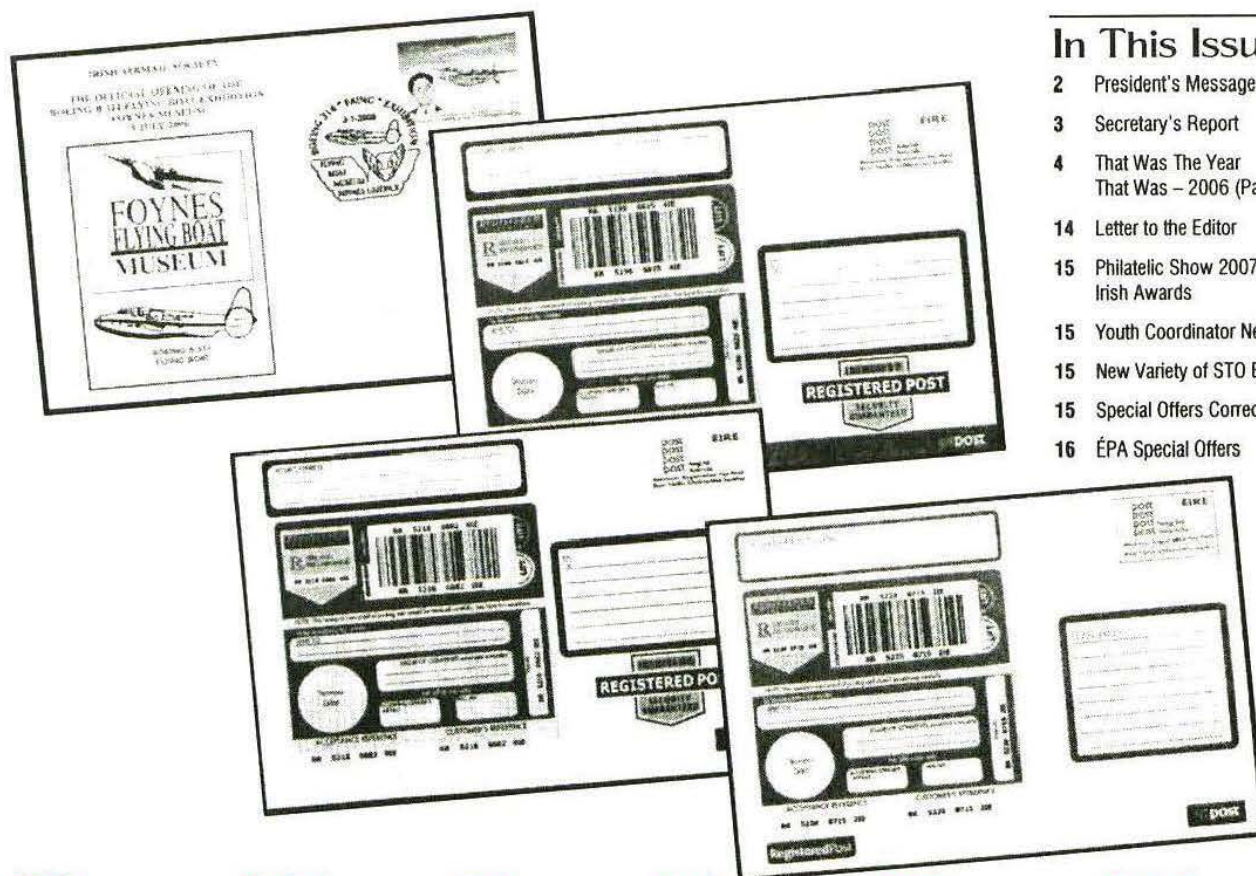


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President's Message

by William O'Connor

Our annual meeting in Boxborough for 2007 is now history, but it is safe to say that all who attended had a good time and a rewarding philatelic experience. I would like to thank the entire ÉPA team who helped to organize our schedule of events. A special thank you to our Vice-president, Paul Bento, for organizing the hospitality and the dinner on the Friday during the show.

It is a great pleasure to be able to announce our new editor of *The Revealer*, George Nicholson. George has been our publicity chairperson and by taking on the duties of the editorship of our acclaimed journal, we are all most grateful. It has been a long search for this position. Our present editors, Patrick J. Ryan and Robert J. Joyce, have been most gracious in continuing to do their jobs under difficult circumstances. I believe both Pat and Robert have been our longest continuous editor and associate editor, and are the recipients of many ÉPA awards. Both are helping with the transition and their expertise and dedication to our journal will be forever a source of pride and inspiration to us all.

You will notice that the dues increase for our organization will go into effect this coming fiscal year. The increase to the US members is to \$15.00, to the Canadian members it will be \$20.00, and to European members and the rest of the world the change is to \$25.00. This change

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- Members as of June 1, 2007438 ♣



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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has been necessitated by increases in postal costs, and in the increase in other expenses in producing *The Revealer*. Our organization has been able to keep the costs down for membership due to donations, a healthy reserve, and monies earned by the special offers department and the ÉPA auctions. We hope this increase will enable us to maintain *The Revealer* in a closer relationship to costs and dues income.

We are planning to have a formal regional meeting at STAMPA in Dublin next year. We hope to meet many of our European members and forge relationships between members from the two continents. Improvements to the web page are contemplated, and it is hoped that members will contact the web page for presenting suggestions and comments.

I encourage all members to participate in the election for our officers for this coming cycle. Your involvement is crucial for the survival and health of the organization. Think how you can help and let us know your thoughts and concerns. Thank you for allowing me to be your President these past few years. Please continue to be an active member of the ÉPA, participate in your local stamp clubs, and promote our hobby at all levels for its inherent enjoyment and for an understanding of all of our cultures. ♣

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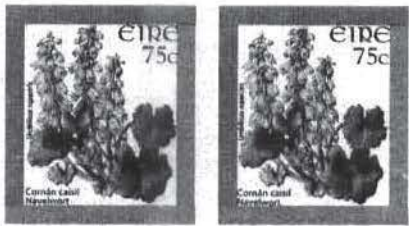
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THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS – 2006

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by Brian Warren

DEFINITIVES – WILD FLOWERS OF IRELAND

Date of Issue	Description	Cost	Plate Numbers/Notes	Paper	Perforation	Printer
 fig. 1  fig. 2						
20 Feb	Definitives - Wild Flowers (part 3)					
	- Autumn Gorse	12c	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14 x 14 $\frac{1}{4}$	ISSP
	- Common Knapweed	25c	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14 x 14 $\frac{1}{4}$	ISSP
	- Navelwort	75c	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14 x 14 $\frac{1}{4}$	ISSP
	- Viper's Bugloss	90c	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14 x 14 $\frac{1}{4}$	ISSP
	- Foxglove	€1.00	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B	CCP3	14 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 14	ISSP
27 Mar	Definitives - Wild Flowers					
	- self-adhesive booklet	€7.50	10 x 75c (Navelwort)		11 x 11 $\frac{1}{4}$	SEP SPrint

Booklet and Coil Box reprints are not listed above but are referred to in the text below



Sheet Issues: New postal rates came into effect on 20 February 2006 (with some rates applying from 20 March 2006). As a result, five new flower definitives were issued on the same date featuring flowers from the "Dry Grassland and Rocky Heath" classification. 75c is the basic 50g rate for all overseas destinations (including Britain). 90c is the inland rate for large envelopes up to 100g.

The 12c and 25c are make-up values, and the €1 replaces the current Birds of Ireland definitive. Usual sheet format and markings. Susan Sex, who designed

the stamps, signed first day covers in the bureau on the day of issue. The €1 stamp has no phosphor frame.

€7.50 Self-adhesive Booklet: A 10 x 75c booklet for the new international rate was issued on 27 March. No special first day facilities were available. Usual layout (including airmail labels) and phosphor frame format. A pair of the 75c stamps ex. booklet complete with normal backing was available from the philatelic bureau.

In September 2006, I noted that supplies of the €7.50 self-adhesive booklet had a slightly altered phosphor format. The phosphor now extends further into the surrounding margins (fig. 1) when compared to the original issue (fig. 2). However, this does not give rise to any difference on individual stamps when extracted from the booklet.

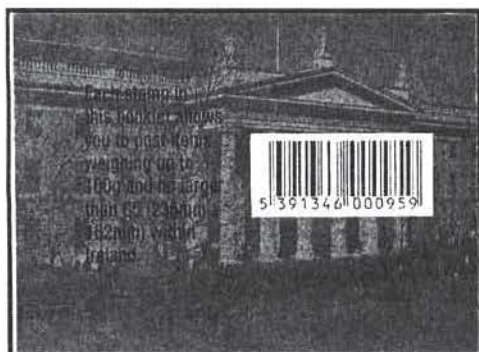


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fig. 4



fig. 5



fig. 6

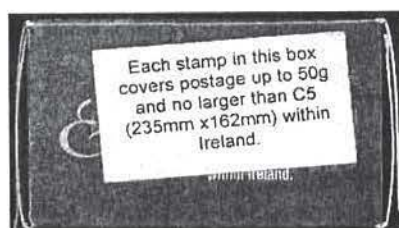


fig. 7



fig. 8

€4.80 Self-adhesive Booklet: The back cover of the original booklet refers to the maximum initial weight step for Ireland of 100g (fig. 3). This weight step was reduced to 50g with the revision of postal rates on 20 February 2006. Existing stocks of the booklet were overprinted in black altering the reference of 100g to 50g (fig. 4). This was first noted in April 2006 but it could have appeared at any time between February and April. Stocks of the overprinted booklet were not available at all post offices as many offices (including the G.P.O. in Dublin) continued to sell existing stocks of the original 100g booklet. By July 2006, the overprinted version was replaced by a new permanent 50g printing (fig. 5).

€48 Self-adhesive Roll: The same 100g/50g changes also applied to the boxes of the 100 x 48c rolls. The initial printings refer to 100g (fig. 6). A printed white label with the 50g reference was added to existing

stocks (fig. 7) before new boxes with the 50g reference appeared in June 2006 (fig. 8).

Self-adhesive Booklets and Coils: All booklets and boxes include the "Always include a return address!" advertisement, which first appeared during 2005 and replaced the previous "Swiftpost" advertisement. Therefore, in a period of less than two years, a total of four separately identifiable booklets and four coil boxes have been issued. There was no change in the stamps in either the booklets or the coils. The SNP SPrint reference still appears on the backing strip of the coils, but presumably the next printing of stamps will alter this reference to SEP SPrint (as per the Ryder Cup coils).

€4.80 Machine Booklet: I have not noted any change to the 100g reference on the regular gummed €4.80 machine booklets. Apart from the philatelic bureau, these booklets are only available from a small number of machines which are usually "out of order". In Dublin, I

am only aware of machines at the post offices at Andrew Street (2), Ballsbridge, Dundrum and Rathmines. I have only found three of these machines in operation in the last six months (at Andrew Street and Dundrum), and the booklet still referred to 100g.

Given the apparent lack of working machines, the quantity of booklets required must be low, and the booklet may possibly not be replaced until the next increase in inland postal rates.

POSTAL STATIONERY

Date of Issue	Description	Cost	Notes
	  		
2005 ?	Registered Envelope with new logo and green strip	€5.00	see notes below
2006 ?	Registered Envelope with new logo - no green strip	€5.00	see notes below
16 Feb	St. Patrick's Day Cards - set of five prepaid postcards	€1.50	per card (25c to charity)
	- set of two greetings cards	€2.50	per card including prepaid envelope (25c to charity)
9 Mar	St. Patrick's Day Card - Reprint - "The Parade"	€1.50	Flag colours corrected - previous card withdrawn
June	Registered Envelope with boxed "Postage Paid"	€5.00	see notes below
3 July	Foyne's B 314 Exhibition - postcard	€1.50	with postage paid worldwide
15 Sept	Robert Ballagh Exhibition - postcards	€9.00	set of six - sold as a set - postage paid worldwide

St. Patrick's Day Cards: Three postcards were available featuring (1) The Blessing; (2) The Trefoil, which represents the use of the shamrock by St. Patrick to illustrate the three-fold nature of the divinity; and (3) The Parade.

There were also two greeting cards featuring (1) The Paschal Fire; and (2) The Scroll. The greetings cards are smaller than in 2005 and, as a result, the usual prepaid envelope is smaller as compared to last year, measuring 190mm x 140mm. This size also differs from the envelope sizes used prior to 2005. The Paschal Fire card reproduces the design used on the 65c stamp issued the same day.

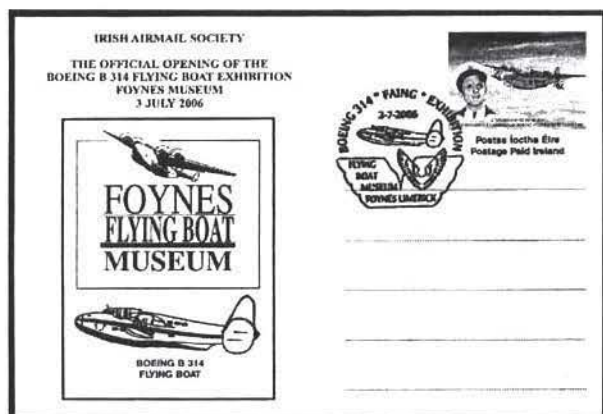
A green "first day of issue" cancel was available from the bureau for use on both postcards and envelope. The cost of postcards decreased by 30c and of greetings cards by 20c as compared to 2005, with 25c being donated to the Irish Hospice Foundation. The charity amount of 50c in 2005 was shared between several charities.

One of the 2006 St. Patrick's Day postcards entitled "The Parade", issued on 20 February, was subsequently withdrawn from sale. The card features three children waving the Irish flag - but nobody had noticed that the colour orange was next to the flagstaff instead of the colour green, i.e. the tricolour was in the

incorrect order - orange/white/green, which is the flag of the Ivory Coast! There was much embarrassment for An Post including calls to a national radio phone-in show. The card was withdrawn from both post offices and the philatelic bureau on 6 March. A new printing with the flag colours corrected was issued on the 9 March.

The Stampa Council sent a copy of The Trefoil postcard to each member, with a printed message advertising the 2006 show. Each card was cancelled with the Stampania special postmark.

At the same time, the bureau also withdrew the post paid card featuring the statue of Cú Chulainn in the GPO. It was generally known from the time the card was issued in July 2002 that the image was printed back to front, with the legendary warrior of Irish mythology facing the wrong way. To date, this card has not been reprinted. The remaining five cards in this set, which depict the G.P.O. and some of the events associated with the building, remained on sale but were withdrawn later in the year.



Foynes Postcard: The Foynes Flying Boat Museum was recently extended and now incorporates a full scale mock-up of a Boeing B 314 Flying Boat. The Boeing B 314 Flying Boat Exhibition was opened on Monday 3 July 2006. An Post, in collaboration with the Irish Airmail Society and the Flying Boat Museum, issued a postal stationery postcard on 3 July to mark the event.

The card incorporates a "Postage Paid" version of the 52p stamp issued in 1998 featuring Captain Blair and a Sikorsky V-s Flying Boat. A special postmark was also available. John Mullen designed both the card and the postmark. The Irish Airmail Society also produced a special members' cover with a similar design which was printed by the author. Irish Airmail Society members also received a cancelled copy of the postcard with the Society logo added in green.

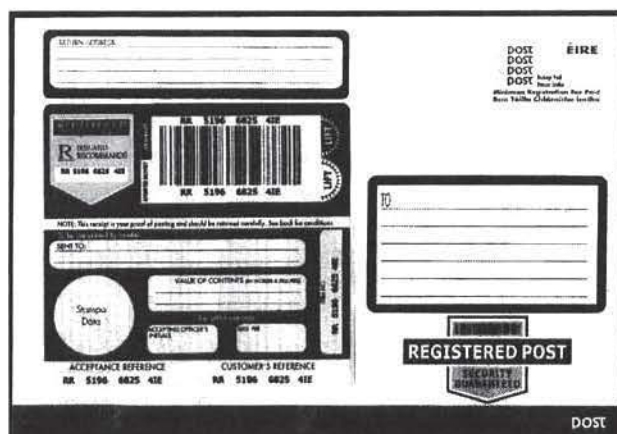


fig. 7

Registered Envelopes: Three new identifiable printings of the registered envelope were issued during 2005 and 2006. The first printing, which appeared during 2005 (fig. 7), is similar to previous issues, but with the addition of a new logo "Registered Post/Security/Guaranteed" below the address panel. A green strip with the An Post logo is printed across the bottom of the envelope.

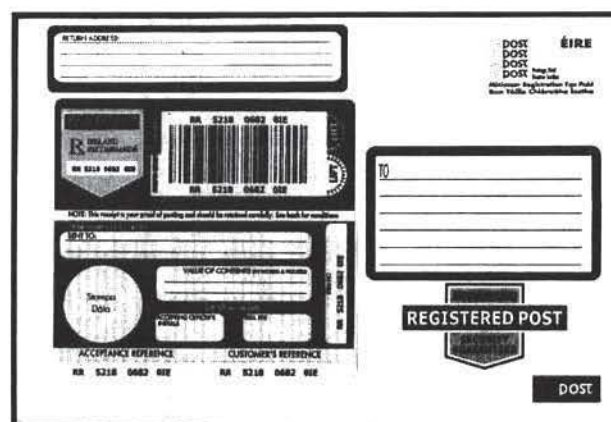


fig. 8

The second version (fig. 8) is similar to the first issue, but the green strip at the bottom of the envelope has been removed, although the An Post logo is still included at bottom right.

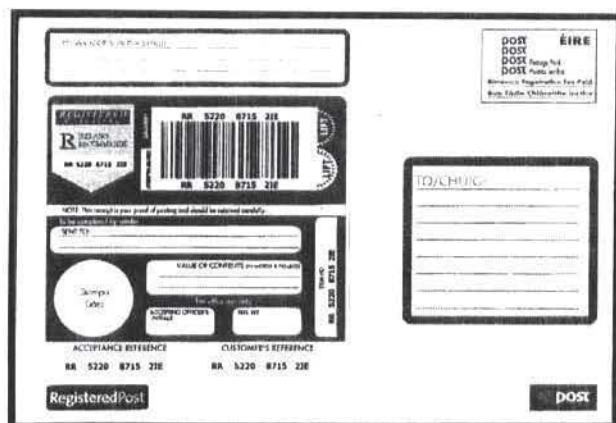


fig. 9

3. Compensation/Cúlteamh

The registration fee includes compensation of up to €320.00 for items for delivery in Ireland and the UK based on the declared value at the time of posting, up to €150.00 for items for delivery elsewhere in Europe, and up to €35.00 for letters for delivery outside Europe. Additional fees must be paid to cover higher amounts. Where no value is declared the replacement value of the item will not exceed the postage paid. Compensation is limited by country. Terms and conditions apply and are available in the Post Office or at www.anpost.ie

fig. 10

The latest printing (fig. 9) has the text completely reset. The logo below the address panel has been removed and "Registered Post" now appears at bottom left. The *Postage Paid* stamp is now boxed.

In addition, the text on the reverse now refers to the minimum compensation amounts, which came into effect when postal rates were revised on 20 February 2006 (fig. 10).

Robert Ballagh Exhibition: An exhibition of stamp artwork by Robert Ballagh was on display in the G.P.O. Dublin from 15 September to 13 October. A selection of the 66 different designs produced by him over a 30-year period (1973 and 2003) was on view as listed below. A set of six small prepaid postcards (145mm x 103mm) were produced illustrating the following designs:-

- World Communications Year - Postman with Bicycle - 22p (1983).
- Éamon de Valera Birth Centenary - 26p (1982).
- Dunsink Observatory - 22p (1985).
- Commissioners of Irish Lights - Kish Lighthouse - 24p (1986) – illustrated above.
- Festivals of Ireland - Ballinasloe Horse Fair - 46p (1987).
- Irish Theatre - "Waiting for Godot" by Samuel Beckett - 30p (1990).

All postcards were folded together in concertina fashion and sold as a set. Each card is rouletted to enable separation of the individual cards. The Postman with

Bicycle card was inscribed "Robert/Ballagh/September 2006 GPO Dublin/An exhibition of stamp design". The An Post logo was also included on the obverse side.



Postas lotha Éire
Postage Paid Ireland

Each card had a small postage paid stamp included on the reverse, which also reproduced the 1983 World Communications Year design.



The final artwork for the following 22 stamps was exhibited:-

- An Óige – 15p and 30p (1981).*
- Éamon de Valera Birth Centenary – 26p (1982).
- World Communications Year – 22p and 29p (1983).
- Dunsink Observatory – 22p (1985).
- First Aeronautic Flight by an Irishman – 44p (1985).
- Aer Lingus – 28p and 46p (1986).
- Commissioners of Irish Lights – 24p and 30p (1986).
- Dublin Council of Trade Unions – 24p (1986).
- Festivals of Ireland - Ballinasloe Horse Fair - 46p (1987).
- Sean T O'Kelly – 24p (1989).
- Irish Theatre – Waiting for Godot and The Field (1990).
- John A. Costello – 28p (1991) – illustrated above.
- Single European Market – 32p (1992).
- Nobel Prizewinners – G.B. Shaw and W.B. Yeats (1994).
- L'Imaginaire Irlandais – 32p (1996).
- Michael Davitt – 28p (1996).

* : the values in the artwork are 20p and 10p.

A special illustrated brochure was also available (no charge) which illustrated all 66 of Robert Ballagh's designs. Some years ago a magazine article on Robert Ballagh included some mock-up stamps featuring the artist, one of which is illustrated above.

EXHIBITION AND SOCIETY SOUVENIRS AND POSTMARKS

Date of Issue	Description	Cost	Numbers/Notes	Paper	Perforation	Printer
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5 Feb	IPTA Collectors' Road Show, Cork					
	- Dublin & Belfast Railway 48c sheetlet with o/p	€10.00 *	600 printed	CCP3	14¾ x 14	Mahons
26 Feb	IPTA Collectors' Road Show, Gorey					
	- Dublin & Belfast Railway 48c sheetlet with o/p	€10.00 *	600 printed	CCP3	14¾ x 14	Mahons
19 Mar	IPTA Collectors' Road Show, Tullamore					
	- Dublin & Belfast Railway 48c sheetlet with o/p	€10.00 *	600 printed	CCP3	14¾ x 14	Mahons
9 Apr	Stampania 2006					
	- Love sheetlet with o/p in blue	€10.00 *	600 printed	CCP3	14¾ x 14	Mahons
14 May	IPTA Collectors' Road Show, Galway					
	- United Nations 48c sheetlet (2005) with o/p	€10.00 *	600 printed	CCP3	13¾ x 13¾	Mahons
27 May	Fauna and Flora Trees Miniature Sheet					
	with Washington 2006 overprint	€3.00	set of four stamps	CCP3	13¾ x 13¾	ISSP
28 May	IPTA Collectors' Road Show, Sligo					
	- Fauna and Flora (Trees) 48c sheetlet with o/p	€10.00 *	600 printed	CCP3	14¾ x 14	Mahons
11 June	IPTA Collectors' Road Show, Bunratty					
	- Ryder Cup (2005) 48c sheetlet with o/p	€10.00 *	600 printed	CCP3	14¾ x 14	Mahons
17 Sept	IPTA Collectors' Road Show, Cork					
	- Ryder Cup (2nd issue) 48c sheetlet with o/p	€10.00 *	600 printed	CCP3	14 x 14¾	Mahons

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Date of Issue	Description	Cost	Numbers/Notes	Paper	Perforation	Printer
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5 Oct	Stampa 2006 (Members' Souvenirs)					
	- Europa 48c sheetlet		1,000 printed	CCP3	14 x 14 $\frac{3}{4}$	Mahons
	- Europa 75c sheetlet		1,000 printed	CCP3	14 x 14 $\frac{3}{4}$	Mahons
	- Year of the Dog miniature sheet	€25.00 *	1,000 printed	CCP3	14 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 14	Mahons
	- €7.50 self-adhesive booklet (flowers)		1,000 printed		11 x 11 $\frac{1}{4}$	Mahons
5 Oct	Stampa 2006 (Public Souvenir)					
	- Fauna and Flora (Trees) miniature sheet	€5.00 *	1,000 printed	CCP3	13 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{4}$	Mahons
8 Oct	IPTA Collectors' Road Show, Ennis					
	- Rosslare/Fishguard sheetlet with o/p	€10.00 *	600 printed	CCP3	14 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 14	Mahons
22 Oct	IPTA Collectors' Road Show, Tralee					
	- Celtic Scholars sheetlet with o/p	€10.00 *	600 printed	CCP3	14 x 14 $\frac{3}{4}$	Mahons
5 Nov	IPTA Collectors' Road Show, Tullamore					
	- National Concert Hall sheetlet with o/p	€10.00 *	600 printed	CCP3	14 x 14 $\frac{3}{4}$	Mahons
11 Nov	IPTA Collectors' Road Show, Limerick					
	- Michael Davitt sheetlet with o/p	€10.00 *	600 printed	CCP3	14 x 14 $\frac{3}{4}$	Mahons
16 Nov	Belgica '06 Exhibition - Irish Musicians M/S with overprint	€2.46	overprint in black	CCP3	13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$	ISSP
25 Nov	IPTA Collectors' Road Show, Killarney					
	- Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind sheetlet with o/p	€10.00 *	600 printed	CCP3	13 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 12 $\frac{3}{4}$	Mahons
1 Dec	Monaco Phil 2006 Exhibition					
	- Irish Musicians M/S with overprint	€2.46	overprint in black	CCP3	13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$	ISSP
3 Dec	Cork Stamp and Coin Exhibition					
	- Ryder Cup gummed M/S with overprint	€5.00 *	1,000 printed	CCP3	14 x 14 $\frac{3}{4}$	Mahons
	- illustrated serviced cover	€2.50 *	500 covers bearing a 48c Ryder Cup stamp			Mahons
	- illustrated serviced cover	€7.00 *	500 covers bearing the Ryder Cup M/S			Mahons
	- Booklet	€3.00 *	250 printed (contains 2 x 48c Ryder Cup sheet stamps)			

* : The production and overprinting (if applicable) of all sheetlets / miniature sheets / booklets / covers marked with an asterisk above was arranged by the organisers of each show. Overprinting was with the permission of An Post.

IPTA Collectors' Roadshows/Antiques & Collectables Fairs: Various 48c sheetlets were overprinted (in black) for twelve shows as listed, with a different overprint for each show. All sheetlets are numbered. There were no postmarks for any of these shows. The Limerick and Killarney Fairs were two-day shows.

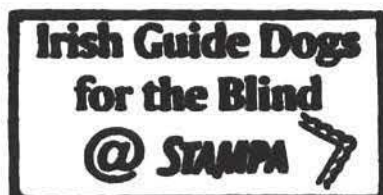
Stampania 2006: This was once again held at the R.D.S. in Dublin on Sunday 9 April. The Love sheetlet was overprinted for the show, with all the sheetlets being numbered. An Post attended the show this year and an official special postmark was provided. The unusual postmark continues the "Dublin" theme for Stampania cancels and incorporates an illustration of The Phoenix Monument. Lord Chesterfield was responsible for erecting the thirty-foot tall structure in the Phoenix Park in 1745. He probably chose the mythological bird in the mistaken belief that the park was named after it, but, in fact, the title came from the corruption of the Gaelic term "Fionn Uisce", which means "Clear Water". The spring well, which gave the park its name, was probably located near the western boundary wall of Áras an Uachtaráin. The first known reference to the name "Phoenix" in connection with the park was "Phoenix Lodge", a residence built on the hill now occupied by the Magazine Fort. (*Information about the Phoenix Park as published in 'Dublin Be Proud' by Pat Liddy, 1987*).



Stampa 2006: The various souvenirs as listed were posted to members in advance, with certain members receiving them on 5 October. The three-line overprint in black reads "STAMPA/R.D.S., DUBLIN/ 13, 14, 15 OCT. 2006". The overprinted €7.50 booklet is the

original issue and not the new printing referred to above. The three special cancels available and the related stamp issues were as follows:-

- 13 October: Europa - Integration (Europa)
- 14 October: Dog (Year of the Dog and Guide Dog issues)
- 15 October: Tree Leaf (Fauna and Flora - Trees)



The postmark designs are based on the equivalent first day cancels for the stamps on the same theme issued during the year. In addition, The Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind took a stand at the show to sell their various products, including FDCs of the Guide Dog stamp

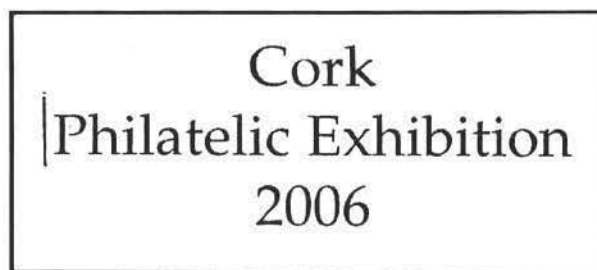
issued earlier in the year. They also had a special cachet available as illustrated, which could be applied to the covers, souvenirs, etc. Note once again the inclusion of "Dublin" instead of "Baile Átha Cliath" (as in 2003, 2004 and 2005) and the inclusion of the days (Friday/Saturday/ Sunday – as in 2004 and 2005). There was no official cover this year.

The Awards Dinner was held in the Mespil Hotel, Mespil Road, Dublin 4 on 13 October. The reverse of the Ryder Cup lenticular sheet was printed with the dinner menu and one was given to each diner (100 printed). In addition, copies of the hotel's A4 menu for the dinner were obtained, a 48c Guide Dog stamp added and then cancelled with the 13 October dog postmark (approx 40 copies). FAI President Otto Jung signed the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists of Ireland at the Awards Dinner.

A selection of original artwork covering a total of 23 stamps issued during 2005 was on display. The various issues featured were:-

- Love/Greetings (4) – Lovebirds, Owl, Rooster and Stork;
- Dublin/Belfast Railway (4) – All four designs;
- Ireland and Canada Biospheres (1) – Killarney National Park design;
- Fauna and Flora – Butterflies (4) – All four designs;
- Tall Ships (3) – All three designs;
- Round Towers (4) – All four designs; and
- Christmas (3) – All three gummed stamp designs.

A special four-page leaflet "Stamp Art at Stampa" illustrating 20 of the designs was available to accompany the exhibit.



Cork Stamp and Coin Exhibition: The Cork Philatelic Society, in association with Raven Stamps, held their annual show in the Imperial Hotel on Sunday 3 December. The Society issued their normal numbered booklet souvenir containing either a left or right marginal pair of the 2 x 48c from the Ryder Cup sheet set issued earlier in the year. Raven Stamps produced an overprinted and numbered miniature sheet from the same set. In addition, they provided an illustrated cover bearing either a single 48c Ryder Cup stamp (July issue) or the miniature sheet, both cancelled with the exhibition postmark (500 numbered covers of each).



Overseas Exhibitions: Cachets were available for the 16th International Stamp Fair held in Essen (4-6 May), the World Philatelic Exhibition held in Washington (27 May to 3 June), Belgica '06 (16-20 November) held in Fontvieille, Monaco. I understand that the Washington cachet did not arrive from Dublin until 30 May. The Fauna & Flora (Trees) miniature sheet was overprinted for the Washington Show and the Irish Musicians miniature sheet was overprinted for both the Belgica and Monaco shows.

OTHER POSTMARKS



Easter Rising – 90th Anniversary Parade: I recently became aware of an unannounced postmark, which was produced in connection with the parade held on Easter Sunday 16 April to mark the 90th anniversary of the Easter Rising. Dignitaries and others who were on the review stand outside the G.P.O. received an illustrated booklet about the Rising.

Two covers were included inside the back cover of the booklet (1) the An Post first day cover for the 1916 stamp issued on 12 April, cancelled with the normal first day postmark and (2) a cover featuring an illustration of the Cú Chulainn statue in the G.P.O. This second cover is in square format and also bears the 1916 Easter

Rising stamp, but cancelled in green with a special postmark incorporating a harp and dated 24 April 2006 (i.e. the actual 90th anniversary date).

The Somme Commemoration: A similar booklet was produced for The Somme Commemoration, which was held on Sunday 1 July at The Irish National War Memorial Gardens in Islandbridge (Dublin). A special illustrated cover, also in square format, was included with this booklet.

The cover bears The Somme stamp issued on 26 June cancelled with a special 1 July postmark also featuring a harp. No ordinary FDC appears to have been included with this booklet. The booklet (but not the cover) can be viewed at the Irish government website http://www.taoiseach.gov.ie/attached_files/Pdf%20files/Somme.Brochure9.pdf.



The Fishguard & Rosslare Railways & Harbours Company Centenary: Since the commencement of sailing operations, both ports have been owned by the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Company, which is now owned by Stena Line and Iarnród Éireann (Irish Rail). A

special paquebôt postmark to mark their 100-year association with the route was available at Rosslare Harbour P.O. on 12 August. The weekend of 12/13 August coincided with a weekend of centenary activities, including the operation of a special train service from Dublin (but no T.P.O. cancell!). The paquebôt cancellation was correctly inscribed Calafort Ros Láir (Rosslare Harbour).



The Ryder Cup (Straffan): Although An Post were not in attendance at the K Club for the Ryder Cup, a special pictorial cancel was provided for each of the three match days (22-24 September) at the nearest post office at Straffan, Co. Kildare. The European team retained the trophy, beating U.S.A. by 18½ to 9½. There were three Irish players on the European Team – Darren Clarke, Padraig Harrington and Paul McGinley, who were also on the winning team in 2002.



St. Mary's, Tallaght (Dublin): A special postmark was available on 8 December to mark the 150th Anniversary of the establishment by the Dominican Order of a house of studies in Tallaght in 1856. In the early 20th century a church was built for the local community. In the 1940s, it was dedicated to St. Mary Immaculate

of the Rosary and is known as "St. Mary's". Tallaght was part of the parish of Rathfarnham, but, due to rapid expansion, the Archbishop of Dublin approached the Dominican Order and St. Mary's became a parish in September 1972. The cancellation incorporates the Dominican crest and was designed by John Mullen, who was born in Tallaght.

SLOGANS USED ON INTEGRATED MAIL PROCESSORS (IMPs)

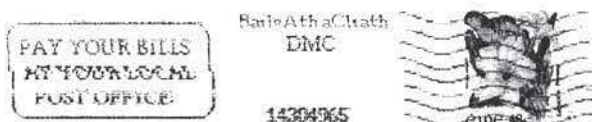
(Illustrations of IMP postmarks are reduced)

There was only one new slogan in 2006. Slogans were in use at the Athlone Mails Centre (AMC), Cork Mails Centre (CMC), Dublin Mails Centre (DMC), and Portlaoise Mails Centre (PMC). The earliest known dates for a new or a repeated slogan are recorded, although slogans were not necessarily introduced at all Mail Centres on the same date.

DMC continues to exclude the time within the postmark whereas PMC always shows the time printed. AMC and CMC have never normally included the time.



IMP 78 used at CMC on 16 January 2006



IMP 78 used at DMC – no date included

IMP 78 - PAY YOUR BILLS / AT YOUR LOCAL / POST OFFICE

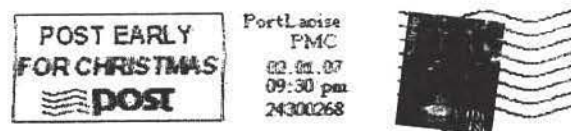
This was first recorded in early January 2006. It was used at all mail centres. The wording is the same as IMP 71/IMP 71X but the layout is different. A framed

version was used at all mail centres, including CMC. It was recorded in use up to 24 March.



From 27 March, it was replaced by a re-use of IMP 74 – MOBILE TOP UP..... IMP 74 continued in use until 5 May 2006 when it was replaced by IMP 73 – PASSPORT EXPRESS..... IMP 73 continued in use until 27 July when it was replaced by a re-use of IMP 7 – RETURN ADDRESS..... which continued up until the pre-Christmas period.

For DMC 5, the re-use of IMP 73 in the May to July period was not recorded. Rather, those few IMP impressions from DMC5 seen for that period were all a continuation of IMP 74.



IMP 11X still in use at PMC on 2 January 2007

During the Christmas period IMP 11/11X - POST EARLY / FOR CHRISTMAS / =POST was repeated and was still in use in early 2007. IMP 33/33X – Happy Christmas..... was not repeated this year.

It is noteworthy that no commercial slogans have been used in 2006, indicating, perhaps, either a change in An Post's policy of accepting commercial slogans or a significant increase in advertising cost.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

December – An Post Christmas Card: The 2006 An Post Christmas card features a snow covered image of the G.P.O. in Dublin.

December – Santa Christmas Envelope: The 2006 envelope featured a new design showing Santa on his sleigh and incorporating a new North Pole printed postmark in red. The insert was also new and included the An Post logo.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Once again, I wish to thank my many philatelic friends for their help in producing this annual article.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I am the web manager of the GB Overprints Society, and also the Research Officer of the Postal Order Society.

I am trying to sort out a categorization of the various types of overprints used on GB postal orders, and have drawn up a provisional typology of the Irish overprints. Unfortunately, this is based on scans of only 13 postal orders, so I am not totally confident that I have covered all variants.

Do you happen to know of any Irish specialists in this area who may be able to help, please?

More generally, could you put in your newsletter a request for any scans of Irish overprints on GB postal orders? Even if they appear to be duplicates, I would very much value them, since, for the two societies mentioned above, I have been asked to compile as much information about types, se-

rial number ranges, and dates of use. If any members could send me scans/copies, I would be immensely grateful, and I guarantee that confidentiality will be completely respected (I know that some collectors are unhappy in releasing details of their holdings).

Many thanks,

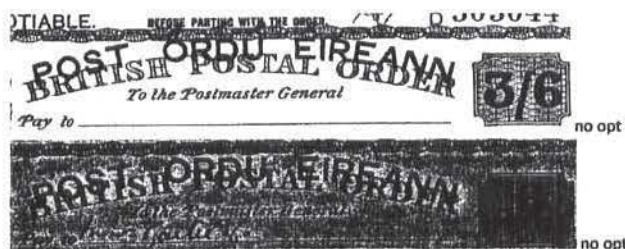
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Ireland types

KL1: Circular "O", less bold thinner font, medium accents; accents at the left of the letters.

A: no overprint over king's head



B: "Rialtas" overprint over king's head



KL2: Circular "O", bold thick font, small accents; accents start just right of the middle of the letters.

Seems to be used only on postal orders with the "Saorstat" overprint over the king's head.



KL3: Oval "O", very large accents, Accents on "O" and "E" start near the left of the letter. From the examples available it is not possible to see whether there are any differences in the font used for the "Saorstat" overprint, compared to type KL2. Seems to be used only on postal orders with the "Saorstat" overprint over the king's head.

Philatelic Show 2007 Irish Awards

Philatelic Show 2007 was held May 4-6 at Boxborough, Massachusetts. The show is the largest of its type in New England and is sponsored by the Northeast Federation of Stamp Clubs. It was a very successful event and attracted over 300 frames of exhibits. Once again our ÉPA exhibitors did very well winning a significant number of medals and awards.

ÉPA members winning Gold medals in the multi-frame category included Barney Clancy for his exhibit of "Ireland – Postal Stationery – The Transition" Barney was also awarded an ÉPA Certificate for that exhibit. David Brennan also won a Gold and an ÉPA Certificate for his exhibit of "Railway Letter Stamps of Ireland". A third Gold and the ÉPA Joseph E. Foley Medal went to Karl Winkelmann for his presentation of "The Dublin Censor Office". George Nicholson was awarded a Vermeil medal for "Irish History Through the Post: 1820 – 2000". George was also awarded the Benninghoff Memorial Award and an ÉPA Certificate for this exhibit.

In the single frame competition, Barney Clancy received two Golds for exhibits entitled "The Pre-Decimal Booklets of Ireland" and "Political and Propaganda Labels of Ireland 1865 – 1922". David Brennan was awarded a Vermeil and the Benninghoff Memorial single frame award for "Railway Parcel Stamps of Ireland 1855 – 1900". Paul Bento received a Silver for "An Introduction to Irish Perfins" and Bill O'Connor received two Silver-Bronze awards for "Airmail Stamps of Ireland 1948 – 1965: Postal Usage" and "Foreign Airmails, FAM 18, the Northern Route, June 24 – July 1, 1939".

Youth Coordinator Needs Help

As Youth Coordinator, I am asking the membership for help in two areas. If you know of a youth/school group that needs some help, please email me and I will get a packet in the mail to them. And as always, any contributions are always appreciated.

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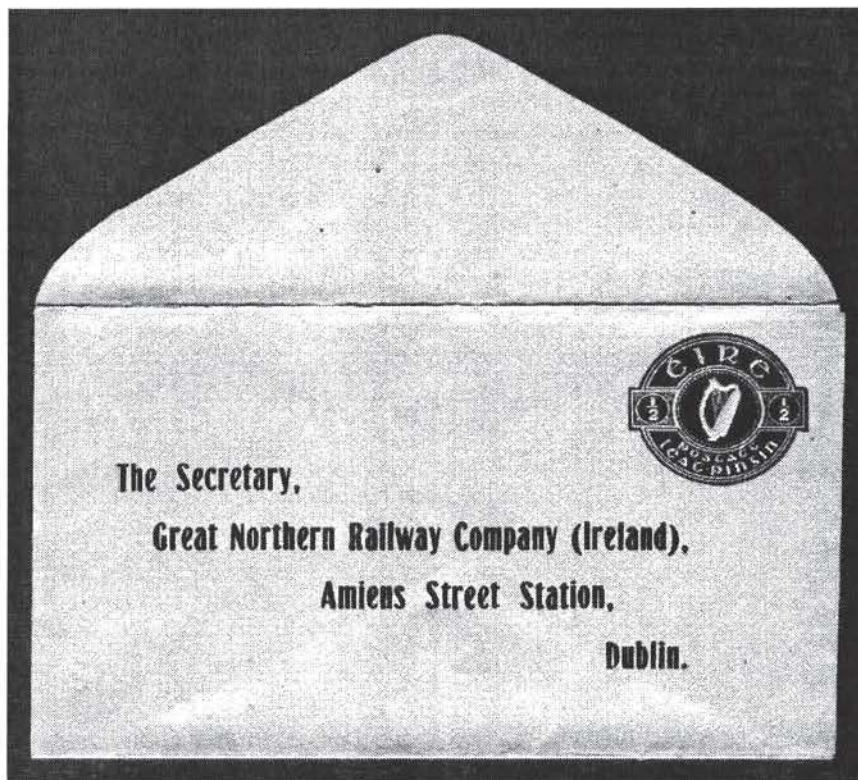
New Variety of STO Envelope

by Roy Hamilton-Bowen

I have discovered a new variety in a STO envelope which might interest a good number of readers.

The style is as per Great Northern Railway Jung 1f, but with the text set differently – the 2nd and 4th lines of text ending directly under each other at the right. The 3rd line is also shifted somewhat to the right in relation to the 1st line.

The other significant difference is the paper: grey laid with watermark GLENCORMAC in double-lined capitals above a small "MADE IN IRELAND".



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Special Offers Corrections

A couple of gremlins snuck into the Special Offers FAI Publications section during a recent revision. They are:

Irish Post Offices and their Postmarks 1690-1990 should be \$39.95 for members and \$49.95 for non-members.

The International Reply Coupons should be \$7.50 for members and \$10.00 for non-members.

These items are correct in this issue of *The Revealer*.

ÉPA SPECIAL OFFERS

The following items may be ordered from Timothy O'Shea, 58 Porter St., Granby, MA 01033-9516 U.S.A. (E-mail: toshea1@comcast.net) Except where noted, all prices include postage and handling within the United States. Beyond the U.S. add \$2.00. All payment to be in U.S. dollars and checks must be on U.S. banks and made payable to Tim O'Shea.

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The Adhesive Revenue Stamps of Ireland: 1858-1925

by James J. Brady » An award winning detailed analysis of Irish revenue stamps of the period. Profusely illustrated with catalog listings by type, bibliography, 20 pages + addenda. \$2.75 (nonmember \$3.50).

The First 55 Years of Irish Coils

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Ireland, Identification of the Pictas and Saorstát Overprints

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The Post Offices and Datestamps of the County of Leitrim

by Dr. Brian de Burca, updated by James T. Howley 72 illustrations of handstamps, map, and descriptions of post office locations, 23 pages. \$6.25 (nonmember \$7.80).

An Introduction to Irish Mileage Marks

by W. E. Davey » An illustrated listing and explanation of these early markings, 22 pages. \$4.50 (nonmember \$5.65).

The Revealer Index, vol. 1, no. 1 to vol. 35, no. 3,

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by William J. Murphy » Provides a detailed listing not only of the aerogrammes themselves, but rates, private supplemental printings, Northern Ireland, and special usages, pricing code and bibliography. Jung catalog numbers referenced, 46 pages. \$4.00 (nonmember \$5.00).

O.A.T. and A.V.2. Markings on Irish Airmail

by William J. Murphy » Presents an introduction to these markings used during World War II and a catalog listing of known Irish covers with the markings. An appendix lists covers to and from Ireland so marked. Illustrated with bibliography, 25 pages. \$3.00 (nonmember \$4.00).

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Publications of the German based Forschungs-und Arbeitsgemeinschaft Ireland E.V. are also available to ÉPA members. All have text in both English and German.

Irish Postal Stationery Stamped to Order

by Otto Jung » A detailed priced catalog and handbook, this 2003 edition includes updates since 1994. Illustrated, 174 pages. \$15.50 (nonmember \$21.00).

Postal Stationery of Ireland

by Barney Clancy and Otto Jung » A detailed priced catalog and handbook, this 2002 edition includes updates since the last edition. Illustrated, 220 pages. \$17.50 (nonmember \$23.50).

The Mileage Marks of Ireland 1808-1839, 2nd edition

by Hans G. Moxter » Illustrated listing of all known Irish mileage marks, 57 pages. \$7.50 (nonmember \$10.00).

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The Irish Philatelic Society 1901-2001

by the Irish Philatelic Society » An interesting history which is broken down into thirteen chapters that run through the beginnings of Irish Postage Stamps, Exhibitions up to the Centenary Year 2001, 48 pages. \$13.25 (nonmember \$16.75).

The Dublin Spoon - 1855-57

by Cyril I. Dulin » An account of Ireland's first duplex obliterator, well organized with considerable detail, illustrated, value guide, bibliography, 48 pages. \$6.00 (nonmember \$7.50).

The Rare Coil

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Ireland - Catalog of Perfins

compiled & edited by Richard L. Mewhinney » Punched for a 3 ring binder, this catalog can also serve as an album. Published by The Perfins Club, 38 pages. \$9.00 (nonmember \$11.25).

Hibernian Handbook and Catalogue of the Postage Stamps of Ireland 2002

A complete catalog of specialized Irish philatelic material, 192 pages, full color, 2600 illustrations. \$21.00 (nonmember \$25.00).

Keeping in Touch, Communication through County Kildare before 1860

by N.P.J. Morrin » This book focuses particularly on the early postal system and examines how mail was carried along the country roads by various means of transport. Chapters are broken down by town with pictures of postal markings. 182 pages. \$44.00 (nonmember \$54.00).

Uniform Fourpenny Post in Ireland

by Bill Kane » A 28 page study of the 4 penny post in Ireland published in 1990. \$10.00 (non-members \$12.50).

Handbook of Irish Postal History to 1840

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by Peter Nansfield » Published by the Revenue Society of Great Britain, this booklet discusses the stamps, some of the documents on which they were used and the various duties of the Clerks. 40 pages. \$13.00 (nonmember \$16.75).

Domestic Packets Between Great Britain and Ireland, 1835-1840

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Irish Slogan Postmarks » \$6.00 (nonmember \$8.25).

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