

Detailed Information about New Issues

The Elderly Issue

Date of Issue	16th. March 1982
Values	8c and 30c
Stamp Size	47mm x 29mm
Art Designer	Raymond Pitre
Printers	Printex Limited
Process	Lithography
Perforation	13.85 x 13.6
Watermark	Maltese Crosses pointing upright
Paper	Chalk Surfaced
Gum	P.V.A.

Colour:

The colour of this set was produced by the four colour process.

Designs:

Congratulations to Raymond Pitre for again giving us another beautiful set of stamps, dedicated to the elderly.

The 8c stamp features an old man, with "Has-Serh" as background. (The buttons of his waistcoat should have been on the other side).

The 30c stamp depicts an old woman with "Haż-Żmien" as background. "Has-Serh" was formerly a maternity Wing of the Royal Naval Hospital, which was recently converted, by Government, into a comfortable home for the elderly. Extensive modernisation works have been carried out in recent years at "Haż-Żmien", another Government hospital for the elderly. Throughout 1982, many national and international activities are being held, the objective being the gradual elimination of the problems, identified with aging in the world population. Foremost amongst these activities will be the World Assembly on Aging, being held in Vienna, Austria,

from the 26th. July to 6th. August, 1982.

The question of the elderly was introduced by Malta in the United Nations as far back as 1969 during the 24th. session of the General Assembly. Malta was pleased and honoured when the Advisory Committee for the World Assembly on Aging elected Professor Anthony Debono of Malta as its Chairman.

Colour checks in the form of coloured discs 3mm in diameter, are seen in the right hand margin, next to the last stamp of the bottom row. The colours from top to bottom correspond to the colours used for Pane numbers, from left to right, on both Panes, of the two values.

Cumulative totals of progressive columns of stamps, are seen in top and bottom margins, printed in black.

The Printed Sheet of each value consisted of two Panes, A and B. Each Pane has forty stamps made up of five rows of eight stamps. In the bottom right hand corner of Panes A, of both values, parts of cutting lines could still be seen. Both values are of the horizontal format.

Plate/Pane Numbers:

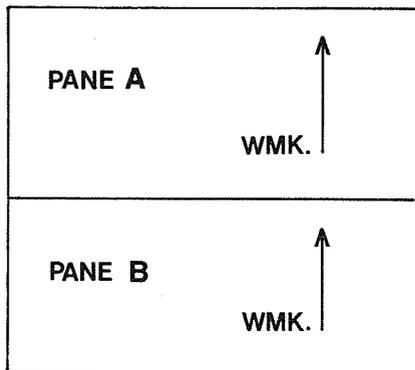
These are seen under the first stamp of the bottom row.

8c = 1A x 4, 1B x 4

30c = 1A x 4, 1B x 4.

Perforation of Margins:

The left hand margin of Panes A and B of both values, is imperforate. The top, bottom and right hand margins, of the same Panes and values are fully perforated.



From a study of the details given, the Printed Sheet of both values, before cutting into Panes, would look as shown on left, with perforator running from left to right. Looking at the Printed Sheet as shown, stamps would be seen the right way up, hence why watermark in individual stamps is also upright.

Imprint Blocks:

“PRINTEX LIMITED MALTA” is seen under the last stamp of the bottom row. Letters are 1mm and printed in black. An Imprint block of four will also include the colour checks. If it has a small horizontal line in the corner, you will know that it is part of a Pane A. A special hand-stamp, incorporating a line drawing of an elderly woman, as used for cancellation, on the first day of issue. A total of £M34,358 worth of stamps were sold by 12.45 p.m. on the first day of issue.

Europa Issue

Date of Issue	29th April 1982
Values	8c and 30c
Stamp Size	47mm x 29mm
Art Designer	Frank Portelli
Printers	Printex Limited
Process	Lithography
Perforation	13.9 x 13.6
Watermark	Maltese Crosses pointing upright
Paper	Chalk Surfaced
Gum	P.V.A.

Colours

Multicolours were used for the production of this set, with the two top colours of the colour checks being common for both values.

Designs

Frank Portelli has designed two very attractive stamps for this Europa issue. Having a size of 47mm x 29mm, one can see the difference in the result, between the work of the same artist, to when he was restricted by such a small stamp as that of the recent Definitive issue.

"Historic Events" is the theme chosen by CEPT for this year's issue. This is the twelfth set in the series of Europa issues, and as usual it is printed in small Panes of ten stamps. Both values are of the horizontal format and each Pane is divided into twelve spaces, four rows of three. The first spaces of the top two rows are used for description purposes. The first space of the top row, in both values, is used for "Europa '82", the CEPT symbol and two coloured lines whilst the first space of the second row is used for the different description of the stamp of each value. The value of a whole Pane of stamps is

seen in the middle of the top margin and printed in black.

The two stamps record memorable periods in the history of the Maltese islands.

The 8c stamp depicts the redemption of the Maltese Islands by the inhabitants from their Sicilian viceroy in 1428.

The 30c stamp features the declaration of Rights drawn by the Maltese on 15th. June 1802, by which they solemnly acknowledged the King of Great Britain as their only Lord and Sovereign, and at the same time asserting their fundamental rights, freedoms and privileges.

Colour checks in the form of coloured discs, 3mm in diameter, are seen in the right hand margin of each Pane, next to the last stamp of the top row. The colours from top to bottom correspond to the colours used for Pane numbers from left to right, on all panes of both values.

Each Printed Sheet of each value, consisted of six Panes of ten stamps, A to F, instead of the usual nine Panes, A to I.

Plate/Pane Numbers:

These are seen under the first stamp of the bottom row, in each Pane of both values.

8c = 1A x 4 up to and including 1F x 4.

30c = 1A x 4 up to and including 1F x 4.

Perforation of Margins:

The left hand margins of Panes A, B and C of both values are imperforate whilst the left hand margin of Panes D, E and F are fully perforated. The top, bottom and right hand margins of Panes A to F in both values are also fully perforated.

C WMK. ↑	F WMK. ↑
B WMK. ↑	E WMK. ↑
A WMK. ↑	D WMK. ↑

From a study of details given, the Printed Sheet of each value, before cutting into Panes, would have looked as shown on left, the perforator running from left to right. Looking at the Printed Sheet as shown, stamps of both values would be seen the right way up, hence why watermark in individual stamps is also upright.

Imprint Blocks:

The Imprint "PRINTEX LIMITED MALTA" is seen under the last stamp of the bottom row, in each Pane of both values. Letters are 1mm high and printed in black. An Imprint Block of four will not include the colour checks.

A special handstamp, incorporating the CEPT emblem, was used for cancellation on the first day of issue. £M257,908 worth of stamps were bought up to 12.45 p.m. on the first day of issue. This set will remain on sale up to Friday 19th. November, 1982, unless stocks are previously exhausted.

World Cup Issue

Date of Issue	11th June 1982
Values	3c, 12c and 15c
Stamp Size	33mm x 27mm
Designer	Richard J. Caruana
Printers	Printex Limited
Process	Lithography
Perforation	13.75 x 13.9
Watermark	Maltese Crosses pointing upright
Paper	Chalk Surfaced
Gum	P.V.A.

Colours:

The colours used for this set are:

3c – purple, yellow, red and blue.

12c – blue-grey, yellow, red and blue.

15c – olive-green, yellow, red and blue.

Designs

Richard J. Caruana has again given us a very beautiful set, to commemorate the World Cup 1982. The design is simple, and very cleverly, he made an effective use of the World Cup emblem, as part of the three different actions depicted in each value.

The 3c value shows a player about to dribble a ball. The 12c stamp depicts a goalkeeper making a save, whilst the 15c value shows a player heading a ball.

Colour checks in the form of coloured discs 3mm in diameter, are seen in the right hand margin, next to the last stamp of the bottom row. In the 3c and 15c values, the colours from top to bottom, correspond to the col-

ours used for Pane numbers from left to right on all Panes of the two values. In the 12c value, if the colour checks from top to bottom were to be numbered as 1, 2, 3 and 4, they will correspond to the colours used for Pane numbers, from left to right as 1, 3, 2 and 4. This can be seen in all three Panes of the 12c value.

Cumulative totals of progressive columns of stamps, are seen in top and bottom margins, printed in blue.

The Printed Sheet of each value consisted of three Panes, A, B and C. Each Pane has fifty stamps, made up of five rows of ten stamps. All three stamps are of the horizontal format.

Plate/Pane Numbers:

These are seen under the first stamp of the bottom row.

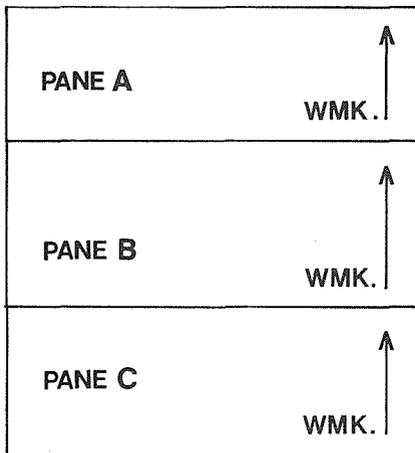
3c = 1A x 4, 1B x 4, 1C x 4.

12c = 1A x 4, 1B x 4, 1C x 4.

15c = 1A x 4, 1B x 4, 1C x 4.

Perforation of Margins:

The left hand margins of Panes A, B and C, of all values, are imperforate. The top, bottom and right hand margins of these same Panes and values, are all fully perforated.



From a study of details given, the Printed Sheet of each value, before cutting into Panes, would look as shown on left, with perforator running from left to right. Looking at the Printed Sheet as shown, stamps would be seen the right way up, hence why watermark in individual stamps is also upright.

Imprint Blocks:

“PRINTEX LIMITED MALTA” is seen under the last stamp of the bottom row. Letters are 1mm high and printed in blue. An Imprint Block of four will also include the colour checks.

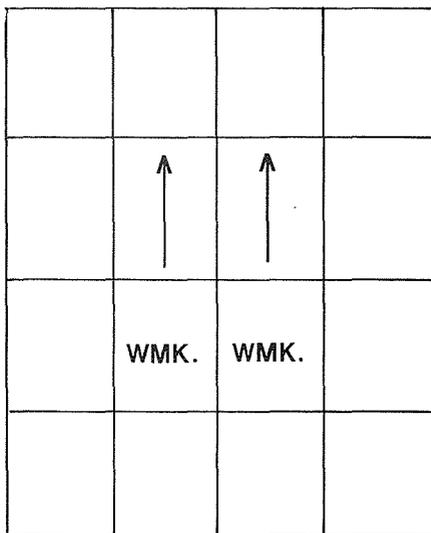
A special handstamp incorporating a drawing of the World Cup and of a football, was used for the cancellation of mail on the first day of issue. This set will remain on sale up to Monday, 11th. October 1982, unless stocks are previously exhausted.

Souvenir Miniature Sheet

With this set a souvenir miniature sheet was also issued. The size of this miniature sheet, which has a burnt-sienna background, is 124.5mm x 90mm. The Printed Sheet of this miniature sheet, consisted of sixteen souvenir sheets, made up of four rows of four. The perforation of the stamps is the same as on the normal Panes, i.e. 13.75 x 13.9. The watermark is opposite to that on all Panes of all values, i.e. sideways instead of upright. So individual stamps cut from miniature sheets can still be picked out from other individual stamps cut from normal Panes, by means of the watermark.

In my opinion this difference in watermark came about, because printing paper of the same size was used for both the printing of the normal Panes as well as the miniature sheets. Another reason was to make the best and most economical use of the printing paper provided.

This can be verified in this way, but first we must remember that when printing paper is supplied by Government to the printers, it would be already watermarked. By taking a look at the Printed Sheet of the normal Panes, and measuring one Pane as supplied from the Counters of Post Offices, we see that the Printed Sheet consisting of the three Panes, measures about 355mm x 490mm, remembering also that the space between two Panes is always the size of a normal stamp, thus allowing the perforator to take the whole Printed Sheet. Allowing for side wastages, we can say that the medium sized paper was used, i.e. the 16.5 ins x 21 ins. or 420mm x 534mm approximately. We know that the size of a miniature sheet is 125mm x 90mm, and working it out, it will be found, that no better use could have been made of the printing paper provided, except by printing the miniature sheets as shown in diagram above. Looking at the Printed Sheet as shown, the miniature sheets are not seen the right way up, but sideways standing on their shorter side, which means that the stamps in the miniature sheets, are also seen standing on their shorter side. As the watermark of the printing paper is



still upright, as it was in the case of the normal Panes, it will become sideways as far as the miniature sheets and the stamps in them are concerned, hence the difference in watermark between stamps from normal Panes and stamps from miniature sheets.

There are no Pane numbers or any other markings on the miniature sheets, so it is not possible to say which position each souvenir sheet held, in the Printed Sheet.