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In this issue : News, Displays, Dobbs and Society Cup Competitions. Articles : Irish Open Golf Tournament 2008, 90th Anniv of the Sinking of R.M.S. Leinster, Dublin Docklands Festival 2008, Easter Parade 2008, Joseph Cordner, First Irish person to fly.



50th Anniversary of the first Irish Defence Forces Mission to the UN

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Some recent issues from An Post

Dear Member,

Herewith the second journal of 2008 just before the Society's summer break. As this goes to print we are still meeting in the Teachers Club but at least we have regained our Thursday meeting nights at that venue.

No new members have been elected since the last journal (see News). The vacant positions both Officer and Ordinary on the Committee have been filled (see News).

The Dobbs and Society Cup Competitions were somewhat successful (see Report). The Society also in June had a very successful International Stamp Exhibition participation with 8 medals gained (see News).

In the coming season starting on 4 September a number of interesting displays have been volunteered with some new displayers coming forward.

It just remains for me to wish you a good summer break and I look forward to seeing you all again next season .

News

Membership Changes

No new members have been elected since the last journal and no resignations or bereavements notified.

Committee Changes

Since the Annual General Meeting in March Mr. Mike Burrington has been confirmed as Bourse Secretary, taking over from Dr. R.P. Towers. Mrs Terry O' Hara has been appointed as the new Librarian taking over from Finbarr O'Mahony. Mr Jim Kelly and Mr. Adrian Lee were co-opted to fill the vacancies on the Ordinary Committee.

EFTRO - International Philatelic Exhibition

The above exhibition was held in Bucharest, Rumania from 20 to 28 June 2008. Ireland was represented by her Commissioner, Mr. Barry Wilson. A total of 8 entries in various classes were accepted for the competition. It was a very successful exhibition from an Irish point of view and the following awards were gained :

Vermeil Medals : "Wayne Wright", Geoffrey Mc Auley, Hans Neumann, Barry Wilson, Stepen Parker, Anothai Parker.

Large Silver Medal : Mike Burrington

Silver Medal : Brian Warren.

Our congratulations go to the Irish Team and Commissioner on a job well done.

Philatelic Bereavement

We learned at our meeting of 5 April of the recent death of Mairead Dunleavy, nee Reynolds who in the 1980s wrote the book on the history of the Irish Post Office. In recent times she was associated with the Hunt Museum in Limerick. May she rest in peace.

IMP Slogans

I have seen two new slogans used since the last journal :

Postbank New
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PAY YOUR BILLS AT
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These are illustrated with apologies for the lack of clarity which seems to be a feature for the most part with these slogans.

Irish Open Golf Tournament Adare Manor Hotel & Golf Resort 2008

By John Mullen

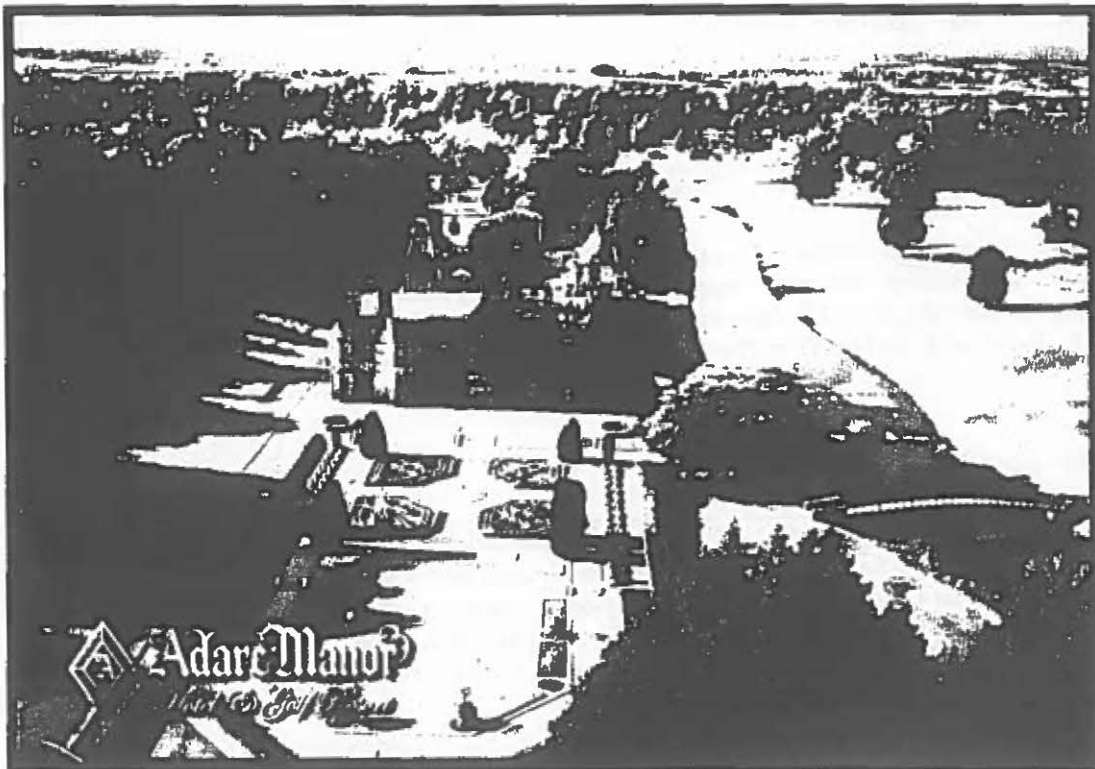
Once again the Irish Open Golf tournament was played at Adare Manor on the outskirts of Limerick on the 15th / 18th May 2008. The tournament was over four days with the first day been a Pro Am competition. The winner was an English golfer Mr. Richard Finch, a special printed cachet was applied to all covers and cards.



Richard Finch



Adare Manor post card with cachet



Adare Manor Hotel & Golf Resort

DISPLAYS

"Old Glory"

5 April

This display was given by Robert Moore and was on the history of the United States Flag from 1497 to the 1960s. It included stamps, covers, miniature sheets, booklets. It gave a very comprehensive history of the origins of the flag and how the Stars and Stripes emblazoned on it evolved over the centuries. It also showed other country connections with the United States including Ireland, Russia, Mexico and many others.

Flags of the World

19 April

This display was given by Gerry Byrne. It showed some of the large array of country flags particularly those issued by the United States America for the overrun and occupied countries in World War II. Each page of the display had a history of the flag and country depicted.

East Germany

15 May

This display was given by Denis Fahey and showed the stamp issues made during the period of existence of that country. It included many subjects reflecting the history and culture of the DDR. Flowers, airmails, buildings culture, work etc were among the subjects shown as were official stamps. Issues and material from other countries pertaining to the destruction of the Berlin Wall were also included. All of the stamps and miniature sheets shown were mint with all values in each set shown, which is very difficult to obtain as Communist Bloc countries tended to retain a value from each issue.

British Commonwealth

29 May

This display was given by Bob Towers and was on the subject of Ceylon. It included the Chalon Head issues to 2s with shades and cover usage, Queen Victoria issues with surcharges, Ed VII, George V, George VI definitive and commemorative issues with shade and perforation varieties. The display concluded with issues from the early years of the present reign.

India and States Revenues

12 June

This display was given by Tom Mc Carthy. It included India Court Fee stamps from Q.Victoria to George VI, Special Adhesives to 1975, cancelled, used on document and provincial issues. Share Transfer stamps from Q.Victoria to George V, India Social Security stamps, Court Fee stamps for Jaipur, Travencore and Jodhpur also featured as well as India Travellers Cheques, India Telegraph stamps and Ceylon revenues including War Tax and Telegraph stamps.

On the 23rd March 2008 Dublin City came to a stand still with the commemorative 1916 Easter Parade. Many Dignitaries were present and the Irish Proclamation was read by a member of the Armed Forces. The President Mrs Mary McAleese laid a wreath in front of the G.P.O. All units of the Armed Forces were present and paraded in front of the G.P.O. after which the Aer Corps passed over flying four Pilatus Aeroplanes to bring the parade to a close. All Dignitaries retired to the main hall in the G.P.O. for some refreshments. A special brochure, A4 size was produced for the event of which I procured a limited number.

POBLACHT NA hÉIREANN
THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT
OF THE
IRISH REPUBLIC
TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND

ISSUES AND ILLUSIONS In the name of love and of the great traditions of the nation we have created a new Ireland through the sacrifice of our children in the East and through the blood of our children.

Having organised and trained her soldiers through her secret revolutionary organisations, the Irish Republican Brotherhood and through her open military organisations, the Irish Volunteers and the Irish Citizen Army, having patiently perfected her discipline, having constantly trained for the right moment to reveal itself, she now waits that moment, and supported by her united children at home and by citizens abroad at Europe but relying on the fact as her own strength she awaits in full confidence of victory.

We declare the right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland, and to the overthrow of the British Empire, to be sovereign and indisputable. The long usurpation of that right by a foreign people and government has now exhausted the right and can give no satisfaction except by the destruction of the Irish people. In every generation the Irish people have paid their right to national freedom and sovereignty, we were during the past three hundred years they have started a new nation, standing on their traditional rights and again asserting it in arms in the face of the world, or by the creation of the Irish Republic as a sovereign independent State, and in place, our law and the law of our country is now the same as the law of the British, of its soldiers, and of its soldiers among the nations.

The Irish Republic is entitled to and hereby claims the allegiance of every Irishman and Irishwoman. The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens, and declares its resolve to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and of all its parts, cherishing all the children of the nation equally, and acknowledging the different capacities and talents of the people, which have developed a minority from the majority in the past.

That our arms have brought the opportunity for the establishment of a permanent National Government, representative of the whole people of Ireland and acknowledging the right of all the men and women of the Provisional Government, hereby announced, will acknowledge the true and necessary duties of the Republic to trust to the people.

We place the cause of the Irish Republic under the protection of the Most High God. Henceforward we invoke upon our arms and our people that no man who serves that cause with dishonesty or by cowardly, unmanly or treacherous means, in the supreme hour of his nation's need, by his failure and flight and by the weakness of his children at meeting the demands of the national purpose and enjoying the higher destiny to which it is called.

Signed on behalf of the Provisional Government:
THOMAS J. CLARKE
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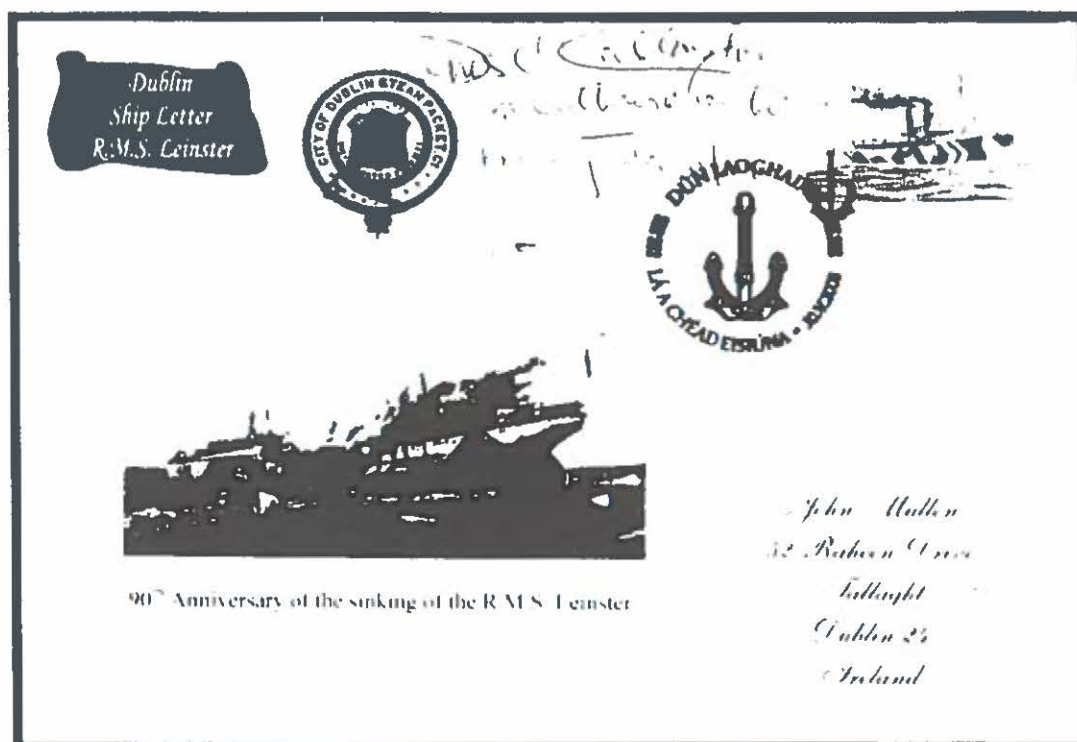
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90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SINKING OF THE R.M.S. LEINSTER
&
DUBLIN DOCKLANDS FESTIVAL 2008
Tall ships

By John Mullen

On Friday the 30th June 2008 An Post issued a stamp to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the sinking of the R.M.S. Leinster at the end of World War I in which 501 passengers, post office workers and crew lost their lives. The ship was on its way to Holyhead from Dún Laoghaire when it was torpedoed by a German submarine UB 123. As faith would have it, the UB 123 submarine itself was sunk on its way home with the loss of 55 crew members, a bad day for all, by all accounts.

The An Post stamp launch took place in the Dún Laoghaire Council Chambers Building. Dignitaries present were Mary Hannifan Minister for Social & Family Affairs (Local Politician), Denis O Callaghan Chairman of Dún Laoghaire Borough Council, Philip Mc Kane Local R.M.S. Leinster Historian and Author and Vincent Killowery Philatelic Artist who designed the stamp.



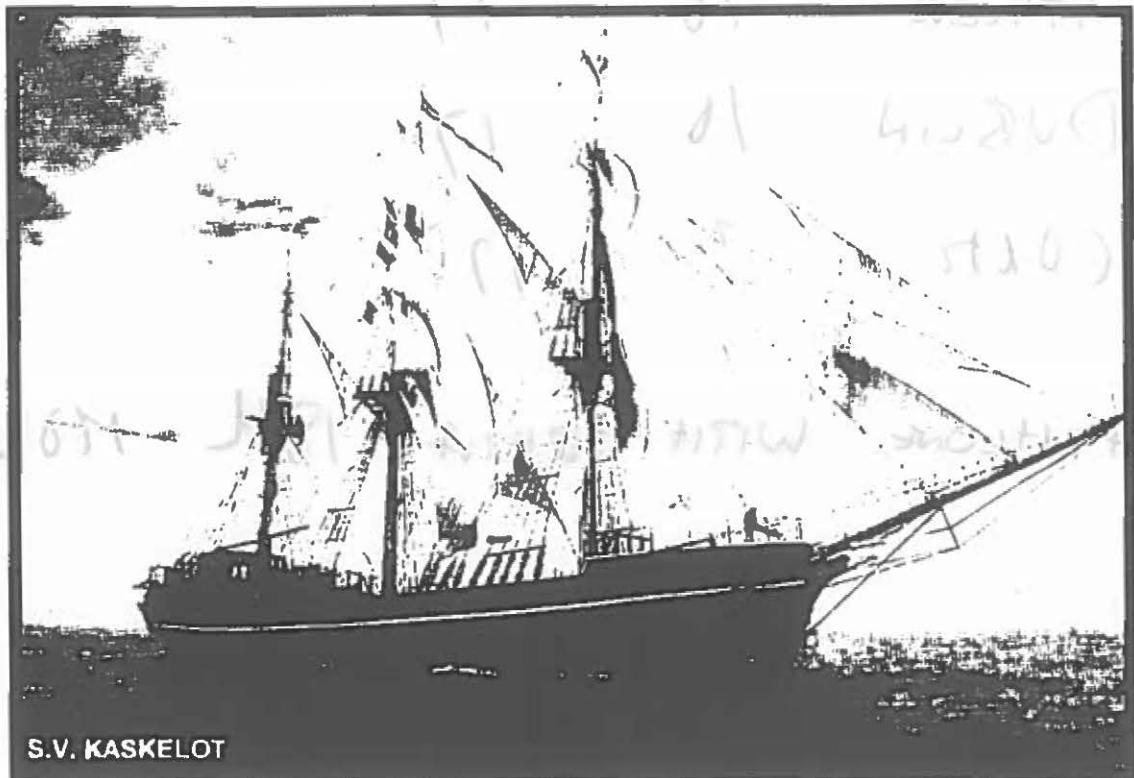
One of my own cover designs showing the R.M.S. Leinster sinking, signed by Denis O Callaghan, Mary Hannifan and in gold ink, Vincent Killowery. Cover cancelled with the Dún Laoghaire special F.D.I. cancellation which incorporates the Dún Laoghaire Anchor Monument that stands on the promenade.

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Dublin Docklands Festival has become a favourite with Dubliners and visitors alike, it takes place on the June weekend, starting this year on the 30th May and running until the 2nd June. Once again it was a great success with bigger crowds and many more traders, the weather was a big factor this year and one of the main attractions were the Tall Ships. I must admit the Tall Ships were the main attraction for me with their welcoming way, inviting all to come aboard, part of the attraction for me is to secure the ships hand stamps, unfortunately our own Irish Ships were not prepared and I was unsuccessful in getting the Jeanie Johnson and the Asgard II hand stamps, with excuses such as the Captain has it locked away or it is gone missing or we don't have one, are we losing our Céid Mile Fáilte ?

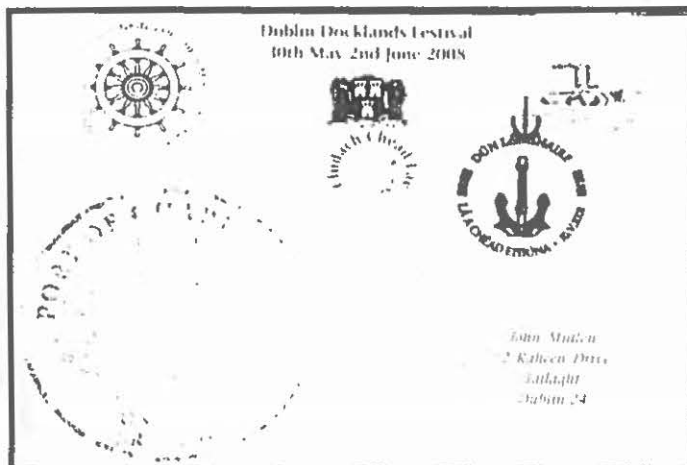
This Years festival coincided with the An Post stamp issue for the 90th anniversary of the sinking of the R.M.S. Leinster which took place at the Dún Laoghaire Council Offices. I acquired a number of FDI on blank covers and used them for the Tall Ships see below.

Ships participating were,
Atlantis, Kaskelot, Ruth, Artemis, Lord Nelson, Jeanie Johnston and Asgard II.

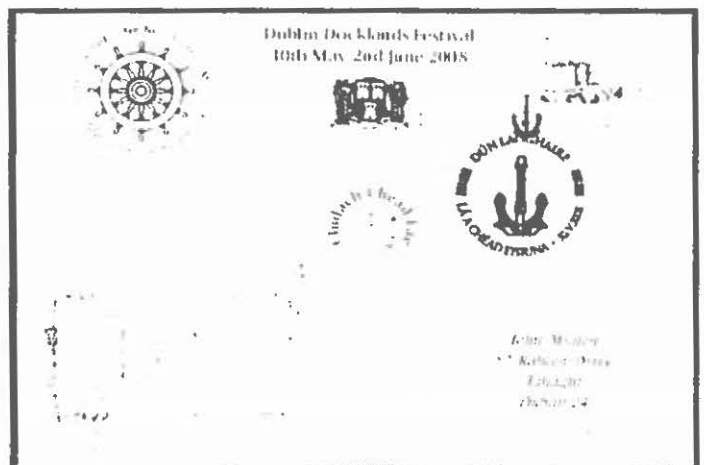


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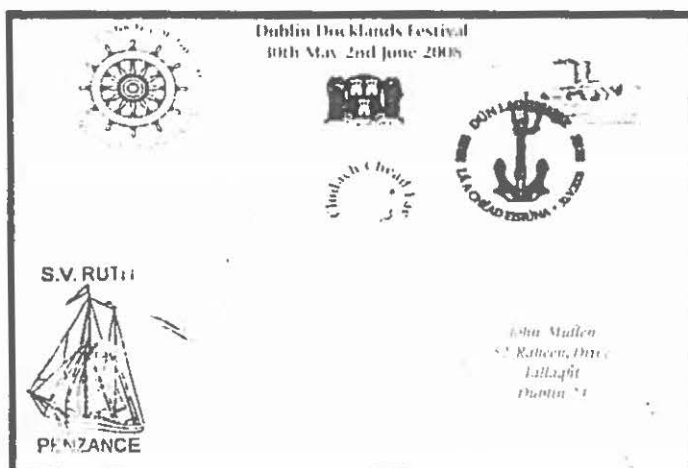
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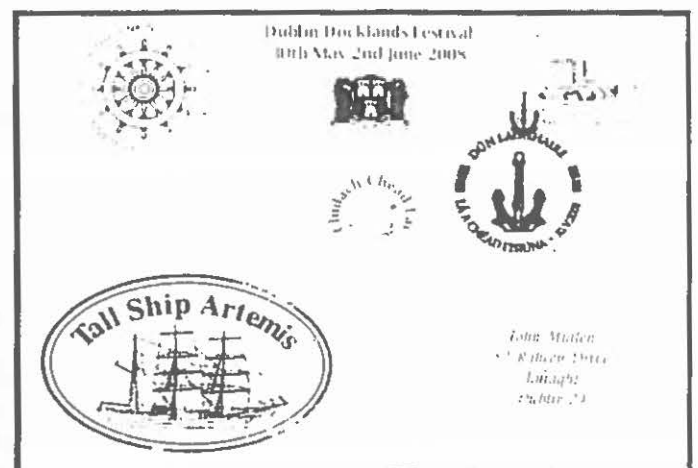
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