

Checklist of 2006 definitives

We hope the list on the following pages will prove helpful to collectors in completing their collections. Please read the notes on the following page carefully. We quote Royal Mail order numbers (prefixed DS, YB, etc) as given on the Tallents House stock lists. Some stamps were issued only in books and can be bought from Royal Mail only in complete books.



Right: definitives issued on 8 March (top two rows), 1 August (row 3), 15 August (bottom row PIP) and 17 October (Smilers)

Notes Printers are designated C (Cartor), D (De La Rue), E (Enschedé), and W (Walsall), and printing process G (gravure) or L (litho) ● Unless otherwise stated, definitive and country stamps have PVA gum, perforation gauge 15 × 14 (with ellipses at lower left and right sides) and two phosphor bands (2nd class standard size, one band) ● The dates quoted are those the stamps were first available from Tallents House; in some instances they may have been available at post offices earlier to meet postal needs ● All 2nd class Machin definitive stamps are printed in bright blue, 1st class in gold.

Machin definitives

23 February 35p (1 phosphor band), 40p & 1st class printed by E (previously D) in Brunel PSB (YB027)

28 March 37p olive green (DS375); 44p ultramarine (DS441); 49p rust (DS490), 72p red (DS720), all D

1 August 12p dark turquoise (DS121), 14p salmon pink (DS141), 2nd class bright blue (DS231), 1st class gold (DS321) standard size definitives; 2nd class bright blue (DS376), 1st class gold (DS442) 'Large' size definitives, D, 2nd & 1st in new PIP design. Sheets of 200, 2nd & 1st class standard also issued in coils – see Coil section on page 152.

15 August 2nd class, 1st class Large size definitives, PIP design, W, self-adhesive from books (UB265, UB264)

12 September 2nd class and 1st class standard size definitives, PIP design, W, self-adhesive from books (UB268 2nd class, UB266 & UB267 1st class)

21 September 50p and 1st class (PIP design) E (previously D) from Victoria Cross PSB (YB028)

Country stamps

28 March 44p – England (ES440), Scotland (SS440), Wales (WS440), Northern Ireland (IS440);



72p – England (ES720), Scotland (SS720), Wales (WS720), Northern Ireland (IS720), D (N Ireland litho, others gravure)

9 November 72p Northern Ireland, D gravure (previously litho) in Lest We Forget miniature sheet (MZ034)

30 November 1st Scotland – new Saltire design in Celebrating Scotland miniature sheet, D gravure. Sheet also includes current 1st class Scottish country stamp (Lion Rampant) (MZ036)

Pictorial definitives

17 October 6 × 1st class 'Smilers' stamps featuring New Baby, Best Wishes, Thank You, Balloons, Fireworks, and Champagne bottle and flowers. In book, self-adhesive, W (UB274). Also issued in Generic sheet printed litho, C (AT028)

Mixed value stamp panes and miniature sheets

23 February Pane of 4 × 1st class, 2 × 35p and 2 × 40p definitives with central label showing Brunel bust, E. From Brunel prestige book (YB027).



Miniature sheets: Welsh Assembly (1 March), Year of Three Kings (31 August), Lest We Forget (9 November), Celebrating

Scotland (30 November). Prestige stamp book panes: Brunel (23 February) and Victoria Cross (21 September).

1 March Welsh Assembly miniature sheet containing 1 × 2nd class, 2 × 1st class & 2 × 68p Wales country stamps, D (MZ030)

31 August Three Kings miniature sheet containing £3 definitive (and reproductions of George V, Edward VIII and George VI 1d definitives), D (MZ032)

21 September Pane of 4 × 1st class (standard size PIP) & 4 × 50p definitives with central label showing VC medal, E. From VC prestige book (YB028)

9 November Lest We Forget miniature sheet containing one each of England, Scotland, Wales & N Ireland 72p country stamps, and 1st class special stamp (Flanders Poppies), D (MZ034)

30 November Celebrating Scotland miniature sheet containing 1st class Scotland Saltire stamp (new design) and current 1st class Scotland Lion Rampant stamp, plus two special stamps, D (MZ036)

Stamp books

23 February Brunel PSB containing panes of definitive, Brunel and Ocean Liners stamps, E (YB027)

25 April 6 × 1st class, 12 × 2nd class and 12 × 1st class definitives, books have back cover change giving details of postal validity before and after the introduction of PIP (UB261, UB263, UB262)

17 July 6 × 2005 Smilers pictorial definitives, back cover change re postal validity (UB270)

15 August 4 × 2nd, 4 × 1st 'Large' size definitives (PIP), W, self-adhesive (UB265, UB264)

12 September 6 × 1st, 12 × 2nd and 12 × 1st class standard size definitives (PIP design), W, self-adhesive (UB266, UB268, UB267)

21 September VC prestige book containing panes of definitive, Victoria Cross, and 1990 Gallantry stamps, E (YB028)

2 October 6 × 1st standard size definitives (PIP design), with label promoting stamp collecting on inside front cover, W, self-adhesive (UB273)

17 October 6 × 1st Smilers pictorial definitives (new designs), W gravure, self-adhesive (UB274). Also issued in Generic & Smilers sheets, C litho ▶

Stamp coils (rolls)

15 August 500 × 2nd class standard size (PIP design), D (DC109/DC910)

3 October 1000 × 1st class and 1000 × 2nd class standard size (PIP design), D (DC110/DC911; DC111/DC912)

14 November 500 × 1st class standard size (PIP design), D (DC114/DC915)

Note: Tallents House order codes given for complete coils and singles from coils.

Business sheets

16 May 100 × 2nd & 100 × 1st definitives, with sheet text change regarding postal validity before and after the introduction of Pricing in Proportion, W, self-adhesive (DP043, DP042)

12 September 100 × 2nd class & 100 × 1st standard size definitives (PIP design), W, self-adhesive (DP045, DP044)

Generic sheets

4 July 'For Life's Special Moments' sheet containing 2005 Smilers pictorial definitives (4 × Teddy Bear, 4 × Hello, 3 × robin in postbox, 3 × Love, 3 × Union Flag and 3 × Flower), C litho, self-adhesive (AT025)

17 October 'Extra Special Moments' sheet: 2006 Smilers pictorial definitives (4 × New Baby, 3 × Best Wishes, 3 × Thank You, 3 × Balloons, 3 × Fireworks, 4 × Champagne), C litho, self-adhesive (AT028)

Presentation packs

28 March 37p, 44p, 49p & 72p definitives D (DP041) ● 44p & 72p country stamps, D (CP023)

1 August 12p, 14p, 2nd & 1st class standard size (PIP design), 2nd & 1st class Large (PIP) D (DP046)

17 October Pictorial definitives (Smilers) (AP271)

9 November Lest We Forget miniature sheet (AP270)

30 November Scotland miniature sheet (AP272) ●

Posting boxes

THIS MONTH'S PHOTOGRAPHS were supplied by Cathie Campbell, who used to work at Tallents House in Edinburgh. They feature an Edward VII box at Yetholm, near Kelso, in the Scottish Borders. It is attached to a 'Catch-a-Penny' cottage – a building dating back to at least the 17th century that used to be the toll on the road leading to the English border. It was also a smithy, and has the remains of an old forge in the garden. The current owner volunteered to rebuild the supporting wall in which the box is sited rather than have it replaced with a free-standing box. The box faces a road junction regularly used by 'boy racers' on tractors – Cathie suggests this may be the cause of the damage to the wall!

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