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The ASDA Mega Event at the Javits Center in New York was the site of EPA's Annual General Meeting on Saturday, May 8.

Here is a brief summary of the meeting:

First of all, we are still solvent and thanks to the efforts of our Treasurer, Peg Zellers, we have a budget for fiscal year 1993-94.

Our membership has also increased in the past year, reports Michael Conway, our Secretary. A lot of people have contributed to this by recruiting new members. But I think special mention must be made of Joe Foley, whose initiative and efforts have gained EPA almost 50 new members.

The Directors, Officers, and Staff also took care of some minor details which required attention.

On the non-business side there was an excellent presentation by Joe Foley of the Overprints with a discussion period at the end. Richard McBride was awarded the John J. Clark Award for his outstanding service to EPA as the Special Offers Manager - an excellent choice by the committee. And Bob Benninghoff received a gold medal for his exhibit of Irish coils.

It was a good meeting and I thank all those who attended and contributed to its success. ♣

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From a Beginning Point of View

by Jim Magill

One thing the beginner might consider is the purchase of a general Irish collection. This would provide him with a good broad base upon which to build. Such an idea was broached in an article I was reading by Joseph E. Foley in the July-September, 1967 issue of THE REVEALER. The author opined that a collection can usually be purchased for less money than the same stamps purchased as individual items. Perhaps you know someone who has a collection to sell or a local stamp dealer who has one. Being able to see the collection rather than just reading about it means that you can see for yourself what it contains and its condition. "I cannot overstate the importance of condition," Foley wrote, since an attractive price may sometimes be a disguise for something in less than satisfactory condition.

You will have to do some studying of Irish stamps and the current market to decide if the collection offered is worth the price. "Buy the largest collection you can afford at this time," was Foley's comment. But he also recommended a study of Irish stamps and Postal History before making large purchases, since "...in philately as in all our endeavors, there is no substitute for knowledge."

This beginner might add a further caveat: note how many sets in the collection are incomplete. To purchase the missing items, you often have to purchase the entire set.

Source: "So you Want to Collect Ireland," Joseph E. Foley, JUL 67, 90, p 657-658

Stamp Collecting, Enjoyment and Education

by Tom Polick

I believe the majority of stamp collectors were introduced to the hobby in their grammar school years. The subjects and topics shown on a nation's postage stamps illustrate the lessons they're receiving in their classes. The people and incidents of history, the flora and fauna of biology, the natural resources, the geography, the festivals and anniversaries of culture, the operation of government, the great artwork, monuments, portraits,...everything unique and appropriate to a society's people.

It's an ideal time to open the doors of interest and I wish to suggest to our organized chapters and association members the following project to cultivate tomorrow's collectors and promote the educational goals of our E.P.A.

I am planning a fold out mini-album to describe and display the IRISH HERITAGE AND TREASURES definitive series. A space will be provided for each stamp of the series with the story and facts of the item pictured. With this mini-album will be a small packet of stamp hinges and a glassine envelope containing a used copy of almost all of the series stamps.

I would offer these in classroom size lots to any school teacher to use as a student project. I would anticipate a healthy demand from the primary schools in Ireland and would also expect requests from "abroad". These fold out mini-albums

will be xeroxed from a master made available to Éire collectors, who could copy them as needed. The cost of hinges is rather modest and the used stamps would be donated by our members who soak and accumulate numbers of definitive values. Ideally, the cost might be kept to a minimum and the 'package' offered gratis.

There would be a sheet of instructions to help make the project a fun event for the children, and suggest that they ask family members to help them find any missing stamps. These young people would forever know that the Ardagh Chalice was found by a young lady digging potatoes and the Broighter Collar was ploughed up in a field near Broighter, County Derry. Learning goals would be achieved and our fascinating hobby would be introduced.

We can refer those that express, "further interest" to An Post and our chapter affiliates to further assist them in getting started. This activity supports our Association's goal of education, doesn't require a great deal of work and the cost can be kept to a level where all chapters can participate.

I'll start playing with the copier and send the project when completed to our chapter coordinator and The Revealer for suggestions and improvement.

When everything's finished, it will be the Éire Philatelic Association's gift to the world of collectors and future collectors.

The Perfect Postmarks for St. Patrick's Day

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The following is a listing of United States Postal Service post offices with names having a topical tie-in with Ireland in general and St. Patrick's Day in particular.

Postmark Pursuit

By Fred W. Baumann

While a few topically related towns and cities offer pictorial postmarks with an Irish theme each year, most of those listed here will not. (Special handstamps for which we have information are included in this week's regular pictorial listings.)

Most post offices, however, have four-bar handstamps prominently showing the name of the town, which you might enjoy collecting.

These listings have been taken from a 1992 ZIP code directory. Even so, it is possible that one or two of those listed here may not have cancelers of any kind, or may have been discontinued.

If so, please let me know and I'll delete them from future listings. Similarly, if there's a postmark with a strong St. Patrick's Day connection that I've missed, tell me about it and I'll share the information next year.

(See Postmark Pursuit page 7)

FAI at Leipzig in 1993

by Hans G. Moxter



A report dealing with the annual general meeting of a stamp club can be quite boring. It usually is the same procedure every year and, normally, comes to the conclusion that everybody had a good time. Do not worry! I will give you a different story this time on how FAI, EPA's German counterpart, conducted its' meeting.

As you all know, Germany reunited about three years ago, - an event that made 80 million in our country call a Russian politician, not Mr. Gorbachov', but, in a very friendly way "Gorbi". So, in 1992, FAI went to Berlin, where, in the western part of the divided city, we always had a very lively group of members. We wanted to experience the atmosphere in the place that once had a wall separating one part from the other. And a great experience it was. Under this impression we, there and then, decided to accept the advice of our member Bernd Dienelt, formerly in Cologne and now in Leipzig, who otherwise is known as a keen collector of Irish maritime mail. In 1993, we decided to go right into the heart of eastern Germany's state of Saxonia, i.e. to Leipzig.

You know that we, in Germany, had a divided country for over 40 years, with guarded frontiers, and, the "People's Police" shooting at everybody who dared to try a border crossing without permission. Such a permit was normally only given to people older than 65 years. Certainly, this border was much tighter than the border inside Ireland, where one can travel from Dublin to Belfast in a comfortable morning train and return the same day without being asked to present a passport. Of course the unnatural Irish border is older, already over 70 years, but certain parallels are there. Both borders were imposed by outside forces. Both are rejected by a considerable majority of the people concerned. And in both cases, as in Korea, nobody could predict when that 'damned' thing would be abolished.

And there we were, Inge and myself, in March 1993, in a comfortable compartment of an express train running from Frankfurt/Main to Leipzig in five hours. One looked out of the window and famous places passed by: Fulda, where Saint Boniface is buried in the cathedral; Eisenach, with its Wartburg Castle, where Martin Luther translated the Holy Bible into German; Erfurt, capital of the state of Thuringia; Weimar, residence of poets Goethe and Schiller; Naumburg with its cathedral of more than 700 years. And, there it was: Leipzig Central Station.

We had already started on our weekend-trip early Wednesday because we intended to explore, as much as possible, this place of more than 600,000 people. This was also the reason why we had secured a bed and breakfast with an old lady, and, had not booked at the hotel where the AGM was scheduled. Our effort proved a success. Mrs. I., our landlady, had a nice room with good beds and an acceptable breakfast ready for us. The old lady was a treasure box of information, having lived almost all of her 72 in Leipzig. She

took us on a walk around the city centre and we were then able to roam as we pleased. It is a lively city buzzing with cars, buses, taxis and streetcars, or, should I say, tramways. Shops and restaurants bustle - including the omnipresent ones like McDonald's and museums and theatres abound.

We went to St. Thomas Church, where Johann Sebastian Bach produced most of his cantatas and to Nicolai Church where that unforgettable peaceful uprising ("We are the people!") started, it finally led to the downfall of the old regime. On Thursday evening, a concert of Baroque Music at the famous Gewandhaus Concert Hall, where Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy conducted, was to become a highlight of our stay.

What has this all to do with Irish philately, you will ask. Well, wherever we went, it became clear that the elimination of a border between two parts of one country does not solve all problems immediately. On the contrary, as we experience in this country right now, a reunification is good for a celebration that may last a few days or weeks, but after the last barrel has been emptied, automatically, a lot of questions have to be answered. That can easily take ten or twenty years. Unemployment, housing, industrial problems and ecological damages of the past are all contributing to the headaches of responsible politicians.

Already, now, it seems that Irish politicians should study how their German counterparts try to solve such questions that have come up in connection with an unexpected reunification. It is one thing to dream of a united fatherland and quite another to wake up and see the dream has come true. All these ideas passed through our heads when on Friday and Saturday we went to the run-down industrial suburb of Plagwitz where FAI gathered for its AGM in a nice, completely refurbished hotel.

With 203 members at the moment, FAI has a good position in Europe. This time almost the entire board of officers was replaced by a new set from northern Germany. After the first founding-period of five years under the presidency of Frank Holzmüller (now Hamburg) and another five years of consolidation under Heinz-Jürgen Kumpf (Munich), we now have Manfred Schollmayer (Cologne) as our new president. Manfred is an old hand in Irish philately and a regular contributor to our periodical DIE HARFE. Vice-president remains Bernd Wegner (Hamburg); secretary and editor of DIE HARFE remains Michael Rupp, EPA, (Dorum) and treasurer is now Klaus Stange, EPA, (Belm). The meeting was attended by 25 members/guests. Two of them came all the way from Ireland. No Guinness was available this time, but the excellent Saxon cuisine and local brew were fine.

Dues will, at least for the time being, remain unchanged at DM 54.-. The dues will in future depend very much on postage charged by German TELEKOM which is threatening distribution of our periodical with serious increases. For 1994, FAI plans to have its AGM in the Rhine-Main-Area, probably at Steinbach/Taunus, northwest of Frankfurt/Main; the date will probably 23.-24.APRIL.94.

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British Registered Envelopes Used in Ireland: Additional Value Imprints 1920

by Hans Bergdolt

The author introduced the readers to British Registered Envelopes used in Ireland between 1878 and 1922/25 in *The Revealer*, Nos. 184 and 185. Herewith, I am reverting to this topic in order to present a small group of rarities - the additional imprints of 1920.

General

World War I terminated a long period of stability in Europe. The big change could also be observed with postal tariffs. In Great Britain and Ireland, the cost for a registered letter (Inland rate, first weight scale) was 3d from 1840 till 1918. Then postal rates went up: 1918: 3 1/2d; 1920: 4d and 1921: 5d.

When rate increases were determined, large quantities of registered envelopes of the earlier rate were still on sale. There had also been large stocks of registered envelopes produced for special purposes. For example, an envelope had been especially prepared for the field post service of the British troops, which had an imprinted black stamp with a face value of 2d. Also, older registered envelopes with the stamped imprint "King George V." continued to be sold. The post office or the sender affixed additional postage.

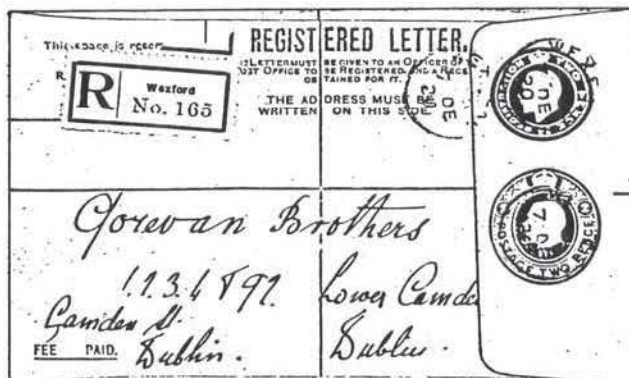
Despite this practical process, in 1920 - when the rate of a registered letter went up to 4d - three different registered envelope types, which were already on sale, received additional stamp imprints. The post office used earlier issued envelopes with a face value of 3d and 3 1/2d as well as the old 2d field post envelope as mentioned before. To make up the postage to 4d the envelopes received additional stamped imprints of 1d, 1/2d or 2d. As such imprinted values were probably not available, the post office decided to use stamped imprints from private printings of such envelopes.

These printings have been produced between May and July 1920. Huggins mentioned in his "British Postal Stationery" catalogue the dates for the additional 2d imprint as July 19th, 1920 and for the additional 1/2d May 27th, 1920. For the additional rate of 1d, no date has been reported so far.

The following registered envelopes with additional imprinted stamps are separately described. Catalogue numbers in brackets refer to Huggins "British Postal Stationery" (first position) and "Michel Ganzsachenkatalog Europa" (second position).

Field Post Envelopes with 2d black and additional 2d orange imprint (Fig. 1 and 2)

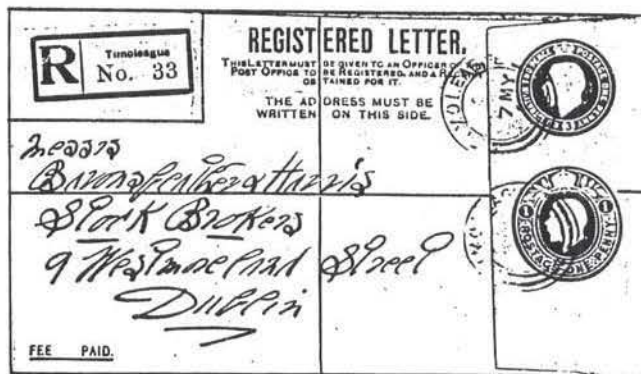
A registered field post envelope to be used by the Army was issued during World War I. It showed only the black 2d imprint covering the charge for registration. Ordinary postage for army field post letter service was free of charge. Only special fees like Express Delivery or Registered Mail had to be paid.



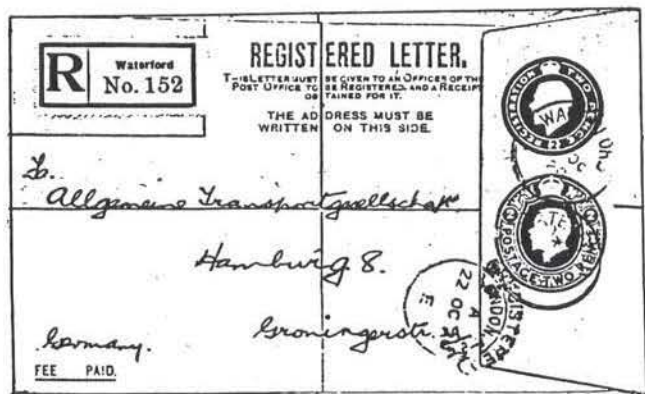
After the war, the field post envelopes were used up and received an additional 2d orange imprinted stamp. This envelope has been issued like the corresponding field post envelope in two types: With the corner of the flap with round or angular corners. The cover shown under Fig. 1 is the angular variety (RP 31, Type 7; EU 29 I). The envelope was posted from Waterford (20th October, 1920) via London (22nd October, 1920) and reached Hamburg on October 24th, 1920.

The cover shown under Fig. 2 was mailed at Wexford on December 7th, 1920. Here the flap has round corners (RP 31, Type 6; EU 29 II). Both types are only known to exist in size G (150 x 92 mm).

Registered Envelopes with 3d redbrown and additional 1d red imprint (Fig. 3)



The original issue of this envelope had the new 3d KGV stamp imprint (RP 28; EU 26). This was the first time the stamp showed the postage together with the registration fee in



one rate: "3d/REGISTRATION TWO PENCE/POSTAGE ONE PENNY". For this issue, the printers used registered envelopes without the engraver's initial "W" in the stamp. Sizes F and G (RP 32; EU 30a) are known. Envelopes with initial "W" had been already used up.

The envelope shown left Timoleague, Co. Cork, for Dublin on May 7th, 1921.

Reverse of all covers with additional value (Fig. 4)

Registration.	
Compensation is given of Inland Registered Letters	for loss or damage in respect and Packets of all kinds,
and for the loss of Foreign and and Packets, subject to the notified in the Post Office	Colonial Registered Letters limitations and conditions Guide.

All registered envelopes with additional value from 1920 show on the reverse the inscription "COMPENSATION... FOREIGN AND COLONIAL REGISTERED LETTERS..."

Registered Envelopes with 3 1/2d blue and additional 1/2d green imprint (Fig. 5)

The postage rate of 3 1/2d (i.e. 1 1/2d for the letter and 2d for registration fee) was charged only from 1918 till 1920. This type of registered envelope - especially used in Ireland - is, even without imprint of an additional stamp, rare. Sizes F and G are known to exist with additional 1 1/2d stamp imprinted.



Registered Letter shown under Fig. 5 mailed on December 5th, 1921 from Straffan Station to Dublin. The small village in County Kildare is now part of the town of Naas. The cancellation reads: "STRAFFAN ST^N (S(ub) O(ffice), Co. KILDARE".

Summary

The registered envelopes with additional imprinted stamps seem to have been used at least, mostly in the southern Ireland - County's Waterford, Wexford and Cork - with the exception of Straffan Station, Co. Kildare, southwest of Dublin. Dr. Dulin illustrates in his book "Ireland's Transition" a similar

registered envelope from Dublin. May we assume from this, that those few items that reached Ireland were sold in Dublin and further southwards? Unfortunately the writer knows only a very small number of these envelopes. He would appreciate reports and photo copies of such envelopes.

It seems to me that numbers printed of such registered envelopes with an additional imprinted stamp were limited. It seems that only a small number of them have survived. This kind of postal stationery - used in Ireland - is true rarities!

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Postmark Pursuit

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I've deliberately omitted a rather enormous number of "Green" combination names, such as Green Kills, N.Y., Greenock, Pa., and Green Village, N.J. You may want to look into a few of these.

Also, there are hundreds of U.S. post offices with names related to Irish towns, counties and settlers. I've included a few of the best known, but you can consult a ZIP code guide for others that may have special meaning to you, especially if your surname is O'Neill (Neb.), O'Brien (Ore.) or Murphy (N.C.).

Send stamped, addressed envelopes to the postmaster of the desired city or cities, including the "9998" ZIP extension that marks it as mail to the postmaster.

Enclose a note stating the date of the town postmark you require, and be sure to ask for the post office's four-bar handstamp rather than the machine cancel.

Belfast, ME 04915; Belfast, NY 14711; Belfast, TN 37019;
Dublin, CA 94568; Dublin, GA 31021; Dublin, IN 47335;
Dublin, MS 38739; Dublin, NH 03444; Dublin, NC 28332;
Dublin, OH 43016; Dublin, PA 18917; Dublin, TX 76446;
Dublin, VA 24084;

Erin, NY 14838; Erin, TN 37061;
Green, KS 67447;
Hibernia, NJ 07842;
Ireland, IN 47545; Ireland, WV 26376;
Limerick, ME 04048; Limerick, NY 13657; Limerick, PA 19468;

Londonderry, NH 03053; Londonderry, OH 45647;
Londonderry, VT 05148;

Patrick, SC 29584; Patrick Air Force Base, FL 32925;
Patrickburg, IN 47455; Patrick Springs, VA 24133;

Rainbow, TX 76077
St. Patrick, MO 63466
Shamrock, OK 74068; Shamrock, TX 79079.



That Was The Year That Was 1992

by Brian Warren

Thankfully there were no new products or any general increase in postal rates (except parcels) during 1992. The only significant development was the decision to install on a permanent basis ATM Frama machines at nine locations throughout the country.

SPECIAL AND COMMEMORATIVE ISSUES



The 1992 programme comprising 29 sheet stamps, one miniature sheet and two booklets were issued over eight release dates at a cost of IR£19.40. Three of the sheet stamps were issued in sheetlet form with a total retail cost of IR£10.96. The 1991 totals were 30 sheet stamps, one miniature sheet and two booklets at a cost of IR£19.38; three of the sheet stamps were issued in sheetlet form with a total retail cost of IR£10.96.

Date of Issue	Description	Value	Plate Numbers/Notes	Paper/Gum
28 Jan	Love Stamps- Concentric hearts (8th Issue)	28p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP1
	- Rainbow	32p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP1
25 Feb	Sli na Sláinte (In the Way of Health)	26p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP1
25 Feb	Olympic Games (Barcelona)	- Boxing 32p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP1
	- Sailing 44p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP1	
	- Miniature sheet	IR£1.52	Two sets se-tenant	CCP1
2 Apr	Galway Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Bicentenary)	28p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3
2 Apr	Irish Maritime Heritage	- Mari Cog 32p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3
	- Cvoca 52p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	
2 Apr	Greetings Booklet (4 x 28p plus 4 x 32p)	IR£2.40	Two panes	CCP3
14 May	Europa - Discovery of Americas (32nd Issue)	- Ships 32p	Sheetlets of ten	CCP1
	- Landing party 44p	with side panel	CCP1	

Date of Issue	Description	Value	Plate Numbers/Notes	Paper/Gum
14 May	Impact of the Irish Abroad- Americas (3rd Issue)	- se-tenant 2 x 52p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP1
9 July	Fauna & Flora	- Adult pair 28p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP1
	Pine Marten - Adults on branch (15th Issue)	32p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP1
	- Female with 44p kittens	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP1	
	- Adult with prey 52p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP1	
2 Sept	Trinity College, Dublin (400th Anniversary)	- Old Library 32p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3
	- Front Gate 52p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP1	
2 Sept	James Malton's Views of Dublin (200th Anniversary)	- Rotunda 28p	1A1A1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B1B1B	CCP1
	- Charlemont House 44p	1A1A1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B1B1B	CCP1	
15 Oct	Ireland Series (13th Issue - Food & Farming)	- se-tenant 4 x 32p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP1
15 Oct	Single European- Sheet Stamp Market	- Prestige Booklet IR£4.80	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B 15 x 32p (4 panes)	CCP1 CCP1
19 Nov	Christmas (22nd Issue)	- Annunciation 28p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3
	- Adoration of the Shepherds 32p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	
	- Adoration of the Magi 52p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	
	- Rural Churchyard	IR£3.36	Sheetlet (13 x 28p)	CCP3

All stamps were printed by Irish Security Stamp Printing Limited and perforated 14 x 14 3/4 (vertical format) or 14 3/4 x 14 (horizontal format) unless otherwise stated. Except as indicated below, all full sized sheets contain 50 stamps in the usual 10 x 5 or 5 x 10 format with plate numbers at top left ("A" or "B"), colour checks at top right and imprint at bottom left.

Olympic Games: The miniature sheets contains two of each value - same perforation and paper as sheet issues.



Greetings Booklet: The two pane booklet contains four 28p and four 32p stamps. The stamps show various country scenes - Gull and coastal cliffs (28p I), Mountain and meadow flowers (28p II), Fuchsias, honeysuckle and stylised butterfly (32p I), Pond and stylised dragonfly (32p II). Each stamp has two greetings (32p I), Pond and stylised dragonfly (32p II). Each stamp has two greetings labels attached and the outer edges of the panes are imperforate.

Two stamps have an imperforate right edge giving a total of six different stamps. The stamps were only available in booklets.

Pane 1: 32p I, 32p II, 28p I, 28p II (right margin imperforate);
 Pane 2: 28p I, 28p II, 32p Ii, 32p II (right margin imperforate).

Each pane is rouletted in the left binding margin and stitched into the covers.

Europa: The stamps were printed in the usual sheetlet format comprising ten stamps with illustrated side panels. The side panels are imperforate, all other margins are perforated. Sheetlets have an imprint and colour controls but no plate numbers. The illustrated panels feature the Arms of Spain and Ferdinand with Arms (32p) and the Irish cross and fleet with fearful Lucayans (44p).

Impact of the Irish Abroad: The two 52p stamps in this biennial series were printed in se-tenant pairs, the sheet format being 50 (25 pairs) in two panes of 25 stamps separated by a gutter. Pane 1 contains thirteen of one design and twelve of the second design with the sequence reversed in pane 2. The exhibition logo of "World Columbian Stamp Expo '92" held in Chicago (22-31 May) was printed throughout the gutter; the logo exists on all sheets and not only on sheets sold at the exhibition. The stamps measure 44mm x 28mm and are perf. 13 1/2.

Fauna & Flora: The endangered Pine Marten stamps were issued in association with World Wide Fund for Nature and include the Panda device and the WWF initials, the official authorised logo of the organisation. Ignoring crests, flags and the Europa symbol, this appears to be a first on Irish stamps.

Trinity 400: The sheets did not have gutters contrary to the notice in the bureau's Philatelic Bulletin. The stamps measure 28mm x 44mm and are perf. 13 1/2.



Food & Farming: The Food & Farming set was printed in sheets of 40 with two panes of 20 stamps separated by a gutter. Each pane contains five se-tenant strips of the four 32p stamps which form a composite design. As a result, all gutter pairs are of stamps 4 + 1.

Single European Market - Prestige Booklet: There are four illustrated panes of stamps and eight pages of bilingual text. The make-up of each pane is as follows: -

Pane 1: Block of four;

Pane 2: Four stamps set out as single stamps;

Pane 3: Horizontal strip of three stamps; and
 Pane 4: Two separated vertical pairs.

All stamps are the same size and perforation as the sheet stamps, although the background blue colour appears to be of a slightly lighter shade. No rouletting in the binding margins of the panes which are stitched into the covers.

Christmas Sheetlet: The 13 stamps plus 2 labels are set out in three rows of five stamps/labels (as in 1991). Sheetlets have an imprint but no plate numbers or colour controls and are perforated through both left and right margins. The stamps were only sold in complete sheetlets (as with all previous Christmas sheetlets) and the price of IR£3.36 gives one free stamp.

DEFINITIVES



Sheet Issues: Two new sheet values were released on 14 May - 40p (G.B. non POP letter rate) and 45p (airletter rate). There were also three further new printings including one new plate combination on the 2p.

Value	Plates	Issue Date	Format	Paper/Gum	Design
2p	1A2A/1B2B	August 92	V	CCP3	Silver Kite Brooch
5p	1A1A/1B1B	May 92	V	CCP1	Dunamase Food Vessel
20p	1A1A/1B1B	March 92	H	CCP1	Gold Dress Fastener
40p	1A1A/1B1B	14 May 92	V	CCP1	Gleninsheen Collar
45p	1A1A/1B1B	14 May 92	V	CCP1	Silver Thistle Brooch

All sheet printings were by Irish Security Stamp Printing Limited. Perforations 14 x 14 3/4 (20p) and 14 3/4 x 14 (others). The above issues/printings give four new singles - 5p, 20p, 40p & 45p (all CCP1).

IR£1 Booklet: The cover of the third Irish Heritage and Treasures machine and counter booklet depicts the St. Patrick's Bell Shrine as featured on the IR£5 definitive. The contents and layout are the same as the previous booklet issued in May 1991. Both cover and contents continue to be printed by Enschedé in Holland with the stamps once again in photogravure. Paper/Gum: FCP/PVA. The incorrect spelling of "circa" on the inside of the front cover has been corrected but the rates panel on the back cover still refers to 1 April 1991 as being the operative date instead of 2 April. The contents and layout are the same as the 1991 booklet (4p x 2; 28p and 32p x 2).

32p Self-adhesive: The 100 stamp rolls have proved to be very popular and a new printing became available in July. The new rolls contain two "reminder labels" located 20 stamps and

10 stamps from the end of each roll. The red line at the end of each roll is thus no longer printed on the reverse of the backing paper. The bureau sells a pair of stamps with each of the reminder labels @ 64p each. The new printing appears to have been printed on a different paper as individual stamps have a different UV reaction as compared to the original.

The first issue has a dull slightly orange luminescent glow whereas the new printing gives a white reaction.

ATM POSTAGE LABELS



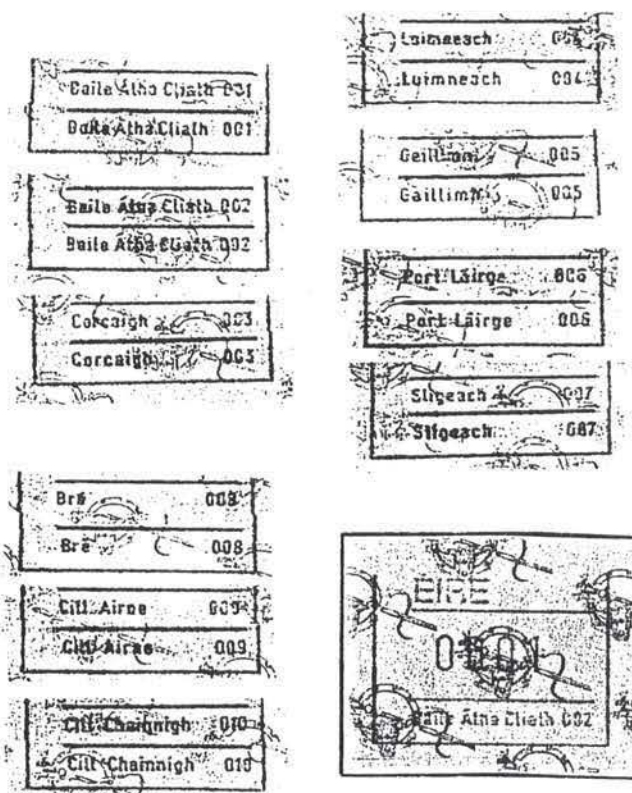
The Swiss made Frama machines were introduced on a permanent basis commencing with four locations on 6 April with further additions on 20 July and 7 September (my birthday!) A total of ten machines have now been installed at nine main post office locations in major cities/towns as follows:-

Location	Machine No.	Date of Installation
Dublin	001	6 April
Dublin	002	7 September
Cork	003	6 April
Limerick	004	6 April
Galway	005	6 April
Waterford	006	7 September
Sligo	007	20 July
Bray	008	20 July
Killarney	009	20 July
Kilkenny	010	7 September

Each machine is located inside each post office and dispenses labels of any value from 1p to IR£99.99 which are unique to each machine indicating the place and machine number as listed above. The machine cliché applies a red impression on a preprinted roll of paper which bears a grey illustration of the Tara Brooch in continuous format on a dull stone coloured background. The overall size of the label measures approx 40mm x 32.5mm (1,500 per roll). The preliminary designs as illustrated in the bureau's bulletin for the 1991 Fishing Fleet issue were far better, both in layout and choice of background colour. I have noted in all cases that it is possible to differentiate the labels distributed by the bureau from labels

printed by the actual machines. The bureau labels are produced from separate cliché which differ slightly in all cases. The most identifiable and collectable difference is on the Dublin 001 label. The actual machine label has the correct acute accent over the Á of Átha. However on the bureau label the accent on the A is incorrectly shown as grave (À). The Dublin 002 label has a similar difference. The accent is acute in both cases but the actual machine label has a smaller Á in Átha as compared to the bureau label. - see illustrations below.

The remaining labels (apart from Bray and Kilkenny) can be readily differentiated by reference to the length/spacing of the lettering of each city/town designation and machine numeral. The spacing between the city/town name and numeral also differs in some cases as tabulated overleaf. In the case of the bureau labels for both Bray and Kilkenny the town designation is set slightly to the right by reference to the upper horizontal line.



Labels from actual machines (top example in each case) as compared with bureau examples - see table below for measurements in millimeters.

Location (No.)	EX. ACTUAL MACHINE				EX. BUREAU			
	City/Town	Gap	No.	Total	City/Town	Gap	No.	Total
Dublin (001)	19.25	1.75	3.25	24.25	18.50	2.50	3.25	24.25
Dublin (002)	19.00	1.50	3.75	24.25	19.00	1.50	3.75	24.25
Cork (003)	10.00	10.50	3.50	24.00	10.25	10.00	3.75	24.00
Limerick (004)	11.75	8.75	3.50	24.00	12.75	7.50	3.75	24.00
Galway (005)	9.50	11.00	3.75	24.25	10.25	10.00	4.00	24.25
Waterford (006)	13.25	7.00	4.00	24.25	14.00	6.75	3.75	24.50
Sligo (007)	9.75	10.75	3.75	24.25	10.25	10.25	3.75	24.25
Bray (008)	3.75	16.75	3.75	24.25	3.50	17.00	3.75	24.25
Killarney (009)	11.50	8.75	3.75	24.00	11.75	8.75	3.75	24.25
Kilkenny (010)	16.50	4.50	3.25	24.25	16.50	4.50	3.25	24.25

I have also noted examples of labels from the Dublin 001 machine with the frame line partially missing in the top right corner and from the Dublin 002 machine with the top frame line completely missing. In both cases, the inking is weak.

FIRST DAY COVERS, CANCELLATIONS AND MAXIMUM CARDS



Stampa '92

Stampa '92

FDC's cost 18p. Special covers were available for all special, commemorative and definitive issues (including the Greetings panes). The same special cover was used for the Galway Chamber and Maritime Heritage stamps issued on 2 April. The Trinity 400 and Malton stamps were also placed on the same special cover. Pictorial cancels were available at the usual locations. Adapted versions of the Food & Farming and Single European Market cancels were available at Stampa. The word "Stampa" was added at the foot of the postmark. Similar adapted cancels were available at Stampex (London) for the Olympic Games and Slí na Sláinte issues - see also notes under Exhibition Souvenirs.

A new general purpose cover featuring flying envelopes was introduced for the Frama issues. Special first day postmarks were available at each Frama location for their respective issue. A special cover illustrating the machine as used for the initial experimental issue in 1990 would have been appropriate given that it could be used for all locations and future design changes. I understand that this new general purpose cover will be used for mixed commemorative/special releases in the future.

A set of four maximum cards (17p each) was available for the Fauna & Flora (Pine Marten) set. The cards are very attractive and are by far the best set issued by An Post to date.

BOOKS AND PRESENTATION PACKS

4 May - Maritime Heritage Book: The book is slightly larger in format than the Year Books. The book contains the four Maritime Fishing Fleet stamps issued last year., the two 1992 Maritime Heritage stamps and the Olympic Sailing stamp. Cost IR£20. Face value of stamps - IR£2.84. A rather unusual promotional leaflet was produced for this book which incorporated a Postage Paid back page for posting to subscribers and a freepost reply envelope for returning your order. The Postage Paid imprint has "Postas Íochta" instead of the correct spelling "Postas Íochta".

24 September - 1991/92 Year Book: Each book contains all special and commemorative stamps from the three stamps issued on 2 July 1991 (Costello/Parnell/United Irishmen) to the Europa/Discovery of the Americas sets issued in May 1992. A total of 28 sheet stamps, 1 miniature sheet plus one of the Greetings booklet panes - face value IR£13.18. Both the Olympic single set and the miniature sheet are included. A black print of the two Europa stamps is also included. Total printing of 5,500 ordinary copies (IR£25) plus 300 leather bound editions (IR£100). A similar leaflet incorporating a Postage Paid back page and a freepost reply envelope was used for this book. Once again the imprint reads "Postas Íochta".

27 November - 1992 Year Pack: The Year pack contains one each of the special and commemorative stamps issued during the year including the 28p Christmas sheetlet stamp but excluding the Greetings stamps. Sold at face value of contents - IR£10.68.

POSTAL STATIONERY AND GREETING CARDS

Inland label/receipt

20 January - Swiftpost: The Express letter service both nationally and internationally was replaced by a new priority letter service, Swiftpost, on 20 January. Swiftpost items must be handed in at post offices and the service incorporates a preprinted proof of posting certificate. A two-part label is available for use with customers' own envelopes. The left hand

side is self-adhesive and is attached to the cover and the remaining section is datestamped and retained by the sender. All labels are pre-numbered with separate designs for the inland (incl. N. Ireland) and international (incl. G.B.) services. The labels prepay the Swiftpost charges of IR£1 and IR£2 respectively which are in addition to postage which must be prepaid by use of stamps etc. in the usual manner. The previous minimum Express letter charge was 70p. Vertical blue lines should also be added as before although given the size (46mm x 82mm) and design impact of the labels this appears superfluous.

The international service also offers two sizes of prenumbered and prepaid envelopes - C5 (230mm x 165mm) and C4 (330mm x 230mm). The cost of the C5 envelope (IR£3) includes the Swiftpost fee plus airmail postage up to 100grms. The larger C4 envelope (IR£5) includes both fee and airmail postage up to 250grms. The proof of posting receipt is incorporated as a tear-off item attached to the envelope flap. The envelopes appear to represent good value for the maximum weight limits as the equivalent cost if ordinary stationery is used is currently IR£4.48 (100grms) and IR£7.78 (250grms) - both inclusive of the IR£2 Swiftpost fee. Unfortunately, the envelopes are very flimsy and of poor quality and would likely tear if they contain heavy bulky documents. Postage in excess of the weight limits must be prepaid by additional stamps.

The various fees and costs are lower in some cases as compared to the advance notice given in the bureau bulletin for the 1991 Maritime issue. Special envelopes for use in the inland service were not issued.

18 February - St. Patrick's Day Cards: Four postcard designs were available with the usual prepaid shamrock imprint - (1) Tara Brooch; (2) Mantlepiece & Table; (3) Viking Ship & Fish; and (4) Cartoon shamrock (35p per card). The cartoon shamrock is a repeat of a design used in 1989. Three greeting cards similar to the cards first introduced for Christmas 1991 were also sold complete with prepaid envelope - (1) Dove of Peace; (2) Sceilig Mhichíl, Co. Kerry; and (3) Historic sites (60p each). The envelope is the same as the Christmas 1991 inland design. The envelopes for this and later issues were not sold separately but were prepaid worldwide. The dove design on one of the cards is similar to one utilised on one of the 1988 postcards. Usual green first day of issue cancels were available from the philatelic bureau for the postcards. It is known used on the greeting card envelopes.

20 March - Easter Greetings Cards: Three different greetings cards were available complete with the same postage paid white envelope as previous issues (60p per card).

July - Bureau de Change Postcard: In order to promote their Bureau de Change services, An Post printed a special leaflet which was freely available at most offices which provided such services. The leaflet urged visitors to use cards etc. in Ireland and listed the main overseas rates. It also offered and illustrated a pack of five cards which could be claimed on presentation of the leaflet when completing a foreign currency transaction. The undenominated postcard illustrates Sceilig Mhichíl, Co. Kerry; the same design was used on one of the larger St. Patrick's Greeting Cards issued in February. The

card is unstamped and the pack of five has a plain wrapper band "With/Our Compliments/Bureau de Change". The earliest date recorded is 6 July, but the card may have been available earlier.

14 September - Grandparents' Day Postcards: Four undenominated cards were issued well in advance of the actual day (26 September). All designs refer to "Grandparents" this year. The cards were pre-released in G.P.O. Dublin the previous Thursday 10 September. No advance notice. No charge.

15 October - Exhibition Cards: Issued on the opening day of Stamp, the 1992 set is on the theme of "70 Years of Irish Postage Stamps" and are similar to the 1991 design format. Each card reproduces prior stamp issues - 2p Map (15th), Commemorative firsts (16th), Children's Art (17th) and Single European Market (18th). The cards bear a printed 32p Single European Market stamp. There were matching postmarks for each day as indicated above. In addition, the Single European Market FDI cancel could be used on October 15th. Cost 32p per card.

15 October - Oireachtas Postcard: This extra large undenominated postcard (235mm x 118mm) was also released on the opening day of Stamp and continued the "European" theme - "Gaelachas ina Eorpachas" ("Irish Culture as European"). The 1992 Oireachtas was held in Dingle (23-26 October). The postcard features Irish and European writers associated with the region and commemorates the contribution to the Blasket literary heritage of Norway's Carl Marstrander and Britain's Robin Flower, Kenneth Jackson and George Thomson. No charge.

16 November - Christmas Greetings Cards: A set of six different cards complete with postage paid envelopes was sold for IR£3.75. The postage paid imprint on all envelopes issued in conjunction with the three greeting card releases of 1992 is Type 1 as referred to below.



Type 1 - Modern "a"



Type 2 - Roman "a"



Type A



Type B

Ordinary Postage Paid Envelopes (Reprints): In my 1991 article, I referred to various reprints of the regular postage paid envelope. Three further printings have been noted as follows:

1. Same as original printing with Type I Postage Paid imprint and Type A "Glenmalure" in brown. However, the envelope is on the lighter white paper as compared to the coarse cream paper of the original issue.
2. Type B "Glenmalure" with white frame line added; the inside of the envelope is in light brown. The outside of the envelope is on the light white paper. Imprint remains Type I. The inscription on the flap is known with a misprinted "n" in the word "return".
3. Type 1 Postage Paid imprint and Type A "Glenmalure" in dark blue on white paper. The boxed "Glenmalure" with no frame line is repositioned with three lines of "Glenmalure" above the box (instead of one). The wording and lines are also more distinct.

Nos. 1 & 2 date from 1990. No. 3 was first noted in October 1992.

There is one further difference between the two Postage Paid imprints not referred to in my previous article. A different typeface has been used and as a result the style/shape of the letter "a" differs. The imprints on other stationery items e.g. postcards, letter cards and registered envelopes have a typeface with an "a" as Type I. Changes could occur as new stocks of other stationery items are reprinted.

PostAim Envelope (Reprint): First issued on 2 April 1991, this envelope is used exclusively for Direct Mail advertising. In December 1992, I received my first example of a direct mail shot which utilised this envelope. I noted one difference - inside the original envelope there was a printed repeating diagonal design - "Autofil" - whereas the latest envelope has no internal printing. The reprint may have been available some months earlier.

Undenominated Items etc: The undenominated items referred to above are not postal stationery items within the FIP definition of the term because they do not bear any stamp imprint. All such items are included above given that they were distributed/sold by An Post. There was no "Slógadh Náisiúnta" postcard this year.

EXHIBITION SOUVENIRS, POSTMARKS AND CACHETS

SOUVENIRS AND CACHETS - OVERSEAS

10 to 12 January - Philex, Toronto: The North American agent of An Post attended this show. A cachet was available.

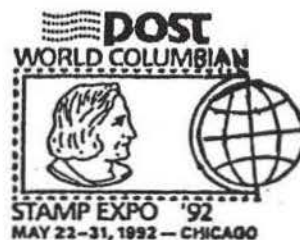


25 February to 1 March - Spring Stampex, London: The opening day coincided with the issue of the Olympic Games and Slí na Sláinte stamps. Separate first day cachets were available for each issue at the show. The designs were identical to the Dublin bureau cancels complete with Baile Átha Cliath (!) but with the word "Stampex" added to the foot of the postmarks. A general purpose cachet was also available.



24 April to 3 May - Granada '92: A special cachet featuring the exhibition's logo was in use during the show.

7 to 10 May - Essen: A special cachet was also in use at this biennial German event illustrating the show's logo.



22 to 31 May - World Columbian Expo '92 Chicago: The Olympic Games miniature sheet was overprinted for the show with the exhibition's logo. Cost IR£1.52. A special cachet illustrating the logo was also available. The Éire Philatelic Association produced a numbered card featuring their own and the exhibition's logo. Card available mint or with Irish stamp attached and cancelled with either the cachet or the EPA's circular datestamp.

18 to 27 September - Genoa '92: A special illustrated cachet incorporating the An Post logo was in use during this international thematic exhibition held in Italy.



EXHIBITION SOUVENIRS AND POSTMARKS - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Philatelic facilities were available at all of the Irish shows referred to below.

14 March - Mid-Western Philatelic Society Exhibition:

The numbered edition of 300 booklets contains a pair of the 1991 Williamite Wars issue. Cost IR£1.50. The usual special postmark featuring the Limerick Treaty Stone together with a special cover were available. The show was held in Halla Íde, Limerick.



Luain/13.VI.1992/Athlone/Collectors Fair". Cost IR£2.00 per set. A special postmark illustrating Athlone Castle was also available.

20 June - Donegal Philatelic Society Exhibition: The annual show was held in the Abbey Hotel, Donegal town. A limited edition of 100 prenumbered booklets were produced each containing the se-tenant block of 2 x 28p plus 2 x 32p stamps from pane 3 of the Maritime Fishing Fleet booklet. Cost IR£2.50. A special postmark in similar design as previous years was also available. No special cover.

29 August - Sligo Philatelic Society Exhibition: The annual Show was held in the Silver Swan Hotel, Sligo. A limited edition of 100 prenumbered booklets were produced containing the strip of three cycle stamps from the 1991 miniature sheet. Cost IR£2.50. The usual special postmark featuring W.B. Yeats was available. No special cover was produced this year.



28/29 March - Dublin Stamp Show: A new event in the philatelic calendar and successor to "Collectorex" was held in the Mont Clare Hotel. 400 numbered 1980 Fauna & Flora miniature sheets with an overprint were available. Cost IR£2.00. An unstamped postcard (25p) was also available and was used in conjunction with a special postmark used on 29 March only.

25/26 April - Irish International Coin Stamp & Collectables Fair: The second year for this event which was held in the Royal Hospital, Kilmmainham, Dublin. A special cover featuring the Trinity 400 logo and postmark was available. The postmark features a portrait of Queen Elizabeth I who granted the College its Charter in 1592. The same postmark with both dates (contrary to postal regulations) was used on both days. A special cover was available.

26 September - IPTA/An Post Collectors' Road Show, Wexford: The show was held in the Talbot Hotel. Sheets of the 1p Postage Due labels were overprinted and numbered for the show; each overprinted sheet incorporates the An Post logo and refer to the I.P.T.A. together with the wording "Wexford Regional Show 26.IX.92". The pane was sold at the show by An Post and thus has semi-official status. It was not available by post from the bureau. Total printing of 300 less 30 spoils. Cost IR£2.00. A postmark similar to the 1991 cancel featuring Commodore John Barry was also available. No special cover.



Actual



Back Cover



13 June - IPTA Collectors' Road Show, Athlone: Held in the Prince of Wales Hotel. 200 sets of the 1991 Exhibition Cards were overprinted "Aonach Na Bailitheoiri/Ath

3 October - Cork Philatelic Exhibition: 300 numbered booklets in usual format were produced; each includes 2 x 32p Europa stamps. Cost IR£1.30. The attractive cover (20p) features a 1493 Italian woodcut depicting Columbus Reaching the New World. The postmark is on the same theme but differs from the reproduction on the back cover of the booklet. Held as usual in the Imperial Hotel, Cork.

15 to 18 October - Stampa '92: Held in the Riverside Centre, Dublin 2. Members received pane 2 from the Prestige Booklet with a suitable overprint (363) - subscription IR£12.50. Pane 1 with a similar overprint was on general sale at the show - cost IR£3.00. Total printing of 697 copies but numbers above 697 exist up to 745 due to a break in the numbering sequence. Panes numbered 553 to 600 do not exist. The additional



inscriptions were printed by Irish Security Stamp Printing Limited. The numbering was privately completed by Stampa. The general souvenir was sold out by the second day of the show. An Post provided a special "Happy 21st Birthday Card" for the show (no charge). The card incorporated a space for either pane which could then be cancelled at the show.

As well as the special Stampa cancels referred to above, special first day of issue postmarks were available on the opening day for the Food & Farming and Single European Market issues. The pictorial cancels were of the same design as used at the philatelic bureau but with the word "Stampa" added at the foot of the circular design. This followed the practice for stamps issued on the opening day of the 1990 and 1991 shows. The Single European market FDI cancel could be used on 15 October on covers bearing either the single stamp or the booklet panes as well as the exhibition cards referred to in the postal stationery section. Registration service available. DN100 philatelic bureau label applied. Baile Átha Cliath single ring bureau CDS was also in use at the show.



14 November - IPTA/An Post Collectors' Road Show, Waterford: The show as held at the Tower Hotel, Waterford. The 2p postage due sheet was overprinted and numbered in similar manner as the Wexford sheet (300 printed less spoils).

Cost reduced to IR£1.00. The special cancel featured the local Reginald's Tower (as per 1991). No special cover.

5 December - IPTA/An Post Collectors' Road Show, Galway: The show was held in the Great Southern Hotel, Galway. The 3p postage due sheet was overprinted and numbered in the margin in similar manner as the Wexford and Waterford sheets (300 less spoils). Cost IR£1.00. The special cancel featured the Galway Coat of Arms as used at previous Galway shows. No special cover.

OTHER SPECIAL POSTMARKS

I set out below details of special postmarks noted other than the exhibition items referred to above. Apart from the FAI cancellation, none of the Irish postmarks listed below were given advance notice by the philatelic bureau.



3 to 7 June - Carrolls Irish Open Golf Championship, Killarney, Co. Kerry: The annual Carrolls Irish Open Golf Championship was held for the second year in succession in Killarney (Kileen course). The normal rectangular postmark was once again in use at the temporary post office during the event - 4 to 7 June. Applied in black. The same postmark was also in use on 3 June (the Pro-Am day). Although there is a Pro-Am event held every year on the preceding Wednesday, the last time I recall the use of a postmark for this day was at Portmarnock on 1 July 1987.

The 1993 Championship will be held from 1 to 4 July (Pro-Am day: 30 June) at the recently built Mount Juliet course, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny. The course was designed by Jack Nicklaus.



21 March - FAI 10th Anniversary: The German-based Irish Study Group (Forschungs und Arbeitsgemeinschaft Irland) marked their 10th anniversary with a special postmark which incorporated the Group's Harp logo. Postmark applied in green on the Group's own special cards distributed to members (see Miscellaneous Section) or black in other cases. 21 March was the date of their annual general meeting which was held in Berlin. A special cover and postmark was also available in

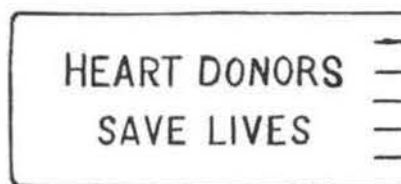
Germany on 19 September in association with "Bavarica '92" (illustrated in section dealing with Foreign Stamps & Postmarks with Irish Associations).



29 March - Dublin to Cologne First Flight: A special cancel was sponsored for the introduction of this new Lufthansa service on 29 March. A special cancel was also in use in Cologne for the inward flight.

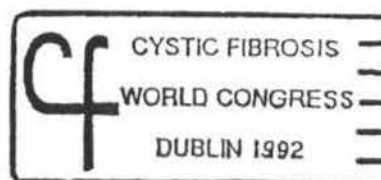


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304 "HEART DONORS/SAVE LIVES". One die used in Dublin in February (with B).

305 "TRINITY/400/Trinity College Dublin 1552-1992". One die used in Dublin in July (with E and G). Originally scheduled for May, the actual month of the 400th Anniversary, but postponed due to the postal dispute.

306 "CF/CYSTIC FIBROSIS/WORLD CONGRESS/DUBLIN 1992". One die used in Dublin in July (with E and G).

307 "IRISH HOMECOMING FESTIVAL/SEPTEMBER 1992/SUPPORTED BY POST". Used in Cavan, Cork, Donegal, Dundalk, Dublin (with G x 2, B and E), Galway, Limerick and Waterford from August to October in most cases, but continued in Cork to early December! In Dublin there are two different date dies in use with the letter "G".

18 May - Dublin to Milan (via Munich) - First Flight: A special cancel was sponsored for the introduction of this new Lufthansa service. Due to the postal dispute (see notes in Miscellaneous Section), the covers were not carried till 15 June although dated 18 May. A special bilingual cachet was applied to some covers explaining the delay. A special cachet was also used for the inward flight on the same date (see Flight Covers Section)

26 November: A printed cancellation was used on Christmas postcards distributed by An Post to philatelic deposit account holders and Voyager Club members (see also Miscellaneous Section).



SLOGAN POSTMARKS

1992 was another quiet year on the slogan front, with just four more to add to the list. Three of the slogans incorporate the year "1992" and will thus not reappear.

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DOTS & DASHES FOR IRISH MAIL?

The National Sorting Centre, designed to replace the Central Sorting Office at Sheriff St. Dublin, is scheduled to commence operating by mid-1993. Part of its equipment will include OCR (Optical Character Recognition) and video encoding sorting equipment and accordingly raises the question - whether we will see Irish mail bearing the "dots and dashes" (or other similar markings) so familiar these days on mail from many countries (incl. U.K. and U.S.) by the end of this year?

LOCAL SORTING OFFICES - DUBLIN

New local delivery and collection offices for Dublin postal district areas 1 and 2 have been completed for some time, but still await agreement from postal staff unions for their occupation and use.

STAMPS WITH AN IRISH CONNECTION

Brian Warren has spotted that the 29c. value of the U.N. Human Rights series (issued 20 Nov. 1992) features the painting "Lady Writing a Letter with her Maid" by Vermeer - now owned by the National Gallery of Ireland in Dublin. Sadly, the painting is not there at present having been among the large art haul taken from Russborough House some years ago, prior to its move to Dublin. A postcard produced by Russborough House showing the painting in full colour does exist.

AN POST CHRISTMAS CARDS 1992

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Six Cards plus Envelopes
only £3.75

postage paid to all destinations

post

**10 packs of 6
Christmas Cards
plus envelopes
value £37.50**

post

Illustration 1

Six greetings cards together with postage paid envelopes were released on Mon. 16th November - cost £3.75 per pack - with portion of the selling price going to the Third World charity, Concern. Envelopes are in some cases on whiter paper than in 1991, with the postage paid imprint also appearing closer to the top right hand corner than in '91.

DATESTAMPS IN ENGLISH - LATE USE

A recent acquisition of commercially used envelopes from the 1940's to 60's yielded some interesting items, including a cover with a double strike of the Kilbeggan (Co. Westmeath) handstamp, still in use in English on 12th. June 1950. (Additional note: J.A. Mackay has recorded the use of this handstamp on 14/1/55 in his excellent "Irish Postmarks since 1840")

AIR CHANGES

Airline arrangements are in a constant state of change these days. The independent Irish airline, Ryanair, suspended its services to the regional airports of Galway, Kerry, and Waterford, in early 1992, but during the following Christmas period, a new airline, Orient Air, announced it would operate a three-times-a-week service from Gloucester airport (U.K.) to both Waterford and Kerry, for five weeks only to serve the seasonal traffic.

FIRST FLIGHT CANCELLATIONS

A special handstamp was used at Dublin on 29 Mar. 92 to mark the inaugural flight from Dublin to Cologne by Lufthansa. A further postmark in similar design was used on 18 May 92 to mark the same airline's first Dublin-Milan flight. Both handstamps were (as usual) unannounced.

VOYAGER STAMP CLUB

Members of the junior stamp club of An Post - Voyager - received through the post in early December, a greetings post card showing on the picture side, an adaption of the 28p. Christmas promotion stamp design - the address side bearing standard postage paid imprint with facsimile Christmas postmark of 26.11.92. A similar card, but with different text on message side, was sent to An Post standing order customers.

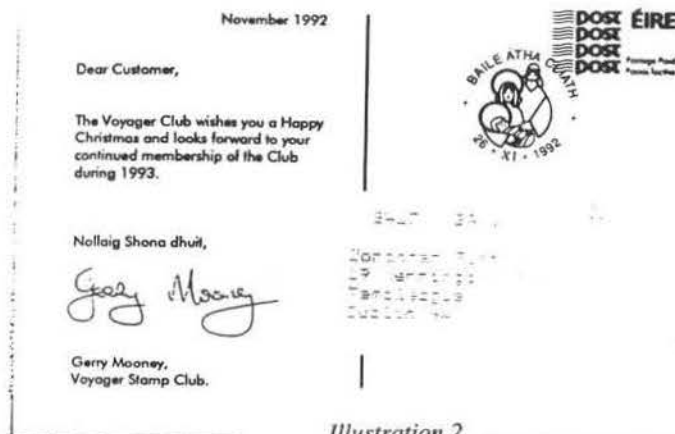


Illustration 2

NATIONAL SORTING CENTRE

A visit to the site of the National Sorting Centre (now officially called "Mechanised Letter Sorting Office") situated at the Western Parkway in Dublin, found that among the various architects, consultants groups, etc. credited, acknowledgement is also given for assistance received from the "British Postal Consultancy Services" - presumably a branch of the British Post Office.

CONCORDE TRAVELLERS CELEBRATE NEW YEAR TWICE

Much publicity was given to the record-breaking flight by BA Concorde, which flew Heathrow - Shannon - Bermuda on New Year's Eve 1992, actually leaving Shannon at 12:30 a.m. on Jan. 1 1993 and arriving at 11:30 p.m. Bermuda time on 31 Dec., enabling passengers (@ a cost of stg. £2999 per person) to ring in the New Year twice on different continents! Did anyone avail of the opportunity to produce covers, which if correctly postmarked, would give the impression of being delivered before they were sent?

LEBANON - NEW CONCESSION RATE

As anticipated, the concessionary 1p. rate for airletters sent to Irish military personnel serving with U.N. forces overseas has been withdrawn, with a new 10p. rate coming into effect on 1 July 1992.

SINGLE EUROPEAN MARKET STAMP EXHIBITION

Stamps from the twelve member states of the European Community featured in a special exhibition mounted at the GPO Dublin from 15-30 January '93, marking the advent of the Single European Market on Jan. 1st. The display, which is touring all of the E.C. countries during 1993, showed both a selection of recent issues from each country, as well as the



Illustration 3

commemorative stamp showing the common design of a yellow star against a blue background issued by each state to mark S.E.M. along with the original artwork of the designer (in Ireland's case - Robert Ballagh). During the fortnight, a special cachet in blue was used at the Philatelic Shop in the GPO, and was also used as a cancellation on request.

FEARGAL QUINN ELECTED TO SEANAD EIREANN

Successful businessman and supermarket supremo Feargal Quinn, who was Chairman of An Post during its halcyon days from inception in 1984 to 1989, was elected as a candidate for the National University of Ireland to the Upper House of the Irish Parliament - the Senate or "Seanad Eireann" during the recent election.

AN POST POSTAGE PAID LOGO

The official An Post "Postage Paid" logo - familiar to collectors from envelopes received from the Irish Philatelic Service - is generally reserved for use on An Post (including

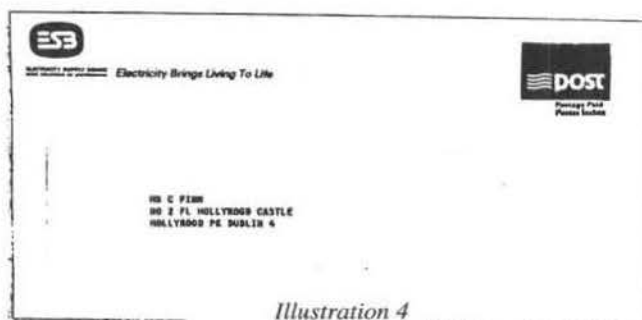


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Savings Bank and TV License Section) official mail only - and is sometimes also used on reply paid envelopes accompanying offers sent to customers of An Post's mail order division. The only other entities entitled to use this logo on their mail (as far as I am aware) are members of the Oireachtas - Houses of Parliament - and the semi-state electricity monopoly, the E.S.B., who use it on certain categories of their mail only.

32p. SELF ADHESIVE

At a time when the country is going through an unemployment crisis, An Post has come under criticism in the media for having its very successful 32p. self-adhesive issue printed and packaged abroad (in Australia). Although it appears that sources in Ireland were tried but could not provide the necessary product under security conditions, it seems likely that pressure will continue to have any future new issues printed at home. Interestingly, the same comments have not been applied to the current £1 booklet, although both the stamps and cover are printed by Enschede of Holland!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARDS 1993

The St. Patrick's Day Cards for 1993 were issued in similar format to 1992 - four postage paid post cards @ 35p. and three greetings cards complete with post paid envelopes @ 60p. each. The "Dove of Peace" design was previously used on the 1987 issue of cards, whilst two of this year's greetings card design were also used in 1992, but, of course, bear this year's date imprinted on the reverse. The postage paid envelopes are similar to those accompanying the Christmas greetings cards, but with the post paid imprint in a lighter green than 1992.

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Forged & Bogus Material

by Bill McCaw & Joe Foley

FAKE G.B. £5, w/BELFAST C.D.S.



Dr. Werner M. Bohne, president of the Commission for the Prevention of Forgeries of the Federation Internationale de Philatelie, was discussing with members of the American Philatelic Expertizing Service some modern forgeries recently produced in Germany and sometimes also sold in Switzerland. Dr. Bohne showed us some examples.

What particularly caught my eye was the £5 stamp of Great Britain, Scott #93, with a Belfast circular date stamp. Some years ago, I purchased one, also with a Belfast cds, in a Robson Lowe sale of a portion of the Field collection, so I felt a particular twinge to find that someone was faking an item pretty close to one of my favorites.

As explained by Dr. Bohne, the Swiss operation may have been closed down and the more recent examples sold in Germany have the word "FAUX" or "COPY" incorporated into the design, sometimes to be covered by the fake cancellation, to comply with German laws governing the sale of unmarked forgeries. The G.B. item here illustrated does not appear to have these words and was probably produced earlier.

While the forged material from this source could fairly easily be identified as fake, it can be used to "salt" an otherwise run-of-the-mill "old" collection that might not otherwise sell. Thus, it starts in circulation, and human nature being what it is, a certain number of collectors and/or dealers, upon finding themselves to have been had, will probably pass the item on. And not all of us consistently and rigorously examine all of our new purchases.

In this case, the stamp itself is fairly well done, although to my eye, the Queen's portrait is not as well executed as the original. The cancellation, however, is a dead give-away. Just a cursory examination shows it clearly to be based on a hand drawn model. This is clear in all of the letters of "BELFAST" as well as the "O" of the year date.

If you have an item that you suspect is either forged or bogus, send it to either "Bill McCaw, 368 Grand St., Newburgh, NY 12550 or Joe Foley, Box 183, Riva, MD 21140. Examination can take between 60 and 90 days. If you need expertizing, write to the American Philatelic Expertizing Service (APS/ASDA), Box 8000, State College, PA 16803. ♣

From the Desk of the Editor



We have been working hard to correct errors & consolidate the address list so that we can be certain that every member receives *The Revealer* in an expeditious manner. But, we need your help. Please take a book of your address label and note any errors, especially with Postal Codes. If there are any

corrections to be made, please send them to me. Address errors can cause delivery delays.

Please note that some of the overseas addresses are quite lengthy. These addresses cannot exceed five lines of type due to the size of the address labels we use. Overseas members should make every attempt to fit their addresses to this parameter.

We are also in the process of costing our current methods of delivery - particularly overseas. We are concerned that all members receive their copies in the most timely manner in the most cost-effective method.

We can still use articles for our journal. The deadline for the next issue is 1 Sept. 1993.

Due to the election, the journal will be delayed by about 15 days so that results can be included. Happy Collecting! ♣

Secretary's Report

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Membership Status

Membership as of February 19, 1993 590

New Members	61
Reinstatements	5
Deceased	2

Membership as of May 28, 1993 654 ♣

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NOTIFICATION OF SPECIAL CANCELLATIONS

Following representations from collectors, the Philatelic Section has undertaken to, whenever possible, give as much advance notice as it can through the Philatelic Bulletin of forthcoming special cancellations, cachets, etc. Hopefully this will apply not only to philatelic events - which are already regularly reported - but to other special events e.g. Carrolls Golf, Eurovision Song Contest, etc., where details have in the past, only come to light subsequent to the event, leaving it almost impossible for collectors to obtain examples for their collections. ♣



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The following items may be ordered from Richard J. McBride, 153 Orchid Road, Meriden, CT 06450 U.S.A. All prices include postage and handling. Overseas add \$1.00 per item for air mail. Make all cheques and money orders payable to Richard J. McBride.

Irish Overprint Identifier — A clear plastic overlay to help sort out your overprint issues. With it is a chart giving Scott and Gibbons numbers and an article on identifying the overprints. Price \$4.50

Die Mielenstempel Der Irischen Post — (The Mileage Marks of Ireland) 1808-1839 by Hans G. Moxter. 1985 Edition. 64pp. Text in German and English. Published by FAI, the Irish Philatelic Group in Germany. Most informative and well illustrated. A complete listing of all known Irish mileage marks. Price \$3.50

Ireland - Catalogue of Perfins — compiled and edited by Richard L. Mewhinney. Published by The Perfins Club - 1984. 34 pp. punched for 3 ring binder. The catalogue is designed for use as an album as well as catalogue. Only observed Perfins are catalogued. Also, 2 pages of suspected or previously reported designs. Price \$6.50

The Adhesive Revenue Stamps of Ireland: 1858-1925 — James J. Brady's detailed study of the Irish Revenue Stamps. All are in easy-to-follow catalog form with many details. A must for the Auction. Price \$2.25

E.P.A. Rubber Stamp — The Official Seal of the Association as seen on the front of all official Society papers has been made into a rubber stamp available to our members. Dress up your envelopes and correspondence. Sold only to members at \$6.00

Uniform Fourpenny Post in Ireland — by William Kane. Produced by the Irish Philatelic Circle, 28 pages, softcover, illustrated, a fine postal history item. Price \$9.00.

The Maltese Cross in Ireland — by Hans G. Moxter 1988 Edition. Published by FAI, text of the 80 page book is in both German and English. This is probably the most comprehensive review of this postmark to date. Price \$7.50.

Undated Namestamps of Ireland 1823-1860 — by William Kane. This booklet has been produced by FAI of West Germany. In English and German and records the colours, periods of usage on the various types of undated namestamps. Price \$3.75

The Post Offices and Datestamps of the County of Leitrim — Original study of Dr. Brian de Burca, updated by James T. Howley. A very informative book showing 72 illustrations of handstamps, a map and descriptions of post office locations. A very useful item for postmark and postal history buffs. Published by EPA, 23 pages. Price \$6.00

Irish Postal Rates Before 1840 — by F.E. Dixon. Produced by FAI it is in German and English. This publication lists the Irish Postal Rates from 1657 to 1840. A superb guide for Postal Historians. Price \$4.00

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THE REVEALER INDEX — by Patrick J. Ryan, Sr. A comprehensive index of all philatelic articles appearing in THE REVEALER from the first issue through the end of 1985. Articles are listed by subject matter. Cost: US & Canada \$8.75 others: \$10.00.

Addendum 1 to THE REVEALER Index — Same as above except it covers the years 1986 thru 1990. Price \$4.00. A complete index - Basic and addendum 1 - \$12.00.

An Introduction of Irish Mileage Marks — by W.E. Davey. Published by the EPA, 1989 Edition, 22 pages. An excellent book for the beginning collector of Irish Mileage Marks. Price \$5.00.

Introduction to Irish Post Offices of County Clare, Ireland — John Mackey & Tony Cassidy. Text in German & English. Published by FAI. A study developed from the postal archives of Dublin & London. A must for the student of Postal History. 94 pp Price \$8.00.

The Dublin Spoon — 1855-57, by Dr. C. I. Dulin, a comprehensive study that should be in every Philatelic Library. A must for postal history students. Softbound 48 pages \$6.00 prepaid.

John M. Synge Souvenir Card — issued by the James Hoban Chapter for World Stamp Expo '89. This very fine card honors J. M. Synge, Irish Playwright and Poet. It is black on cream with the J. M. Synge issue of 1971 printed on the card with a history of the subject and examples of his work on both sides. Only 300 were produced. Price \$1.25.