

# Checklist of 2008 definitives

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



Above: stamp panes from the James Bond (8 January) and RAF Uniforms (18 September) prestige stamp books. Right: Country stamps anniversary (29 September), Celebrating Northern Ireland (11 March) and Lest We Forget No 3 (6 November) miniature sheets.

**Notes** Printers are designated C (Cartor), D (De La Rue), and W (Walsall), and printing process G (gravure) or L (litho) ● All stamps are perforation gauge 15 x 14 with 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 earlier at Post Office branches or retail outlets to meet postal needs ● All 2nd class Machin definitive stamps are printed in bright blue, 1st class in gold.

## Machin definitives

**8 January** 1st gold, L, D from James Bond prestige book (YB033), also printed by W in RAF Uniforms prestige book (18 September, YB035).

**1 April** 15p shocking pink (DS151); 56p lime green (DS560); 81p sea green (DS810), all G, D. The 9p stamp (orange DS090) was re-issued at Post Office branches from 1 April; it had not been withdrawn from sale at Tallents House.

## Pictorial 'Smilers' definitives (self-adhesive)

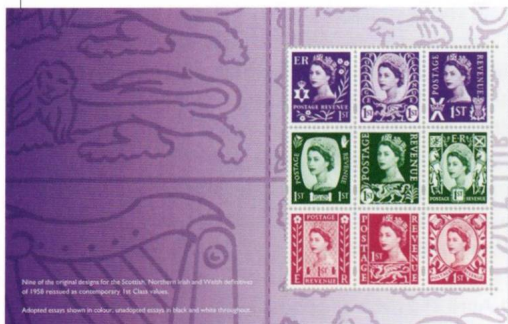
**15 January** 1st class Union Flag, Hello, and LOVE stamps, L, C, elliptical perfs from 'I wrote to say' Smilers All Round generic sheet (AT041), also from 'Green and pleasant land', 'Just wanted to say', and 'Sending you my...' Smilers sheets.

**28 February** Union Flag, Hello, Flower, Balloons, Fireworks, and Champagne bottle stamps, G, W, elliptical perfs, from 6 x 1st stamp book (UB286).

**28 October** New Baby, Flower and Balloons stamps, L, C, elliptical perfs from Smilers for Kids packs (in sheets of 10) and themed sheets of 20 (packs SK001-004; themed sheets SK005-008).

## Country stamps

**11 March** Northern Ireland 1st class (Fields) L, C, self-adhesive in 'Glorious Northern Ireland' generic/Smilers sheets ('Generic sheet AT040).



Above: Country stamps PSB pane (29 September). Left: shocking pink, lime green and sea green issues (1 April).



**11 March** Northern Ireland 1st class (Giant's Causeway and Carrickfergus Castle), L, D in 'Celebrating Northern Ireland' miniature sheet (MZ048).

**1 April** 50p: England (ES500), Scotland (SS500), Wales (WS500), Northern Ireland (IS500). 81p: England (ES810), Scotland (SS810), Wales (WS810), Northern Ireland (IS810) G, D.

**29 September** N Ireland, Scotland, Wales 1st class in designs of 1958 3d, 6d and 1s3d – three stamps for each country. G, D, cream background in Country stamps anniversary miniature sheet (MZ051), L, D, white background in Country stamps PSB (YB035).

**29 September** England, N Ireland, Scotland, Wales 1st class, L, C, elliptical perfs from 'Glorious UK' generic sheet (AT044).

**6 November** 81p England, Scotland, Wales, and N Ireland L, D, previous printings G, in 'Lest We Forget' miniature sheet, D (MZ053).

## Mixed value stamp/label panes & miniature sheets

**8 January** Pane of 8 × 1st class definitive (gold) L, D, and central label showing typewriter in *Ian Fleming's James Bond* prestige book (YB033).

**11 March** 'Celebrating Northern Ireland' miniature sheet containing 1st class Giant's Causeway and Carrickfergus Castle stamps (new designs), plus two special stamps, L, D (MZ048).

**18 September** Pane of 4 × 2nd and 4 × 1st definitives and central label showing RAF roundel in *RAF Uniforms* prestige stamp book, L, W (YB034).

**29 September** Three panes of 6 × 1st class Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales country stamps – three of current Country stamp design, three in designs of 1958 3d, 6d, and 1s3d Regional stamps, L, D from Country Stamps prestige book (YB035).

**29 September** Pane of nine 1st class country stamps, three each for Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales in designs of the 1958 3d, 6d, and 1s3d Regionals, L, D, from Country Stamps PSB (YB035).

**29 September** 50th anniversary of Country stamps miniature sheet containing 1st class stamps for N Ireland, Scotland and Wales in designs of 1958 3d, 6d, and 1s3d stamps. G, D, cream paper background (MZ051). Also sold in 'press sheet' containing 15 miniature sheets (PZ007).

**6 November** 'Lest We Forget' miniature sheet No 3 containing one each of England, Scotland, Wales and N Ireland 81p country stamps, and 1st class special stamp (Poppy), L, D (MZ053).

## Stamp books

**8 January** *Ian Fleming's James Bond* prestige book containing panes of 1st class definitive and James Bond stamps, D (YB033).

**15 January** 4 × 1st class definitive and 2 × pictorial definitive 'LOVE' stamps plus labels, all with elliptical perfs, W (UB285). Stamps as in 2007 book. ▶



**28 February** 6 × 1st class pictorial definitives (Hello, Flower, Union Flag, Balloons, Fireworks, Champagne Bottle), G, W (UB286).

**13 May** 4 × 1st class definitives and 2 × special stamps (Beside the Seaside 1st class, now self-adhesive) G, W (UB287).

**10 June** 6 × 1st class definitive, Carry On stamps advert on inside front cover, G, W (UB288).

**18 September** *RAF Uniforms* prestige book containing panes of definitive and RAF Uniforms stamps, L, W (YB033).

**29 September** Country Stamps Anniversary prestige book containing panes of 1st class country stamps in current designs and NVI versions of 1958 Regionals designs L, D (YB035).

#### Business sheets (self-adhesive)

None

#### Generic/Themed sheets

**15 January** 'I wrote to say...' 20 × 1st class pictorial definitives: 8 × LOVE, 6 × 'Hello' and 6 × Union Flag with adjoining circular labels, self-adhesive, L, C (AT041). Also available as Smilers sheets, with customised image on labels, 20 × Union Flag (headed 'Green and pleasant land'), 20 × LOVE (Sending you my...) and 20 × 'Hello' (Just wanted to say).

**11 March** 'Glorious Northern Ireland': 20 × Northern Ireland 1st class, self-adhesive (all previous printings gummed) L, C, non-elliptical perfs (AT040). Also available as Smilers sheets, with customised image on labels.

**29 September** *Glorious UK*: 5 × 1st class England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, with country scenes on adjoining labels, L, C, with elliptical perfs (AT044).

**28 October** *Smilers for Kids*: pictorial definitives with adjoining circular labels, L, C, elliptical perfs. Packs

with sheets of 10, or Themed sheets of 20 – New Baby stamp (Peter Rabbit pack SK002, sheet SK006), Flower stamp (Flower Fairies pack SK001, sheet SK005), Balloons stamp (Noddy pack SK003, sheet SK007), Balloons stamp (Mr Men/Little Miss pack SK004, sheet SK008). Note sheets of 10 in packs with labels, games, stationery, etc.

#### Presentation packs

**1 April** 15p, 56p and 81p new definitives (DP053).

**1 April** 50p and 81p Country stamps for England, N Ireland, Scotland and Wales (CP025).

**11 March** 'Celebrating Northern Ireland' miniature sheet containing 1st class Giant's Causeway and Carrickfergus stamps and two special stamps (AP291).

**29 September** 50th Anniversary of Country stamps miniature sheet (1st class stamps in designs of 1958 3d, 6d, and 1s3d Regionals) (CP026).

**29 September** Country stamps Collectors Pack containing 2nd, 1st, 50p and 81p stamps for England, N Ireland, Scotland and Wales (CR002).

**8 November** 'Lest We Forget' miniature sheet No 3 containing four 81p country stamps and 1st class special Poppy stamp (AP302).

#### Stamp cards

**11 March** Northern Ireland 1st class stamps showing Carrickfergus Castle and Giant's Causeway, in set of five, including cards showing large-size 81p stamps and Celebrating Northern Ireland miniature sheet (AQ118).

**29 September** *Machin* definitives 1p-£5 and NVI stamps, 24 cards (DQ021).

**29 September** Country stamps in 1958 designs, three cards each for Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and card reproducing miniature sheet, 10 cards (CQ001) ●