

British Monarchs Next in the series: seven



SEVEN stamps and a miniature sheet commemorating the House of Stuart go on sale at Post Office branches and philatelic outlets and Royal Mail Tallents House on 15 June. Please note, this issue was originally scheduled for October. The stamps feature: 1st class, James I (1603-25) and Charles I (1625-49); 60p, Charles II (1660-85) and James II (1685-88); 67p, William III (1689-1702) and Mary II (1689-93); and 88p, Anne (1702-14). James I of England was James VI of Scotland (1567-1625) and James II was James VII of Scotland (1685-88). William III, of the Dutch House of Orange, married James II's elder daughter Mary; they reigned jointly as King and Queen.

The miniature sheet contains 1st class, 60p, 88p and 97p stamps depicting William Harvey (1628 Blood Circulation), the Civil War (1645 Battle of Naseby), John Milton (1667 *Paradise Lost*) and Castle Howard (built by John Vanbrugh, 1712). The stamps and sheet were designed by Atelier, who have designed the previous issues in this Monarchs series.

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Stuarts on stamps This is the first issue dedicated to the Stuart monarchs, but James I (VI of Scotland) featured in the 1999 Millennium Christians' Tale set (left) and in the House of Stewart set earlier this year. Other stamps on a Stuart era theme are Inigo Jones (1973), Scottish Heraldry (1987) and Civil War (1992). The Stuart monarchs ended with Queen Anne in 1714, but supporters of the Royal House of Stewart/Stuart, known as Jacobites (after James II) continued to press their cause. There were several Jacobite risings, notably in 1715 and 1745-46. James II's grandson, Prince Charles Edward (Bonnie Prince Charlie), leader of 'the '45' appeared on a 1989 Scottish aerogramme; he raised his standard at Glenfinnan, near the famous railway viaduct (built later of course) shown on the 47p British Journey Scotland stamp of 2003 ●

Kings and Queens of the House of Stuart



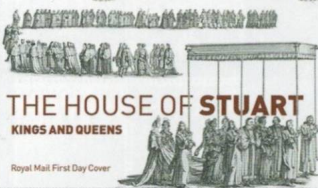
Set of stamps	£ 4.24
Miniature sheet	£ 2.86
Pack (stamps & min sheet)	£ 7.60
First day envelope	£ 0.30
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THE AGE OF THE STUARTS

BLOOD CIRCULATION 1628		BATTLE OF NASEBY 1645		PARADISE LOST 1667		CASTLE HOWARD 1712	
JAMES I 1603	CHARLES I 1625	ENGLISH CIVIL WARS 1642-1651		CHARLES II 1660	WILLIAM & MARY 1689		ANNE 1702



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