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Dear Collector,

From the highly popular Wedding Stamp to the History of the Viking influence on Irish art and society, to the wonderful whimsy of Martyn Turner's design for our Celtic Cat's stamp issue revealed on page 12, it's all here, in one of our most interesting and exciting editions of Collectors News! And between these pages diversity is certainly the order of the day.

For sports fans, page 6 carries a piece on the Rugby World Cup which catalogues the game's beginnings and forecasts incredible growth in the popularity of this, the toughest of the contact sports.

Dig in to page 14 where the discovery of the tomb of St Cyril by Irish Dominican, Father Joseph Mullooly, is brought to the light of day in a very interesting narrative. Page 15 gives a highly informative article on James Fintan Lalor as we reach the bicentenary of his birth.

From rugby to felines from ancient tombs to our colourful Viking cousins - if ever proof were needed that philately is an exciting, lively and informative pursuit, it will certainly be found in this issue of Collectors News. Enjoy!

Aidan Murphy,
Marketing Manager, Irish Stamps

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NEWS & INFORMATION



REVISED DATES

* The following are revised issue dates for the 2007 Stamp Programme.

- 55c Wedding: 25 July
- Rugby World Cup: 20 August
- Celtic Cats: 6 September
- Irish Music Part II: 23 October
- Natural History Museum: to be confirmed

STAMPA 2007

The Irish National Annual Stamp Exhibition - STAMPA - will be held in the RDS, Anglesea Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, from 12 to 14 October 2007. It will be open from 11am to 6pm daily and is sure to be an exciting and informative exhibition, so don't miss out!



NEW WEDDING STAMP



A new Wedding stamp with the 55c denomination replacing the original N rate has been issued on 25 July 2007. A new booklet of ten x 55c self-adhesive stamps is also available. Collectors please note that First Day Covers for this issue will remain on sale, exceptionally, until 25 August 2007.

RTÉ STAMP LAUNCH

Pictured at the National Concert Hall for the recent launch of 5 stamps for the RTÉ Performing Groups are An Post Chief Executive Donal Connell; Eamonn Nolan, RTÉ Concert Orchestra; and RTÉ Radio Managing Director Adrian Moynes. The launch took place as part of the RTÉ Summer Lunchtime Choice Concerts in the National Concert Hall, Dublin.

FDC SIGNINGS

* A reminder that Vincent Killowry, designer of Ireland's Viking Heritage stamps will sign First Day Covers in the Philatelic Shop, GPO, Dublin from 12.45pm to 2.00pm, in the Philatelic Shop, GPO, Dublin on the day of issue 7 August 2007.

Martyn Turner, designer of the Celtic Cats stamps, will be signing First Day Covers on the day of issue, 6 September, between 12.30pm and 2.00pm, in the Philatelic Shop, GPO, Dublin.

ORDER DISPATCH

* As this edition of Collectors News contains 6 new issues, we have decided to divide them into separate lots for dispatch, so as to facilitate customers with multiple issue orders. Thus, orders will be dispatched as follows:

LOT 1: Orders for Weddings and Viking Heritage will be dispatched from 7 August.

LOT 2: Orders for Rugby will be dispatched from 27 August.

LOT 3: Orders for Celtic Cats, San Clemente, and James Fintan Lalor will be dispatched from 6 September.

Customers who are happy to receive their orders after the last issue date can do so by ticking the appropriate box on the order form.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Pictured here are management and staff of RMG Target, designers of Collectors News, fresh from winning this year's Agency of The Year at the An Post Direct Marketing Awards.

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WEDDING STAMP

NEW 55c WEDDING STAMP FROM AN POST



Product Code 0727FDC Price €1.55

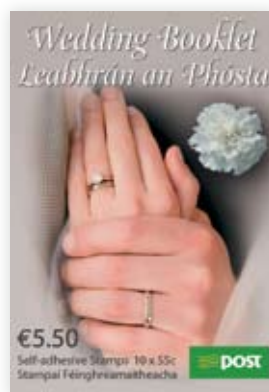
Earlier this year we moved away from our traditional 'Love' stamps and introduced a 'Wedding' stamp. Symbolising the unity and commitment of marriage, the stamp photographically depicted the entwined hand of a bride and groom on their wedding day. The realism and simplicity of the image, designed by Q Design, is a universal visual which is unambiguously associated with love and marriage.

Due to the phenomenal success of the original 'Wedding' stamp which was issued on 26 January 2007 at N rate, we have now issued the same Wedding stamp but with the new 55c National rate denomination. Issued on 25 July 2007, the 55c stamp is available in a convenient booklet of ten self-adhesive stamps. Also available is a First Day Cover and a special collectors pair of two 55c stamps. The First Day Cover will remain on sale, exceptionally, until 25 August 2007.

The Wedding stamp has proven to be hugely popular, so order early to avoid disappointment!

Technical details *

Date of Issue:	25 July 2007
Value & Quantities:	55c (750,000)
	Strip of 2 (25,000)
Photography:	Icon Photography
Design:	Q Design
Stamp Size:	26mm x 37.5mm
Colour:	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make-up:	Booklets of 10 Collectors' Strips of 2
Perforations:	11.25 x 11
Printing Process:	Lithography
Printer:	Australia Post - Sprintpak



Product Code 0727BK Price €5.50





The perfect way to announce your special day

Wedding Stamps from An Post

You are sending out invitations for the most important celebration in your life. What can be more charming than posting them with this beautifully unique stamp?

Designed to celebrate your special day, these stamps are presented in convenient booklets of ten. Available at just €5.50 from www.irishstamps.ie, by calling 01 705 7400, from the Philatelic Shop, GPO, Dublin 1 and from selected Post Offices.



Michael & Olivia Jones.
Harmony Way
Lontarf,



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RUGBY WORLD CUP

According to popular lore Rugby Union developed from the rules used to play football at a private school in Rugby, England when a player simply picked up the ball and ran with it. When it was discovered that there was no official rule that said the ball couldn't be handled, Rugby Union was born. The International Rugby Board, founded in 1886, governs the sport. In 1995, Rugby Union became an 'open game', thereby changing its status from an amateur to a professional sport.

In 2007, the sixth Rugby World Cup Tournament will be hosted by France from 7 September to 20 October 2007. Twenty teams will compete and the four semi-finalists from 2003 - England, Australia, New Zealand and France will head the pools.

Having gained enormous popularity in the past several years, Rugby is well on its way to becoming one of the most popular team sports in the world, and its popularity has soared here in Ireland. What's more, Triple Crown victories in 2004, 2006 and 2007 have seen the Irish team climb further up the elite of world rugby, so much so that they are now considered serious contenders for the world title.

To celebrate the ongoing and remarkable success of the Irish rugby team, and in anticipation of the Rugby World Cup, An Post will issue two special stamps on 20 August 2007. The stamps capture the excitement and drama of the game on the field. The 78c stamp features an image

Technical details

<i>Date of Issue:</i>	20 August 2007
<i>Value & Quantity:</i>	55c (330,000) 78c (280,000) 2 x Minisheet (35,000)
<i>Design:</i>	Design Factory
<i>Stamp Size:</i>	30mm x 51.46mm
<i>Minisheet Size:</i>	150mm x 90mm
<i>Colour:</i>	Multicolour with phosphor tagging (stamps only)
<i>Make-up:</i>	Sheetlets of 12
<i>Perforations:</i>	13.25 x 13.25
<i>Printing Process:</i>	Lithography
<i>Printer:</i>	Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd.



RUGBY WORLD CUP

that has now become an icon: Irish players stretching to catch the ball at a line-out, in the midst of the stunning and historic victory over England at Croke Park in February 2007. The 55c stamp is a close-up of Paul O'Connell in action, and highlights the strength and physical endurance displayed by today's Irish team.

Two Minisheets and three First Day Covers will also be available for this issue. The Minisheets feature the full photographic context from which the stamp images are drawn – showing, for the 78c stamp, the full majesty of Croke Park Stadium in the background, as Irish and English players compete to win possession of the ball.

The 55c stamp shows Paul O'Connell being harried by an opponent. Each Minisheet is also adorned with the national flags of the sixteen nations competing in the World Cup.



Product Code 0719MS2 Price €0.78

RUGBY WORLD CUP FACTS

* The most tries scored in a match was by Australia who scored 22 tries in their game vs Namibia in 2003, winning 142 – 0.

The most World Cup points scored by a player was Gavin Hastings of Scotland who scored 227 points during his three tournaments (1987, 1991, 1995).

The most points scored in a match was 145 points, scored by New Zealand against Japan in 1995. *



Product Code 0719MS1 Price €0.55

RUGBY WORLD CUP



Product Code 0719FDCMS1 Price €1.55



Product Code 0719FDC Price €2.33

SPECIAL SOUVENIR RUGBY WORLD CUP PACK

In addition, An Post-Irish Stamps has also produced a special, limited edition Rugby World Cup Souvenir Pack. Designed with collectors and sports fans in mind, this Souvenir Pack contains one First Day Cover featuring the two stamps, two Minisheets and two blocks of four stamps and includes information on the Rugby World Cup fixtures.

These stamps are sure to be part of the excitement and expectation that will grip the country once the World Cup gets underway, and the Souvenir Pack is designed to serve both as a souvenir and as another way to get behind the Irish this autumn, get your order in early to avoid disappointment.

Available from 20 August at the Philatelic Shop, GPO, Dublin 1, by calling 00353 1 7057400 or from www.irishstamps.ie



Product Code 0719PK Price €10.00

AN POST VAN SET



Product Code: 03VANSET

Price: €60.00

An official limited edition collection of five An Post Model Vehicles is available to purchase from the Philatelic Shop, GPO, Dublin 1. The vehicles featured, which measure 80mm x 30mm approx. are, the Model T Ford, Horse Drawn Vehicle, Anglia Van, Transit Bus and VW Transporter. Each of these vehicles featured in the fleet over the years and has its own legitimate Fleet Number.

The collection is contained in a superb presentation box set. A card showing an illustration of the General Post Office sits on top of a foam underlay. The models are housed in five cut-outs making for a delightful set. The collection is limited to 2,500 sets with each one being certificated and individually numbered.

This limited edition collection costs €60 (postage €5.70 within Ireland and €7.25 rest of the world) and is a must-buy for model enthusiasts and collectors alike. Available now from the Philatelic Shop, GPO, Dublin 1, 00353 (1) 705 7400 or online at www.irishstamps.ie.

RAMBLINGS OF AN IRISH STAMP



*Pádraig O'Shea
Owner Raven Stamps*



*An early Irish error
with printing upside down*



*A Pro Home Rule Label
issued 1912*

My name is Pádraig O'Shea and I own Raven Stamps - a stamp shop in Cork City. I have been involved in the stamp business in Ireland for over twenty five years and have specialised in Irish stamps for much of this period. Many Irish collectors will know me from my attendance at stamp shows throughout the country especially at Stampex in Dublin. My interest in Irish stamps began in the mid 1970's when I inherited my late sister's Irish stamp collection.

I established Raven Stamps in 1981. Not a great time to start a business considering the appalling state of the Irish economy at that time; the roar of the Celtic Tiger was yet to be heard! Fortunately my business survived this difficult period and I now deal with collectors of Irish Stamps from all over the world. I am fortunate in that I have a shop, a mail order business and an internet business so that if one outlet is quiet then the others are generally busy, of course when all three are busy the pace can be frenetic.

For me, an average day starts at 9.30am and ends at 5.30pm; but I often continue working late into the evening describing collections and stock items, producing lists or updating my website. Saturdays and Sundays are often working days and when exhibitions are taking place a twelve hour day is usually the norm. Why do I work such long hours? Simply because I love it! Ok, I might have made more money as a bank manager, but then my customers enjoy hearing from me, while hearing from a bank manager might be a little less well received. I also love the unpredictability of it all. Just recently, in the space of one afternoon, I acquired two rare items that a good customer had been searching for, for a number of years. It is also impossible to overstate the buzz that I get from meeting the many different people with whom

DEALER BY PÁDRAIG O'SHEA

I share a love of stamps and stamp collecting. Through stamps I have made many exceptional friends over the years, including Con Buckley from the GPO, who was an outstanding official in the Philatelic Section before carving out a successful niche as the An Post Display Manager.

What do I do in my shop all day long? My regular customers will certainly tell you I do not waste time keeping the place tidy. However there is general agreement that the system does work in that they can get the stamps they want at the price they want to pay. I also spend a lot of time on my computer describing new stock, preparing lists and talking with dealer's worldwide sourcing new stock. I produce most of my own Retail Lists and Catalogues directly on my office copier. A lot of time is also spent scanning material to be uploaded onto my website. Of course, it goes without saying that not a day goes by without a call from someone enquiring whether the stamp found in the attic is valuable; this, coupled with requests to value collections means that my time is well accounted for.

For those of you who would like to visit that rarity of modern Ireland, a walk-in stamp shop, you can drop into my shop at 12C Washington St. West, Cork. I can be contacted by telephone at 00 353 (21) 4271750 or by email at raven1@eircom.net. My website address is www.ravenstamps.com

Pádraig O'Shea



What might have been a proposed design for the first Irish Definitive issue



My favourite Irish stamp from the Airmail series 1948-1965. This strip is special because the fourth stamp down has an extra feather in the angel's wing



CELTIC CATS

Since 1978 we have issued stamps every year for Flora and Fauna and over the years butterflies, ferns, ducks, trees, beetles and many more subjects have featured in this issue. This year - for one year only - we have decided to take a small break and to take a look at the nation's felines. We will return to our usual Flora and Fauna theme next year.

This issue reveals the domestic Celtic Cat in an eye-pleasing comic style and positions their characters as slightly irreverent reflections of familiar aspects of contemporary Irish society.

These comic stamps which are denominated at 55c and 78c feature the artist's impressions of images representing a Kilkenny Cat, a Celtic Tigress, a Fat Cat and a couple of Cool Cats.

Also available for this issue is a special Martyn Turner illustrated Minisheet and two First Day Covers. The Minisheet features a cartoon cat in an alley checking out the entertainment. One of the First Day Covers features a humorous image of a stressed looking postman surrounded by lots of mischievous Celtic Cats, while the other First Day Cover features a cat's tail poking out from a postbox. Be sure and place your order early to avoid disappointment, as this issue is sure to be a bestseller!

MARTYN TURNER (AUTO)BIOGRAPHY!

Martyn Turner, designer of the stamps, is a graduate of Queens University, Belfast and a former editor of "Fortnight" magazine. He has been drawing and contributing political cartoons on a daily basis to the Irish Times and a few other places since the early 1970s (his hand hurts a bit!). He has had 17 books published, been awarded two doctorates (on your knees, please!) and was Commentator of the Year at the Irish Press Awards the only year he entered. He got the Bronze Bee of Satire for European Political Cartoonist of the Year from some nice Italians once and such is the power of satire that the Bronze Bee was scanned for explosive substances at Stansted Airport on the way home. He believes Leyton Orient are the finest football team in Britain and are just lulling the 60 teams above them into a false sense of security. This artist and political caricaturist had this to say about his designs.

Technical details

Date of Issue: 6 September 2007

Values & Quantities: 2 x 55c se-tenant (410,000)
2 x 78c se-tenant (360,000)
€2.66 Minisheet (35,000)

Illustration: Martyn Turner

Design: Steve Simpson

Stamp Size: 29.79mm x 40.64mm

Minisheet Size: 150mm x 90mm

Colour: Multicolour with phosphor tagging

Make-up: Sheetlets of 16

Perforations: 14 x 15

Printing Process: Lithography

Printer: Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd.

CELTIC CATS

MARTYN TURNER WRITES...

"Well there are lots of satirical Irish cats, aren't there? There's the Kilkenny Cat and The Celtic Tiger and the Kilkenny Cat and the Celtic Tiger and, let me see, there's the Kilkenny Cat...and...Kitty O'Shea? And with the advent of the British High Street into Ireland there's Puss in Boots, the Chemist...And then I thought of Pangur Ban, the monk's cat from a medieval Irish manuscript (found in Austria if you really want to know) which I drew, and it was my favourite drawing of them all but the Stamps Committee thought it didn't go with the rest of the drawings. And they were right, but for the wrong reason. Her Indoors, being bright despite supporting Leeds United, pointed out that the Bán in Pangur Bán might mean white and I'd drawn a brown cat I thought it was Ban as in Ban Garda (which means police woman in the Irish language!)

So the rest of the cats, after the Kilkenny one became the Celtic Tiger family, mother, father and brats. I painted them in watercolour on fancy paper that doesn't absorb the water like normal watercolour paper. They took ages, as with that technique I don't really know what I'm doing. I save it for special occasions. I did the drawings for the First Day Covers and the sheet in black ink and then filled in with watercolour, a much quicker process and more akin to my method for drawing cartoons in the newspaper. I knew what I was doing with those.

We used to have cats when we lived in the countryside in Co. Down. Any resemblance to any of them in the stamps is entirely coincidental."



MARTYN TURNER SELF-PORTRAIT

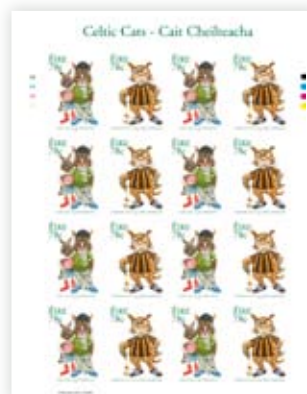
STOP PRESS!

★ Martyn Turner, will be signing First Day Covers on the day of issue, 6 September, between 12.30 and 2pm.

Arrive early to avoid disappointment.★



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Product Code 072178STS8 Price €12.48



Product Code 0721FDC Price €3.66

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150th ANNIVERSARY ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES, SAN CLEMENTE, ROME.



★ The watercolour on which the stamp is based is from the late nineteenth century, and was reproduced courtesy of the Irish Dominican Fathers, Basilica of San Clemente, Rome. ★

Technical details

Date of Issue:	12 September 2007
Value & Quantity:	55c (330,000)
Design:	Paul Raftery
Stamp Size:	40.64mm x 29.79mm
Colour:	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make-up:	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations:	15 x 14
Printing Process:	Lithography
Printer:	Irish Stamp Printing Ltd.

Fr. Joseph Mullooly, O.P., was born in County Longford in March 1812, the son of farming stock; he set out for Italy in 1840 and entered the Dominican Order in 1841. But it was after his assignment to San Clemente, Rome that he began excavations under its present basilica. These excavations uncovered a fourth-century Christian basilica beneath the existing structure as well as an even earlier level, which dated back to a period close to the time of St. Clement himself.

The discovery of the Tomb of St. Cyril in 1863 was the most significant archaeological find. St. Cyril is known as the founder of Slavonic literature and is an immensely important figure for the spiritual and political landscape of Europe today. Father Mullooly's own confrères demonstrated their appreciation of the man in 1873 when the Irish Dominicans petitioned the Master General to award him the honorary degree of Master of Sacred Theology.

On 12 September An Post will issue a 55c stamp which is based on a watercolour from the late nineteenth century, depicting Fr. Joseph Mullooly in the narthex of the fourth-century basilica.

A First Day Cover with an image of Fr. Joseph Mullooly, O.P. is also available from The Philatelic Shop, GPO, Dublin 1, by calling 00 353 1 7057400 or from www.irishstamps.ie.



Product Code 0722FDC Price €1.55

BICENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF JAMES FINTAN LALOR

2007 is the bicentenary of the birth of James Fintan Lalor (1807-1849). Lalor was an inspired political writer, and in his writings he awakened a renewed sense of ownership of the land of Ireland in the minds of the dispossessed Irish peasants and their leaders. In that sense he was indeed a very real revolutionary.

A quote taken from his writings was adopted as something of a contemporary catch phrase. "The land of Ireland belongs to the people of Ireland". This expression provided a simple memory aid for the dispossessed and became a rallying cry for all those who were deprived of land and livelihood.

He was a primary influence on the likes of Pearse, Davitt and Connolly and while his uncompromising stance on the issue of land ownership may have positioned him as an extreme nationalist, he nevertheless went head to head against the political mainstream and left his mark on Irish history. James Fintan Lalor died in 1849 in Newgate Prison, Dublin.

On 18 September a striking 55c stamp featuring an original illustration of James Fintan Lalor will be issued by An Post along with a First Day Cover. These products and many more are available from The Philatelic Shop, GPO, Dublin 1, by calling 00 353 1 705 7400 or from www.irishstamps.ie



★ The stamp features an original illustration of James Fintan Lalor, based on a portrait in 'The Irish Fireside', 11 November 1885 courtesy of the National Library of Ireland. ★

* Technical details

Date of Issue:	18 September 2007
Value & Quantity:	55c (330,000)
Design:	John Conway
Stamp Size:	29.79mm 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 0723FDC Price €1.55

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IRELAND'S VIKING HERITAGE



They first arrived at Lambay Island in Dublin Bay in the year 795. They came to pillage the gold and bounty of our monasteries - but they did not come to conquer. They were the Vikings - and it would take over two hundred years before the last of their number were expelled in a battle that ended with their defeat in Clontarf.

But in that span of 200 years, many abandoned the life of belligerent seafaring and fully integrated into the structure of Irish society. Conversely, many Irish were absorbed into the enclaves that the Vikings established around the country. The result was a significant cultural cross-fertilisation, expressed in both art and language. From the Scandinavian influence of the motifs that decorate the Cross of Cong, to place names such as Skerries, Wexford and Dublin, both Viking and Celt absorbed not just mutual visual and vocal traits, but a common bloodline.

In 1962 archaeologists excavated five Viking-age ships at the bottom of the Roskilde Fjord in Denmark. The largest of these, the Skuldelev 2, was found to be the remains of an ocean-going long ship built in Dublin, in 1042 using Scandinavian ship-building methods. A project to reconstruct the ship was launched in Denmark in 2004 and Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark christened the ship "Havhingsten fra Glendalough" (The Sea Stallion from Glendalough).

A crew of 65 brave men and women will attempt to sail the vessel from Roskilde, Denmark back to Dublin. This trial voyage will test the replica ship under realistic conditions in the very waters the original ship was built to cross.

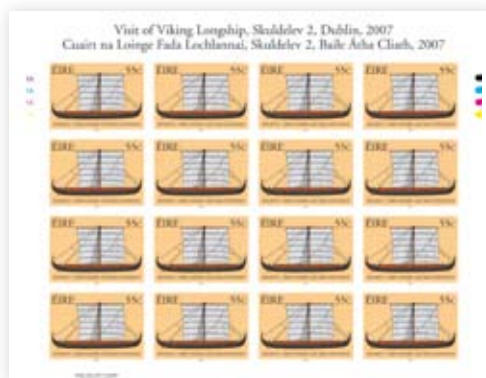
In summer 2007, a re-construction of the Viking Longship Skuldelev 2 will be recreating a voyage that took place 150 years ago from Denmark to Clontarf, Dublin. The ship is due to arrive on Tuesday 14 August at Custom House Dock to music and spectacle and a Viking

Technical details *

Date of Issue:	7 August 2007
Values & Quantities:	55c (330,000) €3 Minisheet (35,000)
Research & Illustration:	Vincent Killowry
Typography & Layout:	Paul Raftery
Stamp Size:	40.64mm x 29.79mm
Mini-sheet Size:	150mm x 90mm
Colour:	Multicolour with phosphor tagging (stamp only)
Make-up:	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations:	15 x 14
Printing Process:	Lithography
Printer:	Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd.

SKULDELEV 2

Village at the quayside where it will be on view to the public from the quay for two days. On Thursday the ship will be prepared and moved to the National Museum of Ireland, Collins Barracks, and from Friday 17 August 2007, it will become the centrepiece of the Museum's Viking Exhibition. It will stay there until June 2008. The Skuldelev 2 will be on public view at Collins Barracks for the winter months before sailing back to Denmark.



Product Code 071855SH Price €8.80



Product Code 0718P Price €60.00

FIRST DAY COVER SIGNING

★ Collectors please note that Vincent Killowry, designer of Ireland's Viking Heritage stamps will sign First Day Covers in the Philatelic Shop, GPO, Dublin from 12.45pm to 2pm on the day of issue 7 August 2007. ★

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For up to date information on the project please visit the National Museum of Ireland's website at www.museum.ie

For this momentous occasion An Post are proud to issue a 55c stamp featuring the historic warship the Skuldelev 2. We have produced a special Minisheet with a €3 Skuldelev 2 stamp for this issue. Collectors please note that this €3 stamp is only available on the Minisheet. Also available is a stunning First Day Cover and two Limited Edition signed prints measuring approx 30cm x 21cm each. The prints feature images of the Skuldelev 2, these prints are strictly limited to 750 and costs just €60 for the set. All of these products and many more are available from The Philatelic Shop, GPO, Dublin 1, by calling 00 353 1 705 7400 or from www.irishstamps.ie



Product Code 0718FDCMS Price €4.00



Product Code 0718MS Price €3.00



Product Code 0718FDC Price €1.55

STAMPA 2007

The Irish National Annual Stamp Exhibition, STAMPA will be held in the RDS, Anglesea Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, from 12 to 14 October 2007, opening daily from 11am to 6pm and incorporating the annual October Coin Fair, this year's event will be the 36th consecutive year that this exciting exhibition has run. With collections featuring a wide variety of categories, it is a must for any stamp enthusiast.

Entry to the competition held at STAMPA is open to all collectors. Medals are awarded at Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver Bronze and Bronze levels, with those achieving Gold and Vermeil gaining entry qualification to any International Philatelic Exhibition. The best entry in each category also wins a magnificent trophy, and an overall trophy is presented to the best exhibit of the show.

STAMPA is also an opportunity to purchase as well as view stamps with traders and dealers from Ireland, England and further afield attending the show and Philatelic Bureaus are invited from across the EU. Of course, An Post always attends with a wide range of distinctive and wonderful Irish stamps.

MEMBERSHIP

STAMPA overprints various Irish Minisheets and booklets each year with the exhibition dates and STAMPA logo. This is done with the kind permission of An Post, who for many years has been the main sponsor of STAMPA. These exclusive limited edition souvenirs are only available to STAMPA members. Annual membership costs just €25 and further details and membership forms are available from STAMPA at PO Box 2723, Cardiff Lane, Dublin 2, Ireland (fax: 01 454 6675).

THE COMMITTEE

The current STAMPA committee is:

Chairman: John Lennon

Vice Chairman: P.J. Gilmore

Secretary: Michael Kelly

Treasurer: Kevin Drury

Committee Members: John Fitzsimons, John Mullen

There is something for all the family at STAMPA.

See you there!



Pictured at Stampa 2006 were John Fitzsimons and Brian Warren.



Happy Collectors!



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ORDER FORM

LOT 1

DATE OF ISSUE	PRODUCT/ITEM	PRODUCT CODE	UOM	QUANTITY	PRICE €	VALUE
25 July 2007	New 55c Wedding Booklet	0727BK	EA		€5.50	
25 July 2007	New 55c Wedding FDC	0727FDC	EA		€1.55	
25 July 2007	New Wedding 55c Collectors Pair	0727SAS	EA		€1.10	
7 Aug 2007	Ireland's Viking Heritage – Skuldelev 2 55c stamp	071855	EA		€0.55	
7 Aug 2007	Ireland's Viking Heritage – Skuldelev 2 55c Stamp Sheetlet	071855	SH		€8.80	
7 Aug 2007	Ireland's Viking Heritage – Skuldelev 2 FDC	0718FDC	EA		€1.55	
7 Aug 2007	Ireland's Viking Heritage – Skuldelev 2 Minisheet	0718MS	EA		€3.00	
7 Aug 2007	Ireland's Viking Heritage – Skuldelev 2 FDC Minisheet	0718FDCMS	EA		€4.00	
7 Aug 2007	Ireland's Viking Heritage – Skuldelev 2 Set of 2 Limited Edition Prints	0718P	EA		€60.00	
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LOT 2

20 Aug 2007	Rugby World Cup Stamp Set	0719SET	EA		€1.33	
20 Aug 2007	Rugby World Cup 55c Stamp	071955	EA		€0.55	
20 Aug 2007	Rugby World Cup 78c Stamp	071978	EA		€0.78	
20 Aug 2007	Rugby World Cup 55c Stamp Sheetlet	071955	SD		€6.60	
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