## **MALTA - A DIARY**

## January - June 1985

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- 2- 1-85 "Centenary Of The Malta Post Office" set, issued to-day. A special hand postmark was used for cancellation on the first day of issue. A Souvenir sheet was also issued. (fig. 1)
- 11- 1-85 In the Govt. Gazzette of to-day's date, a call for applications was made for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Zebbug, Malta. Applications were to be received by 5.00 p.m. of Monday, 11th, February, 1985. The usual duties and obligations of Sub-Postmasters were listed.
- 15- 1-85 The P.M.G. notified that a new hand date-stamp was put in use on Tuesday, 15th. January, 1985, at the Mellieha Sub-Post Office. The hand date-stamp is inscribed with the words: "Mellieha S.P.O. -Malta".

The old hand date-stamp which was replaced, was withdrawm from use at the close of business on Monday, 14th January, 1985.

- 7- 3-85 "International Youth Year 1985" set was issued to-day. A special hand postmark was used on the first day of issue. (fig. 2)
- 23- 3-85 The P.M.G. notified that on the occasion of the 31st. March Festivities, a machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Nghozzu L-Helsien - 31 Ta' Marzu, 1979", was used from the 25th. to the 30th. March, 1985, at the Central Mail Room. The slogan means: "Let Us Treasure Our Freedom - 31 March, 1979".
- 25- 4-85 "Europa 1985" set issued to-day. A special hand postmark was used on the first day of issue. (fig. 3)
- 13- 5-85 A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Support Polio Week", was used, on and off, during the period 13th - 25th May, 1985, at the Central Mail Room.
- 21- 5-85 In to-day's Govt. Gazzette, another call for applications was made for the post of Sub-Postmaster at Zebbug, Malta. Applications were to be received by the P.M.G., up to noon of Monday, 24th. June, 1985. The usual duties and obligations for Sub-Postmasters were also listed.
- 22- 5-85 The P.M.G. Notified that a Sub-Post Office was to be opened at 13/14 Milner Street, Sliema, on Wednesday, 22nd. May, 1985. A hand metal date-stamp inscribed with the words: "Sliema S.P.O. Malta", was to be used at the Sub-Post Office. The telephone number at this Sub-Post Office is 515443.
  - 7- 6-85 The "7 June 1919" set issued to-day. A special hand postmark was used on the first day of issue. (fig. 4)

