

MALTA – A DIARY

January – April 1988

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2-1-88

The PMG notified that new “Postage Paid” hand-stamps were to be used at all Branch Post Offices in Malta and Gozo, with the exception of the Victoria, Gozo, Branch Post Office, as from Saturday, 2nd. January, 1988.

The “Postage Paid” hand-stamps are inscribed “Postage Paid – 4c” and the name of the respective locality.

The “Postage Paid – 1c” hand-stamps were withdrawn from use on Thursday, 31st. December, 1987.

4-1-88

The PMG notified that a new Sub-Post Office was to be opened at Promenade General Store, Triq It-Trunciera, Buġibba, on Monday, 4th. January, 1988.

A hand metal date-stamp inscribed with the words, “Buġibba SPO – Malta” is used at this Sub-Post Office. (Fig. 1)

The telephone number at this Sub-Post Office is 471530.

15-1-88

The PMG notified that a new machine stamp cancelling town die was to be put in use at the Central Mail Room, as from Friday, 15th. January, 1988.

The town die reads: “Valletta – Malta” and incorporated wavy lines.

23-1-88

The “Maltese Personalities” set issued to-day. A special hand postmark was used on the first day of issue. (Fig. 2)

25-1-88

The PMG notified that a Branch Post Office was to be opened at 153, Main Street, Balzan, at 10.00am on Monday, 25th. January, 1988. (Fig. 3)

The hours of business and the business to be transacted at this Branch Post Office shall be those laid down in the VI Schedule to the Inland Post Regulations, 1985.

With effect from the 25th. January, 1988, postal articles posted in street letter-boxes in the area served by the Balzan Branch Post Office were to be postmarked by a date-stamp inscribed: “Balzan – Malta”.

Post Office Private Delivery Boxes are available and may be rented on application. The telephone numbers of the Balzan Branch Post Office are 486313 and 486315.

29-1-88

In to-day’s Govt. Gazette a call for applications was issued for Sub-Postmasters at Marsalforn and Xlendi, Gozo.

Applications were to be received by noon of Monday, 29th. February, 1988.

15-2-88

The PMG notified that a Sub-Post Office was to be opened at 16, Main Street, Xewkija, Gozo, on Monday, 15th. February, 1988. A hand metal date-stamp inscribed, “Xewkija SPO – Gozo” was to be used at this Sub-Post Office. The telephone number at this Sub-Post Office is 551367. (Fig. 4)

5.3.88

On the occasion of the Religious Commemoration set, a special hand postmark “Kommemo-razzjonijiet Religjużi” was issued. (Fig.5)

14-3-88

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: “Edukazzjoni Shiha Għal Uliedna” was used, on and off, during the period 14th. March to 22nd. April, 1988, at the Central Mail Room.

The slogan means, “Full Education For Our Children”.

16-3-88

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded, “Rabat – San Ġużepp – Mdina – 25 Anniversarju – Ta’ L-Inkurunazzjoni – 1963 – 1988” was used at the Central Mail Room, on the 16th., 17th. and 18th. March, 1988. The slogan means, “Rabat – St. Joseph – Mdina – 25th Anniversary – Of The Coronation – 1963 – 1988”.

18-3-88

In to-day's Govt. Gazette, the PMG notified that sealed quotations for the supply and delivery of twelve letter boxes were to be received at the GPO up to noon on Tuesday, 29th. March, 1988, and also for the supply of Private Post Office Boxes by not later than 10.00am on Monday, 4th. April, 1988.

22-3-88

In to-day's Govt. Gazette, the PMG notified that a set of three postage stamps will be issued in September 1988, to commemorate the XXIV Olympiad. Each stamp will feature a different design. The selection of the three stamps will be made after a public competition.

24-3-88

The PMG notified that a Sub-Post Office was to be opened at 161, Fleur-de-Lys Road, Santa Venera, on Thursday, 24th. March, 1988. (Fig. 6)

A hand metal date-stamp inscribed with the words, "Santa Venera SPO – Malta" was to be used at this Sub-Post Office.

The telephone number at this Sub-Post Office is 491160.

24-3-88

The special revenue LM2 stamp which every passenger departing by air from 1st. May, 1988, is to affix on the air ticket, was available from the GPO in Valletta and the Branch Post Office in Victoria, Gozo, from the 24th. March, 1988. Air passengers are to affix the stamp on the air ticket before passing through the police-customs checkpoint at Luqa airport.

4-4-88

The PMG notified that a Sub-Post Office was to be opened at 7, Ċensu Xerri Street, Tigne, Sliema, on Monday, 4th. April, 1988. (Fig. 7)

A hand metal date-stamp inscribed with the words, "Sliema SPO – Malta" was to be used at this Sub-Post Office.

The telephone number at this Sub-Post Office is 342642.

4-4-88

On the occasion of the World No-Smoking Day, a machine stamp cancelling slogan reading, "Jum Dinji Bla Tipjip – 7 ta' April, 1988" was used at the Central Mail Room, from the 4th. to the 7th. April, 1988.

The slogan means, "World No Smoking Day – 7th. April, 1988".

5-4-88

In to-day's Govt. Gazette a notice appeared in which the PMG invited applications for the appointment of Agents for the promotion and sale of Malta Stamps, in five different areas, namely, Australia/New Zealand, Italy/Switzerland, United Kingdom, USA/Canada and West Germany.

9-4-88

The "Europa 1988" set, issued to-day. A special hand postmark was used on the first day of issue. (Fig. 8)

11-4-88

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading, "Inauguration Of – International Institute – On Aging – 15 April 1988" was used at the Central Mail Room, from the 11th. to the 18th. April, 1988.

14-4-88

A special hand postmark was used on the occasion of the participation of the Malta Post Office in the VII International Stamp Fair – Essen '88, which was held in Essen, West Germany, from the 14th. to the 17th. April, 1988. (Fig. 9)

The postmark is inscribed as follows: "Malta Post Office – 7th. International Stamp Fair – 14-17 April, 1988 – Essen". The postmark, which also incorporates the emblem of the above mentioned exhibition, was used on the 14th., 15th. and 16th. April, 1988, at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO from 8.00am to 12.45pm, and at the Central Mail Room from 8.00am to 6.30pm. An identical postmark was used at the Malta Post Office stand at Essen '88.

15-4-88

A special hand postmark was used on the occasion of the inauguration of the International Institute on Aging. The postmark is inscribed: "Inauguration Of International Institute On Aging – 15.4.88 – Valletta Malta" and also incorporates the logo of the United Nations Organisation. The postmark was used on Friday, 15th. April, 1988, at the Philatelic Counter of the GPO and at the Central Mail Room, from 8.00am to 12.45pm and 8.00am to 6.00pm respectively. (Fig. 10)

15-4-88

In to-day's Govt. Gazette a call for applications was made for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Marsalforn, Gozo.

Applications were to be received up to noon of Monday, 16th. May, 1988.

18-4-88

A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Bank Ċentrali Ta' Malta - XX Anniversarju - 1968 - 1988" was used at the Central Mail Room, from the 18th. to the 22nd. April, 1988.

The slogan means, "Central Bank Of Malta - XX Anniversary - 1968 - 1988".

25-4-88

A machine stamp cancelling slogan inscribed, "Tliet Mitt Sena Mit-Twaqqif - Tal-Parroci Ta' - Sannat - Xaghra - Nadur - Żebbuġ - 1688 - 1988", was used at the Central Mail Room from the 25th. to the 28th. April, 1988.

The slogan means, "Three Hundred Years Since The Coronation - Of The Parishes Of - Sannat - Xaghra - Nadur - Żebbuġ - 1688 - 1988".

30-4-88

A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded: "EMS Datapost Malta - The Insured Courier Service", was used from the 30th. April to the 14th. May, 1988, at the Central Mail Room.

The logo of the service is also incorporated in the slogan.

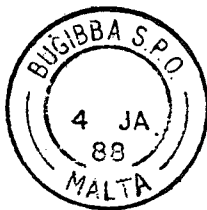


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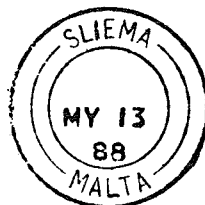


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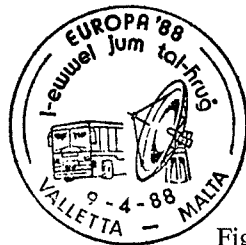


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