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Cover for Irish Exhibitors at Espana 2004 in Valencia with Irish and Spanish stamp combination and official Spanish Exhibition cancellation signed by the Commissioner.

Dear Member,

Herewith the second journal for 2004 just in time for the end of the present season and our summer break. We had successful participation at Valencia, Spain in May (see News).

Since the last journal we have bid farewell to our Bourse Secretary and former Packet Secretary - Dr. Gordon Davis (see News and Displays) and Irish Philately has lost Bill Kane and Keith Jamieson - May they Rest in Peace.

There was a good response to the postal auction questionnaire and an experimental auction list will be included with the September journal something to look forward to (see News).

So as the season draws to a close it remains for me on behalf of the Committee to wish you all a good summer break. We look forward to seeing you on 9 September at the start of our new season.

The new programme included with this journal.

NEWS

Gordon Davis - A Farewell

Gordon Davis who served the Society as Packet Secretary on a couple of occasions and in the last two years as Bourse Secretary retired from his job at the end of April. He has returned to the U.K. to live and the Society bid farewell to him on 22 April at a special meeting. (see displays)

Membership Changes

We extend a warm welcome to Denis Fahy a new member who has joined since the last journal.

We also extend a warm welcome back to Norman Finnie who has rejoined the Society after a long absence.

Bereavements

At our meeting of 22 April the President announced the death of Mr. Bill Kane an Honorary Life Member of the Society and our President in 1969. He was also a former President and Honorary Life Member of the Irish Philatelic Circle.

At the same time the death was also announced of Mr.Keith Jamieson who was a guest displayer in our Centenary year. Keith a past President and General Secretary of the Irish Philatelic Circle had a great interest in the postal history of the H&K Packet.

Post Office Closure

South Anne Street Post Office (Off Grafton Street) closed at the end of April.

Christine Earle Visit

The above visit and display to the Society which had been arranged for 23 September has had to be cancelled. This is due to the tragic death of Christine's 19 year old son in Australia in April. The Society fully understands the trauma which this has caused to her and has expressed its sympathy to her. She is still hoping to fulfill this visit sometime in 2005.

Valencia, Spain 2004

The International Exhibition was held in Valencia during the period 22 to 30 May. As mentioned in the March Journal Ireland had 4 entries accepted including 2 thematics.

I can now report that the team did extremely well and gained the following awards :

Geoffrey McAuley	Large Vermeil	"Ocean Sail"
Stephen Parker	Vermeil	"Siam 1883 - 1939"
Frank McDonald	Vermeil	"Postal Cancellations and Markings of London 1857/1910"
John H Fitzsimons	Large Silver	"Mozart, His Life and Times"

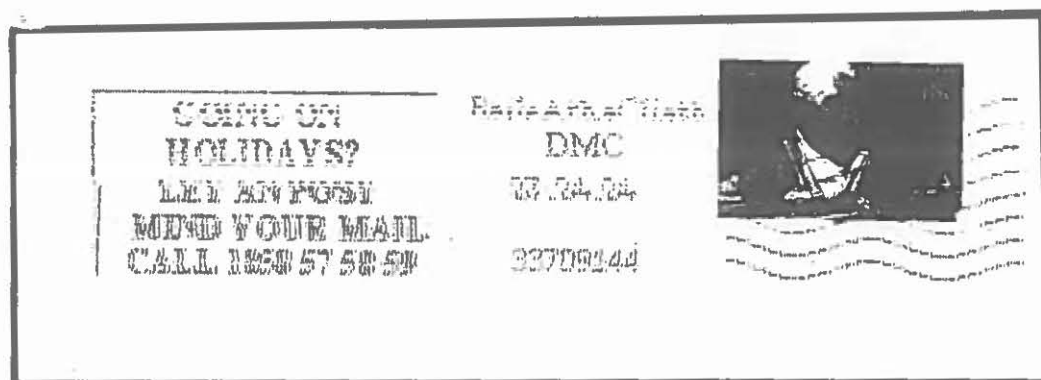
Roll of Distinguished Philatelists of Ireland

At the Society meeting of 6 May the Society nominated our Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Frank McDonald to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists of Ireland for 2004. This nomination was upheld and supported by our sister Society - Dublin Stamp Society at a meeting on 26 May. We will keep you updated on this during the year.

IMP SLOGANS

I have seen the following new slogans since the issue of the March journal :

GOING ON
HOLIDAYS?
LET AN POST
MIND YOUR MAIL
CALL 1850 575859



FRIDAY 11 June
HAVE YOUR SAY
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS



POSTAL AUCTION UPDATE

A positive reaction to the inclusion of a postal auction has been received from a large number of the membership. The Committee have decided to give this venture a "go" on an experimental basis of initially 2 per year. If the interest and demands dictates this can in time be increased.

It is therefore proposed to hold the first of these with the Sept. journal. Accordingly members who have unwanted material they wish to dispose of through the postal auction system are requested to send same to the Hon. Secretary :

Mr. Francis G. McDonald
63 Rafter's Road
Drimnagh
Dublin 12

as soon as possible but in any event not later than the End of August.

This is to allow for the formulation of an auction list, estimates or reserves as appropriate. Please note that a receipt will issue for all material received from members. Illustrations where considered necessary will be included in the auction list either in colour or in black and white as appropriate.

I look forward to hearing from you in this regard and remember its success will be down to material received and the good will of the membership.

STAMPA 2004

I am reliably informed that STAMPA 2004 will be held over the weekend of Friday 1 to Sunday 3 October at the usual venue of the RDS, Ballsbridge. Dealers from Ireland and abroad as well as competitive entries will be there so hopefully something for everybody.

Membership will be available and special souvenirs suitable overprinted will be available for members and public. The public souvenirs will be available at the show and to members on subscription.

For further details, membership and competitive entry forms etc please write to :

STAMPA 2004, PO BOX 2723,
CARDIFF LANE, DUBLIN 2.

DISPLAYS

The meeting of 8 April was cancelled due to the closure of Ely House for Holy Thursday.

Gordon Davis "Farewell" - 22 April

As reported in the News Section Gordon bid farewell to the Society on 22 April. The scheduled display for the evening was deferred to a later date. In its place a last bourse was conducted by Gordon. Following this and upon the recommendations of the Committee the President presented Gordon with a Society Gilt Medal to mark his 25 years service to the Society. He was also presented with a bronze medal to mark the conferring of Honorary Life Membership on him. Following this a drinks and buffet style reception in his honour was held in the House bar. The Society wishes Gordon well in his retirement and new life in the UK.

Something New - 20 May

This display was given by Tony Finn and consisted of Irish Military Mail from the 19th century to the present. It included Curragh Camp cancellations of the 19th century, skeleton cancels of Shanes Park Camp and Clandeboyne and a postmark of the Air Station at Tallaght during the first World War on cover with censor mark of the American Expeditionary Force. A postcard showing the British Atlantic Fleet at anchor in Foynes Harbour in the early years of the 20th century. Later items included the Curragh Military Censor boxed stamp in English and Irish and 1956 cover from the Curragh during the Internment period. Items of United Nations mail from various missions as well as modern mail of an internal military nature were also shown. A number of items pre and post D Day in World War II from Northern Ireland were also shown.

Travels of Captain Cook - 3 June

This display was given by John H. Fitzsimons and consisted of material in relation to the voyages of Captain Cook. It showed the islands and lands discovered. A selection of issues of the Cook Islands also featured. Of interest were Plate Proofs from Raratonga showing James Cook and a stationery cover from Australia showing his home. Stamps were also shown illustrating equipment used, flora and wildlife found on the voyages. The three different Australian printings of the Captain Cook explorer series issue, one on illustrated card also featured as well as stamps showing the various ships used on these voyages.

British Commonwealth - 17 June

This display was given by Dr. Robert P. Towers and proved to be very interesting. It was in two sections - Bahamas and New South Wales. Of interest in the first section were straight line BAHAMAS name stamps on covers with PAID handstamps. The A05 cancel was shown along with the Queen Victoria Chalon Heads. The 1902 Edward VII definitives to £1 and the 1912 George V set also to £1 featured. The 1942 George VI Landfall set to £1 was also shown. Of particular interest was the Bahamas Special Delivery stamp on 1918 cover from Canada and War Tax issues in blocks of 4.

The New South Wales section included a 1848 Sydney crowned PAID Ship letter, a TOO LATE Ship letter to Belfast with manuscript 8 ship rate, 1851/2, 1853 and 1855 imperf issues from various plates, a cover "Per Madras" steamer to Ceylon, registration stamps between 1856 and 1863 and an 1861 Sydney cover to London via France with 1½d handstamp and London PAID stamp also featured.

DOBBS MEMORIAL TROPHY COMPETITION - 6 May

This was the annual Society Competitions night and attracted two entries. There were no entries in the Society Cup (Novice) Competition. The entries received were in the Postal History and Specialised sections.

The standard of the two entries was very high and presented a challenge for the jury. The jury comprised Mr. Michael Murphy, Mr. John Mullen and Mr. Frank McDonald. After a lengthy examination of both entries the following trophies were awarded :

Postal History

Mr. Barry Wilson - F.E. Dixon Cup and Medal for "Isle of Man Postal History to 1841".

Specialised

Mr. Stephen Parker - Stafford-Johnson Cup and Medal for "Siam Rama V Issues".

The Dobbs Memorial Trophy and Medal was awarded on a split decision to Mr. Stephen Parker for his entry "Siam Rama V Issues".