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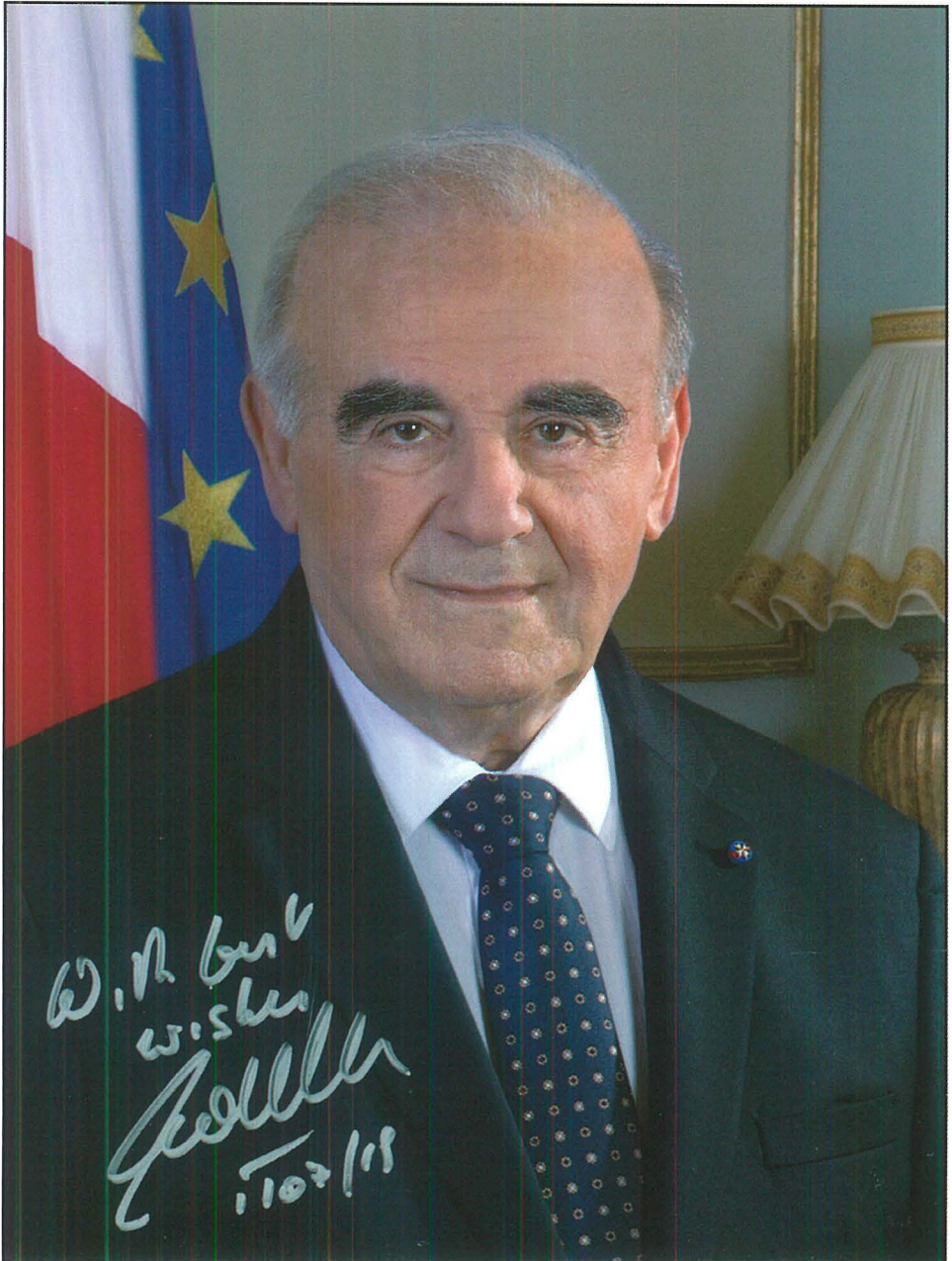
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**President of the Republic of Malta
H.E. Dr George W. Vella MD, KUOM, KCMG**



**The Malta Philatelic Society
congratulates our Member
H.E. DR GEORGE W. VELLA
MD, KUOM, KCMG
on becoming
the President of the Republic of Malta**

He was former Deputy Prime Minister (1996-98) and Minister for Foreign Affairs (1996-98, 2013-17). Parliamentarian (1978-87, 1992-2017).

President of Malta 2019-

Retired Specialist in Family Medicine, and Consultant in Aviation Medicine (1964-2013).

Travelled extensively and has vast experience in meetings and conferences around the world, including EU, CoE, IPU, OSCE, Commonwealth, and UN.

Particular interest in EuroMediterranean politics, the Middle East, the Gulf Countries and North Africa.

Played active role in organizing and hosting in Malta the first EU-Africa Summit on Migration, the Anna Lindt Mediterranean Forum, and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting 2015, besides the onerous task of representing Malta as Foreign Minister during Malta's Presidency of the Council of the EU between Jan-June 2017.

Married, three children and seven grandchildren.

Companion of Honour National Order of Merit.

Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Gran Croce 'pro Merito Melitense' of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

Cavaliere di Gran Croce del'Ordine di Sant'Agatha (San Marino).

Grand Commandeur de l'Ordre de l'Honneur. Hellenic Republic.

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Minister Dr G. Vella inaugurating Maltex 2019

Mrs. E. Bonnici,
Rev. Prof. E. Agius, Dr A. Bonnici
and Minister Dr G. Vella



Junior Member Master Gerald Parnis,
explaining his exhibit
to the Hon. Minister



The late Mr Carmel Bonavia
explaining his exhibit
to the Hon. Minister

Mrs. Vella, Rev. Prof. E. Agius together
with Mr John Debattista
who is explaining his exhibit
to the Hon. Minister



TRAVELLING OF THE ADMIRAL BUTTERFLY

Vladimir Kachan, Belarus

The hundreds of different species of butterflies surprise us with their beauty and a creative peak of perfection. Butterfly Admiral or Red Admiral with scientific name *Vanessa atalanta* is one of the most popular butterflies in Malta (fig. 1). It is spread from the Azores and the Canary Islands and Northern Africa through Europe to Asia Minor and Iran. It can be found in North America as far south as Guatemala. *Vanessa atalanta* has been found



2. Telegram of New Zealand 1961 with butterfly *Vanessa atalanta*



3. Artwork of Cook Islands 1997 with butterfly Admiral



1. Stationery card of Malta 1986 with butterflies and Red Admiral

even on Haiti and New Zealand (fig. 2). The first scientific description of the Red Admiral butterfly was written by the famed naturalist Carl Linnaeus in 1758. The name “admiral” is a corruption of the word “admirable,” a term given to the butterfly by early naturalists because of its striking coloration. The distinctive red-orange band across the wing of the Red Admiral makes this butterfly species easy to distinguish from other species (fig. 3). The common name “Red Admiral” compares this band to the chevrons on a naval uniform.

The red admiral is identified by its striking black, red-orange, and white wing pattern. On the dorsal side, its dark wings possess red-orange

bands on the middle of the forewings and the outer edge of the hindwings. The distal ends of the forewings contain white spots. The ventral side of the wings are brown with patches of red, white, and black. The hindwings have a brown marbled pattern (**fig. 4**). The wingspan ranges from 4.4 cm to 6.4 cm. This butterfly can be found almost anywhere, from the seashore and town gardens, to the tops of the highest mountains.



4. Accepted essay of Germany 1984

Red Admirals are one of the few species of butterflies that migrate over long distances (**fig. 5**). Scales on the wings of the butterfly Admiral have a special structure. The wing surface of the butterfly Admiral is covered with millions of tiny movable appendages – scales (30 μm to 200 μm in size). Each butterfly scale is a long and flattened extension of cuticle and generally resembles a gathered sack consisting of lower and upper laminae. These laminae are separated by a hollow region. The lower lamina is a flat plate from which trabeculae rise to join the upper lamina. The upper lamina is a complex structure consisting of ridges (spacing 2 μm)



5. Stamp of St. Pierre & Miquelon 1975 with migrate of Admiral butterflies

with inverted V-profiles and grooves which are discrete openings. The inverted V-profiles of the ridges form the micro channels (1.5 μm to 2 μm in clear lamina spacing), which are disposed between the airpermeable upper lamina and airproof lower lamina. The root edge of the wing scale is closed, and the tip edge is open. In most cases, the scales of butterflies are attached to the wing membrane by a narrow neck around the base of appendages that allows free motion of the high aspect ratio scale normal and parallel to the plate of insect wing. Studies have shown that this cover has a wide range of functionality: it increases the lift of the wing, controls the microflows of air near the wing and stabilizes the flight. In the autumn the Red Admiral butterflies fly from Europe to Africa to lay eggs there, after which she dies. The next year her offspring flies back from Africa to Europe in the spring. Not all butterflies make such long distance flights, but only some species. Butterflies always wander alone and fly low to the surface of the earth. During a long flight butterflies develop a speed of up to 15 km / h. They fly where the wind does not blow so much and the butterflies do not need to spend their energy fighting it. Occasionally, during migration, certain species of butterflies fly across the continent. The wings of butterflies are permeated with blood vessels. Blood contains special chemicals that protect the wings from freezing, if the cold weather finds a butterfly on the road. Wintering butterflies fly to warmer lands (**fig. 6**). Not departing butterflies



6. Stamp size essay of Gibraltar 1977 with butterfly Admiral

However, red admirals will visit some flowering plants if these primary sources of food aren't available (fig. 8). Butterflies try food, standing on the very food, as the taste sensors of the butterflies are at their feet. Admirals fly fast and randomly. Red Admirals tend to be fidgety and swift insects that rapidly change direction throughout the course of their flight. Red Admirals are considered to be people-friendly butterflies that will approach and perch on human beings. Red admirals in the over-wintering generation can live up to 10 months. The Red Admiral is an admired butterfly, popular in much of North America, Asia, and Europe (fig. 9). This butterfly enjoys many types of environments and has a strong affinity to flowers.

The aesthetic beauty of the Red Admiral is one of the most underrated values of this species. Due to the Red Admirals wide-spread range throughout the Americas,

admiral winter in crevices or under the bark of trees. Adult specimens of butterflies, being in the winter hibernation, retain in their bodies the substances necessary for survival. With the first spring rays of the sun, the butterfly leaves its shelter. In northern Europe, it is one of the last butterflies to be seen before winter sets in, often feeding on the flowers of ivy on sunny days (fig. 7).

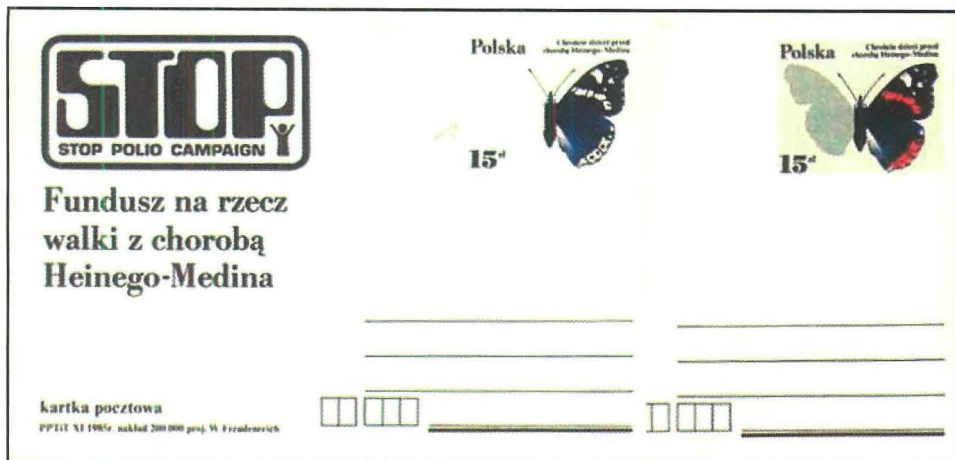
Unlike many species of butterflies, plant nectar is not the main food source for red admiral butterflies. They prefer to feed on tree sap, rotting fruit, animal dung and carrion.



7. Imperforated pair stamps of Moldova 1993 with butterfly Admiral



8. Essay of Hungary 1959 with butterfly Admiral



9. Stationery card of Poland 1985 with butterfly Admiral and color error

Europe, and Asia, their beauty can be enjoyed by many. Red Admirals are often found nectaring at red clover, aster, and Buddleia flowers; this combination of flowers and butterflies further enhances their aesthetic value. The Red Admiral is beautiful species that are the decoration of our nature (fig. 10).

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10. Stamp of Malta 1993 with butterfly Admiral

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OBITUARY – JOHN LANDER

Hadrian Wood

John Lander, Honorary President of the Malta Study Circle, sadly passed away on Friday 19th April. He was 87 years old. John will be missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him. Soft spoken, kind and gentle, John was the epitome of a real gentleman, much liked and respected by all the Circle members.

John, a founder member of the Malta Study Circle, was made Hon. Secretary following the inauguration meeting held in December of 1955. John later served as the Circle's Newsletter Editor from 1959 to 1968. He was elected Honorary President in 1980 and later made Hon. Life President and Hon. Life Member in recognition of his long service to the Circle.



John served for a time in Malta with the Royal Navy in the late 1950s. His stay on the Island, no doubt, contributed further to his original interest in Malta's stamps and postal history. His last visit to our Islands, in the company of other UK Circle members, took place during the Maltex Exhibition of November 2006. This visit included a day's trip to Gozo during which John, together with other Circle members were welcomed by members of the Gozo Philatelic Society and invited to an exhibition held at the Gozo National Archives in John's honour.

John will long be remembered and appreciated for his research and contribution to the study of Maltese Postal History. May he rest in peace.

Purification plan for infected houses and contents

Anthony Camilleri

Piano per la Depurazione delle Case e robbe infette

Le Case nelle quali vengono uomini affettati, o cadono ammalate di peste o sospetta, e le robbe, che dentro vi si contengono, devono d'ora innanzi considerarsi sotto due aspetti diversi, cioè o le case sono già chieste a infette o s'infetteranno in appresso, si prendono in conseguenza particolari riguardi, che si riferiranno nel dettaglio seguente degli articoli del piano.

Prima di passare a descrivere la maniera di i regolamenti, che si devono osservare nel depurare le case. E le robbe è necessario stabilire la qualità del profumo che si deve adoperare. Due casi si presentano tra loro diversi due qualità di profumo quindi si devono praticare, affinché badando alla salute pubblica s'eviti l'incomodo, che si manifesta agli abitanti circostanti se adoperando per il profumo sostanze irritanti, e fastidiose avranno almeno l'occasione di spandersi nell'aria libera d'una contrada. Per le case dunque che cammura, le quali si possono tener chiuse, affinché il fumo sarà necessariamente obbligato di fissarsi sopra le spari, e le robbe che dentro vi sono, il profumo meglio adattato è il seguente.

Si prendono cinque parti di zolfo ridotto in polvere finissima una parte salitro similmente polverizzato, e due parti diligentemente si meschiano insieme. Il miscuglio risultante si unisce coabitamente a peso eguale di Crusca.

Per le cose nelle quali s'adotta tuttavia gente, o in quelle che non si possono chiudere come emersione, si possono fumano coi vapori vitrosi sbrugiando dentro di volta in volta un poco di paglia, gettando sopra mentre che brugia alcune dose misurati di vitro.

Sebbene taluni vi sono i quali non si prendono cura del contagio pestilenziale, chiamandoli spetati e giusto però che si usi qualunque precauzione perchè essi si preservano dall'infezione, e ciò poi maggiormente s'inventa scorgendo che parecchi di tali spetati si sono negli ospedali e nei Lazzeretti in questa nostra parte s'appetati. La salute l'intervene Publico l'incensazione che mira lo scopo del Governo parte che s'affidano al Comitato della Depurazione s'adempiano a dovere tenendo per norma i regolamenti quali si suggerivano negli articoli, che seguono.

Articolo 1°

Dalle case, che d'ora innanzi si infetteranno col cadavere o coll'ammalato appetato si porta via la robba, che egli toccava nel decorso della sua malattia; ciò si può facilmente eseguire accompagnando una o due casse per la robba, colla cassa per il cadavere o con il cataletto per l'infermo. La gente, che tocca il cadavere o sostiene l'infermo, involge la robba, e la mette nella cassa. Questa robba, che immediatamente si praticava dall'appetato si deve senza alcun riguardo abbruciare. L'abbruciamento si fa sempre un miglio distante dai luoghi abitati, frattanto con quelli che vanno a prendere il cadavere o l'ammalato appetato s'accompagna

una camera guardiana di cui si apre il quale porta ecc. La mae-
 na del profumo. Uscito il Cadavere, o l'ammalato dal mezzo
 della camera si toglie ogni cosa a cui facilmente s'ap-
 plichi il fuoco, si chiudono le finestre, o le altre porte,
 allora secondo la grandezza dell'altra camera uno di
 quelli, che entrano per il Cadavere domanda la suf-
 ficiente quantità di profumo, ed si pone in una ciot-
 tola ordinaria e la dà fuoco, si chiude poscia la
 porta dell'entrata, sicché il fumo, che si desta è
 costretto a fissarsi sopra i pareti e sopra quello che
 dentro la camera vi contiene. Se la casa sarà em-
 posta di più camere e nessuno vi rimane dentro
 ciascheduna camera si profuma nella medesima man-
 era. Se gente vi resta ad abitare, si profuma solamente
 la camera, dove stette l'appetato, il rimanente della Casa
 si profuma con i vapori nitrosi, o coll'accesione del uetro.

Arti: 2°

Le Cape, che sono già chiuse non s'aprono se non
 prima convenevolmente profumate. ed maniera di
 profumare che è già in uso d'oggi sostenere essendo bene
 calcolate le macchine profumatrici. per dirigere, e condurre
 dentro la camera tutto il fumo, che ascende nella materia
 in combustione. Quando la casa composta di più camere
 si profuma tutta applicando alla porta di ciascheduna
 camera il tubo della macchina profumatoria. Se la por-
 te e le finestre di alcune delle camere si lasciaranno
 per avventura aperte, si chiudono, quando si può fare sen-
 za mettere in pericolo la gente in questo caso il pro-
 fumo si dà mettendo il materiale in una ciotto-
 la capace

aprire la porta con lungo pala si porta dentro la camera, e si chiude la porta, passati due o tre giorni dopo la prima profumazione, la camera si possono aprire ma prima che la gente non incominci ad entrare per prendere le robe, è necessario che da lontano i poveri si bagnano con acqua lattiginosa di Calce dopo un quarto d'ora si porta dentro la camera una dose regolare di vetro e s'incendia; la gente allora destinata ad estrarre le robe entra e incomincia a portarle via.

Art. 3°

Si considerano le robe nelle case infette, o sicuramente imbrattate dal contagio, e sono quelle delle quali faceva uso l'appetato, o sospetta d'essere infette volamente perchè si trovano in casa infetta; le prime, devono essere maneggiate da persone che lor si destinano e in case egualmente destinate sol per esse si trasportano fuori de' luoghi abitati quivi si bruciano. Le altre per le quali s'impiegano altre persone, essi destinate ad altre case per il loro trasporto, si portano nel luogo della Deposizione, e si consegnano ai Depositori.

Art. 4°

Quelli che maneggiano le robe imbrattate sicuramente dal Contagio non abbiano nessuna comunicazione con quelli che devono trattar la roba da Depurarsi; in questa maniera si previene che la roba semplicemente sospetta d'infezione non s'allorda e non si contamina dal Contagio. Per questo dice la gente e possono qualunque accidentale contaminazione

si crede opportuno che la gente stessa intinga le mani e le braccia in una carrea soluzione d'alcune nell'acqua, e vicinissimo da una apparsa e che volta nell'olio di lino con litargio; e guanti che si potranno fare dell'istessa tela, vanno impiegati nel lavoro, e l'incrostamento d'alcune è sufficiente per impedire l'assorbimento della materia del Contagio.

Art. 9.

Il luogo per la Depurazione sia ampio, e abbastanza provveduto d'acqua, dove essere circondato da altri steccati affinché sia protetto dai Ladi, i quali vedendo robba poco custodita s'imitano facilmente a rubare. Vuole poi il Governo in una particolare considerazione la custodia di questo luogo, e d'intima castighi severi alle persone di mal talento, le quali o rubano, o permettono che si rubano tela o robba comunque le quali sono in processo depuratore. La gente destinata alla Depurazione non abbia nessuna comunicazione con chi che sia. I Carrebbj portano la robba da depurarsi e la consegnano con le marche di distinzione, onde potranno essere in appresso riconosciute. Il Processo della Depurazione è il seguente:

Biancherie

I Depuratori alzano le Biancherie con aste con uncini allungati, o con molle adattate, deponono in caltraj coperti, le si versa sopra del liscivio alcalino fatto da

Da ottanta parti d'acqua ed una di soda potassa, si fa un liquore che si mantiene almeno per un ora, e meglio se si lascia riposare, abito incominciato a bollire gradualmente. Si toglie poi il fuoco intieramente ed i Calzaje vi lasciano per tre o quattro giorni, si lavano bene con acqua fresca e si spandono per un giorno al sole; si lasciano seccare per tre giorni passati ai quali si tornano a bollire a lavare come prima, si spandono per la seconda volta e si lasciano esposti per la ventilazione per venti giorni, si raccolgono poscia, e si conservano come depurata. Colle biancherie s'intendono comprese le matage di lino di Canape e di Cotone.

Tela Tinta

Queste non si possono bollire nel liquore alcalino si bollono in vece per tre volte nell'acqua comune si lavano successivamente lasciando sui giorni d'intervallo tra la lavatura tempo in cui si lasciano sempre stesi ed esposti alla ventilazione. Si rendono sufficienti venti giorni di ventilazione ed insolazione dopo l'ultima lavatura. Con le tinte tutte si comprendono ancora le matage tutte di lino, Canape, e Cotone.

Stoffe di Seta e di Lana

I Drappi di seta soggetti d'infezione, e i panni di lana se sono di piccolo valore si devono bruciare giacchè in questi casi la spesa per la depurazione, ed il rischio sarà maggiore del valore stesso delle medesime, ma se vi considerano maggiore di valore non spregevole allora si estenderà perché

perchè possono essere tenuti ventilati, e colpiti dal sole, si lasciano almeno esposti per lo spazio di tre mesi secondo la cura di spurgarli ogni giorno. Stalmente perchè i drappi di seta, i panni in panno e tappeti, i vestimenti di seta, o lenci non s'abbruciano grandemente è necessario che sieno messi sotto loggie sufficientemente alte, perchè il sole, le belle vene, e la ventilazione sia libera. Con drappi s'inchiudono ancora le marotte di seta, di lana,

Libri di Commercio, di Letteratura e Carte, e Stampe

Contra rastelli orientatamente posti ~~si mettono~~ messi si dispongono i libri semi aperti, colla loro apertura all'inghi sopra i medesimi rastelli si pongono ancora esposti le carte e le stampe s'accende il profumo, e si porta sotto il rastello, la quantità del profumo si fa corrispondere al numero delle carte e dei libri ed all'ampiezza dell'armario o della camera dove tali profumi si vogliono praticare. Terminato il profumo le cose profumate si portano al luogo abattuto alla loro ventilazione, si riguardano come covine, perchè non si perde alcun pezzo d'importanza, da ventilazione e la profumazione si fanno succedere l'una all'altra almeno per tre volte nello spazio di quaranta giorni.

Metalli, Pietre, Preziose, e Perle.

Le perle si sfilano, da esse si toglie tutto quello che si crede tenere la materia del contagio; in un vaso di vetro, o di faenza inverniciato s'infondono nel lo spirito divino e si lasciano per qualche ora e
i metalli

le pitture dove si espongono a est austo e si lasciano anche
 coperte per qualche ora. Il Comitato della Depurazione
 il quale è incaricato di eseguire tutto quello che si ha
 immediatamente dopo la compiuta depurazione consegua ogni
 cosa che necessariamente si manda e si partecchi nel
 Monte di Pietà a tenore dell'ordinazione del Governo.

Art. 6.^o

Estrette tutte le robbe delle case infette queste
 si chiudono un'altra volta nelle finestre, che porte non ne
 escono alle Camere. I quadri si calano nei loro luoghi
 e cavano da dentro le cornici si spazzano si mondano
 bene dalla polvere e si lasciano appoggiate alle pareti.
 Le armadi, le guardie, scotte, le credenze, si aprono e
 si mondano egualmente. Si visitano le cantine ed i locali
 comuni per estrarne e portarsi abbruciare i cenii i puppi
 di carta, e altro che s'incontra, e questi luoghi si
 profumano abbondantemente. Così si giorni dalla seconda
 profumazione s'aprono le case e le camere adoperando
 le medicine cautele suggerite nell'articolo 2.^o curano
 poscia i biancheggiatori e lavano con latte di Calce
 i pareti, il soffitto e le porte. Il pavimento si scopa si
 raschia e si lava con liscivia di Soda passati alcuni gi-
 ornii tornano i biancheggiatori e sostano fino la prima
 i pareti si biancheggiano un'altra volta. Finito questo lavoro
 la casa s'intende depurata, e di la quindici giorni
 si può consegnare per essere di nuovo abitata.

Tavole, Credenze ed utensili di Legno

La gente, che entra a prendere le robe sospette s'impresione lavata con acqua semplice e ogni utensile di legno che s'incontra nella camera. Per non toccare colle mani l'istesso meglio sarà commendabile lavargli con una spungia attaccata ad un manico di legno. Le cornici dorate di quadri per non alterar loro molto la bellezza, sarà buono lavare con spirito di vino. quando dopo la seconda purificazione entrano i biancheggiatori, prima d'incominciare altro lavoro sommare senza toccare colle mani nè la robba, che si lava, se il diquore con cui li lava, con spirito di vino la pittura di quadri, la parte loro posteriore si lava con soluzione di sapone nell'acqua, le cornici della porta dorata si lavano con spirito di vino, nell'altra parte con lissivio di soda con il medesimo lissivio lavano le tavole e qualunque utensile di legno, che incontrano.

Pedie e sofà

Le i fondi di questi mobili ed ogni parte si possono spazzare e moidare bene dalla polvere, e dalla terra, che facilmente in esse si rinviene. I fondi stessi non sono di quelle materie, che vogliono a scorbare il contagio, la purificazione in essi si eseguisce come si pratica con i mobili di legno; in caso diverso si sfondano, e si tolgono le imbottiture, e l'integro si spoglia con diligenza da ogni copertura di suscettibilità del contagio i fondi egli intogli tutti così separati stando molto dal loro valore si devono bruciare.

Faenza porcellana e vetrine

L'Ustensili di queste materie si possono quasi sem-
 pre pericolo considerare come i metalli: la loro degradazione
 quindi s'acquiesce facilmente lasciandoli immersi per do-
 dici ore in un liquore leggero di aceto, s'alzano poscia
 sempre senza toccarli colle mani, e si fanno bollire per
 un'ora in un nuovo liquore di aceto. Si lasciano immergi
 finché non si raffredda il digiuno da cui poi s'atraggano
 e si lavano versandoli sopra molta acqua fresca

da 3 1/2

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

This plague manuscript written in good 18/19 century Italian about intended instructions for the purification of infected houses and contents, was in the collection of the late Cecil Diamantino, and is being published by courtesy of Mr Anthony Camilleri.

Dr. Giovanni Bonello has pointed out, that among the items mentioned, are porcelain objects. Though Chinese porcelain existed for centuries, it was an extraordinary luxury only the richest could afford. Porcelain became common in Maltese households in the late 18th century when it started being manufactured on a large scale in Europe. The document does not refer to house numbers in Valletta, which were first introduced half-way through the 1813 epidemic.

It seems to be written by a medical doctor on official public health business, with an excellent command of Italian, perhaps the head of the Lazzaretto.

Translation of the Italian text

The houses in which infected people die or fall sick because of plague or are suspected of infection, and their contents should from now on be considered under two different aspects, that is, either the houses are already infected or will be infected soon; consequently particular concern is taken which will be pointed out in the following details of the articles of the Plan.

Before describing the manner and regulations which should be observed in purifying the houses and their contents, it is necessary to establish the quality of the solution to be used. Two different possibilities arise, two different methods of fumigation should therefore be used, so that, tending the public health, the inconvenience of carrying irritating and fastidious substances going to neighbours, while using the solution is avoided. Therefore as regards to the houses and the rooms which can be kept shut, and the smoke will be forced to stick to the walls and things contained in the rooms, and the more suitable perfume is the following:-

Take five parts sulphur, reduced to fine powder, one part nitre, likewise reduced to powder. The two powders are mixed together carefully. The resulting mixture is added to an equal weight of bran (crusco)

As regards the houses which are lived in, or which cannot be kept closed as convenient, these are fumigated with nitrogen vapours by burning the resin, some hay and throwing moderate doses of nitre over it while it burns.

Though certain people do not look after the pestilential contamination and consider themselves cured, it is nevertheless proper that some precaution be taken in order that these persons keep away and we often notice that several of these (cured) people are found in hospitals and lazarettos because they are infected by the plague.

ARTICLE ONE

From the houses, which from now on will be infected with the corpse or with the alive person, the things which he used to use (be in contact with) during his illness are taken away and burnt. The burning should always take place about a mile away from the inhabited places. Meanwhile with those accompanying the corpse of the infected person a sanitary guardian should go with them and take with him (perfume). Having taken the corpse or the patient out of the room, anything which easily catches fire is removed, the windows are closed, or the other doors, than according to the size of the room, one of those who entered for the corpse asks for the required amount of (perfume), he places it in a container and ignites it. The door is then closed so as to oblige the smoke to rest on the walls and things left in the room. If the house has more rooms and these are empty, each room is likewise treated. If however people live there only the room where the infected person stayed should be treated (fumigated). The rest of the house is fumigated with nitrogen fumes or by igniting nitre.

ARTICLE TWO

The houses which are already closed should not be opened before they are properly fumigated. The manner to fumigate, which has already been described should be observed, calculate properly (the fumigating machines) to which result from the matter in combustion, inside each room. If the house contains more rooms, the fumigating machine, should be applied to each door in order to fumigate all the house. If the doors and windows of some of the rooms are open, they should be shut whenever possible, without endangering the people. In this case the fumes are spread by placing the material in a large container which is carried into the room on a long spade, and the door is closed. Two or three days after the first fumigation the rooms may be opened, but before the people may enter to take the things the floors should be wet from a distance with milky lime water. After a quarter of an hour a regular dose of nitre s taken into the room and burnt. The people who have to fetch the things may then enter and carry the things out.

ARTICLE THREE

The contents in the house are considered contaminated if they are amongst the things which the infected person used to use or are considered to be infected only because they are found in an infected house. The former should be handled only by persons meant for this purpose and in boxes likewise meant for this purpose. They are carried to uninhabited places and the purifying takes place.

ARTICLE FOUR

The persons handling the soiled things which are definitely from the infected person should have no contact whatsoever with the person having to handle the

things which are to be purified. In this way it is forseen that the things which are only suspected to be infected concur and is not contaminated by the infection. To safeguard the people and to prevent any timely accidental contamination with the same people, the hands and arms washed in a solution of alum. Linen overalls boiled in oil and litharge. The pieces which are possibly made from the same linen will be an obstacle in the work and the insertation of alum is enough to stop the absorbing of infected material.

ARTICLE FIVE

The place where the purification is to take place should be spacious and abundantly provided with water. It should be surrounded by tall walls in order to be well protected from thieves, who on seeing the things not well guarded are easily tempted to steal. To guard the place and orders severe punishment to persons, who either steal or allows that linen or other objects being purified be stolen. The persons in charge of the purification should have no contact with anyone. The person who take the objects to be purified, will hand them over with a distinguishing mark which can easily be recognized. The procedure of the purification is the following:

LINEN

The purifiers raise the linen on staffs equipped with blunt hooks or with adapt springs, place same in large containers and pour over it alkaline liquid consisting of eighty parts of water and one of soda till it is covered. The containers are placed over a fire for at least half an hour till the solution starts boiling slowly. The fire is then put out completely and the containers are left lying for six hours. The linen is then washed in fresh water and hung out in the sun. It is left hanging for three days after which it is boiled again and washed in the same way. It is hung out for the second time and left exposed to the wind for twenty days. It is then collected and considered disinfected. Besides linen skein, hemp skein and cotton skein are included.

PRINTED CLOTHS

These cannot be boiled in an alkaline solution. Instead they are boiled three times in fresh water with an interval of six days. During the six day interval, they are ventilated. Twenty days of sun and wind are considered sufficient after the last wash. Linen, hemp and cotton are included with printed cloths.

SILK AND WOOL

The silk cloths which might be infected and the woollen cloths should be burnt if they are of little value, because in these two cases the cost of purification and the trouble will be more than their value. But if they are considered to be some value,

they are hung out so that they are well exposed to the wind and to the sun. They are left hanging for at least three months, making sure that they are well beaten every day. In order to ensure that some are not very worn out it is important to place them under higher loggias so that they are well exposed to the sun and are well ventilated.

Besides cloths also include skins.

COMMERCIAL BOOKS, LITERATURE BOOKS, PAPERS AND PICTURES

Books are displayed on horizontal shelves with their open face down. On these same shelves the papers and pictures are spread. The perfume is lit and is placed under the shelf. The quantity of the perfume depends on the number of books and papers and on the dimensions of the cupboard or of the room where the fumigation is to take place. When the perfume has been used the fumigated books/papers are carried to a suitable place and aired. They are well minded to ensure that no important part gets lost. The fumigation and airing are repeated at least three times over a span of forty days.

METALS, PRECIOUS STONES AND PEARLS

The pearls are unthreaded and any substance considered containing infected material is removed. They are placed in a glass or varnished pottery vase and are covered with alcohol for about one hour. Metal and hard stones are placed in vinegar and are also left to soak for about an hour. The Purifying Committee who is in charge of receiving anything which is found after the purification is completed will hand over anything which successfully is fumigated and is sent at the Monte di Pietà according to the judgement.

ARTICLE SIX

Once all the things contained in the infected house have been removed, the windows and doors are closed. The picture frames are removed from the walls and the picture is removed from the frame. These are thoroughly dusted and placed against the wall. The cupboards, wardrobes and chest of drawers are opened and cleaned in the same way. The cellars and other common places are visited and any rags, pieces of paper and anything else one comes across are burnt and the places are fumigated thoroughly. Six days after the second fumigation the house and rooms are opened and treated in the same way as indicated in ARTICLE TWO. The whitewashers then enter and wash the walls, ceiling and doors with calcium lactate. The floors are swept, scraped and washed with soda lye. After some days the whitewashers return and scrape the paint of the walls and these are washed again. When this has been done, the house is considered disinfected and fifteen days later may be lived in once again.

TABLES, CHEST OF DRAWERS AND WOODEN UTENSILS

The people entering the houses which are considered infected will wash every wooden utensil with clear water in order to avoid touching to a wooden handle. In order to avoid causing damage to gilded frames, it is best to wash them with alcohol. After the second fumigation the whitewashers, before starting any other job/and without touching anything with their bare hands or the alcohol used for cleansing / with alcohol, the painting is washed with a soap and water solution, the frame on the gilded side is washed with alcohol and the other side with soda lime (?? lissivio di Soda). With the same solution the tables and any wooden utensil are washed.

CHAIRS AND SOFAS

If the seats and every other part of the chairs and sofas may be dusted and cleaned of the dust and dirt which easily resettles on them, and if the said seats are not upholstered with material which conserves the infection, the purification is the same as that carried out for the wooden furniture. If this does not apply, they are opened up and the stuffing is removed and the INVOGLI are carefully spared of any cover sensible to the disease. The seats and the INVOGLI all taken apart, which lose much of their value should be burnt.

CHINA, PORCELAIN AND SHOWCASES

The objects made of these materials can, almost without any danger, be considered like the metal objects. Therefore the cleansing is easily carried out by submerging them for twelve hours in a light soda lime (lissivio leggero di soda). They are then removed, without touching them with the hands and are again boiled for an hour. They are left immersed until the solution dissolves. They are then removed and are washed by pouring plenty of fresh water over them.

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28th June

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at Papel Stationery, 1, Triq is-Salvatur, Qrendi will be temporarily closed on Monday 2nd July.

On this day, customers were advised that if they so wish they could make use of the postal services provided from the following Post Offices:

- Żurrieq Post Office situated in 75, Main Street, Żurrieq, ŻRQ 1317.
- Mqabba Sub Post Office situated in Alessio Old Cottage, 12, Triq il-Paroċċa, L-Imqabba MQB 1511.

2nd July

Today it was announced by MaltaPost that it has been made aware of pop-ups or messages seemingly originating from the company inviting viewers to complete a survey and share personal data in return for a chance to win a free phone or gift card.

The company clarified that MaltaPost does not engage in such practices and such messages are not being issued by MaltaPost. MaltaPost informed its clients that it takes its commitments towards protecting and maintaining the privacy of its customers seriously and recommended that such messages are to be completely ignored.

3rd July

Today MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at Happy Kids Stationery, Triq San Tumas, Il-Fgura FGR 1608 will be temporarily closed on Monday 9th July.

Customers were advised that on this day they may make use of the postal services provided from the following Post Offices:

- Paola Post Office situated in Ċentru Ċiviku, Pjazza Antoine de Paule, Paola PLA 1266;
- Żabbar Post Office situated in Ċentru Ċiviku, Triq il- Kunvent, Żabbar ZBR 1351.

6th July

This year also, MaltaPost will be participating in the EuroMed Postal Union joint philatelic stamp issue, themed ‘Houses in the Mediterranean’ with a set of two stamps. It was announced that this Malta stamps issue will be available as from Monday 9th July. The stamps are based on photographs by David P. Attard.

The €0.20 stamp features a medieval facade typically found in the old capital city of Malta, Mdina. The doors, which were the main security feature of the house, were extremely strong and robust as during those times invasions by bandits and pirates were frequent.

The €0.90 stamp features a townhouse typically found in our towns and villages, and their origin dates back to some 400 years ago. These houses are mainly recognised by their solid wooden front door and louvered wooden front windows. The doors are individually handcrafted with the addition of two large brass doorknobs – known as ‘habbatiet’ in Maltese.

The stamps will be issued in sheets of 10 stamps. Each stamp measures 44mm x 31mm, and has a perforation of 13.9x 14.0 (comb) bearing the Maltese Crosses watermark. The sheets measure 118mm x 185mm. Printex Limited produced the set in offset and the issue consists of 50,000 of the €0.20 stamp and 35,000 of the €0.90 stamp.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamps on the first day of issue (on FDC No.6/2018). The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “EUROMED 2018 – ‘HOUSES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN’” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST ----- MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The words “JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/09-07-18” in straight lines are to be found below an outline image depicting the door shown on the €0.90 stamp positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp. MaltaPost’s Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in the Malta Stamp Bulletin numbered as No. 374.



10th July

To commemorate Malta’s involvement in the iconic World War II operation codenamed “Operation Husky”, MaltaPost informed that on 10th July it will be releasing a set to mark the occasion.

The stamps reproduce photographs showing Commander General Dwight Eisenhower and Air Chief Marshall Sir Arthur Tedder with their comrades in

preparation for Operation Husky. The stamps carry a face value of €1.00 each. The photos depicted are courtesy of Heritage Malta.

The stamps will be issued in sheets of nine stamps with each stamp measuring 35mm x 35mm and having a perforation of 13.75 x 13.75 (comb.), while the sheets measure 135mm x 135mm. The stamps bear the Maltese Crosses watermark. Printex Limited printed the set in the lithographic process. The issue consists of 6667 sheets comprising 60,003 stamps.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamp on the first day of issue (on FDC No.7/2018). The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “75TH ANNIVERSARY 1943 ALLIED INVASION OF SICILY ‘OPERATION HUSKY’” along the outside bordering the ring and “MALTAPOST -----
--- - MALTA ” on the lower inner side of the ring.



The words “JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/10-07-18” in straight lines are to be found below an outline image of a map depicting the Maltese islands and Sicily positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp. MaltaPost’s Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Malta Stamp Bulletin numbered as No. 375.

12th July

MaltaPost informed the general public that on Friday 13th July, by agreement with the Malta Communications Authority, the last collection of mail from all letterboxes will be carried out at 13:00 hrs.

18th July

MaltaPost today informed the public through three separate media communications that:

The Sub Post Office at “AZ Stationery”, Vjal l-Indipendenza, Żurrieq ŻRQ 2339, will be temporarily closed on Monday 23rd July.

On this day, Maltapost informed the public that if it so wishes, it may make use of the postal services provided from the Żurrieq Post Office situated in 75, Main Street, Żurrieq ŻRQ 1317.

The Sub Post Office at ‘Higher Grades’, 93, Triq Kanannea, Attard ATD 2703 will also be temporarily closed between Monday 23rd July and Saturday 28th July.

In this case during this period, the public may wish to use the postal services being provided from the Lija Post Office situated at 2, Triq Mikelang Borġ, Lija LJA 1440.

Finally it was announced that the Sub Post Office at “Step in”, Misrah ir-Rebħa, il-Birgu, BRG 1300 will be temporarily closed on Monday 23rd July.

On this day, the public was advised to use the postal services provided from Bormla Post Office at Block No 14, Flat No. 12, Fuq San Pawl, Bormla BML 1910 as an alternative if it so wishes.

23rd July

The Company announced the resignation of Mr Pierre Montebello, Chief Officer – Information Systems and Strategic Projects, with effect from the 31st August 2018. In the announcement it also declared that there is no matter concerning Mr Montebello that warrants any disclosure.

Furthermore, the Company referred to previous announcements and confirmed the appointment of Ms. Carmen Ellul as Chief Officer – Internal Audit with effect from the 1st September 2018.

In this instant also, the company declared that there is no matter to be disclosed regarding Ms Ellul in terms of Listing Rules 5.20.5 to 5.20.9. The announcement was issued under the signature of the company secretary, Graham A. Faiclough, pursuant to the Malta Financial Services Listing Rules.

25th July

Today MaltaPost issued a media communication in which it informed that on the 27th July it will be participating in a forthcoming stamp issue by SEPAC (Small European Postal Administration Cooperation) themed ‘Spectacular Views’. Through this issue, members of the participating administrations will be showcasing views of landscapes of their respective countries. Malta’s issue will consist of four stamps reproducing the winning photos from a competition that was held last year.

The €0.26 stamp features the church of Saint John the Baptist, commonly known as the Xewkija Rotunda. This Roman Catholic Church in Gozo was built in the 20th century on the site of a previous 17th century church and is reputedly the world’s third highest unsupported dome. Photography by Camille Cassar

The €0.42 stamp features, Għajn Tuffieħa Bay near Manikata village. The bay is located in the northwest coast of Malta and considered as one of the main bathing sites. Photography by Martin Galea

The €0.59 stamp features the Gozo Aqueduct, also known as ‘tal-Ħammimiet’, was built during the British Rule between 1839 and 1843. It covered a distance of two kilometres and supplied fresh water, from the heights of Għar Ilma to Victoria, the main town of Gozo. Photography by Darren Vella

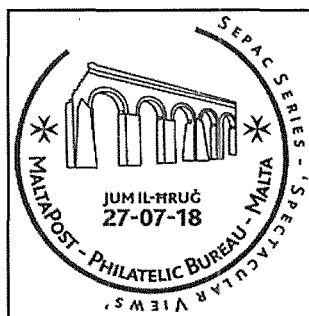
The €1.25 stamp features Dwejra Bay, located in the northwestern end of Gozo. It is well known for its dramatic coastal formation, its shallow inland sea and is a

foremost tourist attraction. Photography by Norbert Juhasz

It was announced that the stamps will be issued in sheets of ten stamps with each stamp measuring 44mm x 31mm, with a perforation of 13.9x 14.0 (comb) and bearing the Maltese Cross watermark. The sheets themselves measure 118mm x 185mm. Printex Limited printed the set in offset. The issue consists of 1,000,000 of the €0.26, 40,000 of the €0.42 stamp, 650,000 of the €0.59 and 30,000 of the €1.25 stamp.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamps on their first day of issue (on FDC No.8/2018).

The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “SE PAC SERIES – ‘SPECTACULAR VIEWS’” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST ----- MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The words “JUM IL-ĦRUG/27-07-18” in straight lines are to be found below an outline image depicting the “Tal-Hammimiet” Acqueduct positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp. MaltaPost’s Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Malta Stamp Bulletin numbered as No. 376.



27th July

Today MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at 51, Triq Ġorg Borg Olivier, Mellieħa, MLĦ 1024 will be temporarily closed between Monday 30th July and Saturday 4th August.

During this period, the public was advised that as an alternative it may make use of the postal services provided from the Mellieħa Post Office situated at 100, Triq il-Miħna l-Ġdida, Mellieħa MLĦ 1107.

02nd August

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Offices at ‘Aquavel’, Triq San Bartilmew, Ġħargħur GHR 1014 and ‘Forex Stationery’, 16, Misraħ tas-Suq, Tarxien TXN 1951 will be temporarily closed on Monday 6th August. During this period, Ġħargħur residents were advised to use the postal services provided from Naxxar Post Office located in the Civic Centre, Vjal il-Wieħed u Ġħoxrin ta’ Settembru, Naxxar NXR 1018 while Tarxien residents could make use of the postal services provided from the Paola Post Office located in the Civic Centre, Pjazza De Paul, Paola, PLA 1266.

08th August

MaltaPost informed the public that the Qormi Sub Post Office situated at 'Electroit Stationery' in Pjazza Fredrick Maempel, Qormi QRM 1011, will be temporarily closed between Thursday 9th August and Saturday 18th August.

During this period, the public could make use of the postal services provided from the Qormi Post Office situated in 343, Triq il-Vitorja, Qormi QRM2504.

In another media communication, MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at 'Many Things' Stationery, Triq il-Knisja il-Qadima, Siġġiewi SGW 1704, will also be temporarily closed between Saturday 11th August and Tuesday 14th August, during which period, the public was advised to make use of the nearest postal services provided from the Żebbuġ Post Office situated at Triq Sciortino, Żebbuġ ŻBG 1962 as an alternative.

In its third and last media communication for the day, MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at 'D Spiral' Stationery, situated at , Triq il-Vitorja, Birkirkara BKR 2691, will be temporarily closed between Monday 13th August and Thursday 16th August, during which period, the public was advised to make use of the postal services provided from Birkirkara Post Office situated at 58, Triq il-Wied, Birkirkara BKR 9013.

10th August

Today MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at 'Papel Stationery', situated at 1, Triq is-Salvatur, Qrendi QRD 1701, will be temporarily closed on Thursday 16th August. On this day, the public could make use of the postal services provided from the nearest alternative, the Żurrieq Post Office situated at 75, Main Street, Żurrieq, ŻRQ 1317.

In another media communication MaltaPost informed that the Sub Post Office situated at Kerċem Local Council, Pjazza Orvieto, Ta Kerċem KCM 1360, will be temporarily closed between Tuesday 14th August and Monday 20th August. The nearest alternative post office which the public could make use of during this period, was the Victoria Post Office situated at 5, Triq Sir Adrian Dingli, Victoria VCT 1441.

In addition to the Kerċem S.P.O., MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at 'CND Stationery', situated at 144, Vjal it-Torri, Gudja GDJ 1704, will be temporarily closed on Thursday 16th August on which day, the public could make use of the postal services provided from the Luqa Post Office situated at 11, Trejqa Dun Ġulju Muscat, Luqa LQA 1450.

11th August

It was announced that on the 14th August, MaltaPost was to issue the second series of stamps depicting titular statues of various churches around Malta and Gozo. This issue will feature the following processional statues: St. Paul in Valletta, St. Peter & St. Paul in Nadur, the Immaculate Conception in Hamrun, Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Mdina, St. Gaetan in Hamrun, St. Julian in St. Julian's, St. Dominic in Valletta, St. Catherine in Zurrieq, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin in Senglea and that of Our Lady of Consolation in Gudja.

The stamps in this second issue in the 'Maltese Festa Series' carry a face value of €0.26 each. They were produced at Printex Ltd by the offset process and the issue consists of 1,000,000 stamps. The issue will be sold in sheets of 10 stamps and each stamp measures 31mm by 44mm with a perforation of 13.9 x 14.0 (comb) bearing the Maltese cross watermark. Each sheet measures 182mm by 115mm.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamps on their first day of issue (on FDC No.9/2018 x2). The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed "MALTESE FESTA SERIES II" along the outside bordering the ring and "* MALTAPOST -----
--- MALTA *" on the lower inner side of the ring. The words "JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/14-08-18" in straight lines are to be found below an outline image depicting a church belfry positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp. MaltaPost's Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Malta Stamp Bulletin numbered as No. 377.



18th August

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at 'L-Għajn Stationery', situated at 100, Triq il-Kbira, Dingli DGL 1837, will be temporarily closed between Monday 20th August and Thursday 23rd August. The public was advised that during this period it may make use of the postal services provided from Rabat Post Office situated at the Civic Centre, Misraħ il-Parroċċa, Rabat RBT 1001.

20th August

In a media communication released today, MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at 'Papel Stationery', situated at 1, Triq is-Salvatur, Qrendi QRD 1701, will be temporarily closed between Saturday 18th August and Saturday 25th August. During this period, the nearest alternative postal services were those provided from the Żurrieq Post Office situated at 75, Main Street, Żurrieq, ŻRQ 1317.

23rd August

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office, “Aquavel”, Triq San Bartilmew, Gharghur, GHR 1014 will be temporarily closed on Monday 27th August. Postal services provided from the Naxxar Post Office situated at the Civic Centre, 21st September Avenue, Naxxar NXR 1018 was indicated as the nearest alternative.

In a customer alert issued by MaltaPost today, it was divulged that MaltaPost had once again recently been notified that pop-ups or messages, seemingly originating from MaltaPost which invite viewers to complete a survey and share personal data in return for a chance to win a prize, were again appearing on Google. MaltaPost reiterated that it does not engage in such practices and such messages are not being issued by MaltaPost. It recommended that such messages are to be completely ignored. MaltaPost informed that it is taking the necessary action and is investigating the matter. A similar communication on the same lines was previously released on 2nd July.

27th August

Today MaltaPost announced that it had opened a new Sub Post Office in Msida. The new Sub Post Office is situated at ‘Wigwam Stationery’, Triq il-Qroqq, Msida MSD 1702 with postal services having started being provided at this new Sub Post Office as from today, Monday 27th August.

It was stated that within this Sub Post Office clients can avail themselves of numerous postal services such as local and international ordinary and registered mail, sale of postage stamps, collection of registered and bulky mail items as well as bill payments and money orders.

The Sub Post Office’s opening hours are as follows:

Monday to Friday from 7.00am-12.00pm and 4.00pm-7.00pm, while on Saturday it will be open from 7.00am-12.00pm

30th August

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at ‘AZ Stationery’, Vjal l-Indipendenza, Żurriq ŻRQ 2339, will be temporarily closed on Monday 3rd September.

On this day, the public may wish to use the postal services provided from Żurriq Post Office situated in 75, Main Street, Żurriq ŻRQ 1317.

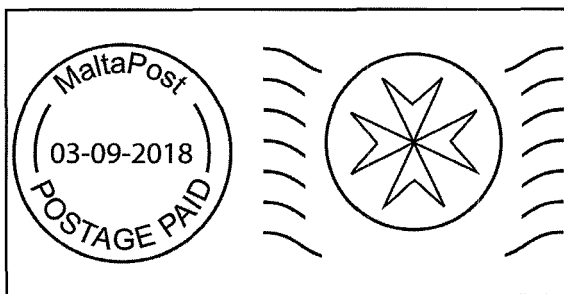
In its second media communication for the day, MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at ‘Step in’, Misraħ ir-Rebħa, il-Birgu BRG 1300, will be temporarily closed between Tuesday 4th September and Tuesday 11th September.

As an alternative, during this period, the public was advised that if it so wishes it could make use the postal services provided from the Bormla Post Office at Block No 14, Flat No. 12, Fuq San Pawl, Bormla BML 1910.

Additionally, in another media communication MaltaPost informed that the Sub Post Office at ‘Marcham Stationery’, 4, Wesgħa Bir id-Deheb, Għaxaq GXQ 1651, will be closed between Monday 3rd September and Wednesday 5th September, during which period the public was advised to make use of the postal services provided from Żejtun Post Office situated at 37, San Luċjan Street, Żejtun, ŻTN 1834

04th September

Today MaltaPost informed the public that as from Monday 10th September, a new cancellation die will start being used on normal letter mail. The die shows the date of cancellation and an image of the Maltese Cross within grunge waves that deface the postage stamp used on letter mail. A pre official use specimen cancellation is illustrated to the right.



A pre official use specimen cancellation is illustrated to the right.

It is to be noted that philatelists have for years been asking that the unsightly wavy line obliterations which were ruining otherwise collectable postage stamps be replaced. The news that finally something has concretely been done to counter this issue and at the same time help to encourage new interest in the hobby was welcomed and very well received. It must be said that the incorporation of the Maltese Cross in the design is also very commendable. Thumbs up to MaltaPost.

In its second media communication for the day, MaltaPost notified that a special hand postmark to commemorate the 100th anniversary since Santa Venera was conferred as a Parish will be used on Tuesday 4th September at the Philatelic Bureau.

The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “SANTA VENERA – MITT SENAPARROĊĊA” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST – MALTA PHILATELIC BUREAU - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “04-09-18” in a straight line is to be found below an outline image depicting a crowned Pax symbol positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp. Philatelists have once again complained that the hand stamp should have been made available for postal use from a postal outlet and not



issued as a purely “philatelic” item from the philatelic bureau.

06th September

MaltaPost informed that it will be participating in a Stamp Fair in Prague on the 7th and 8th September. For this event it was announced that the Philatelic Bureau will be issuing an Occasion Card (Number 51), a Personalised /Cover and Personalised Stamps featuring the exhibition logo. The Occasion Card shows the church of Saint John the Baptist, commonly known as the Xewkija Rotunda and will be available for sale as from Friday 7th September at all Post Offices.



The single severed-ring hand stamp commemorating the event is inscribed “SBERATEL – SAMMLER COLLECTOR - PRAGA 2018” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST – PHILATELIC BUREAU - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “07-08.09.18” in a straight line is to be found below an outline image of the fair logo positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.

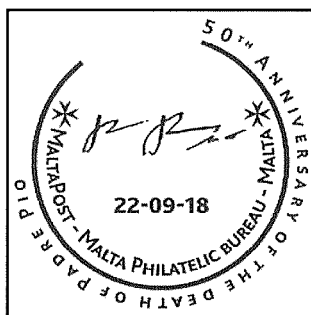
07th September

MaltaPost informed the public that the letterbox situated in Triq Santa Marija, Sliema was now back in service.

18th September

On the 22nd September, MaltaPost will be issuing a miniature sheet bearing a stamp commemorating the 50th anniversary from the death of Padre Pio. The stamp features a painting of the Saint by the Maltese Capuchin monk Patri Krispin Tabone located at the church of Santa Liberata in Kalkara. The stamp carries a face value of €3.00. It was announced that 20,000 miniature sheets will be issued, with the stamp measuring 44.0mm x 31.0mm and having a perforation of 13.9 x 14.0 (comb). The miniature sheet itself measures 120mm x 80mm and was designed by MaltaPost and offset printed on Maltese Crosses watermarked paper by Printex Limited.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamp on the first day of issue (on FDC No.11/2018). The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF PADRE PIO” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST - MALTA PHILATELIC BUREAU - MALTA *” along the lower inner side of the ring.



MALTAPOST ----- - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date of issue “22-09-18” in straight lines are to be found below the signature of Padre Pio positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp. MaltaPost’s Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Malta Stamp Bulletin numbered as No. 378.

For the same occasion MaltaPost announced that it will also be issuing a Limited Edition Silver Replica Stamp depicting the same identical image of the postage stamp. This replica is struck in 999.0 silver and its issue is limited to a maximum of 750 pieces. It will be offered in a presentation box together with an individually numbered certificate of authenticity.

18th September

A Company Announcement issued today by MaltaPost pursuant to the Malta Financial Services Authority Listing Rules notified the resignation of Mr Mark Vella, Chief Commercial Officer with effect from the 4th October 2018. MaltaPost further announced that there is no matter to be disclosed regarding Mr Vella in terms of Listing Rules 5.20.5 to 5.20.9.

28th September

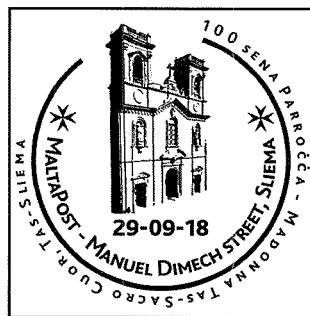
MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at “Malton Stationery”, 7, Triq Censu Xerri, Sliema SLM 3062 will be temporarily closed on Tuesday 2nd October.

As an alternative, customers were advised that if they so wish they may make use of the postal services provided from the following nearest Post Offices:

- Sliema Post Office situated at 118, Triq Manwel Dimech Sliema SLM 1055
- Sliema Post Office situated at 39, Triq Sir Adrian Dingli, Sliema SLM 1902.

In another communication, MaltaPost announced that it had launched the folder ‘Spectacular views of Europe’ published by SEPAC (Small European Postal Administration Cooperation). This is the ninth folder issued by SEPAC in the series and includes stamps and images from twelve European postal administrations in the group; namely Åland, Faroe Islands, Gibraltar, Greenland, Guernsey, Iceland, Isle of Man, Jersey, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta and Monaco.

The third media communication for the day concerned the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady Of Sacro Cuor parish church in Sliema. MaltaPost notified the public that a special commemorative hand stamp will be used on Saturday 29th September at Manuel



Dimech Street, Sliema Post Office to commemorate the event. The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “100 SENA PARROĊĊA- MADONNA TAS-SACRO CUOR, TAS-SLIEMA” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST – MANUEL DIMECH STREET - SLIEMA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “29-09-18” in a straight line is to be found below an outline image depicting the church facade positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.

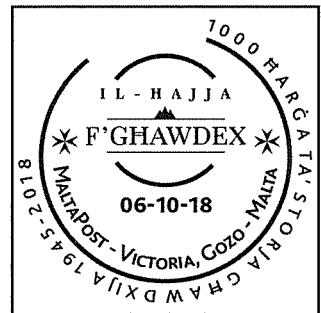
In its final communication for the day, MaltaPost notified the public that a special hand commemorative postmark for the occasion of the coronation of the statue of Our Lady of Sacro Cuor in Sliema, will be used on Saturday 29th September at Manuel Dimech Street, Sliema Post Office. The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “L-INKURUNAZZJONI SOLENNITAL-ISTATWA MADONNA TAS-SACRO CUOR, TAS-SLIEMA” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST – MANUEL DIMECH STREET, SLIEMA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “29-09-18” in a straight line is to be found below an outline image depicting the crown positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.



03rd October

For the occasion of the 1000th issue of the magazine ‘Il-Hajja f’Ghawdex’, MaltaPost notified the public that a special commemorative hand stamp will be issued on Saturday, 6th October at the Victoria Post Office.

The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “1000 HARGA TA’ STORJA GHAWDXIJA 1945 - 2018” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST – VICTORIA, GOZO - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “06-10-18” in a straight line is to be found below an image of the magazine’s logo positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.



The Gozo Philatelic Society in collaboration with Il-Hajja f’ Ghawdex Administration issued a commemorative Post card in a limited edition of 150 cards

MaltaPost also notified that a special hand occasion postmark will be issued on the occasion of the Notte



Bianca being organised in Valletta on Saturday 6th October. This hand stamp will be used at the Malta Postal Museum situated in Archbishop Street, Valletta.

The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “NOTTE BIANCA 2018” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST – MALTA POSTAL MUSEUM - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “06-10-18” in a straight line is to be found below the Notte Bianca logo positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.

05th October

MaltaPost informed the public that the company’s website (including all online data) will not be available to the public on Sunday 7th October between 8:00 and 13:00 due to maintenance and infrastructure upgrade.

09th October

To increase the accessibility of postal services for the general public, MaltaPost announced that it was to open a new Sub Post Office in Qawra. Within this Sub Post Office clients can avail themselves of numerous postal services such as local and international ordinary and registered mail, sale of postage stamps, collection of registered and bulky mail items as well as bill payments and money orders

The new Sub Post Office is situated at ‘Charlie’s Stationery’, Triq il-Qalb ta’ Ġesu, Qawra SPB 1161 and postal services will be available at this new Sub Post Office as from Monday 15th October 2018.

The Sub Post Office’s opening hours are as follows:

Monday to Friday from 8.00am-7.00pm, while on Saturday it will be open from 8.00am-1.00pm

14th October

During Freshers’ week Malta, MaltaPost representatives met students and communicated the important role of the Post Office on Campus and the services it offers. They also explained the use of SendOn a shipping service particularly from those online shops which do not ship to Malta, and Easipik, the convenient parcel lockers for 24/7 online shopping collection. MaltaPost also launched its Club Discount Card during Freshers’ week on Campus that entitles all students to benefit from the best rate of photocopying on campus. MaltaPost also organised a competition in conjunction with the print/copy promotion and students entered the chance of winning HP 250 G6 Notebook PC, Virtu Ferries Vouchers, One4all Gift Vouchers, Brother MFCJ480DW Colour printer/Scanner/Copier and Pizza By Luca meal vouchers. Prizes were awarded on Friday 5th October on Campus

during Freshers' week. The lucky winners are Bernard Manche, Martina Theuma, Elizabeth Cassar, Kylie Mompalao, Maria Camilleri, Michela Baldacchino, Sean Carauna, Elaine Camilleri and Amy Casha. MaltaPost's Post Office on Campus located on the ground floor of the Administration Building, serves students, faculty and staff with a variety of mailing and shipping services as well as a wide range of copying and printing services.

15th October

MaltaPost announced the reprinting of two personalised stamps of €0.37c from the "Occasions" sets in 2010 and 2012. The stamps feature an aerial view of Malta and the belfry of St. John's Co-Cathedral. Both stamps have been re-printed in single se-tenant stamp and will only be available as part of a personalised stamp order. The label attached to the stamps purposely printed for sale to collectors by the philatelic bureau, is personalised with a white MaltaPost logo against a blue-toned background.

The re-print will be available as from Wednesday 17th October.



16th October

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at 'Papel Stationery', situated at 1, Triq is-Salvatur, Qrendi QRD 1701, will be temporarily closed between Friday 19th October and Saturday 20th October.

During this period, the public was advised that it may use the postal services provided from the Żurrieq Post Office situated at 75, Main Street, Żurrieq ŻRQ 1317.

17th October

MaltaPost notified that it will once again be organizing the Maltex Philatelic Exhibition and Collectors' Fair. This will take place between 23rd and 25th October at the Casino Maltese, Valletta. This exhibition, will once again invite a number of enthusiasts and local collectors to display their philatelic items, literature, as well as other collectors' items and memorabilia. This year, the exhibition will be showcasing various collectors' items beyond philately, such as, coins & medals; World War II memorabilia, traditional Maltese bottles and other branded bottles, unique milk bottles caps, and various sports memorabilia. The Fair will be open

between 9.30 hrs. and 16.30 hrs. Entrance will be free of charge. For this special event the Philatelic Bureau will be issuing an Occasion Card (Number 52) and a Personalised Stamp / Cover. The card will be available in mint and cancelled condition as from Tuesday 23rd October from the MaltaPost stand at the Maltex Exhibition and from the Philatelic Bureau. A temporary letter box service will also be provided at the venue during the opening hours of the Exhibition. The cards and mail posted in this letterbox will be cancelled with the Maltex special hand stamp.

The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “MALTEX 18 – MALTA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION AND COLLECTORS’ FAIR” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST – PHILATELIC BUREAU - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The words “JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/23-25.10.18” in straight lines are to be found below the Maltex Logo and venue positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.



19th October

Shopping from Sicily is becoming increasingly popular with Maltese consumers particularly for furniture, appliances, household items and clothing. To facilitate this further, MaltaPost announced a new SendOn service from Sicily to provide all local clients with a convenient delivery service from Sicily at competitive rates. SendOn will be adding a new hub in Catania, Sicily. One can shop for items of any size; from home accessories to heavy furniture from Sicily and have them delivered to one’s preferred address in Malta or Gozo within an average of 5-7 days. MaltaPost has also introduced a pick-up service within its SendOn Sicily brand. In order to benefit from this service, SendOn users would be requested to email their receipt of purchase together with relevant details of the product to sendonsicily@maltapost.com.

22nd October

MaltaPost announced that on the 23rd October, it will issue a set of sixteen stamps featuring different dog breeds. This special collection of stamps pays a tribute to man’s best friend and celebrates the Year of the dog in the Chinese Zodiac. The stamps are reproductions of paintings by the well-known artist Andrew Micallef and each stamp carries a face value of 59c. The set will be issued in sheets of 16 stamps with each stamp measuring 35.0mm x 35.0mm and having perforation of 13.75 x 13.75 (comb). They were offset printed by Printex Ltd on Maltese Cross watermarked paper. The sheet measures 169mm x 169mm. The issue consists of 30,000 sheets.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamp on the first day of issue (on FDC No.12/2018 x4). The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “DOGS” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST ----- - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “23-19-18” in straight lines is to be found below an outline image depicting the boxer breed positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp. MaltaPost’s Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Malta Stamp Bulletin numbered as No. 379.



22nd October

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at ‘Step In’, Misrah ir-Rebħa, il-Birgu BRG 1300, will be temporarily closed between Thursday 25th October and Sunday 4th November. During this period, the public was advised that if it may wish to use the postal services provided from the Bormla Post Office at Block No 14, Flat No. 12, Fuq San Pawl, Bormla BML 1910.

24th October

Pursuant to the Malta Financial Services Authority Listing Rules, MaltaPost issued an announcement stating that the Board of Directors of MaltaPost will be meeting on Monday 17th December 2018 to consider and approve the MaltaPost’s Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September 2018.

29th October

For the occasion of the 19th Gozo Philatelic Society exhibition, MaltaPost notified that a special commemorative hand stamp was to be used on Friday 2nd November at the Victoria Post Office in Gozo, situated at 5, Triq Sir Adrian Dingli, Rabat VCT 1441. The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “GOZO PHILATELIC SOCIETY – 19TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION 2-9 NOVEMBER 2018” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST – VICTORIA, GOZO - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “02-11-18” in a straight line is to be found below the Society’s logo positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.



The exhibition was held at the Gozo Ministry Exhibition Halls in St. Francis Square, Victoria, Gozo between the 2nd and 9th November. Items on show included vintage and modern stamps together with rare postal items.

29th October

For the occasion of the 75th anniversary from the death of Patri Avertan Fenech, MaltaPost notifies the public that a special hand stamp will be issued on Thursday 1st November 2018 at the Rabat Post Office situated at the Civic Centre, Triq Santa Rita, Rabat RBT 1001. The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “75 SENA MILL-MEWT TAL-QADDEJ TA’ ALLA P. AVERTAN FENECH - O. CARM” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST – RABAT - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “01-11-18” in a straight line is to be found below an outline image depicting Fr. A. Fenech positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.



In another media communication, MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at ‘Allstat Stationery’, Lampara Street, Baħar iċ-Ċagħaq NXR 5134, will be temporarily closed between Tuesday 30th October and Saturday 3rd November.

During this period, the public was advised that it may alternatively wish to use the postal services provided from the Naxxar Post Office situated at the Civic Centre, 21st September Avenue, Naxxar NXR 1018.

30th October

MaltaPost informs the public that the Sub Post Office situated at ‘Electroit Stationery’ at Fredrick Meample Square, Qormi QRM 1011, will be closed between Friday 2nd November and Saturday 3rd November.

During this period, the public may use the postal services provided from Qormi Post Office situated at 343, Victory Street, Qormi QRM2504.

01st November

For the occasion of the first congress held in Malta by the Sovereign Order of St John of Jerusalem Knights of Malta, MaltaPost notified the public that a commemorative hand stamp will be issued on Saturday 3rd November at the Valletta Castille Post Office, situated at 1, Annona House, Castille Square, Valletta VLT 1060.

The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “SOVEREIGN ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM – KNIGHTS OF MALTA” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST –



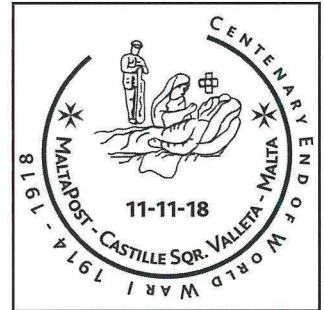
VALLETTA. CASTILLE - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “03-11-18” in a straight line is to be found below an outline image depicting the Order/s crest positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.

02nd November

MaltaPost informed the public that the Letterbox situated at Bon Pastur Street, Balzan will be temporary removed on Monday 5th November. The Letterbox is expected to be once again operational as from Wednesday, 7th November. The nearest Letterbox is situated at Kanizzata Street, Balzan.

06th November

On the centenary of the end of World War I, the 11th November, the Central Bank of Malta and MaltaPost will be issuing a ‘Philatelic Numismatic Cover’ (PNC) consisting of a €5 coin and a €2 postage stamp. The issue date coincides with the actual day and month of the end of the War, as it was on the 11th November 1918 that the Armistice was signed between the Allies and Germany. The coin and stamp will be included in a purposely designed postal cover and the issue is limited to 2,500 covers, which will bear a special cancellation mark of the first day of issue. The single severed-ring hand stamp used is inscribed “CENTENARY END OF WORLD WAR I 1914 - 1918” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST – CASTILLE SQR. VALLETTA - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “11-11-18” in a straight line is to be found below an outline image depicting a nurse tending to a wounded person, being watched by a standing soldier positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.



This is the first official PNC cover to be jointly issued by MaltaPost and the Central Bank of Malta. The price for each cover is €10 inclusive of VAT.

08th November

MaltaPost informed that in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary since the end of World War 1, the Valletta Post Office, situated at 1, Annona House, Castille Square, Valletta VLT 1060 will open on Sunday 11th November 2018 from 9:00 till 13:00. On the day, basic counter services will be available together with the sale of the ‘Philatelic Numismatic Cover’ originally advertised on the 6th.

09th November

On the 16th of November, MaltaPost will issue a set of three stamps featuring three figurines of the Baby Jesus found in churches around Malta and Gozo and

photographed by Mark Micallef Perconte. Christmas in Malta has a strong religious significance and it is customary for households to exhibit figurines of Baby Jesus in a model manger and displayed behind windows or other prominent places around the house. This tradition, together with crib making, has been passed on from one generation to another.

The stamps will be issued in sheets of 10 stamps with each stamp measuring 44mm x 31mm, and a perforation of 13.9x 14.0 (comb.) bearing the Maltese Crosses watermark. The sheets measure 185mm x 115mm. Printex Limited produced the set in offset and the issue consists of 1,000,000 of the €0.26 stamp, 250,000 of the €0.59 stamp and 52,000 of the €0.63 stamp.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamp on the first day of issue (on FDC No.13/2018). The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “CHRISTMAS 2018” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST ----- MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The words “JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/16-11-18” in straight lines are to be found below an outline image depicting the figurine shown on the €0.26 stamp positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp. MaltaPost’s Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Malta Stamp Bulletin numbered as No. 380.



14th November

Recognising the ever-increasing working population when customers are often not at home to receive their online shopping, MaltaPost announced that it is incorporating Easipik lockers into its parcel delivery operations at no extra cost to the consumer.

Easipik by now is a well-established service that gives the user the added convenience of collecting parcels from various locations on a 24/7 basis. Collecting a parcel from one of the sixteen Easipik locker stations puts an end to the time spent queuing at traditional retail offices and gives the user the opportunity to pick-up their online shopping at any time of day or night from various locations around Malta and Gozo. For added security, registered parcels would require the user to verify his or her account once by visiting a local post office with appropriate identification. The lockers are located in the following Post Offices, which are accessible on a 24/7 basis: Birkirkara, Marsa, Mosta, Rabat, San Ġwann, San Pawl il-Baħar, Tas-Sliema, Ғaħ-Żabbar, Paola, Luqa, Floriana, Valletta, Żurrieq, University of Malta, St Julians and Victoria Gozo.

19th November

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at “Malton Stationery”, 7, Triq Censu Xerri, Sliema SLM 3062 will be temporarily closed on Thursday 22nd November.

On this day, customers were advised that if the so wish they may make use of the postal services provided from the following nearest Post Offices:

- Sliema Post Office situated at 118, Triq Manwel Dimech Sliema SLM 1055
- Sliema Post Office situated at 39, Triq Sir Adrian Dingli, Sliema SLM 1902.

19th November

On the 23rd of November MaltaPost and Kyrgyz Express Post (KEP) will be issuing a joint stamp issue, with the common theme being two UNESCO World Heritage sites. The issue consists of two stamps, one featuring the city of Valletta and the other the Burana Tower in northern Kyrgyzstan.

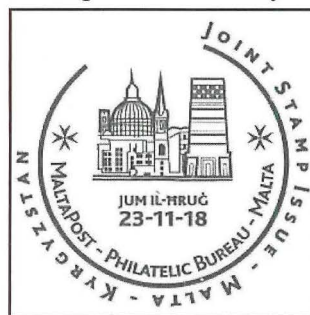
Valletta, the capital of Malta, is a fortified city built in the 16th century, and is named after its founder, Jean Parisot de Valette, the Grand Master of the Order of St. John. The city is considered an architectural masterpiece and it is believed to be the first city in Europe to be built straight off the drawing board. On the other hand the Burana Tower is a minaret, built by the Karakhanids in the 9th Century. The tower was once part of the extraordinary ancient city of Balasagun, which was the capital of a great empire. The city was overrun by Mongol troops and by the 14th century was left in disrepair.

Valletta was photographed by Paul Mizzi while the Burana Tower was photographed by Ivan Turkovskii.

Each stamp carries a face value of €1.16 and the issue consists of 4,000 sheets, with each sheet consisting of ten stamps each measuring 76mm by 20mm with a perforation of 13.6 x 14.0 (comb.) and Maltese Crosses watermark. Each sheet measures 108 mm x 232 mm.

MaltaPost prepared an occasion postmark to cancel the stamp on the first day of issue (on FDC No.14/2018).

The single severed-ring hand stamp is inscribed “JOINT STAMP ISSUE – MALTA - KYRGYZSTAN” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST ----- - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The words “JUM IL-ĦRUĠ/23-11-18” in straight lines are to be found below an outline image depicting the Basilica of Our Lady of Mount Carmel,



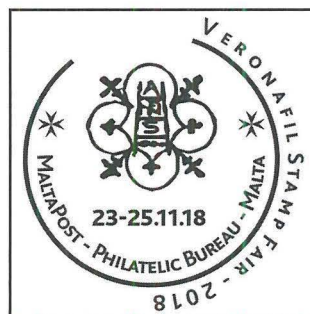
a landmark of the Valletta skyline and Burana Tower positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp. MaltaPost's Philatelic Bureau featured the issue in Malta Stamp Bulletin numbered as No. 381.

20th November

MaltaPost will be participating in a Stamp Fair in Verona between the 23rd and 25th of November. For this event, the Philatelic Bureau will issue an Occasion Card, Personalised Stamp/Cover and Personalised Stamps featuring the exhibition logo.

The Occasion Card (Number 53) will be available for sale as from Friday 23rd November at all Post Offices, while orders for the Personalised Stamp / Cover and Personalised Stamps could only be placed online at www.maltaphilately.com or by snail mail from the Philatelic Bureau, MaltaPost 305, Qormi Road, Marsa, MTP 1001.

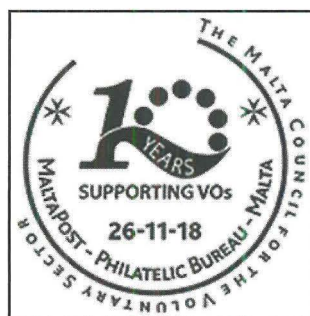
The single severed-ring commemorative hand stamp used for the occasion is inscribed "VERONAFIL STAMP FAIR - 2018" along the outside bordering the ring and "* MALTAPOST - PHILATELIC BUREAU - MALTA *" on the lower inner side of the ring. The date "23-25.11-18" in a straight line is to be found below the Fair's logo positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.



21st November

For the occasion of its 10th anniversary of the Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector, MaltaPost will issue a commemorative hand postmark on Monday the 26th of November from the Philatelic Bureau.

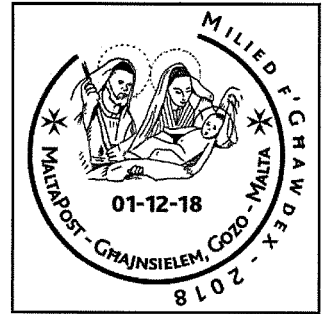
The single severed-ring commemorative hand stamp used for the occasion is inscribed "THE MALTA COUNCIL FOR THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR" along the outside bordering the ring and "* MALTAPOST - PHILATELIC BUREAU - MALTA *" on the lower inner side of the ring. The date "26-11-18" in a straight line is to be found below the tenth anniversary logo which is positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.



29th November

For the occasion of the Christmas events held in Gozo, MaltaPost notifies that a commemorative hand postmark will be used on Saturday, 1st December from Ghajnsielem Post Office situated at J.F. De Chambrai Street, Ghajnsielem GSM 1051.

The single severed-ring commemorative hand stamp used for the occasion is inscribed “MILIED F’GHAWDEX - 2018” along the outside bordering the ring and “* MALTAPOST – GHAJNSIELEM, GOZO - MALTA *” on the lower inner side of the ring. The date “01-12-18” in a straight line is to be found below an outline image of the Holy Family positioned at the top centre of the hand stamp.



20th December

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office situated at Kerċem Local Council, Pjazza Orvieto, Ta' Kerċem KCM 1360, will be temporarily closed between Friday 21st December 2018 and Monday 7th January 2019.

During this period, the public was advised to make use of the postal services provided from the Victoria Post Office situated at 5, Triq Sir Adrian Dingli, Victoria VCT 1441 as an alternative.

21st December

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office situated at 'Electroit Stationery' at Fredrick Maemple Square, Qormi QRM 1011, will be temporarily closed between Wednesday 26th December 2018 and Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

During this period, the public may use the postal services provided from Qormi Post Office situated at 343, Victory Street, Qormi QRM2504.

Another media communication from MaltaPost informed the general public that by agreement with the Malta Communications Authority, all Post Offices will be closed and there will be no collection or delivery of mail on Wednesday 26th December 2018 and also on Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

Following the temporary closures, normal service will resume on Thursday 27th December 2018 and Thursday 3rd January 2019, respectively.

The third media communication issued today informed the general public that, by agreement with the Malta Communications Authority, the Parcel Office at the MaltaPost Head Office in Marsa will close at 4:00 p.m. on Monday 24th December 2018, and the last collection of mail from all letterboxes will be carried out at 1:00 p.m.

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office situated at Squire Bookshop, Triq Manuel De Vilhena, Gzira GZR 1016, will no longer operate as a Sub Post Office as from Saturday 22nd December 2018.

Residents were advised to use postal services provided from the Gzira Post Office

situated at 21, Pjazza Meme Scicluna, Gzira GZR 1120.

In the final communication issued, MaltaPost informed the public that the Letterbox situated at Triq San Pawl, Valletta is temporarily closed until further notice. The nearest Letterbox is situated at East Street, Valletta.

24th December

MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Offices listed below will be temporarily closed on Wednesday 26th December 2018.

- Attard Sub Post Office situated at ‘Higher Grades’, 93, Triq Kanannea, Attard, ATD 2703
- Dingli Sub Post Office situated at 100, “L-ghajn Stationery”, Triq il-Kbira, Dingli, DGL 1837
- Fgura Sub Post Office situated at “Happy Kids Stationery”, Triq San Tumas, Fgura, FGR 1608
- Floriana Sub Post Office situated at “Future Focus“, 9, Triq l-Imħazen, Floriana, FRN 1119
- Gharghur Sub Post Office situated at “Aquavel”, Triq San Bartilmew, Gharghur, GHR 1014
- Ghaxaq Sub Post Office situated at “Marcham Stationery”, 4, Wesgha Bir ir-Deheb, Ghaxaq, GXQ 1651
- Gudja Sub Post Office situated at CND Stationery, 144, Vjal it-Torri, Gudja GDJ 1704
- Marsascala Sub Post Office situated at “Needs Stationery”, 1, Triq Vajrita, Marsascala, MSK 3325
- Msida Sub Post Office situated at “Wigwam Stationery”, Triq il-Qroqq, Msida, MSD 5134
- San Gwann Sub Post Office situated at “SGS Stationery“, 6, Triq Felic Borg, San Gwann, SGN 2040 • St Paul’s Bay Sub Post Office situated at “Paul’s Arcade” Triq il-Kahli, St Paul’s Bay, SPB 3015
- St Venera Sub Post Office situated at C@C Stationery, Trejquet Fleur De Lys, St Venera, SVR 1580
- Tarxien Sub Post Office situated at Forex Stationery”, 16, Misraħ tas-Suq, Tarxien, TXN 1951

In a separate media communication, MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office situated at Kerċem Local Council, Pjazza Orvieto, Ta’ Kerċem KCM 1360, will be temporarily closed between Friday 21st December 2018 and Monday 7th January 2019. During this period, the public was advised that it may use the postal services provided from the Victoria Post Office situated at 5, Triq Sir Adrian Dingli, Victoria VCT 1441.

28th December

Today MaltaPost issued a number of media communications, namely:

The public was informed that the Sub Post Office at ‘C@C Stationery’, situated at Trejjet Fleur De Lys, Santa Venera, SVR 1580 will be temporarily closed on Thursday 3rd January 2019.

On this day, the public may wish to use the postal services provided from the Post Office at the Ħamrun Post Office situated at 18, Triq il-Ferrovija, Ħamrun ĦMR 1900.

In the second, MaltaPost informed the public that the Sub Post Office at ‘Papel Stationery’, situated at 1, Triq is-Salvatur, Qrendi QRD 1701, will be temporarily closed between Monday 31st December 2018 and Monday 7th January 2019.

During this period, the public may use the postal services provided from Żurrieq Post Office situated at 75, Main Street, Żurrieq ŻRQ 1317.

The next one informed the public that, by agreement with the Malta Communications Authority, as from 2nd January 2019, the collection of mail from letterboxes will be held as follows:

Monday to Friday at 17.15hrs (instead of 19.00hrs) while on Saturday at 12.30hrs (instead of 15.00hrs)

Another media communication informed the public that the Sub Post Office situated at the San Lawrenz Local Council, 22A Triq id-Duluri, San Lawrenz SLZ 1261, will be temporarily closed on Monday 31st December 2018.

On this day, the public may use the postal services provided from Victoria Post Office situated at 5, Triq Sir Adrian Dingli, Victoria VCT 1441.

MaltaPost informed the general public that, by agreement with the Malta Communications Authority, on Monday 31st December 2018 the last collection of mail from all letterboxes will be carried out at 1:00 p.m. and that the Parcel Office at the MaltaPost Head Office in Marsa will close at 4:00 p.m.

The final media communication for the day informed the public that the Malta Communications Authority (MCA) had approved an increase in tariffs on local and foreign registered mail with one delivery attempt. The new tariffs, which will come into place on 1st January 2019, are as follows:

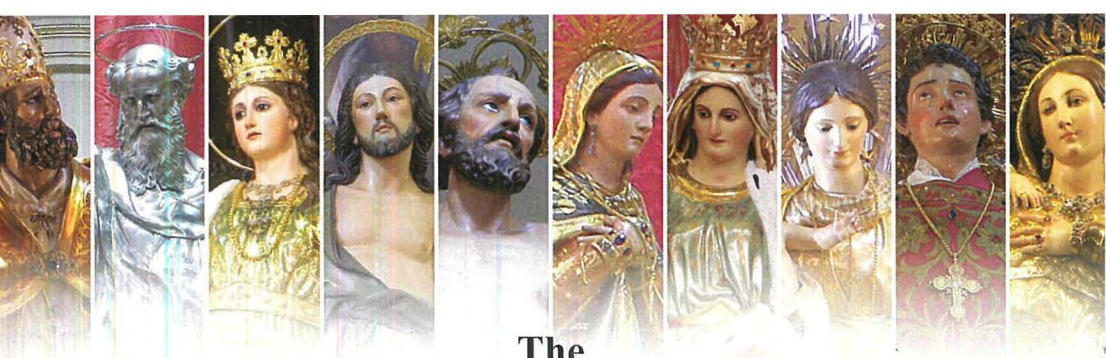
Registration Fee: Local €2.00; Foreign €5.00

Advice of Delivery: Local €2.00; Foreign €2.60

The addressee has the option to collect registered articles from the Easipik parcel locker service free of charge on a 24/7 basis from 17 localities in Malta and Gozo.



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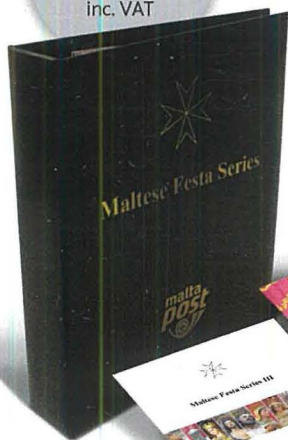
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