

# MALTA – A DIARY

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**3-5-90**

The "British Men of Letters" set, issued today. A special hand-postmark was used on the first day of issue.

**3-5-90**

A commemorative postal card was issued on the occasion of the participation of the Malta Post Office at the Stamp World London '90 International Philatelic Exhibition which was held in London, UK, from the 3rd to the 13th May, 1990.

The card has imprinted thereon the two stamps of the Europa 1990 postage set and an appropriate motif. The price of the card was 45c and it was available for sale from the GPO and from all Branch and Sub-Post Offices from the 3rd to the 12th May, 1990 unless stocks were previously exhausted.

The card could have been purchased in mint condition or with the stamps cancelled with a special hand-postmark inscribed: "Post Office Malta – 3-13.V.90 – London 1990" and incorporates the Emblem of Malta and the Postal Horn. This postmark was also used at the Stand of the Malta Post Office at the Stamp World London '90 International Philatelic Exhibition.

The card cancelled with the special postmark, could have been sent through the post at no extra charge provided it was posted during the period 3rd to 12th May, 1990. Cards cancelled with the "London 1990" hand-postmark posted after the 12th May, 1990, must have additional stamps affixed thereon to cover the required postage.

**5-5-90**

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Il-Partecipazzjoni – Ta' L-Anzjan – Fis-Socjeta – 5-12.V.1990", was used, on and off, during the period 5-12 May, 1990 at the Central Mail Room. The slogan also incorporates the logo of Caritas-Malta.

The slogan means: "The Participation – Of the Veteran – In Society – 5-12.V.1990".

**8-5-90**

In today's Govt. Gazette a call for applications was issued for the posts of Sub-Postmaster at Marsa and Kalkara. Applications were to be received by noon of Monday, 4th June, 1990.

The duties and obligations of Sub-Postmasters and the management of Sub-Post Offices are regulated by Regulations 81/100 of the Inland Post Regulations, 1985.

**15-5-90**

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "21st British Islands – And Mediterranean – Regional Conference – Malta – 15th May 1990" was used at the Central Main Room, from 15 to 19, on 21st and 22nd May, 1990.

**15-5-90**

A special hand-datestamp was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Main Room, from 8.00am to 12.45pm and from



8.00 am to 6.00pm, respectively on the 15th May, 1990. The date-stamp is inscribed: "21st British Islands - And Mediterranean - Regional Conference 15th May 1990 - Valletta - Malta".



**15-5-90**

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "17th May - Telecommunication - Day" was used on the 15th, 16th and 17th May, 1990, at the Central Mail Room.

**25-5-90**

The "Visit of H.H. Pope John Paul II" postage set, issued today. A special hand-postmark was used on the first day of issue. The postmark is inscribed: "Zjara tal-QT Il-Papa Gwanni Pawlu II - L-Ewwel Jum Tal-Hrug - 25.V.90 - Malta."

The wording means: "Visit of H.H. Pope John Paul II - First Day of Issue - 25.V.90 - Malta". A stylized mitre as motif is also included in the handstamp.



**25.5.90**

A Temporary Branch Post Office was opened at Dar l-Emigrant, Valletta, from Friday 25th May, to Sunday, 27th May, 1990, from 0800am to 5.30pm for the transaction of the following business:

- (a) Sale of stamps and postal stationery
- (b) registration of postal articles
- (c) issue and encashment of postal and money orders
- (d) encashment of postcheques
- (e) posting of letters, printed matters and parcels

Postal articles posted at this Temporary Branch Post Office were postmarked by a special hand-postmark inscribed: "Zjara tal-QT Il-Papa Gwanni Pawlu II - Dar l-Emigrant - Valletta - Malta".



**25-5-90**

On the occasion of the visit by H.H. Pope John Paul, to St. John's Co-Cathedral in Valletta, a special hand-postmark was used at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO, on Friday, 25th May, 1990, from 7.30am to 8.00pm. An outline of the facade of St. John's Co-Cathedral is also included in the postmark. The postmark is inscribed: "Kon-Katidral Ta' San Gwann - Valletta -Malta - 25.V.1990 - Zjara tal-Q.T. - Il-Papa Gwanni Pawlu II".



**26-5-90**

A special hand-postmark, commemorating the visit to Gozo, by H.H. Pope John Paul II, was used, on Saturday, 26th May, 1990, at the Victoria Branch Post Office, Gozo, from 7.30am to 5.20pm.

The postmark is inscribed: "Santwarju Ta' Pinu - Victoria-Gozo-Malta - 26.V.1990 - Zjara tal-Q.T. - Il-Papa Gwanni Pawlu II". An outline of the facade of Ta' Pinu Sanctuary, is also included in the postmark.



**27-5-90**

A special hand-postmark, commemorating the visit to St. Paul's Grotto in Rabat, Malta, by H.H. Pope John Paul II, was used at the Rabat Branch Post Office on Sunday, 27th May, 1990, from 9.00am to 4.00pm.

The postmark is inscribed: "Grotta ta' San Pawl - Rabat-Malta - 27.V.1990 - Zjara tal-Q.T. - Il-Papa Gwanni Pawlu II". An outline of the facade of the church of St. Paul, Rabat, is also included in the postmark.



**27.5.90**

A Temporary Branch Post Office was opened at the Granaries, Floriana, on Sunday, 27th May, 1990, from noon to 8.00pm for the transaction of the following business:

- (a) Sale of stamps and postal stationery
- (b) registration of postal articles
- (c) issue and encashment of postal and money orders
- (d) encashment of postcheques
- (e) posting of letters, printed matters and parcels

Postal articles posted at this Temporary Branch Post Office were postmarked by a special hand-postmark inscribed: "Floriana - Malta - 27.V.1990 - Zjara tal-Q.T. - Il-Papa Gwanni Pawlu II". An outline of the facade of the church of St. Publius, Floriana, is also included in the special hand-stamp.



**4-6-90**

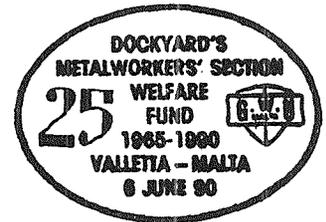
A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Nursing Is - Caring 1965-1990", was used, on and off, at the Central Mail Room, from the 4th to the 9th June, 1990. The slogan incorporates the logo of the Nursing School.

**4-6-90**

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "Dockyard's Metal Workers' Section - Welfare Fund - 1965-1990 - 25th Anniversary" was used, on and off, at the Central Mail Room, from the 4th to the 9th June, 1990. The slogan also incorporates the logo of the General Workers' Union.

**6-6-90**

A special hand-postmark was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Main Room, from 8.00am to 12.45pm and from 8.00am to 6.00pm respectively on the 6th June, 1990. The special handstamp is inscribed: "Dockyard's Metal Workers Section - Welfare Fund 1965-1990 - Valletta - Malta - 6 June '90", and it also incorporates the logo of the General Workers Union and the figure 25.



**8-6-90**

The 'FIFA World Cup 1990' postage set, issued today. A souvenir sheet incorporating the three stamps was also issued. A special hand-postmark was used on the first day of issue.



### 21-6-90

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Id-Droga – Problema Taghna Lkoll/Drugs – Are Everybody's Concern", was used, on and off, from the 21st to the 27th June, 1990, at the Central Mail Room.

### 25-6-90

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Airline – Pilots – Association – 1980-1990", was used at the Central Mail Room, from the 25th to the 30th June, 1990. The slogan incorporates the logo of the Airline Pilots Association.

### 25-6-90

The Postmaster General notified that the Msida Branch Post Office at 225, Marina Street, Msida, was to be transferred to new premises at Guardiamangia Hill, Msida, with effect from Monday, 25th June, 1990.

### 28-6-90

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "World Day – Of – Architecture – 1 July, 1990" was used on the 28th, 30th June and 2nd July, 1990, at the Central Mail Room. The logo of the International Union of Architects is also incorporated in the slogan.

### 28-6-90

In today's Govt. Gazette another call for applications was issued for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Marsa and Kalkara. Applications were to be received up to noon of Monday, 30th July, 1990.

### 1-7-90

A Temporary Branch Post Office was opened at the International Fair of Malta, Naxxar, from Sunday, 1st July to Sunday, 15th July, 1990, from 6.00pm to 9.30pm for the transaction of the following business:

- (a) Sale of stamps and postal stationery
- (b) registration of postal articles
- (c) issue and encashment of postal and money orders
- (d) encashment of postcheques
- (e) posting of letters and printed matter

Postal articles posted at this Temporary Branch Post Office were postmarked by a special hand-postmark inscribed: "XXXIII Fiera Internazzjonali Ta' Malta Naxxar", meaning "XXXIII International Fair of Malta Naxxar".



### 1-7-90

In a supplement (B521) to the Govt. Gazette No. 15296 of the 26th June, 1990, the following new regulations were issued:

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Overseas Post (Amendment) (No 3) Regulations, 1990 and shall be read and construed as one with the Overseas Post Regulations, 1989, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".
- (2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st July, 1990.
2. For the Ninth Schedule to the principal regulations, there shall be substituted the following: "Ninth Schedule", (Regulation 108,110), Part A.

Rates of Postage, Maximum Sizes and Weights on Expedited Mail Service. Part 'A' included all the towns and postcodes of the following countries: Belgium, France, Great

Britain, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, West Germany. The rates of Postage for all these countries are, for the first half kilo: Lm9.00,0, for each additional half kilo up to 5 kilos Lm1.60,0 and for each additional half kilo above 5 kilos and up to a maximum of 20 kilos Lm1.00,0. The maximum size is 1.5m in length and 3m in length and girth combined. The minimum size is 140mm x 90mm.

#### Part 'B'

This contained a list of twenty nine Towns and Postcodes served in Italy, which is too long to be included here, but rates, sizes and weights are the same as in Part 'A'.

#### 6-7-90

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Din L-Art Helwa – 1965-1990 – Safeguarding National – Heritage: was used at the Central Mail Room, during the periods 6-7th July and 9-12th July, 1990. The slogan also incorporates the logo of Din l-Art Helwa.

#### 18-7-90

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "EMS Datapost Malta – The International – Courier Service" was used intermittently at the Central Mail Room, from the 18th July, 1990. The slogan also incorporates the logo of EMS Datapost.

#### 27-7-90

The PMG notified that the Sub-Post Office at 161, Fleur-de-Lys Road, Santa Venera, was to close down with effect from Friday, 27th July, 1990.

#### 31-7-90

In today's Govt. Gazette a call was issued for applications, for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Santa Venera. Applications were to be received up to noon of Friday, 31st August, 1990.

#### 6-8-90

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "Gheluq il-150 Sena – Ta' l-Ordinanza – Tad-Dwana – 1840-1990", was used, on and off, at the Central Mail Room, from the 6th to the 11th August, 1990. the slogan means: "150 Years – Of The Ordinance – Of Customs – 1840-1990".

#### 6-8-90

A special hand-datestamp was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room, from 7.30am to 12.45pm and from 7.30am to 6.00pm, respectively on the 6th August, 1990. The date-stamp is inscribed: "Gheluq il-150 Sena – Dwana Ta' Malta – Valletta-Malta – 6.VIII.90" and it also incorporates the logo of the Department of Customs and the words *Nitor in Adversum*.



#### 7-8-90

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Disa Mitt Sena – Tal-Parrocča – San Lawrenz – Vittoriosa", was used, on and off, at the Central Mail Room, from the 7th to the 11th August, 1990. The slogan also incorporates a motif with the years 1090-1990. The slogan means: Nine Hundred Years – Of The Parish – St. Lawrence – Vittoriosa."

#### 24-8-90

The Malta Post Office was represented by its authorised Philatelic Agent for Italy and

Switzerland, in the "XLII Fiera Internazionale Del Francobollo" which was held at Riccione, Italy, from the 24th to the 26th August, 1990. To commemorate the occasion, a special handstamp inscribed: "Malta Post Office – Riccione – 24-26.VIII.90" and including appropriate motif, was used at the Counter Hall of the GPO on the 24th and the 25th August, 1990. An identical handstamp was used from the 24th to the 26th August, 1990, at the Exhibition Stand at Riccione.



25-8-90

The "Maltese Uniforms" 1990 postage set, issued today. A special hand-postmark was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail, on the first day of issue.



28-8-90

The PMG notified that a Sub-Post Office was to be opened at 166, St. Mary Street, Ghaxaq, Malta, on Tuesday, 28th August, 1990. A hand metal date-stamp inscribed with the words: "GHAXAQ SPO – MALTA" was to be used at this Sub-Post Office. The telephone number at this Sub-Post Office is 802614.

