

POSTAL DIARY

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28th June

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at Papel Stationery, 1, Triq is-Salvatur, Qrendi will be temporarily closed on Monday 2nd July.

On this day, customers were advised that if they so wish they could make use of the postal services provided from the following Post Offices:

- Żurrieq Post Office situated in 75, Main Street, Żurrieq, ŻRQ 1317.
- Mqabba Sub Post Office situated in Alessio Old Cottage, 12, Triq il-Paroċċa, L-Imqabba MQB 1511.

2nd July

Today it was announced by MaltaPost that it has been made aware of pop-ups or messages seemingly originating from the company inviting viewers to complete a survey and share personal data in return for a chance to win a free phone or gift card.

The company clarified that MaltaPost does not engage in such practices and such messages are not being issued by MaltaPost. MaltaPost informed its clients that it takes its commitments towards protecting and maintaining the privacy of its customers seriously and recommended that such messages are to be completely ignored.

3rd July

Today MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at Happy Kids Stationery, Triq San Tumas, Il-Fgura FGR 1608 will be temporarily closed on Monday 9th July.

Customers were advised that on this day they may make use of the postal services provided from the following Post Offices:

- Paola Post Office situated in Ċentru Ċiviku, Pjazza Antoine de Paule, Paola PLA 1266;
- Żabbar Post Office situated in Ċentru Ċiviku, Triq il- Kunvent, Żabbar ZBR 1351.

6th July

This year also, MaltaPost will be participating in the EuroMed Postal Union joint philatelic stamp issue, themed ‘Houses in the Mediterranean’ with a set of two stamps. It was announced that this Malta stamps issue will be available as from Monday 9th July. The stamps are based on photographs by David P. Attard.

The €0.20 stamp features a medieval facade typically found in the old capital city of Malta, Mdina. The doors, which were the main security feature of the house, were extremely strong and robust as during those times invasions by bandits and pirates were frequent.

The €0.90 stamp features a townhouse typically found in our towns and villages, and their origin dates back to some 400 years ago. These houses are mainly recognised by their solid wooden front door and louvered wooden front windows. The doors are individually handcrafted with the addition of two large brass doorknobs – known as ‘habbatiet’ in Maltese.

The stamps will be issued in sheets of 10 stamps. Each stamp measures 44mm x 31mm, and has a perforation of 13.9x 14.0 (comb) bearing the Maltese Crosses watermark. The sheets measure 118mm x 185mm. Printex Limited produced the set in offset and the issue consists of 50,000 of the €0.20 stamp and 35,000 of the €0.90 stamp.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamps on the first day of issue (on FDC No.6/2018). The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “EUROMED 2018 – ‘HOUSES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN’” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST ----- MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The words “JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/09-07-18” in straight lines are to be found below an outline image depicting the door shown on the €0.90 stamp positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp. MaltaPost’s Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in the Malta Stamp Bulletin numbered as No. 374.



10th July

To commemorate Malta’s involvement in the iconic World War II operation codenamed “Operation Husky”, MaltaPost informed that on 10th July it will be releasing a set to mark the occasion.

The stamps reproduce photographs showing Commander General Dwight Eisenhower and Air Chief Marshall Sir Arthur Tedder with their comrades in

preparation for Operation Husky. The stamps carry a face value of €1.00 each. The photos depicted are courtesy of Heritage Malta.

The stamps will be issued in sheets of nine stamps with each stamp measuring 35mm x 35mm and having a perforation of 13.75 x 13.75 (comb.), while the sheets measure 135mm x 135mm. The stamps bear the Maltese Crosses watermark. Printex Limited printed the set in the lithographic process. The issue consists of 6667 sheets comprising 60,003 stamps.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamp on the first day of issue (on FDC No.7/2018). The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “75TH ANNIVERSARY 1943 ALLIED INVASION OF SICILY ‘OPERATION HUSKY’” along the outside bordering the ring and “MALTAPOST -----
--- - MALTA ” on the lower inner side of the ring.



The words “JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/10-07-18” in straight lines are to be found below an outline image of a map depicting the Maltese islands and Sicily positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp. MaltaPost’s Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Malta Stamp Bulletin numbered as No. 375.

12th July

MaltaPost informed the general public that on Friday 13th July, by agreement with the Malta Communications Authority, the last collection of mail from all letterboxes will be carried out at 13:00 hrs.

18th July

MaltaPost today informed the public through three separate media communications that:

The Sub Post Office at “AZ Stationery”, Vjal l-Indipendenza, Żurrieq ŻRQ 2339, will be temporarily closed on Monday 23rd July.

On this day, Maltapost informed the public that if it so wishes, it may make use of the postal services provided from the Żurrieq Post Office situated in 75, Main Street, Żurrieq ŻRQ 1317.

The Sub Post Office at ‘Higher Grades’, 93, Triq Kanannea, Attard ATD 2703 will also be temporarily closed between Monday 23rd July and Saturday 28th July.

In this case during this period, the public may wish to use the postal services being provided from the Lija Post Office situated at 2, Triq Mikelang Borġ, Lija LJA 1440.

Finally it was announced that the Sub Post Office at “Step in”, Misrah ir-Rebħa, il-Birgu, BRG 1300 will be temporarily closed on Monday 23rd July.

On this day, the public was advised to use the postal services provided from Bormla Post Office at Block No 14, Flat No. 12, Fuq San Pawl, Bormla BML 1910 as an alternative if it so wishes.

23rd July

The Company announced the resignation of Mr Pierre Montebello, Chief Officer – Information Systems and Strategic Projects, with effect from the 31st August 2018. In the announcement it also declared that there is no matter concerning Mr Montebello that warrants any disclosure.

Furthermore, the Company referred to previous announcements and confirmed the appointment of Ms. Carmen Ellul as Chief Officer – Internal Audit with effect from the 1st September 2018.

In this instant also, the company declared that there is no matter to be disclosed regarding Ms Ellul in terms of Listing Rules 5.20.5 to 5.20.9. The announcement was issued under the signature of the company secretary, Graham A. Faiclough, pursuant to the Malta Financial Services Listing Rules.

25th July

Today MaltaPost issued a media communication in which it informed that on the 27th July it will be participating in a forthcoming stamp issue by SEPAC (Small European Postal Administration Cooperation) themed ‘Spectacular Views’. Through this issue, members of the participating administrations will be showcasing views of landscapes of their respective countries. Malta’s issue will consist of four stamps reproducing the winning photos from a competition that was held last year.

The €0.26 stamp features the church of Saint John the Baptist, commonly known as the Xewkija Rotunda. This Roman Catholic Church in Gozo was built in the 20th century on the site of a previous 17th century church and is reputedly the world’s third highest unsupported dome. Photography by Camille Cassar

The €0.42 stamp features, Għajn Tuffieħa Bay near Manikata village. The bay is located in the northwest coast of Malta and considered as one of the main bathing sites. Photography by Martin Galea

The €0.59 stamp features the Gozo Aqueduct, also known as ‘tal-Ħammimiet’, was built during the British Rule between 1839 and 1843. It covered a distance of two kilometres and supplied fresh water, from the heights of Għar Ilma to Victoria, the main town of Gozo. Photography by Darren Vella

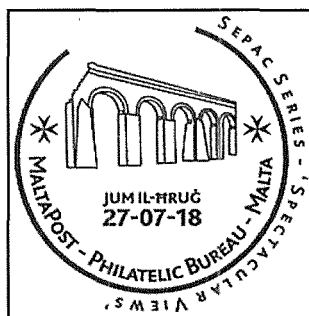
The €1.25 stamp features Dwejra Bay, located in the northwestern end of Gozo. It is well known for its dramatic coastal formation, its shallow inland sea and is a

foremost tourist attraction. Photography by Norbert Juhasz

It was announced that the stamps will be issued in sheets of ten stamps with each stamp measuring 44mm x 31mm, with a perforation of 13.9x 14.0 (comb) and bearing the Maltese Cross watermark. The sheets themselves measure 118mm x 185mm. Printex Limited printed the set in offset. The issue consists of 1,000,000 of the €0.26, 40,000 of the €0.42 stamp, 650,000 of the €0.59 and 30,000 of the €1.25 stamp.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamps on their first day of issue (on FDC No.8/2018).

The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “SEPAC SERIES – ‘SPECTACULAR VIEWS’” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST ----- MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The words “JUM IL-ĦRUG/27-07-18” in straight lines are to be found below an outline image depicting the “Tal-Hammimiet” Acqueduct positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp. MaltaPost’s Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Malta Stamp Bulletin numbered as No. 376.



27th July

Today MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at 51, Triq Ġorg Borg Olivier, Mellieħa, MLĦ 1024 will be temporarily closed between Monday 30th July and Saturday 4th August.

During this period, the public was advised that as an alternative it may make use of the postal services provided from the Mellieħa Post Office situated at 100, Triq il-Miħna l-Ġdida, Mellieħa MLĦ 1107.

02nd August

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Offices at ‘Aquavel’, Triq San Bartilmew, Ġhargħur GHR 1014 and ‘Forex Stationery’, 16, Misraħ tas-Suq, Tarxien TXN 1951 will be temporarily closed on Monday 6th August. During this period, Ġhargħur residents were advised to use the postal services provided from Naxxar Post Office located in the Civic Centre, Vjal il-Wieħed u Ġhoxrin ta’ Settembru, Naxxar NXR 1018 while Tarxien residents could make use of the postal services provided from the Paola Post Office located in the Civic Centre, Pjazza De Paul, Paola, PLA 1266.

08th August

MaltaPost informed the public that the Qormi Sub Post Office situated at 'Electroit Stationery' in Pjazza Fredrick Maempel, Qormi QRM 1011, will be temporarily closed between Thursday 9th August and Saturday 18th August.

During this period, the public could make use of the postal services provided from the Qormi Post Office situated in 343, Triq il-Vitorja, Qormi QRM2504.

In another media communication, MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at 'Many Things' Stationery, Triq il-Knisja il-Qadima, Siġġiewi SGW 1704, will also be temporarily closed between Saturday 11th August and Tuesday 14th August, during which period, the public was advised to make use of the nearest postal services provided from the Żebbuġ Post Office situated at Triq Sciortino, Żebbuġ ŻBG 1962 as an alternative.

In its third and last media communication for the day, MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at 'D Spiral' Stationery, situated at , Triq il-Vitorja, Birkirkara BKR 2691, will be temporarily closed between Monday 13th August and Thursday 16th August, during which period, the public was advised to make use of the postal services provided from Birkirkara Post Office situated at 58, Triq il-Wied, Birkirkara BKR 9013.

10th August

Today MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at 'Papel Stationery', situated at 1, Triq is-Salvatur, Qrendi QRD 1701, will be temporarily closed on Thursday 16th August. On this day, the public could make use of the postal services provided from the nearest alternative, the Żurrieq Post Office situated at 75, Main Street, Żurrieq, ŻRQ 1317.

In another media communication MaltaPost informed that the Sub Post Office situated at Kerċem Local Council, Pjazza Orvieto, Ta Kerċem KCM 1360, will be temporarily closed between Tuesday 14th August and Monday 20th August. The nearest alternative post office which the public could make use of during this period, was the Victoria Post Office situated at 5, Triq Sir Adrian Dingli, Victoria VCT 1441.

In addition to the Kerċem S.P.O., MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at 'CND Stationery', situated at 144, Vjal it-Torri, Gudja GDJ 1704, will be temporarily closed on Thursday 16th August on which day, the public could make use of the postal services provided from the Luqa Post Office situated at 11, Trejqa Dun Ġulju Muscat, Luqa LQA 1450.

11th August

It was announced that on the 14th August, MaltaPost was to issue the second series of stamps depicting titular statues of various churches around Malta and Gozo. This issue will feature the following processional statues: St. Paul in Valletta, St. Peter & St. Paul in Nadur, the Immaculate Conception in Hamrun, Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Mdina, St. Gaetan in Hamrun, St. Julian in St. Julian's, St. Dominic in Valletta, St. Catherine in Zurrieq, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin in Senglea and that of Our Lady of Consolation in Gudja.

The stamps in this second issue in the 'Maltese Festa Series' carry a face value of €0.26 each. They were produced at Printex Ltd by the offset process and the issue consists of 1,000,000 stamps. The issue will be sold in sheets of 10 stamps and each stamp measures 31mm by 44mm with a perforation of 13.9 x 14.0 (comb) bearing the Maltese cross watermark. Each sheet measures 182mm by 115mm.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamps on their first day of issue (on FDC No.9/2018 x2). The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed "MALTESE FESTA SERIES II" along the outside bordering the ring and "* MALTAPOST -----
--- MALTA *" on the lower inner side of the ring. The words "JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/14-08-18" in straight lines are to be found below an outline image depicting a church belfry positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp. MaltaPost's Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Malta Stamp Bulletin numbered as No. 377.



18th August

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at 'L-Għajn Stationery', situated at 100, Triq il-Kbira, Dingli DGL 1837, will be temporarily closed between Monday 20th August and Thursday 23rd August. The public was advised that during this period it may make use of the postal services provided from Rabat Post Office situated at the Civic Centre, Misraħ il-Parroċċa, Rabat RBT 1001.

20th August

In a media communication released today, MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at 'Papel Stationery', situated at 1, Triq is-Salvatur, Qrendi QRD 1701, will be temporarily closed between Saturday 18th August and Saturday 25th August. During this period, the nearest alternative postal services were those provided from the Żurrieq Post Office situated at 75, Main Street, Żurrieq, ŻRQ 1317.

23rd August

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office, “Aquavel”, Triq San Bartilmew, Gharghur, GHR 1014 will be temporarily closed on Monday 27th August. Postal services provided from the Naxxar Post Office situated at the Civic Centre, 21st September Avenue, Naxxar NXR 1018 was indicated as the nearest alternative.

In a customer alert issued by MaltaPost today, it was divulged that MaltaPost had once again recently been notified that pop-ups or messages, seemingly originating from MaltaPost which invite viewers to complete a survey and share personal data in return for a chance to win a prize, were again appearing on Google. MaltaPost reiterated that it does not engage in such practices and such messages are not being issued by MaltaPost. It recommended that such messages are to be completely ignored. MaltaPost informed that it is taking the necessary action and is investigating the matter. A similar communication on the same lines was previously released on 2nd July.

27th August

Today MaltaPost announced that it had opened a new Sub Post Office in Msida. The new Sub Post Office is situated at ‘Wigwam Stationery’, Triq il-Qroqq, Msida MSD 1702 with postal services having started being provided at this new Sub Post Office as from today, Monday 27th August.

It was stated that within this Sub Post Office clients can avail themselves of numerous postal services such as local and international ordinary and registered mail, sale of postage stamps, collection of registered and bulky mail items as well as bill payments and money orders.

The Sub Post Office’s opening hours are as follows:

Monday to Friday from 7.00am-12.00pm and 4.00pm-7.00pm, while on Saturday it will be open from 7.00am-12.00pm

30th August

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at ‘AZ Stationery’, Vjal l-Indipendenza, Żurriq ŻRQ 2339, will be temporarily closed on Monday 3rd September.

On this day, the public may wish to use the postal services provided from Żurriq Post Office situated in 75, Main Street, Żurriq ŻRQ 1317.

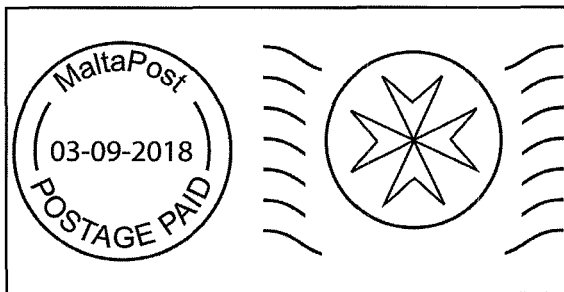
In its second media communication for the day, MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at ‘Step in’, Misraħ ir-Rebħa, il-Birgu BRG 1300, will be temporarily closed between Tuesday 4th September and Tuesday 11th September.

As an alternative, during this period, the public was advised that if it so wishes it could make use the postal services provided from the Bormla Post Office at Block No 14, Flat No. 12, Fuq San Pawl, Bormla BML 1910.

Additionally, in another media communication MaltaPost informed that the Sub Post Office at ‘Marcham Stationery’, 4, Wesgħa Bir id-Deheb, Għaxaq GXQ 1651, will be closed between Monday 3rd September and Wednesday 5th September, during which period the public was advised to make use of the postal services provided from Żejtun Post Office situated at 37, San Luċjan Street, Żejtun, ŻTN 1834

04th September

Today MaltaPost informed the public that as from Monday 10th September, a new cancellation die will start being used on normal letter mail. The die shows the date of cancellation and an image of the Maltese Cross within grunge waves that deface the postage stamp used on letter mail. A pre official use specimen cancellation is illustrated to the right.



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It is to be noted that philatelists have for years been asking that the unsightly wavy line obliterations which were ruining otherwise collectable postage stamps be replaced. The news that finally something has concretely been done to counter this issue and at the same time help to encourage new interest in the hobby was welcomed and very well received. It must be said that the incorporation of the Maltese Cross in the design is also very commendable. Thumbs up to MaltaPost.

In its second media communication for the day, MaltaPost notified that a special hand postmark to commemorate the 100th anniversary since Santa Venera was conferred as a Parish will be used on Tuesday 4th September at the Philatelic Bureau.

The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “SANTA VENERA – MITT SENAPARROĊĊA” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST – MALTA PHILATELIC BUREAU - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “04-09-18” in a straight line is to be found below an outline image depicting a crowned Pax symbol positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp. Philatelists have once again complained that the hand stamp should have been made available for postal use from a postal outlet and not



issued as a purely “philatelic” item from the philatelic bureau.

06th September

MaltaPost informed that it will be participating in a Stamp Fair in Prague on the 7th and 8th September. For this event it was announced that the Philatelic Bureau will be issuing an Occasion Card (Number 51), a Personalised /Cover and Personalised Stamps featuring the exhibition logo. The Occasion Card shows the church of Saint John the Baptist, commonly known as the Xewkija Rotunda and will be available for sale as from Friday 7th September at all Post Offices.



The single severed-ring hand stamp commemorating the event is inscribed “SBERATEL – SAMMLER COLLECTOR - PRAGA 2018” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST – PHILATELIC BUREAU - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “07-08.09.18” in a straight line is to be found below an outline image of the fair logo positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.

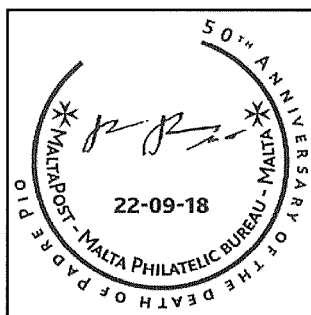
07th September

MaltaPost informed the public that the letterbox situated in Triq Santa Marija, Sliema was now back in service.

18th September

On the 22nd September, MaltaPost will be issuing a miniature sheet bearing a stamp commemorating the 50th anniversary from the death of Padre Pio. The stamp features a painting of the Saint by the Maltese Capuchin monk Patri Krispin Tabone located at the church of Santa Liberata in Kalkara. The stamp carries a face value of €3.00. It was announced that 20,000 miniature sheets will be issued, with the stamp measuring 44.0mm x 31.0mm and having a perforation of 13.9 x 14.0 (comb). The miniature sheet itself measures 120mm x 80mm and was designed by MaltaPost and offset printed on Maltese Crosses watermarked paper by Printex Limited.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamp on the first day of issue (on FDC No.11/2018). The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF PADRE PIO” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST - MALTA PHILATELIC BUREAU - MALTA *”



MALTAPOST ----- - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date of issue “22-09-18” in straight lines are to be found below the signature of Padre Pio positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp. MaltaPost’s Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Malta Stamp Bulletin numbered as No. 378.

For the same occasion MaltaPost announced that it will also be issuing a Limited Edition Silver Replica Stamp depicting the same identical image of the postage stamp. This replica is struck in 999.0 silver and its issue is limited to a maximum of 750 pieces. It will be offered in a presentation box together with an individually numbered certificate of authenticity.

18th September

A Company Announcement issued today by MaltaPost pursuant to the Malta Financial Services Authority Listing Rules notified the resignation of Mr Mark Vella, Chief Commercial Officer with effect from the 4th October 2018. MaltaPost further announced that there is no matter to be disclosed regarding Mr Vella in terms of Listing Rules 5.20.5 to 5.20.9.

28th September

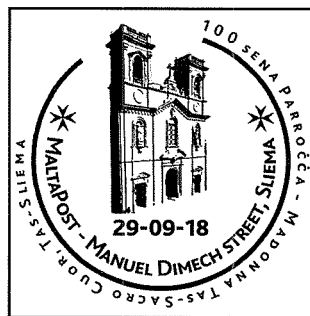
MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at “Malton Stationery”, 7, Triq Censu Xerri, Sliema SLM 3062 will be temporarily closed on Tuesday 2nd October.

As an alternative, customers were advised that if they so wish they may make use of the postal services provided from the following nearest Post Offices:

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

In another communication, MaltaPost announced that it had launched the folder ‘Spectacular views of Europe’ published by SEPAC (Small European Postal Administration Cooperation). This is the ninth folder issued by SEPAC in the series and includes stamps and images from twelve European postal administrations in the group; namely Åland, Faroe Islands, Gibraltar, Greenland, Guernsey, Iceland, Isle of Man, Jersey, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta and Monaco.

The third media communication for the day concerned the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady Of Sacro Cuor parish church in Sliema. MaltaPost notified the public that a special commemorative hand stamp will be used on Saturday 29th September at Manuel



Dimech Street, Sliema Post Office to commemorate the event. The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “100 SENA PARROĊĊA- MADONNA TAS-SACRO CUOR, TAS-SLIEMA” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST – MANUEL DIMECH STREET - SLIEMA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “29-09-18” in a straight line is to be found below an outline image depicting the church facade positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.

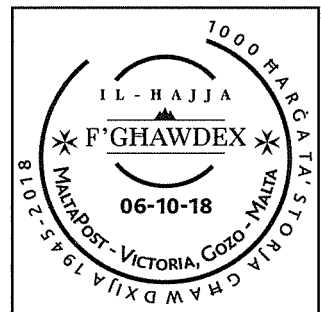
In its final communication for the day, MaltaPost notified the public that a special hand commemorative postmark for the occasion of the coronation of the statue of Our Lady of Sacro Cuor in Sliema, will be used on Saturday 29th September at Manuel Dimech Street, Sliema Post Office. The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “L-INKURUNAZZJONI SOLENNITAL-ISTATWA MADONNA TAS-SACRO CUOR, TAS-SLIEMA” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST – MANUEL DIMECH STREET, SLIEMA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “29-09-18” in a straight line is to be found below an outline image depicting the crown positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.



03rd October

For the occasion of the 1000th issue of the magazine ‘Il-Hajja f’Ghawdex’, MaltaPost notified the public that a special commemorative hand stamp will be issued on Saturday, 6th October at the Victoria Post Office.

The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “1000 HARGA TA’ STORJA GHAWDXIJA 1945 - 2018” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST – VICTORIA, GOZO - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “06-10-18” in a straight line is to be found below an image of the magazine’s logo positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.



The Gozo Philatelic Society in collaboration with Il-Hajja f’ Ghawdex Administration issued a commemorative Post card in a limited edition of 150 cards

MaltaPost also notified that a special hand occasion postmark will be issued on the occasion of the Notte



Bianca being organised in Valletta on Saturday 6th October. This hand stamp will be used at the Malta Postal Museum situated in Archbishop Street, Valletta.

The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “NOTTE BIANCA 2018” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST – MALTA POSTAL MUSEUM - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “06-10-18” in a straight line is to be found below the Notte Bianca logo positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.

05th October

MaltaPost informed the public that the company’s website (including all online data) will not be available to the public on Sunday 7th October between 8:00 and 13:00 due to maintenance and infrastructure upgrade.

09th October

To increase the accessibility of postal services for the general public, MaltaPost announced that it was to open a new Sub Post Office in Qawra. Within this Sub Post Office clients can avail themselves of numerous postal services such as local and international ordinary and registered mail, sale of postage stamps, collection of registered and bulky mail items as well as bill payments and money orders

The new Sub Post Office is situated at ‘Charlie’s Stationery’, Triq il-Qalb ta’ Ġesu, Qawra SPB 1161 and postal services will be available at this new Sub Post Office as from Monday 15th October 2018.

The Sub Post Office’s opening hours are as follows:

Monday to Friday from 8.00am-7.00pm, while on Saturday it will be open from 8.00am-1.00pm

14th October

During Freshers’ week Malta, MaltaPost representatives met students and communicated the important role of the Post Office on Campus and the services it offers. They also explained the use of SendOn a shipping service particularly from those online shops which do not ship to Malta, and Easipik, the convenient parcel lockers for 24/7 online shopping collection. MaltaPost also launched its Club Discount Card during Freshers’ week on Campus that entitles all students to benefit from the best rate of photocopying on campus. MaltaPost also organised a competition in conjunction with the print/copy promotion and students entered the chance of winning HP 250 G6 Notebook PC, Virtu Ferries Vouchers, One4all Gift Vouchers, Brother MFCJ480DW Colour printer/Scanner/Copier and Pizza By Luca meal vouchers. Prizes were awarded on Friday 5th October on Campus

during Freshers' week. The lucky winners are Bernard Manche, Martina Theuma, Elizabeth Cassar, Kylie Mompalao, Maria Camilleri, Michela Baldacchino, Sean Carauna, Elaine Camilleri and Amy Casha. MaltaPost's Post Office on Campus located on the ground floor of the Administration Building, serves students, faculty and staff with a variety of mailing and shipping services as well as a wide range of copying and printing services.

15th October

MaltaPost announced the reprinting of two personalised stamps of €0.37c from the "Occasions" sets in 2010 and 2012. The stamps feature an aerial view of Malta and the belfry of St. John's Co-Cathedral. Both stamps have been re-printed in single se-tenant stamp and will only be available as part of a personalised stamp order. The label attached to the stamps purposely printed for sale to collectors by the philatelic bureau, is personalised with a white MaltaPost logo against a blue-toned background.

The re-print will be available as from Wednesday 17th October.



16th October

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at 'Papel Stationery', situated at 1, Triq is-Salvatur, Qrendi QRD 1701, will be temporarily closed between Friday 19th October and Saturday 20th October.

During this period, the public was advised that it may use the postal services provided from the Żurrieq Post Office situated at 75, Main Street, Żurrieq ŻRQ 1317.

17th October

MaltaPost notified that it will once again be organizing the Maltex Philatelic Exhibition and Collectors' Fair. This will take place between 23rd and 25th October at the Casino Maltese, Valletta. This exhibition, will once again invite a number of enthusiasts and local collectors to display their philatelic items, literature, as well as other collectors' items and memorabilia. This year, the exhibition will be showcasing various collectors' items beyond philately, such as, coins & medals; World War II memorabilia, traditional Maltese bottles and other branded bottles, unique milk bottles caps, and various sports memorabilia. The Fair will be open

between 9.30 hrs. and 16.30 hrs. Entrance will be free of charge. For this special event the Philatelic Bureau will be issuing an Occasion Card (Number 52) and a Personalised Stamp / Cover. The card will be available in mint and cancelled condition as from Tuesday 23rd October from the MaltaPost stand at the Maltex Exhibition and from the Philatelic Bureau. A temporary letter box service will also be provided at the venue during the opening hours of the Exhibition. The cards and mail posted in this letterbox will be cancelled with the Maltex special hand stamp.

The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “MALTEX 18 – MALTA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION AND COLLECTORS’ FAIR” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST – PHILATELIC BUREAU - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The words “JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/23-25.10.18” in straight lines are to be found below the Maltex Logo and venue positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.



19th October

Shopping from Sicily is becoming increasingly popular with Maltese consumers particularly for furniture, appliances, household items and clothing. To facilitate this further, MaltaPost announced a new SendOn service from Sicily to provide all local clients with a convenient delivery service from Sicily at competitive rates. SendOn will be adding a new hub in Catania, Sicily. One can shop for items of any size; from home accessories to heavy furniture from Sicily and have them delivered to one’s preferred address in Malta or Gozo within an average of 5-7 days. MaltaPost has also introduced a pick-up service within its SendOn Sicily brand. In order to benefit from this service, SendOn users would be requested to email their receipt of purchase together with relevant details of the product to sendonsicily@maltapost.com.

22nd October

MaltaPost announced that on the 23rd October, it will issue a set of sixteen stamps featuring different dog breeds. This special collection of stamps pays a tribute to man’s best friend and celebrates the Year of the dog in the Chinese Zodiac. The stamps are reproductions of paintings by the well-known artist Andrew Micallef and each stamp carries a face value of 59c. The set will be issued in sheets of 16 stamps with each stamp measuring 35.0mm x 35.0mm and having perforation of 13.75 x 13.75 (comb). They were offset printed by Printex Ltd on Maltese Cross watermarked paper. The sheet measures 169mm x 169mm. The issue consists of 30,000 sheets.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamp on the first day of issue (on FDC No.12/2018 x4). The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “DOGS” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST ----- - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “23-19-18” in straight lines is to be found below an outline image depicting the boxer breed positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp. MaltaPost’s Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Malta Stamp Bulletin numbered as No. 379.



22nd October

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at ‘Step In’, Misrah ir-Rebħa, il-Birgu BRG 1300, will be temporarily closed between Thursday 25th October and Sunday 4th November. During this period, the public was advised that if it may wish to use the postal services provided from the Bormla Post Office at Block No 14, Flat No. 12, Fuq San Pawl, Bormla BML 1910.

24th October

Pursuant to the Malta Financial Services Authority Listing Rules, MaltaPost issued an announcement stating that the Board of Directors of MaltaPost will be meeting on Monday 17th December 2018 to consider and approve the MaltaPost’s Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September 2018.

29th October

For the occasion of the 19th Gozo Philatelic Society exhibition, MaltaPost notified that a special commemorative hand stamp was to be used on Friday 2nd November at the Victoria Post Office in Gozo, situated at 5, Triq Sir Adrian Dingli, Rabat VCT 1441. The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “GOZO PHILATELIC SOCIETY – 19TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION 2-9 NOVEMBER 2018” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST – VICTORIA, GOZO - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “02-11-18” in a straight line is to be found below the Society’s logo positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.



The exhibition was held at the Gozo Ministry Exhibition Halls in St. Francis Square, Victoria, Gozo between the 2nd and 9th November. Items on show included vintage and modern stamps together with rare postal items.

29th October

For the occasion of the 75th anniversary from the death of Patri Avertan Fenech, MaltaPost notifies the public that a special hand stamp will be issued on Thursday 1st November 2018 at the Rabat Post Office situated at the Civic Centre, Triq Santa Rita, Rabat RBT 1001. The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “75 SENA MILL-MEWT TAL-QADDEJ TA’ ALLA P. AVERTAN FENECH - O. CARM” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST – RABAT - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “01-11-18” in a straight line is to be found below an outline image depicting Fr. A. Fenech positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.



In another media communication, MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at ‘Allstat Stationery’, Lampara Street, Baħar iċ-Ċagħaq NXR 5134, will be temporarily closed between Tuesday 30th October and Saturday 3rd November.

During this period, the public was advised that it may alternatively wish to use the postal services provided from the Naxxar Post Office situated at the Civic Centre, 21st September Avenue, Naxxar NXR 1018.

30th October

MaltaPost informs the public that the Sub Post Office situated at ‘Electroit Stationery’ at Fredrick Meample Square, Qormi QRM 1011, will be closed between Friday 2nd November and Saturday 3rd November.

During this period, the public may use the postal services provided from Qormi Post Office situated at 343, Victory Street, Qormi QRM2504.

01st November

For the occasion of the first congress held in Malta by the Sovereign Order of St John of Jerusalem Knights of Malta, MaltaPost notified the public that a commemorative hand stamp will be issued on Saturday 3rd November at the Valletta Castille Post Office, situated at 1, Annona House, Castille Square, Valletta VLT 1060.

The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “SOVEREIGN ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM – KNIGHTS OF MALTA” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST –



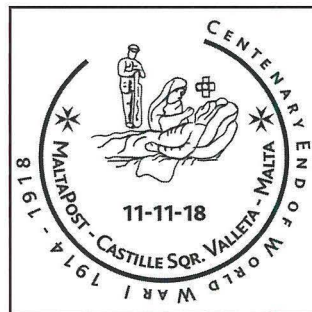
VALLETTA. CASTILLE - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “03-11-18” in a straight line is to be found below an outline image depicting the Order/s crest positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.

02nd November

MaltaPost informed the public that the Letterbox situated at Bon Pastur Street, Balzan will be temporary removed on Monday 5th November. The Letterbox is expected to be once again operational as from Wednesday, 7th November. The nearest Letterbox is situated at Kanizzata Street, Balzan.

06th November

On the centenary of the end of World War I, the 11th November, the Central Bank of Malta and MaltaPost will be issuing a ‘Philatelic Numismatic Cover’ (PNC) consisting of a €5 coin and a €2 postage stamp. The issue date coincides with the actual day and month of the end of the War, as it was on the 11th November 1918 that the Armistice was signed between the Allies and Germany. The coin and stamp will be included in a purposely designed postal cover and the issue is limited to 2,500 covers, which will bear a special cancellation mark of the first day of issue. The single severed-ring hand stamp used is inscribed “CENTENARY END OF WORLD WAR I 1914 - 1918” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST – CASTILLE SQR. VALLETTA - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “11-11-18” in a straight line is to be found below an outline image depicting a nurse tending to a wounded person, being watched by a standing soldier positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.



This is the first official PNC cover to be jointly issued by MaltaPost and the Central Bank of Malta. The price for each cover is €10 inclusive of VAT.

08th November

MaltaPost informed that in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary since the end of World War 1, the Valletta Post Office, situated at 1, Annona House, Castille Square, Valletta VLT 1060 will open on Sunday 11th November 2018 from 9:00 till 13:00. On the day, basic counter services will be available together with the sale of the ‘Philatelic Numismatic Cover’ originally advertised on the 6th.

09th November

On the 16th of November, MaltaPost will issue a set of three stamps featuring three figurines of the Baby Jesus found in churches around Malta and Gozo and

photographed by Mark Micallef Perconte. Christmas in Malta has a strong religious significance and it is customary for households to exhibit figurines of Baby Jesus in a model manger and displayed behind windows or other prominent places around the house. This tradition, together with crib making, has been passed on from one generation to another.

The stamps will be issued in sheets of 10 stamps with each stamp measuring 44mm x 31mm, and a perforation of 13.9x 14.0 (comb.) bearing the Maltese Crosses watermark. The sheets measure 185mm x 115mm. Printex Limited produced the set in offset and the issue consists of 1,000,000 of the €0.26 stamp, 250,000 of the €0.59 stamp and 52,000 of the €0.63 stamp.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamp on the first day of issue (on FDC No.13/2018). The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “CHRISTMAS 2018” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST ----- MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The words “JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/16-11-18” in straight lines are to be found below an outline image depicting the figurine shown on the €0.26 stamp positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp. MaltaPost’s Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Malta Stamp Bulletin numbered as No. 380.



14th November

Recognising the ever-increasing working population when customers are often not at home to receive their online shopping, MaltaPost announced that it is incorporating Easipik lockers into its parcel delivery operations at no extra cost to the consumer.

Easipik by now is a well-established service that gives the user the added convenience of collecting parcels from various locations on a 24/7 basis. Collecting a parcel from one of the sixteen Easipik locker stations puts an end to the time spent queuing at traditional retail offices and gives the user the opportunity to pick-up their online shopping at any time of day or night from various locations around Malta and Gozo. For added security, registered parcels would require the user to verify his or her account once by visiting a local post office with appropriate identification. The lockers are located in the following Post Offices, which are accessible on a 24/7 basis: Birkirkara, Marsa, Mosta, Rabat, San Ġwann, San Pawl il-Baħar, Tas-Sliema, Ғaħ-Żabbar, Paola, Luqa, Floriana, Valletta, Żurrieq, University of Malta, St Julians and Victoria Gozo.

19th November

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at “Malton Stationery”, 7, Triq Censu Xerri, Sliema SLM 3062 will be temporarily closed on Thursday 22nd November.

On this day, customers were advised that if the so wish they may make use of the postal services provided from the following nearest Post Offices:

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

19th November

On the 23rd of November MaltaPost and Kyrgyz Express Post (KEP) will be issuing a joint stamp issue, with the common theme being two UNESCO World Heritage sites. The issue consists of two stamps, one featuring the city of Valletta and the other the Burana Tower in northern Kyrgyzstan.

Valletta, the capital of Malta, is a fortified city built in the 16th century, and is named after its founder, Jean Parisot de Valette, the Grand Master of the Order of St. John. The city is considered an architectural masterpiece and it is believed to be the first city in Europe to be built straight off the drawing board. On the other hand the Burana Tower is a minaret, built by the Karakhanids in the 9th Century. The tower was once part of the extraordinary ancient city of Balasagun, which was the capital of a great empire. The city was overrun by Mongol troops and by the 14th century was left in disrepair.

Valletta was photographed by Paul Mizzi while the Burana Tower was photographed by Ivan Turkovskii.

Each stamp carries a face value of €1.16 and the issue consists of 4,000 sheets, with each sheet consisting of ten stamps each measuring 76mm by 20mm with a perforation of 13.6 x 14.0 (comb.) and Maltese Crosses watermark. Each sheet measures 108 mm x 232 mm.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamp on the first day of issue (on FDC No.14/2018).

The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “JOINT STAMP ISSUE – MALTA - KYRGYZSTAN” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST ----- - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The words “JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/23-11-18” in straight lines are to be found below an outline image depicting the Basilica of Our Lady of Mount Carmel,



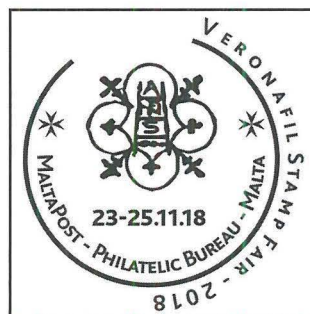
a landmark of the Valletta skyline and Burana Tower positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp. MaltaPost's Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Malta Stamp Bulletin numbered as No. 381.

20th November

MaltaPost will be participating in a Stamp Fair in Verona between the 23rd and 25th of November. For this event, the Philatelic Bureau will issue an Occasion Card, Personalised Stamp/Cover and Personalised Stamps featuring the exhibition logo.

The Occasion Card (Number 53) will be available for sale as from Friday 23rd November at all Post Offices, while orders for the Personalised Stamp / Cover and Personalised Stamps could only be placed online at www.maltaphilately.com or by snail mail from the Philatelic Bureau, MaltaPost 305, Qormi Road, Marsa, MTP 1001.

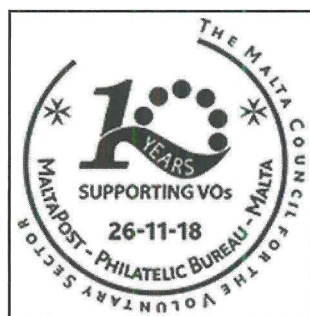
The single severed-ring commemorative hand stamp used for the occasion is inscribed "VERONAFIL STAMP FAIR - 2018" along the outside bordering the ring and "* MALTAPOST - PHILATELIC BUREAU - MALTA *" on the lower inner side of the ring. The date "23-25.11-18" in a straight line is to be found below the Fair's logo positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.



21st November

For the occasion of its 10th anniversary of the Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector, MaltaPost will issue a commemorative hand postmark on Monday the 26th of November from the Philatelic Bureau.

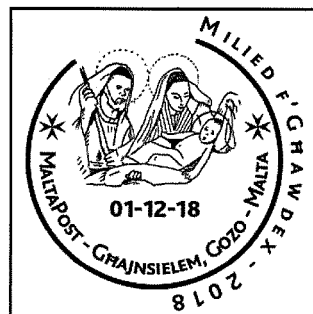
The single severed-ring commemorative hand stamp used for the occasion is inscribed "THE MALTA COUNCIL FOR THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR" along the outside bordering the ring and "* MALTAPOST - PHILATELIC BUREAU - MALTA *" on the lower inner side of the ring. The date "26-11-18" in a straight line is to be found below the tenth anniversary logo which is positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.



29th November

For the occasion of the Christmas events held in Gozo, MaltaPost notifies that a commemorative hand postmark will be used on Saturday, 1st December from Ghajnsielem Post Office situated at J.F. De Chambrai Street, Ghajnsielem GSM 1051.

The single severed-ring commemorative hand stamp used for the occasion is inscribed “MILIED F’GHAWDEX - 2018” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST – GHAJNSIELEM, GOZO - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “01-12-18” in a straight line is to be found below an outline image of the Holy Family positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.



20th December

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office situated at Kerċem Local Council, Pjazza Orvieto, Ta' Kerċem KCM 1360, will be temporarily closed between Friday 21st December 2018 and Monday 7th January 2019.

During this period, the public was advised to make use of the postal services provided from the Victoria Post Office situated at 5, Triq Sir Adrian Dingli, Victoria VCT 1441 as an alternative.

21st December

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office situated at 'Electroit Stationery' at Fredrick Maemple Square, Qormi QRM 1011, will be temporarily closed between Wednesday 26th December 2018 and Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

During this period, the public may use the postal services provided from Qormi Post Office situated at 343, Victory Street, Qormi QRM2504.

Another media communication from 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 Wednesday 26th December 2018 and also on Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

Following the temporary closures, normal service will resume on Thursday 27th December 2018 and Thursday 3rd January 2019, respectively.

The third media communication issued today informed the general public that, by agreement with the Malta Communications Authority, the Parcel Office at the MaltaPost Head Office in Marsa will close at 4:00 p.m. on Monday 24th December 2018, and the last collection of mail from all letterboxes will be carried out at 1:00 p.m.

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office situated at Squire Bookshop, Triq Manuel De Vilhena, Gzira GZR 1016, will no longer operate as a Sub Post Office as from Saturday 22nd December 2018.

Residents were advised to use postal services provided from the Gzira Post Office

situated at 21, Pjazza Meme Scicluna, Gzira GZR 1120.

In the final communication issued, MaltaPost informed the public that the Letterbox situated at Triq San Pawl, Valletta is temporarily closed until further notice. The nearest Letterbox is situated at East Street, Valletta.

24th December

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Offices listed below will be temporarily closed on Wednesday 26th December 2018.

- Attard Sub Post Office situated at ‘Higher Grades’, 93, Triq Kanannea, Attard, ATD 2703
- Dingli Sub Post Office situated at 100, “L-ghajn Stationery”, Triq il-Kbira, Dingli, DGL 1837
- 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-Imħazen, Floriana, FRN 1119
- Gharghur Sub Post Office situated at “Aquavel”, Triq San Bartilmew, Gharghur, GHR 1014
- Ghaxaq Sub Post Office situated at “Marcham Stationery”, 4, Wesgha Bir ir-Deheb, Ghaxaq, GXQ 1651
- Gudja Sub Post Office situated at CND Stationery, 144, Vjal it-Torri, Gudja GDJ 1704
- Marsascala Sub Post Office situated at “Needs Stationery”, 1, Triq Vajrita, Marsascala, MSK 3325
- Msida Sub Post Office situated at “Wigwam Stationery”, Triq il-Qroqq, Msida, MSD 5134
- 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
- St Venera Sub Post Office situated at C@C Stationery, Trejquet Fleur De Lys, St Venera, SVR 1580
- Tarxien Sub Post Office situated at Forex Stationery”, 16, Misraħ tas-Suq, Tarxien, TXN 1951

In a separate media communication, MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office situated at Kerċem Local Council, Pjazza Orvieto, Ta’ Kerċem KCM 1360, will be temporarily closed between Friday 21st December 2018 and Monday 7th January 2019. During this period, the public was advised that it may use the postal services provided from the Victoria Post Office situated at 5, Triq Sir Adrian Dingli, Victoria VCT 1441.

28th December

Today MaltaPost issued a number of media communications, namely:

The public was informed that the Sub Post Office at ‘C@C Stationery’, situated at Trejjet Fleur De Lys, Santa Venera, SVR 1580 will be temporarily closed on Thursday 3rd January 2019.

On this day, the public may wish to use the postal services provided from the Post Office at the Ħamrun Post Office situated at 18, Triq il-Ferrovija, Ħamrun ĦMR 1900.

In the second, MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at ‘Papel Stationery’, situated at 1, Triq is-Salvatur, Qrendi QRD 1701, will be temporarily closed between Monday 31st December 2018 and Monday 7th January 2019.

During this period, the public may use the postal services provided from Żurrieq Post Office situated at 75, Main Street, Żurrieq ŻRQ 1317.

The next one informed the public that, by agreement with the Malta Communications Authority, as from 2nd January 2019, the collection of mail from letterboxes will be held as follows:

Monday to Friday at 17.15hrs (instead of 19.00hrs) while on Saturday at 12.30hrs (instead of 15.00hrs)

Another media communication informed the public that the Sub Post Office situated at the San Lawrenz Local Council, 22A Triq id-Duluri, San Lawrenz SLZ 1261, will be temporarily closed on Monday 31st December 2018.

On this day, the public may use the postal services provided from Victoria Post Office situated at 5, Triq Sir Adrian Dingli, Victoria VCT 1441.

MaltaPost informed the general public that, by agreement with the Malta Communications Authority, on Monday 31st December 2018 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.

The final media communication for the day informed the public that the Malta Communications Authority (MCA) had approved an increase in tariffs on local and foreign registered mail with one delivery attempt. The new tariffs, which will come into place on 1st January 2019, are as follows:

Registration Fee: Local €2.00; Foreign €5.00

Advice of Delivery: Local €2.00; Foreign €2.60

The addressee has the option to collect registered articles from the Easipik parcel locker service free of charge on a 24/7 basis from 17 localities in Malta and Gozo.