

Marking 50 years of 'little victories' and big laughs

They were the infamous inmates of HM Prison Slade who put the 'puns' into crime and punishment. Fifty years since they were first introduced to BBC viewers on 5 September 1974, the exploits of crafty lag Norman Stanley Fletcher, his naive cellmate Godber and a host of other colourful characters continue to captivate audiences.

We're honouring half a century of Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais' beloved British sitcom *Porridge* with eight new stamps featuring classic lines and memorable moments. Explore commemorative collectibles celebrating an iconic series that masterfully blends humour with poignant realism – including a Presentation Pack full of stamps, stories and images featuring stars such as Ronnie Barker and Richard Beckinsale.

So, in the words of Fletch himself: "Just keep your nose clean, bide your time, do your porridge."



1 Mint Stamp Set | AS11900 £13.40

- Celebrating the enduring legacy of a beloved British sitcom on its 50th anniversary.
- Eight mint stamps capture popular *Porridge* characters and memorable quotes from classic scenes.
- Two Second Class, two First Class, two £2.00 and two £2.50 landscape stamps presented as four horizontal se-tenant pairs.

Second Class 'I read a book once, green it was'

Second Class 'I treat you all with equal contempt'

First Class 'Born free, till somebody caught me'

First Class 'There is a thief among us'

£2.00 'Little victories - you told me that'

£2.00 'Free eggs? More like half a dozen, mate'

£2.50 'What, from here?'

£2.50 'I sometimes wish I was in here with you lot'

Technical Details

Stamp format Landscape

Stamp size 41mm x 30mm

Number per sheet 30/60

Design Steers McGillan Eves

Printer Cartor Security Printers

Print process Lithography

Perforations 14.5 x 14

Phosphor Bars as appropriate

Gum PVA

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2 First Day Cover | AF520 £16.75

- A unique time-limited collectible personalised with the name and address of your choice.
- The *Porridge* stamps are cancelled with your preferred special edition postmark on the first day of issue, 3 September 2024.
- The eight stamps depict classic scenes featuring the iconic inmates of HMP Slade.
- Your First Day Cover contains an information card including an overview of this issue.

Choose your postmark

The Tallents House postmark features a classic quote from Fletch while he is being examined by the prison doctor. The alternative postmark depicts a bunch of prison cell keys and the postal location of Fletchertown in a nod to Ronnie Barker's character.



Only available until 3 September 2024

3 Stamp Souvenir | AW275 £16.75

- A non-personalised version of the First Day Cover featuring all eight *Porridge* stamps cancelled with the alternative Fletchertown postmark.
- The First Day Envelope contains the issue's information card.
- On sale until 2 December 2024.

4 First Day Envelope | AE476 £0.30

- Your First Day Envelope includes the issue's title and features Ronnie Barker as HMP Slade's craftiest inmate, Fletcher, against a whitewashed brick wall.

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5 Presentation Pack | AP541 £14.30

- A fun, fact-packed fold-out souvenir featuring stamps, stories and images celebrating 50 years of a beloved British sitcom renowned for its witty dialogue and memorable characters.
- Relive the antics of Norman Stanley Fletcher, Lennie Godber, Mr Mackay and more with the full set of eight mint stamps depicting iconic scenes and laugh-out-loud lines.
- Journalist Tom Huddleston explores the sitcom's cultural legacy and chronicles the inmates' exploits through comprehensive descriptions of characters and episodes.
- A commemorative keepsake full of insights and nostalgia to delight collectors and fans of vintage British comedy.



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6 Framed Stamp Set | N3373 £39.99

- The full set of eight *Porridge* stamps professionally framed and mounted against a whitewashed brick wall background.
- The eight images recall memorable scenes and classic lines from a BBC sitcom regularly ranked among the greatest comedies of all time.
- Dimensions: Approx. 35cm x 20cm.
- A superb souvenir paying tribute to the enduring legacy of a show that became a beloved classic and continues to resonate with audiences – offering both nostalgia and a reminder of its timeless appeal.



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7 Collectors Sheet | AT159 £17.30

- Key characters and memorable moments are captured on this fun souvenir celebrating 50 years of *Porridge*.
- The eight mint stamps appear alongside self-adhesive labels featuring classic quotes and HMP Slade's most infamous inmates.
- The stamps and labels are set against a backdrop of Fletcher in an exchange with prison officer Mr Mackay.
- This delightful collectible is perfect for framing and displaying.

8 Set of 8 Postcards | AQ357 £3.60

- Eight postcards featuring enlarged reproductions of the new *Porridge* stamps.
- The set brings to life memorable moments from this timeless TV favourite in even richer detail.
- Perfect for collecting, framing or sending to fans of this beloved British sitcom.



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9 Half Second Class Sheet | AS11900AHS £25.50

- A Half Stamp Sheet containing 30 *Porridge* Second Class stamps.

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