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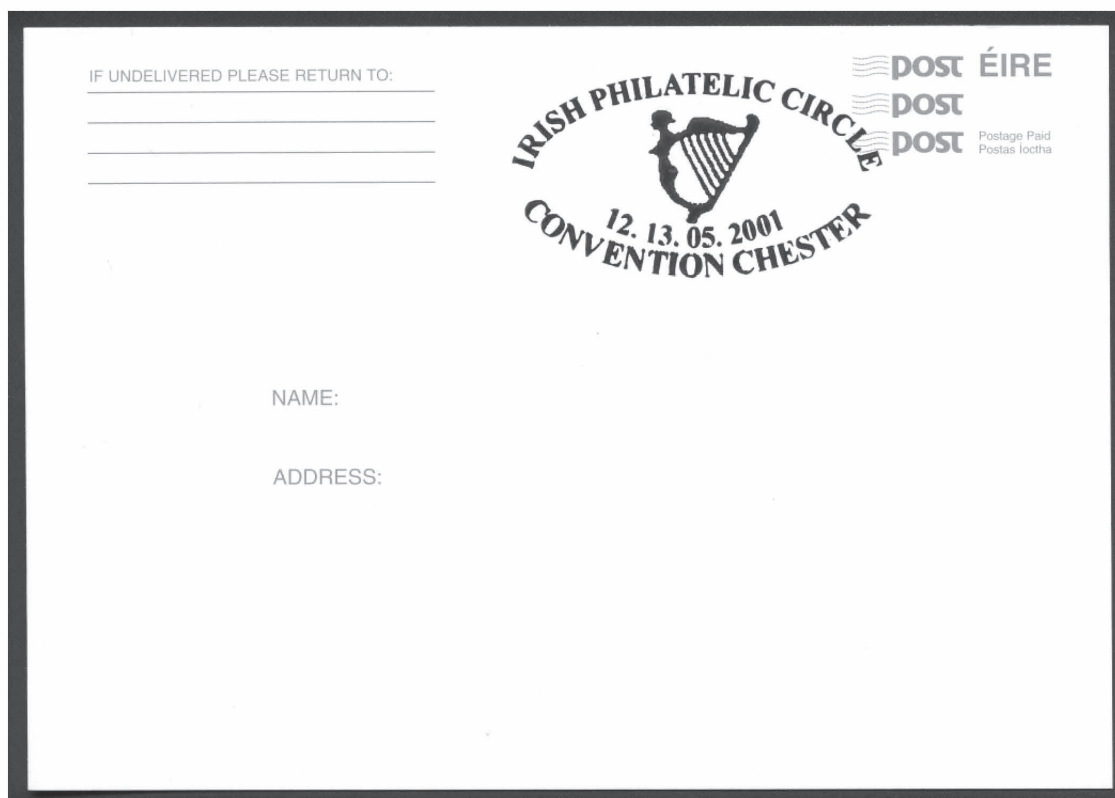
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That Was The Year That Was – 2001

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There was no revision in letter postal rates during 2001 apart from an increase in certain Swiftpost charges in April. 2001 marked the last year of issues denominated in Irish currency prior to the changeover to the euro.

SPECIAL AND COMMEMORATIVE ISSUES

The number of special and commemorative issues was reduced following the excessive number of Millennium sets of the previous year. There was also a decrease in the number of booklets due to the release of only one booklet for this years GAA issue. The total cost was below both 2000 and 1999 levels.

The 2001 programme, comprising 47 regular gummed stamps, 6 self-adhesive coil stamps, 4 miniature sheets (including both *Jordan* sheets) and 5 booklets, was issued over 12 release dates at a total cost of IR£46.15. The Millennium set could be purchased only as a complete sheetlet increasing the

cost by a further IR£1.80. All counter issues were in sheetlet format – the total cost of all 32 sheetlets (including the Millennium sheetlet) was IR£188.04.

The 2000 totals were 67 regular gummed sheet stamps, 6 self-adhesive coil stamps, 4 miniature sheets (including both *Oscar Wilde* sheets) and 8 booklets, which were issued over 13 release dates at a total cost of IR£60.50. The four Millennium sets and the personalised Oscar Wilde stamp could only be purchased as complete sheetlets increasing the cost by a further IR£16.70. The total cost of all 24 sheetlets (including the Millennium sheetlets) was IR£139.64. In addition, a personalised Oscar Wilde sheetlet with own photo tabs cost a further IR£10.00.

The 1999 totals were 50 regular gummed sheet stamps, 6 self-adhesive coil stamps, 5 miniature sheets (including the overprinted *Titanic* sheet) and 7 booklets, which were issued over 11 release dates at a total cost of IR£48.44.

Date of Issue	Description	Cost	Plate Numbers/Notes	Paper	Perf.	Printer
						
						
1 Jan	Celebrating the Millennium - Charles Lindbergh	30p	} Sheetlet of 12 containing two sets in } separate horizontal and vertical blocks of 6 } CCP3 paper – perf. 14¾ x 14 } Printed by ISSP			
	(6th Issue - Epic Journeys) - James Cook	30p				
	- Robert O'Hara Burke	30p				
	- Marco Polo	30p				
	- Ernest Shackleton	30p				
	- Space Exploration	30p				
24 Jan	Love Stamp (17th Issue) - Goldfish	30p (38c)	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14 x 14¾	ISSP
	Greetings Booklet (11th Issue) - Cool Pets	IR£3.00	10 x 30p (38c) self-adhesive		12 x 12	Questa
	Year of the Snake - Miniature sheet	90p	3 x 30p (38c) – see below	CCP3	14 x 14¾	ISSP

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27 Feb	Broadcasting in Ireland (75th Anniversary)					
	- Gay Byrne and television audience	30p (38c)	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14% x 14	ISSP
	- Éamonn deValera and Micheál O'Hehir	32p (41c)	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14% x 14	ISSP
	- Family listening to radio	45p (57c)	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14% x 14	ISSP
	- Television set showing programme	50p (63c)	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14% x 14	ISSP
14 Mar	Marsh's Library - 300th Anniversary	30p (38c)	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14 x 14%	ISSP
	First Book Printed in Ireland - 450th Anniversary		32p (41c)		1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	
	CCP3	14 x 14%	ISSP			
14 Mar	Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (50th Anniversary)					
	- Uilleann Pipes	30p (38c)	Printed in se-tenant format as horizontal and vertical pairs 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14 x 14%	ISSP
	- Bohrán	30p (38c)				
	- Fiddle	45p (57c)	Printed in se-tenant format as horizontal and vertical pairs 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14% x 14	ISSP
	- Flute	45p (57c)				
26 Apr	Motorsport					
	- Formula One Jordan Grand Prix	30p (38c)	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	13% x 14	Walsall
	- Hillman Imp	32p (41c)	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	13% x 14	Walsall
	- Mini-Cooper S	45p (57c)	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	13% x 14	Walsall
	- Mercedes SSK	IR£1.00	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	13% x 14	Walsall
		(€1..27)				
	- Miniature Sheet (Formula One Jordan Grand Prix)	IR£2.00	Design as 30p – non phos.	CCP3	13% x 14	Walsall
	- Booklet (self-adhesive)	IR£3.00	10 x 30p – various designs		11% x 11%	Ausprint
3 May	Irish Heritage in Australia					
	- Rebel Spirit (Peter Lalor)	30p (38c)	Each pair of values were printed in se-tenant format as horizontal and vertical pairs in sheetlets of 10 (5 x 2)			
	- Rebel Spirit (Ned Kelly)	30p (38c)				
	- Land of Promise (Settlers)	45p (57c)	No Plate Numbers on issued sheetlets CCP3 paper – perf. 14% x 14 - Printed by ISSP			
	- Land of Promise (Emigrants)	45p (57c)				
	- Miniature Sheet (Ned Kelly)	IR£1.00	Non-phosphor – same design as 30p			
16 May	Europa					
	- Swimming	30p (38c)	Sheetlets of 10 (5 x 2)	CCP3	14% x 14	ISSP
	(41st Issue – Water Resources)					
	- Fishing	32p (41c)	Sheetlets of 10 (5 x 2)	CCP3	14% x 14	ISSP
	- self adhesives 2 x 30p (38c)	IR£30 per box of 100 (50 x 2)			9% x 9½	ISSP

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9 June	Belgica 2001 - Formula One Jordan Grand Prix					
	Miniature Sheet with overprint	IR£2 (€2.54)	Non phosphor	CCP3	13¼ x 14	Walsall
10 July	Battle of Kinsale					
	- Irish soldier	30p (38c)	Se-tenant pair	CCP3	13¼ x 13¼	ISSP
	- English soldier on horseback	30p (38c)	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	13¼ x 13¼	ISSP
	- Spanish soldier	32p (41c)	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	13¼ x 13¼	ISSP
	- Kinsale (medieval view)	45p (57c)	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	13¼ x 13¼	ISSP
5 Sept	Sailing					
	- Ruffian 23	30p (38c)	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14 x 14¾	ISSP
	- Howth 17	32p (41c)	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14 x 14¾	ISSP
	- The Glen	45p (57c)	Se-tenant pair	CCP3	14 x 14¾	ISSP
	- 1720 Sportsboat	45p (57c)	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14 x 14¾	ISSP
	- self adhesives 4 x 30p (38c)	IR£30 per box of 100 (25 x 4)			9½ x 9	ISSP
5 Sept	GAA Hall of Fame					
	- Nicky Rackard (Wexford)	30p (38c)	Se-tenant horizontal strip of four			
	- Frank Cummins (Kilkenny)	30p (38c)	} in sheetlets of 16			
	- Padraic Carney (Mayo)	30p (38c)	} Plate Numbers 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B			
	- Jack O'Shea (Kerry)	30p (38c)	} CCP3 paper – perf. 14¼ x 14 - Printed by ISSP			
	Booklet - Self adhesive	IR£3.00	10 x 30p/38c - see below		11¼ x 11½	Ausprint
9 Oct.	Fauna and Flora (Fish)					
	- Perch	30p (38c)	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14¼ x 14	ISSP
	- Arctic Charr	32p (41c)	} Printed in se-tenant format as horizontal pairs			
	- Pike	32p (57c)	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14¾ x 14	ISSP
	- Common Bream	45p (57c)	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14¼ x 14	ISSP
	- Prestige Booklet	IR£5.82	Four panes - see below	CCP3	14¼ x 14	ISSP
5 Nov	Christmas (31st Issue)					
	- The Nativity	30p (38c)	1A1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14 x 14¾	ISSP
	- The Annunciation	32p (41c)	1A1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14 x 14¾	ISSP
	- Presentation in the Temple	45p (57c)	1A1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14 x 14¾	ISSP
	- Booklet (self-adhesive – Mother of Christ)	IR£6.60	(24 x 30p/38c i.e. two free stamps)		11 x 11¼	Ausprint
5 Nov	Government Supporting the Arts	50p (63c)	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14 x 14¾	ISSP

Printers and Sheet Format: All stamps were litho printed by Irish Security Stamp Printing Limited (ISSP), House of Questa (Questa), Walsall Security Printers (Walsall) or the Australian firm, SNP Ausprint (Ausprint).

All issues continue to be issued in 16 stamp (4 x 4) sheetlet format with both "A" and "B" sheets. All individual stamps in basic format have a 2mm phosphor frame. The plate numbers are located in the left margin opposite R1/S1 and the colour controls in the right margin opposite R1/S4. The imprint is in the bottom margin under R4/S1. The bottom right corner is blank. Details about the particular stamp are included across the top margin. This layout applies to both horizontal and vertical format designs. All sheetlets have an imperforate top margin; all other margins are perforated. This is a change as most sheetlets issued in prior years were perforated through all four margins. Any variation in the above format for any individual issue is referred to below and/or in the table above.

First Day Covers: Blank FDC's cost 40p (2000: 35p). Pictorial cancels were available for all issues. Special first day covers were provided for each issue other than the Celebrating the Millennium sheetlet.

Maximum Cards: One set of maximum cards was issued for the Motor Sport set (35p per card).

Millennium Issue: The Millennium sheetlet incorporates two sets of six stamps i.e. twelve stamps with no plate numbers or other sheet markings. All margins are imperforate. The sheetlet was also available in a presentation pack which contained a large card with the sheetlet attached and cancelled with a pictorial first day postmark. No first day cover service was provided but collectors/dealers could prepare their own covers for cancellation with the pictorial postmark.

Love Stamp and Greetings Booklet: The theme was "Cool Pets". The 30p sheetlet issue features a goldfish. For the first time, the greetings booklet was in self-adhesive format. It was also the first Irish booklet to be printed by the House of Questa. The ten stamps plus ten labels are set out in one pane, folded twice, containing two columns of five stamps and five labels. Each horizontal pair of stamps and labels are in se-tenant type format with no intervening paper gap. There are five different stamp designs featuring digitally adapted illustrations of a Frog, a Goldfish, a Lizard, a Snake and a Tortoise. Each design appears twice and the stamps measure 25mm x 30mm. Presumably all future booklets other than the annual Prestige type will be in self-adhesive format. Three of the designs are included in the Year of the Snake miniature sheet referred to below as regular size gummed issues.

Year of the Snake Miniature Sheet: A special miniature sheet to mark the Chinese Lunar Year of the Snake was issued on the same day as the Love

stamp and the Greetings booklet. The sheet contains three of the Greetings stamp designs in regular size format – 30p Snake, 30p Frog and 30p Tortoise. The layout differs from prior years as all stamps are perforated and there are no detachable greetings labels. The left hand panel shows a snake and refers to the "Year of the Snake". Same cover and first day postmark as for the sheet and self-adhesive issues.

75th Anniversary of Broadcasting: The 30p



depicted a young Gay Byrne who has been a broadcaster on Irish radio and Television since the early 1960's. He is currently the presenter of the Irish version of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire". The stamps were issued on the same day as the Irish Philatelic Society postcard and it was thus possible to obtain the I.P.S. special cancel on the Broadcasting F.D.C. Usual sheet markings except that the colour controls are in the form of transmitter masts.



Marsh's Library/First Printed Book in Ireland:

This was a particularly attractive pair of stamps. Marsh's Library produce a number of postcards including a design which incorporates the wired alcoves depicted on the issued stamp (illustrated above). A further card includes in the background the original painting of Archbishop Marsh as also shown on the 30p stamp. The "Boke of Common Prayer" as shown on the 32p value is held by the National Library of Ireland and has no connection with Marsh's Library.

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann: The four stamps feature original watercolours by well known artist Anne Farrall. Each stamp shows a young person playing a different traditional Irish musical instrument.

Motor Sport: The 30p value features the current Formula 1 Jordan Grand Prix car. The Team Owner/Manager is Irishman Eddie Jordan. One of the Team Sponsors is Deutsche Post as can be clearly seen on the front of the car. The IR£2 miniature sheet (non-phosphor) contains a single stamp with the same design as the 30p/38c value. A separate first day cover featuring Eddie Jordan and the car was available for the miniature sheet.

The self-adhesive booklet contains four of the Jordan Grand Prix car design plus two each of the other three designs. The ten stamps are set out in one pane, folded twice, containing two rows of five stamps. Each stamp measures 37.5mm x 26mm. The same first day cancel was used for all stamps/minature sheet. In addition to the items listed above, a framed Jordan sheetlet and miniature sheet was available for IR£47.50. A limited edition Model Jordan Car was also available for IR£22.90.

Irish Heritage in Australia: The stamps coincided with the Centenary of the Federation of Australia and were issued in ten stamp format with illustrated panels similar to Europa issues. The Ned Kelly miniature sheet (non-phosphor) incorporates a single IR£1 stamp with the same design as the equivalent 30p/38c value. There was a separate first day cover for this miniature sheet. Same pictorial cancel used for both stamps and miniature sheet. Imperforate panels at left; all other margins perforated. No plate numbers, colour controls or imprint.



Europa: The two designs are in the usual ten stamp format with five rows of two stamps plus illustrated panels featuring original watercolours by Finbarr O'Connor which illustrate a Map of River Shannon (30p/38c) and a Waterfall (32p/41c). Imperforate panels at left; all other margins perforated. Sheetlets have an imprint and colour controls but no plate numbers.

The self-adhesive stamps incorporate the same two designs as the sheet stamps in smaller format (37.5mm x 26mm). Produced in boxed rolls of 110 stamps/labels in similar manner as last year's aviation set. The roll of 100 stamps plus 10 labels is split into ten strips of 11 stamps/labels with the

labels positioned before the first stamp in each strip and after the coil join. The rolls are reeled sideways with left hand delivery commencing with the first label followed by the "Fishing" design. There are four different labels as follows:

Before Stamp Number	Wording - Colours
1, 21, 41, and 61	Remember/To Seal Your/Envelope [Green on Orange]
11, 31, 51, and 71	Always/Include A Return/ Address On Your/Envelope [Green on Yellow]
81	Only 20/Stamps Left ! Yellow on Green [Yellow on Green]
91	Only 10/Stamps Left/Order Now ! Yellow on Green [Yellow on Green]

The Dakota logo plus number (No: 3 seen to d appears on one of the bottom flaps; the matching flap the reference 044934A. Sold in strips of two as well complete rolls by the bureau.



Type A



Type B



Type C

Battle of Kinsale: A first day cancel was available in Kinsale for this set. On the day of issue the pre-prepared first day covers on sale at the philatelic counter in Dublin had a Kinsale cancel which incorporated full stops within the date portion of the cancel (type A) in similar manner as the Dublin postmark (type B). Covers postmarked at Kinsale Post Office had a cancel which did not include the full stops (type C).



Sailing/GAA Hall of Fame/Fish/Christmas/Supporting The Arts – Sheet Issues:

Usual sheet markings except that the colour controls on three of the five issues are linked to the designs – the Sailing stamps feature "sailing boats", the fish set appropriately shows the outline of four fish and the Christmas stamps feature "stars". The issue of the Fishing set coincided with the use of the special postmark for the visit of the Dublin Stamp Society to the National Print Museum (see pages 13 and 15) and first day covers also exist with this postmark.

Sailing Self-Adhesives: The self-adhesive stamps incorporate the same four designs as the sheet stamps in smaller format (26mm x 37.5mm). Produced in boxed rolls of 110 stamps/labels in similar manner as the Europa set. The Dakota logo plus number (Nos: 1 & 4 seen to date) appears on one of the bottom flaps; the matching flap has the reference 46218A. Sold in strips of four as well as complete rolls by the bureau. The roll of 100 stamps plus 10 labels is split into ten strips of 11 stamps/labels with the labels positioned before the first stamp in each strip and after the coil join. The rolls are reeled vertically with top end delivery commencing with the first label followed by the "Howth 17" design. There are four different labels as follows:

Before Stamp Number

Wording - Colours

1, 21, 41, and 61	Always/Include A Return/ Address On Your/Envelope [Green on Yellow]
11, 31, 51 and 71	Remember/To Seal Your/Envelope! [Green on Orange]
81	Only 20/Stamps Left ! [Yellow on Green]
91	Only 10/Stamps Left/Order Now ! [Yellow on Green]

The labels are the same as used in the Europa roll except that the order of the first two types has been reversed. The four stamp sequence up to stamp 80 is Howth 17/The Glen/Ruffian 23/1720 Sportsboat.

Stamp 81 should feature the Howth 17 but instead features the 1720 Sportsboat (i.e. skips 2). I have only inspected one complete roll. Can anybody confirm that this is the sequence in other rolls ?

GAA Hall of Fame Booklet (Self-Adhesive): In addition to the sheetlet, a booklet containing self-adhesive versions (38mm x 27mm) of the same designs was issued. The booklet contains two horizontal rows of five 30p (38c) stamps with surplus paper retained. The contents are as follows:-

Row 1: Padraic Carney/Fank Cummins/Jack O'Shea/Nicky Rackard/Frank Cummins;

Row 2: Padraic Carney/Fank Cummins/Jack O'Shea/Nicky Rackard/Jack O'Shea.

Fish Prestige Booklet: The booklet contains four illustrated panes of stamps and eight pages of bilingual text and/or photographs; the text/photographs also extend to inside the front and back covers. The booklet contain a total of sixteen stamps in four blocks of 4 as follows:-

Pane 1: 30p(38c) Perch/32p(41c) Arctic Charr/
32p(41c) Pike/45p(57c) Common Bream;

Pane 2: 32p(41c) Arctic Charr/32p(41c) Pike/2 x
45p(57c) Common Bream;

Pane 3: 30p(38c) Perch/32p(41c) Pike/32p(41c)
Arctic Charr/45p(57c) Common Bream;
and

Pane 4: 2 x 30p(38c) Perch and 2 x 45p(57c)
Common Bream.

As all stamps are of horizontal format and are perforated on all four sides, there are no additional singles ex. this booklet. The panes are rouletted at left and stitched into the booklet covers.



Christmas Booklet: The Christmas booklet contains 24 x 30p stamps giving two free stamps per booklet. The twenty-four stamps are set out in one pane, folded five times, containing two columns of twelve stamps. Each stamp measures 25mm x 30mm. This is the same format as the booklet issued last year.

Date of Issue	Description	Cost	Plate numbers/Notes	Paper	Perf.	Printer
						
April	£3 Booklet – Reprint	IR£3.00	10 x 30p – two designs	CCP3	10% x 13	Questa
June	Sheet Reprint (Phos.) – New Printer					
	- Ringed Plover	40p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP1	14 x 14%	ISSP
	- Sparrowhawk	50p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP1	14% x 14	ISSP
11 June	Dual Currency Definitives (Phosphor except £1)					
	- Blackbird	30p (38c)	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14 x 14%	ISSP
	- Robin	32p (41c)	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14 x 14%	ISSP
	- Puffin	35p (44c)	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14 x 14%	ISSP
	- Wren	40p (51c)	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14 x 14%	ISSP
	- Song Thrush	45p (57c)	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14 x 14%	ISSP
	- Greenland White-fronted Goose	IR£1 (€1.27)	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14% x 14	ISSP
20 Aug	Birds of Ireland – Dual Currency Self-Adhesives					
	- Goldcrest and Blackbird 2 x 30p (38c)	IR£30 per box of 100 (50 x 2)			11¼ x 11½	Ausprint
9 Oct.	No Value Indicator Booklets – Self Adhesive					
	- Blackbird and Goldcrest	IR£3.00	10 x National (30p/38c)		11¼ x 11½	Ausprint
	- Robin	IR£3.20	10 x European (32p/41c)		11¼ x 11½	Ausprint
	- Song Thrush	IR£4.50	10 x Worldwide (45p/57c)		11¼ x 11½	Ausprint

£3 Booklet: A new printing of the IR£3 booklet by Questa appeared in late April. Apart from the perforation difference, the stamps in the Questa printing are of a much deeper colour and the birds are slightly larger. The colours on the front cover of the booklet are also a darker shade and the bar code has altered. The right margin is fully perforated as per the initial ISSP printing. The phosphor frame is larger and is 5mm wide as compared to just over 3mm on the ISSP printings. The frame does not spill over into the left or right margin of the complete pane as per the ISSP printings; however due to the larger frame size, it does overlap part of the design on each stamp. The paper is whiter and shiny as compared to the paper on the ISSP pane but gives the same dark CCP3 reaction. The gum remains off-white/cream. The É of ÉIRE has a flat accent as per the previous printings.

Sheet Printings: The 40p and 50p phosphor values reprinted by ISSP (previously Walsall) were available from the philatelic bureau from mid-June. I'm not aware of either stamp available at any post office prior to June.



Dual Currency Sheet Issues:

All values are phosphor except the £1. The 35p value now depicts the Puffin (previously on 44p) and the 45p the Wren (previously only within the 15 x 30p sheetlet). Most designs/values were re-set to accommodate the inclusion of both currencies. This is particularly noticeable in the case of the 30p and 32p values – the birds are smaller in size and on the 32p the value references are now to the right of the Robin's head.

Dual Currency Self-Adhesive Roll: The roll format does not differ from the previous Australian issue (25/25/26/24 plus 2 labels). The labels do not have a phosphor frame and no new labels were added to the Australian rolls. There was no ISSP printing. I understand that all future self-adhesive rolls (and booklets) will be produced in Australia. First day facilities with pictorial cancel were available for this issue.



NVI

Booklets: The booklets feature the first Irish stamps with No Value Indicators (NVI) to facilitate use both before and after the changeover to the euro. The three booklets contain 10 x N (inland rate -30p/38c Blackbird and Goldcrest), 10 x E (european rate - 32p/41c Robin) and 10 x W (worldwide rate -45p/57c Song Thrush) stamps respectively. Each booklet contains two columns of five stamps, folded twice, with a gap between stamps 1 and 2 in each column. In the case of the National booklet both Blackbird (column 1) and Goldcrest (column 2) designs are included. The surplus paper is retained and the phosphor frame extends into the surrounding margin of each stamp. The European and Worldwide booklets contain 10 small self-adhesive airmail labels on the reverse of the middle pane.

No first day facilities or pictorial cancel were available for this issue. However, the issue date coincided with the Dublin Stamp Society postmark referred to below and NVI covers exist with this cancel. The booklets will be re-issued with euro values next April.

COUNTER MACHINE LABELS

No changes were noted during 2001. Most of the smaller computerised offices no longer stock high value stamps as any "low volume" value can be produced on their printer.

PRESENTATION BOOKS, FOLDERS AND PACKS

There was a reduction in the number this year with only eight regular packs/folders for single issues as compared to ten in 2000.

1st January - Celebrating the Millennium (2nd Issue – Epic Journeys) Pack: The pack contains a large card with the sheetlet attached and cancelled with the pictorial first day postmark. Cost: IR£6.00 – face value: IR£3.60.

24 January – Lunar Presentation Pack: The pack contains a Year of the Snake miniature sheet. Cost: IR£3.60 – face value: 96p.

26 April – Jordan Presentation Pack: The pack contains a complete sheetlet of 16 x 30p/38c stamp (featuring the Formula 1 Jordan Grand Prix car) plus the self-adhesive booklet. Cost: IR£11.95 - face value: IR£7.80

3 May – Ned Kelly Presentation Pack: The pack contains the Ned Kelly Miniature Sheet. Cost: IR£3.60 - face value: IR£1.00.

10 July – Battle of Kinsale Presentation Pack: The pack contains the set of four stamps. Cost: IR£3.60 – face value: IR£1.37.

5 September – Sailing Presentation Pack: The pack contains the set of four sheet stamps. Cost: IR£3.60 – face value: IR£1.52.

5 September – GAA Hall of Fame Collection Folder: The folder contains the complete sheetlet of 16 x 30p/38c stamps plus the self-adhesive booklet of 10 x 30p/38c stamps. Cost: IR£11.95 – face value: IR£7.80.

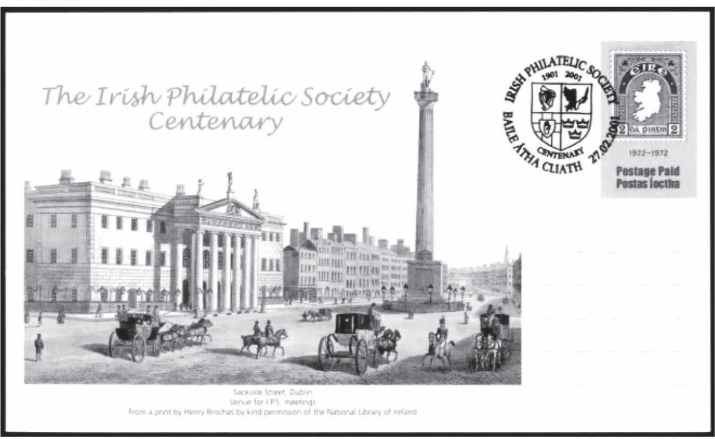
9 October – Fauna and Flora (Fish) Presentation Pack: The pack contains the set of four stamps. Cost: IR£3.60 – face value: IR£1.39.

A set of four fine art prints, each with the appropriate single stamp cancelled with the first day postmark, was also available for IR£50.00.

5 November - Year Pack: The Year Pack contains one each of the special and commemorative stamps issued during 2001 including both the sheet and self-adhesives for the Europa and Sailing sets, a pair of the Christmas self-adhesive (cut from a normal booklet with backing) but excluding the Millennium set, the Greetings booklet pane and any of the miniature sheets – a total of 49 stamps with a face value of IR£17.63 – cost: IR£19.90.

3 December (postponed from 5 November) - Year Book: Each book contains all special and commemorative stamps issues as per the year pack together with the three miniature sheets (Year of the Snake, Jordan and Ned Kelly). A numbered black print of the 30p (38c) Perch stamp is also included in the book. Neither the special Jordan miniature sheet with additional inscription for Belgica 2001 nor the self-adhesive Greetings booklet pane was included.

Total printing of 3,500 standard copies (2000: 3,500) and 150 (2000: 150) full-bound leather editions. Cost: IR£32.00 - face value: IR£21.53.

Date of Issue	Description	Cost	Notes
	 		
			
17 Feb	St. Patrick's Day - set of four prepaid postcards	65p	per card
	- set of four greetings cards	IR£1.30	per card including prepaid envelope
27 Feb	Centenary of The Irish Philatelic Society		
	Postcard issued by An Post	65p	5,500 printed Business Print
?	Registered Envelope - 1st Reprint	IR£2.50	Reference to weight step now 100 grms. (previously 50 grms.)
?	Registered Envelope - 2nd Reprint	IR£2.50	Label now has R in red (previously blue) – ref. also 100 grms

St. Patrick's Day Cards: Four postcards were available featuring (1) Shamrock in Green Eye; (2) Shamrock and Spaceman superimposed on Earth from Space; (3) Montage of Irish Culture; and (4) Shamrock with Triangular Leaves on Celtic Spiral Background. The Postage Paid imprint has the usual R.J. King design and matches the imprint of recent years. The St. Patrick's Festival logo also appears on each card. The price of individual cards was 65p, an increase of 15p.

Four greetings cards complete with prepaid envelope bearing the same R.J. King stamp design were also available featuring (1) Prayer of St. Patrick; (2) Couple at Window, York St., Dublin, 1954; (3) Macnas Group at St. Patrick's Day Parade, 1996; and (4) Green Sheep. The price of individual cards was increased by 30p to IR£1.30 as compared to 2000.

There was no illustrated leaflet in post offices this year advertising the issue. The Green Sheep design was somewhat inappropriate as due an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in Britain and Northern Ireland large numbers of sheep had to be destroyed during the period February/March. There was only one outbreak in the Republic of Ireland which required the destruction of all sheep on the Cooley Peninsula in Co. Louth.

In the event of non-delivery return to

"In the

event....." and three lines in alignment

In the event of non-delivery return to

"In the event....." set to right of three address lines

Two types of envelope were used for the Greetings Cards. The first type of envelope was the same as used in 2000 – the envelope is white and the three lines for the return address at top left are in line with the wording "In the event.....". The second type is on cream paper and the three lines are position 2mm to the right of the same wording. The cut of the back flaps also differ.

The usual green "first day of issue" cancel was available from the bureau and other large main post offices (e.g. Kilkenny) for use on both postcards and envelope. The issue date coincided with the Collectors' Road Show in Kilkenny and both first day and show cancels could be applied to the cards presented at the An Post stand at the show.



Overprinted Card as sent to Stamp members

In order to prevent the spread of Foot and Mouth disease, a large number of sporting and other outdoor events were cancelled or postponed including the St. Patrick's Day Parades. Most Parades were re-arranged for the weekend of 19/20 May.

The Stamp Council sent a St. Patrick's Day card to each member postmarked with the CDS of the philatelic bureau dated 18 May. Because of the threat of foot and mouth disease, the St. Patrick's Day festivities were postponed until 18 May as detailed on each card.

There was no private stamped to order issue this year. The same entity that produced the stamped to order set in 2000 offered similar cards this year but they did not bear any pre-printed stamp.

The Irish Philatelic Society Centenary: The I.P.S. is Ireland's oldest philatelic society and celebrated its centenary in 2001. In the absence of a stamp issue, An Post agreed to the issue of a stationery item which was designed by members of the Society. The large format postcard (184mm x 108mm) reproduces a print of Sackville Street (now O'Connell Street), Dublin by Henry Brochas. The reverse of the card reproduces the notice for the initial meeting which was held in the premises of the Dublin Bread Company, 6-7 Lower Sackville Street on 27 February 1901. The imprinted postage paid stamp reproduces an adaptation of the 1972 design issued to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Irish postage stamps. The card was designed by members of the Society with artwork and typesetting by FOR Print and Design. Litho printed by Business Print on A3 size 280 micron Tru-card; there were four cards in the master sheet. Total printing of 5,500 with shade variations noted. The card was not included in An Post's Collectors News but is an official (not a private) issue. The card was issued on the actual anniversary date of 27 February and a special postmark incorporating the Arms of the Four Provinces was also available. The Arms of the Four Provinces is included in the Society's logo. The

cancellation was not confined to use on the card.

Details of other I.P.S. Souvenirs are included in the section *"Exhibition and Society Souvenirs, Postmarks and Cachets"*

REGISTERED Cláraithe

1. Postage/Postas

Postage is paid on this envelope which covers up to 50 grammes in weight within Ireland and the equivalent monetary value when posted outside Ireland. The appropriate additional postage should be affixed if your letter weighs more than 50 grammes or the postage rate to the destination country exceeds the domestic 50 grammes rate.

reference to 50 grms.

reference to 100 grms.



REGISTERED Cláraithe

1. Postage/Postas

Postage is paid on this envelope which covers up to 100 grammes in weight within Ireland and the equivalent monetary value when posted outside Ireland. The appropriate additional postage should be affixed if your letter weighs more than 100 grammes or the postage rate to the destination country exceeds the domestic 100 grammes rate.

*Blue R - not underlined
(dark blue background)*

*Red R - underlined
(light blue background)*

Registered Envelope Reprints: Although the price of the envelope (IR£2.50) and the registration rate (IR£2.00) remain unchanged, the postage paid element now covers up to 100 grms. (previously 50 grms.) in weight within Ireland and the equivalent monetary value of 40p (previously 35p) outside Ireland. This is reflected in a revision of the weight reference to 100grms on the reverse of the envelope. I'm unsure when this change came into effect but it probably changed on 2 April 2001 when SDS and Swiftpost rates were revised. The positioning of the green *Postage Paid* stamp element and the blue printing which refers to *Minimum Registration Fee Paid* varies on the new printing.

The second change was to the large combined registration label and receipt attached to the front of the envelope. As well as the changes referred to above, the R within the label portion is now underlined and printed in red on a light blue background (previously dark blue on blue background with no underlining).



Belgica 2001 (9-15 June): As already detailed under *Special and Commemorative Issues*, a Jordan miniature sheet incorporating the exhibition logo was released on the opening day of the show. As well as the special first day cachet for this sheet, a general cachet was also available.

FAI - Annual General Meeting (4-6 May): 250 colour cards were produced of which 40 were signed by the officers for members attending the meeting. The card features the FAI logo plus a picture of Jagdschloss Königs Wusterhausen the location of the meeting. The cards do not bear any stamp or cancellation.



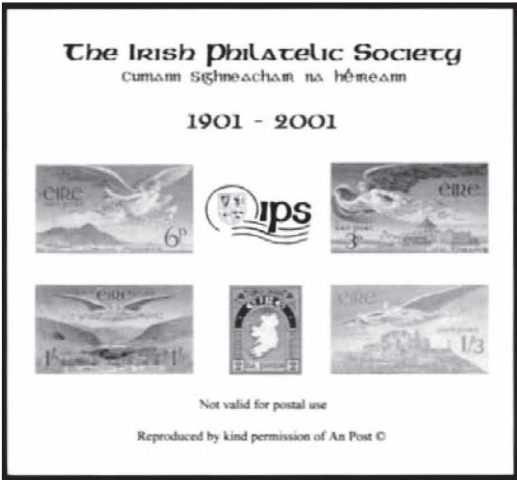
Irish Philatelic Circle – Annual Convention (12-13 May): The Annual Convention of the Circle was held in Chester. A special cachet (not a postmark) was applied to An Post prepaid postcards. Each member attending the Convention received a copy. There was no additional printing on the postcard.



Other Overseas Exhibitions: Cachets were also available for **Hong Kong 2001** (1-5 February), **Philanippon '01** held in Tokyo (1-7 August) and **Hafnia '01** held in Copenhagen (16-21 October). The Hong Kong cachet incorporated the Kingfisher bird design as used on the 10p definitive. The other cachets featured the relevant exhibition logo.

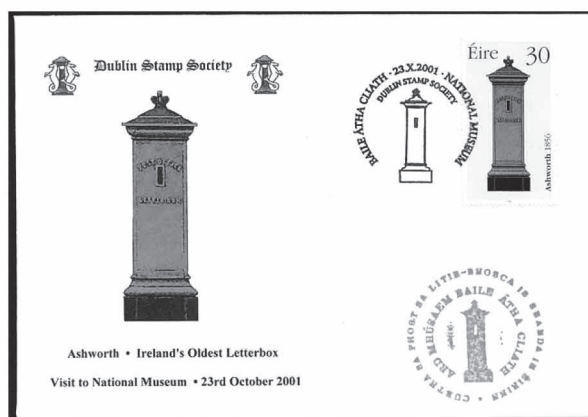
Two other unannounced cachets not included in my 2000 listing are also illustrated - **Salon d'Antonne** held in Paris (9-12 November 2000) and **2000 Monaco**, the Great Rarities Exhibition held at the Stamp Museum, Monaco (1-3 December, 2000).

EXHIBITION AND SOCIETY SOUVENIRS, POSTMARKS AND CACHETS – REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Date of Issue	Description	Cost	Plate Numbers/Notes	Paper	Perforation	Printer
	 					 
			<i>I.P.S. Souvenir Card</i>			
17 Feb	IPTA/An Post Collectors' Road Show, Kilkenny Team of the Millennium (Hurling) sheetlet with o/p in black	IR£5.00	600 copies (numbered)	CCP3	14¾ x 14	Mahons
22 Feb	Centenary of The Irish Philatelic Society Dinner Menu – o/p in black on ordinary postcard Reprint	no charge	Cancelled with bureau CDS of 22.2.01			
4 Mar	IPTA/An Post Collectors' Road Show, Limerick Team of the Millennium (Hurling) sheetlet with o/p in black	IR£5.00	600 copies (numbered)	CCP3	14¾ x 14	Mahons
8 Apr	Stampania 2001 (Dublin) Dark green o/p on Year of the Snake M/S I.P.S. Centenary postcard with cachet	IR£3.00 IR£1.00	300 sheets overprinted 40 cards with bureau CDS plus special cachet	CCP3	14 x 14¾	Mahons
8 Apr	Centenary of The Irish Philatelic Society Souvenir Card reproducing airmail designs	50p	500 cards privately printed			I.P.S.
29 July	IPTA/An Post Collectors' Road Show, Donegal Team of the Millennium (Hurling) sheetlet with o/p in black	IR£5.00	600 copies (numbered)	CCP3	14¾ x 14	Mahons
29 Sept	IPTA/An Post Collectors' Road Show, Killarney - Team of the Millennium (Hurling) sheetlet with o/p in black	IR£5.00	600 copies (numbered)	CCP3	14¾ x 14	Mahons
6 Oct	Cork Philatelic Society – Annual Exhibition- Booklet - Special cover for postmark	IR£3.00 50p	2 x 30p Battle of Kinsale (200 printed and numbered) per envelope			
9 Oct	Dublin Stamp Society - Visit to National Print Museum	IR£1.50	Postcard with special imprint (100)			Print Museum
20 Oct	IPTA/An Post Collectors' Road Show, Galway - Team of the Millennium (Hurling) sheetlet with o/p in black	IR£5.00	600 copies (numbered)	CCP3	14¾ x 14	Mahons

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Date of Issue	Description	Cost	Plate Numbers/Notes	Paper	Perforation	Printer
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Official Dublin Stamp Society Cover



23 Oct	Dublin Stamp Society					
	- Visit to National Museum of Ireland	IR£1.50	Postcard with special imprint (100)			D.S.S.
2 Nov	Stampa 2001					
	- Birds of Ireland sheetlet with o/p		1,100 printed - o/p in black	CCP3	14 x 14¾	Mahons
	- Ned Kelly miniature sheet with o/p	IR£20.00	1,100 printed - o/p in black	CCP3	14¾ x 14	Mahons
	- Butterflies miniature sheet with o/p		1,100 printed - o/p in black	CCP3	13¾ x 12¾	Mahons
	- Irish Philatelic Society Postcard with o/p		1,100 printed - o/p in black			Mahons
	- Formula One Jordan Grand Prix with o/p	IR£5.00	2,000 printed - o/p in silver	CCP3	13¾ x 14	Mahons
9 Nov	Stampa 2001					
	- Large envelope	50p	100 printed			Stampa
10 Nov	Éire Philatelic Association – A.G.M.					
	- Souvenir Sheet	no charge	50th Anniversary sheet with additional imprint			
6 Dec	Centenary of The Irish Philatelic Society					
	Dinner Menu – o/p in black on centenary postcard	IR£1.00	Cancelled with 6 December special postmark			Reprint
	Centenary envelope – with logo o/p in black	80p	Cancelled with 6 December special postmark			I.P.S.

All sheetlets/miniature sheets / postcards as listed above were privately overprinted by the organisers. Overprinting of the sheetlets, miniature sheets and the I.P.S.centenary postcard and the production of the I.P.S. souvenir card was with the permission of An Post.



IPTA/An Post Collector Road Shows – Kilkenny Limerick, Donegal, Killarney and Galway: The one day shows were held in Rivercourt Hotel (Kilkenny), Jury's Hotel (Limerick), Abbey Hotel, (Donegal), Scott's Hotel (Killarney), and Flannery's Hotel (Galway). The Limerick and Donegal shows were held on a Sunday; the remainder were held on a Saturday.

A special postmark for each event was available as well as the souvenir listed. The Kilkenny and Limerick cancels were repeats of prior year designs. The Donegal, Killarney and Galway postmarks were a welcome change from the circular cancellations usually favoured by An Post and were designed by I.P.C. member John Mullen.

A cream coloured C5 size centenary envelope was produced by the Irish Philatelic Society as part of their centenary celebrations (see below). This envelope was utilised by members in conjunction with the show cancels. The Society together with An Post sponsored displays at each of the regional Roadshows held during the year. They also supplied displays at Stampania 2001 and at the Cork Philatelic Society show. The exhibits altered for each show so as to include postal items specific to the particular geographic location. The C5 envelope was first used at the Limerick show.

The Irish Philatelic Society Centenary: The I.P.S. celebrated 100 years of existence in 2001. As well as the centenary postcard issued by An Post (see under *Postal Stationery*) and the envelopes referred to above, the Society were responsible for a number of other souvenirs and postmarks to mark their centenary.

The Centenary Dinner was held prior to the issue of the An Post postcard. The ordinary An Post prepaid postcard was overprinted in black with details of the venue and the menu together with the Society's logo. All cards were cancelled with the bureau CDS of 22 February. The initial printing which was in blue had a typographical error ("*Centennary*" instead of "*Centenary*"). It was decided to reprint the card. A number of the incorrect blue printing were retained (uncancelled) and distributed to members.

A souvenir card was also produced by the Society featuring the Society logo, the 2d map stamp and four of the Airmail designs (3d, 6d, 1s and 1s3d) – see illustration on page 12. The four reproduced designs feature a location in each of the provinces. The Society's logo features the Arms of the Four Provinces. The reverse of the card gives details of the Society and the four Airmail designs. The card was privately printed on A4 coated card with six souvenir cards per master sheet. The card was released on 8 April to coincide with the Dublin show "**Stampania 2001**". An Post did not attend the show and there was no special cancellation. The I.P.S. sponsored a cachet incorporating "Molly Malone and her Wheelbarrow". 40 copies of the centenary postcard were cancelled with the bureau CDS of 8 April with the cachet applied to the left of the stamp. The cachet can also be found on the overprinted Year of the Snake miniature sheet overprinted for the show.

The centenary postcard was overprinted for use as the dinner menu for the Society's annual Christmas Social /Dinner held in Snipes Restaurant, Dublin 2 on 6 December. The same postcard was also overprinted by Stamp – see below.

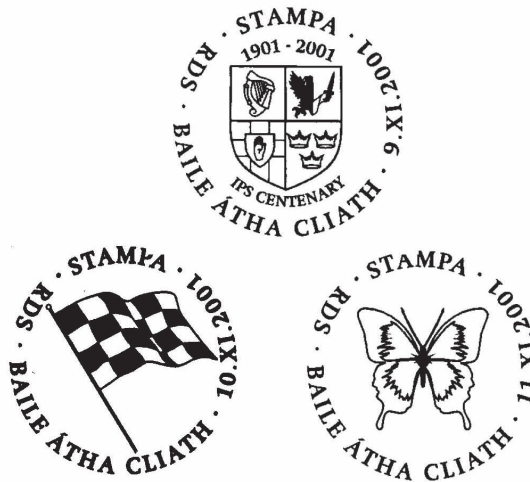
The C5 envelope was also overprinted for this event and both items were cancelled with a special postmark as illustrated.



Cork Philatelic Society – Annual Exhibition: A numbered booklet containing 2 x 30p Kinsale stamps (from either left or right margin) was available.

Cork Philatelic Exhibition 2001

The interleaving features various Kinsale postmarks and the back cover reproduces the original artwork for the show cancel. The souvenir cover features the 400th anniversary Battle of Kinsale arms produced by the local Trade and Tourism Council.



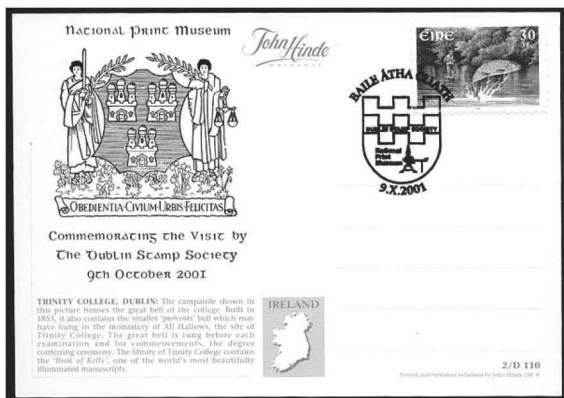
Stampa 2001: As usual, the souvenirs were distributed to members prior to the three day show. The overprinted Jordan miniature sheet was the public souvenir available at the show.

The three postmarks in use at the show featured:-

- 9 November: Irish Philatelic Society Centenary (I.P.S. logo);
- 10 November: Formula 1 Grand Prix (Chequered Flag); and
- 11 November: Butterfly.

There were no other postmarks/cachets available as no overseas postal administration attended the exhibition. A large envelope was available to facilitate collectors who wanted to obtain any of the souvenirs cancelled with the show postmarks. This was issued on the opening day of the exhibition.

The overprinted I.P.S. card was also used for the Awards Dinner Menu which was held in the Lansdowne Hotel, Pembroke Road, Dublin 4 on 10 November. Each of the cards was cancelled with the Chequered Flag postmark of the same date. Total of 99 cards produced – 29 attended the dinner.



Dublin Stamp Society Card with National Print Museum overprint

Dublin Stamp Society – Museum Visits: The Society arranged a visit to the National Print Museum, Beggars Bush Dublin 4 on 9 October. A special postmark was available as illustrated. The Society arranged for a John Hinde postcard featuring Trinity College to be overprinted on the reverse side by the Museum. The attractive imprint (illustrated above) incorporated the Dublin Coat of Arms and motto "Obedientia Civium Urbis Felicitas" ("The Welfare of the City Depends on the Obedience of its Citizens").



The Society also visited the National Museum of Ireland premises at the former Collins Barracks, Dublin 7 on 23 October. The purpose of the visit was to view the Museum's collection of stamps which had its origin in the bequest to the Museum in 1893 by the fifth Duke of Leinster of his collection. A special postmark featuring the Ashworth postbox was available. This postbox is the oldest in Ireland and is situated in the inner courtyard near the main entrance to the Museum.

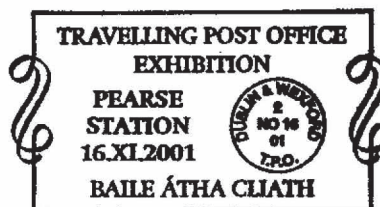
A John Hinde postcard featuring a view of the Liffey and a number of the bridges on the river was overprinted privately by the Society. The imprint in a scroll design refers to the visit. As well as the postmark, one of the Museum's handstamps, which also refers to the Ashworth box, was applied to all cards. These handstamps were first introduced in 1996 when the box was situated in the Museum's Kildare Street premises. The cachets, which were produced in six different languages, were withdrawn when the box was moved to the present location.

Most cards feature the Irish version of the handstamp (in green). The English version of the

handstamp was also used on a number of cards (either in red or black). A special envelope (illustrated on page 13) was also available which depicted the Ashworth box – total printing of 70 envelopes. The Irish version of the Museum handstamp was applied to all of these envelopes.

Éire Philatelic Association: The tragic events of 11 September caused the annual general meeting of the Association which was to be held at the Milcopex show in Winconsin to be rescheduled for 10 November at Stampa. This was the first time that the A.G.M. was held in Ireland. The E.P.A.'s 50th Anniversary sheet produced last year was overprinted for the A.G.M in advance of the original date. The additional imprint reads "2001 AGM – MILCOPEX, Sept. 14-16, 2001". The imprint exists positioned at either the top or bottom of the sheet. All members attending the A.G.M. received a copy of one of the sheets.

OTHER POSTMARKS



Railway Preservation Society of Ireland (RPSI): The RPSI arranged for the restored Irish State Coach and a restored Travelling Post Office Coach to be on public view at Pearse Station, Westland Row, Dublin 2 for a three week period from 12 November to 2 December. The Irish State Coach was built in 1902 by the Great Southern & Western Railway for the State visit of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra to Ireland in 1903. The restoration of the Coach was the subject of a special postmark last year. The T.P.O. was built during the period 1958 to 1962 and is only one of two which survive following cessation of the service in 1994. A small exhibition was mounted in the T.P.O. relating to both coaches and a special postmark was available on 16th November. The postmark incorporates a Dublin and Wexford T.P.O. cancel of 1901. The T.P.O. would have operated from this station, which was then part of the Dublin Wicklow and Wexford Railway. The Dublin Stamp Society also produced a cover for the event which reproduced the original postmark artwork.

Irish Open: The Irish Open Golf Championship was held in Ballybunion, Co. Kerry (29 June to 2 July) but no post office facilities or postmark were provided this year. The event was won by Patrik Sjoland (Sweden).

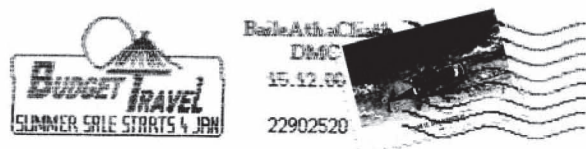
SLOGANS USED ON INTEGRATED MAIL PROCESSORS (IMPs)

(all illustrations of IMP postmarks reduced)

All slogans were in use at the Dublin Mails Centre ("DMC") and at Portlaoise Mails Centre ("PMC").

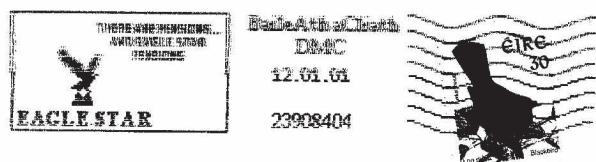
There were several new slogans used in 2001 for the first time as listed below. Repeat uses of earlier years' slogans are referred to at the end of this section.

DMC rarely have the time printed within the postmark whereas PMC always has the time printed.



IMP 21 - BUDGET TRAVEL / SUMMER SALE STARTS 4 JAN

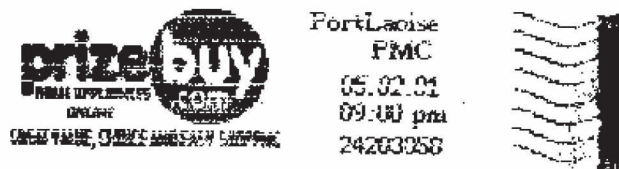
In use from 15 December 2000 to 1 January 2001.



IMP 22 - THERE ARE PENSIONS... / AND EAGLE STAR / PENSIONS

In use from 2 January 2001 to 1 February 2001.

John Lennon has reported covers from DMC machine 1 for 31 January 2001 at 7.30pm with an incorrect slogan – the **Post Early For Christmas** IMP slogan (IMP 11) was used. It would appear that somebody incorrectly changed over for the new February slogan (i.e. IMP 23) but made the wrong choice and the error was noticed after some covers had been processed.



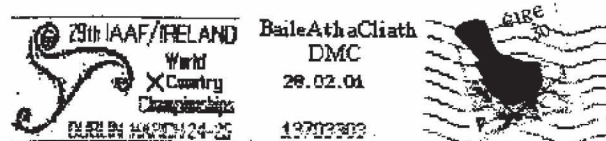
IMP 23 - prizebuy.com / home appliances / online / great value, choice and easy shipping

In use from 1 February 2001 to 28 February 2001.

The outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in the UK and subsequently the single case in the Republic of Ireland had an impact on the IMP slogans used and three different new slogans (IMPs 24 to 26) were used within a ten day period at the end of February and beginning of March 2001. Then, just to

complicate matters, a third machine was put into use at the DMC at this time.

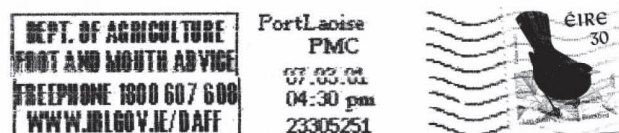
IMP 24 - 29th IAAF / IRELAND / World / X Country



/ Championships / DUBLIN MARCH 24 – 25

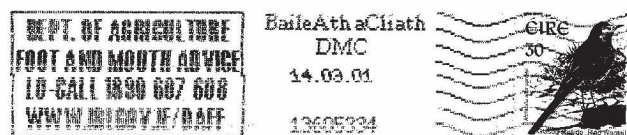
In use from 28 February 2001 to 6 March 2001.

The Championships were due to be held at Leopardstown Racecourse, Co. Dublin but were transferred to Brussels due to travel restrictions because of the FMD (foot and mouth disease) outbreak. The change in venue was announced during the first week of March and the slogan was withdrawn. The 2002 Championships are being held in Dublin at the end of March 2002 at the same venue.



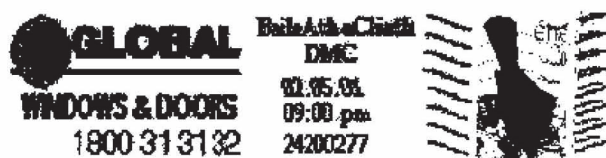
IMP 25 – DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE / FOOT AND MOUTH ADVICE / FREEPHONE 1800 607 608 / WWW.IRLGOV.IE/DAFF

In use from 6 March 2001 to 9 March 2001.



IMP 26 – DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE / FOOT AND MOUTH ADVICE / LO-CALL 1890 607 608 / WWW.IRLGOV.IE/DAFF

In use from 9 March 2001 to May 2001. Note change from FREEPHONE (IMP 25) to LO-CALL number (IMP 26).



IMP 27 - GLOBAL / WINDOWS & DOORS / 1800 31 31 32

In use during early May 2001.



BaileAthaCliath
DMC
16.05.01
08:30 pmar2
24109617



IMP 28 in use at DMC on 16 May
with time and additional "pmar2"

IMP 28 - AXA and You. / Perfect / Together.

In use from 2 May 2001 to June 2001.



UN International
Year of Volunteers
2001

BaileAthaCliath
DMC
03.06.01
09:30 amar2
21901369



IMP 29 - UN International / Year of Volunteers / 2001

In use from 1 June 2001.

Letter Post
Customer Services
Phone 1850 575859

BaileAthaCliath
DMC
22.08.01
02:30 pm
12911613



IMP 30 - Letter Post / Customer Services / Phone 1850 575859

In use from 20 August 2001.

National Anti-Racism
Awareness Programme
Launch 24 October 2001

BaileAthaCliath
DMC
03.10.01
23908241



IMP 31 - National Anti-Racism / Awareness Programme / Launch 24 October 2001

In use from 3 October 2001.

BUY A DELL
Tel: 1850 293 329
www.dell.com

PortLaoise
PMC
02.11.01
07:30 pm
23905775



IMP 32 - BUY A DELL / Tel: 1850 293 329 / www.dell.com

In use from 1 November 2001.



BaileAthaCliath
DMC
15.12.01
12602271

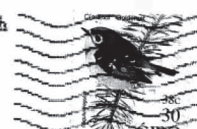


IMP 33 - Happy / Christmas / from / An Post

In use from 14 December 2001 to 18 December 2001.



BaileAthaCliath
DMC
20.12.01
13403188



IMP 34 - BUDGET TRAVEL / SUMMER SALE STARTS 3 JAN

In use from 17 December 2001.

New DMC machines

Three new machines came into operation at the Dublin Mails Centre from March 2001.

ALWAYS INCLUDE A
RETURN ADDRESS
ON YOUR ENVELOPE
=POST

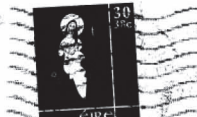
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DMC
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IMP 7, DMC machine 3 – 22 March 2001

POST EARLY
FOR CHRISTMAS
=POST

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DMC
14.12.01
40702696



IMP 11 used on DMC machine 4 on 14 December 2001

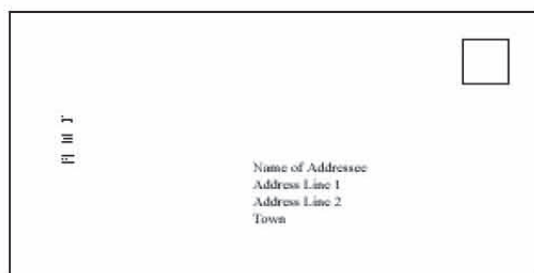


IMP 29 used on DMC, machine 5 on 4 June 2001

Other Notes

IMP 7 ALWAYS INCLUDE A / RETURN ADDRESS / ON YOUR ENVELOPE/=POST is the default slogan which is used on all machines in the absence of a sponsored or other An Post slogan. This slogan together with IMP 11 POST EARLY / FOR CHRISTMAS / =POST were the only repeated slogans in use during 2001.

Flats sorting machine ("FSM")



In the first few months of 2001, a FSM began operation in Dublin. Since early May 2001, tag codes have been seen on the front of large covers (A4 sized covers). These tags are often, but not always, applied on self-adhesive labels. As the codes are faint they cannot be illustrated. However, the drawing gives an indication of the placing of the tag codes on the covers – the tag is found to the left of the address and appears in vertical format.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS



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November – Christmas Postcard (Philatelic Bureau): The philatelic bureau sent out a large postcard with Christmas and New Year greetings to all customers. The card reproduces the 30p Christmas booklet stamp and incorporates the stamp plus a postage paid indicator (with the figure "30" retained within the design). The stamp was cancelled with a printed first day cancel of 5 November (the day of issue of the stamps) but the cards were not distributed until December. The cancel is the same design as used for the stamps but in smaller format.

December – An Post Christmas Card: The general card used by An Post incorporated the 32p design on the front plus the three other Christmas designs inside the card.

December – Santa Christmas Envelope: The 2001 envelope was a repeat of the design used since 1997 i.e. Santa pulling a sleigh together with the usual postage paid indicator cancelled with a pre-printed "North Pole 12.00 PM Dec Christmas" postmark.

FRAMA LABELS



*Tara Brooch correct
(top of brooch facing up)*



*Tara Brooch upside down
(top of brooch facing downwards)*

The only machines which appear to have been in use during 2001 were those located in Kilkenny and Galway. With the introduction of the euro all machines have now been withdrawn.

In my article last year I referred to the Limerick Frama machine. One eagle eyed member noted that the 30p value illustrated was printed on paper which had been reeled in reverse order and thus the Tara Brooch appears upside down in relation to the value. I have been able to determine that it was obtained from the machine on 16 September 1992 as I have an example on cover – the stamps were issued on the previous 7 September. Does this error occur on Framas from other machines ? Check your collections now !

CONCLUSION

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Finally, I once again make my annual plea to members who might be attending any of the international exhibitions attended by An Post or their agents. Any information would be welcome from members who attend any of the overseas shows as regards the availability of souvenirs and cachets. In particular, shows attended by agents often result in the use of a cachet organised by the agent without the knowledge of the philatelic bureau in Dublin. I can be contacted by e-mail at brian.warren@ie.pwcglobal.com or by post at 2 Dargle Valley, Marley Grange, Dublin 16, Ireland.