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Commemorative stamp issues made by the Irish
Post Office in October and November 2004

Dear Member,

Herewith slightly late the last journal for 2004. It has been a good year for the Society with very good awards gained at Valencia, Spain in May, Stampa, Dublin and Stampex, London. We also recruited 4 new members over the year.

In April last we said farewell to Dr. Gordon Davis, our bourse secretary on his retirement back to the UK. We also ran our first postal auction in 2004 (see report inside). We hope to run another one in 2005 with the co-operation of the membership.

It now remains only, for me to wish you all on behalf of the Committee a very happy and successful 2005 and to thank every one for their support and co-operation in 2004.

NEWS

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

We extend a warm welcome to the following new City member who joined in late October :

Brian C O'Connell

Philatelic Bereavement

It was with great sadness that the Society recently learned of the death of Dr. Bob Champion. Bob was a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society London, an authority on the revenue stamps of Great Britain and Ireland and one of our guest displayers during Centenary Year. May he rest in peace.

POST OFFICE CLOSURE

James's Street Post Office, Dublin closed towards the end of October and has since been re-located in the Centra Super Market on the opposite side of the road.

EXHIBITION SUCCESSES :

Stampa , Dublin

Hans Neumann - Gold Medal and Whytes Trophy

Brian Warren - Gold Medal, EPA Medal, Irish Security Stamp Printers Trophy and Feldman Trophy.

Stampex, London

Barry Wilson - Vermeil Medal for his entry 'Isle of Man Postal History to 1840s'.

These awards complete a very successful year for the Society following the Valencia awards in May. Congratulations to all above and well done.

SOCIETY SOCIAL EVENING

The now annual Social Evening took place in Ely House on Thursday 2 December. This was the last meeting of the Society in 2004. The evening commenced with a 75 lot super bourse.

Following the bourse a total of 30 people - members and their spouses or guests then sat down to dinner. This was specially prepared by the House caterers. After dinner those present were invited to drinks in the bar by way of a pre Christmas Social Evening.

The evening was a great success and viewed as such by all present. Our thanks to the House Management Committee, Caterers and Bar Staff for this excellent evening.

POSTAL AUCTION

As you are aware this was held on an experimental basis with the Sept. journal. Of the 127 lots offered some 50 sold. This was somewhat encouraging and the total raised was €1,012 of which the Society got just over €100 in commission. A disappointing aspect of this auction was the fact that, no bids were received at all from country members for whom this service was first suggested.

Some lots sold well in excess of the estimate, while others sold at, or, below the estimate, A few of the better realisations are listed below :

Lot 6	Brunei 1924/37 issues	€38.00
Lot 10	French Collection	€160.00
Lot 11	PEXIP Sheet	€76.00
Lot 31	East German Collection	€47.00
Lot 39	GB - Gladstone Cover	€27.00
Lot 50	Hungary - Listz Min Sheet	€48.00
Lot 62	Ireland - Arthur St/RH Belfast	€24.00
Lot 66	Ireland - 1923 Howth redirected cover	€21.00
Lot 72	Ireland - O'Connell Retouch	€21.00
Lot 73	Ireland - O'Connell Pen Behind the Ear	€20.00
Lot 106	Ireland - TPO History	€21.00
Lot 110	King Edward VII Land	€28.00
Lot 122	Victoria Land	€37.00

It is proposed to hold further postal auctions in 2005 the first hopefully with the March journal. Some lots have already been received for this but a lot more are required.

If members wish to have a go at submitting unwanted items - stamps, miniature sheets, covers, postal history, literature etc for inclusion we would be glad to receive them.

Those who wish to submit such lots are requested to send same to:

Frank McDonald
63 Rafter's Road
Drimnagh
Dublin 12

before 22 February 2005. As with the first postal auction we will fully describe all lots submitted for auction at no charge to members save 10% commission on all lots sold.

IMP SLOGANS

In the September journal I illustrated and mentioned the IMP SLOGAN -

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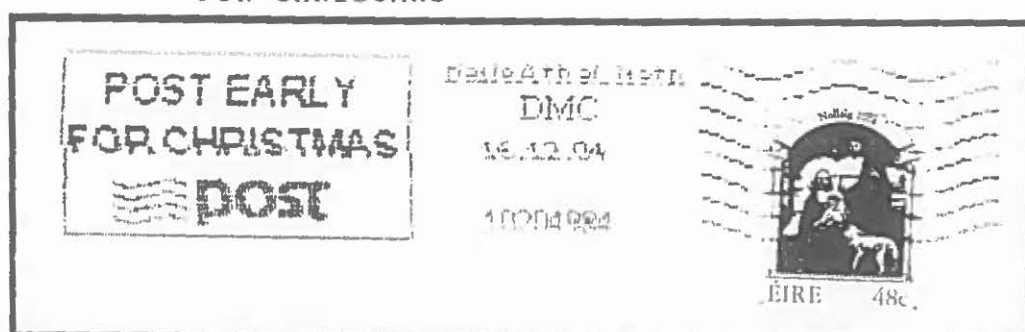
In November I was informed that, this had been re-issued substituting the phone number for the web address ;

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www.dublinbus.ie

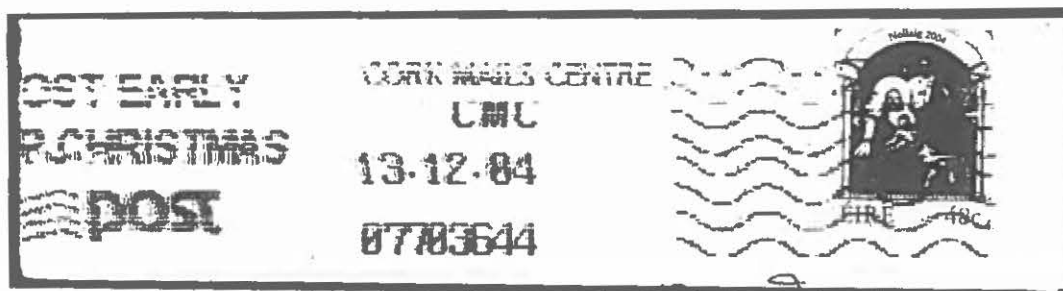


I have also seen the now seasonal slogan ;

POST EARLY
FOR CHRISTMAS



This appearing in a boxed type at the Dublin Mail Centre and unboxed with part of the inscription omitted at the Cork Mail Centre.



DISPLAYS

More Czechoslovakia - 7 October

This display was given by Geoffrey McAuley and showed work carried out on postage stamps and bank notes by various Czech engravers. It included essays, proofs, forgeries as well as original art work both very preliminary and finished. Progressive art work for the 1961 Agricultural Produce issue was also shown. Apart from Czech stamps, work by Czech engravers for other countries and territories was also shown such as Sudan (1935 proof for 50th Death Anniv of Gen. Gordon) of which the head vignette was work done by a Czech engraver, Ascension Island, Kenya Uganda Tanganyika to mention but a few. This display was well received on the night.

Mozart, His Life and Times - 21 October

This display was given by John Fitzsimons and showed part of his thematic entry which gained Large Silver Medal at the International Stamp Exhibition "Espana 2004" in Valencia in May.

It showed the life of the great composer from the time of his father (Leopold) to his death in 1791. It included stamps, Special cancellations associated with him, proofs, essays, colour trials as well as miniature sheets. Of interest were progressive colour trials as well as imperf colour trial of Beethoven from Monaco and the 1934 Franz Listz miniature sheet from Hungary. De Luxe proofs were also shown.

Members Choice Night - 4 November

This is a regular feature in the annual programme and offers members who wish to the opportunity to show a few selected sheets (5 each) from their collections. It normally throws up a diversity of subjects and a vast array of material which diversity would not normally be seen in a single display.

The displays shown on the night were -

"Puffins around our Coast"	-	Brian Kavanagh
"Telegraph Stamps"	-	Norman Finnie
"European Music"	-	John Fitzsimons
"Irish Postal History"	-	William Moore
"France"	-	Jim Kelly
"Austria"	-	Frank McDonald
"German Booklets"	-	Pat Carey
"Gerl Definitives"	-	Brian Warren
"Return of the Trams"	-	Tony Finn
"Lesotho"	-	Des Scannell

Open Class Competition

This is the now annual 9 sheet no rules competition and it took place on Thursday 18 November. A total of 8 entries were submitted on a diversity of subjects from "Coil Varieties" to "Louis Napoleon III" to "Independent Ukraine". These were circulated amongst the members present on the night and following the viewing a vote was taken to determine the winner. The winning entry was declared to be "Coil Varieties" by John Greer who was awarded the Open Class Trophy and Medal for 2004.

Cathal O'Gríofa Memorial Trophy

The vote for the award of the above trophy and medal for 2004 was taken at the meeting of 18 November. A list of qualifying displays was circulated to each member present and following the counting of these the winner was declared as Des Norton for his display titled "Something Irish" which was given on 9 September.