13 mm in total width, vignetted towards the centre. Perforated $15 \times 14$, the stamps are self-adhesive and, due to this and their source, they are supplied in the booklet from which they emanate. These are similar in concept to the first issue, released in October 2005. This time, however, the designs are not reproductions of previous large format Smilers, but are totally original, albeit three which are typographically inspired have had the same text used on other Greetings issues - New Baby, Best Wishes and Thank You. The other three designs are graphically inspired, bearing no inscriptions and feature Balloons, Fireworks and Champagne \& Flowers. Once again, Royal Mail are referring to these as "Definitive Smilers" and they will remain on sale for an unspecified period, now alongside the first issue stamps. Booklets will also be circulated as one of the standard 1st x 6 types that can be ordered by any post office or retailer.

| Q | D | I | T | R | I | B | T | I | N |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |



Mint
3.50

Used 4.50 ..

Presentation Pack. 4.30 ..
P.O. FDC 4.90 .

Cotswold FDC .....................................................................5.95 ..
Stuart FDC 5.95 ..
PHQ Mint ..... 3.95 .
PHQ FDI Obverse ..... 8.85 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse ..... 8.85

## Extra Special Moments Smilers (Issued 17.10.06)

To coincide with the release of the 2nd issue of Small Format Pictorials, Royal Mail have released a matching Smilers sheet, in a similar style to the "Life's Special Moments" sheet which tied in with the 1st issue. A major difference this time round, however, is that the generic sheet is issued on the same day - only photo-label Smilers sheets were available on the day of issue for the first set, with the generic sheet appearing some 9 months later. Similar to the July issue, the sheet contains the standard 20 stamps -3 sets of six plus additional copies of the "New Baby" and "Champagne \& Flowers stamps - each with a matching pictorial label attached. The sheet surrounds are predominantly white with the sheet title printed above the block of 10 stamps at the left and below the block at the right. In the opposite selvedge are a range of other greetings exclamations. As with other self-adhesive Smilers, the sheet is rouletted down the centre making it possible to conveniently split in in two.
Both generic and photo-lable sheets are available, the latter appearing in the format of a separate sheet for each design. The generic sheet is printed in liho by Cartor, making the stamps from it entirely different to those from the Walsall printed gravure book. Despite the difference in production processes, the stamps remain remarkably well matched in both visual impact and shade. However, there are tell-tale differences. The Cartor printed Smilers sheet stamps are printed on a much glossier paper and have obviously visible phosphor bands that are printed solidly across their 13 mm width, whereas the Walsall booklet versions are less apparent and vignetted. Under UV the Cartor litho versions have a very dull fluor additive to the phosphor, whereas the Walsall gravure stamps have a bright fluor.
Due to the arrangement of the stamps in the sheet it is not possible to supply just one set of six stamps. Instead we are supplying them as a half sheet of 10, which include one complete set plus four other stamps.
Generic Label version - Cartor Litho - OFNP/SA
Small Format Standard Design Smilers 1st with generic labels attached
S/t block of 10 ....................................................................... 6.50
Used singles ....................................................................... 4.95
Complete sheet of 20 ......................................................... 12.20
P.O. FDCs bearing set of $6 \times 1$ st with generic labels attached, split over 2 covers .............................................................. 8.25

Photo-label sheets
There are six different photo-label sheets for this issue, each containing 20 copies of one of the six 1st designs featured in the Extra Special Moments Smilers generic sheet as supplied on the Q1 distribution. Each sheet has a different title and border, relating to the stamp design it contains - the Firework design sheet is entitled "Big Bang!" and has stars in the sheet selvedge; the balloons design is called "Balloons" and features balloons in the selvedge; the Champagne design's sheet is called "Celebration" and has bubbles in the selvedge; the New Baby stamp's sheet is called "Hey Baby" and has rubber ducks in the selvedge; the sheet for the Thank You stamp is also called "Thank You" and features similar typographic sentiments in the selvedge; and finally the Best Wishes stamp's sheet is also (predictably) called "Best Wishes" with butterflies in the selvedge. We have prepared the labels to match the first issue of these sheets, but with the label in a different colour and the inscription "1st Issue" changed to "2nd Issue".
Photo Label version - Cartor, Litho - OFNP/SA
Fireworks, Balloons, Champagne, New Baby, Thank You and Best Wishes 1st 2B stamps with photo-labels attached.
Complete set of 6 sheets of 20 values $\qquad$ 125.00 ...

Christmas 2006 (Issued 7.11.06)
Sheet Stamps - Self-adhesive(6v)
Printed in gravure by De La Rue in sheets of 25 and 50, the latter with a vertical gutter between panes of 25 . There are two formats of stamps 2nd, 1st, 72p and £1.19 are in the standard definitive size format (measuring $20 \times 24 \mathrm{~mm}$ ), and 2nd Large and 1st Large values are in the new large definitive format ( $30 \times 24 \mathrm{~mm}$ ). The 2nd class value has a single 4.5 mm centre phosphor band, whilst 1st, $72 p$ and £1.19 have two side bands, measuring approximately 13 mm in total width, vignetted towards the centre. 2nd Large and 1st Large also have two bands measuring 13mm in width, vignetted towards the centre but although one band is at the right side, the other is aligned to the left edge of the illustration, but inset from the left edge of the stamp by $9 m m$, leaving the value panel uncovered by phosphor. Similar to last year's issue, the year (2006) is reversed out of the phosphor bands at the bottom of the CB and the lowerleft corner of the left band on $2 B$ stamps. The stamps are selfadhesive and have simulated die-cut "perforations" measuring 15 $x$ 14. The background of the stamp is printed in a pearlescent finish,similar to the iriodin ink used on current high value definitives, giving the stamps an overall lustre.


The designs for this year are secular in nature and show conventional Christmas imagery of a snowman, Santa Claus, a reindeer and a Christmas tree, designed by Japanese artist Tasturo Kiuchi. They are reminiscent to the sticky charity labels that commonly could be found on the reverse of Christmas mail in the 1960's and 1970's. Royal Mail have experimented with the small and large 1st and 2nd stamps with this issue - probably as this set is commissioned by their operations division, rather than the philatelic section.

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## Christmas 2006 (Continued)

PHQ Mint - Includes card for miniature sheet $\qquad$4.50
PHQ FDI Obverse - Includes card for miniature sheet ..... 19.00 .
PHQ FDI Reverse - Includes card for miniature sheet ..... 9.00
$\qquad$ Cylinder blocks of 8 (De La Rue)
Small format stamps have dots positioned in one of six boxes, indivcatinga a six up print run. Large format stamps, however, only bear four boxes and thyus were printed four ip on a single printer's sheet.

| 2nd CB | D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1) ....................... 3.45 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1st 2B | D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1) ....................... 4.80 |
| 2nd Large 2B | D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1) ..................5.55 |
| 1st Large 2B | D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1) .................6.75 |
| 72p 2B | D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1) ..................... 10.75 |
| £1.19 2B | D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1) ..................... 18.00 |

Date blocks of 6
Despite having been abandoned for almost three years on standard commemorative issues, printing dates and sheet serial numbers continue to appear on Christmas sheets of 50. In all probability this is a measure to try and keep track of the vast number of sheets printed over a prolonged period and remains an interesting and valuable aid to tracking unusual printings down.

| 2nd | 16/06/06 | 3.85 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 17/06/06 | 3.85 |
|  | 19/06/06 | 3.85 |
|  | 21/06/06 | 3.85 |
|  | 22/06/06 | 3.85 |
|  | 25/07/06 | . 3.85 |
|  | 07/10/06 | 3.85 |
| 1st | 22/05/06 | 4.75 |
|  | 24/05/06 | 4.75 |
|  | 25/05/06 | 4.75 |
|  | 18/09/06 | 4.75 |
|  | 19/09/06 | 4.75 |
| 2nd Large | 12/07/06 | 5.25 |
|  | 13/07/06 | 5.25 |
| 1st Large | 13/07/06 | ... 6.00 |
| 72p | 03/07/06 | ... 9.00 |
|  | 04/07/06 | .. 9.00 |
| £1.19 | 04/07/06 | . 14.00 |
|  | 29/08/06 | 14.00 |
|  | 30/08/06 | 14.00 |

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


- $15 \times 14$. The significant difference is that they are conventionally gummed with layflat PVA on OFNP paper. The sheet measures $115 \times 103 \mathrm{~mm}$ and shows a background of a winter's night scene also designed by Tasturo Kiuchi, featuring a snow rabbit in the lower-left corner.

| Mint | 5.75 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Used | 7.20 |
| P.O.FDC | 7.45 |
| Cotswold FDC | 8.50 |
| Stuart FDC | 8.50 |

## Staff Sheet Stamps (1v)

As a small thank you for the extra work their staff put in over the hectic Christmas period, Royal Mail give every member of their staff, from postmen to sub-postmasters, free Christmas 1st class stamps with which to post their Christmas Cards. Similar to recent years, there is a difference between these gifts and those commercially available. Each employee has been given 50 copies (in the form of a sheet guillotined in two across the gutter) of the Santa Claus 1st design. But rather than standard matrix stripped sheets, the staff versions have the matrix between the stamps still present, making them an instantly collectible variation. As well as having the matrix present, the waxed backing paper, which is normally rouletted so that individual stamps can be torn from the sheet for counter sales, is imperforate on this version. In all other aspects the stamps are identical to the commercially available type. These sheets are invariably the first printed from the run, and, rather extraordinarily, the printing of these began as early as 22nd May. This year, due to their format, no gutter pairs are available.

1st 2B with matrix present, backing paper imperforate
Pair, without rouletting on reverse .......................................5.00 ...
Marginal block of 4 ............................................................ 10.00 ...
D1 Cyl block of 8 (scarce, very few available) ............... 26.00 ...
Date blocks of 6
1st 22/05/06 ..................................... 22.50 ...

23/05/06 ...................................... 19.50 ...
Traffic light block of 6 ........................................................ 19.50 ...
P.O.FDC bearing a pair with matrix between still present ... 19.50 ...

Approximately only 55 covers in total were prepared.
Booklet Stamps
For the first time in several years Royal Mail have produced Christmas booklets in the same format as conventional counter booklets, rather than the mini-business sheet style that has been recently used. Although the stamps from these booklets are very similar to sheet stamps, they can be distinguished by the silicon coated backing paper. On booklet stamps this backing is opaque and has printing on the reverse whereas sheet stamps have a translucent, unprinted backing.

1st 2B \& 2nd CB, both with opaque backing paper 1.40 ...

## Christmas 2006 Smilers (Issued 7.11.06)

Issued on the same day as the sheet stamps Royal Mail produced an accompanying Smilers issue, using the small format 2nd and 1 st designs. The sheet background, like the miniature sheet and stamps, was designed by Tasturo Kiuchi and shows a snowy scene of children ice skating on a frozen pond, with a steam train chugging it's way through the snowbound countryside. As in previous years there are both generic and photo-label versions of the sheet. Generic sheets bear 10 copies each of 1st and 2nd Christmas stamps, whereas there are two photo-label sheets each containing 20 copies of either the 1st or 2nd values. The labels on the generic sheet continue the sheet background design. We prepared the photo-label versions to feature an image of a church in the snow.

The sheets are printed in litho by Cartor, as opposed to the De La Rue sheet stamps which are gravure, and despite both being selfadhesive, the stamps from the two sources are fairly easily identifiable. Although similar in width, the phosphor bands on Smilers

## Christmas 2006 Smilers (Continued)

versions are much more heavily applied and on 1st values are solid across their width (as opposed to vignetted on sheet versions). The fluor is also very much duller and paler in appearance. The pearlescent background to the stamps is also much less apparent on the litho printings. Due to the arrangement of the sheet we are supplying generic issues in blocks of ten containing strips of 5 of both 1st and 2nd class values.

## Cartor, Litho - OFNP/SA

Generic Label Version
Christmas 2006 2nd CB and 1st 2B in strips of five comprising a block of 10, with generic labels attached
Mint . 6.05 ...
Used 2nd and 1st single with labels attached .................... 2.50 ...
Complete sheet of 20 10.55 ...
P.O. FDC bearing single 1st \& 2nd with labels attached ... 3.30 ... Photo Label Versions
Complete sheets of 1st x 20 and $2 \mathrm{nd} \times 20$ $\qquad$ Sold Out

## Lest We Forget I Miniature Sheet (Issued 9.11.06)

Printed in gravure by De La Rue. The 1st stamp bears two side phosphor bands, measuring approximately 18 mm in total, solid across their width, whereas the $72 p$ stamps each bear two side bands measuring 13mm in width, but vignetted towards the centre. The 1st stamp is in the off-square size and perforated $141 / 2$ in both dimensions, whereas the 72p stamps are conventional definitive sizes and perforated $15 \times 14$. The sheet is printed on OFNP/PVA and measures $124 \times 71 \mathrm{~mm}$.


The sheet is issued to mark the 90th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme and is set against a monochrome battlefield image. It bears a brand new commemorative 1st value shows a striking, poignant image of poppies from Flanders field which have stems of barbed wire. Somewhat inexplicably (other than to raise the face value of the sheet) it also bears standard 72p Emblem designs from each of the four regions, which, according to Royal Mail, are intended to honour servicemen from all four regions who perished in the conflict. Although a justifiable and well intended issue, it would surely have been better to have two or three other higher value commemoratives than simply rehash the Regionals in such a sheet. This is the first of a short series of similar sheets to be issued over the next two years intended to honour those troops who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Great War.
Mint. ..... 5.60
Used ..... 7.00 ..
Presentation Pack. ..... 6.50 ..
P.O.FDC ..... 7.30 ...
Cotswold FDC ..... 8.25 ...
Stuart FDC ..... 8.25 ..
1st Poppy and Wales and N.Ireland $72 p$ stamps with inset right phosphor bands ..... 19.50 ..Poppies 1st 2B StampPoppies 1st 2B StampMint1.50.
Inset right band ..... 8.25 ..
Inset right band, short bands at bottom ..... 11.50 ..

## We Will Remember Them Smilers (Issued 9.11.06)

As well as a miniature sheet, 9th November also saw the release of a Smilers sheet to mark the 90th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. The sheet features 20 copies of the 1st Poppies design, with generic labels featuring sculptures on four war memorials, including the Cenotaph, along with a description and brief history of the relevant memorial. Unusually, the labels are not individually perforated to match their adjoining stamps, but are perforated around the edge of a vertical strip of 5. The sheet borders (and part of the labels) are printed in silver and contains words from the famous poem "For The Fallen" by Laurence Binyon, which adorn many War memorials and are recited every year at Remembrance Day services.
The sheets are printed in litho by Cartor and as a consequence the 1st Poppy stamp differs in production method and other features from the miniature sheet version. The red of the poppies on the Smilers stamp is in a deeper crimson shade than that of the miniature sheet, and the fluor in the phosphor is much duller. The bands are also obviously vignetted towards the centre, whereas the gravure stamp has bands solid across their width. Only generic versions of this sheet exist.

## Cartor, Litho OFNP/SA

Generic Label Version
Lest We Forget 1st Poppies with generic labels attached
Vertical strip of 5 4.05 ...

Used single. . 1.65 ...
Complete sheet of 20 12.20 ...

Celebrating Scotland miniature sheet (Issued 30.11.06)
Printed in gravure by De La Rue. The sheet measures 124 x 71 mm and bears four stamps, two 1st definitive sized stamps measuring $20 \times 24 \mathrm{~mm}$ and two elongated $72 p$ pictorial issues in the commemorative landscape format, measuring $60 \times 24 \mathrm{~mm}$. All stamps have two side phosphor bands that are vignetted towards the centre, the 1st values measuring approximately 13 mm in total width and the 72 p values 18 mm . The sheet is printed on OFNP/ PVA gummed paper.
Issued on St.Andrew's Day, this is the first in a series of four sheets that will be issued over the coming four year's to mark the Saint's days of the respective countries. This sheet is set against a background of an old litho print of Edinburgh apparently as seen from Arthur's Seat. It bears a conventional Emblem design Scotland 1st of the Lion Rampant, and another definitive sized 1st, this time showing the Saltire treated in a similar but not identical style as on the standard Emblem 2nd.
In addition the sheet contains two newly designed large commemoratives $72 p$ values - one showing St.Andrew as a fisherman in a style similar to that adopted for early Christian art, the other is a nightime panoramic photograph of Edinburgh Castle. Again this is an attractively designed sheet which will appeal to Scottish patriots and regional collectors alike! It seems that Royal Mail have at least tried a little harder with design of this sheet and the inclusion of regional stamps is fully justified.
Mint. . 3.65 ..
Used 4.75 ...

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The Beatles (Continued
Mint 2.25
Used ..... 3.05
P.O. FDC ..... 3.65
Cotswold FDC ..... 4.65
Stuart FDC ..... 4.65
Right hand vertical pair showing inset phosphor bands .. ..... 1.50
Small Format Pictorial Stamps for Smilers - Issue 1 Walsall, Gravure - OFNP/SA

Booklet Stamps
(Due to the source and the self-adhesive gum, these stamps are supplied in their original booklet)
Ex Series SAA3 booklet.
Every stamp with short top and inset right phosphor bands25.00 ...

Ex Series SAA4 booklet (PIP info on cover).
Every stamp with inset right phosphor bands . 25.00 ...
Love 1st 2B with elliptical

## perforations

Ex the 1st x 6 booklet containing one Love and five PIP Machins. This stamp differs from previous booklet issues as there is an elliptical perforation along each of the vertical edges - booklet issues had conventional perforations all round. Issued 15.1.07


Mint ..................................................................................... 1.75
Used
P.O.FDC - Issued 16.1.07 ................................................................................................................ 60

Sea Life (10v in s/t block - Issued 1.2.07)
Printed in litho by Walsall in sheets of 30 and 60 comprising 3 and 6 sets, the latter with a vertical gutter between panes of 30. The stamps are square, measuring $35 \times 35 \mathrm{~mm}$. Each stamp bears two side phosphor bands, measuring approximately 18 mm in total width. The perforations measure 14.5 mm on all edges, and the stamps are printed on OFNP paper with PVA gum. The year of issue is micro-printed in the lower-left corner of the white border of each stamp.
The stamps depict various forms of sea life, indigenous to the seas around our islands and are illustrated in photographic format. They form part of the loose ongoing theme of animals that appears once a year, and frequently in se-tenant blocks of 10.

| Mint | 5.63 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Used | 7.65 |
| Gutter pairs | 12.32 |
| Presentation pack | 6.50 ... |

P.O.FDC ..... 7.70
Cotswold FDC ..... 8.75
Stuart FDC ..... 8.75
PHQ Mint ..... 6.60
PHQ FDI Obverse ..... 21.75
PHQ FDI Reverse ..... 21.75
Traffic light block of 20 ..... 13.10 ..Plate blocks of 20 comprising 2 sets (Walsall)Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, confirming a four-upprint run.
1st 2B W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1) ..... 13.10 ..


The Sky At Night (6v in 3 s/t pairs - Issued 13.2.07)
Printed in gravure by Walsall in sheets of 30 and 60, the latter with a vertical gutter between panes of 30. The sheets contain two different design stamps of the same value. As these are selfadhesives, they are not, strictly speaking, se-tenant but are arranged alternately in horizontal pairs on square shaped silicon coated backing paper, which is rouletted between to enable individual stamps to be torn from the sheets. The stamps are in the familiar off-square format, measuring approximately $32 \times 30 \mathrm{~mm}$. Each bears two phosphor bands, measuring approximately 18 mm in total width, vignetted towards the centre and have the year "2007" reversed out of the right band at the bottom. They are kiss-die-cut to simulate conventional perforations measuring $14.5 \times 14$. In a first for a GB issue, each stamp has a brief description of the illustration on the rear of the backing paper.
The set is issued to mark the 50th Anniversary of BBC's landmark astronomy TV series of the same name, the longest running uninterrupted series on British television. It is still hosted by Sir Patrick Moore the presenter throughout it's half century of broadcasting. Moore has also contributed to the set by writing the text for the presentation pack.
The stamps depict spectacular photographs of various nebulae taken with the Hubble space telescope, overlaid with their astronomical designations of $M$ - Messier - and C Caldwell numbers. The latter system was devised by Moore - Caldwell being his middle name. Interestingly, the $72 p$ value depicting the Flaming Star Nebula has been changed from it's initially published design. In it's original form the two depicted Messier objects were labelled M136 and M138. However, these were incorrect (in fact there are only 110 Messier objects, each sequentially numbered in chronological order of their discovery) and should have been M36 and M38 respectively. The mistake was pointed out to Royal Mail and corrected, but not before large quantities were reported to have been printed. These had to be destroyed and a corrected reprint made.




Glorious Wales Smilers (Issued 1.3.07)
The first of what are expected to be 4 Smilers sheets, one for each of the 4 regions/countries (and possibly one composite sheet although this has yet to be confirmed) was issued on the 1st March. The sheet contains 20 1st class Welsh Emblem stamps each with a pictorial label alongside on generic versions. There are 10 different label designs each appearing twice but those on the left half of the sheet are inscribed in Welsh and those at the right are in English. The sheet is set against a background of the Welsh flag and is available in both generic and personalised photolabel versions.
The sheet is printed in litho by Cartor and is self-adhesive, making the stamp unique to this source. We are supplying them in the now familiar vertical strips of 5 and as complete sheets.

## Cartor, Litho OFNP/SA

Generic Label Version
Wales 1st Dragon 2B strip of 5 with pictorial labels attached Vertical strip of 5 4.05 ..

Used single ......................................................................... 1.65
Complete sheet of 20
12.20 ..

Photo-label Sheets
Wales 1st Dragon with photo-labels attached bearing Welsh flag Complete sheet of 20
25.00 ..

## Abolition of the Slave Trade (6v in 3 s/t pairs - Issued 22.3.07)

Printed in litho by Cartor in sheets of 30 and 60, the latter with a horizontal gutter between panes of 30 . Three different sheets contain se-tenant pairs of the same value. Each stamp measures $27 x$ 37 mm and bears two side phosphor bands measuring approximately 18 mm in total width, vignetted towards the centre. The fluor additive to the phosphor is fairly dull in appearance. Each stamp is conventionally gummed with whitish PVA and perforated 14 on all edges. The year of issue is printed in micro text at the back of the neck of the featured character on each stamp.
The set marks the bicentenary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade in this country, and each stamp features a leading mover in the campaign to halt this odious industry. They are presented in the


## Abolition of the Slave Trade (Continued)

form of drawn or etched portraits in black, set against a background of posters, maps, charts, plans or drawings of the day which are reproduced in a pastel colour.

| Mint ............................................................................. 5.42 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Used |  |  |
| Gutter pairs ............................................................... 11.86 |  |  |
| Traffic light gutter pairss ............................................. 23.72 |  |  |
| Due to the positioning of the traffic lights which spread over the gutter of two pairs, these are supplied as blocks of $4 \mathrm{~s} / t$ pairs |  |  |
| Presentation pack ....................................................... 6.35 |  |  |
| P.O.FDC ..................................................................... 7.10 |  |  |
| Cotswold FDC ............................................................. 8.15 |  |  |
| Stuart FDC |  |  |
| PHQ Mint |  |  |
| PHQ FDI Obverse ..................................................... 11.40 |  |  |
| PHQ FDI Reverse ..................................................... 11.40 |  |  |
| Traffic Light blocks of 6............................................... 18.65 |  |  |
| Plate blocks of 8 (Cartor) |  |  |
| Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, indicating a four up print run. |  |  |
| 1 st $2 B$ | C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 (C1) | 4.80 |
| 50p 2B | C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 (C1) | 7.50 |
| 72p 2B | C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 (C1) | 10.80 |

## Celebrating England miniature sheet (Issued 23.4.07)



Printed in gravure by De La Rue. The sheet measures approx 123 x 70mm and bears four stamps, two 1st definitive sized stamps measuring $20 \times 24 \mathrm{~mm}$ and two elongated 78 p pictorial issues in the commemorative landscape format, measuring $60 \times 24 \mathrm{~mm}$. All stamps have two side phosphor bands that are vignetted towards the centre, the 1st values measuring approximately 13 mm in total width and the 72 p values 18 mm . The sheet is printed on OFNP/ PVA gummed paper.
Issued on St.George's Day, this is the second in the series of four sheets that will be issued to mark the Saint's days of the respective countries. This sheet is set against a background of a country scene on a misty morning. It bears a conventional Emblem design England 1st of the Lion and shield of St.George and another definitive sized 1st, this time showing the St. George's Cross flag treated in a similar style as used for the Saltire on the standard Scotland Emblem 2nd. In addition there are two newly designed large commemoratives 78 p values - one showing St.George slaying the dragon in a style similar to that adopted for early Christian art, the other is a panoramic photograph of the Houses of Parliament. Once again, like the Scotland sheet, this is attractively designed and should appeal to both commemorative and regional collectors alike. Each stamp except the England Lion Emblem stamp shows the year reversed out of the phosphor band at the bottom left on the 1st value and the bottom-right on the 78p stamps.

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At the 11th hour original printings of the sheet were withdrawn and a reprint was made. Initial versions of sheet showed the inscription on the label depicting The Needles in the Isle of Wight with the location incorrectly spelled as "White". Someone in the design department of Royal Mail either isn't familiar with English place names or didn't check the proofs too closely. Despite assurances that all the error sheets had been destroyed several post offices either didn't reda or ignored the recall notice and ended up selling them over the counter on the issue day. Unsurprisingly these are hot property and much sought after. If you are lucky enough to own one of these error sheets we would be very happy to hear from you. We are keen to purchase any we can and will pay a very handsome premium that will pay for all your Smilers sheets for a few years to come!
The sheet is printed in litho by Cartor and is self-adhesive, making the stamp unique to this source.

## Cartor Litho - OFNP/SA

Generic Sheets
England 1st Lion $2 B$ with pictorial labels attached
Strip of 5
Complete sheet of 20 12.80 ..

Photo-label Sheets
England 1st Lion with photo-labels attached bearing St.George's Cross flag
Complete sheet of 20 . 25.00 ..


## Beside the Seaside ( $6 v$ - Issued 15.5.07)

Printed in gravure by De La Rue in sheets of 25 and 50, the latter in two panes separated by a vertical gutter. The stamps are square in format measuring 35 mm in both dimensions. All have two side phosphor bands, measuring approximately 18mm in total width and are vignetted towards the centre. The year is reversed out of the phosphor in the lower-right corner of each stamp. They are perforated $141 / 2$ on both edges and are printed on OFNP paper with PVA gum.
The stamps are bright and colourful and depict iconic images of what the British Seaside has been like for many many years. Although modern in their interpretation, the subject matter is intensely nostalgic, bringing back for many of us reminiscences of past summer holidays taken at Blackpool, Brighton, Bognor, Bournemouth and a host of other traditionally British resorts.
Mint
5.80 ...

Used .................................................................................... 7.30 ...
Gutter pairs ..................................................................... 12.65 ...
Presentation pack ................................................................6.70 ...
P.O.FDC ............................................................................. 7.50 ...

Cotswold FDC .................................................................... 8.60 ...
Stuart FDC ......................................................................... 8.60 ..
PHQ Mint ..............................................................................3.95 ..
PHQ FDI Obverse ............................................................. 11.85 ..
PHQ FDI Reverse ............................................................ 11.85 ..
Traffic Light blocks of 6 .....................................................39.80 ...
Cylinder blocks of 8 (De La Rue)
Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, indicating a four up print run.

| 1st 2B | D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1) | 00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 46p 2B | D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1) | 6.80 |
| 48p 2B | D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1) | 7.10 |
| 54p 2B | D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1) | 7.95 |
| 69p 2B | D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1) | 10.25 |
| 78p 2B | D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1) | . 11.55 |

## Wembley Stadium miniature sheet (Issued 17.5.07)

Printed in gravure by De La Rue. The sheet measures approx 113 x 103 mm and contains five stamps: two copies each of standard sized English 2nd and 78p Emblem regionals and a revised version of the 1st Crowned Lion and St.George's Shield commemorative, measuring $35 \times 36 \mathrm{~mm}$, initially issued for the 2002 World Cup, but now with the World Cup inscription at the left removed. The 2nd stamps have a standard $4.5 \mathrm{~mm} C B$, the 78p's two side bands measuring 13 mm in total, vignetted towards the centre, and the commemorative 1 st two side bands measuring 18 mm in total width, also vignetted towards the centre. The Emblem stamps are perforated $15 \times 14$ with an ellipse along each vertical edge, whereas the commemorative is perforated $141 / 2$ on all edges. It is printed on OFNP/PVA gummed paper.
Issued to mark the rebuilding of Wembley stadium which was officially re-opened at the 2007 FA Cup Final, the sheet background shows the arch above the stadium illuminated at dusk. The arch supports the roof of on one side of the stadium and part of the other and at 133 m is so tall that it can be seen across London, requiring warning lights to advise aircraft of it's presence. Like the stadium itself, the sheet has been extensively delayed from it's original issue date of last May. After the long wait, the result is

## Wembley Stadium miniature sheet (Continued)

somewhat disappointing. At the very least we might have expected an illustration of the stadium on one or more of the stamps - surely more appropriate than just ramping up the face value with the rather predictable inclusion of English regional stamps.

| Mint | 4.20 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Used | 5.30 |
| P.O.FDC | 5.65 |
| Cotswold FDC | 6.70 ... |
| Stuart FDC | 6.70 ... |
| 1st Crowned Lion and Shield of St.George 2B |  |
| Mint | .. 1.40 |



## Wembley Stadium Smilers (Issued 17.5.07)

To coincide with the release of the Wembley miniature sheet, Royal Mail have also taken the opportunity to celebrate Wembley's history with a Smilers sheet. The sheet contains 20 of the 1st Crowned Lion and Shield of St.George stamps as used in the miniature sheet. Each stamp is accompanied by a printed label, depicting or describing some of the landmark events that have taken place over the last 84 years since it has been in use as a sporting and entertainment venue. The sheet surround incorporates the new stadium logo and lists some remarkable statistics about the building. Only generic sheets exist.

In an extraordinary echo of the Glorious England sheet which was released just over 3 weeks earlier, the initial printing of these sheets also contained an error. On the label at the bottom left of the sheet describing the illustration of 1948 Olympic Games, the name of the famous Czech athlete Emil Zatopek was incorrect spelled "Emile". As before, the incorrect stock was recalled and a reprint made. Once again, like the Isle of White error on the Glorious England sheet, where some rogue examples have escaped, a few sheets managed to get into circulation and are in the public domain. We are able to offer a couple examples of this - see page??? for details.
The sheet is printed in litho by Cartor making the stamp unique to this source - the miniature sheet is printed by De La Rue in gravure. Despite the different printers and production processes, the stamps are remarkably well matched. However, each has unique features that make them readily distinguishable. The shade of the Lion on the Smilers version is greyer in colour and the Queen's head is deeper scarlet, whereas on the miniature sheet stamp the Lion is bluer and the Queen's head in a brighter carmine shade. The phosphor bands on the Smilers stamp have a dull violet tinted fluor, whereas the miniature sheet stamp uses a bright bluish tinted fluor.


Cartor Litho - OFNP/SA
Generic Sheets
1st Lion \& Shield 2B with pictorial labels attached
Strip of 5 4.10 ...

Used single 1.50 ...

Complete sheet of 20 12.80 ...
P.O. FDC bearing10 stamps with labels split
over 3 covers. 8.25 ..

## Phosphor Error

A small quantity of the Wembley Smilers sheet have been found that show a good all over phosphor wash on the 1st Lion and Shield of St. George stamps. This all over phosphor tends to best affect stamps in the left and right hand vertical columns of five and on a few stamps completely fills in the area between the two phosphor bands when irradiated with UV It is also visible to the naked eye. The other two vertical columns show a degree of phosphor wash but these are much closer to normal.

## 1st Lion and shield of St. George 2B,

Block of 10 showing a very good all-over phosphor wash covering one vertical column of 5 38.50

Complete sheet of 20 on which two columns are best affected and two columns near to normal.
55.00 ..

## 40th Anniversary of the Machin (Issued 5.6.07)

## Miniature Sheet

Printed in gravure by De La Rue, the sheet measures $127 \times 73 \mathrm{~mm}$. and contains two commemorative 1st stamps and two £1 Machins. The 1 st stamps are in the off square format, measuring $34 x$ 36 mm approx and have an all-over phosphor coating which covers the entire stamps apart from the central image. The centre of each shows an illustration of either Arnold Machin or a 4d sepia Machin stamp which are raised by embossing. They are perforated $141 / 2$. The Machin stamps are $£ 1$ values in the familiar lilac colour and the new ruby-red colour that is being introduced as part of the 40th Anniversary celebrations. Technical details for these are the familiar Machin style. The sheet has a white surround with a simple inscription "THE MACHIN DEFINITIVES FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY". It is printed on OFNP paper with PVA gum.
Although relatively simple the sheet is an effective celebration of the iconic Machin design. It is a shame that a little more inspiration wasn't given to the two commemorative designs, however, as these are a little lacklustre, being dominated by the grey background on which they are set.
As the sheet contains both commemorative and definitives, it falls into two categories and will, accordingly, be supplied under both. If you are pre-booked for both but do not require two copies, please return one for a full credit. Single commemorative stamps from the sheet are available to order - See the Commemorative Printings section below.



## De La Rue, Gravure - OFNP/PVA

1st Arnold Machin \& 1st 4d Machin designs
2 copies of each in a sheetlet of 4
Used pair1.75

40th Anniversary of Machins Smilers (Issued 5.6.07)
The Machin miniature sheet, is also joined by a Smilers sheet, officially issued on 5h June. The sheet contains 20 of the 1st commemorative design featuring the portrait of Arnold Machin as used in the miniature sheet. The sheet is intended to look like a double page spread from a stamp album with each stamp accompanied by a printed label, depicting a different value from the original pre-decimal range of 16 low value Machins, with their official colour designation listed below. To complete the 20 stamps required to fill the labels the bottom row of the sheet shows the 4 engraved high value issues. As it is still valid for postage the greyblack £1 stamp is depicted with the value omitted, to prevent fraudulent usage. This seems a little paranoid as the image on the label is considerably smaller than the original stamp and it would almost certainly be easier (and probably more convincing) to simply photocopy a black original if you wished to create a "postal forgery". The decision to remove the value from this label must have come at a relatively late date in the production cycle as advance publicity photographs show the sheet with the £1 value still present. This may have been a contributory factor in the significant delay in the release of the sheet which wasn't available anywhere on it's official issue date. Only generic sheets exist.If the errors on the last two Smilers sheet weren't enough, this sheet bears yet another! The 8d scarlet Machin label shows an issue date of 1st July 1969, when in fact it was issued on 1st July 1968. Unsurprisiingly, this time the sheet hasn't been reprinted and has been sent out showing the error. But just how hard can it be to accurately proof read a sheet such as this which bears so little text!


The sheet is printed in litho by Cartor making the stamp unique to this source - the miniature sheet is printed by De La Rue in gravure. The difference in the two versions is immediately obvious. The two stamps are quite different in shade, the Smilers version having a yellowish beige tinted background, whereas the gravure miniature sheet and booklet stamps are in a greyish brown colour. Even more significant is the lack of embossing for the Machin portrait on the Smilers version. The fluor in the phosphor is also much duller on the litho version.
Cartor Litho - OFNP/SA
Generic Sheets
1st Arnold Machin 2B strip of 5 with pictorial labels attached
Strip of 5
. 4.10 ...
Used single ......................................................................... 1.50 ..
Complete sheet of 20 ......................................................... 12.80 ..
P.O. FDC bearing 5 stamps with labels split over 3 covers . 6.75 ..

## Grand Prix (6v - Issued 3.7.07)

Printed in litho by Cartor in sheets of 25 and 50, the latter in two panes of 25 separated by a vertical gutter. The stamps are in the traditional rectangular format, measuring $41 \times 30 \mathrm{~mm}$. Each stamp bears two side phosphor bands, measuring approximately 18 mm in total width, solid across their entire width. They are perforated $141 / 2 \times 14$ and are printed on OFNP paper with cream PVA gum. Each stamp shows a micro printed date "2007" somewhere on the bodywork of the featured car.
There are six designs, two for each value - 1st, 54p and 78p. Surprisingly, however, each design comes in separate sheets - if there were ever a case for se-tenant pairs (or even a se-tenant block of six) it is here as in this format it would give the appearance of cars lining up on the starting grid.
The stamps show British manufactured cars that have been driven by winning British drivers of the the British Grand Prix, and marks the 50th anniversary of this event.


## Grand Prix (Continued)

PHQ FDI Obverse 11.85

PHQ FDI Reverse 11.85

Traffic Light blocks of 6 42.45

Cylinder blocks of 8 (Cartor)
Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, indicating a four up print run.


## Harry Potter (Issued 17.7.07)

## Sheet Stamps ( $7 v$ in se-tenant strip)

Printed in litho by Walsall in sheets of 28 and 56, the latter in two panes of 28 seperated by a horizontal gutter. The stamps are portrait format and measure $27 \times 37 \mathrm{~mm}$ with an all-over phosphor coating. They are printed on OFNP paper with cream PVA gum and are perforated $141 / 2$ on all edges.

Traffic Light blocks of 21 $\qquad$ 16.75 ... Cylinder blocks of 8 (Walsall)
Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, indicating a four up print run.
1st 2B W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1) ............................. 20.95 ... Miniature sheet
Printed in litho by Walsall. The sheet measures $123 \times 70 \mathrm{~mm}$ and contains 5 definitive sized stamps measuring $20 \times 24 \mathrm{~mm}$. Each stamp bears two side phosphor bands, measuring approximately 13 mm in total width, vignetted towards the centre. The stamps are peforated $15 \times 14$ and are printed on OFNP paper with PVA gum.
This sheet accompanies the Harry Potter sheet stamps, with one value depicting the school crest and one each for the crests of the four School houses at Hogwarts, the school for wizards in the Harry Potter stories. The sheet surround is inscribed "HARRY POTTER" at the top and is set against a simulated parchment effect background.
Mint ................................................................................................ 3.00 ...
Used .............................................................................. 4.50 ....
P.O.FDC ........................................................................ 4.35 ...

Cotswold FDC ................................................................ 5.40 ...
Stuart FDC .................................................................... 5.40 ...


This last minute addition to Royal Mail's already busy July programme marks the publication of the final volume in the Harry Potter series of books - The Deathly Hallows - and the release of the fifth film in the franchise - The Order of the Phoenix. They considered this a one-off opportunity that couldn't be missed and it is hard to argue with this based on the huge commercial success of the Beatles issue of earlier in the year.
Each of the seven 1st values depicts the cover of one of the books in this runaway publishing success. Although not particularly inspired in it's approach (largely due to the late opportunity to issue due to extraordinarily restrictive intellectual property requirements) the set is likely to have widespread youth appeal amongst the millions of youngsters and young at heart in this country and across the world who immerse themselves in J.K.Rowling's fantasy world.
Mint ..................................................................................... 4.20 ..
Used .................................................................................... 5.50 ...
Gutter pair (Due to length this is supplied folded) .............. 9.15 ..
Traffic light gutter pairs (supplied in a block of 28 with two
gutters to incorporate all the traffic lights and cylinders,
including the phosphor)..
18.30 ..

Left hand stamp (Philosopher's Stone) with phosphor
inset at left $\qquad$ .11 .00 .
As above but in gutter pair (Due to length this is supplied folded) . 22.00 .
Every stamp with short bands at top ...............................25.00 ..
As above but in gutter pair (Due to length this is supplied folded) 50.00

Presentation pack (includes set and miniature sheet) ...... 8.10 ...
P.O.FDC ............................................................................. 5.85 ..

Cotswold FDC ......................................................................6.90 ..
Stuart FDC ........................................................................... 6.90 .
PHQ Mint (13 cards - includes one for sheet and one for each stamp from sheet) .8 .50
PHQ FDI Obverse ...............................................................................................
PHQ FDI Reverse ............................................................21.06 ..

Harry Potter Smilers (Issued 17.7.07)
Accompanying the sheet stamps and miniature sheet is a Harry Potter Smilers sheet ensuring that every commercial angle is exploited. Also issued on the 17th July, the Smilers sheet contains 4 copies each of the 5 1st class Hogwarts school crest designs as featured in the miniature sheet. The sheet is laid out to represent a spell book, with the generic labels bearing the name of a spell reversed out of what appears to be a blot of ink. However, if you place your finger over the spell name it magically disappears revealing what the spell actually does, via the wonders of thermochromatic ink.
The sheet is printed in litho by Walsall, somewhat surprisingly as Cartor have printed all recent Smilers sheets. A key difference between the stams from here and the miniature sheet also printed by Walsall are that they are self-adhesive, making the stamps unique to the ource. In addition to the gum, the phosphor bamds are much more obvious to the naked eye, although under UV they appear remarkably similar.
Both generic and photo-label versions of the sheet exist. We have prepared photo-label versions with a Wizards hat and wand motif on the label.


Harry Potter photo-label


## Scout Centenary (6v - Issued 26.7.07)

Printed in litho by Enschedé in sheets of 25 and 50, the latter in two panes of 25 separated by a vertical gutter. The stamps are in the traditional rectangular format, measuring $41 \times 30 \mathrm{~mm}$. Each bears two side phosphor bands measuring 18mm in total, solid across their entire width. The stamps are perforated $141 / 2 \times 14$ and are printed on OFNP PVA gummed paper.
Both the Harry Potter and Scout sets feature a new marginal marking - a bar code. This is positioned alongside the the top-right corner stamp in the right margin of the sheet and is designed to assist internal stock control - the code below cannot be used to order stamps.
The set is issued to tie in with the centenary of the Scouting movement and is released on the eve of the world Jamboree that is being held in Essex as part of the celebrations surrounding the anniversary of the foundation of Baden Powell's scheme to keep young boys occupied in the early days of the last century. The stamps depict activities and achievements of scouts across the globe and are highly stylised, reminiscent to that seen in Japanese Manga comic books.
Mint ...................................................................................... 5.35
Used ..................................................................................... 7.50
Gutter pairs ....................................................................... 11.70 .
Presentation pack ...............................................................6.70.
P.O.FDC ................................................................................ 7.00

Cotswold FDC ..................................................................... 8.10
Stuart FDC .......................................................................... 8.10 .
PHQ Mint ............................................................................... 3.95 .
PHQ FDI Obverse ............................................................ 11.35
PHQ FDI Reverse ............................................................ 11.35 ...
Pre-stamped postcard set of 6...........................................9.60..
As above canclled with first day handstamps .................11.90
These cards are similar to the PHQ cards but have a green surround to the stamp illustration on the front. On the reverse there is a pre-printed impression of the 1st Scout stamp on 3 cards and of the $54 p$ and and Air Mail etiquette on the other 3 cards, making them immediately valid for posting. The stamp impressions also bear phosphor bands to aid automatic sorting.
Traffic Light blocks of 6
39.15 ...

Plate blocks of 8 (Enschedé)
Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, indicating a four up print run.

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## Scout Centenary (Continued)

| 48p 2B | E1 E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1) | 7.10 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 54p 2B | E1 E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1) | 7.95 |
| 69p 2B | E1 E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1) | 10.25 |
| 78p 2B | E1 E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1) | 11.55 |

* The phosphor cylinder at first appears to be missing but is actually still present but very weak.


## Endangered Species - Birds

(10v in se-tenant block - Issued 4.9.07)
Printed in litho by De La Rue in sheets of 30 and 60, the latter in two panes of 30 separated by a vertical gutter. The stamps are square in format, measuring 35 mm in both dimensions. Each stamp bears two side phosphor bands, measuring approximately 18 mm in total width, solid across their entire width. They are perforated $141 / 2$ and are printed on OFNP paper with cream PVA gum.
This is the first in an occasional series of stamp issues, entitled "Action for Species" which will focus on rare and endangered species in the UK for which conservation attempts are underway. The setenant block features 10 bird species under threat and beneath the name of the bird in question is an inscription giving details of the number of birds in the wild at their low point and the number that are now recorded. The design is the work of Kate Stephens who also designed the popular Woodland Animals issue, and utilises phoograph of some of the country's top ornithological photographers.


Mint
Gutter pairs ..................................................................13.10
Presentation pack ...........................................................6.90
P.O.FDC .......................................................................... 8.05

Cotswold FDC ................................................................. 9.15
Stuart FDC .....................................................................9.15
PHQ Mint ......................................................................... 6.00
PHQ FDI Obverse ........................................................ 15.00 ..
PHQ FDI Reverse ......................................................... 15.00 ...
Traffic light blocks of 20 comprising $2 \mathrm{~s} / \mathrm{t}$ blocks ............. 13.75 ..
Plate blocks of 20 (De La Rue)
Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, indicating a four up print run

1st 2B D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1) ................................. 13.75 ...

## AIRLEIIERS

## Definitive Airletters

English language airletter
New Definitive Airletter on white paper with star on flapMint1.55 ..
FDI - Dated 30.8.06 ..... 5.00 ...
Christmas 2006 (Issued 7.1..06)
English language version
Mint ..... 1.30 ...
FDI. ..... 3.25 ...
Welsh language version
Mint ..... 1.30 ...
FDI ..... 3.25 ...

## MACHINS

## BLUE FLUOR COMPUTER ENGRAVED GRAVURE ISSUES

## De La Rue (High Wycombe) - OFNP/PVA coil issues

Ex vertical coils of 1,000 . These stamps come from coils printed around 2002, at the same time as De La Rue were also reprinting sheet stamps with reduced levels of fluor in the phosphor. These have remained undiscovered until recently when just a few rolls were discovered. Predictably, the stamps and strips from them look to be awkward items.
2nd CB Bright blue - dull fluor
Single (SCH4)
Vertical coil strip of 5 (CNS3A) 15.00 ...

1st 2B Orange-red - dull fluor
Single (FCH4)
Vertical coil strip of 5 (CNF3A) 15.00 ...

## De La Rue (High Wycombe) - OFNP/PVA sheet issues

## £1 2B Violet

No warrant 20/07/01 19.50 ...

De La Rue (Byfleet) - OFNP/PVA sheet issues
Blue tinted shiny gum, with fluorescence in coating to paper surface
20p 2B Very bright green, pale Queen's head Inset right phosphor band (DB204 (I2)) ............ 22.50 ..
20p 2B Deep bright green Inset left phosphor band (DBG205 (11)) ........... 25.00 .. Cylinder blocks of 6

No warrant 11/04/05 ......................................... 9.35 ...
12/04/05 ...................................... 7.95 ..


| Machin Imperforate |
| :--- |
| De La Rue (Byfleet) - OFNP/PVA |
| 7p 2B bright pink - Imperforate |
| Ex 10/02/04 printing. This imperforate has just come to light |
| after being held for over two years by the original finder. |
| Approximately 70 pairs comprising the bottom 14 rows of one |
| sheet were sold over the counter of a home counties post |
| office - apparently the top six rows were either normal or only |
| partly perforated and were cut up and sold as normals by the |
| post office! Supply is very limited. |
| Imperforate horizontal pair (DBG70IMP) .................. $175.00 \ldots$ |
| Imperforate marginal block of 4 (just one remaining). $350.00 \ldots$ |
| Imperforate horizontal pair but with some creasing |
| along the bottom of the pair where the sheet was |
| folded down the middle. The pair still looks fine and |
| is an affordable way to get an example of this error .. $40.00 \ldots$ |



## De La Rue (Dunstable) - OFNP/PVA sheet issues

## April 2007 New Tarrif Values

The introduction of a new tarrif on 2nd April 2007 required the introduction of the usual range of new sheet values. However, the sheets showed some interesting changes to marginal markings.
The cylinder block at the lower-left no longer shows shows a De La Rue logo or inscription alongside row 20. This was intentional move as Royal mail consider the letter in front of the cylinder number sufficient toidentify the printer by. There is one exception to this - the 50p uses the old D2 cylinder as the stamp was already in the make-up value range but as it is now a current rate it has been reprinted in a new colour. The 46p, although available prior to this, was only known from the original D1 cyliner. This version, is, in fact, a re-engraved version with a repositioned value tablet (set approximately 0.4 mm lower), so the cylinder is completely new. The colour of this re-sissued 46p is also significantly different rather than just a shade, it is much paler and more mustardy in colour, in an attempt to more closely match the Mattews standardfor this colour.

## Colour Blocks

A further variation to these new values (again excepting the 50p which came from a re-used cylinder) is a new marginal marking. This is the colour name officially designated to the relevant stamp by Royal Mail. It appears in the left margin approximately three rows from the top of the sheet (although the position varies a little dependent upon the length of the name). These are offered in corner blocks of 8. This marking will also start to appear in the margins of existing values in the future when a new cylinder is created.

|  | Q D I S T R |  | U T I O N |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface |  | - |  |
| 1p 2B | Crimson |  |  |
|  | No warrant 09/01 |  |  |
|  | 10/01/06 ..................................2.50 |  |  |
| 1p 2B | Bright crimson, deep Queen's head |  |  |
|  | No warrant 18/03/06 ...................................2.25 .. |  |  |
|  | 04/10/06. |  |  |
|  | 21/01/07 ..................................2.25 |  |  |
|  | FDC of re-engraved $1 \mathrm{p} 2 \mathrm{~B} \& 2 \mathrm{p} 2 \mathrm{~B}^{* *}$ (cover bears $5 \times 2 p, 2 \times 1 p$ and a 20p) - Dated 12.6.06 13.50 ... |  |  |
| 2p 2B | Dark green, deep Queen's head | 16p 2B | Pink |
|  | No warrant 06/07/06 .................................3.00 ... |  | Colour block (top-left corner block of 8) ............. 3.50 |
|  | 02/11/06 .................................. 3.00 |  | P.O. FDC bearing 16p 2B, 48p 2B, 50p grey 2B, |
|  | Very deep claret |  | 54p 2B, 78p 2B - Issued 27.3.07.................... 5.95 |
| 5p 2B | No warrant 17/03/06 ..................................3.80 | 20p 2B | Deep bright green |
| 5 p 2 B | Very deep claret, deep Queen's head - | 20p 2B | FDC of the Dunstable printing* - Dated 31.5.06 ... 15.00 |
|  | Re-engraved issue |  | Very deep bright green, deep Queen's head |
|  | Single (DDG52) ...........................................1.20 | 20p 2B | No warrant 03/10/06 ..................................... 4.85 |
|  | Cylinder blocks of 6 |  | 04/10/06 .................................. 3.85 |
|  | D2 (D1) No dot. |  | FDC of re-engraved 20p 2B \& 50p 2B** |
|  | D2 (D1) Dot. | 37p 2B | (cover bears strip of 4) - Dated 27.6.06 ......... 14.50 ... |
|  | No warrant 23/08/06 .................................. 5.50 |  | Deep olive-green |
|  | 24/08/06 ..................................... 4.80 |  | Single (DDG372) ............................................ 2.75 |
|  | Lower-right corner control blocks of 6 .............. 3.65 ... |  | No warrant 31/03/06 ................................. 13.75 |
|  | FDC of re-engraved image** (cover bears 6 <br> x 5p) - Dated 19.10.06 ...................................... 13.50 ... | 42p 2B | Pale grey-green |
|  |  |  | FDC of the Dunstable printing* - Dated 28.6.06 .. 15.00 |
| 5p 2B | Dark claret, deep Queen's head | 44p 2B | Ultramarine |
|  | Single (DDG54) ...........................................1.20 .. |  | No warrant 30/03/06 ..................................... 7.60 |
|  | Cylinder blocks of 6 |  | 06/11/06 ................................... 9.70 |
|  | D2 (D2) No dot .......................................... 3.65 ... |  | 07/11/06 .................................... 7.60 |
|  | D2 (D2) Dot ...........................................3.65 ... | 46p 2B | Mustard yellow, value set 0.4 mm lower |
|  | Lower-right corner control blocks of 6............... 3.65 ... |  | Single (DDG461) .............................................. 1.20 |
|  | Ex 17/04/07 printing. This is the first printing to | Cylinder blocks of $6 \dagger$ |  |
|  |  | D1 (D1) No Dot.. |  |
|  | use a new phosphor cylinder - D2. It would seem likely that future reprints of definitives will | D1 (D1) Dot ........................................... 6.05 |  |
|  | seem likely that future reprints of definitives will all eventually use the D2 phosphor cylinder. |  | No warrant 04/01/07 ..................................7.55 ... |
| 9 p 2 B | Bright orange |  | Lower-right corner control block of $6 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .6 .05 . .$. |
|  | Single (DDG90) |  | Colour block (top-left corner block of 8) ............7.55 ... |
|  | Inset right phosphor band (DDG90 (12)) ......... 16.50 ... | 47p 2B | Sea-green |
|  | Cylinder blocks of 6 |  | No warrant 12/01/06 ................................. 18.50 ... |
|  | D1 (D1) No Dot ......................................6.00 | 48p 2B | Rhododendron |
|  | D1 (D1) Dot ........................................... 6.00 |  | Single (DDG480) ......................................... $0.95 \ldots$ |
|  | No warrant 20/07/05 .................................... 5.50 ... |  | Used $\qquad$ 1.15 |
|  | Lower-right corner control blocks of 6 ...............6.00 ... |  | Cylinder blocks of $6 \dagger$ |
|  | FDC of the Dunstable printing* - Dated 8.11.06..15.00 ... |  | D1 (D1) No Dot $\qquad$ 6.35 |
| 10p 2B | Deep orange |  | D1 (D1) Dot .............................................6.35 |
|  | No warrant 31/05/05 ................................... 6.00 ... |  | D1 (D2) No Dot .......................................7.50 |
|  | 01/06/05 .....................................5.50 ... |  | D1 (D2 ) Dot .......................................... 7.50 |
| 10p 2B | Deep bright orange, deep Queen's head |  | No warrant 11/01/07 .................................. 7.85 |
|  | Cylinder blocks of 6 |  | 12/01/07 ..................................7.85 |
|  | D1 (D1) No Dot ..................................... 12.50 ... |  | 08/05/07 ..................................... 8.05 ... |
|  | No warrant 24/03/06 ................................... 3.85 ... |  | Lower-right corner control block of 6 .................. 6.35 Colour block (top-left corner block of 8) ............. 7.85 Reddish brown |
|  | 03/11/06 .................................. 3.95 ... |  |  |
|  | 04/11/06 ..................................3.95 ... | 49p 2B |  |
|  | FDC of re-engraved image** (cover bears strip of 4) - Dated 16.6.06 $\qquad$ 13.50 ... |  | No warrant 03/04/06 .................................. 9.25 |
|  |  | 50p 2B | Deep bright ochre, deep Queen's head |
| 14p | Salmon pink |  | No warrant 07/07/06 .................................. 9.75 |
|  | No warrant 27/04/06 .................................. 7.00 ... Pink |  | 05/10/06 ...................................9.75 |
| 16p 2B | Pink | 50p 2B | Light grey |
|  | Used ................................................................................ 0.50 |  | Single (DDG502) .......................................... 1.00 |
|  | Cylinder blocks of $6 \dagger$ |  | Cylinder blocks of 6 |
|  | D1 (D1) No Dot ...................................... 2.75 ... |  |  |
|  | D1 (D1) Dot ........................................... $2.75 \ldots$ |  |  |
|  | No warrant 05/01/07 ......................................3.50 ... |  | No warrant 09/01/07 .................................. 8.20 ... |
|  | Lower-right corner control block of 6 ................2.75 ... |  | Lower-right corner control block of 6 .................6.60 ... |



54p 2B Rust
Single (DDG540) ................................................. 1.05 ..
Used .................................................................... 1.25 ..
Cylinder blocks of $6 \dagger$
D1 (D1) No Dot
7.10

D1 (D1) Dot .7 .10
No warrant 08/01/07 ....................................... 8.80 .
Lower-right corner control block of 6 .................. 7.10
Colour block (top-left corner block of 8) ............. 8.80 ..
72p 2B Rosine
No warra nt 01/02/06 ...................................... 19.50
78p 2B Emerald green
Single (DDG780) ................................................. 1.50
Used ...................................................................... 1.70
Cylinder blocks of $6 \dagger$
D1 (D1) No Dot
10.30

D1 (D1) Dot ................................................ 10.30
No warrant 10/01/07 ...................................... 12.75
Lower-right corner control block of 6 ................. 10.30 ..
Colour block (top-left corner block of 8) ........... 12.75 .
£1 2B Bluish violet
Inset right band (DDG1000(I2)) ........................ 25.00
£1 2B Bright bluish violet, deep Queen's head
No warrant 22/03/06 20.25
$\qquad$ 07/11/06 ...................................... 15.95 .
08/11/06 16.50 ..

23/01/07 $\qquad$ . 16.50 .
FDC of re-engraved image** - Dated 7.6 .06 ... 13.50 ...

£1 2B Bluish violet, deep Queen’s head 2B - "ghost" top border and filled in base to value Single (DDG1001A) ............................................. 7.50 ..
Ex 07/11/06 printing. The top border is apparently doubled leaving an additional "ghost border" above the normal edge of the design. In addition the bottom of every character in the value tablet is filled in. An interesting printing.
£1 2B Ruby
Single (DDG1003) ............................................... 1.95 ..
Used ......................................................................2.15 ...
Cylinder blocks of $6 \dagger$
D1 (D1) No Dot
13.20 ..

D1 (D1) Dot 13.20 ..

No warrant 30/01/07 ....................................... 15.95 .. 31/01/07 ...................................... 15.95 ..
21/03/07 ...................................... 15.95 ..
Lower-right corner control block of 6 .................13.20 ..
Colour block (top-left corner block of 8) ...........15.95 ..
P.O. FDC bearing £1 ruby 2B, 2nd CB
re-engraved - Issued 5.6.07...
4.35

This stamp has been introduced to coincide
with the 40th Anniversary of the Machin
celebrations. It is in a new colour and no
longer carries the iriodin ink overprint.
2nd CB Bright blue, deep queen's head
Single (SCD4) ...................................................... 0.85 ..
Used .................................................................... 0.95 ..
Cylinder blocks of 6 $\dagger$
D3 (D1) No Dot
4.15 ...

D3 (D1) Dot
4.15 ...

No warrant 28/03/07 ........................................ 4.60 ..
Lower-right corner control block of 6 .................. 4.15 ...
Colour block (top-left corner block of 8) ............. 4.60 ...
1st 2B
Gold
No warrant 18/09/03 ........................................9.00 ..
21/03/06 .............................................6. ...
22/03/06 ........................................5.75 ..
1st 2B Deep yellowish gold, deep Queen's head - dull fluor
Single (FCD5) 1.05

Cylinder blocks of $6 \dagger$

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\text { D2 (D1) No Dot ............................................. } 4.60 \text {. }
$$

D2 (D1) Dot . 4.60 ...

No warrant 29/03/03 ........................................6.00 ..
Lower-right corner control block of 6 .................. 4.60 ..
Colour block (top-left corner block of 8) ............. 6.00 ..
FDC of re-engraved image** - Dated 30.4.07 13.50 ...

* These covers bear Dunstable printings, which can be easily distinguished by the glossy surface and the lack of fluor in the coating. Very few of these have been prepared (approx 80 in total for each value) on the day of their first availability.
**These covers bears copies of the re-engraved values, ex D2 cylinders, where the Queen's head was etched deeper in an attempt to revert to Jeffrey Matthews colour standards. Very few of these have been prepared (approx 80 in total) on the day of their first availability.
$\dagger$ These blocks show no De La Rue logo or inscription alongside row 20.
Presentation Pack containing De La Rue 16 p pink 2B,
48p Rhododendron 2B, 50p Light grey 2B, 54p Rust 2B,
78p Emerald green 2B in new rate pack (Pack no. 75) ....5.20 ..
Machin Collectors Presentation Pack containing one of
each low value definitive in the current range -
Issued 5.6.07 (Pack No. 77 )
17.75 ...


## 40th Anniversary of Machins miniature sheet issues De La Rue (Dunstable) - OFNP/PVA

Sheet contains £1 ruby and £1 violet $2 B$ along with commemorative 1st depicting Arnold Machin and 1st with 4d sepia Machin


## Enschedé - OFNP/PVA prestige book issues

Ex Victoria Cross prestige booklet.
50p 2B Deep ochre, dull fluor, value set closer to bust, Short phosphor bands at top (E505 (S16)) ........ 8.25 ... Inset phosphor band at right (E505 (I2)) ..........22.50 ..

## De La Rue (Dunstable) - OFNP/PVA prestige book issues

Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface Ex World of Invention book.



Ex "The Making of a Masterpiece" book.
2p 2B Dark green, deep Queen's head 2B - thick "p" in value
Single (DDG23)
. 1.05 ..
S/t pairs $2 p 2 B / 46 p 2 B$ vert pair ....................... 2.90 .. 46p 2B/2p 2B vert pair ....................... 2.90 .. 2p 2B/48p 2B horiz pair ..................... 3.00 .. 48p 2B/2p 2B horiz pair ...................... 3.00 ...
46p 2B bright mustard yellow - bright fluor
Single (DDG 462) 1.35 ...

S/t pairs Label/46p 2B horiz pair ......................2.10 ... 46p 2B/Label horiz pair ...................... 2.10 ...
48p 2B Pale rhododendron - bright fluor
Single (DDG481)
. 1.45 ..
S/t pairs Label/46p 2B vert pair ....................... 2.20 ..
46p 2B/Label vert pair ....................... 2.20 ..
£1 2B Ruby - smooth phosphor, bright fluor
Single (DDG1005)
. 2.50 ..
S/t pairs Label/£1 2B vert pair ..........................3.25 ...
£1 2B/Label vert pair ..........................3.25 ..

## New Issues - Where Do You Get Yours?

We are frequently approached by collectors looking for those elusive items they haven't been able to buy in their local post office, through their local stamp dealer, the regional post shop or the philatelic bureau. 99 times out of 100, we can help them fill those elusive and important gaps. When we ask them where they normally get their new issues, the answers are varied but mostly come back to the same sources as above. It is only when we send them a copy of this list do they realise what other items they have missed out on.
The items listed in this section of VCN Xtra have all been
distributed to new issue customers over the past 9 months. In fact there were actually other items, not listed here because these were scarce and have now sold out, with priority being given to new issue customers. W hat'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 subscribibng for decades. If you want to find out how to join the contented throng, please ask for our new issue brochure and application form.

## Q <br> D I S T

## SELF-ADHESIVE BLUE FLUOR GRAVURE ISSUES

## Enschedé - OFNP/SA business sheet issues

| Type 3 sheets |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1st 2B | Yellowish gold shade, matrix still present, dull fluor <br> Single (FEV9A) $\qquad$ 4.50 .. <br> Ex 23/10/02 printing. |
| Walsall - OFNP/SA business sheet issues |  |
| Type 4 - PIP validity sheets |  |
| 2nd CB | Bright blue |
|  | Top panel of 4 with date on reverse |
|  | 26/05/06 ..................................9.00 |
|  | 16/06/06 .................................9.00 |
|  | 19/06/06 ...................................9.00 |
|  | 20/06/06 ................................... 9.00 |
|  | 23/06/06 ..................................9.00 |
|  | 26/06/06 ..................................9.00 |
|  | 28/06/06 .................................9.00 |
|  | 29/06/06 .................................. 9.00 ... |
| 1st 2B | Gold |
|  | Top panel of 4 with date on reverse |
|  | 15/05/06 ..................................9.50 |
|  | 16/05/06 ..................................9.50 |
|  | 17/05/06 .................................. 9.50 |
|  | 07/06/06 ..................................9.50 |
|  | 08/06/06 ..................................9.50 .. |
|  | 13/06/06 ..................................9.50 |
|  | 14/06/06 .................................. 9.50 |
|  | 15/06/06 ................................... 9.50 |
|  | 03/07/06 ..................................9.50 |
|  | 04/07/06 .................................. 9.50 |

## Walsall - OFNP/SA booklet issues

2nd CB Bright blue, very dull fluor, opaque backing paper
Single (SWV20) ..................................................... 1.10
Short phosphor band at bottom (SWV20 (S2)). 8.25 ..
Ex SAC9 2nd x 12 books. These stamps show the very dull fluor that has also been found on recent printings of Universal booklets.
1st 2B Pale gold - dull fluor, opaque backing paper
Short phosphor bands at top (FWV11 (S16)) .... 7.25 ... Ex Series SAC8 1st x 6 booklets.


Type 7 - PIP Rates, standard NVI sheets
When Royal chose to drop the PIP designs and revert to the original NVI stamps for standard size 2nd and 1st rates, a new business sheet was required still giving the PIP information but containing normal NVI Machins. These sheets are identical to that produced for the PIP versions (Type 5) but contain non PIP versions. At the time of going to press we are only able to supply 2nd top panels of 4, but 1st panels are expected to follow very shortly, and we are happy to accept advanced orders for them.
2nd CB Pale bright blue - dull fluor, translucent backing paper Single (SWV15) .1.45 ...
Top panel of 4 with date on reverse
No specific date ........................... 9.00 ..

1st 2B Pale gold - bright fluor, translucent backing
paper -9.5 mm phosphor bands
Single (FWV21)
1.55 ...

Top panel of 4 with date on reverse
No specific date
9.00 ...

1st 2B Pale gold - dull fluor, opaque backing paper - 10mm phosphor bands

Single (FWV19) 6.00

Ex Series SAC7 1st x 12 booklet ex cyl W1 (W2).
1st 2B Gold, pale Queen's head - bright fluor, opaque backing paper -10 mm phosphor bands Single (FWV20) 1.20 ..

Ex SAC9 1stx 6 \&12 x 6 \& SAA5 1st $\times 6$ books.

## PIP GRAVURE MACHINS

## De La Rue - OFNP/PVA coil issues

## Ex vertical coils of 1,000

2nd CB Bright blue - pale Queen's head
Single (PSD2) ...................................................... 1.10 ..
Vertical coil strip of 5 (CPS1) .............................. 5.50 ..
Vertical strip of 10 with coil leader attached ..... 15.00 ...
1st 2B Gold
Single (PFD1)1.10 ..

Vertical coil strip of 5 (CPF1) .............................. 6.00 ..
Vertical strip of 10 with coil leader attached ..... 16.00
P.O. FDC bearing 1st $2 B$ strip of 5

- Issued 3.10.06 $\qquad$ 8.25 ..

Inset right band (PFD1 (I2)) .............................. 10.50 ..
These stamps must have come from a roll that was on the outside of the primary sheet, presumably column 10. Originally rolls were numbered on the coil leader, but this numbering is no longer present making the discovery of a specific column that much harder.

Ex vertical coil of 500
1st 2B Gold - Dull fluor
Single (PFD2)
1.50 ...

Vertical coil strip of 5 (CPF2) ..............................6.95 ...
Vertical strip of 10 with coil leader attached ..... 16.00 ...

## De La Rue - OFNP/PVA sheet issues

Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface
2nd Large 2B Bright blue

| No warrant | 06/09/06 | 8.25 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 15/09/06 | 6.90 |
|  | 01/11/06 | 6.30 |
|  | 05/12/06 | 6.90 |
| Gold |  |  |
| No warrant | 31/10/06 | .. 7.60 |
|  | 01/11/06 | .. 8.10 |
|  | 04/12/06 | .. 8.10 |
|  | 08/03/07 | .. 8.10 |



## Walsall - OFNP/SA business sheet issues

Type 5 - PIP Stamps in sheets
2nd CB Bright blue - coarse phosphor screen,
bright fluor, translucent backing paper
Single (PSW6) $\qquad$ 4.95 ..

Top panel of 4 with date on reverse 19/12/06 (one only) 30.00 ..

1st 2B Gold, translucent backing paper
Top panel of 4 with date on reverse

| 27/07/06 | 9.50 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 31/07/06 | 9.50 |
| 03/08/06 | 9.50 |
| 13/09/06 | 9.50 |
| 14/09/06 | 9.50 |
| 16/09/06 | 9.50 |
| 12/10/06 | 9.50 |
| 13/10/06 | .. 9.50 |
| 14/10/06 | .. 9.50 |
| 26/10/06 | .. 9.50 |
| 27/10/06 | 9.50 |
| 01/11/06 | .. 9.50 |
| 02/11/06 | .. 9.50 |
| 03/11/06 | 9.50 |

Type 6 - Large PIP business sheets
These sheets are the first to contain Large PIP Machins and inc/ude a validity notice for the PIP stamps they contain. Other features are very similar to Type 5 but have the inscription "Large" written alongside the contents and include the barcode in the top panel, rather than on a label to accommodate the size of 5 (rather than 4) larger stamps. As before the top panels have the printing date applied to their reverse by inkjet. The sheets are of 50 , rather than 100 as before, and contain three panels of 15 stamps $(5 \times 3)$ as well as the top panel.
2nd Large 2B Bright blue, translucent backing paper
Single (PSLW2) ....................................... 1.15 ..
Top panel of 5 with date on reverse
No specific date .............. 11.50 ...
24/01/07 .................... 11.50 ...
14/03/07 .................. 11.50 ...

1st Large $2 B$ Deep gold - translucent backing paper Single (PFLW2) .......................................1.30 ...
Top panel of 5 with date on reverse
No specific date ............ 12.00 ...

22/01/07 ........................ 12.00 ...
23/01/07 ........................ 12.00 ...
08/03/07 ........................ 12.00 ...
07/12/06 ............9.50 ...
09/12/06 ..........9.50
10/12/06 ........... 9.50 ...
1st 2B Pale gold shade, translucent backing paper Single (PFW5) ......... 3.85 ...
Top panel of 4 with date on reverse 20/07/06 .......... 15.00 ..


## UNIVERSAL AIRMAIL STAMPS

## Walsall - Gravure, OFNP/SA

Booklet Issues - Cut square backing paper
"Worldwide" 2B Pale magenta - dull fluor, snowy print
Single (UWW8) ....................................... 9.50 ...

Short phosphor bands at bottom (UWW8 (S17)) 12.50 .

Ex Series SAO3 booklets, the fluor on the following stamps is astonishingly dull. As it affects all three Universal values (and some standard NVIs) it would seem probable that this was an intentional change.
"Postcard" 2B pale brownish grey - very dull fluor
Single (UPW9) $\qquad$ . 4.85 ..
Short phosphor bands at bottom (UPW9 (S17)) $\qquad$8.75

Short phosphor bands at bottom, inset
at right (UPW9 (S17)(I2)) ..................... 13.75 ...
"Europe" 2B Pale bright blue - very dull fluor
Single (UEW11) 4.95 ...
"Worldwide" 2B Pale magenta - very dull fluor Single (UWW9) . 5.50 ..

## Pack Issues - Perforated around backing

Ex Machin Collectors Pack. These Universal stamps show a significant change to those seen previously. The lozenges that run down the right side of the stamps were previously printed in red and ultramarine colours. Now, these appear in the magenta and bright blue colours of the body colour seen on the Europe and Worldwide values, presumably as a cost saving exercise. Whether this development will appear in booklets remains to be seen. In addition all the copies of the Europe and Worldwide stamps we have seen have very short phosphor bands at the bottom, whereas the Postcard stamp has synchronised bands. These will be treated as the norm until other alternatives appear.
"Postcard" 2B Pale olive-grey, magenta \& bright blue lozenges - bright fluor, unprinted on reverse Single (UPW10)
. 3.75 ...
"Europe" $2 \mathrm{~B} \quad$ Light bright blue, magenta \& bright blue lozenges - Queen's head set high, dull fluor, unprinted on reverse Single with short bands at bottom (UEW14(S17)) 4.25 ...
"Worldwide" 2B Bright magenta, magenta \& bright blue Lozenges - Queen's head set high, dull fluor, unprinted on reverse Single with short bands at bottom (UWW11(S17)) 4.75 ...

Q D I S T R I B U T I O N

## HIGHVALUES

## 2005 Castles High Value Miniature sheet

Set of four Special Delivery first day covers, each bearing a miniature sheet (plus a 75 p Machin to make up the required special delivery fee) cancelled by a 22nd March 2005 CDS, in each of the four locations of the depicted castles - Caernarfon, Carrickfergus, Edinburgh and Windsor. To achieve this is a truly difficult feat as the post offices have to be visited in person and the covers actually handstamped on the premises. These form a limited edition of just 20 sets of 4 , of which we are pleased to be able to offer just a few sets.

Castles sheets, set of 4 each on cds cancelled FDC in the castle locations . 99.50 .

## SMALL FORMAT - MACHIN HEAD

## De La Rue - Gravure, OFNP/PVA

Shiny blue gum, fluorescence in coating to paper surface
£1.50 2B Terracotta Inset right phosphor band (DGH1500 (I2)) ...... 30.00 ...
The following are reprints of the high values made at the same time as the $£ 2$ printing from cylinder D2-13/04/05 to 15/04/05 - but have taken much longer to appear than the $£ 2$ (The use of high values is now restricted to direct sales and BFPOs - as a consequence all are hard to find.). They are all distinctive shades and the $£ 3$ is actually a new paper - the original version (DGH3000) was on paper with no fluorescence in the coating.
$£ 1.50$ 2B Reddish terracotta, pale Queen’s head


£3 2B Pale purple, pale Queen's head
Mint (DGH3002) ..................................................8.50 ..
Short phosphor bands at bottom
(DGH3002 (S17)).. . 35.00
Cylinder blocks of 6
D1 (D1) Dot
47.50 ..

No warrant 14/04/05 ...................................... 62.00 ..
Lower-right corner control block of 6 ................ 47.50 ..
FDC - Dated 26/10/06 ..................................... 19.50 ..
Only 60 covers were produced, making this
a very scarce item.
£5 2B Pale grey-blue
Mint (DGH5001)
Cylinder blocks of 6
D1 (D1) No Dot
70.00 ..

No warrant 15/04/05 ..................................... 80.00 ..

## REGIONALS

COUNTRY EMBLEM DEFINITIVES WITH FULL BLEED DESIGNS

Walsall - Gravure, OFNP/PVA

## Scotland

We have been very fortunate to buy a small group of Walsall printing Scotland warrant/date blocks which we have previously not handled and are listed below. Most of these are scarce, if not outright rare and are available only in very limited quantities.
2nd CB Saltire - bright fluor
Warrant 549 26/04/99 10.00 ..

07/05/99 . 13.75 ..
Warrant 678 25/09/01 ......................................13.75 ...
2nd CB Saltire - dull fluor
Mint (SES5) 3.50 ..

Cylinder blocks of 6 W1 W1 W1 (W1) . 19.50 ...
Ex 26/09/01 \& 27/09/01 warrant 678 printings.
The fluor in the phosphor is significantly duller than those from earlier printings. The phosphor band is also appreciably less matt in appearance and harder to see from the surface.
1st 2B Lion

| Warrant 550 | 09/04/99 | 45.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Warrant 561 | 12/05/99 | 12.50 |
|  | 13/05/99 | . 27.50 |
|  | 27/05/99 | 22.50 |
|  | 28/05/99 | 45.00 |
| Warrant 677 | 30/09/01 | 55.00 |

## COUNTRY EMBLEM DEFINITIVES WITH WHITE BORDER SURROUNDS

## Walsall - Gravure, OFNP/PVA

## Wales

42p 2B Daffodil
No warrant 17/12/04
12.75 ...

## De La Rue - Litho, OFNP/PVA

Cream gum, no fluorescence in paper coating
N.Ireland

44p 2B Irish Linen
Short phosphor bands at top (NEW440 (S16)) ... 25.00 ..
Inset right phosphor band (NEW440 (I2)) ........ 22.50 ..
68p 2B Parian China - yellowish shade
Mint (NEWS681)
Plate blocks of 6
D1a D1a D1a (D1a) .................................... 22.50 ..
No warrant 25/06/03 25.00 ..


## De La Rue - Gravure, OFNP/PVA sheet issues

Shiny Blue tinted gum, fluorescence in coating to paper surface
England
2nd CB Three Lions - greyish blue
No warrant 08/09/047.95

2nd CB Three Lions - pale greyish blue
Cylinder blocks of 6 D1 D1 (D1) no dot10.75 ..
No warrant 07/01/06 ..... 7.15 .
1st 2B Lion \& Coss of St.George - bright terracotta No warrant 06/09/04 ..... 7.95.

1st 2B Lion \& Cross of St.George 2B - deep terracotta, very dull fluor in paper coating Single (EEWF7)2.50 ..

Cylinder blocks of 6
D1 D1 (D1) no dot
No warrant 06/09/04 ...................................... 19.50 ..
Ex part of 06/09/04 and 07/09/04 printings.
This has proven awkward to obtain and is in a deeper shade and on a paper that is exceedingly dull in it's fluorescent content, almost to the extent of it being missing.

## Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface

England
2nd CB Three Lions - greyish blue
No warrant 31/05/05.. 7.05

07/01/06 7.05 $\qquad$
2nd CB Three Lions - greyish blue
Cylinder blocks of 6
D1 D1 (D1) no dot10.00 ..

2nd CB Three Lions - turquoise blue shade Single (EEWS6) .10 .50
Ex 29/09/03 printing. This is a dramatically different shade than previously seen from a very awkward printing.
1st 2B Lion \& Cross of St.George - deep brownish terracotta
Inset left phosphor band (EEWF5 (I1)) ........... 16.00 ...
No warrant 09/01/06 ......................................8.25 ..
06/07/06 ...................................... 8.50 .
$\qquad$
44p 2B English Oak
Cylinder blocks of 6
$\qquad$
No warrant 04/04/06 ........................................ 10.00 ..
05/04/06 ...................................... 7.95 ..
48p 2B English Oak
Mint (EEW480) .................................................. $0.95 \ldots$
Used 1.15

Cylinder blocks of 6
D1 D2 (D1) no do
6.30

D1 D2 (D1) dot ...........................................6.30 ..
No warrant 10/01/07 .....................................9.25 ..
11/01/07 ......................................7.85 ..
Lower-right corner control blocks of 8................7.80
P.O.FDC bearing 48p $2 B \& 78 p 2 B$ values

- Issued 27.3.07.
3.65 .



## England 1st Imperforatewith blue gum

One sheet of the England 1st emblem definitive, printed on blue tinted gum paper from the 07/09/04 printing has been discovered partially imperforate. Just over three quarters of the sheet was affected by the imperforate error, of which about 8 pairs were damaged. The sheet was found in a north country post office by a non-collector, who bought a sheet of stamps for his business post. When he found that he could only tear out a small number of stamps from the sheet, he decided to put them away for safekeeping. Now, almost three years after their appearance we are pleased to have purchased them from their lucky finder and can offer them on this distribution. Although a few imperforate pairs of England Emblem 1st value have surfaced before, these have all been on the cream gum paper with no fluor in the coating, making this a significantly different item and one, unlike the cream gum version, that is highly unlikely to ever appear again.

1st Lion \& Cross of St.George 2B - deep terracotta,
very dull fluor in paper coating
Imperforate pair (EEWF7IMP) ..................... 175.00
As above but in a marginal block of $4 \ldots \ldots . . . .350 .00$


72p 2B Tudor Rose
No warrant 07/07/06 ....................................11.90 .. 10/07/06 15.50
udor Rose
Mint (EEW780).................................................1.50 ..
Used
. 1.70 ..
Cylinder blocks of 6 D1 D1 (D1) no dot ..................................... 10.25 .. D1 D1 (D1) do 10.25 ..

No warrant 13/01/07 .................................... 12.75 ...
Lower-right corner control blocks of 8 .............. 12.75 ..
N. Ireland

48p 2B Irish Linen
Mint (NEW480) 0.95 ...

Used 1.15 ..

Cylinder blocks of 6
$\qquad$
D1 D1 (D1)
6
No warrant $17 / 0107$, 7.85
Lower-right corner control blocks of 8 ................7.80 ..
P.O.FDC bearing 48p 2B \& 78p 2B values

- Issued 27...........................................................

78p 2B Parian China
Mint (NEW780)
. 1.50 ..
Used.
. 1.70 ...
Cylinder blocks of 6
D1 D1 (D1) no do
10.25 ..

D1 D1 D1 (D1) dot
10.25 ..

No warrant 18/01/07 .................................... 12.75 ...
Lower-right corner control blocks of 8 .............. 12.75 ..
Scotland
2nd CB Saltire
No warrant 21/04/05 .......................................7.15 ..
1st 2B Lion
No warrant 20/04/05 ......................................9.65 ..
18/03/06 .......................................9.35 ..


Scotland
Ex Celebrating Scotland miniature sheet.
1st 2B Lion - phosphor bands with narrower vignetted area* Mint (SEWF2) 1.65.

1st 2B Saltire Mint (SEPF1) $\qquad$ 1.65 ...

Ex Lest We Forget miniature sheet.
72p 2B Tartan - phosphor bands with narrower vignetted area* Mint (SEW721) $\qquad$ . 1.95 ...


Short phosphor bands at bottom (SEW721 (S17)) . 16.50 ...
Wales
72p 2B Feathers - phosphor bands with narrower vignetted area*
Mint (WEW721).1.95 ...
Inset right phosphor band (WEW721 (12)) ..... 9.50 ..
*The vignetted area to the inside of both phosphor bands is only 1.5 mm deep and the solid area of the band 5 mm , when compared to sheet stamps which have a 2 mm deep vignetted area and a solid area measuring 4.5 mm .

## Cartor - Litho, OFNP/SA Smilers sheet issues

No elliptical perforations, supplied with label attached England
Ex Glorious England Smilers sheets
1st 2B Lion \& Cross of St.George
Mint (EESAF1) 1.65 ...

Used ................................................................ 1.75 ..
Complete sheet of 20 with generic labels attached $\qquad$ 12.20 ..

Complete sheet of 20 with personalised labels attached (Cross of St.George flag) 25.00
P.O. FDC bearing two copies with generic labels attached - Issued 23.4.07 . 3.95 ..

## De La Rue - Gravure, OFNP/PVA prestige book issues

Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface Ex World of Invention prestige book.
Scotland
2nd CB Saltire - deeper royal blue on cross in flag
Mint (SEWS2)
1.40 ...

S/t pairs S 2nd CB/W 44p 2B vert pair ............ 3.40 .. W 44p 2B/S 2nd CB vert pair ............ 3.40 ... S 2nd CB/W 44p 2B horiz pair .......... 3.40 ... W 44p 2B/S 2nd CB horiz pair .......... 3.40 ...
Wales
44p 2B Daffodil - invisible phosphor
Mint (WEW441)
The phosphor on these stamps is virtually invisible when examined with the naked eye and held up to the light - on standard sheet stamps the bands are very obvious. However, the bands show a bright fluorescent reaction when examined under UV and have a standard afterglow and so is obviously still present.

Wales
Ex Glorious Wales Smilers sheets
1st 2B Dragon
Mint (WESAF1) ......................................................... 1.65 ..
Used ................................................................ 1.75 ..
Complete sheet of 20 with generic labels attached 12.20 ...

Complete sheet of 20 with personalised labels attached (Welsh flag) 25.00
P.O. FDC bearing two copies with generic labels attached, one inscribed in Welsh and one in English - Issued 1.2.07

## BOOKLETMATERIAL

## PRESTIGE BOOKLETS

## World of Invention - De La Rue Gravure

| £7.49 | Prestige booklet ........................................... $13.70 \ldots$ |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | Pane 1 |
| Scotland 2nd CB $\times$, Wales 44p 2B $3.30 \ldots$ |  |
|  | Pane 2 |

............... 3.30
Pane 3 World of Invention 1st both designs \& 64p both designs ............................... 4.05 .
Pane 4 World of Invention 1st both designs \& $72 p$ both designs ................................ 4.45 ..
P.O. FDCs of above panes on 4 covers, each with a different handstamp - Issued 1.3.07 ...21.40 ...



## The Making of a Masterpiece - De La Rue Gravure

| $£ 7.66$ | Prestige booklet |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Pane 1 Machin 2p 2B $\times 4,46 p 2 B \times 2,48 p$ |  |
|  |  | $2 \mathrm{~B} \times 2+$ |
|  | Pane 2 | Machin |
|  | Pane 3 | 40th Ann |
|  |  | Machin |
|  | Pane 4 | PIP 2nd |
|  |  | $2 \mathrm{~B} \times 2$, |
|  | P.O. FD with a dif | Cs of abo different h |

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## SELF-ADHESIVE BOOKLETS

## Christmas 2006

For 2006 Royal Mail's Christmas booklets have reverted to the more traditional format as used for current counter booklets, instead of the mini-business sheet format adopted over the past few years. They closely match the SAC9 series, but bear the wording "Christmas Stamps" on the front cover and a last posting date on the back cover. The tab is also printed with part of the 1st stamp's background, although there is still room on the tab inside to show a cylinder number. 1st class booklets have a bright red cover and 2nd booklets a bright blue cover.
De La Rue
2nd CB x 12 Christmas 2006 stamps

> Plain ............................. D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)..
5.15 ...

D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1).......................................5.70 ...
1st 2B x 12 Christmas 2006 stamps
$\qquad$
D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1). 7.10 ..

FDCs of 2nd CB $\times 12$ \& 1st $2 B \times 12$
Christmas 2006 stamps on 2 cover

- Issued 7.11.06 30.00

Approx only 55 covers of each pane were prepared showing the full booklet on a Special Delivery first day cover, very scarce.

## Series SAC7 - Real Network Removed from Cover

Walsall
1st 2B $\times 12$ pale gold, pale Queen's head - dull fluor,
10 mm phosphor
Plain 9.75

W1 (W2) 35.00 ..

## Series SAC8 - Real Network Removed, Pricing In Proportion Validity Covers

Walsall
1st $2 \mathrm{~B} \times 6$ pale gold, dull fluor
Every stamp with short phosphor bands at top Plain32.50

## Series SAC9 - Pricing in Proportion cover containing PIP Machins

Walsall
PIP 2nd CB x 12
Constant flaw R2/5 Dark spot on back of Queen's neck
Plain
 This is the first constant flaw we have seen on a definitive issue in many years. It appears as a small black spot on the back of the Queen's neck, repeating constantly on the same stamp every five or six booklets. This sort of variety was believed to have been eliminated upon the introduction of computer engraving, but it appears likely that this cylinder has become damaged, resulting in the repeating blemish. A fascinating re-introduction of this type of error.

Short phosphor bands at bottom on at least 6 stamps Plain. 35.00 ..

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## Series SAC10 - PIP cover with

Postcode Notice containing PIP Machins
This booklet contains a notice on the inside front cover promoting the use of a Royal Mail website to obtain postcodes.

## Walsall

PIP 1st 2B pale gold $x 6$ with postcode website notice at the left
Plain ................................................................................................................

FDC - Issued 1/2/07 15.00
Approx only 55 covers were prepared showing the full booklet on a Special Delivery first day cover, very scarce.


## Series SAC11 - Pricing in Proportion cover containing standard NVI Machins

These covers are similar to SAC9 booklets but contain standard NVI Machins rather than PIP versions.

## Walsall

2nd CB $\times 12$, very dull fluor

$1 \mathrm{st} 2 \mathrm{~B} \times 12$ gold, pale Queen's head - bright fluor, 10 mm phosphor
$\qquad$
W4 (W1)
. 20 ..

## Series SAC12 - PIP cover with Postcode notice containing standard NVI Machins

These panes are similar to the previous SAC10 booklet but contains standard NVI Machins rather than PIP versions.

## Walsall

1st $\times 6$ booklet with postcode website notice at the left
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
FDC - Issued 5/6/07. 4.75 ...

Approx only 55 covers were prepared showing the full booklet on a Special Delivery first day cover, very scarce.

## Series SAA3 - Advertising covers

- Smilers Promotion Cover


## Walsall

1st $\times 6$ book containing one each of the 1st issue Small format Pictorial stamps

All stamps with short phos bands at top, inset bands at right Plain 25.00 ..

Series SAA4 - Advertising covers

- Smilers promotion 3 PIP Instructions Cover

Walsall
1st $\times 6$ book containing one each of the 1st issue Small format Pictorial stamps

All stamps with inset phosphor bands at right Plain 25.00

Series SAA5 - Advertising Covers - Love A Stamp promotion - containing PIP Machins

Similar to recent Smilers promotion books, there is no indication on the outside of the cover that this book is any different to the standard PIP 1st $2 B \times 6$ booklet. However, when opened, the panel on the inside front cover is printed with an advertisement, illustrating one of the 2nd stamps from the Queen's 80th Birthday issue from earlier in the year, along with text and a web address promoting stamp collecting.
Walsall
PIP 1st 2B $\times 6$ with printed advertising label on inside of cover
Plain . 3.75 ...
W1 (W1) ............................................................ 4.30 ..
FDC - Issued 2/10/06.................................... 15.00 ..
Approx only 55 covers were prepared showing the full booklet on a Special Delivery first day cover, very scarce.


## Series SAA6 - Advertising Covers

## - Smilers Promotion 4 - New Baby

This book is similar to the Series SAA3 and SAA4 books. However, this cover bears both the inscription "New Stamps" on the front and a PIP validity notice on the back above the contact details. As before the tab strip to the right is printed with multi-coloured bars, making these booklets easy to identify from standard definitive PIP issues. Inside the booklet contains the new second issue of the Small Format Pictorial Stamps. No cylinders exist on this booklet.


## Walsall

1st $2 \mathrm{~B} \times 6$ booklet containing one each of the Small Format Pictorial Stamps Issue 2 Plain ..................................................................3.75 ...
FDC - Issued 17/10/06 .. 15.00 ...

Approx only 55 covers were prepared showing the full booklet on a Special Delivery first day cover, very scarce.

## Series SAA7 - Love A Stamp Promotion - Valentine's Edition

This booklet also shows the tab strip at the right with heart motifs in pink. The cover is, otherwise, identical to Series SAA5 books. Due to the printed tab, no cylinder books exist.

## Walsall

PIP 1st $2 \mathrm{~B} \times 5$, Smilers Love stamp 1st $2 \mathrm{~B} \times 1$ with advertising label at the left
Plain .................................................................. 7.50 ..
FDC - Issued 16/01/07 ................................... 15.00 ...
Approx only 55 covers were prepared showing the full booklet on a Special Delivery first day cover, very scarce.


## Series SAA8 - Machin 40th Anniversary Edition

Externally the cover is identical to SAC11 and SAC12 1st x 6 books. However, the tab strip of the right contains the signature of Arnold Machin printed in black. Because of this, no cylinder books exist.
The panel at the left on the inside front cover gives a very brief biography of Arnold Machin and illustrates the 40th Anniversary of the Machin 1st Arnold Machin design stamp. It also gives details of the Royal Mail website for collectors.

## Walsall

1st $\times 6$ booklet with advertising pane at left
Plain ................................................................... 3.95 ...
FDC - Issued 5/6/07..................................... $15.00 \ldots$
Approx only 55 covers were prepared
showing the full booklet on a Special Delivery
first day cover, very scarce.

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## Series SAA9 - Harry Potter Edition

Externally the cover matches SAC11 \& SAC12 books. However, the tab strip at the right of the cover simulates a parchment style finish. Because of this no cylinder books exist. The panel at the left on the inside front cover shows a pile of Harry Potter commemoratives bundled up with ribbons, set against a parchment background and points potential collectors to a website.

## Walsall

1st $\times 6$ booklet with advertising pane at left

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Plain .................................................................. } 3.95 \text {... } \\
& \text { FDC - Issued 28/8/07...................................... } 15.00 \text {.. } \\
& \text { Approx only } 55 \text { covers were prepared } \\
& \text { showing the full booklet on a Special Delivery } \\
& \text { first day cover, very scarce. }
\end{aligned}
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## ALDERNEY

Corals \& Anemones Defins - Part 1 (12v - Issued 2.11.06)
Mint ..... 6.25 .
Used ..... 13.65
FDC on 2 covers ..... 8.75 .
Presentation Pack ..... 7.50
Ramsar (Issued 8.3.07)
Sheet stamps (6v)
Mint ..... 5.00
Used ..... 5.20
Sheetlets of 10 ..... 49.00
FDC ..... 6.30
Presentation pack (includes miniature sheet) ..... 10.50
Miniature sheet
Mint ..... 5.00
Used ..... 5.20
FDC ..... 6.30
Resident Birds Part 2 - Passerines (Issued 24.5.07)
Sheet Stamps (6v)
Mint . ..... 5.00
Used ..... 5.20
Sheetlets of 10 ..... 49.00
FDC ..... 6.30
Presentation pack ..... 6.30
Prestige Booklet
Complete booklet ..... 19.90
Set of 6 panes ..... 19.90
FDC - panes from above on 6 covers ..... 30.00
Corals \& Anemones Defins Part 2 (4v - Issued 2.8.07)
Mint ..... 9.00
Used ..... 9.20
Gutter Pairs ..... 19.60
FDC ..... 10.30
Presentation Pack ..... 10.30

## Series SAO3 - Overseas Rate Universal Covers - Real Network Removed

Very Dull Fluor
All three Universal Airmail SAO3 booklets have been found with a fluor that is remarably dull, much duller than previously seen It has also affected 2nd x 12 booklets so this is, presumably, the result of an intentional change to the fluor in the phosphor.

## Walsall

Postcard $\times 4$ - pale brownish grey, very dull fluor
Plain .............................................................. 19.50 ...
W2W1 W1 (W1) .............................................. 20.00 ..
Every stamp with short phosphor bands at
the bottom
Plain ................................................................ 32.50 ...
Every stamp with short phosphor bands at
the bottom and inset at right
Plain ............................................................. 45.00 ...
4 - pale bright blue, verydull fluor
Plain .............................................................. 19.50 ...
W2 W2 (W1) .................................................... 21.00 ..
x 4 - pale magenta, dull fluor, snowy print
Plain .................................................................. 32.50 ...

This is the first snowy print version of this pane. The snowy print is, by it's very nature, inconsistent across the print run and some stamps are more severely affected than others. However, each book is guaranteed to show clear snowy printing on at least three out of the four stamps and is priced with this in mind. The stamps on the bottom row also show short phosphor bands at bottom. No cylinder booklets with snowy print have been discovered.
Worldwide x 4 - pale magenta, very dull fluor Plain 19.50 ..
GUERNSEY
Twelve Days of Christmas (12v - Issued 2.11.06)
Mint. ..... 7.00
Used ..... 7.65
FDC on 2 covers ..... 9.45
Presentation Pack ..... 8.20
La Société Guernsiaise (10v - Issued 8.3.07)
Sheet Stamps
Mint ..... 5.00 ...
Used ..... 5.30
FDC ..... 6.30 ..
Presentation pack ..... 6.30 ...
Counter Booklets - Folded
The following two booklets of 10, are folded between stamps 3 and4 ineach horizontal row, have a validity notice included beforestamp 4 and have the cover printed on reverse of the panesGY rate folded book of 10 5.60 ..
UK rate folded book of 10 ..... 6.50 ...
GY \& UK rate x 10 panes on two covers ..... 16.25 ..
Counter Booklets - Stitched
GY rate stitched book of 100 ..... 56.00 ..
UK rate stitched book of 100 ..... 65.00 ...The following two panes come from booklets of 100, are stitchedat the left and are unprinted on reverse
GY rate $\times 10$ pane ..... 5.60
UK rate x 10 pane .....  6.50 ..
GY \& UK rate $\times 10$ panes on two covers 16.25 ..

## Q D I S T R I B U T I O N

25th Anniversary of the Battle for the Falklands
(Issued 8.3.07)
Sheet stamps ( 6 v )
Mint ..... 5.00
Used ..... 5.30
Sheetlets of 10 ..... 49.00
FDC ..... 6.30
Presentation pack (includes miniature sheet) ..... 10.50
Miniature sheet ..... 5.00
Used ..... 5.30
FDC ..... 6.30
Centenary of Scouting ( 6 v - Issued 24.5.07)
Mint. ..... 5.00
Used ..... 5.30
Sheetlets of 10 ..... 49.00
FDC ..... 6.30
Presentation pack ..... 6.30
British F1 World Champions ( $8 v$ - Issued 24.5.07)
Mint ..... 5.00
ISEOFMAN
Tales of Beatrix Potter miniature sheet (Issued 11.10.06)
Mint ................................................................................3.95...
Used ..... 4.15
FDC ..... 5.20
Presentation pack ..... 5.20
Manx Bird Atlas sheet with Belgica Exhibition overprint (Issued 11.10.06)
Mint ..... 5.20
Used ..... 5.75
Christmas Trees (Issued 11.10.06)
Conventionally gummedset (6v)
Mint ..... 5.45
Used ..... 5.80
FDC ..... 6.65
Presentation pack ..... 6.65
31 p and 44 p Europa values in sheetlets of 10 ..... 13.20
28 p and 31 p self-adhesives
Mint ..... 2.50
Counter booklets - Self-adhesive panes
£2.80-28p x 10 ..... 4.95
£3.10-31p x 10 ..... 5.45
FDCs - Above panes on 2 FDCs ..... 16.70
Centenary of TT Races (10v in $2 \mathrm{~s} / \mathrm{t}$ strips of 5 - Issued 1.1.07) ..... 6.60Used
6.95Sheetlets of $4 \mathrm{~s} / \mathrm{t}$ strips (2 sheets)
25.85FDC
7.80Presentation packPHQ Mint in Deluxe pack of 14 cards14.90
PHQ FDI (10 cards) ..... 10.40
Centenary of Scouting (6v - Issued 22.2.07)
Sheet Stamps (6v)
Mint ..... 6.30
Used ..... 6.50
31 p \& 44 p Europa values in sheetlets of 10 ..... 13.20
FDC ..... 7.55
Presentation pack ..... 7.65
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| Liverpool - 800 years of Trade miniature sheet (Issued | Maps of the Isle of Man ( 6 v - Issued 1.8.07) |
| :---: | :---: |
| 10.5.07) | Mint ....................................................................... 5.50 |
| Mint ........................................................................3.95 ... | Used ..................................................................... 5.85 ... |
| Used .....................................................................4.20 | FDC ......................................................................6.75 ... |
| FDC .......................................................................5.20 | Presentation pack ....................................................6.80 ... |
| Presentation pack .....................................................5.30 | The Polar Year - Voyage of the Victory ( 6 v - Issued 20.8.07) |
| Centenary of Scouting miniature sheet with Jamboree overprint (Issued 26.7.07) |  |
| Mint ...................................................................... 3.50 | FDC ...................................................................... 8.20 ... |
| Used ..................................................................... 3.65 | Presentation pack ..................................................... 8.30 ... |
| FDC ........................................................................ 4.75 | The Polar Year - Manx Connections with Canada |
| Centenary of Scouting Postcards (Issued 26.7.07) | miniature sheet (Issued 20.8.07) |
| Set of 4 postcards with pre-paid stamp impressions usingdesigns from the stamp set on the reverse, with a larger image from the stamp on the front. |  |
| Mint ........................................................................6.50 ... | Presentation pack .........................................................5.70 ... |
| FDI .......................................................................6.50 ... |  |
| J ERSEY |  |
| Postal History II - Postal Vehicles (Issued 31.10.06) | Year of the Pig - Chinese New Year miniature sheet |
| Sheet stamps (6v) | (Issued 18.2.07) |
| Mint ....................................................................... 5.20 | Mint .......................................................................... 1.75 |
| Used ...................................................................... 5.50 | Used ......................................................................... 1.80 ... |
| Sheetlets of 10 ...................................................... 51.00 | FDC ...................................................................... 3.25 ... |
| FDC ..........................................................................6.60 | Presentation pack ............................................................3.25 ... |
| Presentation pack ..........................................................6.60 ... | Europa - Centenary of Scouting ( $4 v$ - Issued 6.3.07) |
| Miniature sheet |  |
| Mint ............................................................................. 3.20 |  |
| Used ............................................................................. 3.35 |  |
| FDC ............................................................................5.40 ... | FDC . |
| Presentation pack ......................................................5.40 ... |  |
| Prestige Booklet |  |
| Complete booklet .................................................... 18.75 | Nature - Countryside Animals (Issued 10.4.07) |
| Four panes from above book ........................................18.75 ... | Sheet Stamps (6v) |
| FDCs - abovepanes on 4 covers .............................. 28.00 ... | Mint ........................................................................5.20 ... |
| Christmas Illuminations NVI self-adhesives - 2006 reprint | Used ............................................................................... 5.50 ... |
| These showi a 2006 imprint. | Sheetlets of 10 ....................................................... 51.00 ... |
| Mint .......................................................................6.25 | Presentation pack .......................................................6.65 ... |
| Used .............................................................................. 6.80 | Miniature Sheet |
| FDC .............................................................................. 9.25 | Mint .......................................................................... 3.20 |
| Strips of 10 showing coil join between ........................... 15.50 ... | Used ....................................................................3.25 |
| Complete Boxed coils of 100 ......................................105.00 ... |  |
| Marine Life VI - Shells miniature sheet with Belgica '06 | Presentation pack ........................................................... 4.70 ... |
| Overprint (Issued 16.11.06) | Birdlife - Garden Birds (Issued 19.6.07) |
| Mint .......................................................................... 3.50 ... | Sheet Stamps (6v) |
| Used $\qquad$ 3.55 | $\qquad$ |
| FDC ........................................................................ 4.90 ... | Used ...................................................................... 5.50 ... |
| Offshore Reefs NVI self-adhesives - 2006 reprint (Issued 16.11.06) |  |
|  | Presentation pack .........................................................6.70 ... |
|  | Miniature sheets (2 sheets) |
|  | Mint ...................................................................... 8.40 ... |
| FDC .................................................................... 5.40 ... | Used ..................................................................... 8.90 ... |
| Strips of 10 showing coil join between .............................. 8.00 ... | FDC (2 covers) ..........................................................11.35 ... |
| Complete Boxed coil of 100 ......................................... 54.00 ... | Presentation pack (2 packs) .....................................11.35 ... |
| Mineralogy (Issued 5v-23.1.07) | Yachting II - Gorey Regatta miniature sheet (Issued 22.6.07) |
| Mint ............................................................................ 4.20 ... | Mint .......................................................................3.50 |
|  |  |
| Sheetlets of 10 ............................................................. 41.00 |  |
| FDC .......................................................................... 5.70 | Presentation pack .............................................................................................. |

## Wild Flower Definitives Part 3 (Issued 25.7.07)

Sheet stamps ( 8 v )
Mint ....................................................................................... 8.10

Used ..................................................................................... 8.50
Sheetlets of 10 . 8.50

FDC ..................................................................................... 9.50 79.00

Presentation pack 9.60 .

Miniature sheet
Mint
Used ..... 8.50
FDC ..... 9.50
Presentation pack ..... 9.60 ...
Summer Flowers (6v - Issued 25.7.07)
Mint ..... 5.20
Used ..... 5.50
Sheetlets of 10 ..... 51.00
FDC ..... 6.70
Presentation pack ..... 6.70

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## BLUE FLUOR COMPUTER ENGRAVED GRAVURE ISSUES

| NVI De La Rue (High Wycombe) - OFNP/PVA |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| SCH4 | 2nd CB, bright blue, dull fluor....................... 3.25 |
| FCH4 | 1st 2B, orange-red, dull fluor ..................... $3.25 .$. |

De La Rue (Byfleet) - OFNP/PVA
Blue tinted shiny gum, fluorescence in coating to paper surface
DB204 (I2) 20p 2B, very bright green, pale head, inset right band
22.50

DBG205 (11) 20p 2B, deep bright green, inset left band . 25.00 .

## De La Rue (Dunstable) - OFNP/PVA

Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface
DDG23 2p 2B, dark green, deep head, thick "p" in value1.05...

DDG52 5p 2B, very deep claret, deep head.............. 1.20...
DDG53 5p 2B, deep pinkish claret, deep head ......... 1.05
DDG54 5p 2B, dark claret, deep head ....................... 1.20 .
DDG90 9p 2B, bright orange ...................................... 1.40 .
DDG90 (I2) 9p 2B, bright orange, nset right band ......... 16.50 ..
DDG160 16p 2B, pink.................................................... 0.50 ...
DDG372 37p 2B, deep olive-green ................................ 2.75
DDG461 46p 2B, mustard yellow, value set lower ....... 1.20...
DDG 462 46p 2B, bright mustard yellow, bright fluor .... 1.35 .
DDG480 48p 2B, rhododendron ................................... 0.95 .
DDG481 48p 2B, pale rhododendron, bright fluor ...... 1.45 .
DDG502 50p 2B, light grey ........................................... 1.00 ..
DDG540 54p 2B, rust .................................................... 1.05 .
DDG780 78p 2B, emerald green.................................... 1.50 ...
DDG1000(I2) £1 2B, bluish violet, inset right band ........... 25.00 ..
DDG1001A £1 2B, bluish violet, deep head, "ghost" top border \& filled in value .................................... 7.50..
DDG1002 £1 2B, pale bluish violet, deep head, coarse phos screen, bright fluor ..................... 2.35 .
DDG1002(I1) £1 2B, pale bluish violet, deep head, coarse phos screen, bright fluor, inset left band ..... 19.00
DDG1003 £1 2B, ruby .................................................... 1.95
DG1004 £1 2B, deep ruby, coarse phos screen ......... 2.35..
DDG1004 (I1) $£ 12$ 2B, deep ruby, coarse phos screen,
inset left band ....................................... 19.00.
DDG1005
£1 2B, ruby, smooth phos, bright fluor ......... 2.50.
DDGMS1 40th Anniv of Machin miniature sheet .......... 4.70 ..
DDGMS1 (11) $\begin{aligned} & \text { 40th Anniv of Machin miniature sheet, } \\ & \text { inset left bands ..................................... } 46.00 \text {. }\end{aligned}$
NVI De La Rue (Dunstable) - OFNP/PVA
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { SCD4 } & \text { 2nd CB, bright blue, deep head ................... } 0.85 .\end{array}$
FCD5 $\quad$ 1st 2B, deep yellowish gold, deep head, $\begin{aligned} & \text { dull fluor .................................................... } 1.05 \text {... }\end{aligned}$
Enschedé -OFNP/PVA
E505 (S16) 50p 2B, deep ochre, dull fluor, value set close to bust, short bands at top ................... 8.25..
E505 (I2) 50p 2B, deep ochre, dull fluor, value set close to bust, inset right band ...................... 22.50 .

## SELF-ADHESIVE BLUE FLUOR GRAVURE ISSUES

NVI Enschedé - OFNP/SA
FEV9A 1st 2B, yellowish gold, matrix, dull fluor, translucent backing 4.50

NVI Walsall - OFNP/SA
SWV15 2nd CB, pale bright blue, dull fluor, translucent backing ......................................... 1.45
WV20 2nd CB, bright blue, very dull fluor, opaque backing ............................................................ 1.10
SWV20 (S2) 2nd CB, bright blue, very dull fluor, opaque backing, short band bottom ........................... 8.2
FWV11 (S16) 1st 2B, pale gold, dull fluor, opaque backing, short bands top............................................... 7.25
FWV19 1st 2B, pale gold, dull fluor, 10 mm phos, opaque backing .............................................. 6.00 ..
FWV20 1st 2B, gold, pale head, bright fluor, 10 mm phos, opaque backing.................................... 1.20 ..
FWV21 1st 2B, pale gold, bright fluor, 9.5 mm phos, translucent backing
1.55

## PIP GRAVURE MACHINS

De La Rue - OFNP/PVA

| PSD2 | 2nd CB, bright blue, pale head, ex coil ......... 1.10 |
| :---: | :---: |
| PSD3 | 2nd CB, pale bright blue, bright fluor ............ 1.40 |
| PFD1 | 1st 2B, gold, ex coil ................................... 1.10 |
| PFD1(12) | 1st 2B, gold,, inset right band ................... 10.50 |
| PFD2 | 1st 2B, gold, dull fluor, ex coil ..................... 1.50 |
| PFD3 | 1st 2B, deep gold, bright fluor ..................... 1.40 |
| PSLD2 | 2nd Large 2B, pale bright blue, bright fluor .. 1.45 |
| PFLD2 | 1st Large 2B, deep gold............................ 1.55 |
| Enschedé - OFNP/PVA |  |
| PFE1 (S16) | 1st 2B, gold, short bands top ..................... 8.25 |
| PFE1(I2) | 1st 2B, gold, inset right band.................... 22.50 |
| Enschedé - OFNP/SA |  |
| PSSE1 | 2nd CB, bright blue, dull fluor, translucent yellowish backing $\qquad$ 1.50 |

Walsall - OFNP/SA
PSW1 (S2) 2nd CB, bright blue, opaque backing, short bands bottom ...............................................
PSW3 2nd CB, pale bright blue, very dull fluor, opaque backing. PSW4 2nd CB, pale bright blue, snowy print, bright fluor, opaque backing............................ 1.95 .. ribbed impression, opaque backing ......... 2nd CB, bright blue- coarse phos screen, bright fluor, translucent backing ..................... 4.95
PFW1 (S17) 1st 2B, gold, bright fluor, opaque backing, short bands bottom ........................................ 10.00 .. PFW3 1st 2B, gold, dull fluor, opaque backing ..................................
PFW4 1st 2B, pale gold, bright fluor, opaque backing. 1.40
PFW5 1st 2B, pale gold, dull fluor, translucent backing 3.85

PFW6
PSLW2
PFLW2
PFLW3

1st 2B, pale gold, dull fluor, opaque backing $3.00 \ldots$ 2nd Large 2 B , bright blue, translucent backing . 1.15. 1st Large 2B, deep gold, translucent backing. 1.30 .
1st Large 2 B , gold, very dull fluor, opaque backing

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2.75 \text {... }
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## HIGH VALUES

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

## Shiny blue gum, fluorescence in paper coating

| DG | £1.50 2B, terracotta, inset right band ......... 30.00 |
| :---: | :---: |
| DGH1501 | £1.50 2 B , reddish terracotta, pale head ....... 6.50 |
| DGH3002 | £3 2B, pale purple, pale head .................... 8.50 |
| DGH3002(S17) | ) $£ 32 \mathrm{~B}$, pale purple, pale head, short bands bottom $\qquad$ 35.00 |
| DGH5001 | £5 2B, pale grey-blue ............................. 12.5 |

## COIL STRIPS

## De La Rue (High Wycombe) - OFNP/PVA

CNS3A 2nd CB, bright blue, dull fluor, strip of 5 ...... $15.00 \ldots$
CNF3A 1st 2B, orange-red, dull fluor, strip of 5...... 15.00 ...
PIP Machins De La Rue - OFNP/PVA

| CPS1 | 2nd CB, bright blue, pale head, strip of $5 \ldots . .5 .50$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| CPF1 | 1st 2B, gold, strip of 5 ................................ 6.00 |
| CPF2 | 1st 2B, gold, dull fluor, strip of 5 .................. 6.95 |

CPF2 1st 2B, gold, dull fluor, strip of 5 .................... 6.95
PIP Machins Enschedé - OFNP/SA
CPSAS1 2nd CB, bright blue, yellowish backing, strip of 5
7.00 ..

CPSAS1a 2nd CB, bright blue, yellowish backing, strip of 5 with inkjet number printed on back ......... 7.50 .

UNIVERSAL AIRMAIL STAMPS
Walsall -OFNP/SA
UPW9 "Postcard" 2B, pale brownish grey, very dull fluor, cut square backing ........................
UPW9 (S17) "Postcard" 2B, pale brownish grey, very dull fluor, cut square backing, short bands bottom . 8.75 ...
UPW9 (S17)(I2) "Postcard" 2B, pale brownish grey, very dull fluor, cut square backing, short bands bottom, inset right.
13.75 ...

UPW10 "Postcard" 2B, pale olive-grey, magenta \& bright blue lozenges, bright fluor, unprinted reverse, perforated round............................... 3.75 ...
UEW11 "Europe" 2B, pale bright blue, very dull fluor, cut square backing ................................ 4.95 ..
UEW14(S17) "Europe" 2B, light bright blue, magenta \& bright blue lozenges, head set high, dull fluor, unprinted reverse, perforated round, short bands bottom ........................................... "Worldwide" 2B, pale magenta, dull fluor, snowy print, cut square backing ..................... 9.50 ...
UWW8 (S17) "Worldwide" 2B, pale magenta, dull fluor, snowy print, cut square backing, short bands bottom ................................................ 12.50 ..
UWW9 "Worldwide" 2B, pale magenta, very dull fluor, cut square backing ............................... 5.50 ...
UWW11(S17) "Worldwide" 2B, bright magenta, magenta \& bright blue Lozenges, head set high, dull fluor, unprinted reverse, perforated round, short bands bottom 4.75 ...

REGIONALS

| Emblems - Full Bleed Designs - Walsall Gravure, OFNP/PVA |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Scotland |  |
| SES5 | 2nd CB, dull fluor .................................... 3.50 |
| Emblems - White Borders - De La Rue Litho, OFNP/PVA |  |
| N. Ireland |  |
| NEW440 (S16) 44p 2B, short bands top ......................... 25.00 |  |
| NEW440 (12) | 44 p 2 B , inset right band ........................... 22.50 |
| NEWS681 68p 2B, yellowish shade ............................ 3.85 ... |  |
| Emblems - White Borders - De La Rue Gravure, OFNP/PVA |  |
| Shiny Blue tinted gum, fluorescence in coating to paper surface |  |
| England |  |
| EEWF7 | 1st 2 B , deep terracotta, very dull fluor in paper coating $\qquad$ 2.50 |


| Scotland |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| SEWS2 | 2nd CB, deeper royal blue on cross in flag ... 1.40 |
| SEWF2 | 1st 2 B , bands with narrower vignette ............ 1.65 |
| SEW480 | 48p 2B................................................. 0.95 |
| SEW721 | 72p 2B, bands with narrower vignette .......... 1.95 |
| SEW721(S17) | 72p 2B, short bands bottom ..................... 16.50 |
| SEW780 | 78p 2B................................................. 1.50 |
| SEWMS2 | Celebrating Scotland miniature sheet ......... 3.65 |
| SEPF1 | 1st 2B Saltire ........................................... 1.65 |
| Wales |  |
| WEW441 | 44p 2B, invisible phosphor........................ 1.50 |
| WEW480 | 48p 2B................................................. 0.95 |
| WEW721 | 72p 2B, bands with narrower vignette .......... 1.95 |
| WEW721 (12) | 72 p 2 B , inset right band ............................ 9.50 |
| WEW780 | 78p 2B...................................................... 1.50 |
| All Regions |  |
| REWMS1 | Lest We Forget miniature sheet ................. 5.65 |
| REWMS1 (12) | Lest We Forget miniature sheet, inset right bands $\qquad$ 19.50 |
| REWMS1(S17) | ) (I2) Lest We Forget miniature sheet, inset right bands, short bands bottom . $\qquad$ 42.50 |
| Emblems - White Borders - Cartor Litho, OFNP/SA |  |
| No elliptical perforations, supplied with label attached |  |
| England |  |
| EESAF1 | 1st 2B .................................................... 1.65 |
| Wales |  |
| WESAF1 | 1st $2 B$ |

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[^0]:    116 As above but two copies in a gutter pair [864var] .... $£ 50$

[^1]:    Mint 5.75 ..

    Used ..................................................................................... 7.20 ...
    Gutter Pairs ...................................................................... 12.60 ...
    Presentation Pack............................................................... 6.70 ...
    P.O.FDC .............................................................................. 7.45 ..

    Cotswold FDC ..................................................................... 8.50 ...
    Stuart FDC ........................................................................... 8.50 ..

[^2]:    Mint 3.94 ..

    Used 4.95 ...

[^3]:    1st 2B E1 E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1)* 5.00 .

    46p $2 B$ E1 E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1) .......................................6.80..

[^4]:    PIP 2nd CB $\times 12$ pale bright blue, very dull fluor Plain . 12.50 .W2 (W1) 13.00 ...
    PIP Large 1st 2B $\times 4$ - very dull fluor
    Plain ..... 11.00 ..
    W1 (W1) ..... 12.00 ...

