

Memories of Wembley Stadium

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1923 << A new landmark for London >>
In only 200 days, 25,000 tonnes of ferns, concrete, 1,500 tonnes of steel, and over half a million nails are put together to construct the Empire Stadium.

1923 << White Horse Final >>
Parade ground at 200,000 fans attend the first FA Cup Final and spill onto the pitch. Mounted Police led by PC Tommy on Billy replace order.

1924 << British Empire Exhibition >>
King George V opens the British Empire Exhibition. West 16 countries take part and over 17 million visitors. It's the largest exhibition ever staged.

1936 << Speedway Championships >>
Australia's Lionel Van Praag comes 1st way to victory in the first ever world speedway championships. Britain's Eric Langton is runner-up.

1948 << The Olympic Games >>
Brits Zipporah breaks the world record, creating 89.4 over 1000 metres, which would never be equalled, on a track made from the rubble of the Blitz.

1966 << World Cup Final >>
Final score England 4 - West Germany 2. Love the gentleman, Bobby Moore wipes the mud off his boots from across the 90 steps to accept the Jules Rimet World Cup from Queen Elizabeth.

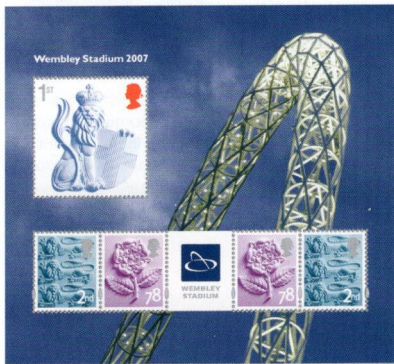
1985 << Live Aid >>
Bono comes on stage and a half billion viewers worldwide witness it. Led by Statue One, Bob Geldof's all-star charity performs a 150 million for famine relief. The money will still roll in from DVD sales.

1996 << The Three Tenors >>
Three massive stars of opera, José Carreras, Plácido Domingo and Luciano Pavarotti bring music to the masses from the Wembley stage, with areas from opera and Broadway included.

2007 << New Stadium Opens >>
A new stadium for 90,000 and a new landmark. For this iconic day, Wembley's massive new and temporary 115 metres can be seen from Canary Wharf 14 miles away.

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Wembley Stadium Generic sheet and miniature sheet, both to be issued 17 May.

Special issues This month's special issue comprises the 'Celebrating England' miniature sheet, which goes on sale on St George's Day, 23 April. It contains two special 78p stamps showing St George and the Houses of Parliament, the current England 1st class stamp and a new 1st class design showing the St George's flag. The sheet was shown here in January (p136). Five stamp cards will be available, showing the four stamps and the complete miniature sheet.

To coincide with this miniature sheet, we are issuing a 'Glorious England' generic sheet containing 20 1st class English stamps (self-adhesive) and labels featuring buildings and scenery of England. This sheet was shown here in March (p203). A Smilers version, with your own image printed on the labels, will also be available. For details of how to order Smilers sheets phone 0845 074 2000 (UK customers) or +44 131 316 7483 (overseas), or pick up a Smilers leaflet at a Post Office branch. Orders can also be placed over the web (at www.royalmail.com) using digital photos.

On 17 May we will issue a miniature sheet to commemorate the new Wembley Stadium (see left, previewed in March, p201) which contains two English country stamps and an amended version of the 2002 Crowned Lion World Cup stamp. The miniature sheet will be on sale at selected Post Office branches. On the same day will be issued a new generic sheet (above) containing the amended Crowned Lion stamp and labels featuring scenes from the old Wembley stadium and images of the new ●