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Stamp of Approval for Mary Rose 500th Anniversary

Leading producer of philatelic collectables Buckingham Covers have worked officially with The Mary Rose Trust to mark the 500th anniversary of the famous Tudor warship. Pride of the English Fleet, The Mary Rose is the only 16th Century warship on display anywhere in the world.

Buckingham has produced a set of collectable envelopes (or "covers") and a Limited Edition Stamp Sheet, available from April 2009.

The First Day cover features Royal Mail's 'House of Tudor' miniature sheet of stamps issued by Royal Mail on 21st April 2009 and is postmarked on the day with Buckingham's official Mary Rose Trust, Portsmouth, postmark. A small number are signed by Dr Margaret Rule CBE, who oversaw the project to raise the wreck from the sea bed in 1982.

The second is a striking coin cover featuring one of the Trust's own Mary Rose medals, vintage and modern stamps, plus the official postmark.

The A4-sized stamp sheet features a dramatic illustration of the ship in battle. In the centre of the sheet is a set of 10 genuine Royal Mail stamps with accompanying Mary Rose labels.

There will be signed versions of both the Mary Rose coin cover and Stamp Sheet, however at the time of writing the signatory has yet to be confirmed.

Buckingham Sheets are much sought-after and previous issues have sold out in record time.

Covers unsigned are £10.95, signed by Dr Margaret Rule CBE are £19.95.

Stamp sheets unsigned are £26.95.

If you would like more details call 01303 278 137, go online at www.buckinghamcovers.com or write to Buckingham Covers, Warren House, Shearway Road, FOLKESTONE, Kent. CT19 4BF.

Buckingham Tribute to Tudor Queen

One of the most famous English Royals, Queen Elizabeth I, is the subject of the latest issue from Buckingham Covers.

The First Day Cover features the Tudor Kings & Queens stamps issued on 21 April and is postmarked in Hatfield, childhood home of Henry VIII's daughter and legendary Queen.

Illustrating the cover is a scene taken from the BBC series "Elizabeth", starring double Emmy Award-winning Glenda Jackson CBE.

A limited number of the covers are available signed by Ms Jackson.

A Miniature Sheet cover featuring Henry VIII's favourite ship, the Mary Rose, is also being planned in collaboration with the Mary Rose Trust. Full details are not available at the time of writing however Dr Margaret Rule CBE, who led the project to excavate and raise the famous ship in 1982, will be the signature for the cover.

Covers unsigned are £10.95, signed by Glenda Jackson CBE are £29.95.

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