

Postal Diary

7 September – 21 October 2011

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14 September

The following Sub-Post Offices were closed for business on Wednesday, 14 September 2011 from 13.00 hours onwards due to upgrade works on the MaltaPost retail system:

Landau Stationery, Triq Mannarino, B'kara;
D Spiral, Triq il-Vitorja, B'kara;
Oreana Stationery, Triq L. Casolani, B'kara;
Tunny Net Gift Shop, Triq il-Marfa, Għadira, Mellieħa;
Higher Grades Stationery, 93, Triq Kananea, Attard;
Welcome Bazaar, Misraħ Frenċ Abela, Dingli;
Aquavel, Triq San Bartilmew, Għarghur;
Marcham, 235, Triq Santa Marija, Għaxaq;
Forex, 16/17, Triq is-Suq, Tarxien;
Step in, Misraħ ir-Rebħa, Birgu;
Happy Kids Stationery, Triq San Tumas, Fgura;
Emtes, 18, Triq William Baker, Gudja;
Squire Stationery, Triq Manoel De Vilhena, Gżira;
Troy DVD Stationery, Triq ix-Xatt, Kalkara;
Louis Stationery, Misraħ San Nikola, Siġġiewi;
Xlendi Hotel, Triq San Xmun, Xlendi, Gozo;
Midas, 34, Triq ix-Xatt, Marsaskala;
SGS, Triq Felic Borg, San Ġwann;
Kunsill Lokali San Lawrenz, Triq id-Duluri, San Lawrenz, Gozo;
Paul's Arcade, Triq il-Kaħli, San Pawl il-Baħar;
Drago Stationery, 6, Ċentru Ċiviku, Dawret it-Torri, Santa Luċija;
C@C, Trejqa ta' Fleur-de-Lys, Santa Venera;
Fleet Stationery, Triq Testaferrata, Ta' Xbiex;
Kunsill Lokali, Pjazza Orvieto, Kerċem, Gozo;
Malton, Triq Ċensu Xerri, Sliema.

Normal service resumed on 15 September 2011.

14 September

The Sub-Post Office at 51, Triq Ġorġ Borg Olivier, Mellieħa MLH 1024, was closed for business between the 14 and 17 September 2011, both days included.

15 September

On Thursday, 15 September 2011, MaltaPost plc issued a miniature sheet themed 'Fishing Villages' in a joint issue with Iceland Post. Mġarr, Gozo is depicted on the Maltese miniature sheet, while the Icelandic village of Húsavik is shown on the Icelandic sheet. The Malta miniature sheet includes a stamp bearing a face value of €2.07. 30,000 of these miniature sheets were printed. Cedric

Galea Pirotta was commissioned by Iceland Post and MaltaPost plc to design both miniature sheets. The miniature sheet measures 120mm x 80mm, while the stamp in the sheet measures 44.0mm x 31.0mm, with a perforation of 13.9 x 14.0 (comb). All the sheets were offset printed on Maltese Crosses watermarked paper by Printex Limited. MaltaPost plc prepared a special commemorative hand-stamp to cancel the stamps on the first day of issue (on FDC No. 6/2011). The hand-stamp was inscribed "MALTAPOST----- - MALTA/MALTA – ICELAND/JOINT ISSUE 2011/"FISHING VILLAGES"/JUM IL-HRUĠ/15-09-11", and also featured an outline of two fishing vessels in the centre. The MaltaPost Philatelic Bureau featured these miniature sheets in the stamp bulletin No. 294. There is an error in the size of the miniature sheet as quoted on this stamp bulletin.



19 September

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Malta Aviation Society, a special hand postmark was used on Monday, 19 September 2011, at the Malta International Airport Post Office. The postmark was inscribed "MALTAPOST – MALTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, GUDJA – MALTA – 19-09-11/MALTA AVIATION SOCIETY" and also included the logo of the Malta Aviation Society in the centre.



22 September

On the occasion of the IMCoS Malta International Symposium hosted by The Malta Map Society on 22-25 September 2011, a special hand postmark was used on Thursday, 22 September 2011, at the MaltaPos: Philatelic Bureau. The postmark was inscribed “MALTAPOST – 22 SEPTEMBER 2011 – PHILATELIC BUREAU – MALTA/MALTA MAP SOCIETY/IMCoS/INTERNATIONAL/SYMPOSIUM”, and also included the logo of The Malta Map Society in the centre.



28 September

The folder “Beautiful Corners of Europe 3” issued by SEPAC (Small European Postal Administration Cooperation) was issued for sale from all post offices as from Wednesday, 28 September 2011. This is the third folder issued by SEPAC and includes stamps and images from twelve European countries, namely Åland, Faroe Islands, Gibraltar, Greenland, Guernsey, Iceland, Isle of Man, Jersey, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta and Monaco. The Malta stamp is the €0.37 stamp from the ‘Treasures of Malta’ set issued on 9 March 2011, and depicting Manoel Island. The SEPAC folder, marked Folder no. 3 in a series of 3, was printed by Davo Publications, Deventer (The Netherlands), and has a circulation of 7,670.

29 September

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Broadcasting Authority, a special hand postmark was used on Thursday, 29 September 2011, at the Valletta (Castille Place) Post Office. The postmark was inscribed “MALTAPOST – VALLETTA (CASTILLE PLACE) -MALTA – 29-09-11/BROADCASTING AUTHORITY/50TH ANNIVERSARY/1961 - 2011” and also included the logo of the Broadcasting Authority in the centre.



30 September

Legal Notice 398 of 2011 – Maltapost p.l.c. Licence (Modification) (Amendment) Regulations, 2011, which was issued under the Postal Services Act (CAP. 254), was published in the supplement to the Malta Government Gazette No. 18,812 dated 30 September 2011. These regulations, which were deemed to have come into effect on the 29 July 2011, brought into effect the new postal tariffs which had been approved by the Malta Communications Authority in July 2011.

1 October

MaltaPost plc informed the public that between 1 October 2011 and 14 June 2012, the St. Julians Post Office situated within Lombard Bank plc in Triq Paceville, St. Julians, was to open from Monday to Friday between 8.30 am and 2.30 pm.

3 October

MaltaPost plc informed the public that between 3 October 2011 and 15 June 2012, the Post Office situated within the University of Malta, Msida, was to open from Monday to Friday between 8.15 am and 1.30 pm and between 2.45 pm and 5.00 pm.

3 October

A new public letterbox was installed in Triq il-Kaħli, San Pawl il-Baħar, with service to this letterbox commencing on Monday, 3 October 2011. The MaltaPost Identification Code given to this letterbox was L432. The last collection time for this letterbox was after 7.00 pm on weekdays, and after 3.00 pm on Saturdays.

8 October

On the initiative of Touring Club Malta, as part of the Road Safety Campaign, a special hand postmark was used on Saturday, 8 October 2011 at the Castille Square, Valletta MaltaPost Branch. The postmark was inscribed “MALTAPOST – VALLETTA (CASTILLE SQR.) – MALTA – 08-10-11/TOURING CLUB MALTA/FIA MEMBER/ROAD SAFETY/DECADE OF ACTION” and also included the logo of the Touring Club Malta in the centre.

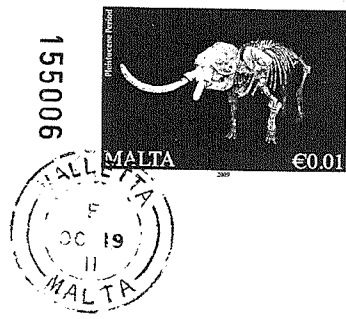
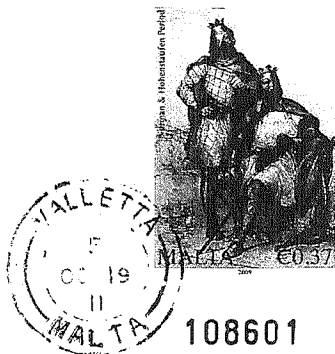


11 October

MaltaPost plc informed that ‘Emtess Stationery’ of Triq William Baker, Gudja, ceased to operate as a Sub-Post Office.

14 October

MaltaPost plc informed that the letterbox in Triq Depiro, Sliema, had been re-sited to Triq il-Kulleġġ I-Antik (corner with Trejjet Sant’Injazju), Sliema. This letterbox carries MaltaPost Identification Code L186. Collection from this letterbox commenced on Friday, 14 October 2011. The last collection time for this letterbox was to be after 7.00 pm on weekdays, and after 3.00 pm on Saturdays.



19 October

MaltaPost plc notified that two denominations from the 2009 Definitive Set issued on 29 December 2009 had been reprinted. 1,200,000 stamps with €0.01 denomination were reprinted. These stamps were available in sheets of 10 stamps each, with the sheets bearing numbers 40,001 to 160,000, both numbers included. 880,000 stamps with €0.37 denomination were printed. They were also made available in sheets of 10 stamps each, with the sheets bearing numbers 50,001 to 138,000, both numbers included. The stamps measure 44.0mm x 31.0mm with a comb perforation of 13.9 x 14.0, and were offset printed by Printex Limited on Maltese Crosses watermarked paper. These reprinted stamps were issued for sale as from Wednesday, 19 October 2011.

21 October

MaltaPost plc participated in the 12th Maltex Philatelic Exhibition organised by the Malta Philatelic Society at the Green Lounge of the Hotel Phoenicia in Floriana between Friday, 21 October and Sunday, 23 October 2011. The MaltaPost stand was open for business during the opening hours of the exhibition, namely between 9.00 am and 6.00 pm on Friday and Saturday, and between 9.00 am and 12.00 noon on Sunday. Services on offer at this stand included the sale of stamps, philatelic products and other postal services. All mail posted at this exhibition was cancelled with a special cancellation hand postmark which was inscribed “Maltex 2011 – 21-23 October – Hotel Phoenicia – Floriana – Malta” and also included the logo of the exhibition. A temporary letterbox service was also provided during the opening hours of the exhibition.



For this special event, MaltaPost issued an Occasion Card, a Postal Card, a Maltex Personalised Cover, as well as a Personalised Stamp commemorating the exhibition. The Occasion Card, No. 27 in the series, features the imprinted €1.57 stamp from the “Treasures of Malta” – Landscapes set issued in March 2011 (and showing the Citadel in Victoria, Gozo); the card itself depicts a view of Gozo, including the Citadel. The Occasion Card commemorated the 45th anniversary of the Malta Philatelic Society. The Postal Card, No. 33 in the series, commemorates MaltaPost’s participation in the EUROPA 2011 stamp design competition. The card carries the imprinted €1.19 stamp from the EUROPA 2011 set issued in May 2011. The card itself depicts part of the image from the €0.37 stamp of the same set, which participated in the Best EUROPA Stamp Contest amongst all official EUROPA stamps for 2011. Both cards were individually numbered, and were available for sale in mint or cancelled format. The Maltex Personalised Cover included a personalised stamp depicting the Maltex 2011 exhibition logo cancelled with the special cancellation hand postmark used by MaltaPost during the exhibition.

The 45th anniversary of the Malta Philatelic Society was also marked by MaltaPost with the use of three special hand postmarks during the Maltex Exhibition. These three postmarks were similarly inscribed “MALTAPOST/PHILATELIC BUREAU – MALTA - ---- OCTOBER 2011” in the outer ring, and “MALTA/PHILATELIC SOCIETY/45TH ANNIVERSARY/1966 – 2011” in the centre, which also featured the logo of the Malta Philatelic Society. The date shown in the postmark was either 21, 22 or 23 October 2011, depending on the day of use. The metal date hand stamp also used at the Maltex Exhibition in conjunction with the Maltex special postmark was the latest version of the Philatelic Bureau hand stamp. The use of this hand stamp had not been recorded or announced previously. MaltaPost staff at the MaltaPost stand in the exhibition informed that this hand stamp had been in use at the Philatelic Bureau “for some time”.

