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Welcome to Stampa 2002

My fourth year at the helm and STAMP is still afloat! We have no centenary or major anniversary to celebrate this year. So instead we celebrate our sense of Irishness with Irish football heroes of yesteryear and for our wildlife lovers, the otter, a native to our shores. We also thought you might like another booklet and we are issuing the non-value booklet for use worldwide, an investment for the future! To accompany this, our public souvenir should be very popular with pop group U2 featured.

We have some interesting competitive displays to show and we are encouraging you all to walk around them as you pass through the Lawn Room to the Concourse Room where the dealers are. This year's layout is the reverse of last with entrance via the Anglesea Road side. But the format remains the same with dealers, exhibits and restaurant. We will have no Court of Honour but will instead have displayed at various points different items or collections of interest. As we are not sure what the space will accommodate we are trying this out for the first time.

With an anonymous donor in the wings last year we were able to maintain a free entry to the show and with some small donations again we are committing ourselves to the same this year. We hope this will ensure maximum attendance. With smaller space available it should have a more intimate feel about it.

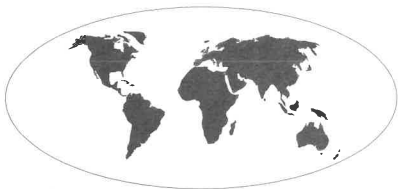
To those of you that come, I bid a hundred thousand welcomes and hope you will enjoy the show.



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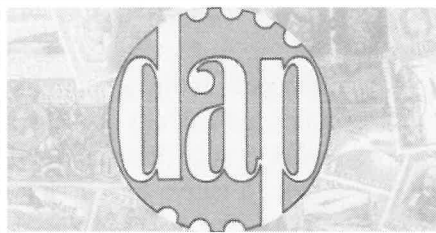
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Stampa 1998 - 2000

by "Marius"



Following the successful change in venue the previous year, the 1998 exhibition was once again held in the Concert Hall premises of the R.D.S., Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 (6th-8th November). Members received two overprinted booklet panes from the Tall Ships booklet – panes 1 & 2 (membership cost: IR£15 - 1,100 of each pane printed). In addition, members also received the Endangered Animals sheet with Stampa imprint which had already been issued by An Post on 8th October. Both a small and large cream coloured card were available at the exhibition from the organisers. Both cards reproduced the three exhibition cancels. The large card (cost: 20p) was to facilitate collectors who wanted to affix any of the souvenirs to obtain the show cancels(s). The small card (cost: 20p) was used in connection with the three postmarks, as An Post had decided to discontinue the issue of exhibition cards, in favour of the special Endangered Animals miniature sheet.

The three postmarks and related events were as follows:-

6th November: 50th Anniversary of the Enactment of Republic of Ireland Act (Tricolour flag);

7th November: Endangered Animals (Gorilla); and

8th November: Irish Postboxes (Modern pillar box).

Note that contrary to An Post's own regulations the postmarks provided by the philatelic bureau did not refer to "Báile Átha Cliath", the place of posting.

The small cream card was overprinted for the Stampa Awards Dinner, which was held in Snipes Restaurant, Ely Place, Dublin 2 on 7th November. Each of the cards had one of the postbox stamps cancelled with the following day's postmark, given the postal connection of the Sunday cancellation.



Both the Isle of Man Philatelic Bureau and the Crown Agents attended the show and provided appropriate cachets. In addition the Isle of Man provided their bureau cancellation as an alternative to their show cachet.



The 1999 show was also held in the R.D.S. (12th-14th November). Members received three overprinted items – Titanic miniature sheet, pane 4 from the Aviations booklet and the £3 definitive booklet – non phosphor version (1,500 of each printed – all overprints in red). The subscription for membership cost IR£15. In addition, an overprinted GAA Team of the Millennium (Football) sheetlet was available as a public souvenir at the show (3,000 overprinted in red – cost: IR£5). A special Christmas card (cost: 50p) was also available which features an attractive full colour photograph of the Customs House building in Dublin. A black and white illustration of the 52p stamp issued in 1991 featuring this building is reproduced inside the card. The three postmarks in use at the show were as follows:-

12th November: Year 2000 (Celebrating the Millennium);
 13th November: Lifebelt (Titanic); and
 14th November: Aer Lingus tailfin (Commercial Aviation)

Originally, the 12th November postmark was to be used with the initial Millennium issue of An Post, which was to be released prior to the show, but was subsequently deferred to the end of the year. Once again, contrary to An Post's own regulations, the postmarks provided by the philatelic bureau did not refer to "Báile Átha Cliath", the place of posting. No postcard or envelope was provided

this year by either Stampa or An Post. A large white A4 card (cost: 40p) was available from the organisers for use with the overprinted GAA sheetlet.

There were no other postmarks/cachets available as no overseas postal administration attended the 1999 exhibition.

A John Hinde postcard featuring a map of Ireland was overprinted for the Stampa Awards Dinner, which was held in the Lansdowne Hotel, Pembroke Road, Dublin 4 on 13th November. Each of the cards had one of the Titanic stamps (ex miniature sheet) cancelled with the Lifebelt postmark of the same date.



Once again the 2000 exhibition was held in the R.D.S. (10th-12th November). Members received three overprinted items – Year of the Dragon miniature sheet, Oscar Wilde miniature sheet and Millennium sheetlet (People of the 20th Century). The membership subscription was IR£16 – 1,500 of each souvenir overprinted, all overprints in black. The GAA Team of the Millennium (Hurling) sheetlet was the public souvenir available at the show (2,000 overprinted in black; cost: IR£6). The three postmarks in use at the show featured:-

- 10th November: Year 2000;
- 11th November: Oscar Wilde; and
- 12th November: Year of the Dragon.

Once again, there were no other postmarks/cachets available as no overseas postal administration attended the exhibition or any special postcard or envelope.

A John Hinde postcard featuring the Round Tower at Clonmacnoise and shaped to form the year “2000” was overprinted for the Stampa Awards Dinner, which was held in the Lansdowne Hotel, Pembroke Road, Dublin 4 on 11th November. Each of the cards had one of the IR£2 Oscar Wilde stamps (ex. miniature sheet) cancelled with the Oscar Wilde postmark of the same date.



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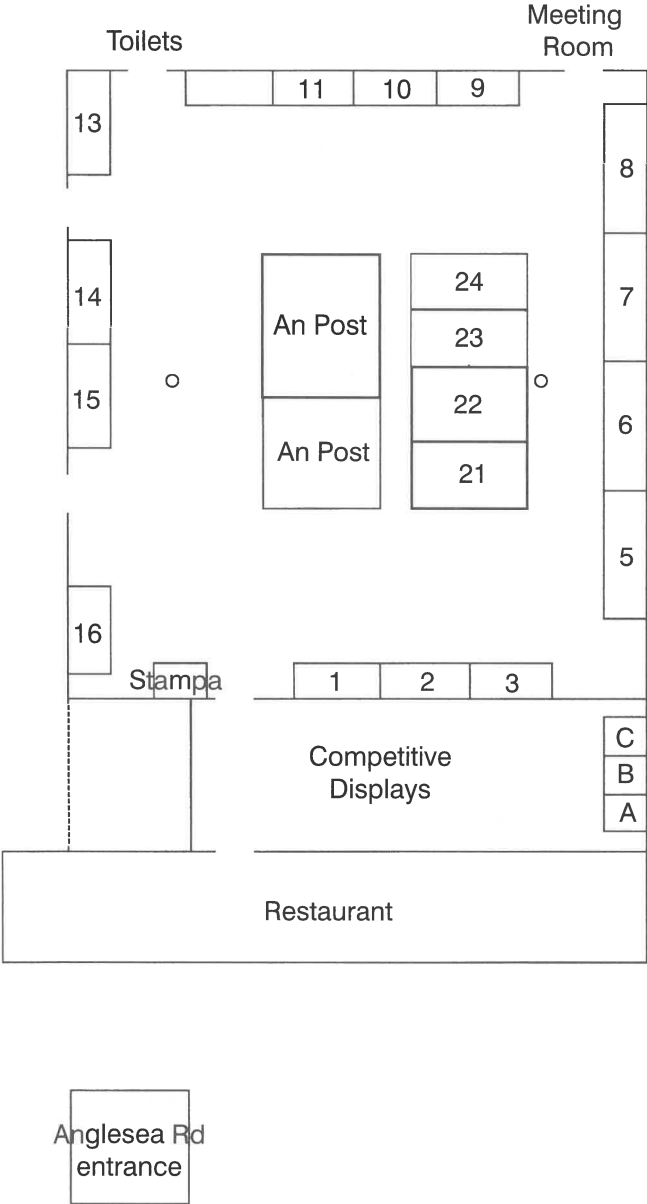
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Solve the riddle and send your answer to the Editor, PO Box 2723, Cardiff Lane, Dublin 2, Ireland.

Closing date for entries 31st January, 2003

A man had 12 pennies, one penny was bad being either lighter or heavier than the rest. He had a simple scales and could weigh the pennies against each other.

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Since he couldn't fix or replace the scales, how could he ensure he could find the bad penny and determine whether it was light or heavy.

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4. Silver Bronze (60% - 64%)
5. Bronze (55% - 59%)

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Post Office Packet Service

Ray Edward How

This display shows examples of mail being carried to and from South West Ireland using the Milford Haven to Waterford Route.

The Mystery of the 'Ireland' Handstamps

Colin Breddy

A full and definitive account of the reasons for, and the various types of, the 'Ireland' handstamp applied to letters from Ireland to Britain.

Co. Down 1721 - 1900

John Matthews

Irish and British postal markings, rates, routes, reflected in the mails in and out of the county in the period 1721 - 1900.

The Mail from the Continent

Hans J. Neumann

Demonstrating the development of postal relations between Britain and the Continent; the effects of the Anglo-French Convention of 1836 and first Postal Treaty with Prussia in 1846.

Mona Lisa

Heinz-Jürgen Kumpf

The various franking possibilities of this beautiful German stamp issued on the occasion of the 500th birthday of Leonardo da Vinci.

St. Helena - early postal history

Richard Payne

SOCIAL PHILATELY

Victoria Regina

Patrick Casey

A display illustrating many aspects and topics relative to Queen Victoria, covering her life, her times and her legacy.

Czechoslovakia 1938 - 1946

Geoffrey McAuley

A history of the State from occupation and division, up to and including liberation, as reflected in contemporary material.

Ireland's History Through The Post

George Nicholson

Aspects of Irish History 1900 - 2000.

THEMATIC

Detector Story

Margaret Isabel Morris

The exhibit demonstrates how each new advance in instrumentation and technology was adopted and adapted to the study of the amazing Universe of which human beings are a minute part.

TRADITIONAL

British Stamp Booklets 1904 - 1953

Charles Y. Reid

A colourful display with many interesting advertisement interleaves, in addition to the complete booklets and panes of stamps.

Siam - The First Three Reigns

Stephen Parker

Stamps, postal history and proofs issued during the reigns of Kings Rama V-VII 1883 - 1939.

Cochin 1892 - 1950

Matthew H. Clough

The exhibit examines the development of stamp production including printing, paper, ink, perforation and overprint.

Heritage And Treasures

Brian Warren

A chronological display of the various sheet, booklet and self-adhesive issues of the Irish definitive series 1990 - 1997.

LITERATURE

Irish Postal Stationery

Otto Jung & Barney Clancy

An updated catalogue of the postal stationery of Ireland.

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Ireland's First Definitives – Papers and Inks

by Eddie FitzGerald

Consider this fact. In the McDonnell Whyte specialised Handbook of the Stamps of Ireland - 1991 Edition just 2½ pages are devoted to the Symbol (my description) Definitives which were in use for over 45 years (1922-68); 7 pages are devoted to The Gerl Definitives, which were in use for 14 years and nearly 4 pages are devoted to The Architecture Definitives which were in use for 9 years until superseded by the Heritage series.

This consideration is by no means an implied criticism of this magnificent Handbook; it is a realisation of how little is known about these early definitives. It shows that little research and study has been applied to these issues. With this object in mind, the writer has sifted through his notes and now puts on paper what he knows for fact and his opinion on other matters. It is the fervent hope of the writer that these neglected Symbol Definitives become a subject of research by more philatelists.

At Stampa 1987, the Irish Post Office had on display records of meetings held in London between British and Irish postal officials in 1922. The Provisional Government of the then emerging Irish Free State had no knowledge or experience of Administration, least of all in such mundane matters as stamp production. The Irish wanted help and the British willingly obliged. Details of these meetings are contained in the Colonial Office papers at the London Public Record Office (PRO/CO/739/5/20146).

For modern day philatelists, the first breakthrough had come around that time (1987) when the suspicion arose that the 2d Fiji definitive with the SE watermark was not an error but a test to demonstrate the suitability of the monogrammed watermark. The records referred to in the previous paragraph confirmed the British hand in the production and printing of the earliest runs of the definitives. We know that De La Rue were the printers of the 2d Fiji essay and also that the English ink manufacturers Slater and Palmer supplied the pearl green ink for the first value of the definitives printed – the 2d value. It is probable that this firm supplied the inks for the initial printings of the other values, except one value (see next paragraph). By the use of the Fiji value as a control, the writer has seen many of these definitives examined and compared under a U.V. lamp. From these examinations, just one block of the 1d value was found to have the same reaction and characteristics as the Fiji Essay. There must be other examples of this and other values in existence, but where are such examples?

There is a unique value in the Symbol Definitives from the first printing in 1923 and this is the 6d value. The claret ink used in printing this value was a fugitive ink which for printing purposes required an absorbent paper of substance. The reason for the use of a fugitive ink was that this value served a legal purpose as well as a postal purpose. On legal documents of Agreement, the 6d value was required to be affixed, across which stamp the date was handwritten. Any later tampering with the date would be noticed due to the fugitive ink. The writer has established from his own contacts that an English firm, Mander Brothers, were the sole suppliers of this fugitive ink. To digress, attention should be drawn to the 1945 Thomas Davis commemorative set of 2 values; the 6d value was printed with fugitive ink, the only commemorative to be printed with such ink.

One of the early decisions taken by the Provisional Government was to adopt a policy of import substitution, and as soon as they were competent to print stamps, the Revenue Stamping Branch set their minds on finding Irish manufacturers of quality stamp papers and inks. A family owned firm named Glenside of Palmerstown, Co. Dublin became the principal supplier of printing inks for the next 40 years or so. Another firm from Co. Cork supplied inks from time to time, particularly for the 2½d value. There may have been other ink makers, but the writer has not traced any such suppliers.

Catalogue editors refer to the existence of numerous shades within these series; it is the writer's opinion that in many cases these "shades" are in fact inks supplied by different manufacturers. In the 1960's the British multinational Coats bought out Glenside and have continued the manufacture of inks in Palmerstown.

A chance finding of a newspaper clipping from the 1930's linking stamps and Swiftbrook Paper Mills, Saggart, Co. Dublin. was a further breakthrough? By good fortune, the writer made contact with a veteran Swiftbrook employee of middle management standing. The former employee related a fascinating story which may be summarised as follows.

Swiftbrook manufactured stamp papers "from the early 1920's". Stamp papers were made under conditions of strict security. Officials from the Revenue Stamping Branch were in control of the Dandy Rolls (for watermarks). At the end of each production run, all offsets and wastages were also removed by the officials, as well as the watermarked sheets.

Swiftbrook made two grades of paper for stamps. Superfine paper and Substance paper. Different thickness could be achieved by simple machine adjustments. Superfine paper was made for the low values. It was made from rags, and during manufacture, a resin size was added to act as a bonding agent. After manufacture, the printing surface was treated with a size from gelatine to give a glaze to the paper. Substance paper was a heavier paper to which China Clay was added during manufacture to give substance to the mix, and to make the paper opaque. The China Clay was not a coating but was part of the mix. Stamp paper of both grades had a grain, and printing against the grain would have an adverse effect on the printing quality. The printers were not concerned if the watermark was upright or inverted so long as they achieved optimum printing quality. Until the advent of what the Handbook refers to as "white" paper, we can classify the 6d, 2/6d, 5/- and 10/- values as Substance Paper.

Eddie FitzGerald was a keen collector of Irish definitive stamps, contributed to a number of philatelic publications during his lifetime and was a regular visitor to Stampa. He died on 18 May 2002. This was his last article and was first published in the Fall 2002 edition of "The Revealer" which is published by the Éire Philatelic Association. He is survived by his wife Phil, daughters Pamela, Lucy, Eileen and Clare to whom we extend our deepest sympathy. May he Rest in Peace.

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D is for Dublin Postmarks

by Maurice Barrett

This article takes a brief look at postmarks and post offices associated with other places around the world named Dublin.

Dublin, Ireland is the capital city of Ireland. The first known settlement on the site of Dublin was called Eblana, a name found in the writings of the 2nd century Alexandrian geographer Ptolemy. The town later appears in history as Dubh-linn (Irish for “Black Pool”). Baile Átha Cliath, the present official name, is believed to have been applied to the settlement at a subsequent date.

While the vast majority of Dublin, Ireland postmarks nowadays days are worded in the Irish name, Baile Átha Cliath, prior to 1922 they were worded in English and occasionally postmarks are still used with the English version of the name. Some of these modern postmarks are shown here.



English worded postmarks from Dublin, Ireland

The post office at **Dublin, South Australia** does not have a postmark but a straight-line cachet used, in violet coloured ink, at that office is shown here.

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Dublin, South Australia

Dublin, Ontario, Canada: A post office named Carronbrook in Ontario, Canada opened on 1 January 1854 with Uzziel C Lee as its first postmaster. On 1 May 1878, the office

name was changed to Dublin. The Dublin, Ontario postmark is shown here.

The USA has eleven post offices named Dublin.

Dublin, California sits at the crossroads of two major highways: I-580 and I-680. In 1852 Michael Murray and Jeremiah Fallon came to this area from Ireland. They purchased 1,000 acres of land from Jose Amador and built homes for their families. The area began to grow as many settled in the area. In 1982 the City was incorporated.

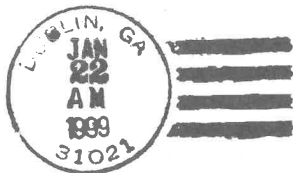


Dublin, Ontario, Canada postmark



Dublin, California postmark

The town of **Dublin, Georgia** was incorporated on 9 December 1812. Legend has it that Jonathan Sawyer, a pioneer citizen of the county, was granted the privilege of naming the new county seat, and he named it Dublin in honour of the capital of his native land, Ireland. The population of Dublin, GA was approximately 16,300 in 1990.



Dublin, Georgia postmark



East Dublin, Georgia postmark

Dublin, Indiana had a population of approximately 805 people in 1990, comprising approximately 342 families.

Dublin, Mississippi is in Coahoma County, Mississippi.



Dublin, Indiana postmark



Dublin, Mississippi postmark

Dublin, New Hampshire has a population of just over 1,500 people. The area includes the villages of Bonds Corner and Dublin. In the 1850's, Dublin, NH garnered a reputation as a literary and art colony – writer Samuel Clemens (better known as Mark Twain) even spent time there. Dublin, NH is found in Cheshire County in south-west New Hampshire state.

On 19 July 2002, the local post office used a pictorial handstamp to mark the 250th anniversary of Dublin, NH's foundation.



Dublin, New Hampshire postmarks

Dublin, North Carolina is a town in Bladen County with a population of 246 persons in 1990 and has approximately 113 homes.

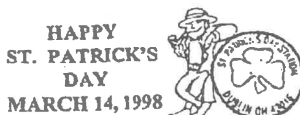
Dublin, Ohio was originally part of 2,000 acres of land given to Lieutenant James Holt by the US Government as payment for service in the Revolutionary War. The city's population in 2000 was 31,392 people.



Dublin, North Carolina postmark

Dublin, Ohio postmark

Dublin, OH celebrates its Irish connections with an Irish Festival in March each year. A pictorial cancellation is used some years to commemorate this Festival. That used on 14 to 17 March 1998 is shown here. A similar cancellation was used in 1996 and in 1997.



Dublin Ohio's pictorial cancellation for its Irish Festival 1998

The population of **Dublin, Pennsylvania** is approximately 2,000 people, comprising approximately 850 families.



Dublin, Pennsylvania postmarks

Dublin, Texas is on U.S. highways 67 and 377 in southwest Erath County. It was founded in 1854 by A. H. Dobkins and named in 1860, probably for the warning cry at Indian raids, "Double In", for the capital of Ireland, or for the double-log cabins used by early settlers. The town was incorporated on 18 March 1889. The population was 3,190 in 1990. It is the birthplace of golfer Ben Hogan.

Positioned in Pulaski County, **Dublin, Virginia** has a population of just over 2,000 people (1990). The earliest settlement at Dublin, VA occurred in 1776 when Henry Jacob Trollinger and his family erected a cabin



Dublin, Texas postmark



Dublin, Virginia postmark

While they do not have post offices, there are places named Dublin in the following US states - in Montgomery County, Alabama; in Graham County, Arizona; in Logan County, Arkansas; in Lake County, Florida; in Graves County, Kentucky; in Harford County, Maryland; in Manistee County in Michigan; and in Seneca County, New York.



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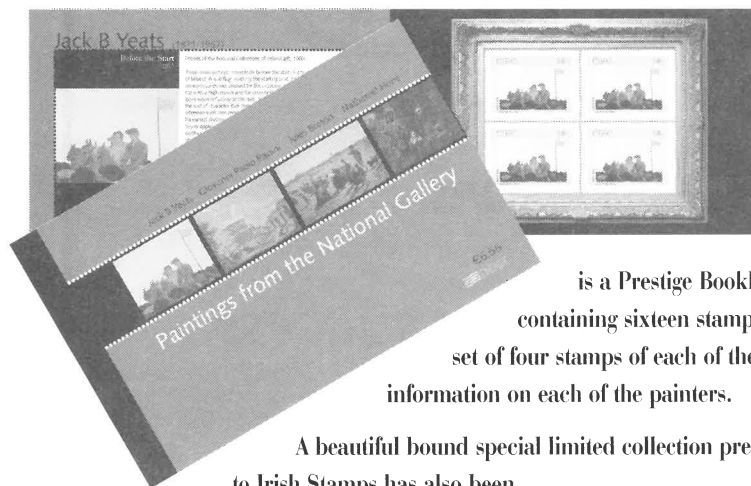
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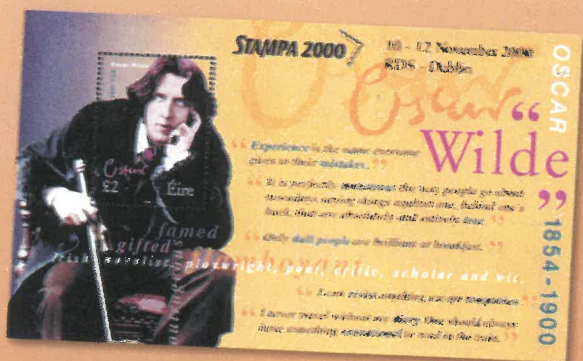
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