

British Monarchs Royal Mail's series turns



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SEVEN STAMPS depicting Scottish monarchs of the House of Stewart go on sale at Post Office branches and philatelic outlets and from Royal Mail Tallents House from 23 March.

The stamps, three × 1st class, two × 62p and two × 81p, feature: James I (reigned 1406-37); James II (1437-60); James III (1460-88); James IV (1488-1513); James V (1513-42); James VI (1567-1625); and Mary, Queen of Scots (1542-67). The images of James I, II and III are reproduced from oil paintings on wooden panels by an unknown artist, held in the Scottish National Portrait Gallery. The portrait of James IV is by Daniel Mytens, from the collection of A Stirling of Keir; that of James V by Corneille de Lyon (from a private collection); Queen Mary by Francois Clouet (Royal Collection); and James VI attributed to Adrian Vanson (SNPG). King James VI was also King James I of England, 1603-25.

There will also be a miniature sheet showing St Andrews University (founded in 1412), College of Surgeons Edinburgh (1505), Court of Session (1532) and John Knox (1559 Reformation).

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This is the third instalment of the Monarchs series, which began with the Houses of Lancaster & York (February 2008), followed by the Tudors (April 2009). The next issue will feature the Stuarts, from James I of England (VI of Scotland) to Queen Anne, to be issued in June.

FIRST DAY FACILITIES Orders for serviced FDCs must reach Tallents House (address below) by the date of issue. Collectors may send stamped covers on the day of issue to: Royal Mail Tallents House, 21 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 9PB (for Tallents House postmark), or to the nearest Royal Mail Special Handstamp Centre (Linlithgow postmark) marking the outer envelope 'FD1011' or 'FD1012'. Covers can be posted or handed in at main Post Office branches for the Linlithgow postmark.

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Set of stamps	£ 4.03
Miniature sheet	£ 2.66
Pack (stamps & mini sheet)	£ 7.20
First day envelope	£ 0.30
FDC stamps (UK)	£ 5.21
FDC stamps (overseas)	£ 4.44
FDC mini sheet (UK)	£ 3.60
FDC mini sheet (overseas)	£ 3.07
Stamp cards set (12 cards)	£ 4.80
Miniature sheet press sheet	£61.45
Cachet cover	£ 9.99

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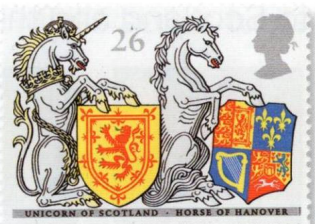
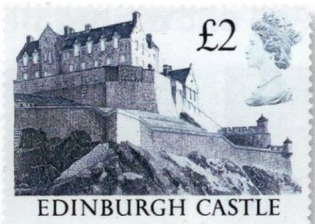
ST ANDREWS 1413		COLLEGE OF SURGEONS 1505		COURT OF SESSION 1532		JOHN KNOX 1559	
JAMES I 1406	JAMES II 1437	JAMES III 1460	JAMES IV 1488	JAMES V 1513	MARY 1542	JAMES VI 1567	



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House of Stewart

This is the first set of stamps to depict Scottish monarchs. Mary, Queen of Scots and Linlithgow Palace featured on a Scottish airletter marking the 400th anniversary of her death in 1987. The airletter was shown in Colin Baker's article in the November 2009 *Bulletin* (p85), and a detail is shown here, at left. Queen Mary also featured on the Scottish National Portrait Gallery airletter of 1989, and a gold enamelled locket set with a cameo portrait of her featured on the Society of Antiquaries airletter of August 1980. James VI featured, as James I of England, on the 26p Christians' Tale stamp in the Millennium series (above). Linlithgow Palace, begun by James I after the previous manor house was destroyed by fire in 1424, was the birthplace of Mary, Queen of Scots. Linlithgow has been chosen for the alternative First Day of Issue postmark for this issue.

The Lion Rampant and Unicorn, as symbols of Scottish Royalty, featured on one of the Queen's Beasts stamps of 1998 (above), the 1958 Scottish 1s3d regional stamp (and 2008 1st class version), and 28p and 31p Heraldry stamps of 1984 and 1987 (above) Edinburgh Castle and the Palace of Holyroodhouse, homes to Scottish monarchs, have featured on stamps – Edinburgh Castle on high values of 1955 and 1988 (above), and Holyroodhouse on the 1978 10½p Historic Buildings stamp (above).

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