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Australian stationery cover for XIII International Botanical Congress. Illustration shows Sir Joseph Banks (see article inside.)

Dear Member,

Herewith the first issue of 2019 somewhat on time for once. It has been a good first quarter for the Society with two new members elected. Sadly, however, we had a bereavement early in January - Brian O'Connell a long time member. A tribute to Brian appears in this issue. Attendances at meetings was good during the period.

During the year to date we have had a few interesting displays and reports on these appear inside. We had a good Annual General Meeting and reports are carried inside. However, the 9 sheet Open Class competition in February was not very well supported. This was disappointing but, by holding it bi-annually rather than annually from 2020 it may have the effect of increasing entries into the future.

NEWS

Membership Changes

Since the last issue two new members have been elected to the Society :

Ilona Ugaine-Negi

Michael Fogerty

In the same period there was one bereavement ? Brian O'Connell

The Spring Stamp and Coin Fair will take place on 14 April 2019 at the RDS Ballsbridge (Anglesey Road entrance).

The Northern Ireland Postcard and Stamp Faie will be held on Saturday 27 April 2019 from 9.30am to 3pm at St Nicholas' Church, Cadogan Park, Lisburn Road, Belfast.

STAMPA 2019

Stampa 2019 will be held from 11 to 13 October in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8 (near the National Stadium). Membership application forms and competition entry forms will be available later in the year. These can be requested from the Secretariat at PO Box 12624, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16.

DISPLAYS

Dun Laoghaire on Stamps and Postcards (10 January)

This display was given by Brian Warren. Included was a picture postcard of Carlisle Pier, Dun Laoghaire, stamps of J.M. Synge who was born at No 2 Newton Villas,. A block of 10 of 1968 Roger Casement 5d value with hair lines and hyphenflaws. Dublin and Kingstown Railway fdc, 1984 150th Anniv of Irish Railways invitation to the launch of the £1 Railway Letter stamp. Block of 4 of the Railway Letter stamp with the inscription "Railway Letter Fee". The 1986 Kish Lighthouse value in plate block of 4, a menu folder for the Postal History Society's 19th Annual Conference held in Dun Laoghaire in 1963. 2008 90th Anniv of the Sinking of RMS Leinster issue as well as the 2018 Centenary issue featured. It also included a Centenary of the Sinking of the RMS Leinster postcard as well as picture postcards of RMS Leinster at sea.

The display then continued with a picture postcard of the Dominican Convent, Dun Laoghaire and picture postcards of Upper Georges Street circa 1920s. Postcards of Cliff Castle Hotel, Dalkey, Court Hotel, Killiney and the Royal Marine Hotel were shown. There were also postcards of Churches - St. Joseph's Glashule; Monkstown Church, Vico Road in the 1920s on a postcard. There was also a postcard of Killiney Bay and Strand 1960. The display also included Sealink and Stena Line boats on picture postcards and the James Joyce Tower and Museum on picture postcard.

Back of the Book (24 January)

This display was given by Tom Mc Carthy and showed a wide range of material and subjects. Included was Limerick straight-line marks of 1761 and 1809, Limerick Free marks of 1824 and 1836, 1844 cover with Limerick E cancel. There was a selection of Kilmallock, Co. Limerick postmarks on pieces along with Balgaden, Co. Limerick postmarks on pieces. A 1939 first flight cover from Montreal to Foynes carried by Imperial Airways. Other first flight covers shown were 1931 England to Australia official airmail with advertising letter and a similar one from Cairn in the Australian Northern Territory to London also in 1931 and with advertising letter.

Certificates of Posting for registered package at College Green, 1835 India Letter Plymouth mark on an entire as well as 1840 red oval Crowned Sydney Paid Ship letters were shown. The display continued with various Australian 'T' marks, Lundy Island locals, Calf of Man locals as well as Herm Island locals including postcard usage. A selection of Spanish cinderellas also featured as did George VI Coronation cinderellas, USA 1935 TB Christmas seals and Danish Christmas seals. Other items included in the display were French art poster stamps, Great Britain TV licence stamps, New South Wales Govt. Railway Parcel stamps, Queensland Govt. Railway Newspaper and Parcel stamps.

France (21 February)

This display was given by Michael Mc Clintock and was his first to the Society. Included in the display was 1853-60 Napoleon III imperf definitive values, 1862 Napoleon III perf definitive values, 1863-70 Napoleon III with Laurel Wreath definitive values. There was also 3 copies of the 5f Napoleon III Laurel Wreath value shown. The display also included 1870 Ceres definitive values and the earlier 1849/50 imperf Ceres definitive values including 25c value Tete Beche. The 1917-18 War Orphans, 1918 Rer Cross as well as the 1922 War Orphans 2nd series issues were included in the display.

The display then continues by showing issues of the period 1955 to 1959. This section included the 1955 Centenary of the Voyage of "La Capricieuse", Views values, Red Cross Fund set, Arms of the Provinces set. 1956 issues shown included Sports, Europa, Famous Men, Red Cross Fund. 1957 issues included Heroes of the Resistance (1st issue), Europa and Famous Men while 1958 issues included the Bayeux Tapestry, Europa, Inauguration of UNESCO Building, Paris, Arms of French Towns and Red Cross Fund. The display concluded with 1959 issues of which Europa, Red Cross Fund and 10th Anniversary of NATO featured.

Open Class Competition (7 February)

The 9 sheet Open Class Competition was held on Thursday 7 February in Ely House. It was not very well supported with only 3 entries submitted. The entries were "Mammals" Bob Cruickshank, "Postcard Pictures of Dublin" Gerry Byrne and "Latvia - First Incarnation" Anthony Hughes. The entries were circulated amongst those present following which a vote was taken to determine the winner. Following the counting of the votes cast, the winner by a clear majority was Anthony Hughes with "Latvia - First Incarnation" and he was awarded the Open Class Trophy and Medal for 2019.

President's Page

Welcome to the Spring 2019 edition of these rambling notes [I hope I'm not tempting the weather gods by using the term 'Spring' already...]. The new year started on a very sad note with the passing of loyal long-time member Brian O'Connell. Brian was an enthusiastic and knowledgeable collector with a special fondness for North Borneo and Sarawak among many other interests and could always be relied upon to present a display or a competition entry. He will be very much missed.

On a happier note I am pleased to welcome not one, but two new members: Ilona Ugaine-Negi and Michael Fogarty. Both are currently 'in process' as regards nomination and election to membership, the process being somewhat protracted due to the recent Annual General Meeting. Hopefully by the time you read this the formalities will have been concluded.

The aforementioned AGM took place on March 7 and was unusually well-attended; thanks to all who made the effort. The Society remains on a very sound financial footing and there will be no increase in the existing subscription rates this year. [Gentle reminder: said subscriptions are now due, I'm sure the Hon. Treasurer would be pleased to accept payment, thanks to those who will have anticipated these remarks and have already complied!]. Two new committee members were elected, being John Fitzsimons and Chris McDonagh, welcome to them both and thanks to the retiring committee members Heloise Mitchell and Mary Carroll.

Two other matters were raised at the AGM which will receive the attention of the committee in the near future. Firstly the timing of the annual Dobbs competition; this may be moved from its current late October date to the Spring in order to avoid conflict with STAMPA. It is hoped that this change will allow members who exhibit at STAMPA more time to prepare Dobbs entries as well. The experiment of limiting the number of categories which we tried this past year did not result in an increase in participation so is unlikely to continue.

The second matter has to do with the format of the annual social evening. For some years this has been catered on-site at Ely House. We will examine the option of reserving a room in a near-by restaurant; this will almost certainly prove to be more expensive but could be part-subsidised from Society funds.

As always, the views of all members are welcome on these matters, please feel free to contact me at meetings or by electronic means to have your say.

The sale of the Society library is nearing completion, a few remaining items will appear in the regular meeting bourses over the next couple of months. This has been a financially successful undertaking and many thanks are due to Frank and Heloise who have done most of the work.

I am informed by the Hon. Bourse Secretary that supplies of material are quite low at the moment, if you have material that is surplus to requirements why not lot it up; submissions can be accepted at any meeting. Just about anything philatelic is worth trying [with the possible exception of common Irish FDCs] the only stipulation being that it would be likely to sell for at least €2.

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Brian O'Connell an Appreciation

Brian O'Connell passed away unexpectedly on 7 January 2019. He became a member of the Society on 21 October 2004. His working life was as a teacher and his subject was history and classical studies. His great love was the Classical World - Ancient Greece and Rome. He taught in Belvedere College.

He always endeavoured to give a display each season to the Society, often related to the Classical World. He had a great interest in the Malay Peninsula and in particular North Borneo and Sarawak. He was a member of the Malay Study Group and the Royal Philatelic Society, London.

He entered the Society competitions and was often successful. He won the coveted Dobbs Memorial Trophy in 2018. He also entered Stampa with mixed results. Apart from philatelic interests he was also involved with Bridge Clubs and Classical Associations. He also had an interest in Irish Rugby and in particular Ireland's involvement in the Rugby World Cup. Indeed he submitted an entry on the subject in the 2018 Open Class competition, but, was unsuccessful.

He was pre deceased by his wife Suzanne.

May he rest in peace.

Annual General Meeting (7 March)

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Thursday 7 March in Ely House. It was well attended and was chaired by the President Mr Mike Burrington. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were circulated and are reproduced in this issue. The audited accounts showed a surplus of 1,085 euro for 2018.

The following officers and committee members were elected:

President and Bourse Secretary	Mike Burrington
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Hon. Treasurer	Frank Mc Donald
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The two ordinary vacancies were filled by John Fitzsimons and Chris Mc Donagh.

Dermot Hughes was elected for 1 year as Vice President to fill the remaining period of office of the Late Des Norton.

In relation to the 2019 subscription rates it was agreed in view of the 2018 outturns financially that no increase would be sought. The rates were therefore left at 20 euro City and 7 euro Country.

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2018 / 2019

A total of 17 meetings of the Society have taken place since the last Annual General Meeting. This is 2 less than the previous period. All of these meetings were held in Ely House. Average attendance at meetings since the last Annual General Meeting was 19, the same as the previous period.

Since the last Annual General Meeting three new City members were elected. During the same period there was one notified resignation and two bereavements.

PROGRAMME

The annual programme was completed in a short period of time. One new displayer volunteered a display for the present programme with the filling of the rest of the programme left to the usual displayer base and other non-display items.

With the two bereavements in 2018 and early 2019 this reduces the displayer base and will place greater difficulty on me in filling the annual programme, unless some new displayers come forward.

We were treated to some interesting nights during the year to date. These included "Deutsches Reich", "Something Else", "President's Night - Queen Victoria's Jubilee 1897", "Dun Laoghaire on Stamps and Postcards", "Back of the Book" and "France"

SOCIETY SOCIAL EVENING

The annual Society Social Evening took place in Ely House on Thursday 22 November. A changed format for the evening was adopted in that no bourse was held prior to the dinner on the night due to room constraint. The attendance was slightly up on the previous year. All the trophies and new medals won over the year were presented by the Society President following the Dinner.

SOCIETY COMPETITIONS

The annual Society competitions were in 2018 on an experimental basis split. The classes included in the 2018 Dobbs Competition were Traditional, Open Philately and Aero Philately. A total of 4 entries all in the Dobbs Competition were submitted, the same as in 2017. No Society Cup competition entries were submitted.

The following awards were made :

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| Dermot Hughes | : Medal for his Open Class Competition entry "Where are They Now" held earlier in 2018. |
| Brian O'Connell | : Stafford-Johnson Cup and Medal and Dobbs Memorial Trophy and Medal for "North Borneo Postage Dues". |
| Gerry Byrne | : Robert Towers Aerophilately Trophy and Medal and John Mackey Cup and Medal for "Air France Concorde - The Inside Story". |
| Bob Cruickshank | : Fenlon Mc Donald Openphilately Trophy and medal for "France". |

The award of the Charles Griffith Memorial Trophy and Medal for 2018 was made to Frank Mc Donald for his display "Austria 1938-1946" shown on 13 September.

OPEN CLASS COMPETITION

This 9 sheet competition was held on 7 February 2019 and only attracted 3 entries. This was half the number received in 2018 and the same as 2016. The winner was Anthony Hughes with "Latvia - First Incarnation" and was awarded the Open Class Trophy and Medal for 2019.

STAMPA

In 2018 members of the Society were successful at Stampa and the following awards were gained :

Gold Medal : Anthony Hughes
Vermeil Medals : Brian Warren and John Fitzsimons
Large Silver Medals : Brian O'Connell and Dermot Hughes
Silver Medals : Gerry Byrne and Norman Finnie

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Brian Warren was awarded a Large Vermeil Medal.

FINANCE

Collected subscriptions in 2018 were down on the 2017 figure due to a resignation, bereavement and some non payers. In 2018 3 catalogued bourse sales were held. These produced 284 euro commission to the Society from sales of 3,373-25 euro with the commission from the third sale split between the Society and Dublin Stamp Society. Society Bourse Commission was down in 2018 but, included 281 euro raised in a special auction in February. Society Bourse donations were more or less in line with 2017 while cash donations were substantially up on the 2017 figure.

The main expenses in 2018 were the rent bill which at 1,350 euro was down on the 2017 figure due to 2 less meetings. The Public Liability Insurance was at 261 euro the same as in 2017. The cost of printing the annual programme was at 17 euro down on the 2017 and 2016 figure. Bank charges were up slightly on the 2017 figure. The Society's contribution of 100 euro towards the Post Office Box rental cost was the same as 2017 and previous years despite a rental cost increase in 2018 from An Post.

The IPS News, Auction Lists and related postage and stationery costs were down on 2017 figure as not all of the cost was charged to the Society.

These were some of the main financial matters during the year in terms of Income, Expenditure and Account movements.

Looking to 2019 the main financial outlays will be the Public Liability Insurance which should be more or, less in line with 2018 but, an increase should be provided for. The annual rent bill, Post Office Box rental contribution, engraving of trophies and medals for presentation at the Social Evening Dinner. In relation to the Post Office Box rental contribution part of this will be offset by the rent saving on 18 April due to the closure of Ely House for Holy Thursday.

The new Society medal was introduced at the Dinner in 2018 and the part cost in 2018 (181 euro) mentioned in my last report to the Society is shown as a creditor under Net Society Funds in the accounts. The total cost of 495 euro was paid to Lee Brothers in February 2019.

In 2019 the Society will acquire a new thematic shield the cost of which, depending on size will be between 80 and 120 euro.

SOCIETY BOURSE

The Society bourse produced commission of 641 euro which included 281 euro raised in a special Society bourse in February 2018. Society bourse donations at 24 euro was more or less in line with the 2017 figure. In addition commission was also received in respect of lots previously unsold and subsequently sold. The latter commission receipts were in part lodged to the Insurance Reserve Fund account. The accrued funds of 1,676 euro in that account were transferred back to the Deposit Account following a decision made at the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

LIBRARY

In 2018 the disposal of the library continued through the bourse, catalogued sales and literature sales. In December 2018 the Society's books from the library dealing with India and Nepal were sold through Cavendish Auctions in the United Kingdom. These books produced net funds of £886.60 stg to the Society which equated to 1,009 euro. This is shown under Assets in the Balance Sheet. This money was lodged electronic transfer to our account at the beginning of February 2019.

ROLL OF DISTINGUISHED PHILATELISTS OF IRELAND

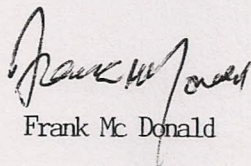
No Society nomination was again made in 2018 for a candidate to sign the Roll. This was due to the nomination papers being received after the closure of the Society for the summer break and their recall by the beginning of September. The last accepted Society nomination by the Federation of Philatelic Societies of Ireland was in 2012 and before that in 2005.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

3 Committee meetings have taken place since the last Annual General Meeting. These dealt with among other things the new Society competition medal, annual competitions, Roll of Distinguished Philatelists and the Audited Accounts of the Society in advance of the Annual General Meeting.

CONCLUSION

In light of the financial outturns for 2018 which were extremely good as a result of the library sales and a special Society bourse, as well as the Society's continued successes at Stampa I commend this statement and report to the meeting.



Frank Mc Donald

Hon. Secretary / Treasurer

7 March 2019

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	2018	2017
	€	€
INCOME		
Subscriptions - current year - see note 1 below	590	650
Subscriptions - arrears	-	27
Society bourse commissions (including €281 raised in special auction - €595 in 2017)	641	1,015
Society bourse donations	24	25
Auction commission	284	179
Sale of Library books	1,846	143
Interest on EBS Sure Growth share account	-	27
Cash donations	31	7
	<u>3,416</u>	<u>2,073</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Rent - 18 (2017: 20) meetings - €75 per meeting	1,350	1,500
Medals and engraving	392	785
I.P.S. News, Auction Lists and related postage and stationery costs	123	134
Printing of programme	17	23
P.O. Box rental together with other printing, postage and secretarial costs	100	100
Public liability insurance	261	261
F.P.S.I. levy	43	42
Bank charges	45	40
	<u>2,331</u>	<u>2,885</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	1,085	(812)
ORDINARY RESERVE FUND AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,209	4,021
TRANSFER FROM INSURANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT	1,676	-
	<u>5,970</u>	<u>3,209</u>
ORDINARY RESERVE FUND AT END OF YEAR	5,970	3,209

1. The total paid membership excluding life members at 31 December 2018 was ³⁶39 (29 city and 10 country members). At 31 December 2017 there was a total paid membership of 39 (29 city, and 10 country/associate members). Subscription rates for 2018 and 2017 were: city - €20; country - €7. In addition, there are a total of 6 life members (including 2 honorary life members).
2. There were two auctions held in each year. The auction commission is net of €42 (2017: €58) paid to the Dublin Stamp Society in respect of the joint IPS/DSS bourse.

INSURANCE RESERVE FUND ACCOUNT

	2018	2017
	€	€
Balance at beginning of year	1,593	1,511
Society Bourse Commissions from off-sales - part lodged to deposit account	83	82
Transfer to main fund	(1,676)	-
Balance at end of year	-	1,593

CHARLES GRIFFITHS MEMORIAL FUND

	2018	2017
	€	€
Balance at beginning of year	38,388	37,873
Interest accrued on State Savings Certificates (20th Issue) – see note 4 on page 3	524	515
Balance at end of year	38,912	38,388

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

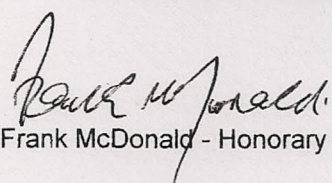
	2018	2017
	€	€
Income and Expenditure account		
- Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	1,085	(812)
Insurance Reserve Fund		
- Society Bourse Commissions from off-sales	83	82
Charles Griffiths Memorial Fund		
- Interest earned during the year	524	515
	1,692	(215)

3. The statement of total recognised gains and losses summarises the surpluses in respect of all activities during the year as set in detail on pages 1 and 2.

BALANCE SHEET

	2018	2017
	€	€
ASSETS		
State Savings Certificates (20th Issue) - see note 4 below	28,195	28,195
AIB plc – Current Account	3,846	3,566
AIB plc – Deposit Account	9,303	9,243
Interest accrued on State Savings Certificates (20th Issue)	2,330	1,806
Amount due from Cavendish Auctions (paid February 2019)	1,009	-
Stock of competition medals	440	480
	45,123	43,290
RESERVES AND LIABILITIES		
Ordinary Reserve Fund	5,970	3,209
Insurance Reserve Fund	-	1,593
Charles Griffiths Memorial Fund	38,912	38,388
	44,882	43,190
NET SOCIETY FUNDS		
Subscriptions paid in advance	60	100
Creditor	181	-
	45,123	43,290

4. The principal amount of €28,195 held in State Savings Certificates (20th Issue) is earning a cumulative rate of 10% tax free (over five years and six months) which is the equivalent of a yield of 1.445% per annum. The certificates mature on 5 November 2019.
5. In addition to the above assets, the Society owns a bookcase plus a library of books which is currently being sold together with a stock of 45 centenary books detailing the history of the Society. The cost of the latter stock of centenary books was €372. Total sales to date of the library books amount to €1,989. Further sales will arise in 2019.

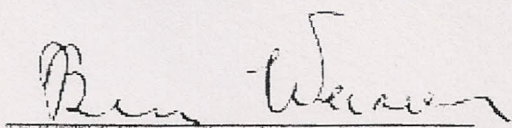


Frank McDonald - Honorary Secretary and Treasurer

21 February 2019

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

I have compared the foregoing Income and Expenditure Account, the Insurance Reserve Fund Account, the Charles Griffiths Memorial Fund Account and the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses of the Irish Philatelic Society for the year ended 31 December 2018 and the Balance Sheet at the said date with the books and records of the Society and find them to be in accordance therewith.



Brian Warren - Honorary Auditor

21 February 2019

THE NASH ROUTE - PART 2

Portland Place Ares

Nash soon realised he could not continue his Regent Street Scheme in a straight-line towards Regent's Park. Instead he constructed Langham Place, curving it to the left to match the curve of Regent Street. In 1893 Queen's Hall opened in Langham Place. The London Symphony Orchestra founded in 1904 gave its first concert there. Arturo Toscanini and Richard Strauss were both invited to conduct in the Hall.

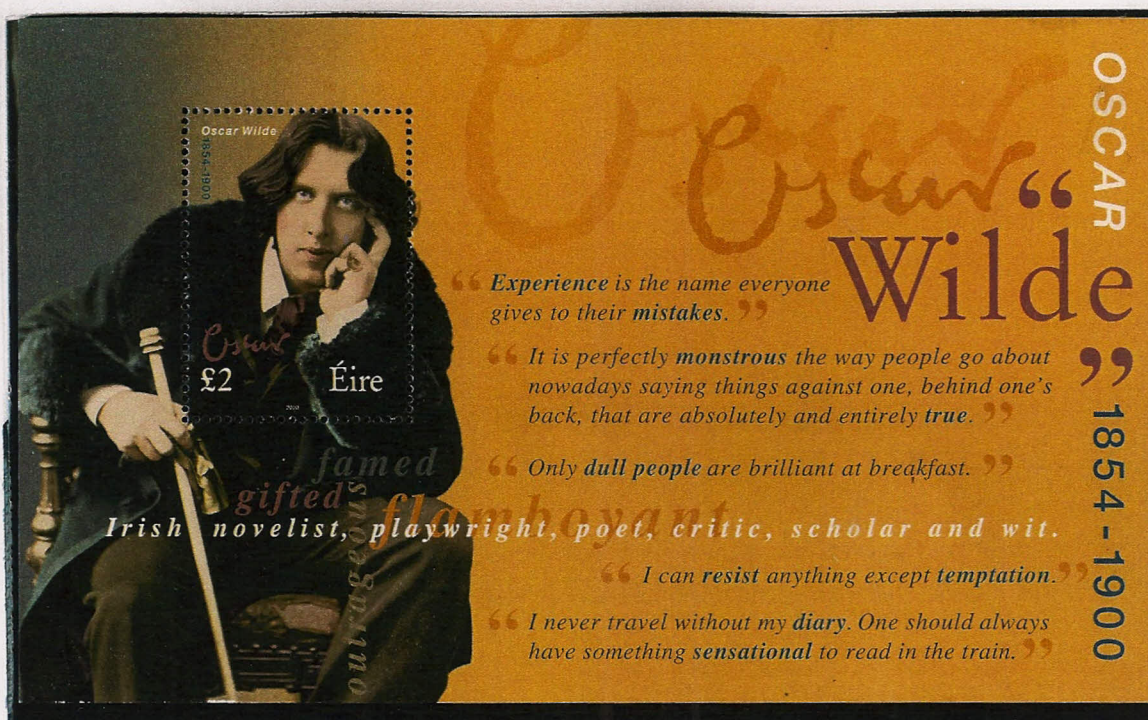


In August 1895 Henry Wood opened the first Promenade Concerts which, would later be transferred to the Royal Albert Hall there, Queen's Hall was destroyed by German bombing in 1941 and was not rebuilt.

Langham Place is continued northwards towards the green expanse of Regent's Park by Portland Place. This is one of the broadest streets in London. The Langham Hotel, previously known as the Langham Place Hotel was opened in 1864. It was the only London hotel to provide a Parcel Post service for its guests.



Toscanini, Edward Elgar, Jean Sibelius and the exiled Napoleon III were amongst its famous guests. What is not generally known is that Oscar Wilde's only novel "The Picture of Dorian Gray" (serialised in Lippincott's Magazine, July 1890) was commissioned by the publisher Joseph Stoddart, over a meal at the hotel.



Portland Place was laid out by the Adam Brothers between 1773 and 1780. Nash's Langham Place fitted perfectly with Portland Place, thereby solving his route problem to Regent's Park. The botanist Sir Joseph Banks moved into No 26 Portland Place in 1776. In 1777 he moved to Soho Square. In 1817 the scientist, Alexander von Humboldt took up residence at No.17. The headquarters of the RAF Benevolent Fund is at No 67 Portland Place.



Admiral Lord Nelson lived at No 5 Cavendish Square in 1787. No 20 in the Square is the former home of H.H. Asquith, the British Prime Minister.

