

Occasions: Entertaining Envelopes The



Technical details

Printer De La Rue

Process Lithography

Stamp size 41 x 30mm

Sheets 25 and 50

Perforation 14.5 x 14

Phosphor Two bands

Gum PVA

Gutter pairs Vertical

Plate numbers and colours

All values D1 lemon ● D1 bright mauve ● D1 blue ● D1 magenta ● D1 pale turquoise ● D1 black ● D1 phosphor

THE FOURTH in the series of Occasions stamps goes on sale at Post Office branches and philatelic outlets and Royal Mail Tallents House from 3 February. The five 1st class stamps, printed in horizontal se-tenant strips, feature a humorous representation of an envelope with postman, being kissed, a duck, a baby, and an aeroplane. The Queen's head and service indicator are positioned at top right. The designs are by Satoshi Kambayashi.

The stamps will be issued to Post Office branches in sheets of 25. Sheets of 50, with gutter margin, will be supplied to Royal Mail Tallents House and Post Office philatelic outlets.

FIRST DAY FACILITIES Unstamped Royal Mail FDC envelopes will be available from main Post Office branches and philatelic outlets about a week before 3 February, price 25p. Orders for serviced FDCs must reach Tallents House by the date of issue. Price £2.07 UK or £1.76 overseas. State whether Tallents House Edinburgh or Merry Hill, Wolverhampton postmarks required. Collectors may send stamped covers on the day of issue to: Royal Mail Tallents House, 21 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 9PB, or to Special Handstamp Centre, Royal Mail, St Stephens Street, Birmingham B6 4AA (Merry Hill postmark), marking the outer envelope 'FDO403' or 'FDO404'. Covers can be posted or handed in at main Post Office branches for the Merry Hill postmark. Details of sponsored handstamps will be announced in the *British Postmark Bulletin* – available on subscription from Tallents House. For a sample copy write to: The Editor, *British Postmark Bulletin*, Royal Mail, 148 Old Street, London EC1V 9HQ.

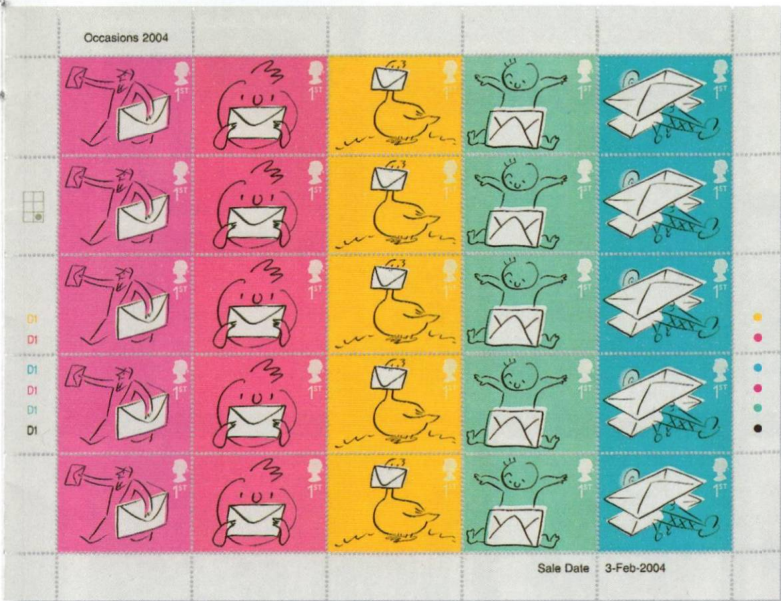
PHILATELIC PRODUCTS A well-illustrated pack (price £1.90) and stamp cards (30p each) will be available from main Post Office branches and philatelic outlets and Tallents House. The pack was written by Lara Maiklem with illustrations by the stamps' designer, Satoshi Kambayashi.

SMILERS SHEETS The new Occasions stamps will be available in Smilers sheets. These contain 20 stamps – four each of the five designs – plus labels, price £6.15. The sheets will be printed in litho by De La Rue. Smilers sheets are available from Royal Mail Tallents House and Post Office philatelic outlets. Personalised sheets with your own image printed on the labels can be ordered from Tallents House. For further information and an order form phone 0845 074 2000 (UK) or + 44 131 316 7483 (overseas) ●

fourth set in the series, on sale on 3 February



The five 1st class stamps are printed in horizontal se-tenant strips. They feature humorous drawings of an envelope: with a postman, being kissed, and as a duck, a baby, and an aeroplane. The designs are by Satoshi Kambayashi.



Left: a sheet of 25 stamps, as they will be distributed to Post Office branches.

Below: the two pictorial postmarks, and the first day cover and presentation pack.

