

Great British Monarchs The second issue



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THE MONARCHS series, which started with the Houses of Lancaster & York in February 2008, continues with six stamps and a miniature sheet featuring Tudor Monarchs. These go on sale at Post Office branches, Tallents House and Post Office philatelic outlets on 21 April 2009. The stamps are: King Henry VII (1485-1509) and Henry VIII (1509-47), 1st class; Edward VI (1547-53) and Lady Jane Grey (1553), 56p; and Mary I (1553-58) and Elizabeth I (1558-1603), 72p. The stamps were designed by Ian Chilvers of Atelier Works design group, and printed in single sheets by Walsall in litho.

A miniature sheet, entitled 'The Age of Tudor', contains two 1st class and two 81p stamps featuring the warship *Mary Rose*, Field of the Cloth of Gold (Royal conference, 1520), the Royal Exchange, and Sir Francis Drake.

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Monarchs on stamps Henry VIII featured on the 15½p Maritime Heritage stamp in 1982, and in the Great Tudor issue of 1997. Elizabeth I was first shown on the 4d 1968 Paintings stamp. Sir Francis Drake featured on an Explorers stamp of 1973. 'Tudor Age' issues include Shakespeare stamps of 1964, 1988 and 2006; Henry VII Chapel in Westminster Abbey (1966); Elizabethan galleon (1969); Sir Martin Frobisher and Henry Hudson (1972); Sir Walter Raleigh (1973); Hampton Court (1978); Welsh Bible, and Spanish Armada (1988); and Little Moreton Hall, and Globe Theatre (1995). The top value English country stamp has featured a Tudor Rose since 2001 •

in the series: monarchs of the House of Tudor



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| Set of stamps (all following prices to be confirmed) | £ 3.28 |
| Miniature sheet | £ 2.34 |
| Presentation pack (stamps and miniature sheet) | £ 6.15 |
| FDC envelope | £ 0.30 |
| Serviced FDC: stamps (UK customers) | £ 4.33 |
| Serviced FDC: stamps (overseas customers) | £ 3.69 |
| Serviced FDC: miniature sheet (UK customers) | £ 3.23 |
| Serviced FDC: miniature sheet (overseas customers) | £ 2.75 |
| Stamp cards set (11 cards) | £ 4.40 |
| Miniature sheet press sheet | £61.44 |

THE AGE OF THE TUDORS

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| BATTLE OF BOSWORTH 1485 | MARY ROSE 1510 | FIELD OF CLOTH OF GOLD 1520 | ROYAL EXCHANGE 1565 | CIRCUMNAVIGATION 1580 |
| HENRY VIII 1509 | | EDWARD VI 1547 | | |
| | | MARY I 1553 | | |
| | | ELIZABETH I 1558 | | |
| | | LADY JANE GREY 1553 | | |

MARY ROSE
1510 WARSHIP

FIELD OF CLOTH OF GOLD
1520 ROYAL CONFERENCE

ROYAL EXCHANGE
1565 CENTRE OF COMMERCE

FRANCIS DRAKE
1580 CIRCUMNAVIGATION

THE HOUSE OF TUDOR
KINGS AND QUEENS

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