

# MALTA — A DIARY

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## 4-1-93

The new 1993 Postage Due set, issued today. The four values of 1c (red), 2c (blue), 5c (green) and 10c (yellow) all depict "Spiral" representation found in megalithic temples.

## 18-1-93

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Teatru Astra — 25 sena Ta' Hidma — Kulturali U Edukattiva" was used at the Central Mail Room, from the 18th to the 23rd January, 1993.

The slogan means: "Astra Theatre — 25 Years of Action — In Culture and Education".

## 4-2-93

The "75th Anniversary Lions International" postage set issued today. A special hand-postmark was used for cancellation on the first day of issue.



## 19-2-93

In today's Government Gazette, a call was issued for applications for the post of Sub-Postmaster at L-Iklin and Santa Venera. Applications were to be received up to noon of Tuesday, 30th March, 1993.

## 2-3-93

In today's Government Gazette, a call was issued for applications for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Dingli. Applications were to be received up to noon of Friday, 23rd April, 1993.

## 2-3-93

In a Supplement to the Government Gazette of 2nd March, 1993, new regulations were issued reference selling prices of Post Office Stationery. These regulations were to come into force on the 15th March, 1993.

### Registration Envelopes:

Size G ..... 4c

Size H ..... 5c

Size K ..... 7c

Aerogrammes ..... 2c

Presentation Pack ..... 10c

First Day Cover (Blank) ..... 7c

plus value of stamps

Sovenir Folder (Blank) .....5c  
Maximum Card (Mint) .....5c

### 22-3-93

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Spring Meetings — Parliamentary Assembly — Council of Europe — Malta 24-26.3.1993", was used at the Central Mail Room, from the 22nd to the 26th March, 1993.

### 24-3-93

A Temporary Branch Post Office was opened at the Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta, as shown hereunder:

On Wednesday and Thursday, 24th and 25th March, 1993, from 8.00am to 6.00pm and on Friday, 26th March, 1993, from 8.00am to 2.00pm for the transaction of the following business:

- (a) sale of stamps and postal stationery
- (b) registration of postal articles
- (c) issue and encashment of Money and Postal Orders
- (d) encashment of Postcheques
- (e) posting of letters, printed matter and EMS Datapost
- (f) sale of Telecards.



Postal articles posted at this Temporary Branch Post Office were postmarked by a date-stamp inscribed: "Spring Meeting Of The Parliamentary Assembly Of The Council of Europe — Mediterranean Conference Centre — Valletta — Malta", and incorporating also the logo of the Council of Europe.

### 1-4-93

A Sub-Post Office was opened at "Old Trafford Stationery", Triq l-Azell, Marsaxlokk, on Thursday, 1st April, 1993.

A metal hand date-stamp with the words "Marsaxlokk S.P.O. — Malta" is used at this Sub-Post Office.

The telephone at this Sub-Post Office is 688362.



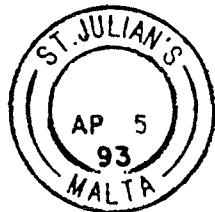
### 2-4-93

In today's Government Gazette it was notified that a rubber hand date-stamp was going to be put in use at the Bugibba Sub-Post Office until further notice. The rubber hand date-stamp is inscribed: "Bugibba S.P.O. — Malta".



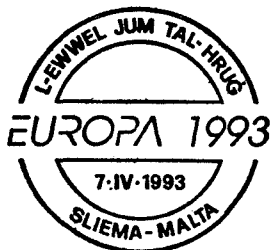
5-4-93

A new metal hand date-stamp was put in use at the St. Julian's Branch Post Office with effect from Monday, 5th April, 1993. The metal hand date-stamp is inscribed: "St. Julian's — Malta".



7-4-93

The "Europa 1993" postage set issued today. A special hand postmark incorporating a motif, was used for cancellation on the first day of issue.



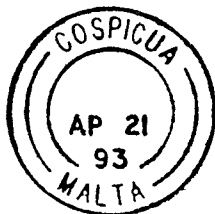
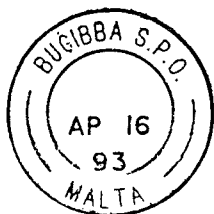
13-4-93

In today's Government Gazette a call was again issued for applications for the post of Sub-Postmasters at L-Iklin and Santa Venera. Applications for both locations were to be received up to noon of Monday, 31st May, 1993.

16-4-93

A new metal hand date-stamp inscribed "Bugibba S.P.O. — Malta" was used at the Bugibba Sub-Post Office as from Friday, 16th April, 1993.

The rubber hand date-stamp which was being used, was withdrawn from use at the close of business on Thursday, 15th April, 1993.



21-4-83

A new metal hand date-stamp was put in use at the Cospicua Branch Post Office with effect from Wednesday, 21st April, 1993. The metal hand date-stamp is inscribed: "Cospicua — Malta".

The metal hand date-stamp which was replaced, was withdrawn from use at close of business on Tuesday, 20th April, 1993.

26-4-93

A Temporary Branch Post Office was opened at the Mediterranean Conference Centre as shown hereunder:

From Monday, 26th to Friday 30th April, 1993 from 9.30am to 2.00pm for the transaction of the following business:



- (a) sale of stamps and postal stationery
- (b) registration of postal articles
- (c) issue and encashment of Money and Postal Orders
- (d) encashment of Postcheques
- (e) posting of letters, printed matter and EMS Datapost
- (f) sale of Telecards.

Postal articles posted at this Temporary Branch Post Office were postmarked by a date-stamp inscribed: "Preparatory Meeting — International Year of the Family — Mediterranean Conference Centre — Valletta — Malta" and incorporating also the logo of the International Year of the Family.

#### 4-5-93

The "V Games of Small States of Europe" postage set, issued today. A souvenir sheet was also issued with the set. A special hand-postmark was used for cancellation on the first day of issue.

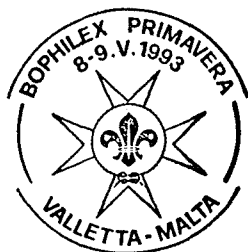


#### 8-5-93

The Malta Post Office was represented by its authorised Philatelic Agent for Italy and Switzerland, at the "Bophilex Primavera" Philatelic Exhibition which was held at Bologna, Italy, on the 8th and 9th May, 1993.

To commemorate the occasion, a special handstamp inscribed: "Bophilex Primavera — 8-9.V.1993— Valletta — Malta" and including the emblem of the Malta Boy Scouts Association, was used at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room, from 7.30am to 12.30pm and from 7.30am to 6.00pm on the 8th May, 1993.

An identical handstamp was used on the 8th and 9th May, 1993, at the Exhibition Stand at Bologna.



#### 19-5-93

A commemorative postal card (N° 14) was issued on the occasion of the participation of the Malta Post Office at the Naposta '93 International Philatelic Exhibition which was held in Dortmund, Germany, from the 19th to 23rd May, 1993.

The card has imprinted thereon the two stamps of the Europa 1993 postage set and an appropriate motif. The price of the card was 45c and it was available for sale from the GPO and from all Branch and Sub-Post Offices from the 19th to the 22nd May, 1993 and on the 23rd May, 1993 from the Branch at the International Airport Luqa, unless stocks were previously exhausted.

The card may have been purchased in mint condition or with the stamps cancelled with a special hand-postmark inscribed: "Post Office Malta — 19-23.V.93 — Naposta 1993" and which incorporates the emblem of Malta and the

Postal Horn. This postmark was also used at the Stand of the Malta Post Office at Naposta '93 International Philatelic Exhibition.

The card, cancelled with the special postmark, could have been sent through the post at no extra charge provided it was posted during the period 19th to 23rd May, 1993. Cards cancelled with the Naposta '93 hand postmark posted after the 23rd May 1993, must have additional stamps affixed thereon to cover the required postage.

Perhaps some more interesting information may be included here. The Printed Sheet of Postal Card N° 14 consisted of 16 Postal Cards made up of 4 rows of 4 cards.

### **28-5-93**

In today's Government Gazette, applications were invited for the appointment of a sole agent for the promotion and sale of Malta stamps in Austria. Applications were to be submitted not later than 10.00am on Wednesday, 30th June, 1993.

### **21-6-93**

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "U.I.M. Class 1 IIG.P. — World Offshore Championship — 27 June 1993" was used, on and off, at the Central Mail Room, from the 21st to the 26th June, 1993.

### **21-6-93**

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "Life Is Beautiful Stay Drug Free", was used, on and off, during the period 21st to 26th June, 1993, at the Central Mail Room.

### **27-6-93**

A Temporary Branch Post Office was opened at the International Fair of Malta, Naxxar, from Sunday, 27th June, to Sunday, 11th July, 1993 from 6.00pm to 9.30pm for the transaction of the business indicated hereunder:

- (a) sale of stamps and postal stationery
- (b) registration of postal articles
- (c) issue and encashment of Money and Postal Orders
- (d) encashment of Postcheques
- (e) posting of letters, printed matter and EMS Datapost

Postal articles posted at this Temporary Branch Post Office were postmarked by a special handstamp with these words: "36th International Fair of Malta — Naxxar — Malta".

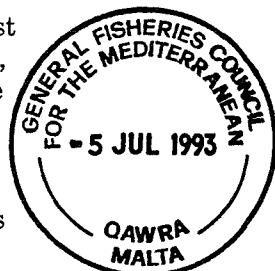


**5-7-93**

A Temporary Branch Post Office was opened at the Suncrest Hotel, Qawra, from Monday 5th July to Friday, 9th July, 1993, from 9.00am to 2.00pm for the transaction of the following business:

- (a) sale of stamps and postal stationery
- (b) registration of postal articles
- (c) issue and encashment of Money and Postal Orders
- (d) encashment of Postcheques
- (e) posting of letters, printed matter and EMS Datapost

Postal articles posted at this Temporary Branch Post Office were postmarked by a datestamp inscribed: "General Fisheries Council — For The Mediterranean — Qawra — Malta".



**9-7-93**

In today's Government Gazette, the Acting PMG invited applications for the appointment of a sole agent for the promotion and sale of Malta Stamps in France. Applications were to be received not later than 10.00am on Tuesday, 31st August, 1993.

**10-7-93**

A commemorative hand datestamp was used for the cancellation of mail at the Victoria Branch Post Office, Gozo, from 6.00am to 5.00pm on Saturday, 10th July, 1993.

The hand datestamp is inscribed: "Inkurunazzjoni tal-Kwadru Titulari — Fontana 10.VII.1993 — Victoria Gozo — Malta" and it also incorporates an appropriate motif.



**14-7-93**

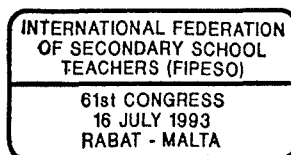
A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "FIPESO 61st Congress — 16-19 July 1993 — Rabat — Malta" was used at the Central Mail Room, from the 14th to the 17th and 19th July, 1993.

**16-7-93**

A commemorative hand datestamp was used for the cancellation of mail on the counter and at the sorting office of the Rabat Branch Post Office, Malta, from 7.00am to 12.45pm on Friday, 16th July, 1993.

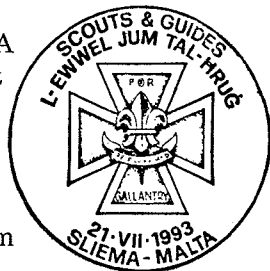
The date stamp is inscribed: "International Federation Of Secondary School Teachers (FIPESO) 61st Congress — 16th July 1993, Rabat — Malta".

This commemorative datestamp was used in conjunction with the normal Rabat BPO metal datestamp.



**21-7-93**

The "Scouts And Guides" postage set, issued today. A special handstamp was used for cancellation on the first day of issue.



**26-7-93**

The Iklin Sub-Post Office at "Jigsaw Stationery", Shop 2, Pjazza Ninu Cremona, Iklin, closed down with effect from Monday, 26th July, 1993.

**30-7-93**

In today's Government Gazette, it was notified that applications for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Kalkara, were to be received by the Acting Postmaster General, up to noon of Tuesday, 7th September, 1993.

**2-8-93**

The St Venera Sub-Post Office at "Salcon Stationery", Fleur de Lys Junction, St Venera, BKR 02, closed down with effect from Monday, 2nd August, 1993.

**2-8-93**

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "3 Ta' Awissu 1993 — Merhba '93 — Marsascala" was used from the 2nd to the 4th August, 1993, at the Central Mail Room. The slogan also incorporates an appropriate motif with the words "Merhba '93".

**5-8-93**

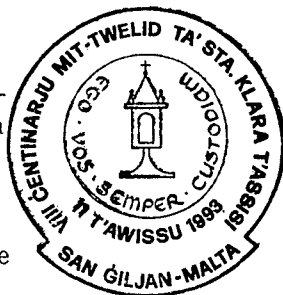
In today's Government Gazette, it was notified that applications for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Bugibba, were to be received by the Acting Postmaster General up to noon of Tuesday, 31st August, 1993.

**6-8-93**

In today's Government Gasette it was notified that the Sub-Post Office at Promenade General Store, Triq it-Trunciera, Bugibba, was to close down with effect from Monday, 9th August, 1993.

**11-8-93**

A commemorative hand datestamp was used for the cancellation of mail at St Julian's Branch Post Office from 7.00am to 12.45pm on Wednesday, 11th August, 1993. The hand datestamp is inscribed: "VIII Centinarju Mit-Twelid Ta' Sta Klara T'Assisi — 11 T'Awissu 1993 — San Giljan — Malta" and it also incorporates an appropriate motif.



The wording means: "VIII Centenary of the Birth Of St Clara of Assisi — 11th August 1993 — St Julian's — Malta".

**16-8-93**

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Linja Informazzjoni — Tal-Gvern — Tel. 153" was used at the Central Mail Room from the 16th to the 28th August and then from the 13th to the 18th September 1993. The wording means "Government — Information Line — Tel. 153".

**PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES  
FOR 1994 IMMEDIATELY TO:**

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