

Serviced First Day Covers, available until April 25, bear the Large Diamond Jubilee definitive and the three new Machins. A new Country Pack contains the eight new Country definitives – 87p and £1.28 for each of the four countries: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Serviced First Day Covers are available for each of the four countries, carrying the 87p and £1.28 values.

The following values will be withdrawn from general sale on 31 April, prior to the rate increase: 60p and 97p country stamps •

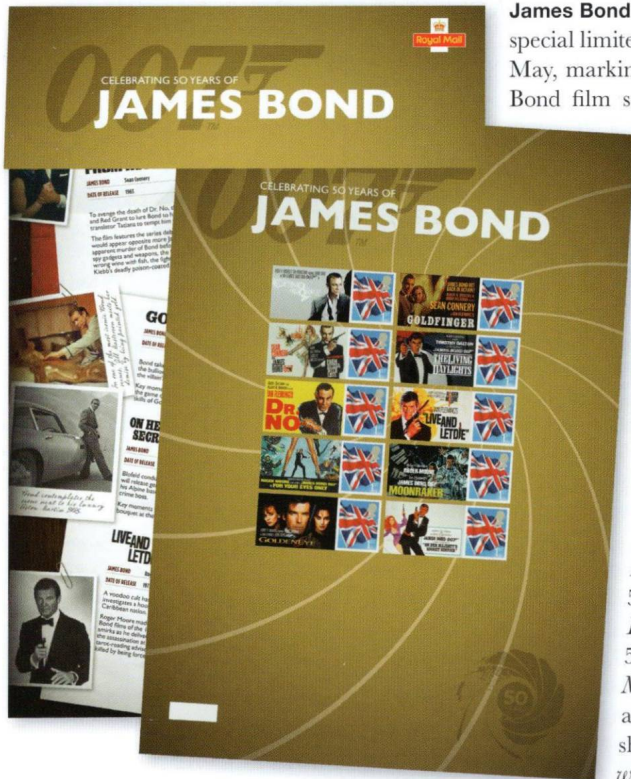
James Bond Commemorative Sheet Collection A special limited edition stamp sheet is released on 1 May, marking the 50th anniversary of the James Bond film series. The sheet features ten iconic Bond movie posters on labels alongside Union Flag stamps.

To help with the task of choosing ten film posters, Royal Mail invited members of the public to vote for their favourite via newspapers and websites, including www.royalmail.com, where all 22 film posters were shown.

More than 30,000 people took part and voting was quite evenly spread, with percentages of total votes cast for each film poster as follows: *Casino Royale* 6.12%, *From Russia with Love* 6.12%, *Dr No* 5.83%, *For Your Eyes Only* 5.82%, *Goldeneye* 5.40%, *Goldfinger* 5.38%, *The Living Daylights* 5.37%, *Live and Let Die* 5.04%, *Moonraker* 4.53%, *On Her Majesty's Secret Service* 4.51% – so those are the ten posters that appear on the sheet. The remainder were: *The Man with the Golden Gun* 4.48% *Thunderball*

4.48%, *Octopussy* 4.37%, *The Spy Who Loved Me* 4.17%, *Die Another Day* 3.73%, *You Only Live Twice* 3.57%, *Diamonds are Forever* 3.56%, *A View To A Kill* 3.53%, *Tomorrow Never Dies* 3.37%, *The World is Not Enough* 3.29%, *Licence to Kill* 3.25%, *Quantum of Solace* 3.17%.

Movie buffs might demur over the choice being based on poster design rather than the calibre of the films, but the top ten certainly work well visually on the stamps sheet, as shown above. The poster art is used on ten stamp labels, alongside Union Flag stamps. The sheet is presented in an attractive 'golden' anniversary pack, with a backing card carrying stills from all the Bond films featured, as well as a précis of each plot, dates of release and the names of the main characters and who played them •



Above: this limited edition stamp sheet commemorates 50 years of James Bond films. Price £14.95