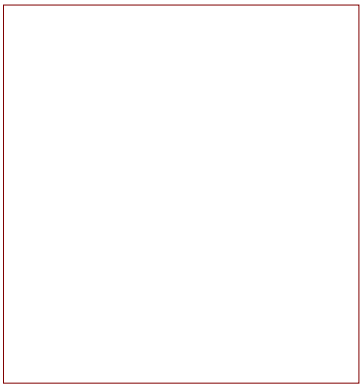
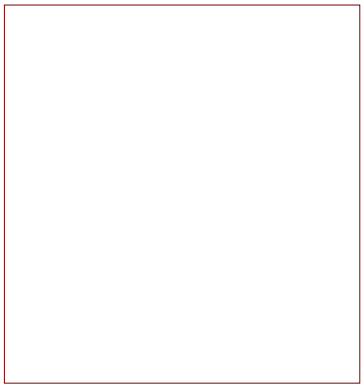
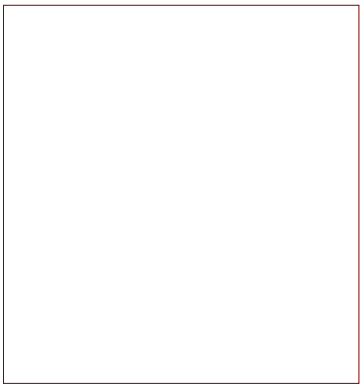
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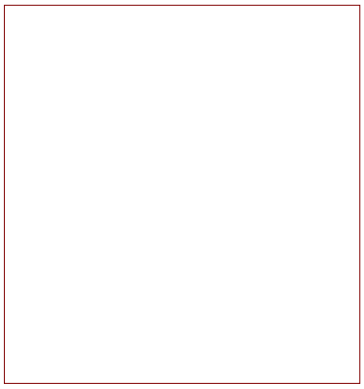
This series were issued to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the birth of William Shakespeare. The Great Britain stamps set a precedent as they were the first to have a person other than the reigning monarch on them. The 4 lower values were issued in both ordinary and phosphor band versions which was used as part of the experimental, at the time, automatic sorting machines. The Colonial issues are a common design and all depict the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Shakespeares birthplace of Stratford-upon-Avon in Great Britain. The Cyprus issues, which are included here because Cyprus was a British colony until independance in 1960, but Stanley Gibbons still include this set in their omnibus lists so they are listed here for completeness, feature famous Greek Stadia and Greek theatre. Other countries also issued celebratory stamps e.g. USA, Russia, East Gemany, Hungary and Czechoslovakia

GREECE









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GREAT BRITAIN





Ordinary







Phosphor









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