

# THE ORIGINAL 1st 1974 SELF-ADHESIVE STAMPS



The original and 1st GB self-adhesives were, in fact, issued in 1974 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the world's 1st self-adhesives which were produced by Sierra Leone, despite claims by the Royal Mail that their recent experimental trial period booklet contained the first G.B. self-adhesive stamp - it is, of course, the 1st NVI G.B. self-adhesive!

This new trial booklet has produced operational problems because the postmark can easily be removed and the stamps reused due to a shiny paper being in the printing - current stocks are apparently being run down and we can probably expect a revised edition in due course. Order yours now! Now obsolete!

These original self-adhesives were the brainchild of two philatelic entrepreneurs - Mr Derek Worboys and Mr John Daynes who both submitted orders for these Machin octagonal diestamped designs to Her Majesty's Stationery Office to be produced on self-adhesive paper. These stamps were produced in late 1973 just prior to this special service being withdrawn. The 1st Series was duly issued on February 10th which was the exact date of the 10th Anniversary of the Sierra Leone self-adhesive Issue. These self-adhesives are officially approved by the Post Office and remain fully postally valid and are an important part of British postal history.

We now list the range of these very interesting self-adhesive stamps which are now available to include the 1st and 2nd Series by Derek Worboys and the 3rd Series by John Daynes. The 1st and 2nd Series appeared with square backing paper and the 3rd Series with circular backing paper for easy identification!

**IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS IN 1973, LORD CLIFFORD OF CHUDLEIGH SUGGESTED THAT THE POST OFFICE SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE INTRODUCTION OF SELF-ADHESIVE STAMPS ON HEALTH GROUNDS**

**1st SERIES** with Square Backing, issued 10th February 1974, 1,000 Sets only produced by Derek Worboys. 5 values complete. 1/2p, 1p, 1 1/2p, 5 1/2p (5p & 1/2p) & 8p (5p & 3p)...~~£150.00~~ **£125.00**  
do. 1/2p only **£5.00**, 1p or 1 1/2p each ~~£20.00~~ **£25.00**, Set of 3...~~£50.00~~ **£45.00**  
do. 1/2p (with Machin 2 1/2p) on F.D.C. with Wimbledon CDS or Ideal Home slogan Postmark or Machine Cancel, each .....**£6.50**  
do. P.O. Airlitter (6 1/2) with 1/2p self-adhesive with 10th Anniversary of World's 1st self-adhesives Cachet with London CDS or Wimbledon CDS for First Day .....~~£7.50~~ **£5.00**

**2nd SERIES** (19th June 1974) by Derek Worboys 3 1/2p with Special Slogan inscribed 'You Just Cannot Lick Self-Adhesive Stamps for Speed and Hygiene' .....**£12.50**  
do. with additional Red Overprint 'This Slogan Embarrasses the British Post Office and Must Be Detached Before Use' few only available .....**£15.00**  
do. 3 1/2p without (1 only available).....**£250.00**

**Note:** A 3p Value, as above, also exists and is very rare (with or without overprint) each.....~~£125.00~~ **£95.00**  
do. Scarce 3p without Special Slogan inscription (only a few sheets of 12 known) normally £250.00, NOW...**£195.00**

do. both 3p & 3 1/2p on scarce F.D.C. with the Slogan obliterated as requested by Post Office with the label still clearly visible, cancelled with the Lord Nelson Trafalgar Square Handstamp (Normally £75.00), only...~~£35.00~~ **£25.00**

**3rd SERIES** With Circular Backing, 1,000 Sets only produced by John Daynes as listed in the Rosen Catalogue Complete Set of 9 values to 5p .....~~£350.00~~ **£225.00**

Short Set to 4p (8 values) (1 Set only Mounted on back).....~~£95.00~~ **£75.00**

1p ~~£15.00~~ **£10.00**, 1 1/2p ~~£15.00~~ **£10.00**, 2p ~~£15.00~~ **£10.00**, 2 1/2p ~~£15.00~~ **£10.00**, 3p ~~£20.00~~ **£15.00**, 3 1/2p ~~£20.00~~ **£15.00**, 4p value only ~~£20.00~~ **£15.00**

Large Rectangular Self-Adhesives also exist and are very rare. Ask for details.



1/2p 1st series

**ONE OF EACH (Normally £17.50) SPECIAL OFFER £7.50**



3 1/2p 2nd series

## 1971 TV REDIFFUSION SAVINGS STAMPS

From Printers Archive - Not Previously Recorded!



Issued in 1971 by Rediffusion, you get the Issued stamp, Tete-Beche pair of the issued stamp, Huge Misprint of the issued stamp, Imperforate stamp, Specimen Overprinted stamp and Plate Proof pair (gummed paper), all for just, (Only a couple left).....**£25.00**

## 2001 DE LA RUE/ROYAL MAIL SELF-ADHESIVE DUMMY STAMP



When the Post Office issued the 2001 Christmas Self-Adhesive stamps, they were worried that the Post Office staff would find it difficult to remove single stamps from the sheets. They produced special 'Teaching Sheets' for distribution to Post Offices which came with guidelines of how to remove the stamps before they attempted on the real thing, the Christmas stamps.

The sheets were exactly the same as the Christmas sheet stamps but they bear the De La Rue logo on a plain white background. We have obtained a small supply of these 'Teaching Stamps' which we now offer at .....**£2.50**  
do. Gutter Pairs (folded along stamp on 1 side).....**£7.50**