

## MALTA — A DIARY

### January — June

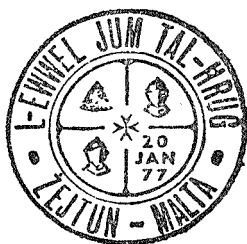
- 3-1-77 A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded:— “Next Stamp Issue — Suits of Armour Set — 20th. January 1977”, was used at the Central Mail Room, Castille Place, Valletta, from the 3rd. January, 1977.
- 20-1-77 “Suits of Armour Set” issued to-day. The set remained on sale up to Tuesday 19th. April 1977, unless stocks were previously exhausted. A special handstamp was used for cancellation on the first day of issue. (Fig. 1).
- 15-3-77 A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded:— “Next Stamp Issue — Flemish Tapestries Set — 30th. March 1977”, was used at the Central Mail Room, Castille Place, Valletta, from the 15th. March 1977.
- 18-3-77 Notice No. 130, in to-day’s Government Gazette, stated:— With reference to Government Notice No. 217 of the 20th. April, 1976, regarding the exchange of invalidated sterling denomination postage stamps for other valid stamps of an equal value, the public is hereby reminded that no such invalidated postage stamps will be exchanged after the 19th. April, 1977.
- 24-3-77 “Overprint 1c7 Stamp” issued to-day. This 4d. stamp, from the “Historic Definitive Set 1965”, was overprinted in letterpress at the Government Printing Press. A special hand-postmark was used for cancellation on the first day of issue. (Fig. 3).
- 30-3-77 “Flemish Tapestries Set” issued to-day. The set is to remain on sale up to Friday, 29th. July 1977, unless stocks are previously exhausted. A special handstamp was used for cancellation on the first day of issue. (Fig. 2).
- 3-4-77 On the occasion of the first Air Malta Flight, Malta/Zurich on Sunday 3rd. April, the Malta Post Office used a special hand postmark indicating the date of the first flight and place of destination. The postmark was used at the Philatelic Bureau, Auberge d’Italie, Merchants Street, Valletta.
- 6-4-77 On the occasion of the first Air Malta Flight, Malta/Vienna on Wednesday, 6th April, the Malta Post Office again used a special hand postmark indicating the date of the first flight and place of destination. The postmark was again used at the Philatelic Bureau.
- 11-4-77 The Postmaster General notified for general information that five “postage paid” hand stamps were used as from Monday, 11th. April 1977. Four of the hand stamps, inscribed by the words “General Post Office — Malta — Paid” were used at the Central Mail Room, Valletta, and the other, inscribed by the words “Victoria Post Office — Gozo — Paid”, was used at the Branch Post Office, Victoria Gozo. Each of these five “postage paid” hand stamps was used for the 5m, 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c and 7c values.  
All “postage paid” hand stamps currently in use at the Central Mail Room, Valletta, and at the Branch Post Office, Victoria, Gozo were withdrawn at the close of business on Saturday, 9th. April, 1977.
- 13-4-77 A machine stamp-cancelling slogan marking the 30th. anniversary of the setting up of the International Civil Aviation Organisation was used at the Central Mail Room, Castille Place, Valletta, on the 13th., 14th., and 15th. April 1977.

- 27-4-77 A machine stamp-cancelling slogan worded:— "Next Stamp Issue — World Telecommunication — Day Set — 17 May 1977" was used at the Central Mail Room, as from Wednesday, 27th April, 1977.
- 30-4-77 The Malta Post Office participated in "Europa '77" — the 17th. International Exhibition of European Postage Stamps and the 17th. Philatelic Salon of African States. The Exhibition was held in Naples from the 30th. April to 8th. May 1977.
- 2-5-77 The Postmaster General notified for general information that "postage paid" machine stamps was going to be used at the Branch Post Offices of Birkirkara, Ħamrun, Paola and Sliema as from Monday 2nd. May, 1977. Each of these "postage paid" machine stamps is inscribed with the words "Paid", "Malta" and the name of the respective Branch Post Office. The "postage paid" machine stamps of Ħamrun and Sliema Branch Post Offices were each going to be used for the 5m, 1c, 2c and 3c values and those of Birkirkara and Paola were each going to be used for the 1c, 2c and 3c values.
- 3-5-77 The 8m and 7c5 values of the present Decimal Definitive Postage Issue have been reprinted by Printex Limited, Malta. These stamps were available for sale from the Philatelic Bureau, as from this date. This is the second reprint of the 8m value and the first reprint of the 7c5 value.
- 17-5-77 "World Telecommunications Day" set issued today. This set is to remain on sale up to Saturday, 31st. December, 1977 unless stocks are previously exhausted. A special handstamp was used for cancellation on the first day of issue. (Fig. 4).
- 23-5-77 A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading:— "Stamp Auction In Aid Of — Rehabilitation Centre — Malta 11 June 1977" was used at the Central Mail Room, as from Monday, 23rd. May 1977.
- 26-5-77 The Department of Posts participated in the Official Class of the International Postage Stamp Exhibition, "Amphilex '77" which was held under the patronage of the F.I.P.
- 1-6-77 A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: "Jum Dinji — Ta' L-Ambjent — 5 Ta' Ġunju" was used at the Central Mail Room, on the 1st., 2nd., 3rd. and 4th. June 1977.
- 20-6-77 A machine stamp cancelling slogan worded:— "Next Stamp Issue — Europa 1977 — 5 July 1977", was used at the Central Mail Room, as from Monday, 20th. June, 1977.
- 20-6-77 The Postmaster General notified that a temporary Branch Post Office was to be opened at the Corinthia Palace Hotel, Attard from the 20h. June 1977 to the 25th. June 1977, on the occasion of the holding of the 2nd. Conference for the Progressive Socialist Organisations and Parties of the Mediterranean.  
The hours of business of the temporary Branch Post Office were:— from Monday, 20th. to Friday, 24th. June  
8.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.  
on Saturday, 25th. June, 8.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

Business transacted consisted of the sale of stamps and postal stationery, registration of letters, issue and payment of Money and Postal Orders, as well as Posting of Parcels.

Postal articles posted at this temporary Branch Post Office were postmarked with a date-stamp inscribed with the following words:— "Mediterranean Socialist Conference, Malta" over the emblem of the Progressive Socialist Organisations and Parties of the Mediterranean. (Fig. 5).

24-6-77 The Postmaster General notified that a special hand date-stamp worded:— "St. John Ambulance — 1877-1977 — Malta" was going to be used at the Central Mail Room, on the 24th. June, 1977. (Fig. 6).



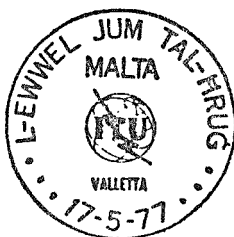
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