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Postmark for Palais Du Luxembourg above and 1966 set for the Austrian National Library, Vienna (see displays - 31 July)



Dear Member,

Its the beginning of November and I am belately issuing the September journal which is just coming off the production line. We are now entering the Autumn/Winter period so its time to get back to our hobby and catch up on the mounting and arranging work ignored during the Summer.

The lateness of this journal is due to my being in Bangkok for the first half of October as Commissioner (report in December journal) and work committments.

News

Since the June journal the following bereavements have occured :

Joe Sheehan

Sean O'Shea

In the wider philatelic world the death occured in August of Dr. Cyril Dulin who was a prolific researcher of Irish Philately. He published a number of philatelic works including "Ireland's Transition" and one on Irish Booklets. He signed the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists of Ireland in May this year. He will be sadly missed.

CORK MAIL CENTRE

The Cork Mail Centre is now since June fully operational and commenced full operation on 11 August. Three machines were in use up to mid September numbers 3996, 3997 and 3998. The Dublin Mail Centre also has a machine number 3996 which means it is possible to get mail cancelled on the same day from both machines. In September a fourth machine was brought into use at Cork number 3999.

POST OFFICES

It was learned at the meeting of 3 July last that the Blackrock, Dublin Post Office building was up for sale. Limerick Main Office has been down graded to a Sub-Office. Killiney Post Office was also at that time for sale with the possibility that it may be closed down. No further news of these Post Offices at the time of going to print, but, if any further news developes I will convey this to you.

ALCOCK and BROWN COMMEMORATION

The Irish Airmail Society produced a special cover for this commemoration. A special Clifton, Co. Galway date stamp was produced by An Post for this in association with the Society.

POSTAGE INCREASE

On 30 August the inland postage rate was increased from 41c to 48c. With this increase the weight limit for letters went up from 50 to 100 grams. The A4 size rate also increased from the minimum 47c to 60c.

STAMPEX, LONDON

The Society gained the following awards at Autumn Stampex held at the Business Design Centre, Islington in September :

International Section

Social Philately Section -

Geoffrey McAuley - Vermeil Medal for "Masaryk's Czechoslovakia"

National Section

Social Philately Class

Pat Casey - Bronze Medal for "Elizabeth Regina II".

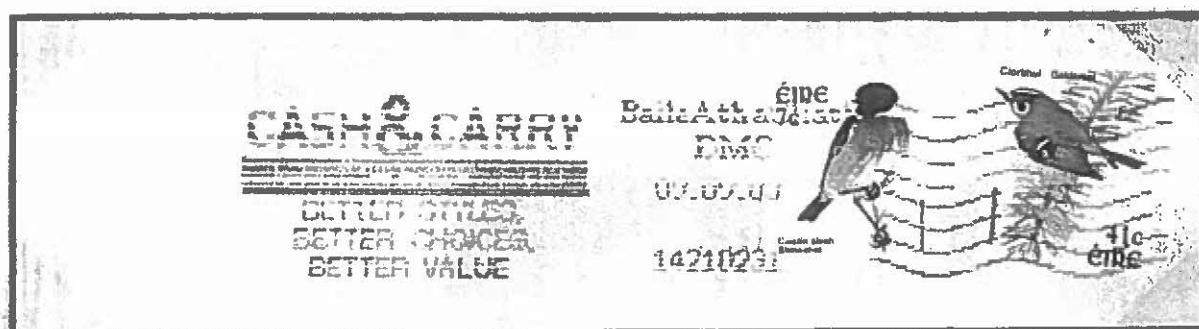
Congratulation to both members on their awards.

I M P Slogans

I have seen the following slogans used at the Dublin Mail Centre since the issues of the last journal :

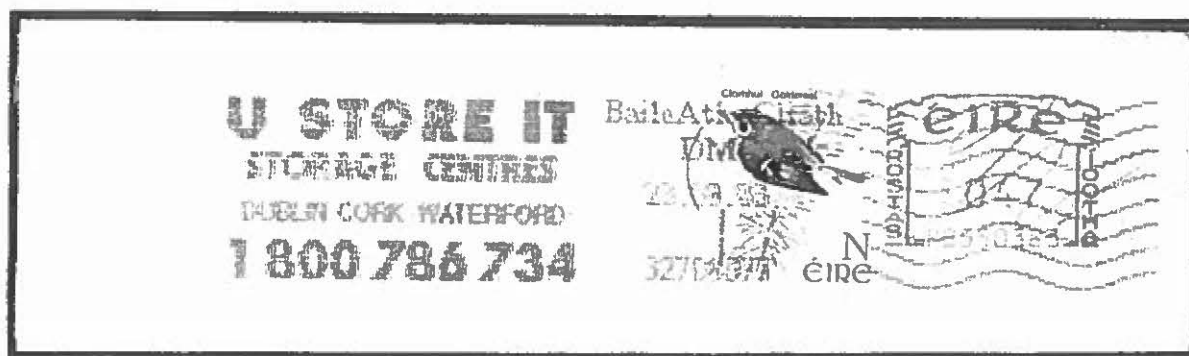
CASH & CARRY

BETTER STYLES
BETTER CHOICES,
BETTER VALUE



The print quality was not very good and parts did not appear clearly.

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STORAGE CENTRES
DUBLIN CORK WATERFORD



Cancellation from
CORK MAIL CENTRE
22.09.03 - large
digits but no
slogan.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The following Society events will occur in the near future and they are notified here for the information of all members :

20 November - Open Class Competition

This is the now annual 9 sheet no rules competition. It affords members the opportunity to submit an entry to this competition as a stepping stone to the Novice competition and possibly senior competitions in the Society. It is judged by those present on the night and the winner by popular vote will receive the Open Class Trophy and Medal. So now is the time to prepare an entry.

4 December - Society Social Evening

This will take the format of last year with a 75 or so lot Super Bourse at about 7.00pm. Following this a buffet style party and drinks will take place in the House bar by way of a Christmas Social gathering. The cost depending on the available food will be between €10 and 13€ per head and booking and payment should be made through the Hon. Secretary by Thursday 27 November at the very latest so as to determine numbers attending.

The evening will start with the viewing of bourse lots at 6.30 pm.

DISPLAYS

Personal Choice - 3 July

This display was given by Mike Burrington and the subject consisted of the Pre-Decimal GB Machin Head stamps. It showed the basic low value stamps and high value issues. Their usage on cover also featured with rates to overseas countries been shown. Uprates on registered mail and stationery items as a result of postal increases were included. There were also covers featuring Wilding and Machin stamp combinations as well as missing colours.

Paris and Austria - 31 July

This display was given by Frank McDonald and was the final one before the summer break. It consisted of the remaining two sections of the Paris thematic not shown on 22 May and Austrian commemorative issues from 1955 to 1974. The Paris section included a meter mark for the Pasteur Institute along with the French Stationery card. It also included an entire of 1877 with a cancellation for the Palais du Luxembourg (home of the French Senate) as well as a cover of 1901 with a Senat cancellation.



*Monsieur Le Président de
la Société de Gymnastique*

*Roches
André Tour*

CARTEPOSTE



CORRESPONDANCE AU VERSO

DESTINATAIRE

Institut Pasteur
1887-1987



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REPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

SÉRUMS VACCINS
FERMENTS

DE
L'INSTITUT PASTEUR



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PARIS XV



Le côté est réservé au service
des Cartes-Telegrammes
Le 1^{er} Février 1902

TUDES
1887-1987

SÉRUMS VACCINS
FERMENTS
DE
L'INSTITUT PASTEUR

CARTE TÉLÉGRAMME

*Paris des Roches
André Tour
Monsieur*

PARIS

LE CÔTÉ EST GRATUIT
Le nombre des mots n'est pas limité.

There was also a telegram card with a cancellation for Ecole de Medicine.

The Austrian section started with a used set of the 1955 issue for the 10th anniversary of the Re-Establishment of the Austrian Republic and finished with some issues from 1974. Many themes featured on the stamps and those which appealed were the 1966 set for the Austrian National Library, Vienna, 1968 Airmail Stamp Exhibition, Vienna, 1972 Austrian Art Treasures (Fountains) and 1974 Stamp Day.

Some items from both sections of the display are illustrated here, on the previous page and front cover.

My Definitive Choice - 11 September

This display was given by Brian Warren and was a very welcome back to our new season display. It was shown in two sections. The first consisted of the Gerl definitives and included some art work, perf shifts, colour offsets on the back of stamps. It also showed stamp booklets which were issued and later withdrawn due to content error. Bird definitives also featured with usage on cover including coils used at Wicklow and perf varieties.

The second section consisted of the Wilding Issues of Northern Ireland with some varieties and cylinder blocks. The Castle high values from this issue featuring Carrickfergus Castle was also shown - with blocks, re-entries and Post Office Training bars usage. Overprints on this stamp for use in British Post Offices Abroad including Kuwait also featured. Varieties and offsets on the later version of the Carrickfergus Castle definitive were also displayed.

Members Choice - 25 September

This night was first included a few years ago to allow members an opportunity to show items from their collection without providing a full display. This proved successful and interesting and has been included in the Annual programmes since. This again was the case on this night and 11 displays of 5 sheets each were provided by some 10 members on a wide range of subjects. These were -

Estonia	-	David Glass
Russian Junk Mail	-	Michael McNamara
Uckfield Postal History	-	Stephen Parker
Miscellaneous	-	Pat Carey
Verdi	-	John Fitzsimons
Classical European Music	-	John Fitzsimons
Irish Plate Blocks	-	Brian Warren
Irish Postal History	-	William Moore
Hapsburgs	-	Geoffrey McAuley
Various Low Value	-	Des Scannell
Irish Stamps		
John Fitzgerald Kennedy	-	Tony Finn

Many thanks to these members who provided the displays on the night and for the diversity of subjects and material which was enjoyed by all present.



1968 Airmail Stamp Exhibition, Vienna and 1972 Austrian Art Treasures (Fountains) from display of 31 July.



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To finish this journal a cover recently received is illustrated above showing the cancellation for Athlone Mail Centre without slogan.