

MALTA – A DIARY

January – April 1986

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7-1-86

It was notified in to-day's Govt. Gazette that the set of designs of the two Europa 1986 stamps submitted by Mr. Maurice Tanti Burlo under the nom-de-plume Odessa has been placed first. The set submitted by Mr. Saviour Dalli under the nom-de-plume Stairway and the set submitted by Mr. Tony Bugeja under the nom-de-plum Wind have been placed second and third respectively. The 57 designs which participated in the competition were exhibited at the G.P.O. from 8am to 5pm on the 8th. and 9th. January, 1986.

28-1-86

"International Year Of Peace" set, issued to-day. A special hand postmark incorporating the emblem of the International Year Of Peace was used on the first day of issue. (Fig. 1)

14-2-86

A new metal hand date stamp was put in use at the St. Paul's Bay Sub Post Office as from Friday the 14th. February, 1986. It is inscribed "St. Paul's Bay SPO – Malta".

The hand date-stamp which was replaced, was withdrawn from use at the close of business on Thursday the 13th. February, 1986. (Fig. 2)

21-2-86

In to-day's Govt. Gazette the PMG notified that the 1c stamp of the current Definitive Postage Set had been reprinted by Printex Ltd. This stamp was available for sale at the Philatelic Counter of the General Post Office, Valletta.

28-2-86

A call for applications was issued in to-day's Govt. Gazette, for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Zebbug, Malta.

Applications were to be received, up to noon of Thursday, 27th. March, 1986. The duties and obligations of Sub-Postmasters were also issued.

7-3-86

The PMG notified that a special hand postmark was to be used on Friday, 7th. March, 1986, to mark the 20th. anniversary of the foundation of the Philatelic Society. The postmark is inscribed as follows:-

"Philatelic Society – 1966-1986 – Malta – Valletta – 7-3-86". (Fig. 3)

The postmark also incorporates the anniversary celebrations logo featuring a detail from the 1922 Definitive "Melita" stamps. The postmark was used at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO, Valletta, from 8.00am to 12.45pm and at the Central Mail Room, Castille, from 8.00am to 6.30pm.

18-3-86

The PMG notified that a new hand date-stamp was put in use on Tuesday, 18th. March, 1986, at the Branch Post Office, Mgarr, Gozo. The date-stamp is inscribed:- "Mgarr – Gozo". (Fig. 4)

The old date-stamp which was replaced was withdrawn from use at the close of business on Monday, 17th. March, 1986.

19-3-86

The PMG notified, that a Sub-Post Office shall be opened at 55, Tower Road, Sliema, on Wednesday, 19th. March, 1986.

A hand metal date-stamp inscribed with the words:- "Sliema SPO – Malta" is to be used at this Sub-Post Office. (Fig. 5)

The telephone number at this Sub-Post Office is 332111.

24-3-86

On the occasion of the 31st. March Festivities, a machine stamp cancelling slogan reading:- "Nghozzu L-Helsien – 31 Ta' Marzu, 1979", was used from the 24th. to the 29th. March, 1986, at the Central Mail Room, Castille.

25-3-86

A call for applications was issued in to-day's Govt. Gazette, for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Santa Venera. Applications were to be received, up to noon of Wednesday, 30th. April, 1986.

The duties and obligations of Sub-Postmasters were also issued.

1-4-86

A call for applications was issued in to-day's Govt. Gazette, for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Tarxien. Applications were to be received, up to noon of Monday, 5th. May, 1986.

The duties and obligations of Sub-Postmaster were also issued with the call for applications.

3-4-6

“Europa 1986” set issued to-day. A special hand postmark incorporating a line drawing of a butterfly was used on the first day of issue. (Fig. 6)

5-4-86

A special hand postmark was used on the occasion of the International Conference on Drugs which was held in Malta on the 5th. and 6th. April, 1986. The postmark is inscribed:- “International Conference – Together Against Drugs – Valletta – Malta – 5.4.86”, and also incorporate the logo of the International Conference on Drugs. (Fig. 7)

The postmark was used on Saturday, 5th. April, 1986, at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO, from 8.00am to 12.45pm and at the Central Mail Room, Castille, from 8.00am to 6.30pm.

10-4-86

A special hand-postmark inscribed:- “Malta Post Office – 6th. International Stamp Fair – 10-April 1986 – Essen” was used on the occasion of the participation of the Malta Post Office in the 6th. International Stamp Fair in Essen, West Germany, from the 10th. to the 13th. April, 1986. The postmark, which also incorporates the emblem of the above mentioned exhibition, was used on the 10th., 11th. and 12th. April, 1986, at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO from 8.00am to 12.45p and at the Central Mail Room, Castille from 8.00am to 6.30pm. (Fig. 8)

An identical postmark was used at the Malta Post Office stand at Essen '86.

12-4-86

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading:- “Photographic Society (Malta) – 25th. Anniversary – International Exhibition – 12-20 April 1986” was used during the period from 12th. to 19th. April, 1986, at the Central Mail Room, Castille.

18-4-86

The PMG notified that six metal hand date-stamps inscribed:- “Valletta – Malta” which are already in use at the sale of stamps, and Philatelic Counters, GPO, Valletta, shall each include one of the letters, C, D, E, F, G and H, and shall be used at the sale of stamps counters, GPO, Valletta with effect from the 18th. April, 1986.

A new metal hand date-stamp inscribed:- “Valletta – Malta” and including the letter “I” is being put in use at the Philatelic Counter, GPO, Valletta, with effect from the 18th. April, 1986.

28-4-86

On the occasion of the holding of the Interpol 15th. European Regional Conference, a Temporary Branch Post Office was opened at the Mediterranean Congress Centre, Valletta, on the 28th., 29 and 30th. April, 1986, from 8.30am to 1.00pm for the transaction of the following business:-

- (a) sale of stamps and postal stationery.
- (b) posting of letter packets.
- (c) registration of postal articles.
- (d) issue and encashment of money and postal orders.
- (e) encashment of postcheques.

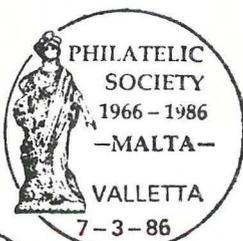
Postal articles posted at this Temporary Branch Post Office were postmarked with a date-stamp inscribed:-

“Interpol 15th. European Regional Conference – 28-30 April 1986 – Valletta – Malta”.

The Interpol logo is also incorporated in the date-stamp. (Fig. 9)



(Fig. 1)



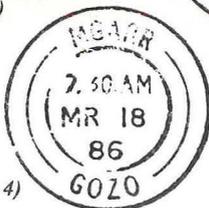
(Fig. 3)



(Fig. 7)



(Fig. 2)



(Fig. 4)



(Fig. 6)



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(Fig. 8)



(Fig. 9)