

POSTAL DIARY

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20th December *(Continued from Vol. 49/3 December 2020)*

MaltaPost issued a media communication that the Sub Post Offices listed below will be closed on Thursday 26th December.

- Fgura Sub Post Office situated at “Happy Kids Stationery”, Triq San Tumas, Fgura, FGR 1608
- Floriana Sub Post Office situated at “Future Focus”, 9, Triq l-Imhazen, Floriana, FRN 1119
- Gharghur Sub Post Office situated at “Aquavel”, Triq San Bartilmew, Gharghur, GHR 1014
- Iklin Sub Post Office situated at “Tronic Peach”, Triq iċ-Ċitru, Iklin IKL 1081
- Kalkara Sub Post Office situated at “Troy DVD Rentals”, Pjazza Arcisqof Gonzi, Kalkara KKR1502
- Gudja Sub Post Office situated at “CND Stationery”, 144, Vjal it-Torri, Gudja GDJ 1704
- Mellieha Sub Post Office situated at 51, Triq Ġorg Borg Olivier, Mellieha MLH 1024
- Msida Sub Post Office situated at “Wigwam Stationery”, Triq il-Qroqq, Msida, MSD 5134
- Qrendi Sub Post Office situated at “Papel Stationery”, 1, Triq is-Salvatur, Qrendi, QRD 1701
- San Pawl tat-Targa Sub Post Office situated at “Zaky’s Stationery”, Triq San Publiju, San Pawl Tat Targa NXR 1421
- San Gwann Sub Post Office situated at “SGS Stationery”, 6, Triq Felic Borg, San Gwann, SGN 2040
- St Paul’s Bay Sub Post Office situated at “Paul’s Arcade” Triq il-Kahli, St Paul’s Bay, SPB 3015
- Tarxien Sub Post Office situated at “Forex Stationery”, 16, Misrah tas-Suq, Tarxien, TXN 1951

23rd December

MaltaPost informed the general public that by agreement with the Malta Communications Authority, all Post Offices will be closed and there will be no collection or delivery of mail on Thursday 26th December 2019 and Thursday 2nd January 2020.

Normal service will resume on Friday 27th December 2019 and Friday 3rd January 2020, respectively.

The second media communication for the day was the release of a Company Announcement dated 20th December, issued pursuant to the Malta Financial Services Authority Listing Rules, whereby it stated that the Board of Directors of MaltaPost had approved the audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30th September 2019 and that these same statements will be submitted for approval at the company's AGM to be held on 26th February 2020.

27th December

MaltaPost today made a number of announcements. In the first one it informed the public that the letterbox situated at Triq il-Qamħ in Żebbuġ, is now back in service. Another notification was that the letterbox situated at Triq Tigne' in Sliema too is now back in service.

In its third media communication for the day, MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at 'Tronic Peach', Triq iċ-Ċitru, Iklin IKL 1081, will be closed on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd January 2020.

On these days, the public was directed to use the postal services provided from the Naxxar Post Office situated in Ċentru Ċiviku, Vjal il-Wieħed u Ghoxrin ta' Settembru, Naxxar NXR1018.

Another notice informed the public that the Sub Post Office at 'Needs Stationery', situated at 1, Triq il-Vajrita, Marsaskala MSK 3306 will remain closed until the 2nd of January 2020.

On these days, Marsaskala residents were advised that if they so wished they may make use of the postal services provided from Żabbar Post Office situated at the Civic Centre, Triq il-Kunvent, Żabbar ŻBR 1351.

In its final media communication for the day, MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Offices listed below will be closed on Thursday 2nd January 2020.

- Fgura Sub Post Office situated at "Happy Kids Stationery", Triq San Tumas, Fgura, FGR 1608
- Floriana Sub Post Office situated at "Future Focus", 9, Triq l-Imhazen, Floriana, FRN 1119
- Gharghur Sub Post Office situated at "Aquavel", Triq San Bartilmew, Gharghur, GHR 1014
- Gudja Sub Post Office situated at "CND Stationery", 144, Vjal it-Torri, Gudja GDJ 1704
- Iklin Sub Post Office situated at 'Tronic Peach', Triq iċ-Ċitru, Iklin IKL 1081

- Marsascala Sub Post Office situated at “Needs Stationery”, 1, Triq Vajrita, Marsascala, MSK 3325
- Mellieha Sub Post Office situated at 51, Triq Ġorg Borg Olivier, Mellieha MLH 1024
- Qrendi Sub Post Office situated at “Papel Stationery”, 1, Triq is-Salvatur, Qrendi, QRD 1701
- San Pawl tat-Targa Sub Post Office situated at “Zaky’s Stationery”, Triq San Publiju, San Pawl Tat-Targa NXR 1421
- St Paul’s Bay Sub Post Office situated at “Paul’s Arcade” Triq il-Kahli, St Paul’s Bay, SPB 3015
- Tarxien Sub Post Office situated at “Forex Stationery”, 16, Misrah tas-Suq, Tarxien, TXN 1951

30th December

MaltaPost informed the general public that by agreement with the Malta Communications Authority, on Tuesday 31st December 2019, the Customer Care Centre at MaltaPost Head Office will close at 13.00.

Normal service will resume on Friday 3rd January 2020.

15th January

On 17th January 2020, MaltaPost was to launch the 2019 Year Pack which includes all stamp sets, in mint condition, issued during that year, namely:

Maritime Malta Series VII - ‘Vessels of the Order’, 70th Anniversary Council of Europe , Europa - ‘National Birds’, 100th Anniversary - Sette Giugno Events 1919 - 2019, Malta At War - ‘The Map Plotters’, Euromed Postal - ‘Traditional Costumes’, 50th Anniversary - Man On The Moon, SEPAC Series - ‘Old Residential Houses’, Maltese Festa Series III, 20th Anniversary of the EMS Cooperative, The Stage Commandos & Popular Entertainers, Birth of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi - 150th Anniversary, Malta - Romania Architecture, Palaces, Apiculture in Malta and Christmas 2019.

The Year Pack is presented in a specially designed folder which besides the stamps also includes all technical details related to all of the 2019 issues.

29th January

Today MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office situated at “Malton”, 7, Triq Censu Scerri, Sliema SLM 3062, will no longer operate as a Sub Post Office as from Friday 31st January.

Residents were invited to use postal services provided from the Sliema Post Offices

situated at 118, Triq Manwel Dimech , Sliema SLM 1055 and 39, Triq Sir Adrian Dingli, Sliema SLM 1902.

In a separate media communication, MaltaPost also informed the public that the Sub Post Office situated at “Future Focus”, 9 Triq l-Imħażen, Floriana FRN 1119, will also no longer operate as a Sub Post Office as from Friday 31st January.

Residents of the locality were invited to use the postal services provided from the Floriana Post Office situated at 4, Triq San Kalcidonju, Floriana FRN1520 as an alternative.

31st January

Today the public was informed that the letterbox situated at Triq San Bartolomew, Hal Għargħur will temporarily be out of service as from Monday 3rd February.

As an alternative, the public was directed to make use of the letterbox situated at Triq Tal-Balal, Hal Għargħur.

04th February

In today’s media communication, MaltaPost informed that the Sub Post Office situated at ‘Electroit Stationery’ in Fredrick Maemple Square, Qormi QRM 1011, will be closed on Saturday 8th February.

On this day the public was advised that as an alternative it may make use of the postal services provided from the Qormi Post Office situated at 343, Triq il-Vitorja, Qormi QRM 2504.

07th February

MaltaPost today informed that the letterbox situated at Triq San Bartolomew, Hal Għargħur, has now been relocated to near the Police Station which is located in the same street. (*Ref. to 31st January entry*)

13th February

Today it was announced that on the 14th February, MaltaPost will issue the second set of stamps from the Old Residential Houses series. This stamp issue consists of four stamps, two of which feature the front and back facades of Villa Francia in Hal Lija, one of an old medieval house situated in the old capital Mdina and the other of Villa Gourgion which is also situated in Hal Lija. Photographs used for the stamps are by Angela Spiteri.

The stamps will be issued in a sheet of ten stamps, with each stamp measuring 44mm x 31mm, having a comb perforation of 14.0 x 13.9 and bearing the Maltese Cross

watermark. The sheets measure 185mm x 114mm and were printed in the offset process by Printex Ltd. The issue consists of 100,000 of the €0.20 stamp, 800,000 of the €0.30 stamp, 200,000 of the €0.59 stamp and 80,000 of the €2.00 stamp.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion hand stamp to cancel the stamps on the first day of issue (on FDC No.1/2020). The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “OLD RESIDENTIAL HOUSES” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST ----- - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The words and issue date “JUM IL-HRUĠ/14-02-20” in straight lines are to be found below an outline image depicting the house entrance shown on the €2.00 value positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp. MaltaPost’s Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Stamp Bulletin numbered as No. 398.



18th February

On this day MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at ‘Step In’, Misraħ ir-Rebħa, il-Birgu BRG 1300, will be closed between Saturday 22nd and Monday 24th February.

During this period, the public was directed to use the postal services provided from the Bormla Post Office at Block No 14, Flat No. 12, Fuq San Pawl, Bormla BML 1910.

In its second media communication for the day, MaltaPost also informed the public that due to the suspension of flights to China (People’s Rep.), the transfer of mail into China has been suspended with immediate effect until further notice.

19th February

MaltaPost reminded the general public that as a result of the emergency associated with the novel coronavirus, partner airlines have been obliged to significantly reduce or cease their air transport capacity into The People’s Republic of China.

As a consequence, MaltaPost was regretfully constrained to temporarily suspend outbound operations of mail items destined to The People’s Republic of China with immediate effect and until further notice.

MaltaPost also informed that mail from The People’s Republic of China arriving into Malta was still being delivered, although delays are being experienced due to the minimal air transport capacity out of China.

21st February

MaltaPost informed the general public that, by agreement with the Malta Communications Authority, on Wednesday 26th February, the last collection of mail from all letterboxes will be carried out at 1:00 p.m. and that the Parcel Office at the MaltaPost Head Office in Marsa will close at 4:00 p.m.

28th February

In its media communication for today, MaltaPost informed that the Sub Post Office at Happy Kids Stationery, Triq San Tumas, Fgura FGR 1608 will stop operations as from Wednesday 1st March.

In the same communication, it also advised Fgura residents that in cases of unsuccessful attempts at delivering postal items that require a signature or do not fit into a letterbox, arrangements have been made for the collection of such items from the Post Office at Ċentru Ċiviku, Pjazza Antoine De Paule, Paola. It was also advised that one may also choose to get the items delivered to a 24/7 Easipik locker.

06th March

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at 'Fleet Stationery', Testaferatta Street, Ta' Xbiex XBX 1402, will be closed on Saturday 7th March.

On this day, the public was advised that if it so wishes it could make use of the postal services provided from the Gzira Post Office situated at 21, Pjazza Meme' Scicluna, Gzira GZR 1120.

To be continued in future editions

AT THIS HOUR, WE STAND TOGETHER.

Protecting the health, safety, and well-being of our members, attendees, and ultimately our country is paramount. Following guidance from the World Health Organization, which on March 11, 2020, elevated the status of novel coronavirus outbreak to a pandemic, and the regulations issued by the Malta Public Health Authorities, serves as the reason for the MPS Committee's decision to suspend all our Society meetings for the first time in our 55-year history. Put simply, postponing further the statutory Annual General Meeting (2021) is the right thing to do during this historic difficult time.

The situation is being actively monitored and we look forward to when health regulations allow that we can all safely be physically meeting together again. Until then, stay safe and indulge in our hobby.