

# MALTA – A DIARY

September – December 1986

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## 22-9-86

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: “World Maritime Day – 26 September 1986”, was used, on and off, during the period from 22nd. to the 26th. September, 1986, at the Central Mail Room.

## 22-9-86

A machine stamp cancelling slogan inscribed: “World Tourism Day – 27 September 1986”, was used, on and off, during the period from 22nd. to 27th. September, 1986, at the Central Mail Room. The Logo of the World Tourism Organisation is also incorporated in the slogan.

## 22-9-86

The Postmaster General notified that the Sliema Sub-Post Office at 55, Tower Road, Sliema, was to close down with effect from Monday, 22nd. September, 1986.

## 29-9-86

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: “UHM – 1966–1986 – 20 Sena – Hídma Għall-Ħaddiem”, was used, on and off, from the 29th. September to 4th. October, 1986, at the Central Mail Room.

The slogan means: “UHM – 1966–1986 – 20 Years – Dedication to the worker”.

## 7-10-86

In to-day's Govt. Gazette, a notice was issued for application for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Santa Venera.

## 9-10-86

The Postmaster general notified that, on the occasion of the 20th. Anniversary of the Hobbies Society, a special hand-postmark was to be used at the Philatelic Counter of the G.P.O., from 8a.m. to 12.45p.m. and at the Central Mail Room, from 8a.m. to 7.30p.m. on Thursday, 9th. October, 1986.

The hand-postmark which also incorporates the emblem of the Hobbies Society is inscribed: “1966–1986 – Valletta – Malta – 9.10.86.”. (Fig. 1)

## 9-10-86

The Postmaster General notified that a special hand-postmark, marking World Post Day was to be used at the Philatelic Counter of the G.P.O. from 8a.m. to 12.45p.m., and at the Central Mail Room, from 8a.m. to 7.30p.m. on Thursday, 9th. October, 1986.

The hand-postmark, incorporates the emblem of the Universal Postal Union and inscribed: “World Post Day – 9.10.86 – Valletta – Malta – The Post – Messenger Of Peace”. (Fig. 2)

## 10-10-86

The “Xmas. 1986” set issued to-day. A special handstamp incorporating a motif of a star was used on the first day of issue. (Fig. 3)

## 13-10-86

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: “1961–1986 – XXV Anniversarju – Mill-Mewt Ta' Dun Karm – Il-Poeta Nazzjonali”, was used from the 13th. to the 18th. October, 1986, at the Central Mail Room.

The slogan means: “1961–1986 – XXV Anniversary – From The Death Of Dun Karm – The National Poet”.

## 31-10-86

The Postmaster General notified that a special handstamp was to be used at the Philatelic Counter of the G.P.O. from 8a.m. to 12.45p.m. and at the Central Mail Room from 8a.m. to 7.30p.m. on Friday, 31st. October, 1986, to commemorate the 25th. Anniversary of the Esperanto Society (Malta).

The handstamp is inscribed: “Esperanto Society (Malta) – 31.10.86 – Valletta – Malta – 1961–1986”. The logo of the Esperanto Society (Malta) is also incorporated in the handstamp. (Fig. 4)

## 1-11-86

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: “Għinu T-Tfal Fill-Bżonn – Użaw Il-Bolli Tal-Milied”, was used, on and off, at the Central Mail Room, during the period from the 1st. November to 24th. December, 1986.

A motif symbolizing a star is also incorporated in the slogan.

The slogan means: “Help Children In Need – Use Xmas. Stamps”.

#### 4-11-86

The Postmaster General notified that a special hand-postmark to mark the 40th. Anniversary of UNESCO was to be used at the Philatelic Counter of the G.P.O. from 8a.m. to 12.45p.m. and at the Central Mail Room, from 8a.m. to 6.30p.m. on Tuesday, 4th. November, 1986.

The hand-postmark, which incorporates the emblem of UNESCO is inscribed: "1946-1986-4.XI.86 - Malta". (Fig. 5)

#### 4-11-86

In to-day's Govt. Gazette, a notice was issued for applications for the post of Sub Postmaster at Sliema. Applications were to be received by the Postmaster General up to noon, of Monday, 8th. December, 1986.

#### 8-11-86

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "The Institute Of Bankers - (Malta Centre) - XXV Anniversary - 1961-1986", was used, on and off, at the Central Mail Room, during the period from 8th. to 14th. November, 1986.

#### 19-11-86

"Maltese Ships", (4th. set), issued to-day. A special handstamp incorporating a line drawing of a ship's helm, was used on the first day of issue. (Fig. 6)

#### 19-11-86

"Maximum Card No. 7" also issued to-day. This Maximum Card depicts the "Valletta City", the steamer shown on the 12c value stamp of the fourth set featuring "Maltese Ships".

#### 24-11-86

A Machine stamp cancelling slogan reading "1986 - Sena Ewropea Ghal Sewqan Ahjar", was used, on and off, at the Central Mail Room, during the period 24th. to 29th. November, 1986.

The slogan means: "1986 - European Year For Better Driving".

#### 25-11-86

In to-day's Govt. Gazette, a notice was issued for applications for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Żebbuġ, Malta. Applications were to be received by the Postmaster General up to noon of Friday, 2nd. January, 1987.

#### 27-11-86

The Postmaster General notified that two new metal hand date-stamps inscribed "Valletta - Malta" and including the letters "J" and "K" were put in use at the Sale of Stamps Counter, G.P.O. Valletta, with effect from the 27th. November, 1986. (Fig. 7 & 8)

#### 26-12-86

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "1 Jan '87 - Jum Il-Paċi - Peace Lab Malta" was used, on and off, during the period December 26 - 31, at the Central Mail Room.

A motif symbolizing friendship and peace, is also incorporated in the slogan.

The slogan means: "1 Jan '87 - Day of Peace - Peace Lab Malta".

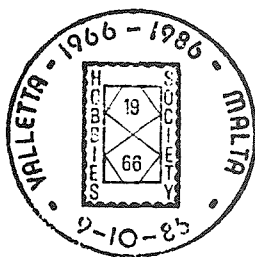


Fig. 1

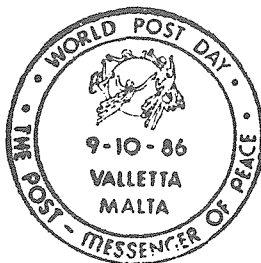
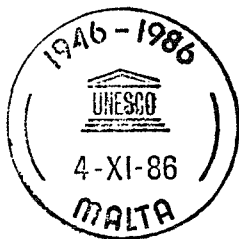


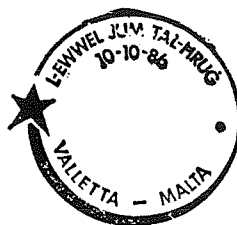
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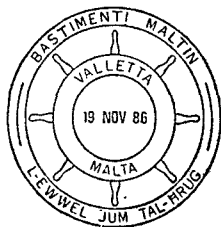
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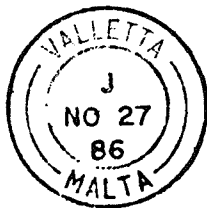
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*Fig. 5*



*Fig. 6*



*Fig. 7*



*Fig. 8*