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DEAR COLLECTOR...

In this issue, as we roll into autumn and say goodbye to summer for another year, we take a look at people and events that have shaped Ireland over the years.

On page 6 we commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Barnardos Ireland with a stamp created by Zinc Design Consultants. Today Barnardos Ireland is the leading children's charity in Ireland. The stamp features an image of a young girl and some colourful children's drawings.

Find out more about the history of Christmas stamps on page 8. This year three stamps have been designed to celebrate Christmas. Two of the stamps for Christmas 2012 are based on paintings of biblical scenes. The third stamp will appear in the Christmas Stamp Booklet and features an image of a traditional Christmas candle.

On page 10 we view the Irish Stamp Year Book 2012 and Irish Stamp Year Pack 2012. The Irish Stamp Year Book 2012 is packed full of interesting stamp issues including Centenary of the sinking of the RMS *Titanic*, Contemporary Arts – Dance, 150th Anniversary of Dublin Fire Brigade and Olympic Games 2012 to name just a few,

making the Irish Stamp Year Book 2012 one worth having.

All our Commemorative Stamps from 2012 are available in a single, high-quality Irish Stamp Year Pack 2012 with the Centenary of the death of Bram Stoker, Europa – Visit Ireland being just two of the many stamp issues featured.

You can read all about Christmas Seals in Canada on page 12. One of the greatest joys associated with Christmas in Canada is adorning all the Christmas cards you send with Christmas Seals.

Don't forget to check out our Last Chance Saloon on page 14 for the final opportunity to get your hands on Christmas 2011 stamps and 50th Anniversary of the first RTÉ broadcast stamps.

I hope you enjoy the autumn issue of *The Collector*.

Clare Walsh,
Marketing Executive,
Irish Stamps



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News and Information

Ablaze with Dublin Fire Brigade Stamps

"Honouring the heroic services of Dublin Fire Brigade."

On 27 June, four stamps commemorating the 150th Anniversary of Dublin Fire Brigade were unveiled by Dublin Firefighters at the GPO, Dublin.

Chief Fire Officer Stephen Brady said that all Dublin Fire Brigade staff past and present are proud to be honoured through these stamps. He added, "Dublin Fire Brigade has a long and proud tradition of serving the citizens of Dublin city and county since 1862. Our 150th Anniversary gives us the opportunity to celebrate all aspects of our service and to remind Irish people everywhere to stay safe and take every precaution where fire, flammable materials and safety are concerned."

National Self-adhesive Stamps Booklets and International Self-adhesive Stamps Booklets

National Self-adhesive Stamps Booklets are now available for €5.50 and International Self-adhesive Stamps Booklets for €8.20 each by using the order form attached, logging onto www.irishstamps.ie or by calling + 353 (1) 705 7400.

The 55c stamp within the new National Self-adhesive Stamps Booklet is the same as was in the previous booklet. The stamps cover items up to 50g in weight.

Happy 40th Birthday STAMPA

STAMPA, the National Stamp Exhibition, takes place 12-14 October in the Serpentine Hall (3) R.D.S. Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 (Anglesea Road entrance). Times are 11am to 6pm and admission is €5. This year STAMPA celebrates its 40th Birthday and invites all past and present members to visit the show and bring along any memories or reminiscences they may have of past STAMPAs. The American organisation, the Éire Philatelic Association (EPA) will hold a special AGM on the Saturday and encourage all members to attend.

Successfully linked up with the October Coin Fair and the Genealogy and Over 50s shows, there will be something to interest all the family at the RDS. An Post/Irish Stamps will be in attendance with a range of current stock and welcome all collectors to what promises to be the stamp event of the year.

The Fitzpatrick-Thomas Letter of 1840

All stamp collectors know the famous Penny Black, the first ever postage stamp, which was used in Britain and Ireland from May 1840. The stamp was sold from 1 May but only valid for postage from 6 May and examples of early usage are highly prized. Penny Black letters posted in Ireland in the first few weeks are very scarce and the earliest certain and unambiguous usage is on a letter posted in Dublin on 8 May 1840. This letter and the fascinating story behind it, a story which links rural Cavan with the splendour of the Indian Raj, is the subject of a new little booklet by Stephen Ferguson, Curator of the An Post Museum. The booklet, through the generous assistance of the owner of the Fitzpatrick-Thomas letter, contains a beautiful facsimile of the original, complete with Penny Black stamps. Available from the An Post stand at STAMPA and subsequently through the GPO Philatelic Shop and Irish Stamps, this is a delightful production which tells the human story behind a key moment in Irish postal history and will appeal not just to philatelists but to everyone with an interest in Irish social history.

Cork Stamp and Coin Exhibition

The annual Cork Stamp and Coin Exhibition will take place from 10.30am to 4.00pm Saturday, 17 November at The Imperial Hotel, South Mall, Cork. An Post and leading Irish stamp and coin dealers will attend. Admission will be €3.00 for adults and accompanied children will be admitted free of charge. Expert dealers will provide free valuations of stamps, coins and medals. Of special interest to collectors attending this year's Cork Stamp and Coin Exhibition will be the souvenirs available. First is a special souvenir booklet featuring the *Titanic* that will be limited to 500 copies, second is an overprinted Bram Stoker minisheet that will be limited to 500 mint copies and 500 copies cancelled by the pictorial exhibition cancel. Also available will be a special Supporters overprinted Bram Stoker minisheet in red, limited to 100.



BARNARDOS IRELAND

“Marking the 50th Anniversary of the children’s charity in Ireland.”

It is estimated that during his lifetime, Thomas Barnardo, or ‘The Doctor’ as he was affectionately known, managed to transform the lives of more than 59,000 children who had been blighted by poverty and neglect. Today, the children’s charity that bears his name continues to deliver vital child-centred programmes and services in both Ireland and the United Kingdom.

Born in Dame Street, Dublin on 4 July 1845, Thomas Barnardo was destined to become a medical missionary. However while studying at

the London Hospital, he was so deeply moved by the numbers of homeless children he saw living on the streets that he started his Ragged School in Stepney. In 1868, with the financial backing of Lord Shaftsbury, he opened the first of many homes for destitute children. Not satisfied with alleviating poverty, Barnardo sought to train children in skills that would enable them to become productive members of society.

In 1962, an arm of Barnardos UK operation first offered its services to Irish children and



Technical details

Date of Issue:	11 October, 2012
Value & Quantity:	55c (174k)
Stamp Design:	Zinc Design Consultants
Stamp Size:	36mm x 36mm
Colour:	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make-up:	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations:	13.5 x 13.5
Printing Process:	Lithography
Printer:	Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd.



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their families. It would not be until 1989 that a separate Republic of Ireland organisation emerged. Today, Barnardos is the leading children's charity in the country with more than 40 centres located in communities throughout the Republic. The work of Barnardos falls into three categories: practical and professional support for children and their families; specialised services in the areas of literacy, bereavement and representing children in court; and campaigning and lobbying for the rights of children.

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Barnardos in Ireland, An Post is issuing a new stamp created by Zinc Design Consultants.

Buy this stamp and First Day Cover by using the order form attached, by calling +353 (1) 705 7400 or by logging onto www.irishstamps.ie from date of issue.



CHRISTMAS 2012

“Nothing says Christmas quite like Christmas stamps.”

These days, a Christmas card really isn't considered truly seasonal without a Christmas stamp on the envelope. And to the philatelist, the history of these issues is often as colourful as the stamps themselves. The country credited with producing the very first Christmas stamp was Canada – although they did so unwittingly.

In 1898, Canada decided to issue a 2-cent stamp to mark the introduction of Imperial Penny Postage due to start 25 December. Hence the stamp, featuring a map of the world showing the extent of the British Empire at the time, was inscribed with the words “XMAS

1898”. The then Canadian Postmaster General, William Mulock, suggested the stamp should honour the Prince of Wales. However when Queen Victoria heard of this she scoffed and asked “Which Prince?”. In the blink of an eye Mulock sent back a telegram stating, “Why, the Prince of Peace, ma'am.” As a result, the stamp became known as the Xmas Map Stamp.

Another 39 years passed before Austria released two stamps heralded as ‘Christmas Greeting Stamps’. However, neither one of them featured anything that could be considered the least bit festive.

Technical details

Date of Issue:	8 November, 2012
Values & Quantities:	55c Self-adhesive Promotional (23.4m) Self-adhesive pair (20k) SOAR strip of 2 (20k)
Stamp Design:	Zinc Design Consultants
Stamp Size:	25mm x 30mm (Promotional) 56mm x 25mm (SOAR)
Colour:	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make-up:	Booklets of 26
Perforations:	13 x 13 (Promotional) 11 x 11.25 approx. (SOAR)
Printing Process:	Lithography (Promotional) HP Indigo high resolution digital print (SOAR)
Printers:	Joh. Enschedé Security Print (Promotional) Label Art Ltd. (SOAR)



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One stamp depicted a sign of the zodiac, while the second showed a rose. Eventually it was left to Hungary, in 1943, to release the world's first stamp with a definite Christmas feel.

For Christmas 2012, An Post is issuing three new Christmas stamps created by Zinc Design Consultants. Two SOAR format stamps (55c and 82c) feature *The Adoration of the Shepherds* by Girolamo Troppa and *The Adoration of the Magi* by Jan Brueghel the Elder. A third stamp will appear in the Christmas stamp Booklet and depicts a traditional Christmas candle.

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IRISH STAMP YEAR BOOK AND YEAR PACK 2012

“Perfect Christmas presents for Irish stamp collectors.”

Irish Stamp Year Book 2012

What an interesting year 2012 has been, with the issue of many exciting stamps. To mark the centenary of the sinking of the RMS *Titanic*, commemorative stamps were issued featuring personalities associated with the famous ship including the shipbuilder, Thomas Andrews, RMS *Titanic*'s Captain, Edward J. Smith, photographer, Father Browne and the 'Unsinkable' Molly Brown (née Tobin). The 150th Anniversary of Dublin Fire Brigade and Olympic Games 2012 are two more of the many stamp issues in the Irish Stamp Year Book 2012.

Designed by Ger Garland and produced by specialist philatelic printer Prinz Verlag, this 56 page book has each stamp and miniature sheet mount positioned alongside subject information, technical details and cancels and is the perfect gift for anyone interested in the culture and heritage of Ireland. A limited edition of 1,500 copies of the Irish Stamp Year Book 2012 are available for purchase alongside 125 luxury edition copies priced at €210.00. Both editions are much in demand by collectors, so avoid disappointment and order yours today.



€29.00



Irish Stamp Year Pack 2012

Capture all of our commemorative stamps from 2012 in one, high-quality pack.

Two stamps based on illustrations by David Rooney of Bram Stoker and his most famous character, Dracula were issued to commemorate the Centenary of the death of Bram Stoker. View our beautiful Europa – Visit Ireland stamps featuring photographic images of Small Skellig off the coast of County Kerry and the iconic Ha'penny Bridge that spans the River Liffey in Dublin. These are only two of the many stamp issues in the Irish Stamp Year Pack 2012.

The pack contains very interesting information on each of the sixteen stamp issues throughout the year and is priced at just €29.00.

Buy the Irish Stamp Year Book 2012, Irish Stamp Year Pack 2012 and First Day Cover Collection 2012 by using the order form attached, by calling +353 (1) 705 7400 or by logging onto www.irishstamps.ie from date of issue.



CHRISTMAS SEALS IN CANADA

“A long and proud history of helping to fight tuberculosis.”

One of the great joys associated with Christmas in Canada is adorning all the Christmas cards you send with Christmas Seals. These so-called Cinderella stamps are always colourful and bright, and really encapsulate the true spirit of Christmas – they show you care about others with each card you send.

The first Canadian Christmas Seals were issued in 1908 to raise awareness of tuberculosis – one of the leading causes of death at the time – and generate funds to build urgently needed sanatoriums.

However, the world's first Christmas Seal appeal took place in Copenhagen, Denmark in 1903, when the sale of over four million Christmas Seals helped finance two tuberculosis treatment hospitals for children.

From the outset, the support for the Canadian Christmas Seal appeal was phenomenal; one report tells of 58 schools in Toronto selling over 10,000 Christmas Seals. The 1908 campaign proved so successful that it raised \$6,114.25 in Toronto, and a further \$1,244.40 in Hamilton, Ontario.



Due to this great response, Christmas Seals became the official method for tuberculosis associations to solicit funds from the public, and a national seal was created. (Up to that point, regional or city-based seals were the norm.)

Initially, monies collected went towards building new sanatoriums. Once these had been built, Christmas Seal funds were used for tuberculosis prevention. In the over 100 years since they were first introduced, Christmas Seals have paid for millions of Canadians to undergo chest X-rays or

tuberculin tests, enabling the disease to be detected before it spread to others.

These days, Christmas Seals remain a vital fundraiser for the Canadian Lung Association, subsidising a wide range of research initiatives into asthma, air pollution and lung cancer, as well as critical community-based programmes and services.

LAST CHANCE SALOON

Once they're gone, they won't be coming back!

Collectors, as you may know, Commemorative Stamps are only on sale for one year from the date of issue. We are offering you the chance to add products to your collection that you may not have had the opportunity to obtain during 2011. Please see below the details of stamp issues from 2011 that you may wish to purchase before they are consigned to history.



Centenary of the birth of Brian O'Nolan "Flann O'Brien".

Issue Date: 06 October, 2011

Withdrawal Date: 06 October, 2012

To mark the centenary of the birth of Brian O'Nolan, Steve Simpson has designed a stamp featuring a painting of the writer by his brother Micheál Ó Nualláin.



Christmas 2011

Issue Date: 10 November, 2011

Withdrawal Date: 10 November, 2012

Three stamps celebrating Christmas were issued last year. Two of them were in the 'Stamps on a Roll' format and were created by Design Factory. They featured modern tree decorations of bright, colourful baubles and Christmas stars. The third, which appeared in the promotional booklet, featured the blessed Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus, making their way to Egypt. Created by Steve Simpson, the design is based on *The Flight into Egypt* painting by the Flemish artist, Jan de Beer.



50th Anniversary of the first RTÉ broadcast

Issue Date: 24 November, 2011

Withdrawal Date: 24 November, 2012

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the first RTÉ broadcast, Ger Garland designed three stamps featuring TVs and a hand-held device, which evoke a sense of the Past, Present and Future. On the screens were iconic images of The Late Late Show host Gay Byrne, children's TV presenter, Emma O'Driscoll, on the set of Hubble and renowned newsreader, Anne Doyle.

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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 €6.00 within Ireland and €7.50 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.

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	11-Oct	Barnardos Ireland Sheetlet	121555	SH		€8.80	
	11-Oct	Barnardos Ireland FDC	1215FDC	EA		€1.55	
LOT 2	08-Nov	Christmas 2012 Stamp Booklet	1216BK	EA		€13.75	
	08-Nov	Christmas 2012 Stamp Pair (ex booklet)	1216SAS1	EA		€1.10	
	08-Nov	Christmas 2012 Stamp Soar Strip	1216SAS2	EA		€1.37	
	08-Nov	Christmas 2012 FDC	1216FDC	EA		€2.92	
LOT 3	Dec	Irish Stamp Year Book 2012	12YB	EA		€56.00	
	Dec	Irish Stamp Year Pack 2012	12YP	EA		€29.00	
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	Dec	First Day Cover Collection 2012	12FDCYP	EA		€54.00	
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LAST CHANCE		Fitzpatrick-Thomas Letter of 1840	12B1	EA		€ 8.50	
	06-Oct-11	Centenary of the birth of Brian O'Nolan "Flann O'Brien" 55c Stamp	111555	EA		€0.55	
	06-Oct-11	Centenary of the birth of Brian O'Nolan "Flann O'Brien" Sheetlet	111555	SH		€8.80	
	10-Nov-11	Christmas Stamp Booklet	1116BK	EA		€13.75	
	10-Nov-11	Christmas Stamp Pair (ex booklet)	1116SAS1	EA		€1.10	
	10-Nov-11	Christmas Stamp SOAR Strip	1116SAS2	EA		€1.37	
	24-Nov-11	50th Anniversary of the first RTÉ Broadcast Se-tenant Strip of 3	111755ST	EA		€1.65	
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