# Annual Sets 2022

The Annual Sets is one of our most popular releases of the year, celebrating some of the biggest events, anniversaries and individuals in British history. Over the next few pages, you will find a variety of fun facts and interesting activities surrounding the five coins selected for the 2022 Annual Sets, which include those celebrating Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Dame Vera Lynn, Alexander Graham Bell and the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

The Annual Sets also include packs dedicated to the eight definitive coins of the year, featuring all the coins you use in the shops. Turn the page to learn all about these coins and the stories behind each amazing topic.





# Platinum Jubilee

This year is a milestone year for Her Majesty The Queen, as she becomes the first British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, extending her record as Britain's longest reigning monarch. When Princess Elizabeth became queen in 1952, she was just 25 years old and her coronation ceremony in 1953 was the first coronation broadcast on television. At the time, there was only one TV channel and an estimated 27 million people in the United Kingdom – more than half of the population – watched the event.

This year marks the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, as she celebrates 70 years as monarch.







## DID YOU KNOW?

Since becoming queen in 1952, Her Majesty has worked with 14 different UK Prime Ministers. The first Prime Minister she worked with was Sir Winston Churchill, who was serving his second term in office following his initial tenure during the Second World War.



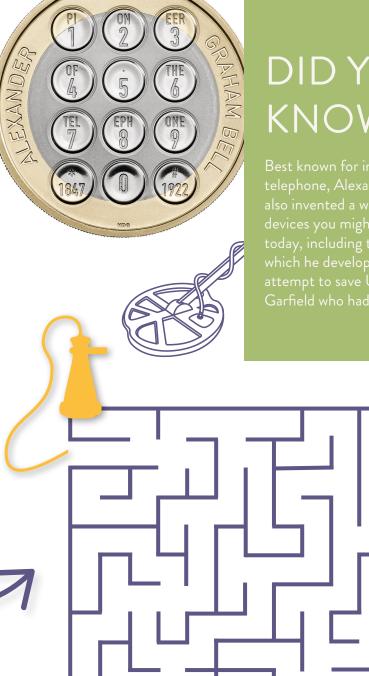


# Alexander Graham Bell

When it comes to great inventions of the last 200 years, there is no denying that the telephone is one of them. Today, it is hard to imagine life without being able to pick up the phone and call our friends and family – and that is all thanks to Alexander Graham Bell.

On 10 March 1876, after months of testing, Bell successfully made the first telephone call in

history. The recipient was his assistant, Thomas Watson, who was at the receiver in another room. The first words uttered into this new device were, 'Mr. Watson, come here. I want to see you.' ... and the rest, as they say, is history!



## **DID YOU** KNOW?

also invented a whole host of other Garfield who had been shot.



#### **STAY CONNECTED**

Help Alexander Graham Bell make a phone call by drawing a line from the receiver to the telephone stand.

Alexander Graham Bell was born in Scotland but eventually moved to the United States, which is where he

# Birmingham 2022, Commonwealth Games

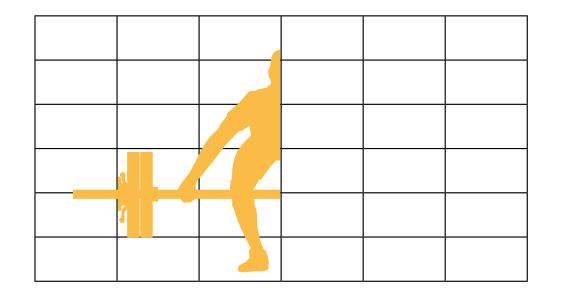
The Commonwealth Games is one of the biggest sporting events in the world and involves a whole host of sports, from athletics, swimming and gymnastics to rugby sevens, netball and cricket. Taking place every four years, the Commonwealth Games has been a fixture of the sporting calendar since 1930. Birmingham 2022 will be the seventh time the competition has taken place in the United Kingdom and the third time in England. The last time England hosted the Commonwealth Games was in 2002, where England won 164 medals, Wales scored 31, Scotland earned 29 and Northern Ireland picked up five overall.

#### **MIRROR IMAGE**

Complete the picture of this Commonwealth Games weightlifter by drawing a mirror image on the left-hand side.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Unlike the Olympic Games, the countries of the United Kingdom compete as individual nations and teams at the Commonwealth Games. As you can imagine, this has created some interesting moments in the past and perhaps none are more memorable than the final of the Men's 4x400m Relay in 2002, when England narrowly beat Wales by just 0.01 seconds and won gold.



BIRMINGHAM 2022 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

The Commonwealth Games is one of the only major sporting competitions that fully integrates para-sports into the main programme of events.



During the Second World War, Dame Vera Lynn became a national treasure in the United Kingdom, capturing the hearts of many with her iconic renditions of 'White Cliffs of Dover', 'There Will Always be an England' and 'We'll Meet We'll meet again, Don't know where, don't know when, Br Again'. Nicknamed 'The Forces' Sweetheart', she remained a huge star after the war ended and was a mainstay of the

British entertainment scene in the decades that followed. In her later years, Dame Vera was as popular as ever, so much so that she even topped the iTunes singles chart two months after her death in 2020.



## **DID YOU** KNOW?

became the first Brit to have



of British entertainment and



#### NOW IT'S **YOUR TURN**

Design a coin for your favourite musician!

Who is your favourite singer/band? Do they play a particular instrument? What songs are they most famous for? Do they have their own logo?

### Word Search

We have hidden 15 words related to the 2022 Annual Sets in the grid to your right – can you find them all?





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