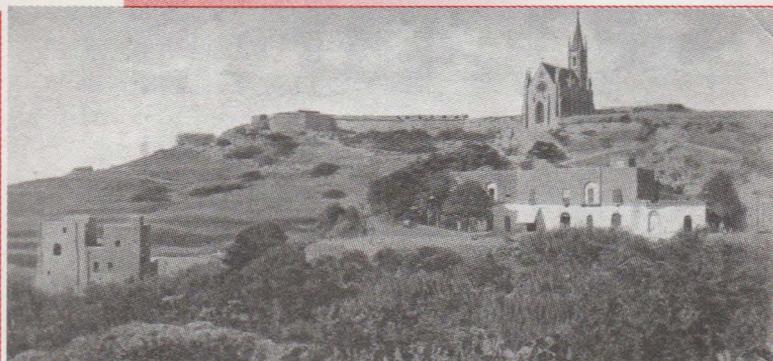


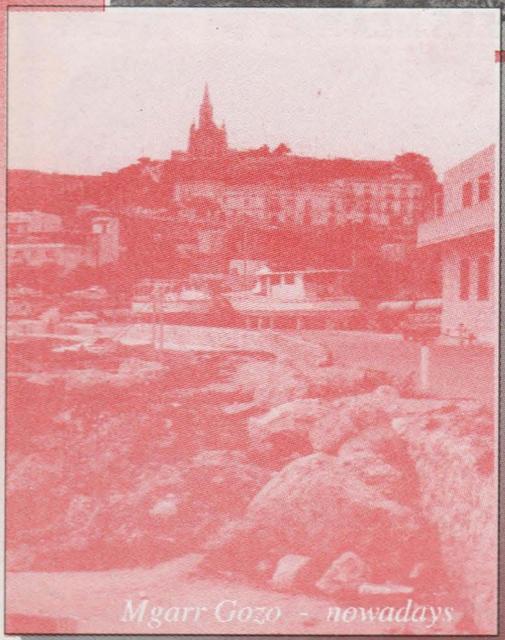


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Mgarr Gozo - before 1900



Mgarr Gozo - nowadays

GOZO PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Newsletter

NEWSPAPER POST

MEMBERS ATTENTION !!!
(FORTHCOMING EVENTS)

THURSDAY 25TH MARCH 2004
HOLY MASS
AT IL-LUNZJATA CHAPEL
AT 3.30PM

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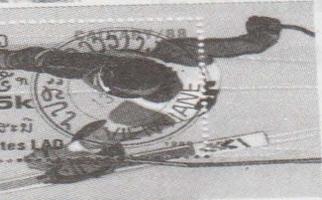
MONDAY 12TH APRIL 2004
MEMBERS MEETING
(EXCHANGE, BUYING AND SELLING OF
POSTAGE STAMPS, ETC.)
AT SCOUTS HEADQUARTERS
STA DOMENICA STREET VICTORIA GOZO
AT 5.00PM

ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED
TO ATTEND FOR BOTH ACTIVITIES.



Special Offer!
Send Lmt - mint Malta stamps to Mr Anthony Grech "Warda Mallija" 4 Block 6 Babisku Street, Xewkija Gozo or Tel No 21553338; and you will receive 60 different British Commonwealth stamps and 3 miniature sheets.

Hurry !! Limited stock available



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GOZO PHILATELIC SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Member No.

Name

Address

..... Post Code.....

Tel No. ID Card No

I enclose annual membership fee for Lm2.

.....

Signature

Date

Being under 16, I enclose Lm1 for Junior membership
(Date of Birth.....)

.....

Signature

Date

Introduced by..... Member No

I acknowledge receipt of membership application from

.....

with relative fee of

An official receipt and membership card will be issued
later.

.....

(signed obo Gozo Philatelic Society)

Date



GPS NEWSLETTER
Quarterly Organ
of
THE GOZO PHILATELIC SOCIETY

First issued on 12th February 2000 *Editor: Austin Masini*

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GPS DIARY (15)

Antoine Vassallo (Secretary)

December 2003: GPS featured in main student periodical in Malta; two items about us in the Gozitan monthly.

19th December 2003: Last meeting of the fourth committee makes final preparations for the AGM.

11th January 2004: 4th AGM at Scouts HQ, preceded by Members' Meeting and followed by the distribution of Exhibition Prizes and Participation Certificates. Two motions passed: one regarding Maltapost, the other making two Statue changes (see page 18).

24th January 2004: First meeting of the new Committee returned from the AGM, with the formation of the Fifth Committee in alphabetical order is as follows :

Rev Fr Gerald Buhagiar *A/PRO & Seminary Club President*

Rev Fr Can George Farrugia *Chaplain*

Anthony Grech *Membership Secretary*

Austin Masini *Newsletter Editor*

George Micallef *Advertising Manager*

John Muscat *Asst Treasurer & Archivist*

Not Dr Michael Refalo *Vice President & Legal Advisor*

Anton Said *President*

Antoine Vassallo *Secretary-Treasurer*

Emanuel Vella *Exchange Packets Organizer*

Mary Grace Xerri *Public Relations Officer*

Letters have been appearing in the local press, enquiring whether the 27c Windmill is actually the Xaghra one it purports to represent. Experts are sure that there must have been an inscription error on the original photograph. But the important thing is that Gozo has again been a subject on Malta's stamps! However we do hope that more attention is given in future - and actually our possible expertise is available. □

FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
(11.01.2004)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Annual General Meeting serves mainly a dual purpose namely:

- That of giving a detailed account of the Society's performance by the secretary for the year 2003 and
- That of electing a new committee for the year 2004.

It is the opinion of the majority of our members that the society's performance in the past year was far more than satisfactory with the number of new members always on the increase especially from the junior sector, not to mention also some foreign residents. All this can well be attributed to the hard and disinterested work, all of which is on voluntary basis, of the whole committee. We feel much grateful for their sterling work and feel indebted for their great efforts.

We sincerely hope, and have reasons to believe that the new committee continues on the same lines of the outgoing administration, primarily that of creating more youth clubs especially in the Secondary Schools.

It is of the utmost importance also to continue cultivating what we have already achieved, that is of keeping alive the interest and enthusiasm for this hobby among the young generation. This can be done primarily by more frequent meetings for the young members, despite of the society's drawback that of lack of premises.

Speaking of the new committee we would be more than happy to welcome some new faces to take part in this year's administration of the Gozo Philatelic Society and continue fostering this interesting hobby among a good section of the general public.

ANTON SAID

FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
(11.01.2004)

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Again I can report a positive year. A few days after the 3rd AGM, the newly returned Committee members met to fill the various posts. Anton V Said Micallef accepted to become (and very successfully!) our second President, following Dr Michael Refalo's retirement. The latter was nominated Honorary President and accepted to continue as legal advisor. The rest of our committee for 2003 was made up of Felix Cutajar (PRO), Canon George Farrugia (Chaplain), Anthony Grech (Membership Secretary), Austin Masini (Newsletter Editor), Francis Masini (Vice President), John Muscat (Assistant Treasurer and Archivist), Anton F Said Cremona (Auditor), Antoine Vassallo (Secretary-Treasurer), Emanuel Vella (Exchange Packets) and George Vella.

Six further committee meetings were held during the year, at either *Dar il-Lunzjata* or *Azzjoni Kattolika H.Q.* Organizing the various activities obviously also required other sub-committee and unofficial meetings.

The Seminary School Club had a "philatelic" visit to Malta. Various members' meetings offered the opportunity for acquiring philatelic information and material. One was followed by our traditional Mass at Lunzjata Chapel. Munxar Parish Centre hosted another. All others were held at the Victoria Scout Group HQ. Those responsible for locations mentioned merit our thanks.

We have issued various cards and other philatelic items, artistically produced by Anthony Grech. A good source of

funds, they are eagerly sought after. We thus featured the St George set and handstamp, the self-adhesive booklets and our Exhibition, and the “Xaghra” Windmill. Anthony Grech was in fact the designer of the St George Centennial handstamp itself. The main activity was obviously our 4th Philatelic Exhibition in October, with some fifty participants and innumerable favourably-commenting visitors. We again had the support of the Judging Panel, Sliema Stamp Shop, the Gozo Ministry and Bank of Valletta (our main sponsor). We are also very happy that Maltapost has begun a relationship!

Four further numbers of our quarterly Newsletter were ably edited by Austin Masini. Its printed information permits me to present a very straightforward report. But the variety and quality of the contents have probably rendered this periodical’s name a misnomer! I again encourage contributors and suggest to the new committee that a strong and targeted effort is needed for adverts to cover its printing and posting costs.

We bought and received substantial quantities of stamps and other philatelic items; these are offered at minimal prices or used as prizes. Publications are available for perusal or free temporary loan on contacting the Archivist. We remain members of the UK – based Malta Study Circle and have begun contacts with a specialized confederation.

I should also note that we have continued in our efforts to increase interest in our hobby, even if this does not result in any immediate direct effect on membership numbers (which actually are satisfactorily near the three hundred mark!) A specially illuminated cover was presented officially to the St George’s Archpriest. We participate on Community radios, contribute to newspapers and magazines and have also received two good TV slots (on Net and TVM respectively).

Anthony Grech is preparing the material for a quarterly Marian Album. As will be reported by the President himself, we are concentrating our efforts towards Juniors, and the formation of school clubs, so we gladly accepted to have a write-up in what is probably the main children's magazine. And the GPS was even featured in the first issue of a German periodical. As the Secretary, I also sent a letter to all local papers regarding the ever-increasing new-issue face values.

Contacts have been ongoing for quite a long time with a view of having a regular relationship with Maltapost, including sponsorships. And we can announce that they have actually offered some Year Packs as a beginning for this morning's presentation.

Finally I mention that I was elected president of the newly set up Association of Gozitan NGO's. This is an honour for our Society since, though I am in fact active in various others, I was representing the GPS at the Foundation Meeting.

Yes, another positive year! ☐

ANTOINE VASSALLO
SECRETARY

Lots of Stamps for Sale at a cheap price!!!
These include Poland, Canada, Germany, Czechoslovakia, etc.
Also available First Day Covers of Malta at ½ Catalogue price.
Those interested can contact Mr John Muscat on Tel No 21553875

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR 2003**(Updated to 10th January 2004)***prepared by Antoine Vassallo - Secretary Treasurer*

<u>INCOME</u>	LM
Opening Balance	470.87
Subscriptions	202.53
Exhibition applications and traders' charge	27.00
Donations*, NGO Grant & BOV Sponsorship	164.80
Newsletter Adverts	10.00
Sale of stamps and other philatelic material	335.38
Exhibition Entrance Fees	9.94
	<u>1220.52</u>

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Printing of 4 Newsletters	300.00
Exhibition Vouchers and other expenses	128.11
Purchase of stamps & other philatelic material	276.15
Postage etc	35.93
MSC Membership (5 yrs)	32.05
	<u>772.24</u>

Bank Balance	416.40
Cash	31.88

Balance as on 10th January 2004 **448.28**

The Society has no pending liabilities but possesses these further assets:

- Exhibition stands.
- Publications (for reference and for issue on loan)
- Stamps & other philatelic material (for sale & as gifts)

*(*various donations in kind were also received from members)*

MINIATURE SHEETS

Emanuel Vella

What is exactly a miniature sheet?

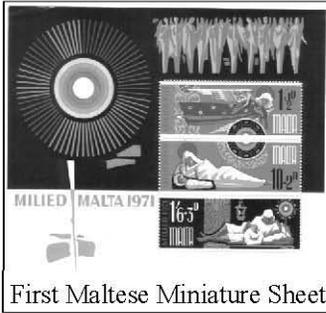
The definition as given by “Philatelic Terms Illustrated” published by Stanley Gibbons in 1987 reads: “*a small sheet containing s single stamp, pair, block or set of stamps with wide, inscribed and / or decorative margins, issued as a commemorative souvenir for collectors*”.

These sheets are usually issued by postal administration generally to commemorate special events. The stamps they contain are fully valid for postage whether they are used individually or separately removed from the sheet. These sheets are mostly used on First Day Covers and other philatelic mailing.

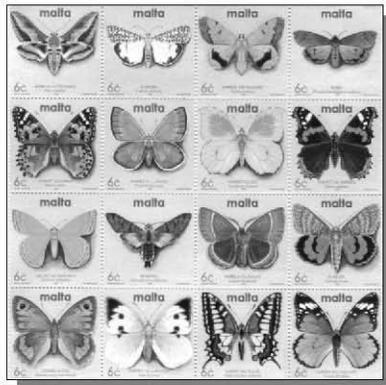
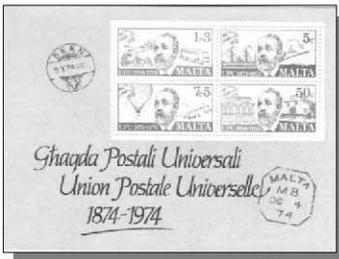
The first miniature sheet was issued by Luxembourg in January 1923 to commemorate the birth of Princess Elizabeth. This sheet contained a 10F stamp showing Luxembourg, printed in green. The year after another sheet of four 15F printed in red-brown was issued by Belgium. This sheet was sold at the philatelic exhibition in Brussels. This sheet is not given catalogue recognition because the four stamps were the same. In fact the first Belgian miniature sheet which was given catalogue recognition was issued for the international philatelic exhibition in 1930.

The first United States miniature sheet was issued in 1926 for the international stamp exhibition in New York. This sheet contained twenty five 2c stamps of the Battle of White Plains. But a more interesting miniature sheet is the one of four 3c stamps issued under authority of James A. Farley, U.S.Postmaster General. The sheets were issued imperforated. These are known as “Farley’s Follies”. After these follies the U.S. did not issue another miniature sheet for a decade. Other countries continued to issue miniature sheets.

Most miniature sheets bear a number of stamps of different design or/and values. Some miniature sheets contain different stamps that form a whole design.



Malta issued the first miniature sheet on the 8th November 1971. This was a Christmas set of 3 values with a surcharge. These stamps were also issued in sheets. The sheet was designed by Chev. E.V. Cremona and had a watermark of Maltese Crosses. The first 3 miniature sheets of Malta were all designed by the same artist and were issued yearly as Christmas sets. Then in 1974 a miniature sheet was issued to commemorate the Centenary of the Universal Postal Union. Since then, Malta has issued miniature sheets to commemorate Sports, Local Councils, Villages, Birds, Butterflies and also Seashells. Most of the Maltese miniature sheets consist of One, Two, Three or Four stamps but the sets of Birds, Butterflies and Seashells have 16 stamps each. □



not just for BEGINNERS

Originating from various requests and comments, this regular section aims at offering help to both juniors and adults. Regular features will include explanations of philatelic terms and details of stamp issuers; but we do invite members to send questions and enquiries (e.g. about identification uncertainties). Moreover you are encouraged to offer your own contributions, even short items or tips.

Where in the World ?! (6)

Antoine Vassallo

Stamp Issuers Past and Present

B.I.O.T. = British Indian Ocean Territory.

B.M.A. = British Military Administration of Malaya.

Board of Education Official stamp of Great Britain (1902).

Bohemia & Moravia (*Bohmen und Mahren, Cechy a Morava*)
German Occupation of what is now the Czech
Republic 1935-45.

Boka Kotorska German occupation of Yugoslav area
(cattaro) 1944.

Bolivar This Colombian state had own issues 1863-1904.

BOLIVIA This South American country first issued stamps in
1866.

Bophuthatswana This part of the Republic of South
Africa had its own stamps when an "Independent
Homeland" from 1977 to 1944.

Borneo see North Borneo.

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA First had stamps in 1878
under Austrian occupation till general issues of
Yugoslavia in 1918; independent with own stamps
from 1993 (also separate Croat and Serb issues).

- BOTSWANA** The former Bechanaland Protectorate, in Southern Africa, became independent in 1966.
- Bouvet** Norwegian Island in the South Atlantic with an issue in 1934.
- Boyaca** State of Colombia had own issues 1899 - 1904.
- B.R.A.** = British Railway Administration (China).
- Brac Island** issue in 1944 during German occupation of Dalmatia.
- Braunschweig** = Brunswick.
- BRAZIL** (*Brasil*) South American country with stamps from 1843.
- Bremen** German city with own stamps 1855-67.
- Britain** see Great Britain.
- BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY** Stamps began in 1963.
- British Bechuanaland** Bechanaland stamps 1885-93.
- British Central Africa** (*B.C.A.*) Issued stamps from 1891 to 1908 when it became Nyasaland.
- British Columbia & Vancouver Island** issues from 1860 until 1865 when the second joined the first). Separate stamps (*British Columbia*) stopped in 1871 when it became part of Canada.
- British Commonwealth Occupation Force** in Japan 1946.
- British East Africa** Issues 1891-1903 for Protectorate which became East Africa & Uganda.
- British Forces in Egypt** Army Post and Seals 1932-41.
- British Guiana** South American British colony which became independent as Guyana in 1966. Stamps from 1850. *(to be continued)*

Bold italic = Inscriptions;

BOLD CAPITALS = Current Issuers;

Bold = Former Issuers.

(Since it is obviously impossible to be completely exhaustive, you are encouraged to bring any gaps to my notice!)

stamp terms used in PHILATELY (6)

Emanuel Vella

Constant: A variety which occurs regularly in the same position of the sheet throughout one or more printing of a stamp is said to be “constant”.

Counterfeit Stamps: Stamps that have been copied to be passed as genuine. They are more often referred to as forgeries.

Coupon: A label attached to a postage stamp, carrying a slogan, propaganda matter or related device to the design on the stamp, or other features. These have no postal validity. They have been used by Austria, Canada, Italy, etc.

Cover: Any type of covering for any kind of material sent through the post, usually an envelope. The meaning also includes newspaper wrappers and letter-sheets.

Crash Cover: A cover salvaged after an air-crash, usually with an appropriate endorsement indicating the circumstances.

Creased Stamps: Creased stamp have depreciated value. If the paper is not broken the crease can be rendered almost invisible by dampening and ironing with a moderately warm iron.

Current Issues: Those at present in use.

Cut-out: An impression or embossed stamp, cut from the item of postal stationary or other material of which it formed part. The word is used as a noun.

Cut Square: Imperforate stamps of any design other than rectangular or square, cut from the sheet with the corners of the paper left intact - i.e. not cut to the shape of the design.

Day of the Stamp: The Federation Internationale de Philatelie (F.I.P.) at its 1936 Luxembourg Conference decided that an affiliated country could celebrate "The day of the Stamp" on one Sunday each year. Several countries do so.

Death Mask Stamps: Serbian commemoratives of 1904.

Definitive: A stamp intended for normal everyday postal use, usually put on sale for an indefinite period. These are distinct from provisional, commemoratives or charity stamps.

De La Rue: Famous stamp printing and publishing firm in London - U.K.

Demonetised: A stamp becomes demonetised when the issuing authority declares that it is no longer valid for prepayment of postage. In most cases stamps remain valid for a long time. For example the stamps of the USA. are all valid for postage. In England usually the stamps become demonetised at about 10 years after the death of the monarch.

Denomination: The inscribed value of a stamp.

Deutsche Post: Inscription on post war German stamps. At various times it has appeared on stamps of West Germany, East Germany, and West Berlin.

(to be continued)

Script by Script (6)

Antoine Vassallo

This regular space features stamps without any identifiable name in our normal alphabet or providing some similar difficulty.

Before reverting to more focussed items, we are listing the Hebrew alphabet - thus completing our survey of major non-Latin scripts. This language is used on stamps of Israel (and Palestine). The numeral equivalents may also be useful.

א	ב	ג	ד	ה	ו	ז	ח	ט
Alef	Bet	Gimel	Dalet	He	Vav	Zayin	Chet	Tet
(Silent)	(B/V)	(G)	(D)	(H)	(V/O/U)	(Z)	(Ch)	(T)
י	כ	ך	ל	מ	ם	נ	ן	ס
Yod	Kaf	Khaf	Lamed	Mem	Mem	Nun	Nun	Samech
(Y)	(K/Kh)	(Kh)	(L)	(M)	(M)	(N)	(N)	(S)
ע	פ	ף	צ	ץ	ק	ר	ש	ת
Ayin	Pe	Pe	Tzade	Tzade	Qof	Resh	Shin	Tav
(Silent)	(P/F)	(F)	(Tz)	(Tz)	(Q)	(R)	(Sh/S)	(T/S)

100	ק	10	י	1	א
200	ק	20	כך	2	ב
300	ש	30	ל	3	ג
400	ת	40	מ,ם	4	ד
		50	ן,נ	5	ה
		60	ס	6	ו
		70	ע	7	ז
		80	ף,פ	8	ח
		90	ץ,צ	9	ט

QUIZ COMPETITION

Open to all Junior Members of the Gozo Philatelic Society

- i) What country issued the first miniature sheet?
- ii) When did Malta issue the first miniature sheet?
- iii) When was the set of stamps featuring the Maltese Windmills issued ?
- iv) By what other name is the Xaghra Windmill known?

Please send your answers on a separate paper together with your name, address and membership number by not later than 31st March 2004 to:

*The Secretary
Gozo Philatelic Society
P.O. Box 10, Victoria Gozo VCT 101*

Prize

First Day Cover of Malta or Mint Set of Malta Stamps generously donated by Mr Jesmond Borg.

***Please note that members can contact the Secretary (or directly, Archivist - Librarian Mr John Muscat on Tel No 21553875) for free temporary loans of various philatelic publications. You are all invited to contribute to this, our periodical.**

***When sending by post, please do not send cash money, but use only cheques (or Money Orders) or Mint current Malta stamps in order to pay your subscription or acquire items shown.**

PREVIOUS QUIZ COMPETITION RESULT

Answers to above captioned competition which was published in G.P.S. Newsletter No.14 are as follows:

- i) Canada
- ii) In 1964
- iii) Cinderellas
- iv) Xaghra

PRIZE WINNER: GPS Prize Winner of First Day Cover of Malta goes to Marion Muscat of “St Monica” John Gaspard Le Merchant Street Fontana Gozo VCT 114. (Member No. 194)

This prize was generously donated by Mr Jesmond Borg who is also one of our members.

CROSSWORD COMPETITION FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS
(INCLUDED WITH ISSUE 14)

First Prize: (completely correct) Ilona Masini
Joint Second: Godwin Micallef
Maria Vella
Martin Vella
Consolation Prize: Joseph Vella

Answers:

Across: 1 Thematic; 5 UPU; 7 Envin; 11 Eighteen sixty; 12 Fur; 14 Six; 15 King; 17 Penny black; 21 One; 22 Nederland.

Down: 2 Ten; 3 Russia; 4 Stanley Gibbons; 6 UN; 8 Nigeria; 9 Hinges; 10 Perforations; 13 Watermark; 16 Matt; 18 Yen; 19 Kenya.

Excellent marks for all the participants!

CONGRATULATIONS !!!

EARLY POSTAL SERVICES AND MARKINGS OF MALTA

Leslie Sutton (U.K.Member)

The first regular postal service was introduced in 1813 as a means of controlling the spread of the disease "Plague".

All mail collected was conveyed to the post office situated at Piazza Tesoreria (later known as Queen's Square where fumigation was carried out before being passed on with an applied red wax seal stating "Sanita di Malta" - Quarantine Office Malta or "Opened and Resealed Lazzaretto of Malta".

From 1830 to 1904 various catchets stating "Lazzaretto Malta" "Purifie au Lazzaretto Malte or Disinfected Lazzaretto Malta" were used.

A daily internal free post was established for mail at Valletta and three principal city post offices namely; Zabbar, Siggiewi and Zejtun; each being responsible for its own nominated surrounding villages.

External mail charges from 1840 to the handing over of postal services to the Maltese Government in 1885 were covered by the use of British stamps with an A25 round or oval catchet in black cancellation.

On the 1st December 1860 a halfpenny yellow local postal stamp was introduced. By the same government notice the setting up of eight pillar boxes and wall letter boxes at various locations was declared.

Local police stations had glazed notice boards for displaying mail that did not carry sufficient details of the addressee or destination and it was then up to the addressee to collect it.

There were sixteen rural postmen employed in July 1894 to convey mail between the General Post Office and their respective districts.

In 1895 letters from the island of Gozo were conveyed from Rabat (subsequently renamed Victoria in 1897; the sovereign golden jubilee year) and Migiarrro (subsequently renamed Mgarr) bearing a halfpenny yellow stamp.

Cancellations were applied at these offices to the envelope and not the stamp; before onward transmission to Valletta by boat where the stamp was cancelled and the envelope sent to its destination.

Post offices were later introduced at police stations at Xeuchia,(now named Xewkija) Nadur, Caccia (now named Xaghra) Garbo (now named Gharb), Sannat and Ghajnsielem. These offices were issued with their own cancellations.

Permanent Post Offices have later replaced those located at the police stations. □

Motion presented by the Committee

This Annual General Meeting agrees that it may be useful to create semi-autonomous sections of the Society, possibly of a specialized nature, and so adds the following to the GPS Statute:

New: 3.6: So as to further promote the Society's aims, the committee may decide to set up semi-autonomous sections, which may be given a specific name (related to the category or specialization aimed at). These may have separate regulations.

Addition to 7.5: However the committee may also fix separate fees for membership of specific sections (see 3.6)

Motion presented by Mr Antoine Vassallo and seconded by Mr Anthony Grech

This AGM welcomes the new support received from Maltapost, hoping this is the beginning of a continuous collaboration; notes favourably the numerous occasions Gozo is being featured philatelically; declares the GPS's availability to offer expertise and other help and recommends attention against new issues with excessively high values.

A STAMP WITH A STORY

George Vella

On the 29th October 2003 Maltapost had issued a set of three stamps featuring Maltese Windmills. It is quite a nice set and interesting for the thematic collector.

I would like to write this short article to back up my article in our last newsletter regarding the part about the Ta' Kola windmill at Xaghra , Gozo. The 27 cents stamp supposedly advertised as the Xaghra windmill and also advertised as such on the stamp itself, had been the subject of much talk both in the philatelic and public circles.

Having been the person who was in charge of the restoration works of the Xaghra windmill in the nineties, when the poster was issued, I at once noticed that the windmill featured on this stamp was not that of Xaghra .

It is true that the designer had made a genuine mistake in choosing the wrong photograph. But here one is to note that old postcards very often are misnamed, for example I have one of Xlendi which is named Marsalforn Bay! For the layman all windmills look the same, yet they have their particular features. For the same reason this ➤



must have escaped other persons when it was chosen to be part of the set.

As a subject for the serious philatelist now I appreciate this particular stamp much more because it bears an interesting and curious story. I am sure that as years pass by, its story will not be forgotten. I had called it "*the mysterious windmill*". So when these rare things happen one has to turn them to the positive side of thinking and puts them to a better value as long as the truth is known.

I have been researching windmills in Gozo and Malta to see where the windmill featured on this stamp is located but so far my work have been futile. One is to note that this windmill has one floor and is quite small, while that of Xagħra has two floors and is one of the biggest on the Islands. It resembles very much the one on the way from Nadur to Qala but is not the one. At Qala there is another one-floor windmill but it is different. So far nobody has located this windmill. Anyone interested and knows where this is found, please let us know and contact us on: P.O. Box 10 Victoria Gozo. □

CORRIGENDA:

Re Newsletter No 14 October - December 2003

Page 10

BELARUS: add "on dissolution of the USSR".

Page 11

Berlin: Brandenburg should have been italicised.

E & 0 not E

(Antoine Vassallo)

Glances at stamps with design or printing mistakes (well-known or obscure)

1 = USA (1918)

A three-value Air Set was designed by CA Huston (and engraved by Eissler and Hall) showing a Curtiss “Jenny” biplane. The lower values were in one colour (monocoloured stamps remained the norm for American stamps until the 60’s) but the top (24 cents) value was in two. This obviously meant passing twice through the printing machine.

This stamp was intended for use on a new “aeroplane mail service” between certain US cities. This block of four is from a sheet sold over a post office counter in Washington to a stockbroker’s clerk (WT Robey) on 14th May 1918, the day before the first flight. To his amazement, he discovered that the central aeroplane was inverted with the frame on every stamp! □



Block of four of “The Inverted Jenny”

MALTA'S RELIGIOSITY EVIDENCED PHILATELICALLY A CROSS-REFERENCED A - Z

A is for ART

- Architecture
 - Paintings
 - Sculpture
 - Statues
 - Tapestries
 - Other objects
 - And, obviously, stamp designs themselves!
- Details are listed under the various subjects. And fuller features are possible in the future!



B is for BIBLE

As is to be expected, numerous stamps have biblical subjects; possibly the commonest scene being the Nativity. I list here persons not included elsewhere.

- David (King & Prophet) 2/6 Siege 1965; 10/- Christmas 1992.
 - Isaiah (Prophet) 3c Christmas 1992.
 - Joel (Prophet) 25c Christmas 1992.
 - Judith (Judge) 15c Europa 1975.
 - The Magi (traditionally three kings: Balthasar, Caspar and Melchior) -
- Various Christmas Sets:** 1965, 1968 (1/4), 1974 (7c5m), 1975 (3c), 1982, 1983 (20c), 1984, 1985 (2c), 1987 (20c), 1988 (25c), 1991 (3c), 1992 (10c), 2000 (6+ 3c), 2002 (16c) 2003 (50c) and also Tapestries 1977 (20c).



See G H I J L N Q S V



C is for CHURCHES



Malta has been described as possessing enough churches and chapels for a different one to be visited each day of the year! So it is hardly surprising that so many places of worship have been represented on our stamps.

“Generic” churches (not specifically identified) were included for example in these designs; **2c**, **5c** **Lm1** Defs 1973; **4c**, **7c5**, **25c** Air 1974, Europa 1981, 1997 (**16c**), Christmas 1970, 1978 (**1c**, **11c**); 2000 (**26c**); 12c Commonwealth 1983; **8c** Birds 1987.

Specific churches represented:

- Flight into Egypt **3c** Buildings 1992.
- Good Shepherd Convent **20c** Child Welfare 1996.
- Jesuits **4c** University 1992.
- Lourdes Sanctuary (Gozo) **5c** Commemorations 1987, **14c** Heritage 1991.
- *Madonna tal-Pilar* **19c** Buildings 1992.
- Mdina Cathedral **2/-** KG6 Defs 1938 and 1948, **6d** Defs 1965, **5d** Christmas 1969, **3c** Architecture 1975, **30c** Olympics 1976.
- Mellieha Sanctuary MS *Madonna tal-Mellieha* 1999.
- Mosta **2d** Defs 1956 and (changed watermark) 1964. Our Lady of Graces (Zabbar) **6c** (and MS) Cities 1997.
- St George’s Collegiate Parish Basilica **5c** Architecture 1975.



- St Gregory (Zejtun) **26c** (and MS) Cities 1997.
- St John Co-Cathedral **3d** (and changed colour) in the 1938, 1943, 19948 and 1953. KGVI Defs; **3d** Royal Visit 1954; **2/6** Valletta 1966, **5d** Exhibition 1970; **4c** Buildings 1992.
- St Nicholas (Siggiewi) **16c** (and MS) Cities 1997.
- St Patrick's **14c** Child Welfare 1996.
- St Paul Anglican Cathedral **25c** commems. 1994.
- "Ta' l-Isperanza" **7c** Europa 1977.
- Victoria Cathedral **2d** (and changed colour) in the 1938, 1943, 1948 and 1953 KGVI Defs **8c** UNESCO 1980; **6c** and **11c** Tercentenary 1997; **27c** 20th Centenary 2000.
- Victory **1d** Defs (1956 and (changed watermark) 1963. See **MOW**



D is for DUN

This is the Maltese appellation for priests; *Monsinjur* and *Kanonku* being honorific titles. *Patri* is used in the case of male religious congregations. Various members of the clergy have been honoured on our stamps:

- Diego Bonanno OFM, known as Fra Diegu, (1831-1902) helped poor women and actually opened an "Institute" for them **2c** Philanthropists 1986.
- Fr Nazzareno Camilleri SDB (1906-1973) studied and taught (Professor and Dean) at Rome's Gregorian University **14c** Welfare 1996.
- Archpriest Saverio Cassar AD (1746-1805) as an ecclesiastical prelate, was the Gozitans' leader against the French **35c** Personalities 2002. *(to be continued)*

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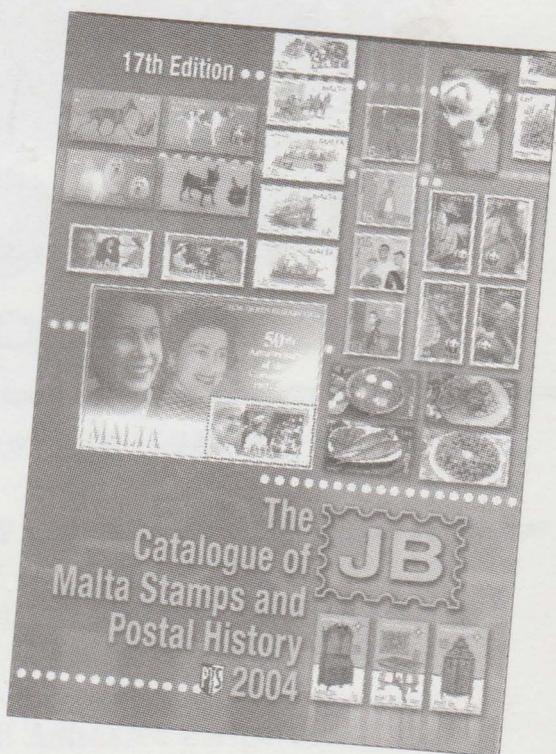
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