

Postal Diary

24th December 2015 – 8th August 2016

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24th December

Today MaltaPost issued Press Releases informing the public of the dates of temporary closure of nine Sub Post Offices during the Christmas period, namely:

• The Sub Post Office situated in “Future Focus”, 9, Triq l-Imħazen, Floriana FRN 1118 will be closed for business on 26th December 2015 and 2nd January 2016. The nearest alternative indicated was the Sub Post Office situated at “C@C” Trejqa tal-Fleur de Lys, Santa Venera SVR 1580.

- The Sub Post Office situated in “Iklin Stationery”, 89, Triq Censu Busuttli, Iklin IKL 1200 will be closed for business on 26th December.
- The Sub Post Office situated in “Midas”, 34, Triq ix-Xatt, Marsaskala MSK 2113 will be closed for business between 28th and 31st December, both days included. Alternative Post Offices indicated were:

Żabbar Post Office - Ċentru Ċiviku, Triq il-Kunvent, Żabbar ZBR 1351

Żejtun Post Office - 37, Triq San Luċjan, Żejtun ZTN 1834

- The Sub Post Office situated in “Papel Stationery”, 1, Triq is-Salvatur, Qrendi QRD 1701 will be closed for business on 26th December 2015 and 2nd January 2016. Alternative postal services provided from the Sub Post Office situated in “Alessio Old Cottage”, 12, Triq il-Parroċċa, Mqabba MQB 1511 were indicated.
- The Sub Post Office situated in “C@C Stationery”, Trejjet Fleur de Lys, Santa Venera SVR 1580 will be closed for business between 2nd and 9th January 2016, both days included. During this period, all postal services including collection of mail items will be available at the Hamrun Post Office situated at 18, Triq il-Ferrovija, Hamrun HMR 1900.
- The Sub Post Office situated at “Fleet Stationery”, Triq Testaferrata, Ta' Xbiex XBX 1402 will be closed for business between 26th and 28th December 2015, and between 31st December 2015 and 2nd January 2016, both days included. The public was advised that as an alternative it may wish to make use of the postal services provided from the Gżira Post Office situated at 21, Pjazza

Meme` Scicluna, Gżira GZR 1120.

- The Sub Post Office situated in “Step in”, Misraħ ir-Rebħa, Birgu BRG 1300 will be closed for business between 31st December and 4th January 2016, both days included. The public could make use the postal services provided from Bormla Post Office situated in Block No 14, Flat No. 12, Fuq San Pawl, Bormla BML 1910 as an alternative.
- The Sub Post Office situated in 6, “Welcome Bazaar”, Misraħ Frenç Abela, Dingli DGL 1081 will be closed for business on 26th December 2015 and 2nd January 2016.
- The Sub Post Office situated in “Happy Kids Stationery”, Triq San Tumas, Fgura FGR 1608 will be closed for business on 26th December 2015 and 2nd January 2016.

In another Press Release, MaltaPost informed the public that due to extensive restoration works at the Auberge d’Italie in Merchants Street Valletta, the letterbox which was situated just outside the building was closed. A temporary replacement letterbox was placed a few metres away from the original one.

30th December

During the Christmas period MaltaPost supported the Malta Community Chest Fund through its participation in some of the latter’s fundraising initiatives. The sale of the popular recipe book “*Tisjir mill-Qalb*” from its retail network and delivery of hundreds of copies of the book ordered online to households is one example. MaltaPost also supported the “*Istrina*” national fundraising event during the twelve-hour fundraising marathon organised at the Cottonera Sports Complex by donating the sum of €8,000. On a more personal note, it is to be mentioned that a good number of its staff volunteered to give a helping hand by offering their time to answer telephone calls and take donation pledges during the same marathon.

8th January

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at 51, Triq Ġorg Borg Olivier, Mellieħa MLH 1024 will be temporarily closed for business between 11th and 14th January, both days included. The public was advised that it may avail itself of postal services provided from the Mellieħa Post Office situated in 100, Triq il-Miħna l-Ġdida, Mellieħa MLH 1107.

9th January

Around four hundred years ago communities in the locality of Żejtun started to expand rapidly. This growth shortly led to the event which saw the birth of Żabbar

as a separate parish and the title of Matrix being conferred on that of Żejtun. At the time of this separation these communities were under the auspices of St. Gregory's Church, which now mostly evokes to mind the pilgrimage of St. Gregory held annually on the first Wednesday after Easter.

To mark this fourth centenary, both villages held a highly publicised joint philatelic initiative through the Żejtun Philatelic Group and the Żabbar parish, which took form in the issue of a set of two commemorative cards and correlated personalized stamps. The cards and labels of the personalized stamps feature paintings of St. Gregory's Church in Żejtun and the church of Our Lady of Graces in Żabbar. The cards and personalized stamps could be obtained by the public either from the Żejtun Local Council or from Żabbar Parish Church.

Today MaltaPost released an unannounced commemorative postmark at the Victoria Gozo Post Office. The double-ring hand stamp was inscribed “*MALTAPOST * VICTORIA, GOZO - MALTA 09-01-16” in the outer ring, and “MALTESE EMIGRANTS' INCIDENT / 1916 – 2016” in the inner ring, encircling an outline image of a Maltese Cross superimposed by a cross at the ends and center of which lie seven-pointed stars, mimicking the Canberra Stampshow 2016 logo.



The Gozo Philatelic Society (GPS) and the Philatelic Society of Canberra Inc. (Australia) jointly also commemorated this first centenary of the 1916 Maltese Emigrants' Incident. This was achieved through the issue of a set of two (attached) limited edition cards of 100 each and personalized occasion stamps as mementos. The GPS version titled “L-EWWEL KARTOLINA INTERNAZZJONALI MILL-GOZO PHILATELIC SOCIETY” includes the Gozo card on top and the Canberra card at the bottom. The Canberra card version titled “INTERNATIONAL JOINT ISSUE – CANBERRA & GOZO PHILATELIC SOCIETIES” has the Canberra card on top and the Gozo card at the bottom. The local half was issued on 9th January 2016, the day of the GPS AGM when a related exhibit was inaugurated at Il-Ħaġar museum in Victoria. The issue of the Australian card will take place during the Canberra Stampshow 2016 Exhibition to be held in March. The incident is one of the two themes chosen for the nineteenth Biennial National Convention staged by the Philatelic Society of Canberra. The cards, labels of the personalised stamps and occasion hand stamps were designed by Mr. Anthony Grech.

14th January

MaltaPost announced the winners of its student competition held during the University of Malta Freshers' Week 2015.

The lucky winners are Adreana Zammit, James Farrugia and Matthew Borg. Ms Zammit won the HP ElitePad 900 which was kindly presented to her by Adrian Dalli from Kinetix. Mr Farrugia was awarded a €100 SendOn voucher while Mr Borg won a €50 SendOn voucher. The gifts were awarded during an event which was held at the Post Office on Campus.

The competition was organised in conjunction with a print/copy promotion offered solely at the Post Office at the University of Malta Campus during the 2015 academic year. For the third consecutive year, MaltaPost invited students to sign up to the MaltaPost Campus Club to benefit from special rates and offers from the Post Office on Campus. Registrants automatically also signed up to MaltaPost's forwarding service - SendOn.

15th January

Today MaltaPost issued a Company Announcement with regards to the approval of Ordinary Resolutions at the Annual General Meeting.

The Company's *Preliminary Statement of Annual Results 2015* shows that revenue from philately has increased from €434,000 in 2014 to €484,000 in 2015; showing a slight increase of 0.053% in its contribution towards total revenue generated by the company. In 2015 philately accounted for 1.9% of total revenue.

20th January

Today MaltaPost announced its issue of the third set in the Maltese Flora series on Friday 22nd January.

As in the previous two issues in the series, the set consists of three stamps bearing a face value of €0.26, €0.59 and €1.16. They respectively depict the Branched Asphodel (Maltese: Berwieq), the Common Pyramidal Orchid (Maltese: Orkida Piramidali) and the Maltese Spider Orchid (Maltese: Brimba Sewda ta' Malta).



The Branched Asphodel is a very common plant which grows in garigues and rocky grasslands, flowering mainly from January till April. The Common Pyramidal Orchid is the commonest orchid in the Maltese Islands and it too is found mainly in garigues and rocky pastures. It flowers in late April and in May. The Maltese Spider Orchid is a scarce orchid of garigues, scrublands and dry rocky pastures

and flowers mainly during the months of March and April.

Examples of these flowers lifted from photographs taken by Guido Bonett form the basis of the stamp designs. The stamps were printed in offset by Printex Ltd. on Maltese Crosses watermarked paper, with each stamp measuring 20.0mm x 38.0mm and having a comb perforation of 13.6 x 14.0. The print run consists of 2,520,000 of the €0.26 stamp, 630,000 of the €0.59 stamp and 90,000 of the €1.16 stamp. The sheets of ten, which are made up of two rows of five stamps with an illustration tab on the right-hand side, overall measure 154mm x 110mm.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamps on the first day of issue (on FDC No.1/2016).

The single-ring hand stamp was inscribed “JUM IL-ĦRUG/22-01-16” in the centre, with “* MALTAPOST ----- - MALTA *” bordering the ring on the inner side; while the words “MALTESE FLORA – SERIES III” border the outside of the ring at the right hand side. A line drawing of the Maltese Spider Orchid is to be found depicted in between the Maltese Crosses and overlapping the ring. The MaltaPost Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Stamp Bulletin No. 342.

In its second Press Release for the day, pursuant to the Malta Financial Services Authority Listing Rules, MaltaPost issued a Company announcement with regards to the appointment of Mr. Ronald Bonnici as Chief Officer of the Company as from 1st February 2016. His duties will be related mainly to the Human Resources of the Company. The announcement bore the signature of Mr. Graham A. Fairclough, Company Secretary.

21st January

MaltaPost informed the general public that by agreement with the Malta Communications Authority, the Parcel Office at the MaltaPost Head Office in Marsa will be open between 08.00 and 16.00 on Friday 22nd January, and that the last collection of mail from all letter boxes will be carried out at 13.00.

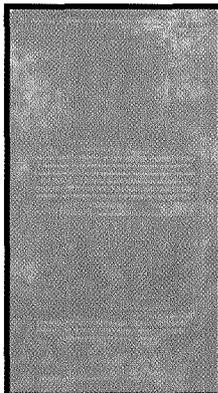
28th January

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at “Midas”, 34, Triq ix-Xatt, Marsaskala MSK 2113 will be temporarily closed for business on Saturday 30th January. The public was advised that it may avail itself of postal services provided from the following alternative Postal Outlets:

- Post Office - Ċentru Ċiviku, Triq il-Kunvent, Żabbar ZBR 1351
- Post Office - 37, Triq San Luċjan, Żejtun ZTN 1834

1st February

The Hon. Prime Minister of Malta, Dr. Joseph Muscat, unveiled a plaque at the Upper Barrakka Gardens, Valletta to commemorate the Malta Conference of 1945 and the Malta Summit of 1989 – two events which foreshadowed the start of and the end of the Cold War. The plaque is inspired by two stamps previously issued by Malta. The first stamp featured on the plaque, issued on 28th January, 2015 (JB 1829), features US President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. Both visited Malta in 1945 for preliminary meetings prior to their encounter with USSR Premier Josef Stalin at the Yalta Conference. The discussions were centred on Europe's reorganisation following the end of World War II.



The second stamp depicted on the plaque, issued on 2nd December, 1989 (JB 820), commemorates the meeting between US President George H. W. Bush and USSR Premier Mikhail Gorbachev which was held in Malta in 1989, weeks after the fall of the Berlin Wall. This meeting marked the end of the Cold War.

In his short address, the Hon. Prime Minister of Malta stated that “Stamps, as featured on this plaque, keep history alive and we as Maltese are proud to have been instrumental in bringing these nations together.”

The plaque is the work of sculptor Joseph Chetcuti from the Funderija Artistika Chetcuti.

5th February

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at “Paul’s Arcade”, Triq il-Kaħli, St.Paul’s Bay SPB 3015 will be closed for business between the 8th and 11th February, both days included. The public was advised that it may avail itself of postal services provided from the Post Office situated at 511, St.Paul’s Street, St.Paul’s Bay SPB 3416.

9th February

MaltaPost announced that the proceeds from an initiative it took during the Christmas period through which it promoted the ‘Letter from Santa’, were donated to the Inspire Foundation, an organisation which helps people with disabilities. The initiative encouraged parents, grandparents and guardians to help their children write and send a letter to Santa Claus. In return, against a minimal charge, the children received a personalised letter from “Santa Claus” himself.

26th February

MaltaPost informed the public, particularly its clients residing in St. Julian's and Pembroke, that the St. Julian's Post Office will as from Monday 29th February 2016 open every Saturday morning.

The new opening hours of St. Julians Post Office will be from Monday to Friday - 8.00am - 1.30pm and Saturday - 8.00am - 12.30pm

The Post Office is located at the centre of Paceville next to the Lombard Bank Malta premises. All postal services including collection of mail items, philately and numismatic products, encashment of Central Bank of Malta cheques, local and international money transfers, as well as a selection of postcards are available at this Post Office.

4th March

Eleven Excellence awards were presented to MaltaPost staff members in recognition for their hard work and outstanding performance in 2015 during the Company's Annual Staff meeting

The awards were presented by MaltaPost's chairman Mr Joseph Said together with MaltaPost's Chief Executive Officer Joseph Gafa', who congratulated the winners whilst thanking all the Company's staff for their hard work throughout 2015.

The awards presented were as follows:

Employee of the year award 2015 - Sean Zammit

Operational Awards:

Best Employee Delivery - John Borg

Best Employee Central Mail Room - Best CMR Team: Carol Portelli, Noah Galea Xuereb, Sean Briffa

Best Employee Courier - Alan Zammit

Remarkable Achievement Award - Document Management Section, Human Resources

Best Postal Area Group - Qormi Hub

Sales Awards:

Best Post Office - Qawra Branch

Best Employee Sales - Pierre Camilleri

Administration Awards:

Best Employee Administration - Alexander Sammut

Other Awards:

Best Corporate Social Responsibility Award - San Ġwann Hub

Long Service Award - Brian Sciriha, Stefan Micallef, Francis Chetcuti, Colin Mangion,

Silvio Debono, Paul Massa, Rose Abela, Joseph Briffa

7th March

MaltaPost informed the public that the letterbox situated in Triq Luret Cutajar, Ħaż-Żebbug was permanently relocated to Triq is-Sigġiewi in the same locality.

17th March

It was announced that on the 24th March MaltaPost will be issuing *The Grandmasters' Collection*, initially publicized by the Philatelic Bureau on 24th August 2015, the design of which replicates in pure silver foil the Grand Masters' postage stamps' set that was released in 2014. Although intended as a philatelic issue, it was reiterated by MaltaPost in its Media Communication that the silver foil "stamps", each bearing a face value of €14.15, may be used for postage. The issue is only available as a full collection and is limited to just 650 sets. It is housed in a presentation box with each silver foil stamp in a capsule, together with a complete set of the 2014 postage stamp issue plus an additional silver foil image of an antique map of the Maltese Islands. The collection also includes a magnifying glass and a special publication giving a profile of each grandmaster that served in Malta.

MaltaPost reserved the right to limit/reduce order quantities so as to satisfy the largest number of clients possible.

24th March

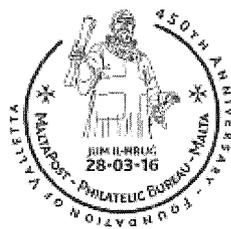
MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at "Future Focus", 9, Triq l-Imħażen, Floriana FRN 1118 will be closed for business on Saturday, 26th March. The public was advised that as an alternative it may avail itself of postal services provided from the Sub Post Office at "C@C" Trejqa tal-Fleur de Lys, Santa Venera SVR 1580.

In its second Media Communication for the day, MaltaPost announced that on 28th March it will be commemorating the 450th Anniversary of the foundation of Valletta with the release of a miniature sheet bearing one stamp and depicting Grand Master Jean Parisot de la Valette together with a period map of the city of Valletta.

Conscious of the dangers to which the Order had been exposed during the Great

Siege of 1565, Grand Master de la Valette ordered that a new fortified city be built on a hill called Sheb-ir-ras. The Grand Master laid the city's first stone on 28th March 1566 with the new city being named "Valletta" in his honour.

The sheet which was designed by Sean Cini of MaltaPost, measures 123mm x 80mm and was printed by Printex Limited in offset on paper bearing the Maltese Crosses watermark with a print run consisting of 25,000 sheets. The stamp, which measures 35mm x 35mm with a perforation of 13.75 x 13.75 (comb.), bears a face value of €4.25.



MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamps on the first day of issue (on FDC No.2/2016).

The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed "450TH ANNIVERSARY – FOUNDATION OF VALLETTA" along the outside bordering the ring, and "* MALTAPOST ----- - MALTA *" bordering the ring on the lower inner side. An outline drawing of the figure of La Valette is positioned at the centre of the handstamp, beneath which one finds the words noting the date of issue "JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/28-03-16" in straight lines. The MaltaPost Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Stamp Bulletin No. 344.

30th March

MaltaPost notified that a commemorative handstamp to mark the 450th anniversary of the birth of Santa Marija Maddalena de' Pazzi will be issued on Saturday 2nd April.

The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed "450 SENA MIT-TWELID TA' SANTA MARIJA MADDALENA DE' PAZZI (1566 – 1607)" along the outside bordering the ring, and "* MALTAPOST – PHILATELIC BUREAU - MALTA *" bordering the ring on the lower inner side. The words "450/ANNIVERSARJU" flank an outline drawing of the saint positioned at the centre of the handstamp beneath which was placed the issue date in a straight line "02-04-16". This handstamp was not in use as an operational marking but is purely a "philatelic" product in nature, impressions of which could be ordered from the philatelic bureau.



7th April

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at 51, Triq Ġorg Borg Olivier, Mellieħa MLH 1024 will be closed for business between the 9th and the 11th April, both days included. The public was advised that it may avail itself of postal services

provided from the Post Office at 100, Triq il-Mithna l-Ġdida, Mellieħa MLH 1107.

12th April

MaltaPost informed the public that in its effort to continue to increase the number of parcel collection points in order to offer added convenience and flexibility to customers, as from 18th April clients who are not found at home to receive postal items that require a signature or ċo not fit into their letterbox will be able to conveniently pick up such mail items from an additional four Sub Post Offices to those already offering this service. The Sub Post Offices joining the list are those in Gudja, Mqabba, Qrendi and Tarxien, namely:

“CND Stationery”, 144, Vjal it Torri, GUDJA GDJ 1704

12, “Alessio’s Old Cottage”, Parish Street, MQABBA, MQB 1511

“Papel Stationery”, Triq is-Salvatur, QRENDI QRD 1701

16, “Forex”, Market Square, TARXIEN, TXN 1951

Customers living in these and other localities may now choose to transfer any mail items that would have been previously undelivered to one of these Sub Post Offices.

MaltaPost reminded customers that each Sub Post Office has its own opening hours, details of which are available on-line at www.maltapost.com/outlets.

13th April

In a Media Communication issued today it was announced that on 15th April, MaltaPost will join other postal administrations to mark initiatives by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), which, since 1961 has sought to conserve wildlife by engaging science and working closely with local communities. This was being done through the release of a “philatelic” miniature sheet bearing four stamps and themed “Endangered Species”



The issue illustrates the Shearwater, a bird that is commonly seen along the Maltese shores. The generic term ‘Shearwater’ describes the birds’ habit of gliding on stiff wings along the troughs of waves. The sheet was designed in-house by MaltaPost based on photography by Fran Trabalon. The four different stamps comprised in the sheet, which overall measures 120mm x 80mm, each bear a face value of €0.75, and have a comb perforation of 13.75 x 13.75. Each stamp measures 35mm x 35mm. Printex Limited printed the sheet in offset on Maltese Cross watermarked paper. The issue consists of 25,200 sheets.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamps on the first day of issue (on FDC No.3/2016). The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed “WWF – ENDANGERED SPECIES” bordering on the outside of the ring at the right, and “* MALTAPOST ----- - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The words “JUM IL-ĦRUGĠ/15-04-16” below an outline drawing of a shearwater are positioned at the centre of the handstamp.

The MaltaPost Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Stamp Bulletin No. 345. An article in the on-line version of *The Times of Malta* of the 14th April reported that the set has been praised by the CEO of BirdLife Malta Mark Sultana, though he was disappointed with errors in the finer details of the explanatory literature released by MaltaPost. Mr. Sultana is reported to have pointed out that “Shearwater” is not a “species” and that the bird depicted on the stamps is not a “Ciefa” (Scopoli’s Shearwater) as stated, but a “Garnija” (Yelkouan Shearwater).

21st April

On the occasion of the 275th anniversary from the arrival of the titular statue of Saint George in the Parish of Qormi, MaltaPost notified that on Saturday 23rd April a commemorative postmark will be in use at the Qormi Post Office.

The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed “275 SENA MILL – WASLA TAL – ISTATWA TITULARI TA’ SAN ĠORĠ MARTRI” along the outside bordering the ring, and “* MALTAPOST - QORMI - MALTA *” bordering the ring on the lower inner side. The years “1741 - 2016” flank an outline rendition of the statue’s head, positioned at the centre of the handstamp, beneath which was placed the commemorative date in a straight line “23-04-16”.



29th April

MaltaPost informed that the Sub Post Office at Tunny Net Souvenir Shop in Triq il-Marfa, Mellieħa MLH 1107, will be re-opening for business as from Sunday 1st May. The Sub Post Office had been temporarily closed as of 31st October, 2015.

4th May

Today MaltaPost announced its issue of this year’s set in the Europa series on the 9th May.

Once again, this year’s set comprises two stamps, one bearing a face value of €0.59 and the other €2.19. The €0.59 stamp, which intends to highlight the fact

that ensuring a cleaner planet is a common responsibility of all, was designed by Doxias Sergidou of Cyprus Post and was chosen from among twenty-four other designs in a competition organized by PostEurop. The €2.19 stamp was designed in-house by MaltaPost’s designer Sean Cini, and complements the idea of his Cypriot counterpart in that the stamp aims to convey this message in a Maltese context, highlighting the importance of engendering a “green mentality”. The stamp sheets of both values measure 158mm x 150mm and each bears eleven stamps, with the top row of the four rows in each sheet containing a label bearing both the MaltaPost and the Europa 2016 logos. Each stamp measures 44.0mm x 31.0mm and has a comb perforation of 13.9 x 14.0. Printex Ltd has printed the stamps in offset on Maltese Crosses watermarked paper while the issue consists of 52,800 stamps of the €0.59 and 35,200 of the €2.19 stamp values. The €0.59 value stamp was also issued as a minisheet made up of five stamps in two rows of three in booklet format (N^o. 21), with the first position in the sheet being taken up by the “Think Green” label.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamps on the first day of issue (on FDC No.4/2016). The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed “EUROPA – THINK GREEN” bordering on the outside of the ring at the right, and “* MALTAPOST ----- - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The words “JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/09-05-16” in straight lines below an outline rendition of the Ta’ Kola windmill are positioned at the centre of the handstamp with the upper section of the design overlapping the ring at the top. The MaltaPost Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Stamp Bulletin No. 346.

5th May

Today MaltaPost notified its use of an occasion postmark in remembrance of San Ġorġ Preca on Friday 6th May at the Victoria Post Office in Gozo. The occasion for the issue was the unveiling of a life-size bronze statue, the work of artist Manwel Farrugia, installed in a niche on the façade of St. James Church in Independence Square, Victoria.



The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed “GĦAWDEX IFAKKAR LILL DUN ĠORĠ – KNISJA SAN ĠAKBU” along the outside bordering the ring, and “* MALTAPOST - VICTORIA – GOZO – MALTA *” bordering the ring on the lower inner side. The words “JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/05-05-16” in straight lines below an outline image of Saint George holding baby Jesus in his left arm, emulating the statue, next to the three hills symbolizing Gozo are positioned at the centre of the handstamp.

9th May

Today MaltaPost announced that between 12th and 14th May it will be participating in the annual German Stamp Fair held in Essen. For the event the Philatelic Bureau will issue an Occasion Card (N^o. 41) portraying the Branched Asphodel, a flower found in the Maltese Islands, from the stamp issue “Maltese Flora” that was released earlier this year. The Philatelic Bureau informed that the Occasion Card will be available for sale in mint and cancelled condition as from Thursday 12th May.



In addition, MaltaPost will also issue a Personalised Stamp/Cover and Personalised Stamps featuring the Essen stamp exhibition logo.

To complement the philatelic items, an occasion postmark will also be in use. The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed “PHILATELIC EXHIBITION – ESSEN 2016” along the outside bordering the ring, and “* MALTAPOST – PHILATELIC BUREAU – MALTA *” bordering the ring on the lower inner side. The words “JUM IL-ĦRUGĠ/12-14.05.16” below the Essen 2016 logo are found positioned in straight lines at the centre of the handstamp.

10th May

Pursuant to the Malta Financial Services Authority Listing Rules, MaltaPost issued an announcement under the signature of the company’s secretary Graham G. Fairclough stating that “At a meeting of the Board of Directors of MaltaPost p.l.c. held on 10 May 2016, the Board approved the attached Unaudited Condensed Interim Financial Statements for the six month period ended 31 March 2016.

These Unaudited Interim Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2016, are available for viewing and download from the Company’s website www.maltapost.com”

In the review on performance it is stated that MaltaPost registered a profit before tax of €1.7 million for the six months ended 31 March 2016 (2015: €2.5 million). The results for this half-year are in line with projections as one-off items recorded in the six months ending March 2015 were not repeated in the period under review.

20th May

MaltaPost announced that in collaboration with Russian Post, both postal administrations will be marking their respective countries’ long-standing relations by the release of a joint stamp issue on the 24th May. The common theme chosen for this stamp issue relates to two paintings by Russian artist Nicholas Krassnoff, which



respectively portray the view of the Birgu Waterfront in Malta and the Dulber Palace in Crimea. Born in 1869, Nicholas Krasnoff was a painter, an architect and an author of many Yalta cultural objects. In the period 1920-1922 he lived in Malta, where he took up watercolour painting and graphic art.

The set was designed by Marka, Russian Post. The stamp sheets measure 158mm x 166mm and each bear ten stamps, five showing the Malta and five the Russian scene in an alternating sequence. The top and bottom row of the three rows making up each sheet also include a label. Each stamp measures 31.0mm x 44.0mm and has a comb perforation of 13.9 x 14.0. Printex Ltd has printed the stamps in offset on Maltese Crosses watermarked paper with the issue consisting of a total of 85,000 stamps, each with a face value of €1.00.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamps on the first day of issue (on FDC No.5/2016). The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed “Malta – Russia Joint Stamp Issue” bordering on the outside of the ring at the right, and “* MALTAPOST ----- - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The words “JUM IL-ĦRUG/24-05-16” in straight lines below an outline rendition of a brush and palette are positioned at the centre of the handstamp with the upper section of the design overlapping the ring at the top. The MaltaPost Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Stamp Bulletin No. 347.

26th May

Today MaltaPost released two Media Communications. In the first it informed the public that the Sub Post Office at “Papel Stationery”, 1, Triq is-Salvatur, Qrendi QRD 1701 will be temporarily closed for business on Wednesday 1st June. The public was advised that it may avail itself of postal services provided from the following alternative Postal Outlets:

Post Office - 8, Triq Santa Katerina, Żurrieq ŻRQ 1088

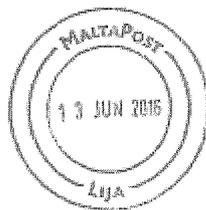
Sub Post Office – “Alessio Old Cottage”, 12, Triq il-Parroċċa, Mqabba MQB 1511

The second communication informed the public that the Sub Post Office at “Alessio Old Cottage”, 12, Triq il-Parroċċa, Mqabba MQB 1511 will also be temporarily closed between 31st May and 9th June, both days included. During this period customers residing in Mqabba were requested to collect their mail items from the Żurrieq Post Office.

It is to be noted that an oversight must have been made in the first communication when the Mqabba Sub Post Office was proposed as an alternative, this being closed on the day in question (1st June) as announced in the second communication.

10th June

MaltaPost announced the opening of a new Post Office situated at 2, Triq Mikelanġ Borg, Hal Lija LJA 1440 (ex-Garfield Stationery). This Post Office shall replace the one which was situated at 153, MTP Branch, Triq il-Kbira, Balzan BZN 1000.

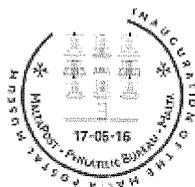


The Post Office will be open as from 13th June and shall offer all postal services including collection of mail items, insurance of mail, selling of philatelic products, bill payments, encashment of social security cheques, One4All Gift Vouchers and international money transfers. This Post Office is located in the centre of Hal Lija and will particularly serve residents in Hal Lija and Hal Balzan. The new Post Office in Hal Lija will be open from Monday to Saturday between 7.30 am and 12.45 pm.

A double ring postmark with “MALTAPOST” and “LIJA” separated by single line spacers in between the rings, and the date in a straight line in the centre of the inner ring, is being used to cancel frankings. The postmark is applied by means of a self-inking rubber date handstamp.

15th June

For the occasion of the inauguration of the Malta Postal Museum MaltaPost notified that it will be issuing an occasion handstamp, impressions of which could be ordered from the philatelic bureau.



The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed “INAUGURATION OF THE MALTA POSTAL MUSEUM” along the outside bordering the ring, and “* MALTAPOST – PHILATELIC BUREAU - MALTA *” bordering the ring on the lower inner side. At the centre of the handstamp is an outline drawing of the façade of the building housing the museum, beneath which was placed the issue date in a straight line “17-06-16”. This handstamp was not in use as an operational marking but is purely a “philatelic” product in nature.

16th June

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at “Alessio Old Cottage”, 12, Triq il-Paroċċa, Imqabba MQB 1511 will be temporarily closed on 17th and 18th June afternoon and full day on 20th June. The public was advised that as an alternative it may avail itself of postal services provided from the Post Office at 8 St.Catherine Street, Żurrieq, ŻRQ 1088.

17th June

Today MaltaPost announced that its issue of the seventh set in the SEPAC series will take place on Tuesday 21st June. This year's theme for the SEPAC collection is "Seasons", and the participating member postal administrations will be presenting stamps which illustrate scenery from their country during different times of the year.



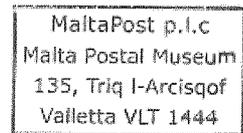
Malta's set consists of four stamps bearing face values of €0.26, €0.51, €0.59 and €2.00. Spring is represented by the €0.26 stamp and illustrates a woman dressed in a Maltese folk costume against the background of Gozo's "Cittadella". Summer is represented on the €0.51 value with an illustration of "Għajn Tuffieħa", a sandy beach located on the northwest coast of Malta, while autumn is shown on the €0.59 stamp which features a young lady at Buskett Wood with "Verdala Palace" in the background. The €2.00 depicts winter, featuring "Ghar id-Dud" in Sliema on a cold stormy day. The €0.59 value bears the official SEPAC logo and will be included in the joint folder to be issued by all SEPAC members.

The stamps were designed by Tony Calleja. Each stamp measures 31.0mm x 44.0mm and has a comb perforation of 13.9 x 14.0. Overall, the Maltese Crosses watermarked sheets measure 185mm x 118mm with each containing ten stamps. Printex Limited printed the stamps through the offset process and the issue consists of 1,400,000 of the €0.26 stamp, 130,000 of the €0.51 stamp, 700,000 of the €0.59 stamp and 90,000 of the €2.00 stamp.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamps on the first day of issue (on FDC No.6/2016). The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed "SEPAC SERIES – "SEASONS"" bordering on the outside of the ring at the right, and " * MALTAPOST ----- - MALTA *" on the lower inner side of the ring. The words "JUM IL-HRUG/21-06-16" in straight lines below an outline design depicting a flower, the sun, a leaf and a cloud representing the four seasons are positioned at the centre of the handstamp. MaltaPost's Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Stamp Bulletin No. 348.

20th June

In a Media Communication released by MaltaPost today, it announced that on 17th June, the Malta Postal Museum was officially inaugurated by H.E. Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Malta.



This new heritage attraction is housed in a restored townhouse at 135, Archbishop Street, Valletta VLT 1444 and includes items of postal history within a display of

documents and artefacts.

This investment is supported by EU funding and ensures that the museum is equipped to offer visitors a comprehensive, informative and enjoyable experience for all the family. The dedicated kids' area on the upper floor welcomes children to 'play' the postman, watch an educational audio visual or design artwork for their own stamps. An engaging programme for schools linked to the educational curriculum is also being developed to welcome school children of all ages. "Peppi Pustier", a character designed by Fabio Agius in collaboration with Sean Cini, is the mascot of the Malta Postal Museum.

For art and culture lovers, the museum holds two galleries which showcase temporary exhibitions. The first exhibition includes the artworks of Malta's foremost stamp designer Emvin Cremona. The museum also includes a shop with specifically designed merchandise, inspired by the rich legacy of the post and the museum's own collection.

The Malta Postal Museum opened for visitors with effect from today, Monday 20th June 2016. The opening hours are from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Friday. On Saturdays, the museum shall be open for visitors from 10.00 am till 2 00 pm.



It is to be noted that posting facilities are available at the premises. In this connection a postmark consisting of a double ring with "MALTAPOST" and "MALTA POSTAL MUSEUM – VALLETTA" separated by single line spacers in between the rings, and the date in a straight line in the centre of the inner ring, is being used to cancel frankings. The postmark is applied by means of a self-inking rubber date handstamp.

30th June

Pursuant to the Malta Financial Services Authority Listing Rules. MaltaPost issued an Announcement regarding the appointment of Mr. Adrian Vassallo as Chief Operating Officer as from 1st July 2016. Mr Vassallo previously occupied the Post of Head - Business Process Design since 22nd December 2015.

7th July

In a Media Communication released today by MaltaPost, it was announced that a stamp in the Euromed series with a face value of €3.59 was being issued on 9th July. This year's Euromed joint issue theme is "Fish in the Mediterranean". The Maltese stamp depicts the Lampuka, also known with the names of Dorado Fish and Dolphin Fish, and was designed by Richard J. Caruana. Each



stamp measures 44.0mm x 31.0mm and has a comb perforation of 13.9 x 14.0. Overall, the Maltese Crosses watermarked sheets measure 108mm x 185mm and each contains ten stamps. Printex Limited printed the stamps through the offset process and the issue consists of 52,000 copies.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamps on the first day of issue (on FDC No.7/2016). The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed “EUROMED POSTAL – “FISH IN THE MEDITERRANEAN”” bordering on the outside of the ring, and “* MALTAPOST ----- - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The words “JUM IL-ĦRUG/9-07-16” in straight lines are to be found below an outline design depicting a Lampuka positioned at the centre of the handstamp. MaltaPost’s Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Stamp Bulletin No. 349.

8th July

Today MaltaPost informed that the Sub Post Offices at “Midas”, 34, Marsacala Seafront, Marsascala, MSK 2113 and “Not Just Stationery”, Pjazza l-Eroj, Swatar, BKR 4250 will no longer operate as Sub Post Offices with immediate effect: Marsascala residents were advised that as an alternative they could make use of the postal services provided from the Post Office situated in Civic Centre, Triq il-Kunvent Żabbar ŻBR 1351. As regards Swatar, residents were advised to use the postal services provided from the following Postal Outlets:

- Post Office - 58, Triq il-Wied, Birkirkara, BKR 9013;
- Sub Post Office – “Oreana Stationery”, 94, Triq L. Casolani, Birkirkara, BKR 4532;
- Sub Post Office – “Landau Stationery”, 84, Triq Dun Gejtanu Mannarinu, Birkirkara, BKR 9085;
- Sub Post Office – “D Spiral”, Triq il-Vitorja, Birkirkara, BKR 2691.

18th July

Following the launch of SendOn hubs in the UK, Italy, Germany and USA, thousands of Maltese consumers are making use of the service and are now particularly shopping from European and USA online brands which do not ship directly to Malta. To continue improving on this customer experience, MaltaPost announced that it has now launched Easipik, a parcel locker solution for shoppers on the go who are not at home to receive their items. With Easipik, customers may collect their SendOn shopping 24/7 from a number of lockers which are conveniently located around Malta.

To utilise these lockers, before shopping online, customers are to log on to their

SendOn account and choose one of the parcel lockers located in various Post Offices as their delivery address. When the parcel is ready for collection, the customer will receive an email and sms with a code which should be keyed into the parcel locker screen in order to release the item.

26th July

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at ‘Iklin Stationery’, 89, Triq Ċensu Busuttli, Iklin IKL 1200 will be closed between the 1st and 15th August.

During this period, Iklin residents were requested to collect their mail items from the Post Office at 2, Triq Mikelaġ Borg, Lija LJA 1440.

27th July

It was announced that on 5th August, MaltaPost was to issue a stamp set entitled ‘Olympic Games 2016 - Rio De Janeiro’. These stamps will be commemorating the commencement of this year’s Olympic Games due to be held in Rio De Janeiro between the 5th and 21st of August.

Over 10,000 athletes will be participating in this year’s Olympics. Malta will take part in four sport disciplines, namely shooting, swimming, athletics and weight lifting. These disciplines are being depicted on the four stamps issued for the occasion. Sean Cini of MaltaPost designed the stamps.

The stamps carry a face value of €0.42, €0.62, €0.90 and €1.55. The stamps were offset printed by Printex Ltd and the issue consists of 100,000 of the €0.42 stamp and 52,000 of each of the other denominations. The stamp sheets are made up of ten stamps and each stamp measures 35mm by 35mm with a perforation of 13.75 x 13.75 (comb) bearing the Maltese Crosses watermark. Each sheet measures 240mm by 99mm.

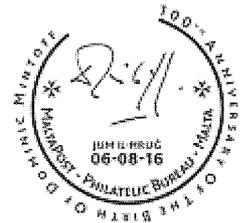
MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamps on the first day of issue (on FDC No.8/2016). The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed “OLYMPIC GAMES 2016” bordering on the outside of the ring, and “* MALTAPOST ----- - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The words “JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/05-08-16” in straight lines are to be found below an outline design of a Maltese Cross above the Olympic rings at the centre of the handstamp. MaltaPost’s Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Stamp Bulletin No. 350.



4th August

MaltaPost announced that on 6th August it will mark the 100th Anniversary from

the birth of former Maltese Prime Minister Dom Mintoff by the release of a stamp issue. Born in Cospicua on 6th August 1916, Dominic Mintoff was known for his extensive and distinguished political career in Malta which included a number of terms as Prime Minister.



The stamp shows Dom Mintoff in a classical photographic portrait and bears a face value of €3.00. Printex Limited printed the stamp by the offset process and the print run is limited to 50,000 stamps which were printed on Maltese Crosses watermark paper. The stamp measures 31mm by 44mm and has a perforation of 13.9 x 14.0 comb. The sheets which are made up of ten stamps measure 185mm by 115mm.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamp on the first day of issue (on FDC No.9/2016). The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed “100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF DOMINIC MINTOFF” bordering on the outside of the ring, and “* MALTAPOST ----- - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The words “JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/06-08-16” in straight lines are to be found below the signature of Dom Mintoff positioned at the top centre of the handstamp. MaltaPost’s Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Stamp Bulletin No. 351.

Complementing this issue, MaltaPost and the Central Bank of Malta also launched a joint product consisting of a silver foil stamp replica and a commemorative coin. The silver foil stamp replica depicts the €3.00 postage stamp from the “100th Anniversary of the Birth of Dominic Mintoff” stamp issue in full colour. The silver coin depicts Mintoff’s portrait and has a diameter of 38.61mm with a face value of €10.00. The price for the silver foil stamp was €25.00 while that for the combined silver stamp and coin was €85.00.

8th August

For the occasion of the 40th anniversary from the laying of the first foundation stone of the premises of the Victory Philharmonic Society of Xagħra, MaltaPost issued an occasion hand stamp which was used at the Xagħra Gozo Post Office. The single severed-ring handstamp is inscribed “SOĊ. FIL. VICTORY XAGħRA - ĠĦAWDEX” along the outside bordering the ring, and “* MALTAPOST – XAGħRA, GOZO - MALTA *” bordering the ring on the lower inner side. At the centre of the handstamp is an outline drawing of the Society’s logo, beneath which are the words “45 SENA/ANNIVERSARJU TA’/L-EWWEL GEBLA/JUM IL-ĦRUĠ//08-08-16”. The use of this handstamp was not pre announced.