

IRISH STAMPS *Collectors News*



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Dear Collector,

Welcome to the latest Collectors News. You'll find many remarkable issues on view including those commemorating anniversaries of the Battle of the Somme, the Rosslare/Fishguard Ferry Service and several other highly significant Irish events.

The Battle of the Somme started 90 years ago this year on 1 July 1916 and we mark this dark period of modern history with an evocative stamp issue on 26 June.

On a lighter note, 2006 sees the Centenary of the Rosslare/Fishguard Ferry Service. This essential route was opened in 1906 to complement the new rail service between London and Waterford which was constructed to transport passengers wishing to board transatlantic liners in Cobh. The service is vitally important for the tourist trade, providing the principal link to south-eastern Ireland.

Several Irish language anniversaries occur this year: the Centenary of the birth of Máirtín Ó Cadhain, whose writing inspired a natural love of the Irish language; the 150th Anniversary of the Death, and Bi-centenary of the Birth, of Johann Caspar Zeuss, the first person to study Celtic languages comprehensively, the 50th Anniversary of the Department of the Gaeltacht, who promote Irish-speaking communities; and the 10th Anniversary of TG4, the Irish language channel.

A fascinating series of stamps, First Day Covers and Minisheets have been issued to commemorate these momentous events and more. They dramatically embody the spirit of these important dates and are sure to enhance any collection. I hope you enjoy them and this exciting edition of Collectors News!



Aidan Murphy
Marketing Manager, Irish Stamps



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NEWS & INFORMATION

16TH INTERNATIONAL STAMP FAIR IN ESSEN, GERMANY



The Georg Roll Company represented An Post at the 16th International Stamp Fair in Essen from 4 - 6 May 2006. The organisers reported a large number of visitors to the exhibition. A cachet will be available and customers may order it through the Philatelic Bureau, GPO, Dublin 1 or by calling 00 353 (1) 705 7400.

ADOPTION OF THE EU FLAG - FIRST DAY COVER



On 9 May 2006 a stamp was issued to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Adoption of the EU Flag. At the time of printing of the last edition of Collectors News the First Day Cover image was not available. The First Day Cover is now available to buy from the Philatelic Bureau, GPO, Dublin 1 or online at www.irishstamps.ie

Product Code: 0610FDC Price: €1.23

STAMP YOUR AUTHORITY AND WIN A 2005 FDC COLLECTION



Test your philatelic knowledge with this fun quiz and be in with a chance to win one of five 2005 First Day Cover Collections! (Hint: if you get stuck, all the answers can be found in this edition of Collectors News.) Simply send your answers, with your name and address, to: Stamp Your Authority Competition, An Post Philatelic Section, Ground Floor, GPO, Dublin 1, Ireland. The closing date for entries is 3 July 2006.

1. Name the artist who designed the Battle of the Somme Stamp.
2. How old is TG4 this year?
3. What day was the stamp issued to celebrate the Adoption of the EU Flag?
4. Where was JC Zeuss born?
5. In which year was the Fishguard development completed?

CELTIC SCHOLARS



Announcing a celebration of Irish Language landmarks

2006 sees the commemoration of several important people and developments in Irish language history - Máirtín Ó Cadhain, Johann Caspar Zeuss, TG4 and the Department of the Gaeltacht.

To mark this historic year, stamps featuring Celtic Scholars - Máirtín Ó Cadhain and Johann Caspar Zeuss will be issued as a 48c se-tenant pair while the 10th Anniversary of TG4 and the 50th Anniversary of the Department of the Gaeltacht are commemorated with two 48c stamps. Two separate First Day Covers are also available. These stamps represent amazing additions to any collection, and as demand is likely to be high, make sure you order your sets today.

Máirtín Ó Cadhain

Centenary of the birth of Máirtín Ó Cadhain (1906 - 1970).

Máirtín Ó Cadhain, arguably one of Ireland's most talented writers in the Irish language, was born in the Connemara Gaeltacht in 1906. Educated locally, he entered the teaching profession and became a dedicated campaigner for Irish heritage.

He is best known for his 1949 novel "Cré na Cille" (Churchyard Clay) which was chosen by UNESCO for translation into several languages in a series devoted to masterpieces in the world's lesser known languages. His short story collections include "Idir Shúgradh agus Dáiríre" (1939) and "An Braon Broghach" (1948).

In 1949 he joined the translation staff of Dáil Éireann and in 1956 was appointed lecturer in Modern Irish at Trinity College, Dublin, becoming Professor of Irish there in 1969. He was also elected to the Irish Academy of Letters, the first writer to be so honoured for writing in Irish only.

Máirtín Ó Cadhain's writings sought to convey Irish as a flexible instrument of modern thought and feeling and his short stories portrayed life in the Connemara Gaeltacht with realism and authenticity. His remarkable ability to generate a natural love of the Irish language was testament to his genius as a teacher, and his death in 1970 deprived Ireland of a truly inspirational and gifted author.



Product Code: 0612FDC Price: €1.71

CELTIC SCHOLARS

Johann Caspar Zeuss

Johann Caspar Zeuss (1806 - 1856) 150th anniversary of his death and bi-centenary of his birth.

Born at Vogtendorf, Bavaria, Germany, on 22 July 1806, Johann Caspar Zeuss is widely acknowledged as the father of Celtic Studies. Combining his knowledge of philology with that of history and ethnology, his original Germanic studies made him realise the necessity of knowing the Celtic languages. This led to an exhaustive investigation involving journeys to Karlsruhe, Wurtzburg, St. Gall, Milan, London and Oxford in search of old manuscripts.

The three most important manuscripts he found were from St. Gall, Wurtzberg and Milan, which contained the ancient Irish language in greater purity and clarity than any other documents. They provided the key for scientific understanding of the Celtic languages in general and he interpreted and studied them closely, comparing them with the oldest literary texts of Wales, Cornwall and Brittany, and remnants of the language of the Gauls.

The result of this intensive research was the acclaimed "Grammatica Celtica". Published in 1853, written in Latin and 1,200 pages long, it proved beyond doubt that the Celtic languages were a group of the Indo-European family and put Celtic philology on a sound scientific basis.

Zeuss devoted the remainder of his life to investigating the works of the much-travelled Irish scholars of the early middle-ages and died in 1856.

To celebrate the anniversaries of Máirtín Ó Cadhain and Johann Caspar Zeuss, An Post is issuing a 48c se-tenant pair and a First Day Cover. The se-tenant pair features striking portraits of Máirtín Ó Cadhain, painted by Seán O'Sullivan and Johann Caspar Zeuss, painted by James Hanley RHA, are available now from the Philatelic Shop, GPO, Dublin 1 or online at www.irishstamps.ie

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Date of Issue	6 June, 2006
Value & Quantity	2 x 48c se-tenant (330,000)
Paintings	James Hanley RHA Seán O'Sullivan
Design	Q Design
Stamp Size	29.8mm x 40.64mm
Colour	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make-up	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations	14 x 15
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd.



Product Code: 061248ST Price: €7.68

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE GAELTACHT AND THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF TG4



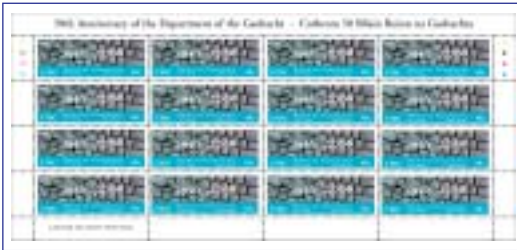
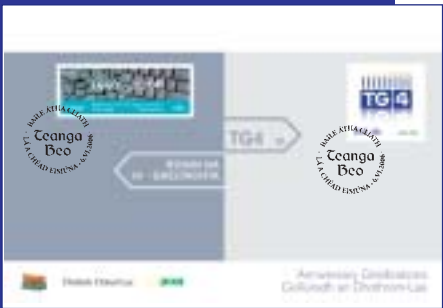
Department of the Gaeltacht

To promote the cultural, social and economic welfare of the Gaeltacht and to encourage the preservation and extension of Irish as a vernacular language, a Department of the Gaeltacht was established in 1956 under the Ministers and Secretaries Act. Additionally, Údarás na Gaeltachta was established as a State agency in 1980 to promote the economic and social development of Gaeltacht regions.

The term ‘Gaeltacht’ describes areas designated by Government where the Irish language is the community language. Covering extensive parts of Donegal, Mayo, Galway and Kerry on the western seaboard and also parts of Cork, Meath and Waterford, these areas are an unbroken link with a past that saw Irish as the dominant language in Ireland up to the middle of the 19th century.

Irish is one of the oldest written languages in Europe with a linguistic tradition that stretches back to the ninth century. Despite a strategic policy of Anglicisation, the language survived and experienced a resurgence at the end of the 19th century which has continued with varying degrees of success up to the present day. Now, with a population of approximately 86,000 people also fluent in the English language, these areas are a vital element in the development of a truly bi-lingual Irish society.

Collectors please note that the 50th Anniversary of the Department of the Gaeltacht sheetlets will have plate numbers 1A, 1B, and 1C. Collectors who require specific plate blocks for this issue should specify which block required when ordering.



Product Code: 0613FDC Price: €1.71

Product Code: 0613481 Price: €7.68

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE GAELTACHT AND THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF TG4

TG4

Established in 1996, the aim of Ireland's fourth national television channel, Teilifís Gaeilge 4 (TG4), was to provide a high quality programming schedule in Irish and other languages. Aiming to cater for all age groups, TG4's new and innovative programmes were designed to promote creativity and to celebrate Irish storytelling, sport, music, drama and culture.

Over 800,000 viewers now tune in each day. The daily Irish language programmes form its core service, with over seven hours of high quality programming in Irish supported by a wide range of material in other languages. Programmes commissioned by TG4 have won many prestigious awards, amongst the most recent being the Animation Award for "Cúilín Dualach" at the International Celtic Film and TV Festival 2005, the Best Documentary Award in the Irish Language for "Concerto Chaitlín Maude" at IFTA 2005, and the Best International Comedy for "Yu Ming Is Ainm Dom" at the Aspen Shortsfest Film Festival, Colorado, in 2004.

As well as investing over €15 million annually in original Irish programming from the independent production sector in Ireland, TG4 is one of the most important investors in the future of the Gaeltacht. The service is one of the most positive and high-profile Government initiatives for the Irish language and it enjoys the support of all the political parties and groupings.

TG4 represents an attractive and entertaining daily point of contact with Irish in a context that is totally different to school.

On 6 June An Post is delighted to announce the issue of two individual stamps and a First Day Cover to celebrate 10 years of TG4 and 50 years of the Department of the Gaeltacht. The stamps and the First Day Cover are available to buy now from the Philatelic Shop, GPO, Dublin 1 or online at www.irishstamps.ie

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Date of Issue	6 June, 2006
Values & Quantities	48c (330,000) 48c (330,000)
Design	Zinc Design Consultants
Stamp Size	36mm x 36mm (TG4) 60mm x 24mm (Gaeltacht)
Colour	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make-up	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations	13.5 x 13.5
Printing Process	Lithography
Printers	Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd. (TG4) Cartor Security Printing (Gaeltacht)



Product Code: 0613482 Price: €7.68

The Samuel Beckett

Centenary Coin Collection

Samuel Beckett was born in Dublin in 1906 and educated at the Portora Royal School and Trinity College, Dublin. Having specialised in French and Italian, he worked as a teacher in Belfast and lecturer in English at the École Normale Supérieure in Paris, where he met and became friends with James Joyce.

Beckett was perhaps most famous for his plays, which are concerned with human suffering and survival. “Waiting for Godot”, written in 1949 and published in English in 1954, brought Beckett international fame and established him as one of the leading names of the theatre of the absurd.

In the 1960s he wrote for the theatre, television and radio, and in 1969 won the Nobel Prize for Literature. However, he refused to attend the Nobel ceremony. His later works included a collection of short poems entitled “Company” (1978) and “Catastrophe” (1984), about the interrogation of a dissident.

Beckett died on December 22, 1989 and it is rumoured that he gave much of the Nobel prize money to needy artists.

To celebrate Beckett’s remarkable achievements, the Central Bank & Financial Services Authority of Ireland launched two limited edition Samuel Beckett Centenary Coins on 26 April 2006. Comprising a €10 Silver Proof Coin and a €20 Gold Proof Coin, these two coins are also available in a Double Boxed Proof Coin set for our Collectors News readers. As part of our joint issue with Sweden Post we have the superb Nobel Laureates Presentation Pack, available at just €10. The pack features Samuel Beckett, Seamus Heaney, George Bernard Shaw and William Butler Yeats.

Limited Edition Samuel Beckett
Centenary Coin Collections

Irish Nobel Literary
Laureates Presentation Pack



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| 1 | Product Code: 06SB1 | Price: €32.00 |
| 2 | Product Code: 06SB3 | Price: €80.00 |
| 3 | Product Code: 06SB2 | Price: €50.00 |

Product Code: 0420PP Price: €10.00

Strictly limited to one set per customer.

The Samuel Beckett

Centenary Coin Collection

The Central Bank & Financial Services Authority of Ireland recently launched the Samuel Beckett Centenary Coin Collection and An Post – Irish Stamps are pleased to be able to make these available to our Collectors at very competitive prices.

€10 Silver Proof Coin – Limited to 35,000 Pieces

The Silver Beckett Coin is the standard €10 proof coin with the same specifications as previous years. However, this year the €10 coin is participating in the Europa Coin Programme and bears the Europa mark.

Price €32

Product Code : 06SB1



€20 Gold Proof Coin – Limited to 20,000 Pieces

This is the first gold proof euro coin to be issued by the Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland. This coin is a 1/25th oz gold coin with a diameter of 13.92mm. This coin will participate in the smallest gold coins in the world programme.

Price €50

Product Code : 06SB2



€10 & €20 Double Boxed Proof Coin Set

This double-boxed set, which includes one of the €10 Silver Proof Coin and the €20 Gold Proof Coins will have a maximum issue of 5,000 pieces, which will be taken from the issue limits of both coins.

Price €80

Product Code : 06SB3



CENTENARY OF THE ROSSLARE/FISHGUARD FERRY SERVICE



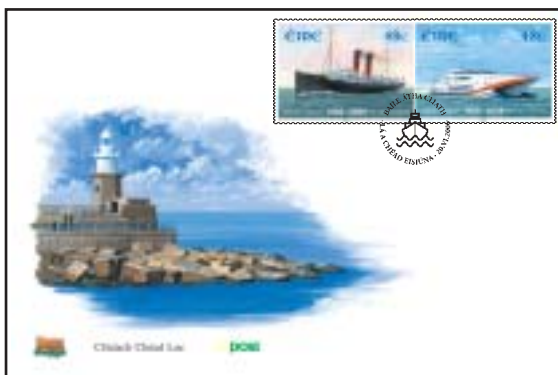
Towards the end of the 19th Century a ferry service linked New Milford, in the Milford Haven estuary, and Waterford. The engineer, Marc Brunel, envisaged a port on the west coast of Wales which could handle the transatlantic liners trade and which by definition would require a rail connection to serve London. The Fishguard and Rosslare

Railways and Harbour Company, which was taken over jointly by the Great Western Railway and their Irish partners, the Great Southern and Western Railway of Ireland, undertook to build a railway from Waterford to Rosslare. Linking New Milford to the rail network presented major engineering difficulties so the alternative port of Fishguard was chosen. It was sheltered, had deep water and most importantly offered a shorter crossing to Ireland. During the next few years no expense was spared in making Fishguard a major port for Irish traffic.

Work began on the development of Fishguard in 1899 and was completed in 1906. The service to Ireland was launched in 1906, and the first westbound sailing of the Saint David carried 231 passengers. The service has operated since then without interruption, even during the First and Second World Wars, carrying both passengers and mail between Ireland and Britain.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Date of Issue	20 June, 2006
Value & Quantity	2 x 48c se-tenant (330,000)
Illustration	Vincent Killowry
Design	Paul Raftery
Stamp Size	40.64mm x 29.8mm
Colour	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make-up	Sheetlets of 16
Stamp Perforations	15 x 14
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd.



Product Code: 0614FDC Price: €1.71

CENTENARY OF THE ROSSLARE/FISHGUARD FERRY SERVICE

Among the liners that called to Fishguard were the Mauritania and Lusitania.

The ferry service established a very strong connection between the communities in Fishguard and Rosslare which is maintained today. It continues to serve as a key element of the infrastructure linking Ireland and Britain for the purposes of trade and tourism.

Both ports are legally owned by Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Company in which Stena Line and Irish Rail are shareholders.

To celebrate the centenary of the Rosslare/Fishguard Ferry Service, An Post is proud to issue a 48c se-tenant pair, two First Day Covers and a Minisheet. Available to buy from 20 June, simply complete the order form attached and post it to the Philatelic Bureau, GPO, Dublin 1, call 00 353 (1) 705 7400 or buy online at www.irishstamps.ie



Product Code: 061448ST Price: €7.68



Product Code: 0614FDCMS Price: €1.71

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Date of Issue	20 June, 2006
Value & Quantity	96c Minisheet (35,000)
Illustration	Vincent Killowry
Design	Paul Raftery
Size	150mm x 90mm
Colour	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Perforations	15 x 14
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd.

Collectors please note that the Centenary of the Rosslare/Fishguard Ferry Service special cancellation will also be available at the Rosslare Harbour Post Office from 20 June 2006.



Robert Sinclair's Collection

Remarkable Irish Presentation Packs



Easter Rising 1916
50th Anniversary and second printing
12 April 1966

My initial interest in stamps began a long time ago. I can still remember helping my mother to lick stamps (1952 Thomas Moore) to put on envelopes at Christmas! However, with over 50 years of collecting behind me, I have now decided to concentrate on Irish Presentation Packs and associated memorabilia. I have several notable favourites, which can be seen on these pages alongside a brief description. To name but a few:

- ❖ 1934 Presentation Pack 'Cairo', with a full set of watermarked 1/2p – 1s.
- ❖ Souvenir Special 'Purcell' SE definitives and display cards. S.S. Purcell was the Chief of Section of the Department of Posts & Telegraphs and P. S. O'Hegarty, the First Secretary of the independent Irish Post Office in 1922, was Administration Secretary.
- ❖ 1952 Department of Posts & Telegraphs Ministerial Presentation Pack. Signed by Erskine Childers, Postmaster General from 1951 to 1954.



Souvenir
Presentation Pack Cairo
Also display cards, for
Chief of Section S.S. Purcell
and Administration
Secretary P. S. O'Hegarty
1934

Robert Sinclair's Collection

Remarkable Irish Presentation Packs



Capex Presentation Pack with various 1974/8 issues and the 1978 Flowers FDC with special Capex Cancellation 1978



- 1975 special Presentation Pack of the opening of the Philatelic Office, Dublin. Contains various 1974-1975 issues including 'Girl' with no watermark, £1 and 1975 Europa. The pack is signed by the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, designer Raymond Kyne and Post Office officials.
- 1978 Capex Presentation Pack with various 1974-1978 issues.
- 1978 FDC Irish Flora and Fauna ('Flowers') with special Capex 1978 Toronto cancellation.



Thomas Moore, Ministerial Presentation Folders signed by Erskine H. Childers, Postmaster General 13 June 1951- 2 June 1954

Of course, there have been many other landmark events over the years. For instance, in 1976 we had the first Posts & Telegraphs Ireland special stamps Year Pack. In 1983 the Year Pack contained beautiful scenic views of Ireland for the first time and in 1989 the Presentation Pack size was increased (and again in 1997).

Other elements, such as the ever improving Collectors News and the signing of FDC's by artists at the Philatelic Shop, GPO, Dublin 1, also add vital importance to the experience of collecting. In my view, it is the continual progression of design, content and presentation that makes Irish stamps so beautiful and eminently collectible.

By Robert Sinclair (Roibeárd O'Sinclair), member of the IPS, FAI, DSS & STAMPA.

BATTLE OF THE SOMME



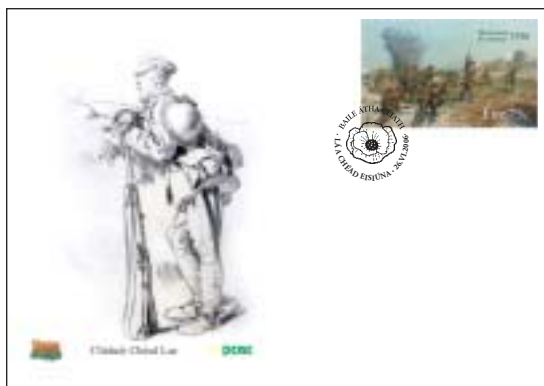
The Battle of the Somme, (36th Ulster Division) by J. P. Beadle, reproduced with the kind permission of Belfast City Council.

Title of First Day Cover image: South Irish Horse. A Dubliner resting on his way to Arras Front by Sir William Orpen RA. Reproduced with the kind permission of The Imperial War Museum, London.

A full-length study of a soldier in battle kit leaning against a trench wall. He wears a cloth cap on his head, and his helmet hangs from his shoulder. He rests his hands on the barrel of his rifle which stands in front of him.

The Somme offensive is probably the most infamous battle ever fought. On 1 July, 1916, the first day of fighting, an estimated 19,000 British and Irish troops were killed and 39,000 wounded, a total which to this day has not been surpassed. The battle ended on 18 November with the arrival of atrocious weather. By that time, the British, Irish and French troops had gained 12 kilometres of ground at an estimated cost of 420,000 British and Irish casualties. In addition 200,000 French and 500,000 German soldiers lost their lives.

The attack was launched on a 30-kilometre front north of the River Somme between Arras and Albert under the command of Sir Douglas Haig. It was preceded by an eight-day preliminary bombardment of the German lines by 3,000 British and French guns, beginning on Saturday 24 June. The expectation was that the ferocity of the bombardment would entirely destroy all forward German defences, enabling the attacking troops to practically walk across "No Man's Land" and take possession of the German front lines. However, the advance artillery bombardment failed to destroy either the German front line barbed wire or the heavily built concrete bunkers in which the German troops found excellent shelter.



Product Code: 0615FDC Price: €1.50

BATTLE OF THE SOMME

As a consequence, the attacking troops were cut down by the highly effective German machine guns. Many soldiers, laden down with supplies and expecting little or no opposition, were killed or wounded the moment they stepped into “No-Man’s Land”. Even the first ever use of tanks could not alter the course of the battle. These first tanks, 50 in total, reached the Somme in September, but mechanical and other failures reduced the original number from 50 to 24. Whilst they achieved a large measure of surprise when sprung upon the German lines, these early tanks proved unwieldy and highly unreliable.

In the end, it was the weather that put a stop to the attrition and slow advance of the Allied soldiers. Thereafter, a fierce debate about Haig’s conduct of the battle started, with some critics arguing that his inflexible approach merely repeated flawed tactics while others argued that Haig was forced into the Somme offensive in order to relieve the French, who were under immense pressure at Verdun. But perhaps the key factor was that Haig was convinced – as were the Germans – that the enemy was on the point of exhaustion and that a breakthrough was imminent, which is what gave the offensive its impetus throughout the summer and into November of 1916.

To commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, An Post is issuing an evocative stamp based on a painting by J. P. Beadle. Denominated at 75c, it is sure to be in high demand as a poignant and sombre reminder of the tragic events and high losses suffered by both sides during that period of the First World War.



Product Code: 061575 Price: €9.00

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Date of Issue	26 June, 2006
Value & Quantity	75c (330,000)
Design	Ger Garland
Stamp Size	44.45mm x 27.94mm
Colour	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make-up	Sheetlets of 12
Perforations	13.75 x 13.75
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd.

Gift Ideas

from Irish Stamps

Railway Prints

This Limited Edition Set of five prints features original illustrations by renowned artist Vincent Killowry. Commissioned to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the completion of the Dublin-Belfast Railway Line, each print has been individually signed and numbered by the artist.

The edition of 750 sets features prints of the four stamp images as well as the actual Railway Stamp issued. The prints carry a First Day of Issue cancellation and a bonus print features an illustration of a specially designed Minisheet.

(Each print measures
295mm x 210mm)

Limited Edition Railway Prints
0508PRSET €100



An Post Van Sets



This wonderfully crafted set features five die-cast metal classic An Post vehicles. The vehicles featured which measure 8mm x 3mm approximately, are the Model T Ford, Horse Drawn Carriage, Anglia Van, Transit Bus and VW Transporter. Each vehicle has its own legitimate Fleet Number and each Set is contained in a superb presentation box. Individually certified and numbered and limited to 2,500 sets, the Van Set makes a wonderful gift.

Set of Five An Post Vans
03VANSET €60.00



WASHINGTON 2006

– World Philatelic Exhibition

From 27 May to 3 June, Washington DC played host to the World Philatelic Exhibition. Held under the patronage of the Federation Internationale de Philatelie, visitors had the unique opportunity to buy stamps from over 70 countries and view some of the rarest stamps and collections in the world.

To mark this highpoint in the world of Philately in 2006, An Post, represented by our US agent Interpost, was delighted to make available a specially overprinted minisheet from our Fauna and Flora Trees issue. The overprint features the official logo of Washington 2006.

Collectors News readers can now purchase this rare issue, representing an exclusive chance to add a truly remarkable minisheet to your collection. Priced at just €3, demand is sure to be high, so place your order now by sending the order form to the Philatelic Bureau, GPO, Dublin 1, by calling 00 353 (1) 705 7400 or online at www.irishstamps.ie.



Product Code: 0606MS

Price: €3.00



— Year Book 2005 —



The Irish Stamp Year Book is a 48-page hardback book which contains the full collection of special and commemorative stamps issued by An Post in 2005. Individually numbered and limited to just 3,000 copies, the Irish Stamp Year Book also contains four beautiful stamp minisheets. With excellent photography and incisive commentary on each of the year's stamp issues, the Year Book makes a prestigious gift that highlights many fascinating aspects of Irish culture and heritage.

A special Luxury Edition Year Book is also available. This leather bound edition is limited to just 150 copies.

2005 Year Book
05YB - €55.00

2005 Luxury Edition Year Book
05YBS - €160



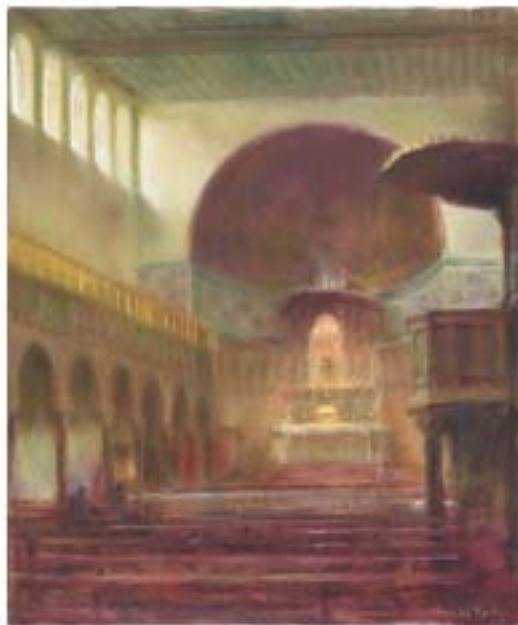
University Church

Limited Edition Print

Dr. Thomas Ryan's beautiful painting of the interior of the University Church in St. Stephen's Green, Dublin was issued as a 48c Stamp on 25 May.

Philatelists and art collectors alike will no doubt be interested to know that An Post Irish Stamps is making this image available as a limited edition print signed and numbered by Dr. Ryan – former President of the RHA.

This limited edition of just 400 prints (mount size measuring approximately 50cm x 40cm), is available to buy from the Philatelic Bureau, GPO, O'Connell St., Dublin 1 or online at www.irishstamps.ie. The print also features the stamp and the special first day of issue cancellation. Priced at just €50, they are sure to sell out in record time so don't delay in getting your order in!



A word from Thomas Ryan RHA.

I have always enjoyed painting interiors, the trouble is not all the best ones are available, but happily, churches still are and one of the handsomest in Dublin is the subject of this canvas. It shows the interior of the church of the Catholic University whose Rector was John Henry, afterwards Cardinal, Newman. I painted it in 1987, but I did not finish it then; the picture had to wait for 18 years before completion.

Newman avoided the prevailing confessional styles of the Irish ecclesiastical architecture of the time and gave us this amazing exercise in Byzantine grandeur. It is still as gloomily imperial; if there is one 'incensed' interior in Dublin this, surely, is it.



Product Code : 0611PR Price - €50

ORDER FORM

Date of Issue	Product/Item	Product Code	UOM	Quantity	Price €	Value
1 Oct 2004	Irish Nobel Literary Laureates Presentation Pack	0420PP	EA		€10.00	
9 May 2006	EU Flag FDC	0610FDC	EA		€1.23	
25 May 2006	University Church - Limited Edition Signed Print by Thomas Ryan RHA	0611PR	EA		€50.00	
6 June 2006	Samuel Beckett €10 Silver Proof Coin	06SB1	EA		€32.00	
6 June 2006	Samuel Beckett €20 Gold Proof Coin	06SB2	EA		€50.00	
6 June 2006	Samuel Beckett €10 & €20 Double Boxed Proof Coin Set	06SB3	EA		€80.00	
June 2006	Washington Exhibition Flora & Fauna Miniature Sheet Overprint	0606EMS	EA		€3.00	
6 June 2006	Celtic Scholars 48c Se-tenant Pair	061248ST	EA		€0.96	
6 June 2006	Celtic Scholars Sheetlet	061248ST	S8		€7.68	
6 June 2006	Celtic Scholars FDC	0612FDC	EA		€1.71	
6 June 2006	TG4/Gaeltacht Stamp Set	0613SET	EA		€0.96	
6 June 2006	TG4 48c Stamp	0613482	EA		€0.48	
6 June 2006	Gaeltacht 48c Stamp	0613481	EA		€0.48	
6 June 2006	TG4 48c Sheetlet	0613482	SH		€7.68	
6 June 2006	Gaeltacht 48c Sheetlet	0613481	SH		€7.68	
6 June 2006	TG4/Gaeltacht FDC	0613FDC	EA		€1.71	
20 June 2006	Rosslare/Fishguard 48c Se-tenant Pair	061448ST	EA		€0.96	
20 June 2006	Rosslare/Fishguard Sheetlet	061448ST	S8		€7.68	
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