

## May special issues

### The World Cup: wishing England well in this year's finals



WORLD CUP 2002  
KOREA/JAPAN  
31 MAY – 30 JUNE



A SINGLE 1ST CLASS STAMP and a miniature sheet will be issued on 21 May to commemorate England's participation in the World Cup.

The 2002 World Cup finals will be held at 20 stadiums in Japan and South Korea between 31 May and 30 June. According to one press report, Japan and Korea have spent over £4 billion 'to create the most state-of-the-art competition ever'. All but one of the stadiums have been specially built for the event.

To mark the participation of the England team, Royal Mail will issue a single 1st class stamp (27p) in an adaptation of the English 1st class country stamp showing the Crowned Lion supporting the Shield of St George, printed in blue on a white background rather than in brick red as for the country stamp. The Queen's head is printed in red instead of silver as on the definitive. In addition there will be a miniature sheet comprising a block of four 1st class stamps with a composite design of footballs against the St George flag of England, and the Crowned Lion and Shield stamp alongside, price £1.35. Both single stamp and miniature sheet go on sale on 21 May, 10 days before the start of the tournament.

The 1st class Crowned Lion stamp is an adaptation of the design by Sedley Place using an image sculpted by David Dathan and photographed by Chris Ridley. The four St George Flag stamps in the miniature sheet were designed by Howard Brown with illustration by Peter Crowther. Mr Brown designed the 1996 Football Legends stamps.



**Self-adhesive book** A £1.62 book containing two World Cup Lion stamps and four 1st definitives, all self-adhesive, will be available from 21 May.

A presentation pack containing the miniature sheet (right, £1.70), and six stamp cards (25p each) reproducing the 1st class stamp, the four stamps from the miniature sheet, and the sheet itself will be available from main post offices and philatelic outlets.



#### Technical details

**Printer** Walsall Security Printers

**Process** Gravure

**Stamp size** Crowned Lion 35 × 37mm; Football & Flag 41 × 30mm

**Sheets** Crowned Lion 100

**Miniature sheet size** 146 × 74mm

**Perforation** Crowned Lion 14.5; Football & Flag 15 × 14

**Phosphor** Two bands

**Gum** PVA

**Gutter pairs** Crowned Lion stamp horizontal

#### Cylinders and colours

Crowned Lion stamp: W1 slate blue ● W1 scarlet ● W1 silver ● W1 phosphor



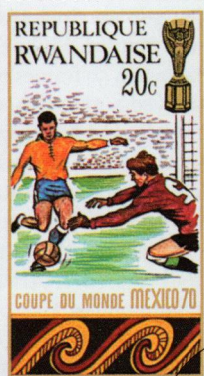
**FIRST DAY FACILITIES** Unstamped Royal Mail FDC envelopes will be available from main post offices and philatelic outlets about a week before 21 May, price 25p. Orders for FDCs with the miniature sheet cancelled by a pictorial first day postmark of Talents House or Wembley must reach Royal Mail (address below) by the day of issue. Price £2 UK (including VAT) or £1.71 overseas (no VAT).

Collectors may send stamped covers (single stamps and/or miniature sheet) on the day of issue to: Royal Mail Talents House, 21 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 9PB (Talents House postmark), or Special Handstamp Centre, Royal Mail, Mount Pleasant, London EC1A 1BB (Wembley postmark), marking the outer envelope 'FD0213', or 'FD0214' respectively. Covers can be posted or handed in at main post offices for the Wembley postmark. For details of other handstamps see the *British Postmark Bulletin*.

**PHILATELIC PRODUCTS** A World Cup Coin Cover, price £12.95, will be available from Royal Mail Talents House. This includes a £1 English coin as well as the World Cup stamps cancelled by a Bisham Abbey postmark (the England team's training ground) ●

**World Cup issues** This will be Britain's first World Cup issue since 1966 when three stamps, in June, marked the staging of the tournament at grounds in England and a single stamp, in August, commemorated England beating West Germany in the final. The World Cup Winners stamp is part of UK philatelic folklore – all 12.5 million stamps were quickly bought up by philatelists and the general public and were soon changing hands at many times face value. However as very few were ever used for postage, the quantity proved, in the longer term, sufficient for philatelic needs and is today catalogued by Stanley Gibbons at just 20p although first day covers are priced at £11. Bobby Moore, the England captain who received the Jules Rimet Cup from The Queen on 30 July 1966 featured on one of the Football Legends stamps, issued at the time of the European Championships in 1996, and on the 26p value of the Entertainers' Tale set in the Millennium series.

To promote the 2002 World Cup, the South Korean Post Office has issued stamps and miniature sheets since August 1996 •



**The England team and players featured on overseas stamps** Stamps marking England's 1966 win were issued by Maldives in 1967, and Ras al Khaima and Sharjah (now United Arab Emirates) in 1966. One of the Ras al Khaima stamps shows The Queen presenting Bobby Moore with the World Cup. Sir Alf Ramsey, the manager who masterminded the 1966 success is shown on a stamp from Niger issued in 1977.

**The England team** Bhutan 1991 & 1997, Bulgaria 1994, Central African Republic 1993, Gambia 1997 & 2000, Grenadines of Grenada 1997, Guyana 1998, Maldives 1997, St Vincent 1986

**Tony Adams** Bhutan 1997

**Gordon Banks** Antigua 1993, Gambia 1994

**John Barnes** Antigua 1993, Tanzania 1994

**David Beckham** Bhutan 1997

**Terry Butcher** Guyana 1993

**Sir Bobby Charlton** Antigua 1993, Gambia 1994, Nicaragua 1970

**Paul Gascoigne** Antigua 1993, Bhutan 1997, Grenada 1997, Lesotho 1997, Maldives 1990 & 1994, St Vincent 1997

**Sir Geoff Hurst** Antigua 1993

**Kevin Keegan** Central African Republic 1985, Gambia 2000, Guinea-Bissau 1982

**Gary Lineker** Antigua 1993, Gambia 1993, Grenada 1993, Grenadines of Grenada 1990, Maldives 1994, Sierra Leone 1993, Uganda 1993

**Sir Stanley Matthews** Nicaragua 1970

**Bobby Moore** Antigua 1993 & 1997, Bhutan 1997, Dominica 1997, Gambia 1997, Grenada 1997, Montserrat 1994, Nicaragua 1974, St Vincent 1997, Uganda 1997

**Phil Neal** Guinea 1985

**Stuart Pearce** Bhutan 1997, Guyana 1993

**Martin Peters** Antigua 1993

**David Platt** Antigua 1993, Lesotho 1994

**Bryan Robson** Antigua 1993, Nevis 1990, Nicaragua 1994, St Vincent Grenadines 1990

**David Seaman** Gambia 2000, Ghana 1997, Grenada 1997, St Vincent 1997

**Alan Shearer** Dominica 1997, Gambia 1997 & 2000, Grenadines of Grenada 1997, Lesotho 1997

**Peter Shilton** Antigua 1993

**Gareth Southgate** Gambia 2000, Lesotho 1997

**Nobby Stiles** Antigua 1993

**Billy Wright** Nicaragua 1970

**Mark Wright** Sierra Leone 1993