

Checklist of 2007 definitives

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



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 x 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

27 March 16p pink (DS160), 48p rhododendron (DS480), 50p light grey (DS507), 54p rust (DS540), 78p emerald green (DS780), all D

5 June £1 ruby in sheets of 200 (DS104), Machin miniature sheet (MZ041) and Machin PSB (YB030)

5 June 2nd class NV1 gummed, sheets of 200 D (DS244)

20 September 46p, 54p in Army Uniforms prestige book, E (previously D) (YB031) ▶

Just what was a 1960s British cultural phenomenon? The Beatles, creators of a new sound, as well as a new way of life. The Beatles continue to be the biggest-selling rock group of all time...

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The third storyline relates to how the designers approached their commission. The Scouts issue was illustrated by English artist Gez Fry, and he chose a manga-style visual approach, because it was felt that this would have a strong appeal to youngsters who love the new wave of comic-book art. Clearly, my age now explains why this is my least favourite issue in an otherwise highly attractive year of stamp issues!

Many website addresses are shown throughout, for the first time, enabling further information to be obtained, such as how to learn more about the British Army (www.army.mod.uk). This is a useful innovation in the short-term, although with the web being so transient by nature it is perhaps not surprising to find that the website listed for the Donington Collection of Grand Prix cars was already returning the message 'unable to display' during several days of entering its URL into my browser.

The final text page includes technical details for each issue in an 'About the Stamps' section,

with most of the information that the collector would hope to find listed in a stamp catalogue. The phosphor bar types are simply described 'as appropriate'.

The text has been written by Maeve Kennedy, with additional contributions from Tim Shackleton, and an interview with Sir Stirling Moss by Richard Rae. The main photographs are by Phil Sayer, with additional picture research done by Kathy Lockley. The Yearbook was designed by Atelier Works, printed by Fulmar Colour Printing of Croydon, and bound and finished by F F Allsopp of Nottingham. This year, for the first time, the book has a printed paper cover, rather than embossed 'Balacron'. The edition is limited to 21,420 numbered copies.

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Pictorial 'Smilers' definitives (self-adhesive)

16 January 1st LOVE stamp, elliptical perfs, 6 × 1st book, W. (UB275) (first printing with elliptical perfs)

Country stamps

1 March Wales 1st class (Dragon) self-adhesive in 'Cymru Wych-Glorious Wales' generic/Smilers sheets. No elliptical perfs, L, C (generic sheet AT031)

27 March 48p: England (ES480), Scotland (SS480), Wales (WS480), Northern Ireland (IS480). 78p: England (ES780), Scotland (SS780), Wales (WS780), Northern Ireland (IS780). All D

23 April England 1st class (St George flag) in 'Celebrating England' miniature sheet (MZ040)

23 April England 1st class (Crowned Lion) self-adhesive in 'Glorious England' generic/Smilers sheets. No elliptical perfs, L, C (generic sheet AT032)

20 September N Ireland 2nd and 1st class printed in gravure (previous printings litho), D (IS240, IS340)

20 September 1st class country stamps (Wales, England, N Ireland, Scotland), E litho in *British Army Uniforms* prestige book (YB031). Previous printings of England, Scotland and Wales gravure

8 November 78p England, Scotland, Wales and N Ireland printed litho (previous printings gravure) in 'Lest We Forget' miniature sheet, D (MZ045)

30 November Scotland 1st class (Lion Rampant) self-adhesive in 'Glorious Scotland' generic/Smilers sheets. No elliptical perfs, L, C (generic sheet AT039)

Mixed value stamp panes and miniature sheets

1 March Pane of 3 × Scotland 2nd class and 3 × Wales 44p in *World of Invention* PSB, G, D (YB029)

1 March Pane of 4 × 5p definitive and 4 × 1st class definitive (standard PIP design) plus central label of Rowland Hill in *World of Invention* PSB, D (YB029)



23 April 'Celebrating England' miniature sheet containing 1st class England St George flag stamp (new design) and current 1st class England Crowned Lion stamp, plus two special stamps, D (MZ040)

17 May Wembley Stadium miniature sheet containing two 2nd class and two 78p England stamps, plus special Crowned Lion stamp, D (MZ038)

5 June Pane of 2 × £1 definitive ruby colour plus label showing Machin head in *The Machin* prestige book, D (YB030)

5 June Pane of 4 × 2p, 2 × 46p and 2 × 48p definitives plus central label showing Queen's head trial for new definitives in *The Machin* prestige book, D (YB030)

5 June Pane of 1 × 2nd class, 1 × 1st class standard definitives, 2 × 2nd class and 2 × 1st class 'Large' definitives (all PIP design) plus central label showing Sir Rowland Hill in *The Machin* PSB, D (YB030)

5 June Miniature sheet containing £1 definitives in mauve and ruby plus two special stamps featuring Arnold Machin and the 4d Machin stamp of 1967 (MZ041)

Far left: self-adhesives from Glorious Wales, England and Scotland generic sheets.

Left and below: mixed value panes from the Army Uniforms and Machin prestige stamp books, September and June.



Left: definitives issued 27 March and 5 June; Country stamps; and the Northern Ireland 2nd and 1st class Country stamps printed in gravure, 20 September.



20 September Pane of 2 × 1p, 4 × 46p, & 2 × 54p definitives and central label showing military badge in *British Army Uniforms* prestige book, E (YB031)

20 September Pane of 1st class country stamps (Wales, England, N Ireland, Scotland) plus five labels showing military badges in *British Army Uniforms* prestige book. Litho, E (YB031)

8 November Lest We Forget miniature sheet No 2 containing one each of England, Scotland, Wales and N Ireland 78p country stamps, and 1st class special stamp (Poppy), L, D (MZ045)

Stamp books

16 January 5 × 1st class definitive (PIP) & 1 pictorial definitive 'LOVE' stamp, all with elliptical perfs (previous Love stamp without elliptical perfs), W (UB275)

1 February 6 × 1st class standard definitive, with postcode message printed on the inside front cover, W (UB276)

1 March *World of Invention* prestige book containing panes of definitive, country and World of Invention stamps, D (YB029)

5 June 6 × 1st class standard definitive, Machin 40th anniversary information on the inside front cover and facsimile of Arnold Machin's signature on the flap, W (UB277)

5 June 12 × 2nd class standard definitive, 6 × 1st class standard definitive and 12 × 1st class standard definitive, with PIP validity notice on back cover, W (UB280, UB278, UB279)

28 August 6 × 1st class standard definitive, with Harry Potter stamps advert on inside front cover, W (UB284)

20 September 6 × 1st class standard definitive, with bilingual postcode message on inside front cover, W (UB281)

20 September *British Army Uniforms* prestige book containing panes of definitive, country, and Army Uniforms stamps, E (YB031)

Business sheets (self-adhesive)

27 March 50 × 2nd class Large definitives; 50 × 1st class Large definitives, W (DP049, DP048). (Continued on following page.) ►

Business sheets (self-adhesive) continued

5 June 100 × 2nd class standard definitive, 100 × 1st class standard definitive, sheet headers with PIP information, W (DP052, DP051)

Generic sheets

1 March 'Cymru-Wych/Glorious Wales': 20 × Wales 1st class, self-adhesive (all previous printings were gummed). No elliptical perfs, L, C (AT031)

23 April 'Glorious England': 20 × England 1st class (Crowned Lion), self-adhesive (all previous printings gummed). No elliptical perfs, L, C (AT032)

30 November 'Glorious Scotland': 20 × Scotland 1st class (Lion Rampant), self-adhesive (all previous printings gummed). No elliptical perfs, L, C (AT039)

Presentation packs

27 March 16p, 48p, 54p and 78p new definitives, D (DP047) ● 48p and 78p country stamps for England, Scotland, Wales and N Ireland, D (CP024)

23 April 'Celebrating England' miniature sheet containing England 1st class Crowned Lion and St George flag definitives, D (AP278)

5 June Machin Anniversary miniature sheet containing £1 mauve and £1 ruby definitives, D (DP050) ● Machin definitives low value collectors pack, with 1p-£1 stamps, 1st and 2nd class (standard and Large), and three universal airmail stamps, D, W (DR006)

8 November Lest We Forget miniature sheet No 2 containing four 78p country stamps and 1st class special Poppy stamp, L, D (AP287) ●

Eminent collectors Sir John Marriott, by Ron Negus

FOR 85 YEARS FROM 1910, there were only four Keepers of the Royal Collection: John Tilleard, Edward Denny Bacon, Sir John Wilson, and Sir John Marriott. Sir John Marriott held this important post from 1969 to 1995. Upon his retirement, the Queen conferred upon him a knighthood and invested him with the insignia of a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order. With typical modesty, he later referred to this occasion as 'a very pleasant little ceremony'.

John Brook Marriott was born in Stretford, in Lancashire on 27 July 1922. He was educated at Merchant Taylor's School and won a scholarship to St John's College, Cambridge, to read Mathematics. There he played cricket and rugby, and was prominent in the Cambridge Chess Club. He graduated with first-class honours.

Leaving university, he was called up for military service. As a member of the Army Operational Research Group, he worked on calculations regarding the effective use of anti-aircraft guns. Shortly afterwards, in 1944, his abilities with chess and mathematics were noticed by the Foreign Office and he was transferred to a secret project.

This turned out to be the work done at Bletchley Park to decrypt the enemy communications generated via the famous Enigma coding machines, and Marriott worked there until the end of the war. He married his wife, Mary, in 1952 and they had two sons, Martin and Andrew.

Back in civilian life, John Marriott took a post as mathematics master at Charterhouse public school. He remained at the school until his retirement in 1982. From 1960 to 1975 he was a housemaster, and he also spent a number of years in charge of cricket coaching. One of his proteges was Peter May, who later became captain of the England cricket team.

His appointment as Keeper of the Royal Philatelic Collection in 1969 was made possible because the headmaster and the Governing Body of Charterhouse agreed to release him from some teaching duties so he could attend the Palace on a couple of days each week. Marriott was able, therefore, to continue as a housemaster.

John Marriott said his interest in stamps began when he was about 12 years old. His first collections were typical 'schoolboy' accumulations, al-