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Cinderella Air Mail card and special cachet on our Centenary card which were available at the Stampania Show, Jurys Hotel, Dublin - 8 April.

*The Irish Philatelic Society
Centenary*



Sackville Street, Dublin
Venue for I.P.S. meetings

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Dear member,

Herewith the second bulletin - IPS NEWS just in time for the summer recess. The Society will close following the meeting of 19 July and re-open on Thursday 13 September. The first issue for March was a success with a lot of good comments received from country and other members.

In future issues it is hoped to be able to include some articles of a philatelic nature - Postal History, Thematic etc. I would appeal to members to provide information for the newsletter - postmarks, unusual covers, or even articles on various aspects of philately.

In the meantime enjoy the summer break and I hope to see you on 13 September.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members who have joined us since the issue of the last newsletter:

Malcolm W. Taylor

Stephen Parker

The following resignations have been notified:

Gary Bermingham

Patrick Cannon

OVERSEAS VISITORS

In September as part of the Society Centenary Celebrations we will have two visitors to entertain us from the United Kingdom. The first of these visits will be on the 13th when Brian Sole will be our guest.

Brian is a past President, Chairman and Secretary of the British Thematic Association and is currently its Advertising Manager. His thematic collection is "Go By Cycle" and you may or may not REMEMBER it was one of the seven entries in the Thematic Class at Stampa'90. Brian is also a National Judge in the UK and has also been an apprentice International Judge. He will give us a display and seminar on putting together a collection for all levels of competition.

On 27th Bob Champion will be our guest. Bobs interest is in the field of Revenues which extends back to Louis XIV of France and before. He is the recognised authority in the UK in this field and we are delighted to have him.

Both these nights promise to be memorable. Please make every effort to be present in order to show our appreciation to our guests.

NEWS

The Yellow Rolls Royce stamp from the recent Cars issue is known to have been used at least one week before the official issue date.

Baggot Street Post Office closed in the first week of May as part of An Post's rationalisation plan.

A new slogan "UN International/ Year of Volunteers/2001 is currently in use at both the Dublin Mail Centre - DMC and Portlaois Mail Centre - PMC.

Examples of this slogan from both locations are illustrated below.



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Year of Volunteers
2001

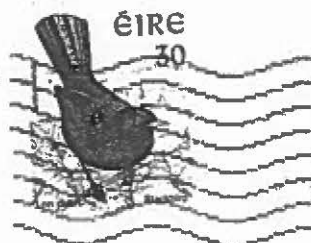
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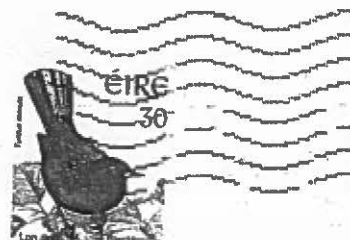
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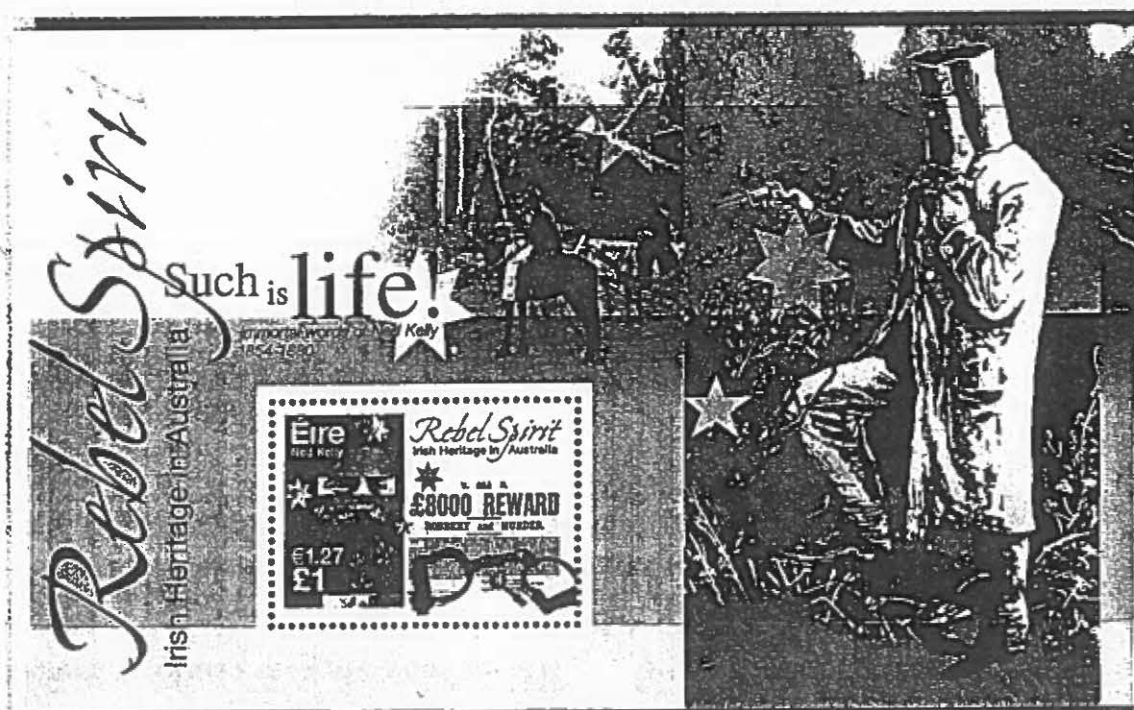
The Loughrea postmark illustrated in newsletter No.1 has been clarified. It is actually Baile Locha Riach/ Oifig Telegraфа - Loughrea/ Telegraph Office. Many thanks to John Lennon for this information.

New Issues

An Post issued dual currency Bird definitives on 11 June. This occurred on 30p, 32p, 35p, 40p, 45p, and £1 values. New designs for the 35p - Puffin and 40p - Wren were included. Booklets and sheetlets were not issued at this time. These dual currency definitives are illustrated.



Since the beginning of May the following commemorative issues have been made: Irish Heritage in Australia on 3 May. Se-tenant pairs of 30p and 45p, £1 miniature sheet and sheetlets of the stamps were issued. Europa on 16 May, 30p and 32p values also issued in self adhesive form. Battle of Kinsale on 10 July se-tenant pairs of 30p values, 32p and 45p values. The usual sheetlets of 16 were also issued. These are illustrated below.





DISPLAYS

STAN CHALLIS ENTERTAINS - 24 May

The highlight of the second quarter of the year was the display by Stan Challis on 24 May. This was in five sections and varied in all aspects of Irish Philately. Included in the display were:

The Jubilee Issues of 1887 with all values on cover either singly or in combination. Postmarks of Cape Clear from the early part of the 20th century to the present day, a section on Woodlawn as well as TPOs was also shown. Overprints as one might expect featured these being mostly on cover with one showing the 2/6 and 5/- values in combination with 1s Sword of Light definitives to Brazil. A large section of Irish mail to and from the USA along with Spanish mail also featured. The display was finished off with Australian States mail.

The meeting was well attended and the display well received with many favourite items being identified by those present.

Ocean Sail - 21 June

This display was given by Geoffrey Mc Auley and replaced the Dobbs Runners-up night. It comprised sheets taken from his vast International collection on the subject. Many interesting items were included - original artists drawing from the Isle of Man, by Nicholson, proofs, progressive colour trials and proofs, ship letters of Queenstown, Cove and London were included. Telegrams, Mulreadys missing colours, meter marks, booklets were also shown.

This was well received by the members present and it was a very interesting night indeed.

DOBBS AND SOCIETY CUP COMPETITIONS

These competitions originally scheduled for 10 May were deferred to 7 June. This was due to the closure of Ely House on 10 April and the visit of Stan

Only 1 entry was received for the Society Cup (Novice) competition and 2 for the Dobbs Competition.

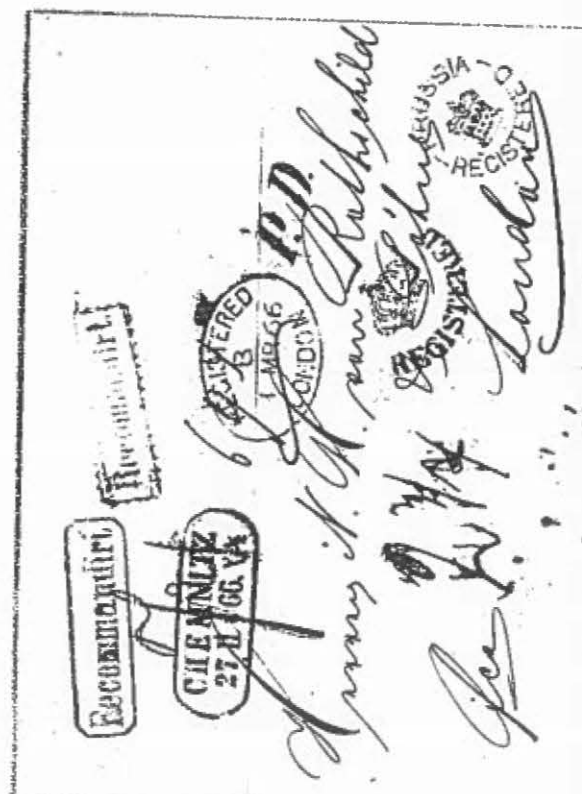
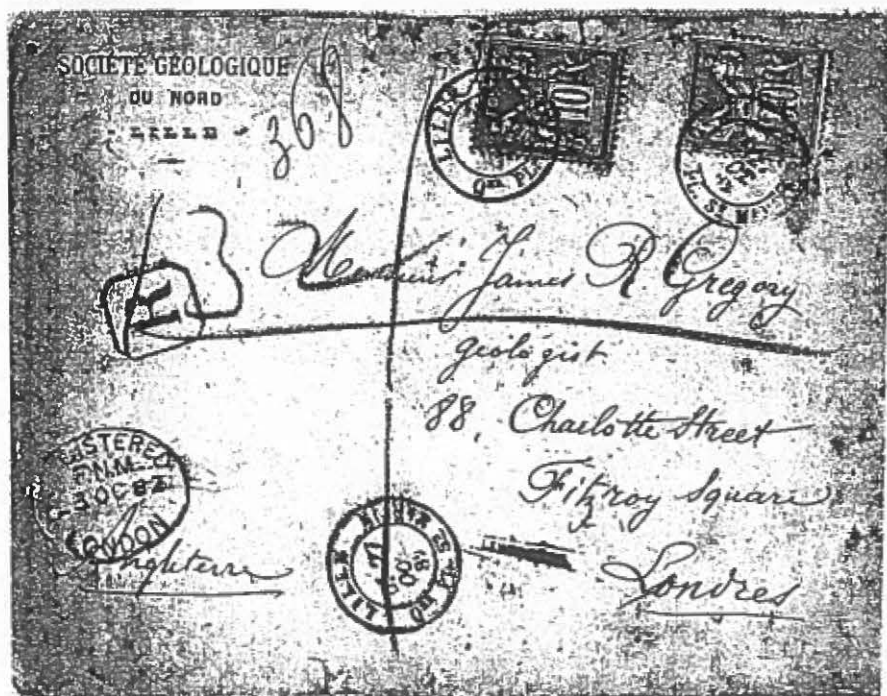
The Jury for these competitions was - Brian Warren who acted as Spokesman, Dr. Robert Towers and John Lennon. The novice entry was titled "Endangered Species / Birds and Mammals" by Fred Condell. This showed an array of endangered species from across the world with details of their habitat and life. The Jury felt that, it was not of a sufficient standard to award the Society but it was awarded a medal.

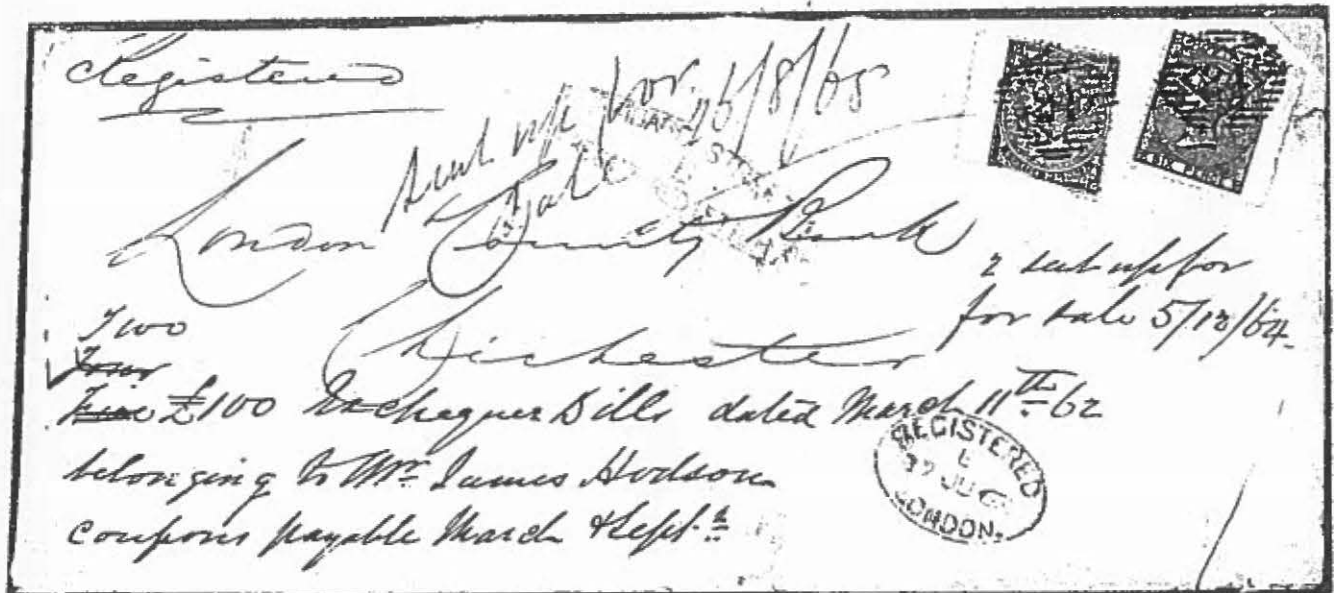
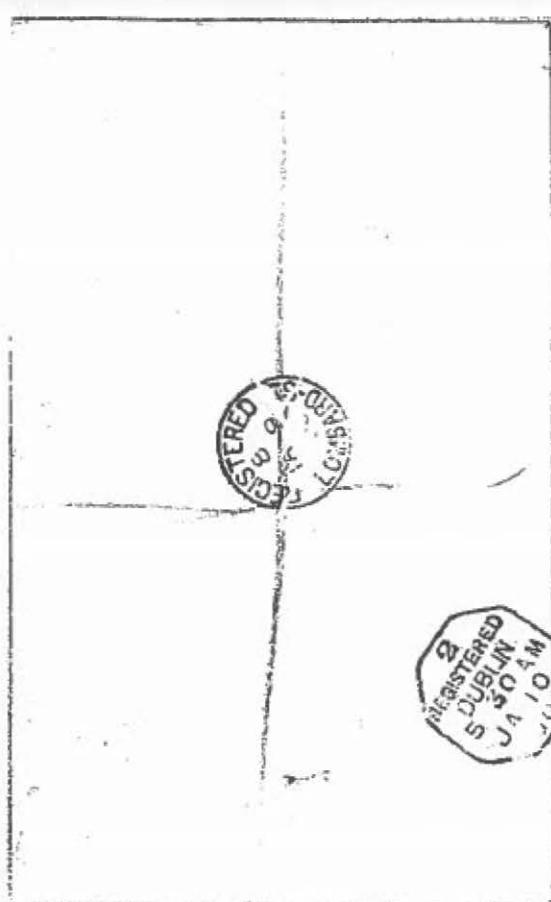
In the Senior Class the entries were submitted in the Postal History and Specialised sections. However, the jury felt that the specialised entry was more akin to postal history and accordingly transferred it. After much deliberations it was decided by the jury that, the entry "London Registered Mail 1860 - 1910" was the winner by a short head over the other entry "Paid Indicators on London Mail 1857-1910".

The winning entry was by Frank McDonald and it was awarded the F.E.Dixon Cup and medal as well as the Dobbs Memorial Trophy and medal.

A number of interesting items were shown in the winning entry including oval Registered/F.N.M/ LONDON (Foreign Night Mail) on cover Lille to London, Circular crowned PRUSSIA/REGISTERED applied in London on cover from Chemnitz, circular REGISTERED/LOMBARD ST. and octagonal 2/REGISTERED/DUBLIN on the same cover Lombard Street to Chicester paid 10d with 1d due mark and black boxed POSTED OUT/OF COURSE N.W. instructional mark - London to Hamburg.

All these covers are illustrated (80%) of original size.





diverse subjects collected, the display was to mark the 100th anniversary celebrations.

A number of displays had Dublin as the theme - one with stamps of buildings people and places connected with the city, another of Postal History featuring the various postal markings of Dublin, another with "Letter Boxes of Ireland", including many Dublin boxes. Other displays featured the recent G.A.A. series on hurling, the Irish abroad on stamps, the Spanish Civil War Issues and a though provoking display entitled "Misunderstanding Philately - Philately can be fun".

The Centenary commemorative card with a special cachet for the show along with a cinderella type Air Mail card were available at the show. These are shown on the cover of this newsletter.

Heloise Mitchell, and Brian Warren looked after our table at the show. We would like to thank them and the eight Irish Philatelic Society members who supplies material for the displays.

STAMPA 2001 COURT OF HONOUR

With regard to Stampa 2001, to be held in the RDS Dublin over the weekend of 9 to 11 November, as part of the Irish Philatelic Societys' Centenary Celebrations, a number of displays will be shown in a special Court of Honour. These displays will be in the Thematic, Postal History, Traditional and Postal Stationery classes. These displays by Irish collectors have gained high honours at International exhibitions.

It will be the first time that a large number of our International exhibits will be on display together in one place.

Our Court of Honour at Stampa will be well worth a visit and is currently in the planning stages. More on this will be published in the next Newsletter.