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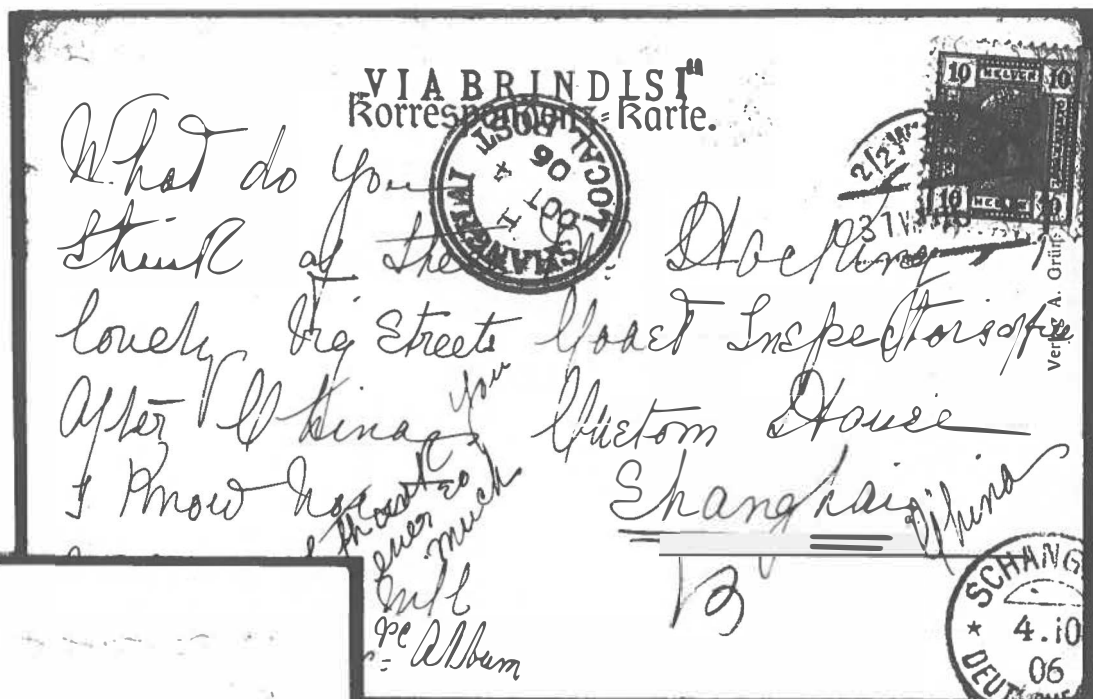
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Items from Something Austrian
Display of 5 October including
Master Die Proof.

Dear member,

Herewith the last journal of 2006. Since the issue of the September journal no new members have been elected so only 2 new members were elected for the whole of 2006. There was 1 resignation since the last journal. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Committee to wish you all a very happy New Year.

NEWS

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Since the issue of the last journal no new members have been elected to the Society and only 2 new members both city have been elected for the whole of 2006.

There was 1 resignation notification since the issue of the last journal that of Seamus Casey, a country member.

Bereavement

We learned at our meeting of 2 November of the death of Mr. Ciaran O'Neillain. Ciaran was a member for many, many years of both the Irish Philatelic Society and Dublin Stamp Society. His philatelic interests in the main lay in continental Europe particularly Germany and France. He was a regular attendee at meetings and took a great interest in the displays given to both Societies. Sadly health problems over the last number of years prevented him from attending meetings. May God rest him.

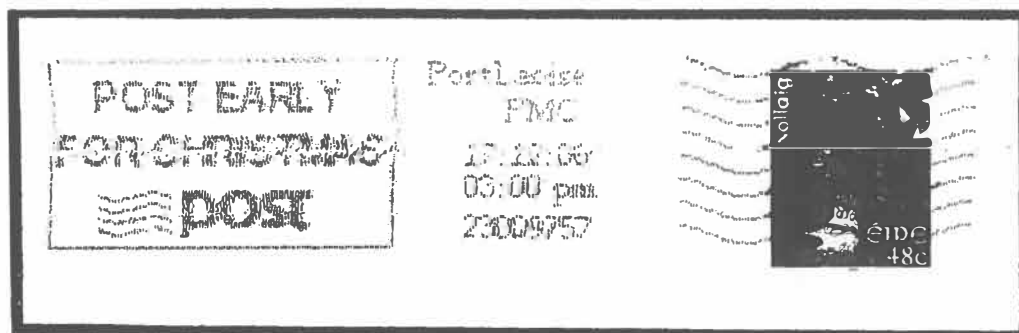
INTERNATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION, ROMANIA 2008

The above exhibition will take place in Bucarest in 2008 to celebrate the 150th Anniv of the issue of the first Rumanian stamps. Ireland has appointed a National Commissioner - Mr. Barry Wilson to the above. A total of 12 provisional entry forms have been received by him from hopeful exhibitors and these are due to be forwarded to the Organising Committee in January. It is hoped to hear from the organisers in May 2007 of any successful Irish acceptances and we will keep you informed of developments in the future.

IMP SLOGANS

The only IMP slogan I have seen since the issue of the last journal was the seasonal -

POST EARLY / FOR CHRISTMAS.



DISPLAYS

Something Austrian - 5 October

This display was given by Frank Mc Donald and covered the period from 1899-1937. It commenced with the 1899-1902 definitives, the first issue to be denominated in the "Heller" currency. A master die proof for the 10h to 30h values was shown. Newspaper stamps including private perforations and postage dues were included. Later definitive issues up to 1907 were shown with cover or card usage including TPO cancels and cards to Shanghai, China. The 1908/13 60th Anniversary issue was shown with plate proofs and cover usages as well as the 80th Birthday issue with die proofs. Mail from Austro-Hungarian Forces in World War 1 with unit cachets was also shown. Issues overprinted for the "Deutsch Österreich" - "German Austria" Campaign 1918-21 featured including Newspaper stamps, Carinthian Plebiscite and Flood Relief Fund issues. The period 1922-37 included various Fund issues - such as Musicians, Artists, Child Welfare, Anti-Tuberculosis. The 1931 Rotarian Congress issue used on pieces with the cancellation for the 4th day, Zeppelin Mail, 1935 Concentration Camp Mail, 1936 Olympics promotional card, Ski Championship Fund set on cover were also shown.

Isle of Man Postal History - 2 November

This display was given by Barry Wilson and was the first time a display on this subject was presented before the Society. The display had already achieved vermeil medals in the National and International Classes at Stampex, London, a vermeil at Stampex, Dublin and a vermeil at the International Exhibition in Washington in May of this year.

It showed various types of "Isle of Man" handstamps, an 1823 straight line ISLE OF MAN stamp on entire with a Free stamp to the Paymaster General, Whitehall. Ramsey, Isle of Man and Douglas Penny Posts were included in this display. An 1840 2d Mulready, a great rarity for this Administration was included as was a cover to Melbourne, Australia franked with 1s (1847-54) embossed value again a very scarce item featured. A registered cover from Dublin to the Isle of Man with octagonal College Green, Dublin stamp was included as well as a Revenue stamp officially used on cover with squared circle cancel. This was a spectacular display and it was clearly evident why it had achieved the awards as mentioned above.

Discovering West London - 16 November

This display was given by Frank Mc Donald and was from his thematic on this subject. It dealt with the City of Westminster, Chelsea and Kensington. It was a history of the area dealing with the buildings, palaces, streets etc of the area and the famous and infamous people connected with it. It included stamps, booklets, covers, stationery, proofs, min sheets and numerous stamp errors. Included were Mulready lettersheets, a Dockwra, Penny Posts - Westminster and Kensington. An 1896 cover from the Speaker of the House of Commons and initialled featured. Covers from the Board of Education with 1d Ed VII ovpt, War Cabinet Office, No.10 Downing St., Buckingham Palace, Marlborough House to mention but a few featured. Varieties included 1969 Cathedrals - 9d St. Paul's with dropped '9d', 1972 3p Silver Wedding value missing Silver, 1980 12p Famous Authoresses - missing 'P', 1980 London Landmarks 12p Albert Memorial val with spectacular misperf. There was a wealth of material in the display that could be mentioned but the above will have to suffice.

This was the 300 lot catalogued sale on Thurs 19 Oct. A total of 166 lots were sold for a realisation of €1394.75 of which the Society received €139.47 in commission.

Some of the more important realisations were - Australia 1937 "Thick Robes"- 5s,10s and £1 vals €65, Great Britain 1911 Coronation Aerial Flight €68, Ed VII $\frac{1}{2}$ d stationery card with "Admiralty/Official ovpt €32. Leeward Islands Geo VI £1 €31.

OPEN CLASS COMPETITION

This took place on 30 Nov and was the annual no rules competition with entries of 9 sheets only. It was judged by popular vote on the night. A total of 9 entries were received these being :

Flags of the World	-	Gerry Byrne
Irish Official Mail - Transition Period.	-	John Greer
Silent Night / Holy Night	-	John Fitzsimons
Australian Aerogrammes, Covers and Postcards	-	Fred Condell
Presidents and Politicians	-	William Moore
Nevis	-	Norman Finnie
Penny Reds	-	Brian O'Connell
Ireland - Telegrams	-	Michael McNamara
Turks and Caicos Islands	-	Des Scannell

The winner by a clear majority was John Greer with "Irish Official Mail - Transition Period" and the entry was awarded the Open Class Trophy and Medal for 2006.

CATHAL O'GRIOFA MEMORIAL TROPHY

The above trophy in memory of our benefactor and former President Cathal O'Gríofa is awarded annually for the most entertaining display voted by the members. This years winner was Frank Mc Donald for his display "Discovering West London" presented before the Society on 16 Nov. The trophy was inaugurated in 1995 since which the following members have won it in the years shown ;

Frank Mc Donald	-	1995 , 2006
Robert P.Towers	-	1996 , 2000 , 2003
Geoffrey Mc Auley	-	1997 , 2001
Mike Burrington	-	1998 , 1999
Hans Neumann	-	2002
Des Norton	-	2004
William Moore	-	2005

SOCIETY SOCIAL EVENING

This now annual event on the last meeting night of the year was held in Ely House on 14 December. It started as usual with a 75 lot bourse with all lots selling for a total realisation of €373.90. Following this a total of 34 being members some with wives then sat down to dinner. The numbers were a slight increase on 2005 figures. It gave members and others a chance to discuss matters over dinner in very pleasant surroundings. Following the dinner the evening concluded with a social drink in the bar before the Society broke up for Christmas.



Dropped 9d variety

