



VOLUME
2009

CUMANN SIGHNEACHAIR NA HÉIREANN
THE IRISH PHILATELIC SOCIETY
FOUNDED 1901

ISSUE NO
Dec / 04

i.p.s. news

THE JOURNAL OF THE IRISH PHILATELIC SOCIETY

In this issue : News, Displays, Open Class Competition, Charles Griffith Memorial Trophy and Medal, Society Social Evening. Articles : World Numbering System (WNS), An Post Personalised Incorrect Address Labels, FAI AGM, The Irish Open Golf Tournament Baltray, Drogheda, Co, Louth, MV Logos Hope Visit to Dublin.



Dear Member,

Herewith the last journal / news letter for 2009. Another year in the life of the Irish Philatelic Society has passed. It was successful and four new members 1 City and 3 Country were elected. The Society acquitted itself well at Stampa (see News) and many interesting displays were seen during the year. Sadly we had two bereavements 1 City and 1 Country. The Society finally in 2009 was able to introduce a memorial medal honouring our benefactor Charles Griffith for award with his memorial trophy each year, replacing the previous IPS medal. The Society finances stood up well during the year just past and we go into 2010 on a very healthy note financially, and otherwise. Finally may I on behalf of the Committee wish you all a very happy New Year.

NEWS

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Since the issue of the last journal two new members have been elected to membership :

Brian Callan (Country)

John Gallagher (City)

we wish them welcome and a long membership with us.

No resignations or bereavements were notified since the last journal.

AUTOMATIC STAMP LABEL MACHINES

One of these machines has recently been installed in Dunnes in St. Stephen's Green Shopping Centre.

STAMPA 2009

A number of members participated in the recent Stampa Exhibition over the weekend of Friday 16 to Sunday 18 October. The following awards were gained :

Heloise Mitchell	Gold Medal
Barry Wilson	Vermeil Medal
Mike Burrington	Vermeil Medal
John Fitzsimons	Vermeil Medal
Pat Casey	Vermeil Medal
Pat Carey	Silver Medal
Adrian Lee	Gwyn Bennett Trophy

Well done to all.

DISPLAYS

Members Choice

1 October

A total of 10 members provided mini displays of 5 or more sheets each on a diversity of subjects. It was a very enjoyable evening with some interesting items been shown. The following members produced the displays :

Norman Fiinie	'Nevis'
Frank Mc Donald	'New Zealand Flight Covers'
Brian O'Connell	'The Birth of the Leaping Tiger Symbol of Federated Malay States'
John Fitzsimons	'Music'
Michael Mc Namara	'Poland 2009 Warsaw Uprising Museum DIY Souvenirs'

Gerry Byrne	'Czech State Airlines
Fred Condell	'Australia'
John Lennon	'Limerick Penny Posts'
Des Scannell	'Rialtas Overprints'
Tony Finn	'Guinness'

Labrum

15 October

This display was given by Brian O'Connell. It showed the issues from 1879 to 1905 and included the first issue and various surcharges necessitated due to shortages of certain values and postal increases. It also included the 1896 Jubilee issue and issues of North Borneo overprinted as well as the 1902 set. Covers including registered mail also featured along with maps and illustrations of life and buildings on the island.

Open Class Competition

This competition was held on Thursday 29 October and entries were of 9 sheets each. A total of 8 entries were submitted these being:

Pan Am First Flights to 1939
Westmeath Postal History
Irish Postal History 1869 to 1896
The Scandal of the Brunei Locals
€4 Bag of Stuff
Pitcairn
"Summer Stamps"
Ireland 1984

Gerry Byrne
Anthony Hughes
William Moore
Brian O'Connell
Pat Carey
Des Scannell
John Lennon
Michael Mc Namara

The competition is judged by members present on the night and after the counting of votes two entries tied - Pan Am First Flights to 1939 by Gerry Byrne and Irish Postal History 1869 to 1896 by William Moore. A second vote was then held between these two entries with the eventual winner being William Moore for Irish Postal History 1869 to 1896. This entry was awarded the Open Class Trophy and Medal for 2009.

Charles Griffith Memorial Trophy and Medal 2009

The vote for the award of the above trophy and medal was taken on Thursday 29 October. Following the counting of votes the winner was declared to be Des Norton for his display 'Kingstown District Pre 1922' shown before the Society on Thursday 3 September and reported on in the last journal. This was the first award of the new Charles Griffith Medal replacing the IPS Medal given with this trophy in previous years.

Society Social Evening

The now annual Society Social Evening was held in Ely House on Thursday 26 November. It followed the format of previous years commencing as it did with a 50 lot bourse. Following this a total of 21 people down on the 29 attendees of the previous year then sat down to dinner in the House. The meal was very good and was commented on by all present. Following this a Christmas Social drink was held in the bar of the House .

World Numbering System (WNS)

I am reproducing in this journal a page from the web given to me by our member Mr Bob Cruickshank regarding the above which, may or may not be of interest to members.

World Numbering System (WNS)

This www site is very useful for updating lists from 2002 on –
Bob Cruickshank.

www.wnsstamps.ch/en/

Home www.wnsstamps.ch/en/ WADP alternate language

Home > About the WNS

About the WADP Numbering System (WNS)

Developed by the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the World Association for the Development of Philately (WADP), the WADP Numbering System (WNS) was introduced on 1 January 2002 with the aim of creating a database of all authentic postage stamps issued by UPU member countries and territories on or after that date.

The goal is for the WNS to become the central point of reference against which stamp issues can be verified, supporting the legal philatelic market by endorsing those stamps that are genuine.

Only those postage stamps that, once received by the International Bureau (IB) of the UPU have undergone the process of verification of authenticity and registration will be attributed a WNS number and added to the WNS website.

The WNS website is therefore a reference tool and a control, by omission, of stamps that have been issued illegally and labels that are claimed to be stamps. The WNS is one of the tools the UPU has introduced, helping the Posts and the philatelic market as a whole to combat this problem.

For more information on philately, the work of the WADP and illegal stamp issues click [here](#).

Your feedback interests us - email the WADP Secretariat at wns@upu.int.

Home <mailto:wns@upu.int> About the WNS Participating Stamp issuing authorities

© Copyright UPU - WADP

The stamp designs are the property of their respective issuing postal authority.

The issuing postal authorities have allowed the reproduction of the stamps displayed on this website.

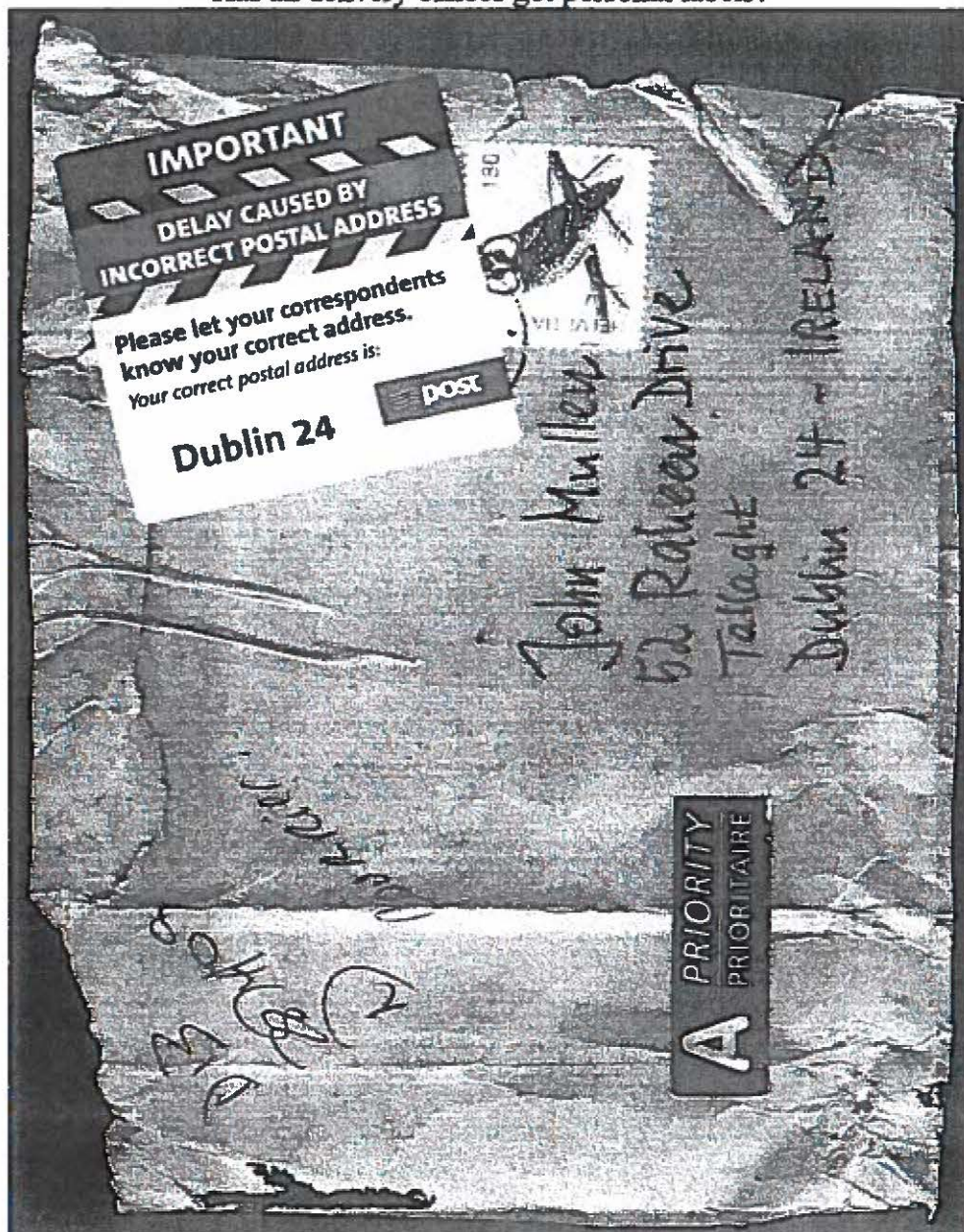
An Post Personalised Incorrect Address Labels

By John Mullen

Recently I received an Airmail packet from Geneva that was torn open and was resealed with a label that was placed on the packet by my local delivery office. The packet was correctly addressed and I can only surmise that the labels two of them were placed on the packet to repair it for delivery to me.



Incorrect Postal Address; Note Dublin 24
Has all delivery offices got personal labels?



Cover initialled by postman DB 28/4/09 D Courier

Many thanks to Michael McNamara who has confirmed that this label was issued to most DSU offices in September of 2008.

FAI AGM Oberaula Germany

By John Mullen

This year I was fortunate to be able to participate in the events that took place in Oberaula. A group from Ireland numbering eight travelled on the Friday 8th May and flew into Frankfurt Airport where we were picked up by coach and ferried to the hotel about 150kms from Frankfurt. We were greeted by members of the FAI committee and settled into our rooms. After been settled we arrived down to a room prepared with plenty of food, thank God as we were famished, after a couple of hours we retired to our rooms.

The following morning after breakfast we headed for the post office with everything arranged by Gunther Vogt thank you Gunther. The post office was part of a supermarket much the same as Ireland, but with a very pleasant lady to help us.

We needed a back stamp for the flight covers I had prepared, and interesting that one needed to place on the cover a minimum value of 20cents to have them cancelled which we were very pleased to do. Overall I organised a number of different covers, see illustrations, if any member would like a copy please do not hesitate to contact me. I am sure some of our other members will write about our schedule for Saturday and Sunday, suffice to say we had a marvellous time and of coarse the highlight of my trip was been awarded the FAI medal and certificate, which I still don't believe. I would like to express a special thank you, to all the FAI committee members for a wonderful weekend.

One of two different Hotel zum Stern post cards



Hotel zum Stern venue for FAI AGM stamped Oberaula 9th May back stamped B.A.C. 11th May



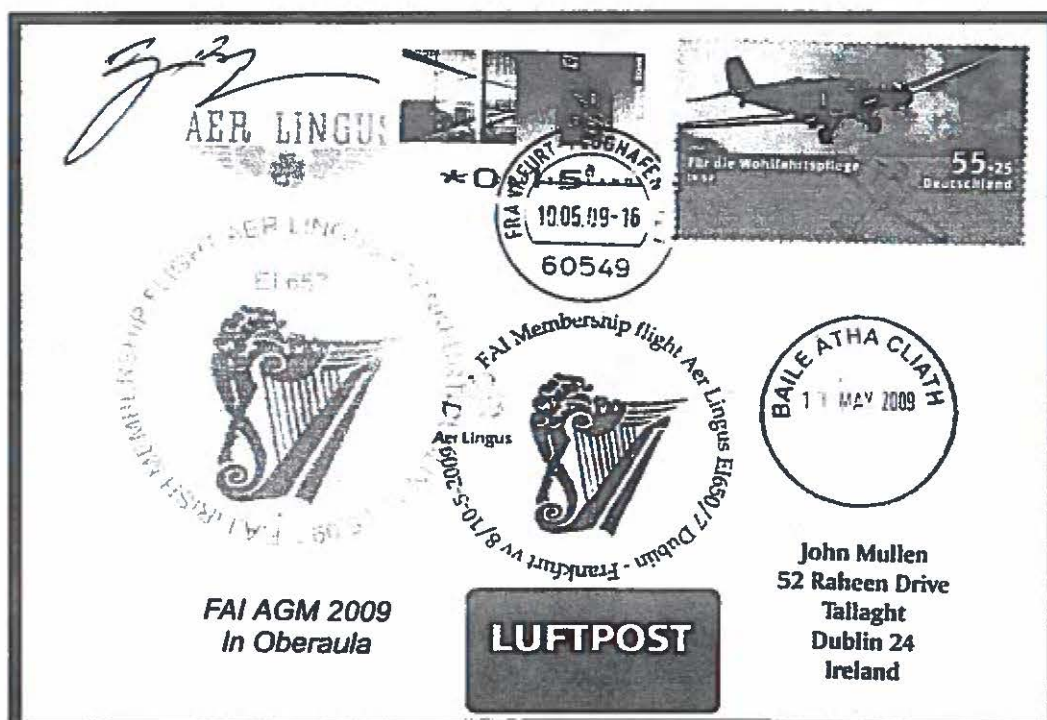
Hotel stationary stamped Oberaula 9th May receiving stamp B.A.C. 11th May. Hotel green cachet, Flair Hotel Blue cachet, Hotel zum Stern is part of the Flair Hotel Group, FAI green cachet and FAI location green cachet



The miniature sheet was supplied by Michael Kelly of Stampa cut to size to fit the cover.
One for everyone in the audience



Flight cover Dublin to Frankfurt, FAI green cachets Oberaula receiving stamp with 2 x 10cts German stamps



Frankfurt to Dublin Frankfurt 10th May cds receiving B.A.C. 11th May. FAI Aer Lingus cachet in Brown, Green, Blue and Red. Signed by flight Captain Garet Brady return flight. I was also fortunate to get 2 outgoing covers signed by the Lady Captain Siobhan Geoghan and First Officer.

The Irish Open Golf Tournament Baltray Drogheda Co. Louth

By John Mullen

As is customary at this time of year the Irish Open Golf Tournament takes place. This year we have a change of venue to the Co. Louth Golf Club just outside Drogheda in Baltray, the golf course is a links course beside the sea.

I arrived at the course to see what hand stamp they might have, and was pleasantly surprised when they produced a lovely new hand stamp of the club, and also a Coat of Arms which I got examples of, see illustration, I also brought with me a red ink pad so I was able to get two impressions of this hand stamp Black and Red. The event took place from the 14th / 17th May and was sponsored by the Phone Company "3" see illustration.

I then left my covers into the main Post Office in Drogheda to have date stamped, at which time the Post Office date stamped my covers with an outstandingly clear Drogheda 14th / 15th / 16th / 17th hand stamp, thank you very much to the Drogheda post office.

The tournament was won by an Irish Amateur golfer Shane Lowry after a 3 hole play off against Robert Rock of England. As an amateur Shane cannot claim the first prize of a half million euro, that, despite losing the play off will go to Robert Rock

The Irish Open Trophy was presented to Shane as fellow county man and Taoiseach Mr. Brian Cowan was on hand to witness. Shane's father is no stranger to fame as he was a formidable Tipperary hurler.



Cover showing Co. Louth Coat of Arms, club hand stamp in red and "3" printed cachet. The Co. Louth hand stamp represents an early Irish boat under the sun with crossed golf clubs. An early Irish boat was unearthed in Drogheda a number of years ago and dated back to 5000yrs BC.

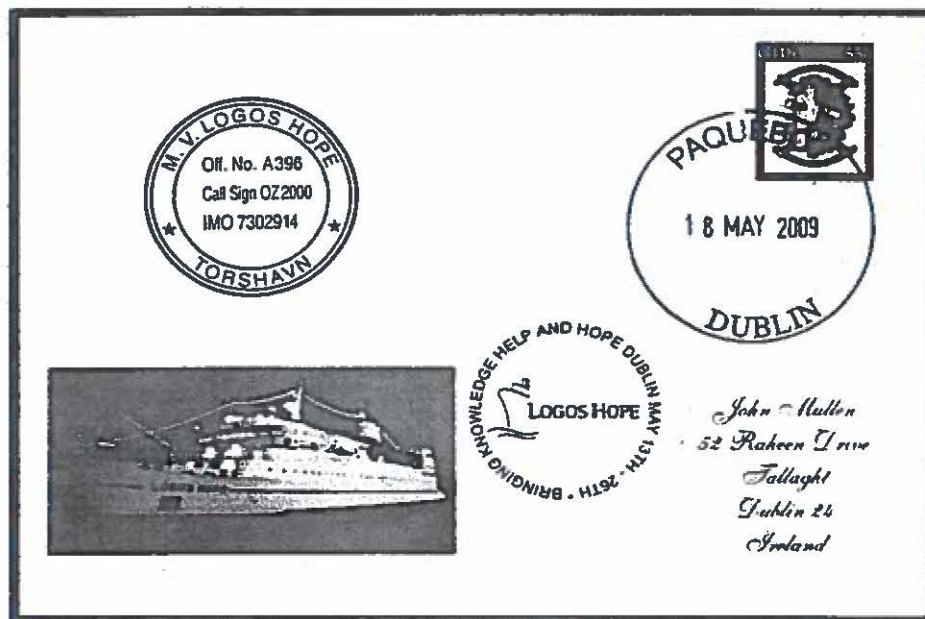
If any member would like an example of the cover please feel free to contact me.

I also left some covers into Termonfeckin Sub Post Office which is that little bit closer to Baltray and to be sure of getting a post mark for the event. My problem was, as we know, sometimes it is difficult to get a post office to cancel any covers, perhaps we can make some arrangement to lobby the Philatelic to send a directive to all post offices about cancelling philatelic mail, now wouldn't that be nice.

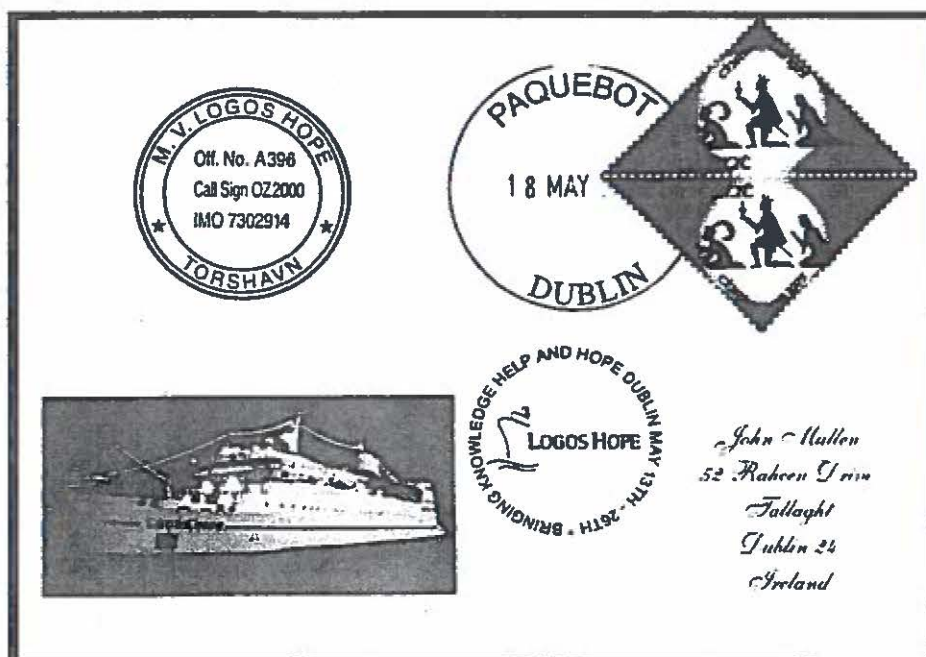
MV Logos Hope Visit to Dublin

By John Mullen

Over the weekend of the 16th/17th May while travelling through Dublin it was hard not to notice the very large ship the MV Logos Hope docked on Sir John Rodgers Quay. On Saturday morning I travelled down to the quays to see this ship and as I went on board to see if I could acquire her hand stamp, which I was successful, the size of this ship was quite evident. The ship has a purpose in bringing "Knowledge Help and Hope" its motto, boasts to be the world's largest floating book fair with over 6,000 titles at bargain prices, one can enjoy refreshments at the International Cafe. Its work is based in the Christian belief, has a crew of 350 volunteers, 45 Nations, 39 Year History, 9 Decks and 1 Hope. The Ship is based in Torshavn in the Faro Islands. Its next port of call is Cork and then travels to the Island of St. Vincent.



Cover showing the Logos Hope hand stamp, postmarked Dublin Paquebot 18th May 2009.



Dublin Paquebot on St. Vincent Christmas stamps