

Isle of Man Honors RAF Red Arrows Team



On February 19 the Isle of Man issued a set of six stamps honoring the Red Arrows. Acknowledged as one of the world's premier aerobatic teams, this Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team is the public face of the Royal Air Force. 2014 marks the 50th display season for a Team that thrills and inspires millions of people in the UK and around the world with their aerial displays and flypasts.

The stamps feature photography from a spectacular display that was held over Douglas Bay during the Red Arrows' 35th year of visiting the Isle of Man. Each stamp records an action-packed moment during the display for fans of the Royal Air Force or aviation in general. The designs incorporate the Red Arrows colors and RAF roundel alongside the photos from the RAF archives.

The Red Arrows set was released on the same day as the Isle of Man's commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of WW I with a Trench Warfare issue that was covered in our February 7 issue. As with all current and recent Isle of Man stamps and coins, the Red Arrows set (front cover), First Day Cover (above right), Presentation Pack (above left) and other products are available to order online with free worldwide delivery at the Isle of Man Post Office site <https://www.iompost.com/stamps-coins/>.

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