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Welcome to Mint Edition

"As we reach the end of 2023, it's an opportunity to reflect on what an extraordinary year it has been for the nation and The Royal Mint.

"Together, we celebrated significant historical moments for His Majesty King Charles III, including his coronation in May, the release of the first definitive UK coins of his reign in October and his upcoming 75th birthday in November. We are proud to have shared these milestone events with our customers, creating coins and bars which will commemorate the moment forever.

"As this memorable year draws to a close, we look towards the festive winter months and spending time with family and friends. With lots of fun-filled activities for little ones, including Santa's workshop and the opportunity to strike your own festive commemorative coin, The Royal Mint Experience is the perfect place to make magical memories this Christmas.

"As our thoughts turn to gifting, new commemorative ranges featuring His Majesty's official coinage portrait are an excellent way to mark this historic year. Our Coronation collection features a special crowned portrait of the monarch and is an ideal Christmas gift for numismatics. This is also the last chance for collectors to own a piece of royal history as newly struck commemorative coins bearing the portrait of Queen Elizabeth II remain on sale until 31 December 2023.

"In this edition we celebrate commemorative releases including *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* and *The Snowman™*, with designs featuring much-loved literary characters created by C. S. Lewis and Raymond Briggs respectively. We explore our Myths and Legends bullion collection and prepare to feel festive with the release of our Christmas bullion bars and sixpence – released just in time for Stir-up Sunday.

"I'd like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and hope you can enjoy time with those closest to you. There is something for everyone in this issue, so please read on to discover more news from The Royal Mint and thank you for celebrating this very special year with us."

Anne Jessopp,
Deputy Master and Chief Executive of The Royal Mint



Stir Up Joy with a Sixpence

No other coin has been an enduring part of British culture quite like the sixpence, which is not surprising when you consider that it made its first appearance in 1551, during the reign of Edward VI. For more than 400 years, it was a mainstay of British currency and still holds a special place in people's hearts, colloquially nicknamed the 'tanner'.

Stir Up Joy with a Sixpence

When the switch to a decimal currency came about in 1971, the British public were still able to use the sixpence until it was eventually demonetised in 1980. In 2016, The Royal Mint revived this lucky coin for a new era, creating a decimal 6p version of the sixpence.

Today, the coin is affectionately thought of as a symbol of good luck, and you'll find brides around the world tucking one into their shoe as they complete the age-old rhyme of 'Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue and a sixpence in her shoe'. It is thought that this is able to ward off bad spirits during the rites of passage such as weddings.

The sixpence is also integral to one of Britain's most popular festive activities, which involves a Christmas pudding. Tradition dictates that a silver sixpence is placed inside the pudding before it is cooked and the person who finds the coin in their piece of pudding on Christmas Day can look forward to good fortune in the year to come. Preparations traditionally take place on Stir-up Sunday, which is the Sunday before Advent and falls on 26 November this year.

Families gather to help make the Christmas pudding and the idea is that before they add the sixpence each person makes a wish as they give the mix a stir. Sometimes, you will find that multiple generations will use the exact same coin each year. It is also customary to warn guests that they may find a sixpence in their slice of Christmas pudding.

It is thought that this Christmas tradition was brought to Britain by Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's husband. There are earlier traditions of adding a dried bean or pea to Christian festive puddings, known as Twelfth Night cakes. The person who found the bean or pea was 'crowned' king or queen for the evening. However, the tradition of adding a sixpence to the Christmas pudding became popular during the Victorian era and remains to this day.

This Christmas, you could start a new family tradition with a modern silver sixpence from The Royal Mint. Dated 2023 and available struck in gold, each coin comes in a beautiful gift box, making it a thoughtful Christmas gift or special treat for the keen baker in your life.

This year, the coin features a rare change in reverse design to honour the year of King Charles III's coronation. Based on The King's royal cypher, this special design will only appear on 2023-dated editions of the sixpence, making this coin a special keepsake of a memorable year.



The Sixpence
2023 UK GOLD
PROOF COIN

Code: **UK23CSGP**
LEP: **Unlimited**
Price: **£530.00**
MCM: **Unlimited**



The Sixpence
2023 UK SILVER
PROOF COIN

Code: **UK23CSSP**
LEP: **Unlimited**
Price: **£17.50**
MCM: **Unlimited**



The Gift that Lasts a Lifetime

How many of us were hooked on collecting when we found an unusual-looking coin in our change, pocket money or stuffed into the toe of a stocking? Those who enjoy collecting understand the joy it can bring, from finding a rare coin in your change to spotting a much-loved character.

Connect with Coins

Why not share your own collection with the little ones in your life, telling them about the stories behind the coins you've gathered, which could spark an interest in a variety of topics? Decimalisation is an ideal event to explore, as you could find old coins together, or you could browse our vast range of collections that include popular childhood characters, historic coins and specially curated sets.

Kings and Queens

Royalty is a great theme to consider, as children can look out for new coins featuring the coinage portrait of His Majesty, those featuring different portraits of Queen Elizabeth II or commemorative coins marking the growth of the Royal Family. Alongside today's monarchy, we have also released coins celebrating and exploring the Royal Tudor Beasts and legendary British Monarchs.

Family Favourites

Some of the nation's best-loved coins are those struck to remember favourite stories from childhood, which can reward or encourage a love of reading and capture little imaginations. We have coins celebrating *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, the writer, poet and scholar JRR Tolkien, the Harry Potter stories and *The Snowman™*, a Christmas favourite. These themes have dedicated areas on our website, where children can find games, competitions, information and more. Older children might prefer some of our other themes, including James Bond and Innovation in Science.

More than Money

Made to treasure long after the big day is over, coins from The Royal Mint make wonderful gifts. At Christmastime, carefully crafted gifts are in demand. Alongside our commemorative editions, which make great presents, you can also choose from our Christmas collection. Featuring decorations that might mark a special year for a little one, sixpences for family traditions or – if you're looking for something to gift for their future – gold bars that are perfect to tuck into a Christmas stocking, there is something for everyone.

With coins celebrating wonderful themes and featuring intriguing designs, the festive season is the perfect time to introduce young people to the fascinating world of coins, inspiring a passion that may well last a lifetime.



Celebrating the Life and Work of JRR Tolkien
2023 UK £2
SILVER PROOF COIN

Code: UK23JTSP
LEP: 4,500
Price: £77.50
MCM: 5,160



Robin Shaped Tree Decoration
IN SILVER

Code: JL00XRDS
LEP: Unlimited
Price: £95.00
MCM: Unlimited



Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III
2023 TREE DECORATION
IN GOLD-PLATED SILVER

Code: JL23CDG
LEP: 100
Price: £145.00
MCM: 100



Star Wars
2023 UK 1/4oz
GOLD PROOF
FOUR-COIN COLLECTION

Code: SWQGP
Price Per Coin: £750.00



Harry Potter
2022 UK 50p
SILVER PROOF COLOUR
FOUR-COIN COLLECTION

Code: HP50SP
Price Per Coin: £70.00



Coin Names and Their Nicknames
THE SHILLING, THE FLORIN,
THE SIXPENCE, THE THREEPENCE

Codes: HISBOB, HISFLO, HISTAN, HISTHR
Price Per Coin: £10.00

The Snowman™

When a little boy wakes one day to snow on the ground, he dashes outside to build a snowman. That night, when the clock strikes midnight, The Snowman comes to life and the pair enjoy the most magical adventure. First published in 1978 as a wordless picture book, *The Snowman™* has become synonymous with Christmas in Britain. Our official festive coin returns this year as we celebrate Raymond Briggs' classic winter's tale on a UK 50p coin once more.



The Snowman™

2023 UK 50p SILVER PROOF COIN	2023 UK 50p BU COIN	2023 UK 50p BU COLOUR COIN
Code: UK23SMSP	Code: UK23SMBU	Code: UK23SMBC
Price: £70.00	Price: £11.00	Price: £20.00



Gifting a Piece of History

Since acceding to the throne in September 2022, King Charles III has experienced plenty of milestones, including the release of his official coinage portrait, his historic coronation and the release of the first definitive UK coins of his reign, most of which took place in 2023.

From coins commemorating *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* and coins inspired by *Star Wars*™ to The Sovereign and Britannia, we have several new coin collections that are amongst the first to feature the official coinage portrait of The King.

Marking the succession from one monarch to another, this is the perfect opportunity to collect coins commemorating these key events in British history. It is also the last chance to buy coins bearing the fifth and final definitive coinage portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, as new commemorative coins bearing the portrait will no longer be available to purchase after 31 December 2023.

Gifting a piece of history is the perfect way to commemorate a special year. These are precious gifts that your family and friends can look back on fondly and cherish forever.

Gifting a Piece of History

George V Wreath Crown

Historic coins are memorable gifts that your loved ones can treasure for years to come. There are several denominations that are often associated with Christmas, including the sixpence.

A George V wreath crown is another coin that has become loosely associated with Christmas. These coins are known as wreath crowns because their circular foliage design has a similarity to the evergreen Christmas wreaths people often hang from their front doors during the festive season.

Struck in limited numbers in the late 1920s and 1930s, wreath crowns feature a reverse design by George Kruger Gray. The 1927 wreath crown features a large crown and a wreath of shamrocks decorated with thistles and roses, giving a nod to nations in the United Kingdom.

The Bank of England would stock wreath crowns to give to favoured clients during the Christmas period. This tradition continued until around 1936 and these coins were often considered as collector pieces.



1927 George V
PROOF WREATH CROWN

Code: HIS927WC | Price: £470.00



The Modern Monarchs Starter Set
INCLUDES KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL

Code: HISSSHOWSET | LEP: Unlimited | Price: £95.00 | MCM: Unlimited



The Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen
2022 UK 50p
BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN

Code: UK22P5BU | LEP: Unlimited | Price: £11.00 | MCM: Unlimited



The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III
2023 UK £5
BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN

Code: UK23KCBU | LEP: Unlimited | Price: £14.50 | MCM: Unlimited



The Queen's Reign
THE COMMONWEALTH
2022 UK £5 SILVER PROOF COIN

Code: UK22QCSP | LEP: 4,000 | Price: £97.50 | MCM: 4,160



Celebrating 25 Years of the £2
2022 UK £2 SILVER PROOF PIEDFORT COIN

Code: UK22S2PF | LEP: 1,425 | Price: £127.50 | MCM: 1,435



The Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen
2022 UK £5
BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN

Code: UK22PJBU | LEP: Unlimited | Price: £14.50 | MCM: Unlimited



A Gift that Shines Through the Ages

Christmas can often feel incomplete without the glitter and the glow of gold. From the Three Wise Men bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to baby Jesus in the nativity story to the golden shimmer of lights and ornaments that people decorate their homes with today, gold is an essential part of Christmastime.

Some say that gold is the original Christmas gift, as it was brought to the baby Jesus by a member of the Magi in the New Testament nativity story. Valued and treasured, gold was considered an apt gift for the child believed to be a king.

The centrepiece of many homes during the festive season is the Christmas tree, around which families celebrate and open presents, and anyone who finds a gold bullion minted bar underneath the tree on Christmas morning is sure to be delighted. Serialised, each of our gold bullion bars feature a festive snowflake pattern on one side and a Christmas tree on the other. Presented in festive packaging, it can be treasured for many Christmases to come.

Perhaps you would like to treat your loved ones to something exclusive and premium this year or you would like to teach your children the value of gold, helping to pave the way for future investments and their financial future? Whatever your reason, a Christmas-themed gold bullion minted bar could spark a new fascination with investing through precious metals and become a beautiful keepsake from a memorable Christmas.

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Give the Gift of Savings

Little Treasures is a simple way to give the gift of gold to a child. Purchase digital gold VAT free by setting up monthly payments or by making one-off deposits whenever you choose. Watch your little treasure grow whilst building a fund that you can gift to them whenever you are ready.

Invest in their future at royalmint.com/littletreasures

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The Royal Mint Christmas Experience

This Christmas, visit The Royal Mint Experience, dusted with a blanket of snow for a magical, festive day out. Not many people know this but we're going to let you in on a yuletide secret – Santa Claus has been using The Royal Mint as his British base for hundreds of years!



Santa and his elves are at their busiest at this time of year, and the workshop at the North Pole is often overflowing with toys. This is where we come in as Santa puts his trust in our organisation, which has a proud 1,100-year history of unrivalled craftsmanship, to help.

Filled with wonder and delight, a visit to The Royal Mint Experience is sure to be a truly magical day out this festive season. Book your tour today.

Making Magical Christmas Memories

Do you know why we hang up stockings on Christmas Eve or why we sometimes get chocolate coins in them? Have you ever found a sixpence in your slice of Christmas pudding? Journey through Santa's workshop at The Royal Mint Experience this Christmas with one of our Storytellers, as you discover the very special part that The Royal Mint plays in Christmas traditions.

You will also be able to post your letter to Santa Claus in our special postbox that ensures they land straight onto his desk, and our Storytellers will guide you through the key areas of Santa's workshop.

Meet Santa

Your festive tour will also take you into Santa's Grotto. Here, you're welcome to take family photos with Santa as a memento of your time at The Royal Mint Christmas Experience.

Festive Fun Fair and Magical Markets

Take a ride at our festive fun fair. We'll also be hosting markets through the season, featuring the perfect places for a bite to eat.

Letters for Santa

Don't forget to bring your letter for Santa as you can post it to him in our special postbox before it makes its way to his desk!

Book Your Festive Adventure

The Royal Mint Christmas Experience runs every day from **Saturday 25 November** to **Sunday 24 December** 2023.

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The Royal Mint Christmas Experience

Strike Your Own Coin



Why not commemorate your visit to The Royal Mint Experience by striking your very own coin? Available at an additional cost, you can strike a commemorative UK 50p coin to remember your visit for many years to come.

As part of your magical festive experience, you can strike your own edition of our official Christmas coin celebrating *The Snowman*™, Raymond Briggs' classic winter's tale. The reverse features a new design for 2023 and the obverse features the official coinage portrait of King Charles III, designed by Martin Jennings.

First published in 1978 as a wordless picture book, Raymond Briggs' *The Snowman*™ has become synonymous with the British festive period. Featuring a brand-new reverse design by award-winning illustrator Robin Shaw, our official festive coin is back to celebrate the magical tale of a little boy who builds and befriends a snowman.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

For more than seven decades, generations of readers, particularly children, have adored *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. The story's author, Clive Staples Lewis, commonly abbreviated to C. S. Lewis, wrote six more tales that together form *The Chronicles of Narnia*.



The Lion, the Witch
and the Wardrobe

We delve into the creation of these enthralling tales and the background of their celebrated author, who remains as influential today.

Born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, on 29 November 1898, C. S. Lewis lost his mother just before he was ten years old. In the weeks following her passing, he became a pupil at the Wynyard School in Hertfordshire, England, in what marked the beginning of a lifelong association with academia.

In 1925, Lewis was appointed English Fellow of Magdalen College at the University of Oxford, where he tutored English Language and Literature. The following year, he befriended a colleague, JRR Tolkien, and the pair became members of an undergraduate club called the Inklings. The club eventually folded but Lewis and Tolkien borrowed the name and used it to refer to their own group of friends, whose weekly meetings took place in pubs and college rooms, where they would drink, talk and critique one another's literary works.

Some time before, in 1919, Lewis had published his first work, *Spirits in Bondage*, under the pseudonym Clive Hamilton. Written in the wake of the First World War, this collection of poems explores the themes of love, war, good and evil, based on his military experience. In the decades that followed, Lewis wrote and published multiple works, with one earning him the global recognition that endures to this day.

Published in 1950, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* was the first book Lewis wrote within *The Chronicles of Narnia* series. Chronologically, it is the second book in the collection, although readers can also enjoy it as a standalone story.

In an essay attempting to explain the inspiration behind his famous narrative, Lewis explains that, like his other Narnia books and three works of science fiction, the ideas came from pictures that formed in his head. For *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, he envisaged a faun holding an umbrella, carrying parcels in a snowy wood, when he was just 16 years old. He decided to act upon the image many years later, at the age of 40, initially turning it into a story for his god-daughter Lucy.



The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
2023 UK 50p SILVER PROOF
COLOUR COIN

Code:	LEP:
UK23LWSPC	5,000
Price:	MCM:
£70.00	5,010



The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
2023 UK 50p GOLD
PROOF COIN

Code:	LEP:
UK23LWGP	100
Price:	MCM:
£1,220.00	110



The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
2023 UK 50p BU
COLOUR COIN

Code:	LEP:
UK23LWBUC	10,000
Price:	MCM:
£20.00	10,010



The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
2023 UK 50p BRILLIANT
UNCIRCULATED COIN

Code:	LEP:
UK23LWBU	Unlimited
Price:	MCM:
£11.00	Unlimited



Struck for the Monarch, Made for the Nation

Heralding a historic moment for the British monarchy and the people of the United Kingdom, the first definitive coins of King Charles III's reign each feature a brand-new design that includes a pattern based on The King's cypher. Representing nature and conservation, causes close to His Majesty's heart, the reverse designs created for these coins embody the four nations of the UK, whilst the obverse is embellished with a special privy mark.

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By Royal Approval: The United Kingdom's New Definitive Coins

As the new Carolean era gets underway, The Royal Mint is proud to unveil the first definitive UK coins in the reign of King Charles III.

A History of Change

When Queen Elizabeth II succeeded her father as British monarch on 6 February 1952, we faced a considerable challenge as the coins, medals and seals of George VI required alteration for the new reign. In addition to creating a coinage portrait, produced by Mary Gillick, new reverse designs were created for the five-shilling coin, half-crown, florin, English shilling, Scottish shilling, sixpence and threepence.

Pen-and-ink sketches were required in the first instance, with almost 300 reverse designs submitted by approximately 70 artists. These were placed before the RMAC (The Royal Mint Advisory Committee) for consideration, before the new designs, created by Edgar Fuller, Gilbert Ledward, Cecil Thomas and William Gardner respectively, were chosen.

A Collaborative Approach

Producing the first definitive coins of King Charles III's reign required a great deal of technical expertise and involved a more collaborative approach than was required for the first coins of Elizabeth II's reign. The task is also different to the creation of a design for a commemorative coin, as there are more technical constraints and the process involves more than just one coin. Definitive coins are struck for the entire nation so various uniting themes are explored to ensure that the coins are aesthetically representative of the UK and easily identifiable to the public.

The Royal Mint's internal product design and technical teams collaborated with the RMAC and external artists to create eight new designs that both symbolise the four UK nations and pay tribute to the conservation of the natural world – a cause close to His Majesty's heart. Providing feedback throughout the process, The King's involvement with the design process is testament to his passion for craft and the arts.

Flora and Fauna

These new reverse designs centre around animals and plants from all four UK nations. Many of the animals that feature in the designs for this set are considered endangered, whilst some represent conservation success stories.

Paying Tribute to His Majesty

Serving as a unique visual feature that unites all eight of these definitive coins, a pattern featuring three interlocking Cs appears on the reverse of each coin. The Cs link back to the reign of Charles II, as a C motif appeared on the coins of his reign. The interlocking Cs represent a link to historical royal iconography and mark the beginning of this new Carolean era.

A Special Privy Mark

The new reverse designs created for these coins feature alongside the official coinage portrait of King Charles III, which appears on the obverse of UK definitive coins for the first time, marking a special moment in British and numismatic history. The obverse of each coin also features a privy mark in the form of the Tudor crown, which forms part of The King's cypher and will be used in representations of the Royal Arms, military badges and crown badges.

A Special Year

In the same year in which King Charles III celebrated his historic coronation and milestone 75th birthday, you can help celebrate special milestones in the lives of your family and friends with the gift of a 2023 Definitive UK Coin Set. From weddings to birthdays, a complete set of UK definitive coins is the perfect gift to help commemorate special moments in 2023.

The 75th Birthday of His Majesty King Charles III

As His Majesty celebrates a 75th birthday during the same year as his historic coronation, we struck a special coin in tribute to the monarch. This is the first time that we have commemorated The King's birthday on a coin since he acceded to the throne.

Having previously designed coins celebrating Britannia and Disney's *Winnie the Pooh*, Dan Thorne, a product designer at The Royal Mint, has created a stunning tribute to His Majesty, blending heraldry and royal symbolism with elements of the natural world. "I framed His Majesty's royal cypher and the number 75 within oak leaves and delphiniums. The oak leaves represent strength, morale, resistance and knowledge, and his favourite garden flower – the delphinium – shows his connection with the environment and sustainability. The number 75 was hand drawn and modelled as a stone-cut effect to represent The King's support of the crafts."



The 75th Birthday of His Majesty King Charles III
2023 UK £5 BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN

Code:	LEP:
UK2375BU	Unlimited
Price:	MCM:
£14.50	Unlimited

The 75th Birthday of His Majesty King Charles III
2023 UK £5 GOLD PROOF COIN

Code:	LEP:
UK2375GP	200
Price:	MCM:
£2,995.00	435

The 75th Birthday of His Majesty King Charles III
2023 UK £5 SILVER PROOF COIN

Code:	LEP:
UK2375SP	3,000
Price:	MCM:
£97.50	4,510

A Year to Remember

Bringing together a selection of coins minted in a specific year, our Year to Remember sets take a closer look at some of the historical and culturally significant moments that happened at the time.



1943

In January, the film *We'll Meet Again* made its debut, starring Dame Vera Lynn. Several popular musical icons were born during the year, including George Harrison of The Beatles, Mick Jagger of The Rolling Stones, and both Richard Wright and Roger Waters of Pink Floyd. The year 1943 also saw the inauguration of the Dickin Medal, which many refer to as the Victoria Cross for animals in service.



A Collection of Coins Minted in 1943
FINE OR BETTER

Code:	Price:
HISYIC1943SET	£99.00



1953

Sir Winston Churchill received a knighthood for his service as Britain's Prime Minister throughout the Second World War. Queen Elizabeth II was crowned at her coronation in Westminster Abbey, which was televised for the first time and watched by an estimated 27 million people.



A Collection of Coins Minted in 1953
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Code:	Price:
HISYIC1953SET	£99.00



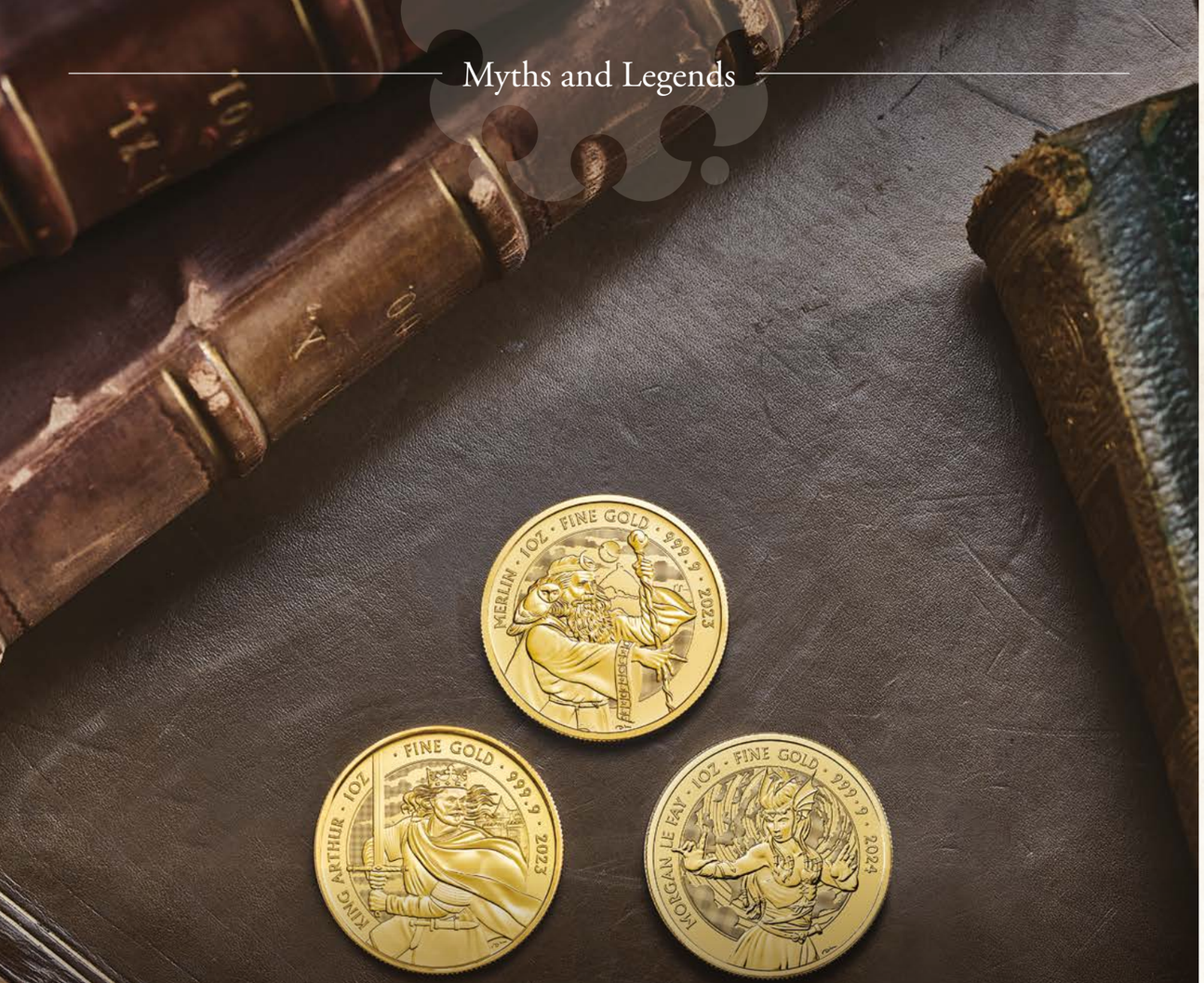
1963

The Beatles' debut studio album, *Please Please Me* was rush-released by Parlophone. The first episode of *Doctor Who* aired on the BBC, starring William Hartnell as the Doctor and Carole Ann Ford as Susan Foreman. John F. Kennedy, the 35th President of the United States, was assassinated during an autocade procession through Dealey Plaza in Dallas, Texas.



A Collection of Coins Minted in 1963
FINE OR BETTER

Code:	Price:
HISYIC1963SET	£40.00



Investing in Bullion

We have worked with precious metals for more than a millennium and have become the trusted home of investment solutions in gold, silver and platinum. Bullion is a popular choice for investors as precious metals have a proven ability to hold their value over time; bullion also has a different striking quality to Proof or Brilliant Uncirculated coins.

Whereas Proof coins are struck several times to ensure that the design is as flawless as possible, bullion coins are only struck once. A lot more work goes into producing a Proof coin, which affects its price. A bullion coin is closer to the spot price of the precious metal in comparison to a similar design that has been struck to Proof standard. This allows individuals to collect coins that feature eye-catching designs and themes, whilst also establishing a precious metals investment for the future. Other benefits to gold bullion coins include their exemption from Value Added Tax (VAT) and Capital Gains Tax (CGT).

We have a range of bullion products available to investors, including The Sovereign and our range of Britannia bullion coins and bars. We also have a selection of beautiful contemporary designs now available in bullion, including our Royal Tudor Beasts and Myths and Legends collections. Our Myths and Legends bullion collection features three different ranges, celebrating the stories and characters associated with Robin Hood, King Arthur and *Beowulf* respectively.

Myths and Legends

King Arthur: A Legendary Leader

The first coin in the second range pays tribute to King Arthur, one of the most popular figures in British mythology. Early depictions of Arthur portray him as a fearsome warrior, whilst later medieval romances show him as the king many know him as today, leading the Knights of the Round Table.



Since the Welsh chronicles of the ninth and tenth centuries, numerous depictions of King Arthur have appeared in a myriad of texts, which feature knightly quests, courtly love, the slaying of mythical monsters and the finding of rare and holy artefacts. These reinterpretations of the legend have created an air of ambivalence surrounding the myth, which has perpetuated its popularity.

Merlin: A Mythical Sorcerer

Following the introduction of King Arthur on a bullion coin, Merlin is next in the range. Another popular Arthurian character, notably in American literature and popular culture, the sorcerer is Arthur's trusted adviser, prophet and magician.

Geoffrey of Monmouth essentially created the Merlin we recognise today in his twelfth-century work *Historia Regum Britanniae*. In Geoffrey of Monmouth's text, Merlin assists Uther Pendragon – Arthur's father – and is responsible for transporting the stones of Stonehenge from Ireland.



Morgan le Fay: A Powerful Enchantress

The third bullion coin in this range features Morgan le Fay who, like many of the characters in Arthurian myth, has appeared in various reinterpretations.



One theory that presents itself is that the character likely originated from Celtic mythology; she has been portrayed as a shape-shifter who can fly, and as a healer with otherworldly powers. In medieval French literature, she is depicted as Arthur's sister and accompanies him to the mystical isle of Avalon for healing following his final battle.



Morgan le Fay
2024 GOLD 1oz
BULLION COIN

Code: MLML241GC | Price From: £1,750.38



Morgan le Fay
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From X-Rays to Jewellery

In line with the rising demand for sustainably sourced precious metals and an ever-conscious world, we have launched an innovative collaboration with Betts Metals. This partnership will transform medical X-ray films, often stored by hospitals beyond their retention date, into beautifully crafted pieces within our jewellery collection, 886 by The Royal Mint.

This process reduces our reliance on mined materials but also shows our dedication to a circular economy. It also builds on our commitment to sustainability and our previous initiatives that include retrieving gold from electronic waste.

Heritage Crafts Bursary Winners

As a part of our commitment to British craftsmanship, we are working with Heritage Crafts to preserve and champion traditional skills related to precious metals. On 2 August, we welcomed our five Heritage Crafts bursary winners to The Royal Mint.

Aspiring crafters in precious metals, training in skills such as silver box making, silver spinning and metal thread embroidery, the winners include Emma-Jane Rule, Claire Mooney, Caius Bearder, Iona Hall and Rosie Elwood. Starting their day at The Royal Mint Experience, the winners were taken around The Royal Mint by Paul Morgan, Head of Coin Design.



L-R: Claire Mooney, Caius Bearder, Rosie Elwood, Paul Morgan, Emma-Jane Rule and Iona Hall.



The Royal Mint Launches a Local Energy Centre

As part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability, we have launched a local energy centre, which helps power our 38-acre manufacturing site with greener electricity.

After launching our first daffodil-inspired wind turbine Delilah in 2018, working with our energy partner, Infinite Renewables, we have welcomed a new solar farm, an additional wind-turbine named Bryn, a combined heat and power plant, and battery storage to form The Royal Mint's Local Energy Centre (LEC).

Working towards our goal to become net zero by 2050, we are aiming to generate 70% of the power we use on-site via our LEC and therefore reduce our reliance on the national grid. The electricity will be used across our operations, including currency production and our commemorative coin and precious metals businesses, where we produce gold and silver bullion coins and investment bars.

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