



Pane 1 Top and middle rows Machin E (European rate), 2nd and E stamps; middle row two Machin 2nd class stamps separated by label showing head of King George VI.

Pane 2 Top row 2nd and 1st class Golden Jubilee stamps; bottom row E and 45p Jubilee stamps.

Pane 3 Top row 1st and E Jubilee stamps; bottom row 45p and 65p Jubilee stamps.

Pane 4 Top and bottom rows two 1st class stamps in Wilding 1½d design separated by 2nd class stamp in Wilding 2½d design; middle row two 2nd class in Wilding design separated by blank green label. Another 2nd class in Wilding design is printed to the left of the block of stamps alongside an image of a postmarked 1952 1½d Wilding (not valid for postage).



A Gracious Accession A new prestige book containing Golden Jubilee and definitive stamps in Wilding and Machin designs will be issued on 6 February, price £7.29. The text of the book recalls the events of 1952 from the death of King George VI and The Queen's accession to her first Christmas broadcast. A second prestige book related to the Golden Jubilee will be issued in June 2003.

The February 2002 book contains four panes, as detailed above. Pane 1 is printed on standard coated stamp paper; panes 2 and 3 on coated watermarked paper and the fourth (Wilding) pane on uncoated watermarked paper similar to that used for the original Wilding definitives. The Jubilee and Wilding stamps are printed on a special '50' watermarked paper. The Machin and Wilding definitives have elliptical perfs. The book is being printed in gravure by Enschedé. Collectors will recall that 20p, 26p and 37p stamps in Wilding designs were included in *The Definitive Portrait* prestige book of March 1998.

Tallents House covers

Pane 1 £3.05 UK, £2.60 overseas; Pane 4 £2.58 UK, £2.20 overseas.

FIRST DAY FACILITIES As for sheet stamps – see p144. Any stamp from the prestige book can be used, singly or in combination, for all first day, philatelic and sponsored handstamps in use on 6 February. Tallents House will service covers with panes 1 (Machins) and 4 (Wildings). Note: Pane 4 includes the block of stamps and label but not the additional 2nd class stamp printed to the left. Please state if Tallents House or Windsor postmark required when ordering ●