

## Design Classics New prestige stamp book

The prestige book goes on sale on 13 January, with the 10 Design Classics stamps, shown in the September *Bulletin* on pages 14-15.

Please note that the caption to the Mini stamp (at bottom right below) will read simply 'Mini', not 'Mk II Austin Mini'.

IN THE *British Design Classics* prestige book, journalist Jim Davies provides intriguing details of the subjects of the Design Classics stamps. We learn that the Mini car resulted from the fuel crisis of 1956 and plummeting car sales; Mary Quant named the mini-skirt after her favourite car; and Allen Lane sent an office junior to London Zoo to sketch a suitable bird for the Penguin Books logo. Whilst French and British engineers worked harmoniously on Concorde, their ministerial superiors squabbled over the spelling of the aircraft's name; and, for all his efforts on the iconic London Underground map, Harry Beck received just five guineas •

**Design Classics PSB** The book will contain four panes:

**Pane 1** 4 × 16p and 4 × 50p definitives with central label showing crown from telephone kiosk

**Pane 2** 4 × Design Classics stamps: Spitfire, Mini, 2 × Routemaster Bus

**Pane 3** 6 × Design Classics stamps: Underground map, telephone kiosk, Penguin books, Anglepoise lamp, chair and mini skirt

**Pane 4** 2 × Design Classics Concorde stamp and 2 × 1st class Concorde stamp from 2002 Airliners issue

