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Geddy One Stone

Body The Millennium Dome tour of the human body covers a range of issues – from dealing with a hang-over, to body sounds such as the heartbeat and stomach gurgles.

Bath Spa The Bath Spa Project is a new complex, being created on the site of the city's disused municipal swimming baths. The hot springs in its bathing waters will also provide for a sustainable heating system.

The Body and Bone issue will go on sale at post offices and philatelic outlets on 3 October.

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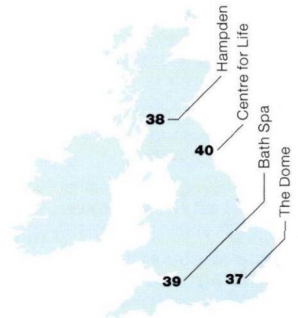


Hampden Park New and refurbished stands, a Museum of Football and an International Media Centre are all part of the Millennium Project bringing this stadium up to international standard.

Centre for Life A centre for genetic research, facilities for biotechnology businesses, educational resources for children, and a forum for ethical debate are all accommodated in this centre (opposite page, top left).

Body and Bone is the tenth of 12 sets of Millennium stamps this year, inspired by Millennium projects across the UK. The Millennium Dome Body Zone is the subject of the 2nd class value. The centrepiece of the Body Zone is a pair of monumental figures, which visitors enter for a tour through the workings of the human body • Featured on the 1st class value is a match at Glasgow's Hampden Park, the home of Scottish football. The stadium redevelopment, funded by a Millennium Commission grant, creates new facilities for players, officials and supporters alike • A new

spa complex in Bath is the subject of the 45p stamp. This project will re-unite Bath with the waters of Britain's only naturally-occurring hot springs, used for over 7000 years for healing, relaxation and pleasure • The 65p value features the Centre for Life in Newcastle, where research and education, science and biotechnology, entertainment and ethics are brought together in examining all human life •



Royal Mail Millennium Stamps

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Body and Bone

From the moment that the world opens, singing a wordless song, my mouth a big O.

Been in this bath a thousand years; feels like the centre of life, here and now, me singing, me wrinkled. I'm a body, a bone, a wrinkle

and something more. My kids are banging on the bathroom door saying Let Us In, Let Us In. Kate, Lizzie, Andrew, the world is yours;

have it, play with it, roll it like a football is rolled just before a free kick. The world might be wrinkled, might be steamed up, but it's yours to play with

for at least a thousand years. Kate, Lizzie, Andrew, we're body and bone, bone and body, but so much more, so much more. Draw in the steam,

write in the steam, before it fades. Feels like I've been in this bath for a thousand years, a thousand long, wet, wrinkled years.

Ian McMillan

A well-illustrated presentation pack (above, price £1.95) and stamp cards (price 25p each) will be available at main post offices and philatelic outlets.

Technical details

Printer House of Questa

Process Lithography 2nd class, gravure others

Size 37 × 35mm

Sheets 100

Perforation 14 × 14.5 2nd, 13.5 × 14 others

Phosphor One band 2nd class; two bands others

Gum PVA

Gutter pairs Vertical 2nd, horizontal others

Cylinders and colours

2nd Q1 black ● Q1 slate-blue ● Q1 silver

1st Q1 magenta ● Q1 new blue ● Q1 greenish yellow ● Q1 black ● Q1 silver

45p Q1 mauve ● Q1 olive-grey ● Q1 greenish yellow ● Q1 grey-black ● Q1 silver

65p Q1 magenta ● Q1 pale new blue ● Q1 greenish yellow ● Q1 grey-black ● Q1 silver

Visitors to the Millennium Dome in London will be welcomed by two monumental figures – 27m (90ft) high and 60m (200ft) long. Visitors enter these figures at the base of the torso and climb an escalator for a tour through the workings of the human body. The exit route leaves through an interactive 'exploration area' that deals with health and medical issues.

Football is undoubtedly a passion in Scotland, and so it was fitting that Hampden Park was redeveloped for the Millennium. The new South Stand and refurbished West Stand opened in May 1999. A new All Sports Injury Clinic will become the focus of sports-related injury assessment, treatment and research in Scotland. The old Hampden Park Stadium featured on the 'Celebration of Scottish Football' aerogramme, issued 2 April 1996.

The Bath Spa Project unites past and present, with a new spa complex on the site of the disused municipal swimming baths, and the restoration of important heritage buildings including the Cross Bath, where Charles II bathed in 1663.

At the International Centre for Life, exhibits explore life and how it works include the Institute of Human Genetics, a major centre for fundamental genetic research into inherited conditions. A Bioscience Centre provides facilities for biotechnology businesses, and Superlab houses an education resource centre for children. The ethical implications of rapid advances in genetics are researched and debated at the Bioethics Forum.



Future Millennium issues

Spirit and Faith	07.11.00
Sound and Vision	05.12.00

FIRST DAY FACILITIES Unstamped Royal Mail FDC envelopes will be available from main post offices and philatelic outlets about a week before 3 October, price 25p. Orders for FDCs with the stamps cancelled by a pictorial first day postmark of the Bureau or Glasgow must reach the Bureau by 3 October. Price £2.25 UK (including VAT) or £1.92 overseas (no VAT).

Collectors may send stamped covers on the day of issue to: British Philatelic Bureau, Freepost EH3647, 21 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 9PE, or Special Handstamp Centre, Royal Mail, 57 Queen Street, Glasgow G1 3AZ (Glasgow postmark), marking the outer envelope 'FD0027' (Bureau), or 'FD0028' (Glasgow). Covers can be posted or handed in at main post offices for the Glasgow postmark. A non-pictorial Glasgow postmark is also available from the Special Handstamp Centre, request 'FD0028 NP'.

Details of sponsored handstamps for 3 October will be announced in the *British Postmark Bulletin*, available on subscription from the Bureau (£10 UK/Europe; £21.75 elsewhere). For a sample copy write to: The Editor, British Postmark Bulletin, Royal Mail, 2-14 Bunhill Row, London EC1Y 8HQ.

MILLENNIUM PHILATELIC PRODUCTS Each of the Millennium packs this year includes a specially commissioned poem. That in the Body and Bone pack, entitled *Fat Man in the Bath*, is by Ian McMillan, born in South Yorkshire in 1957. He has been a writer and performer, in hundreds of venues from theatres to prisons and front rooms, since 1981. He does a lot of work for radio and has been writer in residence for Barnsley Football Club and the Northern Spirit rail company. *Fat Man in the Bath* is Ian's personal reflection of the Body and Bone theme and the four subjects of the stamps ●

Next Millennium issues The eleventh set in the Millennium 2000 series will be issued on 7 November. Entitled Spirit and Faith, it features St Edmundsbury Cathedral; Church floodlighting; St Patrick Centre, Downpatrick; and Mystery Plays, York Minster. The 2000 series concludes with Sound and Vision (5 December). The final Millennium issue – The Future – will be issued on 16 January. The Royal Mail Millennium collection was granted Millennium Product status by the Design Council in December 1999 ●



Footbaler p16/p3. Getty One Stone Centre for Life p16. International Centre for Life