

Greetings (Memories)

28 January 1992

The fourth issue of Royal Mail Greetings Stamps will be released on 28 January 1992, comprising 10 first class NVI stamps each with a different design making up a composite picture. The stamps will be sold in a book, including 12 Greetings labels, available from the British Philatelic Bureau, Collections, philatelic counters, and post offices, price £2.40.

The theme of the designs is "Memories"; the stamps feature memorabilia such as a locket, key, picture cigarette cards, old toy car, Ordnance Survey map, compass, pocket watch, nibpen, marbles and seaside bucket and spade. Stamp collectors will particularly welcome the inclusion in one design of a Victorian Penny Red stamp on cover.

Attached to the stamps will be 12 labels bearing the messages "With Love" (2 labels), "Best Wishes" (3), "Sweet Memories", "Congratulations", "Forget-me-Not", "Happy Birthday" (3), and "Thank You".

The design of the front cover of the book

features labels and pressed flowers. For the first time, these Greetings stamps will also be available in a presentation pack.

Technical Details

The stamps have been designed by Trickett and Webb and printed in photogravure by Harrison and Sons Ltd. The stamps are horizontal in format, size 41 x 300mm, perforated 15 x 14, PVA Dextrin gum. The pane consists of 10 stamps, in two rows of five horizontally with selvege along the top and bottom only. The labels will be printed three across and four deep continuing on from the stamps, also with selvege at top and bottom. The overall size of the finished book is 69.5 x 95mm.

The stamps are printed on non-phosphor paper overprinted with two phosphor bars.

First Day Facilities

The Royal Mail first day cover, designed by Trickett and Webb, features a "Memories" label and pressed flowers. It will be available from the British Philatelic Bureau, Collections, philatelic counters and main post offices, price 21p, approximately two weeks before the stamps are issued.

The usual first day posting boxes will be provided at main offices and pictorial "First Day of Issue" postmarks will be available for the Bureau and Whimsey, Gloucestershire. Applica-





tion forms for the Bureau's first day cover service are available from the Bureau, they should be returned by 28 January.

Customers wishing to post their own covers under the reposting facility should send them, on the day of issue, in an outer cover endorsed "Pictorial First Day of Issue Postmark" to: British Philatelic Bureau, 20 Brandon Street, EDINBURGH EH3 5TT (Bureau postmark) or Mid-

lands Special Handstamp Centre, Royal Mail Birmingham, Royal Mail Street, BIRMINGHAM B1 1AA (Whimsey postmark). Details of other pictorial postmarks will be given in the *British Postmark Bulletin*.

A souvenir cover, of similar design to the first day cover, will be available from Collections and philatelic counters from 29 January, price 21p.

