

Dickens Tobacconalia

From the very first beginnings of Series Ware production and up until the 1950's Royal Doulton produced quite a range of Tobacco related products. No other series would have as many tobacco related shapes as Dickens Ware, this range includes Cigarette boxes (both plain and musical), Bridge Sets, Tobacco Jars, Cigarette dispensers and of course ashtrays. In the first half of the twentieth century smoking was seen as quite chic, a huge percentage of the population did not just smoke, they revelled in it. I was a smoker in my youth; I was in hospital for a week in 1980 with two broken wrists which were in traction, not only did the nurses feed me, one of the sweet angels of mercy held the cigarette to my lips and flicking the ash for me. How quick the times have changed. The anti tobacco lobby has been extremely successful, and rightly so, now the full tide of public opinion has turned against imbibing the dreaded weed. How often are ashtray loaded on the net described as pin dishes when they obviously have cigarette rest. This really gets to me, smoking is an evil addiction that has killed millions, of that there is no doubt, but what is the point in rewriting history. This is political correctness gone crazy. If we change the past to suit today's principles, then the lesson that we have learnt at such a hideous cost will be lost. Now if you dare, be a touch courageous, and have a peak at my Royal Doulton Dickens Ware Tobacconalia page…….

Royal Doulton Dickens Ware Tobacconalia Musical Cigarette Box - Shape 8293 Plays English Country Garden by Grangier Royal Doulton Dickens Ware Cigarette Box - production era 1931 to 1941 20 cm (8”) by 9.5 cm (3.75”) and it is 7.5 cm (3”) tall Bridge Set - Shape 8148 Royal Doulton Mr Pickwick Bridge Set Both are D.5682 - production era 1932 to 1941 12.5 cm (5") by 9 cm (3.5") and it is 2.5 (1") tall These Bridge Sets originally came with four small ashtrays. These wee trays sit nicely in the bottom of the box and are so shaped they can be stacked. It is very rare to find these sets complete. Horror of horrors - I have seen vandals selling these sets on eBay as five individual lots. These sets are rare and a complete set is well worth a premium.

Ashtrays measure 7cm (2.75") by 5 cm (2") Cigarette Box - shape 8366 Royal Doulton Dickens Ware Cigarette Box; D6327 Production era 1951 to late 1950 12 cm (4.75") by 9.5 cm (3.75") and 5.5 cm (2.25") tall Cigarette Dispenser, Match holder with Striker Shape 8009 Royal Doulton Dickens Ware Cigarette Dispenser; D.5175 production era 1931 – 1932

9 cm (3.5”) across the front, 11 cm (4.25”) deep and it is 8.5 cm (3.25”) tall.

Tobacco Jar with Patent Clamp Shape II Mr Pickwick; D5775; era 1931 – 1932 12.5 cm (5") diameter & 12 cm (4.75") tall Marcella Tobacco Jar Mr Pickwick; D2973; era 1908 to 1931 16.5 cm (6.5") tall Virginia Tobacco Jar

Mr Micawber; D2973; era 1908 to 1931

13.5 cm (5.4") tall

Ancestor Ashtray Fagin; D2973; era 1908 to 1931 Sairey Gamp; D.2973; era 1908 to 1931 2 Sizes 10.5 cm (4.15") by 9.3 cm (3.75") 12.5 cm (5”) by 11.5 cm (4.5”) Ashtray Shape 89 Sairey Gamp; D2973; production era 1908 to 1923 measures 13 cm (5.25") by 12 cm (4.75") Round Ashtray - shape 8023 & 8024

Shape 8023 and 8024 are the same, except 8023 is much smaller. Sam Weller is 8023; 7.5 cm (3") diameter Mr Squeers is 8024; 12 cm (4.75”) diameter; era 1932 to 1942 Napier Ashtray

Barnaby Rudge; D2973; production era 1908 to 1931

13 cm (5.25”) by 12.5 cm (5”)

New Rim Ashtray Please Note: New Rim Ashtrays are round, in this photo it appears as if it is oval, it is not, it is round

The Artful Dodger; D5175; production era 1932 to 1942

Alfred Jingle; D2973; production era 1908 to 1931

diameter of 9.2cm (3.62")

"4 Rest Round" Ashtray - Shape Unknown

The Artful Dodger; D2973; dated April 1930

13.5 cm (5.4") diameter

Safety Match stand Ashtray

Mr Squeers; D2973; era 1908 to 1931

16 cm (7.5") diameter & 8 cm (3.2") tall "Round Ashtray with Matchbox Holder"
D3020; era 1908 to 1931 19 cm (7.5") diameter & 7.5 cm (3") tall