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Up in Flames

New series recalls the disaster that changed the look of London.

➤ TO MARK 350 YEARS since London's Great Fire, The Royal Mint has issued a new release remembering this cataclysmic event that changed the city's landscape forever. In 1666 a fire in a bakery in the Pudding Lane district spread to other wooden structures and burned most of the city to the ground.

The bimetallic £2 coin portrays flames rising over London, while in the foreground various vessels float on the Thames. The edge inscription reads, "The Whole City in Dreadful Flames." The scene, rendered by Aaron West, is shown from the perspective of a Londoner seeking safety on the other side of the river. The obverse features Jody Clark's effigy of Queen Elizabeth II.

The 28.4mm, brilliant-uncirculated coin is available for approximately US\$14. A colorful display package presents the story of the blaze. To purchase or to obtain more information, visit www.royal-mint.com.



▲ The Great Fire of London is memorialized on a new £2 coin.

Actual Size: 28.4mm

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