

Eminent Britons A special issue honouring



TEN 1ST CLASS stamps featuring eminent Britons go on sale at Post Office branches and philatelic outlets and Royal Mail Tallents House on 8 October. The issue honours men and women in various walks of life who have made a major contribution to the British way of life. The stamps commemorate anniversaries of their births or, in the case of Campbell and Ryle, of important achievements in their lives. The Ryle stamp includes the EUROPA symbol, as Royal Mail's contribution to this year's Europa series on the theme of astronomy. The Queen's silhouette and service indicator are positioned at top left on all stamps.

The stamps were designed by Together Design, and printed in litho by Walsall Security Printers in horizontal se-tenant strips of five in two separate sheets, with five designs in each sheet. The stamps are 35mm square.

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