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Stamp Preview

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Locomotive Stamps

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Classic Locomotives

Royal Mail's 2004 Special Stamp Programme gets underway with an issue that is both a thematic and an anniversary issue. It continues the transport theme that began with Buses in 2001 and commemorates the 200th anniversary of the first journey on rails by a steam locomotive in February 1804. The inventor and engineer responsible for this achievement was Richard Trevithick.

Classic Locomotives features a variety of different types of locomotive travelling on preserved railways around the UK, with the thrill and energy of steam further enhanced by the 60 x 21mm format. The designers Harold Batten and Mike Denny, chose their subjects to represent a range of locomotive types, ages and railway companies and photographer John Wildgoose travelled the UK to capture the locomotives in their full glory.



20p
Dolgoch
0-4-0T

Dolgoch was the first locomotive to pull a passenger train on a heritage railway in the UK. Built by Fletcher Jennings & Co, Whitehaven in 1864, it runs on the narrow 2'3" gauge Talyllyn Railway in North Wales and is seen here in its 1946 light green livery.



28p
CR 439
0-4-4T

124 of these locomotives were built between 1895 and 1925 by St Rollox Works (CR), Nasmyth Wilson & Co. The stamp shows the Caledonian Railway tank locomotive pulling a train of Caledonian Railway carriages alongside the shore of the Forth Estuary.



E Class
GCR 8K
2-8-0

Thundering along on this stamp is an express goods locomotive in British Railways livery with a rake of 'windcutter' wagons. Of the 666 engines of this class built this is the only surviving 8K in the UK. It is currently in use at Great Central Railways in Loughborough.



42p
GWR Manor
4-6-0

Detailed here is the Great Western Manor Class 'Bradley Manor' with a train of Great Western Railway carriages approaching Victoria Bridge over the River Severn. Built in 1938, it was finally withdrawn from service in 1965 and is now operated by the Severn Valley Railway.



47p
SR West
Country 4-6-2

This stamp shows the 'air smoothed' West Country class 'Blackmoor Vale' at Horsted Keynes Station on the Bluebell Line. This class of locomotive is famous for pulling 'The Golden Arrow' and 'Bournemouth Belle' Pullman trains in the 1950s and early 1960s.



68p
BR Standard
4 2-6-4T

155 of these engines were built across 3 of British Railways works - Brighton, Derby and Doncaster between 1951 and 1957. This particular locomotive saw service on the London, Tilbury and Southend line until the route was electrified in 1962. It now runs on The North Yorkshire Moors Railway.

Also available as a miniature sheet

Technical Details - Classic Locomotives - 13th January 2004

Issue Date	13th January 2004	Gum	PVA
Format	Horizontal	Perforations	14.5 x 14.5
Stamp Size	60mm x 21mm	Phosphor	As appropriate
Process	Lithography	Pack Number	355
Number per sheet	24/48	Alternative Handstamp	York
Printer	De La Rue Security Print		

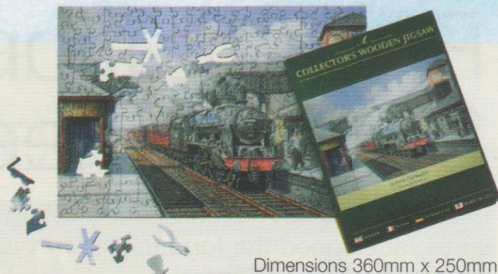
Apology - In The British Museum Preview we incorrectly spelt the name of the designer - his name is Graeme Montgomery.

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Here are some other interesting items to complement this particular stamp issue

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This 250 piece collectible wooden jigsaw is deceptively difficult as each piece is a unique shape. Certain pieces known as 'whimsies' relate to railways.



Dimensions 360mm x 250mm

Framed Classic Locomotives Stamps - Limited Edition 595

Hurry and order this exclusive framed set. On this limited edition the mount features a line drawing in cool grey depicting a standard class 4 locomotive. The stamps are presented in a dark blue stained solid wood frame.



Dimensions 315mm x 195mm

Framed Classic Locomotives Stamps

The Classic Locomotives stamps make a fascinating centrepiece for this stylish item. Perfect for a study or hallway wall. As with the limited edition (see above) the frame is fashioned from dark blue stained solid wood.



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