

# **Postal Diary**

## **18<sup>th</sup> March 2015 – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

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### **1<sup>st</sup> April**

During the Company's annual ceremony, eleven excellence awards were presented to MaltaPost staff members in recognition for their commitment to quality.

In his address MaltaPost's Chairman Joseph Said gave a review of the financial and quality results the company achieved during 2014. He also highlighted the Company's commitment to focus investment in infrastructure, operations and processes so as to facilitate e-commerce and provide a high level of customer service.

It was also announced that MaltaPost is the winner of the Best Express Courier of the Year Award category of the 2014 TransLog Awards.

The excellence awards presented were as follows:

Employee of the year award 2014 - Godfrey Borg

Operational Awards:

Best Employee Delivery - Godfrey Borg

Best Employee Central Mail Room - Sean Zammit

Best Employee Courier - Fiona Farrugia

Remarkable Achievement Award- Courier section

Best Postal Area Group - Qormi Hub

Sales Awards:

Best Post Office - Deborah Xuereb (Valletta Old Bakery Street)

Best Employee Sales - Joseph Gauci

Administration Awards:

Best Employee Administration - Neil Busuttil

Others:

Annual Best Suggestion – Emanuel Rapa

Best Corporate Social Responsibility - Postal Area Group led by Rodney Ellul

## 2<sup>nd</sup> April

MaltaPost informed the public that the letterbox situated in Triq Alexandra, Qormi which had been temporarily closed due to construction works was back in service.

In another press release issued today, MaltaPost informed that in pursuance to the Malta Financial Authority Listing Rules it was announcing the appointment of Mr. Mark Vella as Chief Commercial Officer of the company as from 1<sup>st</sup> April. Mr. Vella who had previously occupied the post of Chief Information Officer since 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 with the same company was replacing Ing. Daniel Grech who had resigned from this position.

## 10<sup>th</sup> April

In pursuance to the Malta Financial Services Authority Listing Rules, MaltaPost announced that the Board of Directors had scheduled a meeting for Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May to consider and approve the Company's Interim Financial Statements for the six months ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015.

## 14<sup>th</sup> April

It was announced that on 21<sup>st</sup> April, MaltaPost was to issue a set of two stamps to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary from the construction of the Wignacourt Aqueduct.

The stamps, which are the third issue in the 'Treasures of Malta Series', illustrate different features of the Wignacourt Aqueduct. The Wignacourt Arch, which used to be located in Fleur-de-Lys, features on the €0.42 stamp while the Wignacourt Water Tower which is located in Floriana, is illustrated on the €1.55 stamp.



Aqueducts were constructed in the past to convey water from one location to another. In Malta the stone arches were built to carry water from Rabat through Birkirkara, the area that later became known as Fleur-de-Lys and Santa Venera. At Santa Venera, the arches ended at a tower from which point water continued its journey through Hamrun, Blata l-Bajda and Floriana where it reached the Wignacourt water tower. From there it then found its way to Valletta through underground pipes.

The stamps, designed by Cedric Galea Pirotta, were issued in sheets of ten. Both stamps measure 44mm x 31mm and have a comb perforation of 13.9 x 14.0. The print run, executed by Printex Ltd on Maltese Crosses watermarked paper, consists of 72,000 of the €0.42 stamp and 32,000 of the €1.55 stamp.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion hand postmark to cancel the stamps on the first day

of issue (on FDC No. 3/2015). The hand stamp was inscribed “\* MALTAPOST \* ----- - MALTA / TREASURES OF/MALTA SERIES III/JUM IL-HRUĠ/21-04-15” below an outline image of the Wignacourt Aqueduct. The MaltaPost Philatelic Bureau featured these stamps in Stamp Bulletin No. 331.

## 15<sup>th</sup> April

MaltaPost announced that the €0.01, €0.02 and €0.05 stamp values of the 2009 Definitive Issue were reprinted. The reprints consist of 500,000 of each stamp value, in sheets of ten stamps bearing sheet numbers as follows: €0.01 stamp (2<sup>nd</sup> reprint) 160001-210000, €0.02 stamp (1<sup>st</sup> reprint) 040001 - 090000, and the €0.05 stamp (1<sup>st</sup> reprint) 020001 - 070000 both numbers included.

The stamps measure 44.0 mm x 31.0 mm and have a comb perforation of 13.9 x 14.0. They were printed by means of the offset process on watermarked paper bearing Maltese Crosses by Printex Limited. The stamps were released for sale from all Post offices as from Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

## 17<sup>th</sup> April

MaltaPost notified that on the 25<sup>th</sup> April it was to release a miniature sheet bearing one stamp to commemorate the ANZAC Centenary.

The stamp on the miniature sheet illustrates a Red Cross nurse attending to a wounded soldier, flanked by two other soldiers, one on either side, and bears a face value of €3.59.



The Gallipoli Campaign (Battle of Gallipoli) took place at the Gallipoli Peninsula between 1915 and 1916 and involved British and French troops as well as divisions of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC). The battle was intended to put an early end to the Great War by creating a new front that the Ottoman-German alliance would not cope with. Malta played a significant role in the Gallipoli battle, not just as a back-up base for the Royal Navy but also as one of the major hospitals in the Mediterranean. Around eight hundred Maltese volunteers went to Gallipoli as muleteers or to dig the trenches. Some even fought within the Australian ranks or worked as stevedores unloading the ships. This effort is considered to be Malta's greatest contribution to the Allies' efforts during that terrible war.

The miniature sheet, which measures 120mm x 75mm, was designed by MaltaPost and is adapted from a contemporary postcard. The stamp measures 41mm x 30.5mm and has a comb perforation of 13.7 x 13.8. It was printed on Maltese Crosses watermarked paper by Printex Limited through the offset process and the issue consists of 15,000 individually numbered miniature sheets.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion hand postmark to cancel the stamps on the first day of issue (on FDC No. 4/2015). The hand stamp was inscribed “\* MALTAPOST \* ----- - MALTA / ANZAC/CENTENARY/JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/25-04-15” below an outline image of an encircled Red Cross. The MaltaPost Philatelic Bureau featured these stamps in Stamp Bulletin No. 332.

## 24<sup>th</sup> April

Today MaltaPost issued three press releases. In the first it announced that MaltaPost employees joined forces to bring a smile to sick children by donating packets of crayons and pencil colours for young patients receiving treatment at Mater Dei hospital. This activity formed part of MaltaPost’s Corporate Social Responsibility programme.

The colours will accompany an educational colouring book which besides entertaining children in hospital, is intended to help them familiarise themselves with hospital procedures and help diminish their fear of the unknown. The colouring book was prepared by Dr. Klown - an NGO which takes several initiatives to help sick children forget their pain and worries for a while; as well as the boredom that sometimes comes with prolonged hospitalisation.

This CSR activity follows a similar initiative organised by MaltaPost last year which encouraged MaltaPost staff members to donate toys to children in hospital.

In its second press release, MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at Midas, 34, Triq ix-Xatt, Marsaskala MSK 2113 was to be temporarily closed for business on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April. The public was advised that if it so wishes, it may avail itself of alternative postal services provided from the Żabbar Post Office, situated at the Ċentru Ċiviku, Triq il-Kunvent, Żabbar ZBR 1351 and the Żejtun Post Office at 37, Triq San Luċjan, Żejtun ZTN 1834.

In its third and final press release for the day, MaltaPost notified that for the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary since Malta’s accession to the Council of Europe, a special hand postmark was to be used on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at the Valletta Castille Square Post Office.

The occasion commemorative hand stamp was inscribed “\* MALTAPOST \* CASTILLE SQR. - VALLETTA - MALTA 29-04-15” in the outer ring, and “50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Malta’s accession to the/Council of Europe” in the inner ring below an image of the Council of Europe logo. Along the edge of the inner ring one also finds the words Democracy/Rule of Law/ Human Rights.



## 27<sup>th</sup> April

MaltaPost informed the public that the letterbox situated in Triq il-Ħsad, Siggiewi, was removed after being damaged following a traffic accident. The last mail collection from this letterbox was held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April morning and no mail was delayed or damaged. It also advised that the nearest public letterbox is located in Triq il-Għid, Siggiewi. MaltaPost undertook that the necessary repairs were to be carried out in the shortest time possible.

## 28<sup>th</sup> April

It was announced that on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, MaltaPost was to commemorate the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the World's First Postage Stamp with the release of a miniature sheet.

The “Penny Black” of Great Britain, introduced on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1840, was the first pre-paid adhesive postage stamp in the world. Prior to 1840 adhesive postage stamps did not exist. The issue of this first postage stamp was part of a postal reform that was introduced in 1837 by Sir Rowland Hill which also included the introduction of uniform penny postage. Given the success of the system, other countries soon followed suit.



The portrait of Queen Victoria used for the stamps was from an 1837 design by William Wyon. Artist Henry Corbould had refined the portrait and defined the stamp's intricate background pattern while engravers George Rushall, Charles and Frederick Heath prepared the design for printing. As the stamp was printed in black, the one-penny stamp soon became known as the ‘Penny Black’.

The miniature sheet, which was designed in-house by MaltaPost, is an adaptation of the design of a “Mulready” envelope for the background onto which the three identical stamps in the sheet, featuring a red Maltese Cross cancelled penny black stamp bearing a face value of €1.21 each have been incorporated. The stamps measure 41mm x 30.5mm and have a comb perforation of 13.7 x 13.8. Overall the sheet measures 123mm x 80mm. and was printed in the offset process by Printex Limited on Maltese Crosses watermarked paper. The issue consists of 20,400 individually numbered sheets.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion hand postmark to cancel the stamps on the first day of issue (on FDC No. 5/2015). The hand stamp was inscribed “\* MALTAPOST \* ----- - MALTA / 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY/WORLD'S FIRST/POSTAGE STAMP/JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/02-05-15” below an outline image of a stylized British QV Maltese Cross postal cancel. The MaltaPost Philatelic Bureau featured these stamps in Stamp Bulletin No. 333.

## 4<sup>th</sup> May

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at 51 Triq Borg Olivier, Mellieħa, MLH 1024, will be temporarily closed for business between the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 13<sup>th</sup> May. The public was advised that if it so wishes, it may avail itself of postal services provided from the Mellieħa Post Office, situated at 100 Triq il-Miħna l-Ġdida, Mellieħa and the St Paul's Bay Post Office located at 511, Triq San Pawl, San Pawl il-Baħar.

In its second press release for the day, MaltaPost also advised the public that the Sub Post Office at Tunny Net Souvenir Shop, Triq il-Marfa, Mellieħa had reopened for business.

In its third and final press release for the day, MaltaPost notified that it was to participate in the Essen stamp fair 2015 being held between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May in Essen Germany. The Essen stamp fair is an annual event where international postal operators showcase their countries' various philatelic publications.



For the event, the Philatelic Bureau issued an Occasion Card portraying the image of the 'Penny Black' from the stamp issue "175th Anniversary World's First Postage Stamp", a Personalised Stamp/Cover and a Personalised Stamp featuring the Essen stamp exhibition logo.

MaltaPost also prepared an occasion hand postmark to mark the event. It was inscribed "\* MALTAPOST \* PHILATELIC BUREAU - MALTA 7-9.05.15" in the outer ring, and "PHILATELIC EXHIBITION/ESSEN 2015" in the inner ring below an image of the Essen 2015 logo.

The Occasion Card was made available for sale in mint and cancelled condition as from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at all Post Offices, while the other philatelic material issued could be purchased only from the Philatelic Bureau.

## 5<sup>th</sup> May

In order to facilitate the accessibility of its services to the general public and more specifically to residents in Swatar (Birkirkara), MaltaPost has introduced a new Sub Post Office at "Not Just Stationery", Pjazza L-Eroj Swatar, Birkirkara, BKR 4253. At this Sub Post Office clients can avail themselves of a range of postal services such as registered mail and the facility to pay bills. The opening hours of the Sub Post Office are as follows:

Monday to Friday: 9.00am - 12.00pm, 3.30pm - 7.00pm

Saturday: 9.00am - 1.00pm

It was also notified that a hand circular metal date-stamp inscribed with the words B'Kara S.P.O 'E' will be used at this Sub Post Office.

In another press release, MaltaPost notified that on 9<sup>th</sup> May it was to release a set of two stamps depicting traditional toys that were popular in Malta in the past. This set forms part of the EUROPA series. The EUROPA stamp issues encourage cooperation between European postal operators, particularly with regard to the promotion of philately by creating awareness of Europe's common roots, culture, history and goals.

For this year's stamp issue, MaltaPost took a nostalgic look at two typical Maltese toys that children played with in the past - the Cart (*Karretta*) featured on the €0.59 stamp and the Hoop (*Ċirku*) illustrated on the €2.19 stamp.

The €0.59 stamp will be Malta's entry for the Best EUROPA Stamp Contest. The contest is an annual online event where entries from across Europe compete for the best design. The public can vote for the best EUROPA stamp by visiting [www.posteurop.org](http://www.posteurop.org).

The stamp set was designed by the local artist Joe Mark Micallef and was issued in sheets bearing eleven stamps. It is to be noted that the top row of each sheet contains a label bearing both the MaltaPost and the Europa 2015 logos. Each stamp measures 30.5mm x 41mm and has a comb perforation of 13.7 x 13.8. Printex Ltd has printed the stamps in offset on Maltese Crosses watermarked paper while the issue consists of 39,600 stamps of the €2.19 and 99,000 of the €0.59 stamp values.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion hand postmark to cancel the stamps on the first day of issue (on FDC No. 6/2015). The hand stamp was inscribed “\* MALTAPOST \* -----  
----- - MALTA / EUROPA 2015/“OLD TOYS”/JUM IL-HRUĠ/09-05-15” below an outline image of a “*karretta*”. The MaltaPost Philatelic Bureau featured these stamps in Stamp Bulletin No. 334.



## 8<sup>th</sup> May

In a press release issued today, MaltaPost announced that pursuant to the Malta Financial Authority Listing Rules, the Board is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May to consider and approve the Company's Interim Financial Statements for the six months ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015.

## 12<sup>th</sup> May

Pursuant to the Malta Financial Services Authority Listing Rules, MaltaPost

announced that at a Board of Directors meeting held on 12th May, the Board approved the Unaudited Condensed Interim Financial Statements for the six month period ended 31st March, 2015.

### **14<sup>th</sup> May**

MaltaPost presented the 2015 stamp entry representing Malta in this year's EUROPA stamp competition with the theme "Old Toys". For this year's edition, MaltaPost submitted the €0.59 value stamp from the Europa set issued on 9<sup>th</sup> May which features a typical Maltese toy that children played with in the past - the Cart (*Karretta*).

The contest is an annual online event where stamp entries from across Europe compete for the best design. The public can vote for the best EUROPA stamp by visiting <http://www.posteurop.org/europa2015> until 31st August. The winning stamp will then be announced at the Plenary Assembly to be held on 14th October in Cyprus. Last year almost 11,000 votes were received for the online EUROPA competition which had "National Music Instruments" as its theme.

### **20<sup>th</sup> May**

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at "Oreana Stationery" - 94, Triq L. Casolani, Birkirkara BKR 4532 was to be temporarily closed for business on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May. The public was advised that if it so wishes, it may avail itself of postal services provided from the following Postal Outlets:

Post Office situated at 58, Triq il-Wied, Birkirkara BKR 9013

Sub Post Office situated at "Landau Stationery", 84, Triq Dun Gejtanu Mannarinu, Birkirkara BKR 9085

Sub Post Office situated at "D Spiral", Triq il-Vitorja, Birkirkara BKR 2691

Sub Post Office situated at "Not Just Stationery", Pjazza l-Eroj, Swatar/Birkirkara BKR 4253

### **28<sup>th</sup> May**

MaltaPost informed the public that the letterbox situated in Triq il-Wied, Msida, was being closed for an indefinite period due to construction works on site. The nearest public letterbox is located in Triq il-Kuncizzjoni, Msida.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> June**

MaltaPost informed the public that the letterbox situated in Triq il-Wied, Msida, was back in service.

## 9<sup>th</sup> June

MaltaPost notified that for the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Alf Mizzi & Sons Ltd, a special hand postmark was to be used on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June. The occasion commemorative hand stamp was inscribed “\* MALTAPOST \* PHILATELIC BUREAU - MALTA 10-06-15” in the outer ring, and “ALF MIZZI & SONS LTD./CELEBRATING 100 YEARS/1915-2015” in the inner ring. The hand stamp could only be obtained through orders placed online at [www.maltaphilately.com](http://www.maltaphilately.com) or by mail from the Philatelic Bureau in Marsa.



## 11<sup>th</sup> June

MaltaPost informed the public that the letterbox situated in Triq il-Knisja, Żebbuġ, Gozo had been closed for an indefinite period due to construction works in the area. The nearest letterbox is situated at Triq Ta' Żaqi Ċicri.

In another press release it informed the public that between 15<sup>th</sup> June and 30<sup>th</sup> September, the St Julian's Post Office situated within Lombard Bank in Triq Paceville, will be open from Monday to Friday between 08.00 and 13.00, and that the Post Office situated at the University of Malta, Msida will be open from Monday to Friday between 08.00 and 11.30.

It also advised the public that the closest alternatives are situated at:

Sliema Post Office - 118, Triq Manwel Dimech and 39, Triq Sir Adrian Dingli  
Ta' Xbiex Sub Post Office – “Fleet Bazaar”, Triq Testaferrata

## 12<sup>th</sup> June

MaltaPost announced that on the 16<sup>th</sup> June it was to issue a set of three stamps illustrating various elements of Maltese culture, which include the Regatta, the Festa and the Easter Sunday procession.

The stamps in this issue portray religious influences on Maltese culture as well as national feasts celebrated during the year. The €0.26 stamp illustrates the feast of St George in Victoria Gozo which is celebrated in summer; the €1.16 portrays the Easter Sunday procession with the statue of the Risen Christ captured in Żebbuġ Malta, while the €0.59 stamp captures a snapshot of the Regatta boat races held annually on 31<sup>st</sup> March and 8<sup>th</sup> September.



The €0.59 stamp illustrating the Regatta boat races bears the official Small European

Postal Administration Cooperation (SEPAC) logo and will be included in this year's SEPAC stamp issue folder. The theme for this year's SEPAC collection is "Culture" and participating states will be presenting stamps illustrating various elements of culture from their respective countries. SEPAC members include Aland Post, Faroe Islands Post, Gibraltar Philatelic Bureau, Post Greenland, Guernsey Post, Iceland Post, Isle of Man Post, Jersey Post, Liechtenstein Post Corporation, MaltaPost, Monaco Post, San Marino Post, Luxembourg Post and Vatican Post.

Photographer Daniel Cilia captured the celebrations featured on the stamps which were designed by MaltaPost and issued in sheets of ten stamps. Each stamp measures 44mm x 31mm and has a comb perforation of 13.9 x 14.0. Printex Limited produced the set in offset on Maltese Crosses watermarked paper and the issue consists of 2,000,000 of the €0.26 stamp, 500,000 of the €0.59 stamp and 72,000 of the €1.16 stamp.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion hand postmark to cancel the stamps on the first day of issue (on FDC No. 7/2015). The hand stamp was inscribed "\* MALTAPOST \*  
----- - MALTA / SEPAC SERIES / "CULTURE" / JUM IL-ĦRUGĠ / 16-06-15"  
below an outline image of a regatta boat. The MaltaPost Philatelic Bureau featured these stamps in Stamp Bulletin No. 335

## **16<sup>th</sup> June**

To commemorate the new €0.26 stamp featuring St. George's Feast (Gozo) issued today, the Gozo Philatelic Society issued a commemorative card (A10) for the occasion as a joint issue together with the "HEART OF GOZO MUSEUM" in a limited edition of one hundred and fifty cards. The card depicts St. George's basilica together with a picture of the head of St. George's statue, while the stamp franking the card is cancelled by the Victoria FDI occasion hand stamp used to cancel this stamp set.

## **18<sup>th</sup> June**

Today MaltaPost issued four press releases. In the first it announced that in order to facilitate the accessibility of its services to the general public and more specifically to residents in Gudja, MaltaPost has introduced a new Sub Post Office in this locality. At this Sub Post Office clients can avail themselves of a range of postal services such as registered mail and the facility to pay bills. This new Sub Post office will be situated at "CND Stationery", 144 Vjal it Torri, Gudja GDJ 1704. Its opening hours will be as follows: Monday to Friday from 8.00am - 12.00pm and 4.00pm - 7.00pm, while on Saturday it will be open between 8.00am - 12.00pm.

It was also notified that a hand circular metal datestamp inscribed with the words Gudja S.P.O will be used at this Sub Post Office.

In another press release, MaltaPost informed the public that with effect from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June the Post Office at 129, Republic Street, Victoria, Gozo will be relocated to 3, Republic Street, Victoria, Gozo.

The third press release announced that for the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of Alf Mizzi & Sons Ltd, a special hand postmark was to be used on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. The occasion commemorative hand stamp was inscribed “\* MALTAPOST \* MARSALA - MALTA 19-06-15” in the outer ring, and “ALF MIZZI & SONS LTD/CELEBRATING 100 YEARS/1915-2015” in the inner ring in between two horizontal decorative motifs. This post mark is a slightly different version of the first one which was issued just over a week before, on the 10<sup>th</sup> June, to commemorate this same anniversary.



In another press release, MaltaPost informed that for the occasion of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the coronation of the painting of Our Lady of Ta' Pinu, a special hand stamp was to be used on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June at Victoria Post Office. The occasion commemorative hand stamp was inscribed “\* MALTAPOST \* VICTORIA, GOZO - MALTA 20-06-15” in the outer ring, and “80 ANNIVERSARJU INKURUNAZZJONI/KWADRU TAL-MADONNA TA' PINU” in the inner ring encircling an image of the crown.



## 19<sup>th</sup> June

MaltaPost announced that it is contributing to Dr Klown's fundraising campaign 'Nose On' by supporting the entire delivery process by packing, labelling envelopes and delivering the red noses.

Dr Klown is an NGO, active in Mater Dei Hospital that provides hospitalised children distraction and stress relief through fun and laughter. The campaign 'Nose On' aims to raise funds for the continuous training and development of the experienced Klowns as well as the “new” Klowns, who have recently passed a stringent selection process.

The campaign encourages groups of people or individuals to purchase a red clown nose from Dr Klown's website [www.drklown.org](http://www.drklown.org) against a donation, put it on, take a photo and post it on Dr Klown's Facebook page. This initiative also aims

to raise awareness about this NGO which depends entirely on the generosity of the public. MaltaPost staff extended this initiative by donating money and taking photos with the Red Nose on.

## 20<sup>th</sup> June

For the occasion of the 80th Anniversary of the Coronation of the Painting of Our Lady of Ta' Pinu, MaltaPost today used a commemorative special hand stamp at its' Victoria P.O. To mark both events, the Gozo Philatelic Society issued a commemorative postcard (No. 102) in a limited edition of one hundred. The card features Ta' Pinu Church together with a detail of the crowned painting, with the stamp franking the card being cancelled by the special hand stamp.

## 22<sup>nd</sup> June

MaltaPost announced the reprinting of a €0.37 stamp from the "Occasions" Stamp set originally issued on 17 March 2010. The stamp features an aerial view of Malta and has been reprinted with a se-tenant stamp-size blank label. The Philatelic Bureau issued a



personalized philatelic version of this stamp reprint for those wishing to add it to their collections, the label vignette consisting of the MaltaPost logo superimposed on a background composed of Maltese Crosses in light grey shades.

This third reprint of the €0.37 "Occasions" stamp consists of 20,000 stamps, in sheets of five stamps each. The stamps measure 44.0 mm x 31.0 mm with a comb perforation of 13.9 x 14.0 and have been printed on Maltese Crosses watermarked paper through the offset process by Printex Limited. Stamps from this reprint were made available for sale as from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> June

As had been notified by MaltaPost on the 18<sup>th</sup> June, on Tuesday, 23rd June, 2015 the Victoria P.O. ended its services at 129, Republic Street, Victoria, Gozo. The post office is now located at 3, Republic Street, Victoria, Gozo. To mark the occasion, the Gozo Philatelic Society issued a commemorative card (No. 101) in a limited edition of one hundred cards. The card shows the facade of the post office at its old location having three different Victoria P.O. postal markings being used on it.

## 25<sup>th</sup> June

MaltaPost notified the public that the letterbox situated at 129, Republic Street, Victoria, Gozo was moved to 3, Republic Street, Victoria, Gozo.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> July**

MaltaPost made it known that over the past three years, its SendOn service had facilitated online shopping for the Maltese consumer as it gave the opportunity to thousands of clients to shop from UK online stores, even from those which do not ship directly to Malta. It informed the public that SendOn is now growing and its service will be expanding through the addition of a new hub in the USA. Many USA stores which stock items such as fashion wear, musical instruments, hobby items, home interiors and electronic items offer competitive prices, however shipping services to Malta may be unavailable or highly prohibitive due to their cost. Now, thanks to this new forwarding service offered by MaltaPost, local online shoppers may shop from USA online stores, particularly from those which do not ship directly to Malta, forward their shopping to this hub and benefit from reasonably priced shipping costs to Malta. MaltaPost will deliver the shopping straight to the consumer's doorstep in Malta and Gozo. To calculate the cost of shipping, the SendOn website provides an easy to - use calculator.

## **6<sup>th</sup> July**

MaltaPost notified that in agreement with the Malta Communications Authority, due to the Isle of MTV Concert planned to be held in Floriana on Tuesday 7th July, the Letter Box in Triq San Publiju would not be accessible. As a result, collection from the mentioned letterbox will be effected at 15.00 hrs instead of 19.00 hrs. It also informed that the nearest public letterbox is situated at Triq Sant'Anna, Floriana.

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# **MALTEX 2015**

Will be inaugurated on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
by the Hon. Minister for Education and Employment,  
the Hon. Evarist Bartolo M.P.  
at 6pm at the Green Lounge, Hotel Phoenicia, Floriana.

Viewing of the exhibition is open  
to the general public on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>  
between 9.00 am and 6.00 pm,  
and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> from 9.00 am till 12.00 pm.