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FIRST



Monty Python

Thursday 14 August 2025

Celebrating Britain's most
iconic comedy troupe



Inventive animation, surreal humour and knights who say 'Ni!'

And now for something completely different: Royal Mail stamps and souvenirs featuring a dead parrot, a cross-dressing lumberjack and King Arthur on a quest for the Holy Grail.

We're celebrating the pioneering performers and writers behind some of the most absurd and iconic TV sketches and films of all time. Graham Chapman, John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, Terry Jones and Michael Palin, collectively known as Monty Python, have shaped the comedy landscape for more than half a century.

This colourful stamp issue captures the surreal humour and anarchic creativity of the *Monty Python's Flying Circus* TV show and big-screen adventures including *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* – which marks its 50th anniversary in 2025.

Explore stamps and commemorative collectibles featuring classic characters, legendary sketches and much-quoted cult comedy movies – including a gold *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* Miniature Sheet, an exclusive Medal Cover and eye-catching framed sets.



① Mint Stamp Set | AS13100 £10.20

- A colourful and surreal set of six First Class stamps celebrating classic characters and iconic sketches from *Monty Python's Flying Circus* – the iconic British series that redefined TV comedy.
- Each stamp features a vibrant montage of scenes and cut-out animation inspired by Terry Gilliam's distinctive style to perfectly capture Monty Python's unique blend of wit, satire and absurdity.
- Legendary moments include The Spanish Inquisition, The Ministry of Silly Walks and The Lumberjack Song.
- A stamp issue saluting a British comedy institution that continues to entertain global audiences and influence generations of comedians.

It's all in the details

Stamp format Landscape
Stamp size 60mm x 30mm
Number per sheet 30/60
Design Common Curiosity
Printer Cartor Security Printers
Print process Lithography
Perforations 14.5 x 14.5
Phosphor Bars as appropriate
Gum PVA

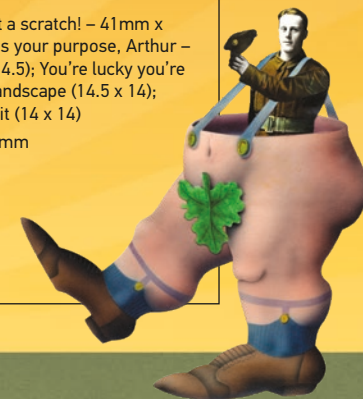


② Miniature Sheet | MZ210 £6.80

- A madcap Miniature Sheet marking 50 years of *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* – the anarchy-packed parody of the Arthurian legend filled with memorable moments and much-quoted one-liners.
- Each of this commemorative collectible's four First Class stamps features an iconic scene from the 1975 cult comedy classic.
- The stamps are set against a whimsical illustrated background depicting the film's logo and artwork.
- This 50th anniversary souvenir honours a milestone moment for the group's debut film – and is a colourful keepsake to delight fans of Monty Python, British cinema and offbeat comedy.

It's all in the details

Stamp size (Perforations) 'Tis but a scratch! – 41mm x 30mm, landscape (14.5 x 14); That is your purpose, Arthur – 60mm x 30mm, landscape (14.5 x 14.5); You're lucky you're not next to him – 37mm x 35mm, landscape (14.5 x 14); Run away! – 27mm x 37mm, portrait (14 x 14)
Miniature Sheet size 192mm x 74mm
Design Common Curiosity
Printer Cartor Security Printers
Print process Lithography
Phosphor Bars as appropriate
Gum Self-adhesive



③ Presentation Pack | AP552 £17.90

- A cross-dressing lumberjack, a dead parrot, a nude organist and the Spanish Inquisition's moustachioed medieval torturers are among the cast of curious characters appearing in this richly illustrated souvenir packed with entertaining insights.
- Expert commentary from film journalist Tom Huddleston charts the rise of Graham Chapman, John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, Terry Jones and Michael Palin from university sketch writers to global comedy legends.
- The full set of six main stamps and the Miniature Sheet celebrating the 50th anniversary of *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* appear alongside archive images and animation elements.
- Explore Monty Python's history, characters and creative origins to discover how this talented team of writers and performers pioneered a 'completely different' style of freeform comedy combining intelligence, wit and absurdist nonsense.
- This collectible keepsake is a visual treat for Monty Python fans, collectors and lovers of British pop culture.



④



Only available until 14 August 2025

④ First Day Cover | AF532 £12.90

- A unique, time-limited commemorative collectible personalised with the name and address of your choice.
- The six First Class stamps saluting the surreal genius of *Monty Python's Flying Circus* are cancelled with your preferred special edition postmark on the first day of issue, 14 August 2025.
- Your First Day Envelope includes an illustration inspired by the TV series and contains an overview of the Monty Python stamp issue.

Choose your postmark

The Tallents House postmark depicts John Cleese performing his unmistakable 'silly walk'. The alternative postmark features the logo from *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* and the location Doune, where many of the scenes were filmed.

Standard postmark



Alternative postmark



⑤ First Day Cover – Miniature Sheet | MF201 £8.80

- The Miniature Sheet honouring the 50th anniversary of *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* is personalised with the name and address of your choice.
- The four First Class stamps depicting classic scenes from the 1975 film are cancelled with your preferred special edition postmark on the first day of issue, 14 August 2025.
- Included is an information card containing details of the Monty Python stamp issue.
- A unique souvenir for collectors and fans of this much-quoted cult comedy.



Only available until 14 August 2025

⑥ First Day Envelope | AE488 £0.30

- Your First Day Envelope features the issue's title within an illustration inspired by the artwork for *Monty Python's Flying Circus*.
- It also includes the information card with an overview of the theme and stamp specifications.

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Limited
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7 Medal Cover | AM122 £24.99

- A highly collectible comic keepsake featuring a silver-plated medal struck exclusively for this stamp issue.
- The Miniature Sheet commemorating the 50th anniversary of *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* is cancelled with a specially designed 'Nil' postmark from the fictional location Knight's End – a playful nod to the film's infamous knights who say 'Nil'.
- The medal is mounted within an illustrated card featuring fascinating behind-the-scenes stories of the film's chaotic production alongside reflections on its enduring cult legacy and comic brilliance.
- The visually vibrant envelope design includes imagery and artwork from a 1975 film that blends humour and history as King Arthur and his not-so-noble knights encounter killer rabbits, rude Frenchmen and absurd medieval trials.
- Limited to just 5,000 individually numbered editions.

8 Gold Miniature Sheet | MZ211 £149.99

- A stunning item of film memorabilia to treasure.
- This high-quality Miniature Sheet replica marking the 50th anniversary of *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* has been finished in fine gold with embossed detail and colourisation.
- This premium souvenir is presented in a bespoke display box featuring the film's iconic logo and the fearsome Black Beast of Argh, illustrated by Terry Gilliam, on the lid.
- A full-colour certificate card verifies your Gold Miniature Sheet as one of just 1,000 gold Miniature Sheets commemorating 50 years of this comedy cult classic.
- A prestige gift and showpiece for collectors of Royal Mail special issues and limited edition film merchandise.

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9 Framed Collectors Sheet | N3394 £39.99

- The six Monty Python stamps, alongside self-adhesive labels featuring stills from scenes of classic characters in iconic sketches, are professionally mounted and framed.
- The Collectors Sheet, celebrating fan favourites such as The Spanish Inquisition, Dead Parrot, Nudge Nudge and more, is set against a stage-curtain-themed background illustrated by Terry Gilliam and evoking the theatrical, surreal style of *Monty Python's Flying Circus*.
- Dimensions: 39 x 31cm.
- An eye-catching collector's piece to treasure and display.

10 Framed Stamps and Miniature Sheet | N3393 £44.99

- A fantastic framed collectible showcasing every stamp from the Monty Python issue celebrating the anarchic humour and surreal genius of Britain's most iconic comedy troupe.
- The six stamps from the main issue appear above the Miniature Sheet's four stamps featuring scenes from *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*.
- Both sets are mounted within Terry Gilliam's stage-curtain-themed backdrop.
- Dimensions: Approx. 34.5 x 28cm.
- A superb souvenir for collectors and Monty Pythons fans.



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11 Collectors Sheet | AT168 £11.40

- A striking souvenir celebrating memorable moments from *Monty Python's Flying Circus*.
- The six main stamps are paired with labels featuring scenes from some iconic sketches – including the 'Dead Parrot' pet shop encounter, the 'Upper Class Twit of the Year' race and the innuendo-filled 'Nudge Nudge' pub chat.
- The stamps and labels are set against a theatrical backdrop paying homage to Terry Gilliam's artistic contribution to the original BBC series' title sequences.
- A colourful collectible showcasing iconic characters from classic episodes of the groundbreaking TV show.



12 Fan Sheet | S1047 £7.50

- A limited edition commemorative collectible marking the 50th anniversary of *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*.
- Three First Class stamps from the Miniature Sheet capture a key scene from the knights' quest.
- The stamps are displayed beneath the film's artwork featuring King Arthur and his knights raised triumphantly aloft.
- A superb souvenir saluting 50 years of an endlessly quoted comedy classic.
- A limited edition of 5,000 Fan Sheets.

A limited run of 5,000 editions



13 Set of Postcards | AQ368 £4.95

- A set of 11 postcards featuring enlarged reproductions of the Monty Python issue's six mint stamps, the Miniature Sheet's four stamps plus the composite Miniature Sheet.
- Perfect for collecting, framing or sending.



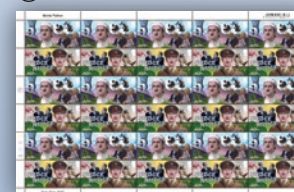
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14 Half First Class Sheet | AS13100AHS £51.00

- A Half Sheet containing 30 First Class stamps celebrating much-loved characters and iconic moments from *Monty Python's Flying Circus*, including 'The Spanish Inquisition' and 'Upper Class Twit of the Year'.

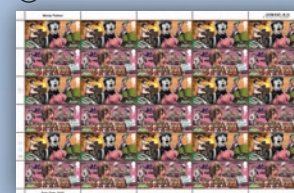
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16 Half First Class Sheet | AS13100BHS £51.00

- A Half Sheet containing 30 First Class stamps featuring sketches including 'Dead Parrot' and 'Nudge Nudge'.

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17 Full First Class Sheet | AS13100BFS £102.00

- A Full Sheet containing 60 First Class stamps featuring sketches including 'Dead Parrot' and 'Nudge Nudge'.

18 Half First Class Sheet | AS13100CHS £51.00

- A Half Sheet containing 30 First Class stamps featuring Terry Jones as the Nude Organist, a scene from the classic 'Spam' sketch and other iconic Monty Python characters and moments.

19 Full First Class Sheet | AS13100CFS £102.00

- A Full Sheet containing 60 First Class stamps featuring Terry Jones as the Nude Organist, a scene from the classic 'Spam' sketch and other iconic Monty Python characters and moments.

Available until 14 August 2026

20 Stamp Souvenir | AW291 £12.90

- A non-personalised version of the Monty Python First Day Cover featuring all six new stamps cancelled with the alternative Doune postmark.
- The First Day Envelope includes the issue's information card.
- On sale until 14 August 2026.

21 Stamp Sheet Souvenir | AW292 £8.80

- A non-personalised First Day Cover Miniature Sheet celebrating 50 years of hit comedy film *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*.
- The commemorative collectible's four stamps feature key scenes from this beloved cult classic.
- The stamps are cancelled with the alternative Doune postmark on a First Day Envelope with the information card.
- On sale until 14 August 2026.

Available until 14 August 2026

22 Press Sheet | PZ086 £54.40

- An exceptional, highly collectible keepsake, direct from the printing press.
- A limited edition of just 200 individually numbered sheets, each featuring 8 Miniature Sheets, released to commemorate the 50th anniversary of *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*.

Limited to 200 individually numbered editions

22



Scotland Country Definitives

Scottish definitives featuring King Charles III's silhouette are available for the first time.

23 Scotland Country Definitives Stamp Set | CS700 £2.57

- New Scottish definitive stamps with King Charles III's portrait.
- The stamp designs featuring Scottish national symbols have been retained from previous country definitive stamps.
- The First Class stamp depicts a sculpture of the Lion of Scotland with the Second Class stamp including a painting of the Scottish Saltire.

Country definitives no longer include an international value and are limited to First Class and Second Class domestic rates.



It's all in the details

Stamp format Barcoded Definitive
Stamp size 39mm x 30mm
Number per sheet 25
Design Stamps designed by Tayburn; the Saltire painted by Anton Morris; the Lion of Scotland sculpted by Frank Pottinger RSA and photographed by Julian Rawlings
Printer Cartor Security Printers
Print process Lithography
Perforations 15 x 14.5
Phosphor Bars as appropriate
Gum Self-adhesive

24 First Day Cover | SF042 £3.75

- The Scottish definitive stamps featuring the new King Charles III portrait appear on a special edition envelope with the name and address of your choice.
- The First Class and Second Class stamps are cancelled with your preferred postmark on the first day of issue, 14 August 2025.
- Your First Day Envelope includes a photograph of Trotternish Ridge on the Isle of Skye, an image that captures Scotland's natural beauty.
- It features an information card containing more details about both new Scotland Country Definitive stamps.



Only available until 14 August 2025

Choose your postmark

The alternative postmark location is Edinburgh, the capital city of Scotland. The postmark design has remained the same since the introduction of country definitive stamps in 1999.

Standard postmark



Alternative postmark



25 First Day Envelope | SE039 £0.30

- Your First Day Envelope features an image of Trotternish Ridge on the Isle of Skye and includes details about this new stamp issue.

26 Full Second Class Sheet | SS609FS £21.75

- A Full Sheet containing 25 Second Class stamps featuring the Scottish Saltire.

27 Full First Class Sheet | SS610FS £42.50

- A Full Sheet containing 25 First Class stamps featuring the Lion of Scotland.

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