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Collectors NEWSLETTER



- Irish Wild Flowers Definitives
- Ireland Series - Castles

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WELCOME

Dear Collector,

Welcome to this special edition of Collectors Newsletter in which you will find all the details of the latest additions to our "Wild Flowers of Ireland" Definitive Series!

Four new Definitive stamps and two 'N' rate stamps will be issued on 1 March and all of these stamps feature flowers from the "Wetlands" classification, designed by renowned botanical artist Susan Sex. You can also read about our "Ireland Series - Castles" issue of 9 March on page 4.

Aidan Murphy

Aidan Murphy,
Marketing Manager, Irish Stamps



Stampania 2007

Stampania 2007 will take place on Sunday 15 April 2007 in the RDS Clyde Room (Anglesea Road entrance), Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. The Show runs from 11am to 5pm. Contact + 353 1 4972520 for more details.

On 1 March An Post are introducing new Postal Rates for National and International destinations. The rates are as follows:

National Rate (up to 100g)	55c
International Rate	78c
Flat Rate (up to 100g)	95c
Make up Rate	3c

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Susan Sex will sign First
Day Covers in the Philatelic
Shop, GPO, Dublin on
1 March from
1 to 2pm.

ISSUE DATE CHANGE

* Collectors: please note
that the date of issue for
the Treaty of Rome has
changed from 22 March
to 28 March.

NEW DEFINITIVES

The fourth phase of stamps from our sixth Definitive Series – 'Wild Flowers of Ireland' have now been issued and comprise the new 55c stamp featuring the Large-flowered butterwort. The Black bog-rush appears on the 78c stamp while the 95c stamp features the Purple loosestrife and the Yellow flag appears on the 3c stamp.



Also available on 1 March are 'N' rate National self-adhesive booklets of 10 stamps and a National self-adhesive box of 100 'N' rate stamps. The booklets and the box feature the Large-flowered butterwort and the Blue-eyed-grass stamps. Self-adhesive pairs of these stamps will be available for Collectors.

In mid April we will introduce 55c & 78c self-adhesive booklets of 10 stamps and a box of 100 x 55c self-adhesives. The 55c booklets and box will only feature the Large-flowered butterwort stamp while the 78c self-adhesive booklet will feature 10 Black bog-rush stamps.

To mark these new additions to the Definitive series, a First Day Cover designed by Susan Sex is available on 1 March for €4.41. It features all of the four new gummed Definitive stamps along with two 'N' rate self-adhesive stamps (the Large-flowered butterwort and the Blue-eyed-grass). Another First Day Cover with the 55c self-adhesive Large-flowered butterwort will be available in mid April at €1.55.



Product Code 07DFDC1 Price €4.41



Technical details *

NEW DEFINITIVES

Date of Issue: 1 March, 2007

Values: Gummed
 & Quantities: 3c Yellow flag
 55c Large-flowered butterwort
 78c Black bog-rush
 95c Purple loosestrife
 Self-adhesive
 'N' Rate Large-flowered
 butterwort
 'N' Rate Blue-eyed-grass

Design: Illustrations by Susan Sex with
 layout & typography by Q Design

Stamp Size: 24.13mm x 27mm
 25mm x 30mm

Colour: Multicolour (with phosphor
 tagging on 3c, 55c, 78c, 95c
 and 'N' Rate stamps)

Make-up: Sheet of 100
 Boxes of 100, Booklets of 10
 and Strips of 2

Perforations: 14 x 15 (Gummed)
 18 x 17.78 (Self-adhesive)

Printing: Lithography

Printer: Gummed - Irish Security Stamp
 Printing Ltd.

Self-adhesive - Australia Post
 -Sprintpak

IRELAND SERIES 2007

Technical details



CASTLES STAMPS

Date of Issue: 9 March, 2007

Values: 4 x 55c se-tenant block

& Quantities: (570,000)

Minisheet €2.20
(35,000)

Photography: Walter Pfeiffer

Design: Q Design

Stamp Size: 40.64mm x 29.79mm

Colour: Multicolour with phosphor tagging

Make-up: Sheetlets of 16

Perforations: 15 x 14

Printing: Lithography

Printer: Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd.

The first castles erected in Ireland were of the motte and bailey type, which were ideally suited to Ireland, as they could be constructed from local materials.

The building of stone castles, which had been used on the continent of Europe since the tenth century, followed within a few years. These fortifications were of a design sometimes called the 'keep' and the 'curtain' because they comprised of a large tower with provisions for domestic accommodation (the keep) which was surrounded by an enclosing stone wall (the curtain).

Many Norman Castles were built on such strategic rocks as promontories, which took their military strength from their perimeter walls and were without keeps. In later Anglo-Norman Castles, defensive influence shifted to the walls and gateways of the Bailey, diminishing the importance of the keep.

The final evolution of the Norman Castle was into a square or rectangular enclosure, with strong round or 'D' shaped towers on the corners and a massive twin towered gate-keep placed along the wall.

Ireland is home to more than fifty stone castles that were erected by Anglo-Norman invaders in the period 1180 - 1320. Hundreds of tower houses were built by both the native Irish and the Anglo-Normans from the 1420's to the time of Cromwell's invasion of 1649. Approximately one hundred strong houses were erected on lands confiscated from the Irish in the 16th and 17th centuries.



Product Code 0708MS Price €2.20

CASTLES

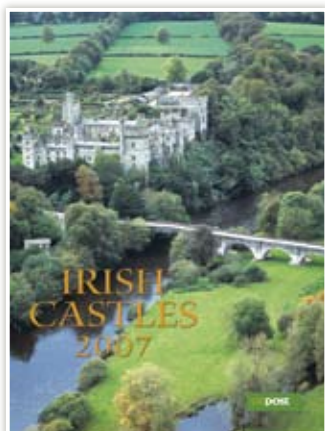
Many of these historic buildings have survived for more than 600 years and constitute an important contribution to the heritage of Ireland.

Trim Castle is the largest remaining Anglo-Norman Castle in Europe and stands at the edge of the area once known as 'The Pale'. Building of the castle was started by Hugh de Lacy in 1173 and completed in the 13th century.

One Castle from each Province is featured in the collection: Trim Castle, County Meath (Leinster), Portumna Castle, County Galway (Connaught), Dunluce Castle, County Antrim (Ulster), Lismore Castle, County Waterford (Munster)

An Post are proud to issue a Minisheet, two First Day Covers and a Presentation Pack for this issue. The Minisheet is based on a stunning aerial shot of Dunluce Castle, County Antrim by Walter Pfeiffer. The Presentation Pack provides a brief introduction on the history and architecture of Irish Castles, followed by more comprehensive information on each of the four Castles featured in the Stamp issue. The Presentation Pack contains the minisheet, the minisheet First Day Cover, the First Day Cover and is complimented by additional photography by Walter Pfeiffer.

These striking stamps and accompanying products are available now from The Philatelic Shop, GPO, Dublin 1, by calling 00 353 1 7057400 or from www.irishstamps.ie



Product Code 0708PP Price €13.00



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The set is available in both Pink and Blue.



Baby Coin Set Pink 07CP €25.00

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DATE OF ISSUE	PRODUCT/ITEM	PRODUCT CODE	UOM	QUANTITY	PRICE €	VALUE
01 March 2007	New Definitive Stamp Set	07DSET	EA		€2.31	
01 March 2007	New Definitive SAS Pair (2 x N Rate Large-flowered butterwort & Blue-eyed-grass)	07DSAS1	EA		€1.10	
01 March 2007	New Definitive 3c (Yellow Flag)	07D003	EA		€0.03	
01 March 2007	New Definitive 55c (Large-flowered butterwort)	07D055	EA		€0.55	
01 March 2007	New Definitive 95c (Purple loosestrife)	07D095	EA		€0.95	
01 March 2007	New Definitive 78c (Black bog rush)	07D078	EA		€0.78	
01 March 2007	'N'Rate Self-adhesive Box (50 x Large-flowered butterwort, 50 x Blue-eyed-grass)	07DSASB1	EA		€55.00	
01 March 2007	'N' Rate National Self-adhesive Booklet (5 x Large-flowered butterwort, 5 x Blue-eyed-grass)	07DBK1	EA		€5.50	
01 March 2007	New Definitive First Day Cover 2 x 'N' Rate (Large-flowered butterwort & Blue-eyed-grass, self-adhesive) & the 4 New Definitive gummed stamps	07DFDC1	EA		€4.41	
05 March 2007	2007 Baby Coin – Pink	07CP	EA		€25.00	
05 March 2007	2007 Baby Coin – Blue	07CB	EA		€25.00	
09 March 2007	Ireland Series - Castles 4 x 55c se-tenant block	070848ST	EA		€2.20	
09 March 2007	Ireland Series - Castles Sheetlet	070848ST	S8		€8.80	
09 March 2007	Ireland Series - Castles FDC	0708FDC	EA		€3.20	
09 March 2007	Ireland Series - Castles Presentation Pack	0708PP	EA		€13.00	
09 March 2007	Ireland Series - Castles Minisheet	0708MS	EA		€2.20	
09 March 2007	Ireland Series - Castles Minisheet FDC	0708FDCMS	EA		€3.20	
Mid April 2007	New Definitive First Day Cover for Box (1x Large flowered-butterwort)	07DFDC2	EA		€1.55	
Mid April 2007	New Definitive International Self-adhesive Booklet	07DBK4	EA		€7.80	
Mid April 2007	New Definitive National Self-adhesive Booklet 55c (10 x Large-flowered butterwort)	07DBK3	EA		€5.50	
Mid April 2007	New Definitive National Self-adhesive Box 55c (100 Large-flowered butterwort)	07DSASB2	EA		€55.00	
Mid April 2007	New Definitive National Gummed Booklet 55c (10 x Large-flowered butterwort)	07DBK2	EA		€5.50	

The following Postal Charges will apply:

Ireland = 55c; International (including UK) 78c. Orders over €63.50 in value and coin collection/set will be sent by Registered Post €5.00 for Ireland & €5.60 for Rest of the World. (This fee includes Priority Postage.) Postage for Framed items, Prints, Books, Albums or Van Sets is €5.70 (within Ireland) & €7.25 (International including UK).

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