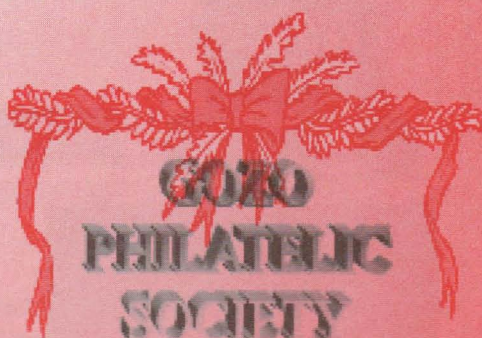




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I have the pleasure to invite you to our

FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held at the Scouts Headquarters
Santa Dminka Street Victoria
on

**SUNDAY 16th JANUARY 2005 at 10.00 a.m. with this
AGENDA:**

1. **Minutes of the fourth AGM.**
2. **Approval of rationalized Statute.***
3. **Treasurer's Statement**
4. **Secretary's Report**
5. **President's Address**
6. **Election of Members for Committee**
7. **Motions**
8. **Other Matters**

I thus invite paid up members to:

- A. nominate themselves or others to the new **Committee** and
- B. Submit notice of **Motions** (regarding amendments to our statute or otherwise).

- A **Members' Meeting** begins at **9.00 a.m.** (exchanging, buying & selling stamps etc.)
- The **Exhibition Prize-giving Ceremony** takes place immediately after the AGM.

All members - Juniors and Seniors - are heartily encouraged to attend.

* *Copies of the proposed Statute are available from the Secretary.*



GOZO PHILATELIC SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Member No.

Name

Address

..... Post Code.....

Tel No. ID Card No

I enclose annual membership fee for Lm2.

.....

Signature

Date

Being under 16, I enclose Lm1 for Junior membership
(Date of Birth.....)

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Date

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(signed obo Gozo Philatelic Society)

Date





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Founded on 3rd September 1999

For "the promotion of the hobby"

"the provision of a point of reference" and "co-ordination"

Postal address: PO Box 10, VCT 101, Gozo, Malta.

Happy New Year

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GPS DIARY (18)

Antoine Vassallo (Secretary)

- 12th October 2004:** Setting up of Exhibition begins.
- 15th October 2004:** Special card produced by Anthony Grech to commemorate our 5th Exhibition.
- 16th October 2004:** Judging Panel adjudicates exhibits. (Prize winners list on pages 22 & 23).
- 24th October 2004:** Last day of Exhibition (full report on page 20).
- October 2004:** Special 5th Anniversary number (issue 17) of GPS Newsletter (total of 40 pages, including full colour!)
- 30th October 2004:** Committee finalizes list of Exhibition prizes.
- 5th November 2004:** Opening of Marian Exhibition set up at the *Ta' Pinu* Complex.
- November 2004:** Booking of Halls for 2005 GPS Exhibition.
- November 2004:** Preparations begun for EU stamps exhibition at *Banca Giuratale* in 2005.
- 23rd & 24th November 2004:** "Philately Day at Seminary".
- 7th December 2004:** Card prepared for "Immaculate Conception" handstamp.
- 12th December 2004:** "Pauline" stamp exhibition at Munxar. The media continued being used to advertise the hobby and our activities. *Examples:*
- September - October 2004:** series of 12 short programmes (on a community radio) leading to our Exhibition .
- 11th October 2004:** Prominent colour feature "Stamping around" about the GPS and the exhibition in Gozo - Times supplement.
- 12th October 2004:** Secretary invited for full programme on Community Radio.
- *A German member is interested in exchanging Europe Stamps. Details from the Secretary.*





MALTA SPORTS STAMPS

(Therese Attard - Junior member)

The first set of Maltese stamps to be issued which falls under the sports section was on 28th April 1976. These marked the 21st Olympic Games to be held and showed the sports in which Malta was competing which were in water polo, sailing and athletics. Their values were 1c7, 5c and 30c respectively.



Despite its size and financial limitation Malta is still able to take part in the Olympic Games, the Commonwealth Games and the Small Nations Games. To ensure that Maltese athletes can all give their best, financial and technical assistance is provided by the Maltese Government for our Nation's participation in international events, especially during prestigious occasions such as the Olympics.

In 1984 another set was issued to mark the Olympics in Los Angeles. From then onwards, each time the Olympics were organized, stamps were issued to commemorate this important event. In 1988 they were held in Seoul, 1992 in Barcelona, 1996 in Atlanta and 2000 in Sydney. This year, the games were held in Greece - their birthplace - and a set of stamps was issued in August. Malta has so far competed in Athletics, Archery, Boardsailing, Cycling, Judo, Sailing, Shooting, Swimming, Water polo and Wrestling. ➔





Since the first edition in San Marino in 1985, the Games of Small States of Europe have grown in importance and have acquired great significance, also in terms of sporting achievements. The games have now established themselves as an important biennial event in European sports calendar, with the participation of about 1500 athletes and officials from eight European countries. In 1993 these games were held in Malta. Zepp was the games mascot. A miniature sheet was issued. In 2003 they were again held here. The mascot, Elmo, represented a pike man complete with breastplate and helmet symbolizing a combination of physical preparation and a strong determination to succeed.



In 1978, for the first time, a set of 3 stamps was issued to mark the World Cup Football Championship which was held in Argentina. Every four years a set was issued to mark this important event: 1982 in Spain, 1986 in Mexico, 1990 in Italy, 1994 in USA and 1998 in France. In 2002 no stamps were issued in connection with the World Cup. Every time a miniature sheet was issued. In 2000 a stamp was issued to mark the European Championship. This was the only time so far that these games were held in two countries - Belgium and the Netherlands. □





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MALTA POSTAL SERVICES AND MARKINGS

(Leslie Sutton)

The first regular postal service was introduced in 1813 as a means of controlling the spread of the disease plague.

All incoming mail was conveyed to the post office situated at **Piazza Tesoreria** (later known as Queen's Square) where fumigation was carried out before being passed on with an applied red wax seal stating "Sanita De Malta", Quarantine Office Malta or Opened & Resealed/Lazzaretto of Malta. From 1830 to 1904 various catchets stating Lazzaretto Malta, Purifie Au Lazzaretto Malta; or disinfected Lazzaretto Malta, were used.

A daily internal free post was established for mail at Valletta and three principal city post offices; Zabbar, Siggiewi and Zejtun, each being responsible for its own nominated surrounding villages.

External mail charges from 1840 to the handing over of postal arrangements to the Maltese Government in 1885 were covered by British stamps with an A25 round or oval catchet in black cancellation .

On 1st December 1860 a halfpenny yellow local postage stamp was introduced. The same government notice introduced the setting up of eight pillar boxes and wall letter boxes at various locations.

Local police stations had glass notice boards for displaying mail that did not carry sufficient details of the addressee or destination. It was then up to the addressee to collect it.

There were 16 rural postmen employed in July 1894 to convey mail between the General Post Office and their respective districts.

Letters from the island of Gozo were conveyed from Rabat subsequently renamed Victoria (in 1887) and Migiarrò subsequently renamed Mgarr; bearing a halfpenny yellow Maltese stamp. These were cancelled on the back of the envelope (not on the stamp), before being sent on to Valletta by boat where the stamp was cancelled before being delivered. Post Offices were later set up at police stations of Xewkija, Nadur, Casal Caccia (now Xaghra) Garbo (now Gharb) Sannat and Ghajnsielem. These had their own cancellors to apply to envelopes or cards.

Permanent offices were later established to replace some of these. □





Special Handstamp Cancellations Related To, And Stamped In Gozo

Part 2

(George Vella)

This is a continuation of Part 1 of special handstamp cancellations which were stamped in Gozo to commemorate special events connected with the island of Gozo. These were issued by Maltapost since 1969. We strongly recommend that these should be collected.

B.P.O. = Branch Post Office.

T.B.P.O. = Temporary Branch Post Office.

[No.] = JB 2004 Stamp Catalogue, page 143.



12. [517] 27-7-2001. 450th Anniversary of the Siege of Gozo Citadel, at B.P.O. Victoria Gozo. Designed by George Vella, 35mm diameter.



13. [553] 20.7.2003. XVII Centenary of the Martyrdom of St. George, at T.B.P.O. St George's Basilica, Victoria Gozo. Designed by Anthony Grech, 43x35mm.



14. [...] 31.12.2003. St Mary's Cathedral New Bells, at B.P.O. Victoria Gozo. Designed by George Vella, 35mm diameter.





15. [...]11-3-2004 XIV Centenary of the Death of St Gregory, at B.P.O. Victoria Gozo
Designed by George Vella, 38mm wide.



16. [...] 8-5-2004 100th Anniversary of the Consecration of Qala Parish Church, at B.P.O. Victoria, Gozo.
Designed by Anthony Grech, 30x40mm.



17. [...] 24-6-2004 200th Anniversary of the Blessing of Nadur Parish Church, at B.P.O. Nadur Gozo.
Designed by George Vella, 25x32mm.



18. [...] 3-7-2004 25th Anniversary of the Death of Wistin Camilleri, at BPO Victoria Gozo.
Designed by Chev. Paul Camilleri Cauchi, 35mm diameter.



19. [...] 20-7-2004 XVII Centenary of the Martyrdom of St Margaret, at B.P.O. Victoria Gozo.
Designed by George Vella, 30x43mm.

Ref: Anthony Fenech, *JB 2004 Stamp Catalogue*, page 143





FIFTEEN YEARS OF COACH POSTAL SERVICES

(Hans Katzensteiner)



In 1977 the little town of Garsten in Upper Austria, held its first Christmas Advent Market. During these three decades this Advent Market became an attraction not only to Austrians but even to Italians, Germans, Czechs, Hungarians,

Belgians, Dutch and even to people from far away.

In 1984 the Philatelic Society of Steyer was invited to organize a special Christmas Post Office and to issue a special handstamp to be used during the Advent Market. This was done and a Philatelic Exhibition was also set up. During this year the city of Garsten was also celebrating its Millennium year since its foundation.

In the following years the Advent Market increased in popularity. It became more and more successful showing traditional customs and especially traditional crafts from the valley villages around Garsten.



***Kristkindle
Church***

In 1988 somebody came up with a splendid idea of transporting mail between Garsten and the famous Kristkindle (Christ the Child) Village Post Office using the old stagecoach. A special envelope with a special label was produced and used for this occasion. These envelopes are now important





collectors' items sought for, all over the world. In 1990, five thousand covers with cancelled special handstamps were transported in this old fashion method from Garsten.



This year the covers were printed in four colours and each cover is numbered. The design was created by a Czech artist and it shows the two parish churches

of Garsten and Kristkindle together with a picture of the old stagecoach. □

Source: Die Briefmarke Post und Philatelie Osterreich





not just for BEGINNERS

Originating from various requests and comments, this regular section aims at offering help to both juniors and adults. Regular features will include explanations of philatelic terms and details of stamp issuers; but we do invite members to send questions and enquiries (e.g. about identification uncertainties). Moreover you are encouraged to offer your own contributions, even short items or tips.

Where in the World ?! (9)

(Antoine Vassallo)

Stamp Issuers Past and Present

CAYMAN ISLANDS British Caribbean islands with issues from 1901.

Cechy a Morava = Bohemia and Moravia.

C.E.F. = i) Cameroons Expeditionary Force.
(British Occupation issues 1915).

ii) China Expeditionary Force, India
1900-21.

Cefalonia e Itaca Italian occupation issues in 1941 for the Greek islands of Cefalonia and Ithaca.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Formerly Oubangui-Chari, with issues from 1959
(“Empire” 1977-9).

Central Lithuania (*Srodkowa*) Separate stamps 1920-2.

Ceska Republika = Czech Republic.

Ceskoslovensko = Czechoslovakia.

Ceylon Island off India, with stamps from 1857 until 1972 when renamed Sri Lanka.





- Chad** = Tchad.
Chala Peru local issue 1884.
Chamba Indian state with separate issues 1886-1950.
Channel Islands British islands between England and France with separate general issue in 1948. See Aldemey, Guemsey and Jersey.
Charkhari Indian state with separate issues 1894-1943.
CHIBA Separate stamps for this Japanese prefecture were issued from 1989.
CHILE Republic in South America with issues from 1853.
CHINA stamps from 1878 (when Empire). Local issues from 1865; various regional issues 1949-50 (also Taiwan). Various countries had POs in China.
Chinese Post Offices in Tibet (1911).
CHRISTMAS ISLAND Island in the Indian Ocean administered by Australia, with stamps from 1958.
Cilicie Province of Turkey with separate stamps 1919-21 when occupied by France.
Cirenaica = Cyrenaica.
Ciskei "Homeland" with separate stamps from 1981 to 1994. Now again uses stamps of the Republic of South Africa.
Coamo Town in southern Puerto Rico (1898).
Cochin State in India with separate issues 1892-1950. Later Travancore-Cochin.

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Bold italic = Inscriptions;
BOLD CAPITALS = Current Issuers;
Bold = Former Issuers.

(Since it is obviously impossible to be completely exhaustive, you are encouraged to bring any gaps to my notice!)





stamp terms used in PHILATELY (9)

(Emanuel Vella)

Facsimile: A likeness or imitation of a genuine stamp. Facsimile are not printed with the intention to deceive or defraud. They are generally released for non-postal reasons.

Fake: A genuine stamp which has been altered or repaired in some way to make it appear what it is not, for the purpose of deceiving collectors. Stamps can be faked either to hide a defect or to make a common item resemble a rare one.

First Day Cover: An envelope bearing a stamp or stamps postmarked on the first day of issue.

Fiscal: A stamp designed for revenue or taxation purpose only. Many postage stamps are also valid for revenue purposes and are so inscribed.

Flag Postmarks: These postmarks were used by the U.S.A., Canada and other postal administrations. U.S.A. flag cancellations were in use 1920 - 30 and consisted of the "Stars and Stripes"; they are now coveted items.

Flaw: Minor variation from the normal stamp; in other words a variety. The term is more often used to denote an inconstant variety occurring during the printing. ↪





Floating Off: It is better if used stamps are not cleaned by total immersion in water. Some stamps are printed in water soluble ink or cancelled with such postmark. Stamps on paper should therefore be “floated off” if there is any doubt on the points mentioned. This mean that stamps on paper are put face upwards on the surface leaving the front surfaces as dry as possible. A preferable method is to lay the stamp with paper on a dampened clean white blotting paper in a tray. A piece of glass laid on top will ensure all over contact.

Flown Cover: A cover bearing evidence that it has been carried by an airline.

Flyspeck Philately: Minor varieties, especially those only visible with the aid of a magnifier.

Forerunner: Historical predecessors of a philatelic group or issue. For example the stamps of G.B. were the forerunners of Malta and other islands in the West Indies.

Forgery: An invitation of a genuine stamp copied for fraudulent use. There are two principal types: the postal forgery, made to deceive the Post Office and the philatelic forgery, made to deceive collectors. For postal forgeries, especially used on cover, there is a keen demand from specialists, especially propaganda forgery. These are often used during wars.

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Script by Script (9)

(Antoine Vassallo)

This regular space features stamps without any identifiable name in “latin” script or providing some similar difficulty.

Along the years, various stamps have been issued without any country identification. This happened in many cases in the nineteenth century. During the twentieth, this normally occurred only for local stamps or those which would not need to have any issuer’s name because of their specific use (eg postage dues or officials). It is now standard practice (and a binding requirement by the Universal Postal Union) to have the issuing country clearly identified - and in “normal” script.

However their originator has been left with the “honour” to issue “anonymous” stamps. In fact most **Great Britain** stamps seem to be inscribed with just the value numeral. They can be identified also through the other words in English (or even in Welsh!) But the current sovereign has also to be included in the design, or even as the design itself. In other cases a small “cameo” may be seen in some corner or other. Besides the present Elizabeth II, five others have reigned:



Victoria Edward 7 George 5 Edward 8 George 6 Elizabeth

Under Elizabeth II, specific stamps have also been issued for different components (called regional or “country”). Moreover, since 1999, fully pictorial sets (always including the Queen’s head) are being issued for the last three (and for “England”).



Guernsey

Isle of Man

Jersey

Wales

Scotland

Northern Ireland





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QUIZ COMPETITION

Open to all Junior Members of the Gozo Philatelic Society

- i) When was the first Maltese Sports set issued ?
- ii) What was the occasion and in which sports did Malta compete ?
- iii) Which town in Austria held its first Christmas Advent Market ?
- iv) Name the two villages that transported mail between them by using the old stagecoach.

Please send your answers on a separate paper together with your name, address and membership number by not later than 31st January 2005 to:

*The Secretary
Gozo Philatelic Society
P.O. Box 10, Victoria Gozo VCT 101*

Prize

First Day Cover of Malta or Mint Set of Malta Stamps.

PREVIOUS QUIZ COMPETITION RESULT

Answers to above captioned competition which was published in G.P.S. Newsletter No.17 are as follows:

- i) St James Palace.
- ii) 328.
- iii) Dghajsa tal-Latini.
- iv) Kalkara.



PRIZE WINNER:

GPS Prize Winner of First Day Cover of Malta goes to Mario Mallia of 27 Assumption Square Zebbug Gozo (Member No. 195)

CONGRATULATIONS !!!

Happy New Year 15





E & O not E (4)

(Antoine Vassallo)

Since it is my intention in this series to alternate between printing and design error, today I show an unusual (and costly!) Italian design mistake.

The story of what is probably Italy's most famous stamp (though with no actual postal validity) began on the 3rd April 1961 - the issue date of a set of three to commemorate the voyage to South America by Italian President Giovanni Gronchi. They had basically the same design: a world map highlighting (in a darker shade) Italy (respectively) Argentina, Uruguay and Peru'. The trip was to begin on the 6th (when they would become officially valid) and so the stamps were put on sale in time for collectors to prepare covers to accompany him on his flight.

On the morning of the 4th, however, an unexpected order arrived for the immediate withdrawal of the 205 lire lilac-rose (thus "*Gronchi rosa*"). The Peruvian embassy in Rome had, in fact, protested about the fact that its map showed incorrect borders: a substantial part was missing in the north of the country. This territory had been a source of conflict with Ecuador since the eighteenth century.

All this meant that the *Gronchi rosa* was on sale for just one day: Easter Monday (a traditional holiday for outings and picnics "*Pasquetta*"), resulting in quite limited sales. Very swiftly, the Italian Post Office prepared a corrected version in a changed colour (slate-violet) - issued on the 5th. This new stamp was attached upon the "incorrect" one on any envelopes already prepared by philatelists and in the Post's hands (see photo *fig A*).

The other photo (*fig B*) shows the difference (possibly apparently minute) between the maps on the two (usually called grey and rose) Gronchis. □

Obviously, our readers are encouraged to submit suggestions.



Fig A



Fig B





Australian MALTA (3)

John Vassallo, who lives in Australia, offers glimpses of his Malta Collection.

This is possibly the oldest extant private letter from Gozo, being dated 4th October 1767.

It is addressed to a Marquise in France, sent by her son (recuperating?) in Gozo. As usual in those days, it consists simply of a folded sheet of paper which is then sealed. The photocopies show the two outside sides and the message itself. The handstamp reads “MARSEILLE DE MALTHE”.

Eliminating most of the “private” details and concentrating on comments of philatelic and local interest, here are some extracts rendered into English from the original French.

We are still here, dear Mother, staying on because of the fine weather.

We are enjoying the beautiful Spring days.

However, fearing an accident, we cannot bring ourselves to return to Malta.

After spending time here I feel perfectly well. I am in excellent health.

[??] has been doing a lot of hunting for the first time in his life, and enjoys it very much.

I'm certainly not writing to my charming Sister-in-law, because I know how punctilious she is and I don't like to write to her at all.

I humbly request that you give her our news, assure her of our respectful friendship and also to wish her a Happy New Year, as also my brother.

The debt has been paid. I know because of the letter of 6 October.

I impatiently await [??] letters.

Here is a letter for [??]. Would you be kind enough to give it to him?

The delicate tablecloths and napkins from [??]. Which you kindly allowed me to use [...]. Do you wish me, dear mother, to return them [...] or keep them until we find a way to send them to you, without paying the transport, bring them with me when I return, or some other way? →





Gozo 4. Nov. 1967
 affaires personnelles son retour à Malte

Nous voici encore, (avec Maman, retenus par le beau
 temps, nous jouissons des beaux jours du printemps. cependant
 crainte d'accident, nous ne tarderons pas de retourner à
 Malte. je me trouve très bien de mon séjour ici. je
 me porte à merveille. M. D'Arbigny y'a beaucoup de
 plaisir pour la première fois de sa vie, et s'en est fort amusé. je
 souhaite que cela le dispose à s'appliquer avec plus de
 fruit qu'il n'a fait jusqu'à présent. Daignez recevoir les
 assurances de son profond respect, et nos vœux les plus empressés.
 Bonne Maman, pour tout ce qui peut le plus contribuer à votre
 satisfaction. quant à la nôtre, elle dépend de la continuation
 de vos bontés et de votre amitié, que nous avons extrêmement
 à cœur de mériter. je n'écris point à ma charmante
 belle-sœur, parceque je sais qu'elle se pique d'excellence
 et n'aime pas du tout d'écrire. mais je vous supplie de
 vouloir bien lui faire notre tour, l'assurer de notre respectueux
 attachement, et lui faire agréer tous nos compliments de
 bonne année, ainsi qu'à mon père.





La lettre est acquittée, je le sais par les qu'on m'a écrit de la
 que je n'avais pas d'écrit, qu'il m'en restait, c'est bien ridicule à moi,
 je crois être bien sur de n'en avoir pas d'autres.
 J'attends avec impatience les lettres de m. de la sorte, je ne désespère
 pas que tout ne puisse s'arranger, fais un peu d'attention, j'écris
 de ce que j'ai en l'honneur de tes lettres.
 Voici une lettre f. m. Durand, que je vous prie d'avoir la
 bonté de lui faire remettre.
 Les papiers et brevets fins de feu M. le d'Orléans sont-ils arrivés
 via route les permes de usage, n'est pas l'air de l'air en plus
 et vous la suis très obligé, vous, cher maman, que je vous le
 remercie, car m'en tenir encore deux semaines, car la garde m'en
 servir, jusqu'à ce qu'il se présente la façon de vous, qui, par
 sans frais de port, m'en retournant, car d'autres façons.
 Je vous supplie, très cher maman, de vouloir bien me continuer
 l'honneur de vos bonnes grâces, et agréer les assurances de
 mon tendre et profond respect,
 Je vous prie instamment, de ne pas m'oublier auprès de mes lettres,
 des cartes de visite et maubourg
 La belle-mère est-elle grosse? pour moi, j'été souhaite sans remède,
 elle n'a rien de bien! comment le pourrait-elle, troisième?

ASSEMBLÉE
 DE NALTRÉ
 Madame la Duchesse
 De Cremona, la Douairière, à
 son hôtel
 Et noble
 dans son





THIS YEAR'S EXHIBITION

(Anton Said Micallef - President)

This year's philatelic exhibition which happened to be the fifth one was inaugurated by the Hon Giovanna Debono, Minister for Gozo on Friday 15th October.

For the convenience mostly of young students this year's activity included two full weekends. The attendance was quite encouraging and we were pleased to notice philatelic enthusiasts from Malta and a good number of foreigners among the visitors. Many of these commented favourably on the exhibition. It was quite astonishing to hear a visitor remarking that he enters this date in his diary to visit Gozo at this particular time of year for this activity, while another confessed that he would consider himself and his philatelic society rather fortunate if in such philatelic displays which they also organize back home would have a junior section with so many young participants. This would obviously make us feel great satisfaction and would stimulate our efforts in no small way for similar activities in the future.

The main theme in this year's exhibition was Postal History. An interesting item in this section were collections of postmen's personal handstamps. Another unusual entry which drew the attention of most visitors was a collection of hand stamps and cards issued to mark the centenaries or other important occasions of various parishes in Gozo. Other interesting items were postal cards of local views of the good old days. ➡





The thematic section which was art in philately also deserves a word of praise. Sets of stamps designed by the well known artist Envin Cremona were on display. Featuring among his best designed stamps ever, the St. Paul's Centenary Set issued in 1960.

One must not forget that the success of this exhibition was due to the hard work and dedication of its members. We know it also to the full co-operation of the Ministry for Gozo, not forgetting the sponsors, chief of whom is the Bank Of Valletta and others like Mr Joe Buttigieg of the Sliema Stamp Shop. A word of thanks also goes to Mr Anthony Fenech who gives sterling help to our society with his expertly advice.

We would greatly appreciate if the Maltapost would in future join the band-wagon and as its contribution be present with a counter in our exhibition even at least for two or three days. □



*We would also like
to encourage every member -
especially Juniors -
to contribute towards this Newsletter.*





COMPETITION RESULTS OF THE 5TH GPS PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

Summary of Judging Panel's Report

The Panel consisted of Mr Anthony Fenech, Mr J Buttigieg and Mr Antoine Vassallo. The range and quality of exhibits have again been very impressive and all participants should be congratulated. The following orders of merit were decided, based on the criteria of Presentation, Content and Philatelic Knowledge. This year's level was very high and this augurs well for the future of philately in Gozo.

- **SENIORS:**

1. TRADITIONAL PHILATELY (ART ON STAMPS)

- 1st Mr Jesmond Borg
- 2nd Mr Anthony Grech
- 3rd Rev Fr Gerard Buhagiar
- 4th Mr Paul Cini



2. POSTAL HISTORY

- 1st Mr Jesmond Borg
- 2nd Mr Anthony Grech
- 3rd Dr Paul Pisani LLD.
- 4th Ms M'Grace Xerri





JUNIORS:

- 1st** Joseph Masini;
- 2nd** Daniel Calleja;
- 3rd** Saviour Attard;

- 4th** Elaine Marie Borg;
- 5th** Josmar Azzopardi;
- 6th** Paul Debrincat.

RUNNERS UP: (Juniors)

- | | | | |
|----|------------------|-----|---------------------|
| A. | Paul Refalo | N.. | Fabio Bajada |
| B. | Luke Masini | N. | Mario Zammit |
| C. | Matthew Cardona | O. | Andrea Muscat |
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MALTA'S RELIGIOSITY EVIDENCED PHILATELICALLY A CROSS-REFERENCED A - Z

(Antoine Vassallo)

(continued from Newsletter No 17)

K is for KNIGHTS OF MALTA

This is the popular name for the Sovereign Military Order of St John, originally founded (by Blessed Gerard - **1s6d Exhibition 1970**) to support pilgrims in the Holy Land. It is now a major NGO concentrating on voluntary work and personal holiness.

These sets have obvious connections:

- Great Siege **1962**.
- Siege centenary **1965**.
- Valetta centenary **1966**.
- La Valette **1968**.
- Exhibition **1970**.
- Suits of Armour **1977**.
- SMOM **1999**.



It is not really possible to list all relevant stamps since their stay in Malta has left wide effects. Examples:

- **4d** Definitives **1965** and **1c7** surcharge **1977**.
- **4m** Definitives **1973**.
- **25c** Commemorations **1989**.
- **16c** Tourism **1999**.
- Galley **5d** Pictorials **1989**, with changed watermark (**1904**) and colour (**1909** and **1914**); **4½d** Defs **1965**; **5d** and **1s6d** Religious **1971**; **10c** Coinage **1972**.
- *Sacra Infirmieria* **1s6d** Doctors **1964**; **11c** Surgery School **1976**; **8c** Chess **1980**.



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waħda ghal kull posta f'Ghawdex*) **Lm2.00c**

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Victoria Gozo Post Office to commemorate two
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Sir Adrian Dingli & Arch Saverio Cassar. **Lm2.00c**

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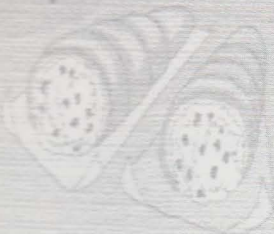
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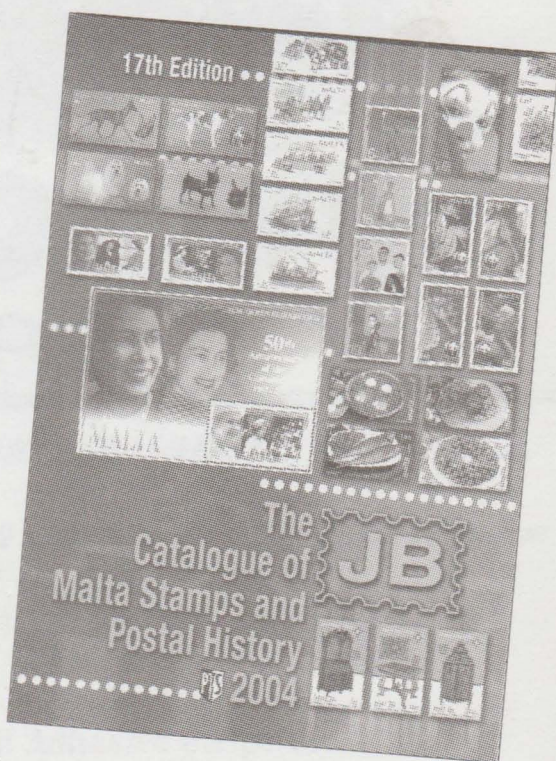
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