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THE IRISH PHILATELIC SOCIETY
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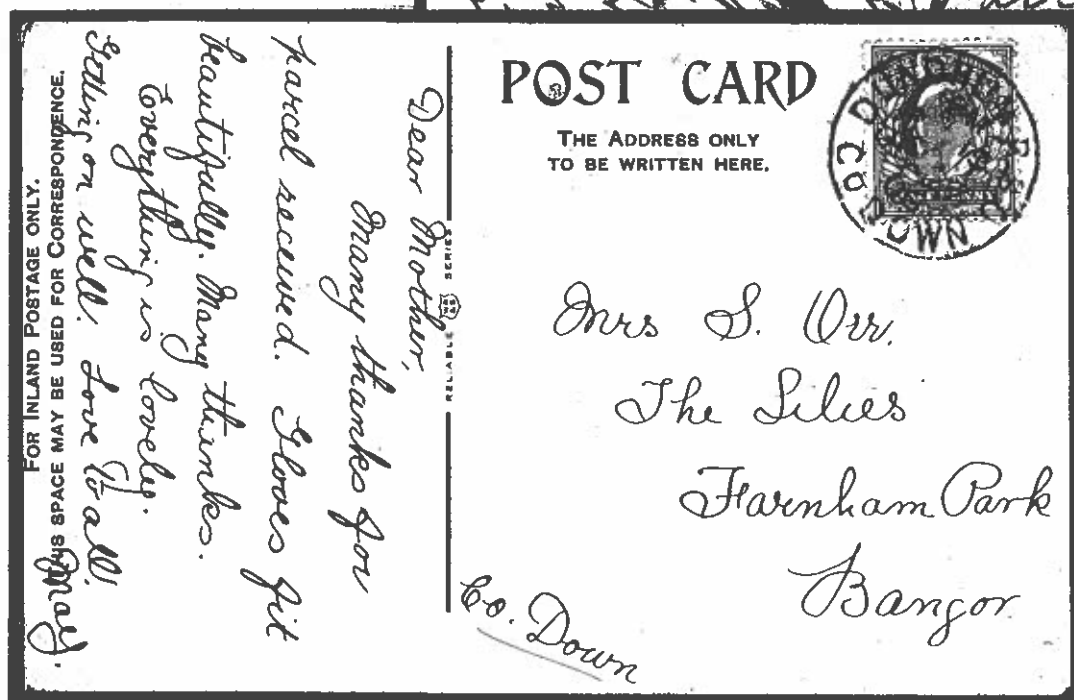
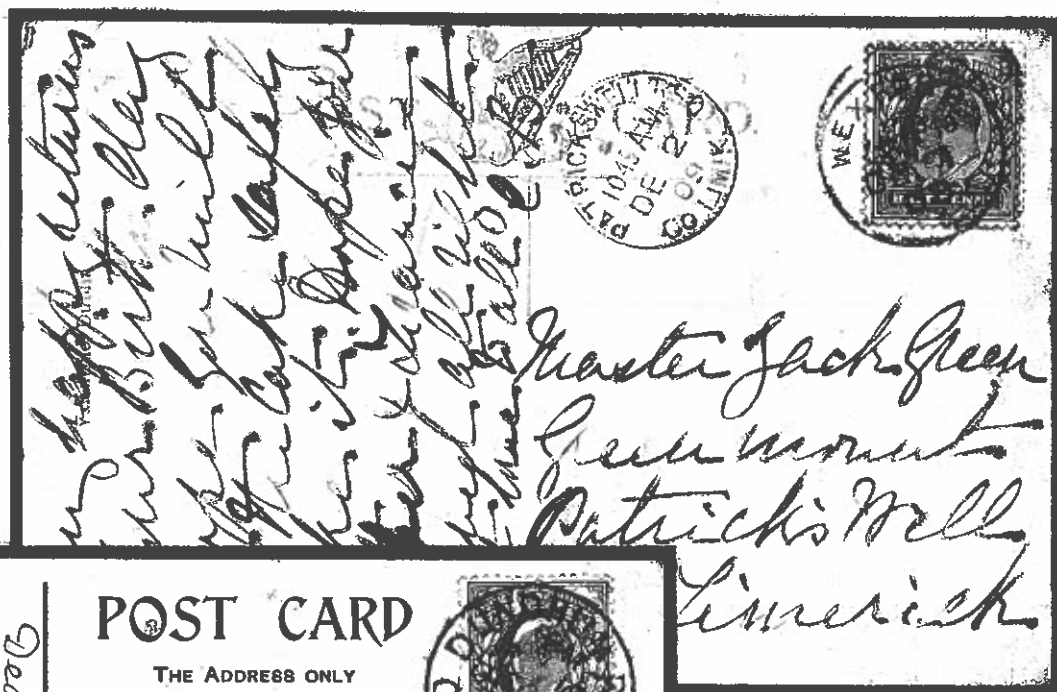
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In this issue : NEWS, UPCOMING EVENTS, DISPLAYS, EXCHANGE CONTACTS,
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



2 Postcards with PATRICKSWELL R.S.O./CO.LIMK and DUNDRUM R.S.O./
CO.DOWN datestamps shown on Members Choice Night - 16 Jan.2003

Dear Member,

Herewith the first journal for 2003. This is again proving popular with members who are continuing to find it useful when unable to attend any of our meetings.

In 2003 we can look forward to participation at the International Exhibition in Bangkok in October and hopefully we will gain awards.

Due to pressures and commitments at this time it is not possible to include an article in the thematic series this quarter. However, these will resume with the June Journal.

I hope you will enjoy this journal and on behalf of our President and Committee I would like to extend a Happy Easter to all members.

Beannachti Na Feile Casca.

NEWS

We extend a warm welcome to David Langan, a new City member who has joined since the beginning of the year.

Letterboxes

For those members who have an interest in this aspect of the postal system the following information may be of interest :

The wall mounted box that was located at the corner of Crumlin Road and Windmill Road (at the Texaco Service Station) was removed before Christmas and not replaced. Mail in the area can be posted at either the box outside the Post Office in Old County Road or at the box outside Crumlin Shopping Centre.

The stand alone Meter Mail box that originally stood above the entrance to the Dublin Mail Centre has now been re-located to Park West Business Park near the bus shelter over the canal bridge. It should also be noted that, the "pole mounted" type boxes for Dublin and All Other Areas have been placed beside it so there are now 3 mail boxes in Park West Business Park.

Athlone Mail Centre

This commenced operation in October last using the English version of its name. It has now commenced using the Irish version "Atha Luain".

Bangkok 2003

As previously reported a National Commissioner has been appointed to the above International Exhibition to be held from 4 to 13 October. 3 entries in the main competition have been accepted these being :

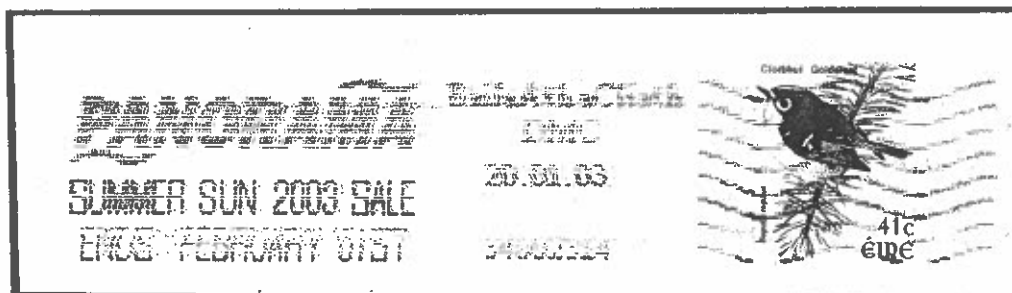
Karl Winkelmann	The Dublin Censor Office
Stephen Parker	Siam 1883 - 1939
Frank Mc Donald	Postal Cancellations and Markings of London 1857/1910

A decision on the acceptance of an entry in the Promotional One Frame Class is awaited and will be reported on later.

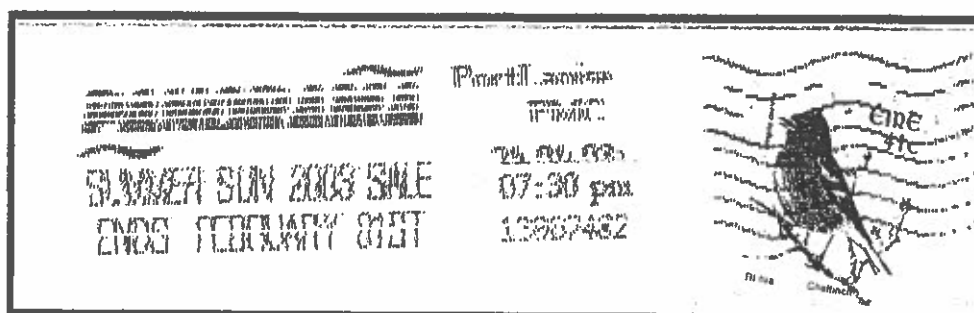
I M P Slogans

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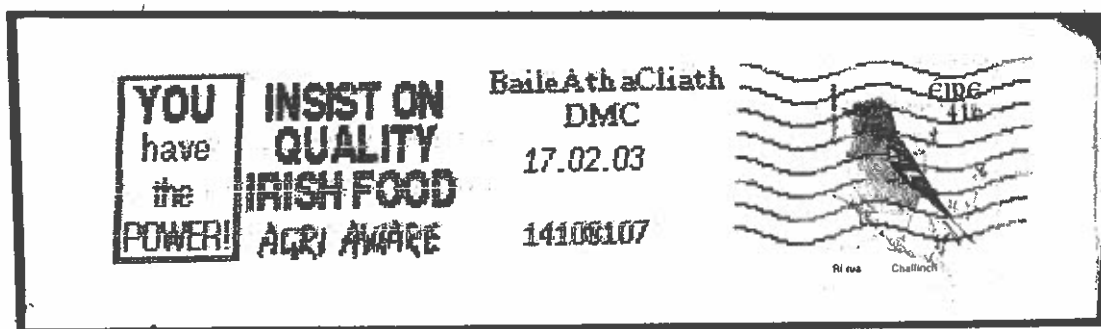
PANORAMA/SUMMER SUN 2003 SALE/ENDS FEBRUARY 01ST



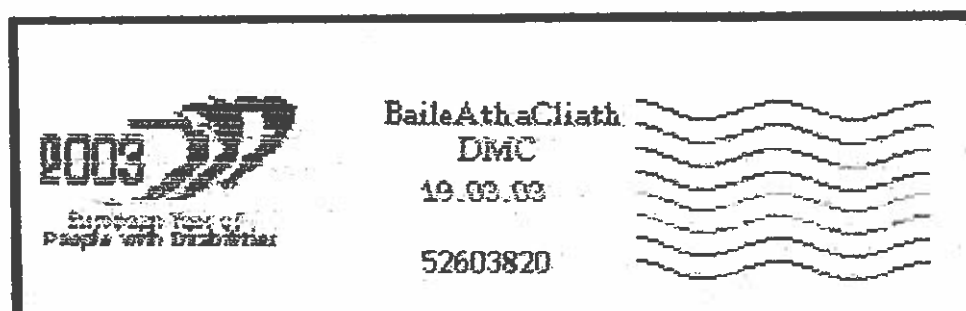
Also seen used from Portlaoise Mail Centre.



YOU/have/the/POWER INSIST ON/QUALITY/IRISH FOOD/ Agri Aware



2003/European Year of/People with Disabilities.



This text is not too clear and difficult to make out.

Upcoming Events

On Sunday 13 April (the Sunday before Easter) STAMPANIA 2003 will be held at the RDS, Anglesea Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 from 11 am to 5 pm. An admission charge of €3 is applicable to adults while children will have free entry.

IPC Convention

The Annual Convention of the Irish Philatelic Circle will take place in Ely House over the weekend of 10th and 11th May. This will have the usual format of AGM, Displays, TE Field Competition and Mini Auction on the Sunday. Visitors are welcome and it commences at 2 pm on the Saturday.

Appeals

The Bourse Secretary is now very short of material for the fortnightly auctions at our meetings. If members have material they wish to dispose of he would be grateful to have it. Good prices in a lot of cases are being achieved so why not give it a go. Material can be handed to him at our meetings or alternatively sent to him as follows :

Gordon Davis, 37 Hollypark Avenue, Blackrock, Co.Dublin.

The Packet Secretary also requires booklets for circulation on both the City and particularly the Country circuits in order to keep the packet going. Blank booklets can be obtained from the Packet Secretary :

Michael Murphy, 84 Glasnevin Avenue, Dublin 11.

Booklets for circulation may be handed in to him at our meetings or by post to the above address.

Displays

Members Choice Night - 16 January

This was the second such night in the current programme. 6 members provided displays on the night. These were :

William A. Moore - Postcards

Michael McNamara - Brazil

Gerry Byrne - Flags

John Lennon - Athlone Mail Centre

(this is reproduced in this journal)

Geoffrey McAuley - Christopher Columbus

Frank McDonald - Irish RSO Cancellations in the
Reign of Edward VII.

(a few of these are shown here and as
a cover illustration).

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E. S. B. offices
St Margaret's Road,
Linglas,
Dublin, 11.

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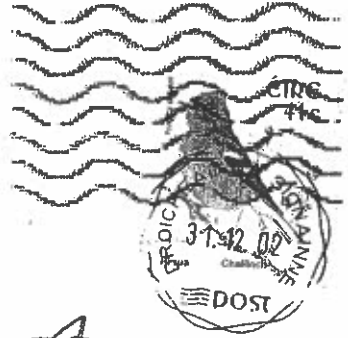
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ATHLONE MAIL CENTRE

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Dublin 2.

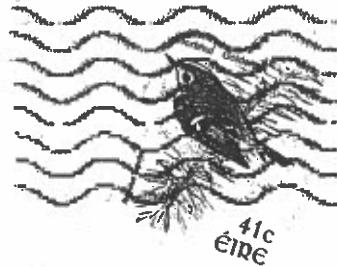
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ESB

St. Margarets Rd

Finglas

Dublin 11

2/1/83

Rest for 3/1/83

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ATHLONE MAIL CENTRE
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E. S. B

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PUBLIC LIGHTING ACCOUNTS

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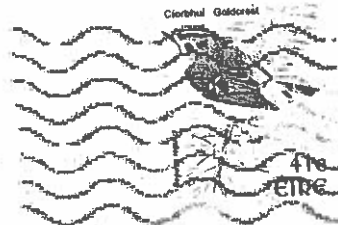
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DUBLIN 11

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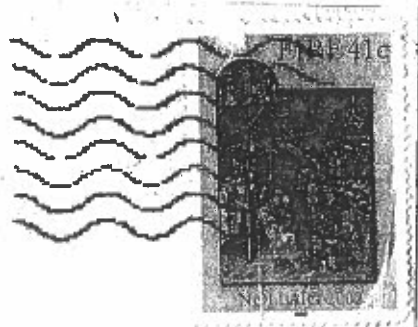
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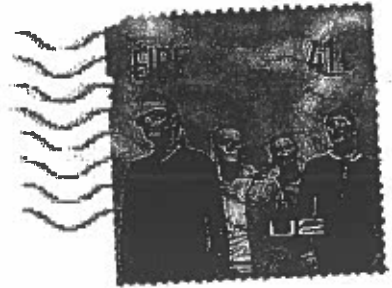
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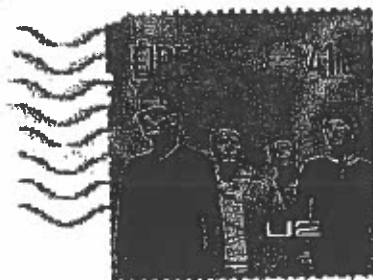
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SLIPAGE 'CORRECTED'



Miss May Lusk
Mountain Villa
Mountain Road
Tipton

ADDRESS HERE

Cardby

My dear May. How are you
ever since? I hope very
well. Don't this lovely
weather we are having.
I think well get our holiday
again the 26th of June. We
to see you soon again.
With best love to your
father & mother + with true
affection,
L. C. DOUGLASS.
NEW YORK.

POST CARD

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE
WRITTEN HERE.

This space may be used for communication for
Island, Postage, and Foreign Countries, except
Japan, Spain, and United States.

This space may be used for
 names of persons and Foreign
 Japan, Spain, and U

Stony Cottage
Haverhill
July 28.
1885

Mr. Thrice
Banada Lodge
Lubberscurry
Co Ohio

POST OFFICE

For INLAND Postage this Space, as well as the
Back, may now be used for Communication.
For FOREIGN Postage the Back only.
(Post Office Regulations.)

ADDRESS ONLY TO
WRITTEN HERE.

Lawrence, Publisher, Dublin

Hope you are
enjoying
the Holidays

J. B.

Miss H. Murphy
Market Place
Hunsall
Lancaster.

Japan

- 30 January

This display was given by Peter Corcoran. It consisted of stamps, miniature sheets and sheetlets. It covered the period from the end of 1999 to approx 2002. Various letter writing issues over the years featured including some based on Japanese works in the Chester Beatty Library. Many themes were shown such as Olympics, Flowers, Birds. A number of private non-Post Office issues which were accepted for postage were also shown.

Personal Choice

- 13 February

This display was given by Tony Finn and was in two sections - Ireland's Transition 1922-1925 and Maritime Mail.

The first half showed the effects of Transition on the Irish postal system and included English name datestamps on registered and other mail. Shown were the large Cork cds on a few registered items, English name registered labels and Irish name datestamps on the same cover - Pallasgreen, Co, Limerick being one example. The brief permitted period of George V stamps in 1922 on Irish mail before the introduction of the overprints was shown on a few covers. Of interest was a cover posted in Northern Ireland to a Southern Ireland address bearing the map stamp with a postage due indicator applied not recognised here and the charge duly collected with a postage due label. Unseen Official Mail with cachets from the Land Commission and other departments were also shown as was the emergency cancels.

The second section showed cancellations and post cards associated with the H&K (Holyhead and Kingstown) Packet from 1860 to date. It included the sideways 'H' which was used in datestamps on the mailboats in the training period of postal clerks prior to the commencement of this service in 1860. The mailboats in port featured as well as cancellations for the boats themselves. The display was completed by some modern Paquebot cancellations in use in recent times on this route.

Personal Choice

- 27 February

This display was given by Michael McNamara and was under six different headings of 10 sheets each.

These were "Missent and Transit Marks", "Colour-coded Mail Routing Labels", "Cage Labels (Letter post and Parcels post)", "Ireland - Flats Bundle Labels", "Ireland - Machine Sorting of Incoming Foreign Letters", "Brazil (covers to Ireland). This showed various postal marks and cancellations.

Personal Choice

- 27 March

This display was given by Finbarr O'Mahony and was a postal history one covering the period 1660 to 1940 approx. Frees, Ship Letters - Kinsale and Cork, Cross Posts, Australia, Malta - with the curved PAID/MALTA and MALTA, Ireland, USA.

Of interest were several items such as Francis Freeling (Secretary of the Post Office) letter, Palmer Letters, cover to Malta with two-line INSUFFICIENTLY/STAMPED. A cover signed by Lord Castlereagh, a cover from the House of Representatives to Ireland and a local USA cover with the Blood Delivery label affixed. The curved unframed "BASINSTOKE" mark and framed "TO PAY 1d ONLY of Bagshot were also shown.

It was well received on the night by those present.

EXCHANGES SOUGHT

The following collectors in other European countries have written in the hope of finding an exchange partner or partners in this country as follows :

Uberto Baggiani , Via Gropallo 4/16a, 1 - 16122 Genova GE, Italy :

seeking collectors in Ireland to exchange on the theme of the World Scouting Movement - postage stamps, cancellations, post-cards, aerogrammes etc.

S.Baranauskas, P.O.Box 22, 5800 Klaipeda, Lithuania :

seeking to find a collector or collectors in Ireland with whom to exchange stamps of Lithuania and other areas in that region for those of Ireland.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Thursday 13 March. It was well attended and was chaired initially by Mr. William A. Moore.

The Secretary's Report indicated that, average attendance at meetings in the previous year was 27, a slight decrease on the previous year. There was no Society participation at International Exhibitions in 2002. The Exhibition and Buffet on 25 July to close our Centenary celebrations was a great success.

The financial situation showed good outturns. Despite being notified of a rent increase from September last this as yet had not been applied. A copy of the Financial Statement is reproduced in this Journal.

The library again remained under used in the previous 12 month period. Only 5 borrowings were made during the year by 3 borrowers the lowest in 10 years.

Our President Mr. William A. Moore indicated that, he was not seeking a second term in office and in his place Mr. Tom McCarthy was elected.

Following elections the Officers and Committee for 2003/2004 are as follows:

President	-	Tom McCarthy
Vice-President	-	Dr. Robert P. Towers
Secretary / Treasurer	-	Francis G. McDonald
Bourse Secretary	-	Dr. Gordon Davis
Packet Secretary	-	Michael G. Murphy
Librarian	-	Dr. M. Finbarr O'Mahony
Committee Members	-	Paul Appleby
		Jim Kelly
		William A. Moore
		John Mullen
Hon. Auditor	-	Brian Warren

No increase was recommended by the Secretary / Treasurer to the Annual Subscription Rate for 2003. Accordingly rates therefore remain at :

City €15.00

Country €7.50