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DEAR COLLECTOR...

Welcome to the first issue of the Collector for 2016. Inside you will find a fascinating selection of stamps celebrating famous people and events.

On 21 January, 2016 An Post will introduce 1916-2016, the Eighth Definitive Stamp Series. Based on the Centenary of the Easter Rising, these sixteen stamps commemorate a hugely significant event in the history of Ireland, read more on page 12.

We commemorate on page 16 the 50th Anniversary of the Irish Heart Foundation. The Irish Heart Foundation is a charity dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke.

An Post will issue its ever popular Love and Marriage stamp for the tenth consecutive year in 2016. This year's stamp, designed by Dublin's Atelier David Smith, is based on the theme the chain of love, read more on page 18.

Once again in 2016 An Post will issue a stamp to mark the biggest annual holiday and celebration in Ireland – St. Patrick's Day. On page 20 we commemorate St. Patrick's arrival in Ireland.

We celebrate four uniquely Irish dog breeds on page 22. Dogs are amongst the most popular pets in the world – the bond between humans and dogs is the most widespread form of interspecies bonding and keeping dogs as companions has a long history throughout the world.

Learn about the bizarre, but true story of how the route of the Panama Canal was decided by a Nicaraguan postage stamp on page 24.

Don't forget to check out our Last Chance Saloon on page 26 for the final opportunity to get your hands on stamps issued for Science Gallery & BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition, 50th Anniversary of the meeting of Seán Lemass and Terence O'Neill, Love and Marriage, St. Patrick's Day and Animation Ireland.

I hope you enjoy this issue of The Collector & a Happy New Year to all of our readers.

Richard Miley,
Irish Stamps



Science Gallery & BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition



50th Anniversary of the meeting of Seán Lemass and Terence O'Neill



Love and Marriage



St. Patrick's Day



Animation Ireland



World War I - Gallipoli



Centenary of the sinking of the RMS Lusitania



Europa - Old Toys

COMMEMORATIVE CANCELLATIONS 2015

Here is a comprehensive listing of the commemorative cancellations issued by An Post in 2015. These cancellations were

only available at the time of issue. However, you can still pick up any you may have missed by buying a complete set of First



50th Anniversary of Mountain Rescue Ireland



150th Anniversary of the birth of WB Yeats



Ireland - The Food Island



Pearse's graveside speech for O'Donovan Rossa



Eileen Gray (1878 - 1976)



The Five Senses



1400th Anniversary of the death of St. Columban



Christmas

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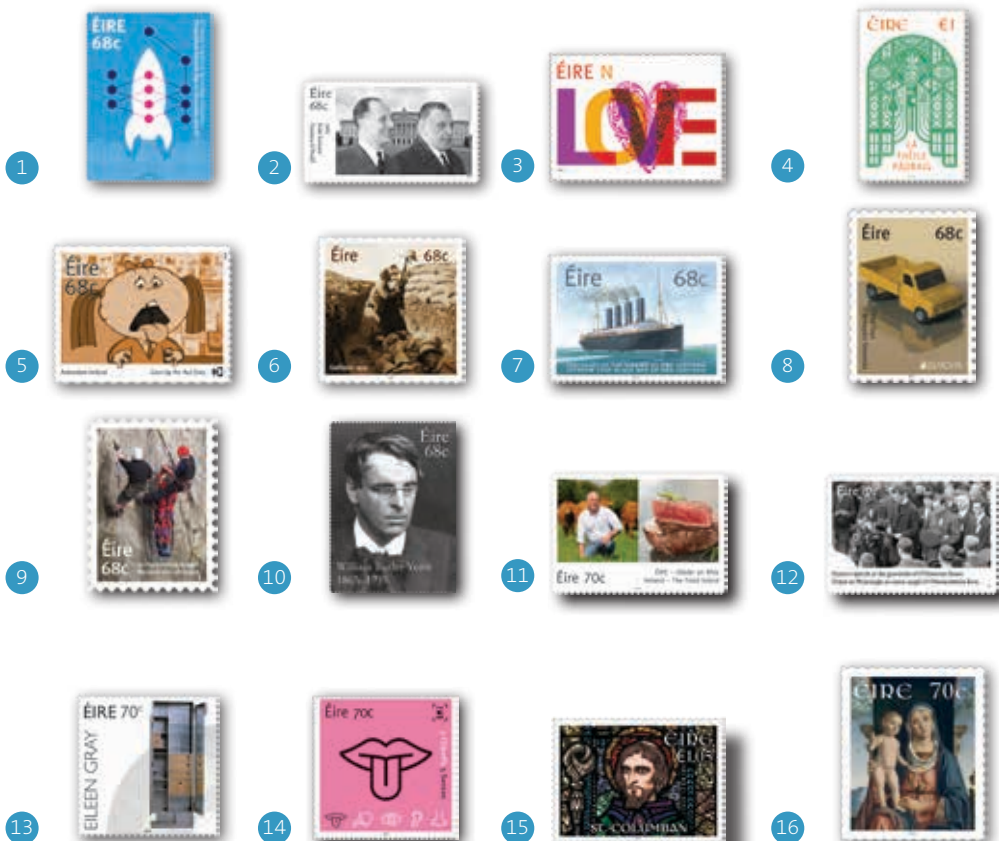
STAMP ISSUE OF THE YEAR AWARD 2015

**Here's your chance to vote for your favourite Stamp Issue from 2015.
On page 7 you'll find the stamps chosen to represent each issue.**

Simply fill in the entry form and send it to: Stamp Issue of the Year Award 2015, Irish Stamps, 4th Floor, GPO, O'Connell Street Lower, Dublin 1, D01 F5P2, Ireland.

The Stamp Issue that gets the most votes will receive the award, and if you have voted for the winning issue your name will be entered into a draw to win one of ten prizes. The prize will consist of a set of 1916-2016 Eight Definitive Series First Day Covers and winners will be announced in a future edition of *The Collector*. Closing date for entries is 1st March, 2016.

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| 1. Science Gallery & BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition | 9. 50th Anniversary of Mountain Rescue Ireland |
| 2. 50th Anniversary of the meeting of Seán Lemass and Terence O'Neill | 10. 150th Anniversary of the birth of WB Yeats |
| 3. Love and Marriage | 11. Ireland - The Food Island |
| 4. St. Patrick's Day | 12. Pearse's graveside speech for O'Donovan Rossa |
| 5. Animation Ireland | 13. Eileen Gray (1878 - 1976) |
| 6. World War I - Gallipoli | 14. The Five Senses |
| 7. Centenary of the sinking of the RMS <i>Lusitania</i> | 15. 1400th Anniversary of the death of St. Columban |
| 8. Europa - Old Toys | 16. Christmas |



Name:

Address:

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Collector's Account Number:

Your favourite stamp issue in 2015:

Reasons why you chose this issue:

NEWS & INFORMATION

New Definitive Coil



The Definitive Coil with two of the new 1916-2016 Eighth Series Definitive Stamps will be available from the 21 January, 2015 and have been printed by Ashton Potter Security Printers in the United States. If you would like to purchase the 1916-2016 Definitive Coil you can do so by using the order form attached, by calling +353 (1) 705 7400 or by logging onto irishstamps.ie from date of issue.

Stamp Booklets

The National and International stamp booklets with the new 1916-2016 Eighth Series Definitive Stamps will be available from the 21 January, 2015. Both stamp booklets were printed by Cartor Security Printers in France. If you would like to purchase the National or International stamp booklets you can do so by using the order form attached, by calling +353 (1) 705 7400 or by logging onto irishstamps.ie from date of issue.



STAMPA 2015

The 43rd STAMPA, National Stamp Exhibition, took place over the October 16-18 weekend at the RDS in Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. The STAMPA exhibition was once again paired with the "Over 50's" and the "October Coin and Banknote Fair" which offered an array of interesting displays for visitors to enjoy. The event was a tremendous success and was attended by over 3,000 guests and philatelists including STAMPA members.

Attendees travelled from all over Europe including Spain, Germany, Belgium, UK and France to take part in the event.

The highlight of the exhibition this year was the STAMPA competition displayed by the STAMPA members. The aim of the STAMPA competition is to encourage collectors to organise a theme within their collection so that they can display and compete for the top collection.

This year there were four gold winners who are now entitled to display their collections in international stamp events throughout 2015. The free valuations given to attendees who brought their collections in was a great attraction as well.

This year marked the centenary of the sinking of the RMS Lusitania on 7 May 1915. Two of the souvenirs were available on the day with the "Lusitania" theme.

The STAMPA event was enjoyed by philatelists and new friends alike. The An Post stand had the latest philatelic products and 2015 stamps on sale with the Animation Ireland Prestige Booklet being very popular on the day.

Cork Stamp and Coin Exhibition 2015

The annual Cork Stamp & Coin Exhibition took place at The Imperial Hotel, South Mall, Cork on Saturday November 14th, 2015 from 10.00am to 4.00pm. A total of 5 dealers with 12 stands took part and a similar attendance to 2014 was present. An Post had a double stand at the top of the room and healthy sales levels were reported.

Following on the success of the loose stamps stand at previous shows, a similar opportunity was offered at the Cork Stamp & Coin Exhibition 2015 and over thirty people availed of it with one person having a most enjoyable three hours picking up items for her collection. Similar type stands were available for album pages, First Day Covers and Postcards while Raven Stamps had a wide array of specialised Irish material for the more serious collector. Overall attendees were delighted with the range of material available and the fact that collectors of all levels were catered for.

The local society produced a souvenir booklet with a print run of 125 while show organiser Raven Stamps had an overprinted Lusitania mini sheet with Black Overprint (500) available as a door souvenir while there was a Supporters Souvenir limited to 75 overprinted in red.

All souvenirs can be purchased from Raven Stamps, Tel (021) 4271750 or (087) 2574309 email sales@ravenstamps.com

Stamp Suggestion Programme 2018

Collectors, please remember we are interested in getting your suggestions for the Stamp Suggestion Programme 2018. If you have an idea that you'd like to be considered, simply send your suggestion to us at:

Stamp Suggestion Programme 2018
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The closing date for receipt of suggestions is 25th March, 2016.

International Events

13-15 February - AmeriStamp Expo – California, USA

18-21 February - Spring Stampex London, England

26-28 March – Collecta – International Collectors Fair –Ljubljana, Slovenia

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2016 STAMP PROGRAMME

Once again this year, we're delighted to present a colourful and exciting schedule of issues to keep you occupied throughout 2016. We hope you enjoy adding these beautiful stamps to your collection.

ISSUE DATE	DESCRIPTION	STAMPS
21-JAN	1916–2016 EIGHTH DEFINITIVE SERIES	16
28-JAN	50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IRISH HEART FOUNDATION	1
11-FEB	LOVE & MARRIAGE	1
25-FEB	ST. PATRICK'S DAY	1
10-MAR	DOGS	4
07-APR	BICENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF CHARLES GAVAN DUFFY	1
12-MAY	EUROPA ("THINK GREEN")	2
16-JUN	WILD ATLANTIC WAY	4
23-JUN	CENTENARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE SOMME	1
18-AUG	IRISH SHOP FRONTS	4
15-SEP	CYCLING IN IRELAND	4
06-OCT	COMMISSIONER OF IRISH LIGHTS	4
03-NOV	CHRISTMAS	3

Please note that this schedule may be subject to change.



1916 - 2016

“ Eighth Series of Definitive Stamps. ”

On Easter Monday, 24 April, 1916 around 1,000 poorly-armed members of the Irish Republican Brotherhood, Irish Volunteers, Irish Citizen Army and Cumann na mBan occupied the centre of Dublin and proclaimed the establishment of an Irish Republic. The rebellion ended within six days, leaving almost 500 dead, and much of the city-centre in ruins. In response, the British authorities executed sixteen of the rebel leaders and imprisoned over 3,000 suspects. Although a military failure, the Easter Rising transformed Ireland by bringing about popular support for an independent Irish republic.

On 21 January, 2016 An Post will introduce 1916–2016, the Eighth Definitive Stamps Series. Based on the Centenary of the Easter

Rising, these sixteen stamps commemorate a hugely significant event in the history of our country, an event which ultimately led to the founding of the modern Irish Republic. This Definitive series will be available for one year only and will issue on the Stamps on a Roll (SOAR) format. Four of the stamps will also issue in self-adhesive coil and booklet formats. The iconic General Post Office, and Roger Casement feature in the National and International Booklets respectively, while a detail from the Proclamation of the Irish Republic, and the Irish Republic flag feature on the coil of 100 self-adhesive stamps. In addition, four First Day Covers, four SOAR strips and three self-adhesive pairs will be available from the date of issue.

Technical details

Date of Issue:	January 21, 2016
Value & Quantity:	16 x 70c
Stamp Design:	Zinc Design Consultants
Stamp Size:	56mm x 25mm
Paper:	Raflatac Thermal P200
Colour:	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make - up:	Strip of 4
Perforations:	11 x 11.25
Printing Process:	HP Indigo high resolution digital print
Printer:	Label Art Ltd



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The stamps feature Augmented Reality, and when scanned by a smartphone with the CEE App installed, will give access to background information on the Rising, and also link customers to gpowitnessthistory.ie. In March, an exciting range of souvenir product will be introduced.

These stamps have been grouped into four categories: Leaders and Icons; Participants; Easter Week; and The Aftermath. Although each image represents an individual subject, the themes also reflect a chronological progression from the lead-up to the Rising through to its aftermath. The stamps have been devised as a coherent collection rather than sixteen individual images.

Leaders and Icons features seven leaders. Thomas J. Clarke, Seán Mac Diarmada, Thomas MacDonagh, Patrick H. Pearse, Éamonn Ceannt, James Connolly and Joseph Plunkett signed the Proclamation of the Irish Republic. The Irish Republic flag completes this category of four stamps. (NOTE In relation to the Leaders, they have been grouped according to the three organisations identified in the Proclamation as organising the Rising – The Irish Republican Brotherhood, the Irish Citizen Army and the Irish Volunteers. There is a clear logic behind this grouping, and it does not reflect a value judgement about the relative importance of the seven individuals).



Leaders and Icons Code 16DL1 Price €2.80



Easter Week Code 16DL3 Price €2.80

The category, Participants, highlights the breadth of forces involved in the fighting. Dublin Metropolitan Police Constable James O'Brien and rebel Sean Connolly became the Rising's first two fatalities. The image of the Malone brothers demonstrates the complexity of Irish identities and responses to the war and the Rising. Lieutenant Michael Malone fought with the Irish Volunteers and was killed during the battle of Mount Street Bridge. His brother, Sergeant William Malone, of the 2nd Royal Dublin Fusiliers, was killed in the battle of Ypres, in May 1915. Dr Kathleen Lynn and Elizabeth O'Farrell represent the role played by female combatants. Dr Lynn was a medical campaigner and suffragist, and an officer with the Irish Citizen Army. Cumann na mBan member, Elizabeth O'Farrell, played

a prominent role in the general surrender. Emphasising the role of the rank-and-file, the image featuring Jack Doyle and Tom McGrath is one of only two surviving photographs of the rebels taken inside the GPO during Easter Week.

Easter Week includes stamps featuring a detail from the Proclamation of the Irish Republic, and incorporates the wider civilian experiences. John F (Seán) Foster, was among the youngest of the forty children killed during Easter Week. Louisa Nolan risked her life tending to the wounded at the battle of Mount Street Bridge. Sir Francis Fletcher-Vane and Francis Sheehy-Skeffington relates to one of the most infamous incidents of the rebellion, the killing of several civilians,

IMAGE CREDITS:

Theme 1 – Leaders and Icons

Stamp 1: Thomas James Clarke, image courtesy of the National Library of Ireland, Seán Mac Diarmada, image courtesy of the National Library of Ireland, Éamonn Ceannt. Image courtesy of the National Library of Ireland.

Stamp 2: Patrick Henry Pearse, Image courtesy of the National Library of Ireland. Joseph Mary Plunkett, Image courtesy of the Military Archives, Thomas MacDonagh. Image courtesy of the National Library of Ireland.

Stamp 3: James Connolly, image courtesy of the National Library of Ireland, Starry Plough Flag. This image is reproduced with the kind permission of the National Museum of Ireland.

Stamp 4: The Irish Republic Flag. This image is reproduced with the kind permission of the National Museum of Ireland.

Theme 3 – Easter Week

Stamp 9: The Proclamation, Image courtesy of the National Library of Ireland.

Stamp 10: Seán Foster, Image courtesy of Terence O'Neill.

Stamp 11: Louisa Nolan, Image courtesy of Mirrorpix.

Stamp 12: Sir Francis Fletcher-Vane, Image courtesy of the Working Class Movement Library, Salford, UK, Francis Sheehy-Skeffington this image is reproduced with the kind permission of the National Museum of Ireland.



Participants

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The Aftermath

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including Sheehy-Skeffington, on the orders of Captain J. C. Bowen-Colthurst.

The category, The Aftermath, focuses on the consequences of the Rising. The GPO Sackville Street features the most iconic location of the Easter Rising. Children gathering timber for firewood demonstrates how ordinary people were caught up in the events of Easter Week and also illustrates the poverty of the era. The image of two unidentified Prisoners highlights the role of rebels from ordinary backgrounds. Sixteen of the most prominent rebels were singled out for execution in the aftermath of the rebellion, including former member of the British consular service, Roger Casement, who had previously won international recognition as a result of his humanitarian work in the

Belgian Congo and South America.

An Post gratefully acknowledges the contribution of eminent Historians, Dr Fearghal McGarry and Lar Joye in the development of this series.

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Theme 2 – Participants

Stamp 5: Constable James O'Brien, courtesy of Kilmainham Gaol Museum reference number KMGLM 2015.0675, Sean Connolly. Image courtesy of the National Library of Ireland.

Stamp 6: Michael Malone, Image courtesy of Mercier Press Archives, Cork. William Malone, Image courtesy of Willie Malone.

Stamp 7: Dr Kathleen Lynn, Image courtesy of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. Elizabeth O'Farrell, Image courtesy of the National Library of Ireland.

Stamp 8: Jack Doyle and Tom McGrath, Image courtesy of the National Library of Ireland.

Theme 4 – The Aftermath

Stamp 13: GPO, Sackville Street, image courtesy of the National Library of Ireland.

Stamp 14: Children gathering timber for fuel, image courtesy of Mercier Press Archives, Cork.

Stamp 15: Prisoners from Richmond Barracks, image courtesy of the National Library of Ireland.

Stamp 16: Roger Casement, image courtesy of the National Library of Ireland.



50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IRISH HEART FOUNDATION

“Commemorating the 50th Anniversary
of the Irish Heart Foundation.”

The Irish Heart Foundation is a charity dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke. It has a vision that every person living in Ireland will live a long, active and healthy life free from heart, stroke and blood vessel disease. To achieve that and to help improve the cardiovascular health of people living in Ireland the Irish Heart Foundation not only provides information on heart health to the public and media, it supports patients in managing heart disease and stroke.

The foundation also provides heart health programmes in schools and workplaces

and co-ordinates the training of medics and the public in emergency lifesaving skills (CPR). With 92% of its budget funded by public donations the Irish Heart Foundation manages to support research, education and development in the medical profession and advocate better patient treatment and services.

To date the foundation has helped to establish coronary care units in all Irish hospitals, developed an 'Action for Life' programme in schools, launched over 200 'Slí na Sláinte' (Path To Health) walking routes, supported the



Technical details

Date of Issue:	January 28, 2016
Value & Quantity:	70c (122k)
Stamp Design:	Ger Garland
Stamp Size:	42mm x 38.29mm
Paper:	Tullis Russell 102gsm gummed
Colour:	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make - up:	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations:	13.3 x 13.6
Printing Process:	Lithography
Printer:	Cartor Security Printing



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smoking ban, helped to found the national patient helpline and to conduct the national stroke audit.

The work of the Irish Heart Foundation is as important today as it has always been: Despite medical advances cardiovascular disease is still the biggest cause of early death in Ireland. Each year approximately 10,000 people die from coronary heart disease, stroke and other circulatory diseases. Cardiovascular disease is the most common cause of death in Ireland, accounting for 32% of all deaths. The largest number of these deaths relate mainly

to heart attack at 5,000.

This stamp is being issued on the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Irish Heart Foundation in Jury's Hotel in Ballsbridge, Dublin, in 1966. The stamp was designed by Ger Garland and features an image of a heart over a cardiograph of a regular heartbeat.

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LOVE AND MARRIAGE

“A new look for a very old symbol.”

An Post will issue its ever popular Love and Marriage stamp for the tenth consecutive year in 2016 – it was previously called the Wedding Stamp.

This year's stamp, designed by Dublin's Atelier David Smith, is based on the theme the chain of love. The stamp features an interesting and unusual graphic design of hearts forming a chain and will be available in time for St. Valentine's Day on 14th February.

The heart symbol we see here has been used to symbolise love for generations. One theory is that during the seventh century B.C., the

silphium plant was used as a form of birth control in the city-state of Cyrene. Legend has it that the plant was so important to the local economy that “coins were minted that depicted the plant's seedpod, which looks like the heart shape we know today.”

Hunters reportedly scrawled the symbol on cave walls, though why they did this nobody knows. Ancient Egyptians believed that the heart epitomised life and morality while the Greeks suggested it controlled reason, thought and emotion.

Some claim that the modern heart-shape



Technical details

Date of Issue:	February 11, 2016
Value & Quantity:	N (1.2m) Strip of 2 (15k)
Design	Atelier David Smith
Stamp Size:	37.5mm x 26mm
Colour:	Multicolour plus silver with phosphor tagging
Paper:	Tullis Russell Self-Adhesive Litho
Make-up:	Booklets of 10 (Self-adhesive) Collectors' Strip of 2
Perforations:	13 x 13
Printing Process:	Lithography
Printer:	Cartor Security Printing



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simply came from botched attempts to draw an actual human heart, the organ which the ancients, including Aristotle, believed contained all human passions.

In the 17th century Saint Margaret Mary Alcoque had a vision of the heart shape surrounded by thorns. This symbol became known as the Sacred Heart of Jesus and was associated with love and devotion. Naturally, when Valentine's Day originated in England in the 1600s, the heart symbol was the obvious choice to represent it.

Love hearts then began to appear on Valentines

which were simple notes at first. The Victorians made the tradition more elaborate, employing the heart shape together with ribbons and bows.

The 2016 Love & Marriage stamp will be available in self-adhesive format in booklets of ten stamps and really is a lovely way to add a sense of love and affection to wedding stationery, valentine cards and romantic letters.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY

“Commemorating St. Patrick's arrival in Ireland.”

Once again in 2016 An Post will issue a stamp to mark the biggest annual holiday and celebration in Ireland.

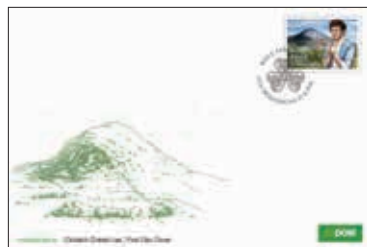
St. Patrick's Day is our national holiday, of course, but it is also celebrated all over the world with particularly big parades in the United States, Britain, Canada, Argentina, Australia and New Zealand. It is a public holiday throughout the island of Ireland and also in Newfoundland, Labrador and Montserrat which all have sizable Irish communities.

The man who would come to be known as St. Patrick, apostle of Ireland, was born in Britain circa 386 A.D. It is believed that his birth name was Maewyn Succat and the name Patrick came with his ordination later. His father, Calphurnius, was a deacon from a Roman family of high social standing and his mother, Conchessa, was a close relative of the great patron St. Martin of Tours. Patrick's grandfather, Pontius, was also a member of the clergy. Surprisingly, Patrick himself was not raised with a strong emphasis on religion while education was not particularly stressed during his childhood either.



Technical details

Date of Issue:	February 25, 2016
Value & Quantity:	€1.05 (94k)
Illustration:	John Kindness
Typography & Layout:	Steve Simpson
Stamp Size:	40.6mm x 29.8mm
Paper:	Tullis Russell 102gsm gummed
Colour:	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make - up:	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations:	14.3 x 14.1
Printing Process:	Lithography
Printer:	Cartor Security Printing



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When he was about 16 years old he was captured by pirates and brought to Ireland. During his enslavement, he was called to Christianity and escaped his captors after six years. Patrick saw his enslavement as God's test of his faith and he became deeply devoted to Christianity through constant prayer. In a vision, he saw the children of pagan Ireland reaching out their hands to him and grew increasingly determined to convert the Irish to Christianity.

He became a cleric and returned to Ireland as a missionary and in his teachings combined Irish pagan beliefs with Christian sacrament. He also

devised the Celtic cross. Thus the 5th century Romano-British Christian missionary became a bishop in Ireland and then our patron saint.

This new stamp was designed by Steve Simpson and depicts a young St. Patrick in slavery with Slemish Mountain (County Antrim) in the background.

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DOGS

“Celebrating four uniquely Irish dog breeds.”

Dogs are amongst the most popular pets in the world – the bond between humans and dogs is the most widespread form of interspecies bonding and keeping dogs as companions has a long history throughout the world.

Today the biggest domestic dog population is in the USA where there is one dog for every four people. But elsewhere, dog numbers are on the rise, and Ireland has always had a large and popular dog population with 20% of households having at least one dog (compared to 14% of households containing

a cat).

Dogs make very good companions, are intelligent, loyal and fun. Over the centuries, specific dog breeds have developed in Ireland with distinct characteristics and physical structures to serve them in their everyday life here. Having a dog in your life can be a wonderful experience: Apart from the love and companionship, dog owners receive health benefits, typically living longer than those who don't own dogs.

Zoologists and archaeologists tell us that



Technical details

Date of Issue:	March 10, 2016
Value & Quantity:	4 x 70c block (208k)
Design:	Detail.Design Studio
Stamp Size:	29.8mm x 40.6mm
Colour:	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Paper:	TR PVA Gum 102gsm
Make - up:	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations:	14.1 x 14.3
Printing Process:	Lithography
Printer:	Cartor Security Printing



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Dogs are the oldest domesticated animals. Their long association with people has allowed them to be uniquely attuned to human behaviour and that they can thrive on a starch-rich diet which would be inadequate for other canine species.

Dogs perform many roles for people, including hunting, herding, pulling loads, protection, assisting police and military, companionship and, more recently, aiding disabled individuals. This impact on human society has given them the nickname “man’s best friend” in the Western world.

The beautiful new 70 cent stamps were designed by Detail. Design Studio in Dublin City. They feature four uniquely Irish dog breeds: An Irish Wolfhound, an Irish Red Setter, a Sheepdog and a Kerry Blue.

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THE STAMP THAT REROUTED THE PANAMA CANAL

“Why this great engineering project is not called the Nicaragua Canal.”

This is a bizarre, but true, story about how the route of the Panama Canal was decided by a Nicaraguan postage stamp.

In the late 19th Century, the United States fully recognised the need for a canal across the middle of Central America. The issue was made more urgent when the battleship Oregon was dispatched from San Francisco to the Caribbean where it was urgently needed in the Spanish-American War. But it took 68 days to get there the long way around the tip of South America.

By 1899 a bill was pending in Congress to build a canal through Nicaragua, not Panama.

A French engineer, Philippe Jean Bunau-Varilla, had previously worked on the French Panama Canal project until it failed in 1889. From that time onwards he devoted himself to selling the French rights to the U.S. While the American were considering routing the canal through Nicaragua, Bunau-Varilla was convinced that the terrain of Nicaragua was far too hostile for a canal and so he set out to lobby the US Congress in favour of the Panama route.

Congress was undecided until 1902 when fate intervened and Nicaragua's Momotombo volcano erupted. This was a golden opportunity for Bunau-Varilla who wanted



to use this as an example of why Nicaragua should be avoided. With no photographic evidence to use he found Nicaraguan postage stamps illustrating a smoking Momotombo volcano and sent them to congress. He asked: "Why not choose a country for your canal that does not have violent, dangerous volcanoes?" Momotombo was 100 miles from the proposed canal route.

Another version of the story claims that all of the lobbying was done by Senator Mark Hanna who searched through Washington's many stamp dealers before mailing a Nicaraguan 1-peso stamp to every one of the 90 Senators. The stamp showed the

Momotombo volcano "in magnificent eruption." The mailing described the stamp as "an official witness of the volcanic activity on the isthmus of Nicaragua."

Whichever is true (and it is probably a combination of both), in 1904 Congress voted to route this, one of the world's greatest engineering projects, through Panama and not Nicaragua.

Thanks to a stamp.

LAST CHANCE SALOON

Once they're gone, they won't be coming back!

Collectors, as you may know, Commemorative Stamps are only on sale for one year from the date of issue. We are offering you the chance to add products to your collection that you may not have had the opportunity to obtain during 2015. Please see below details of stamp issues from 2015 that you may wish to purchase before they are consigned to history.



Science Gallery & BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition

Issue Date: 07 January, 2015

Expiry Date: 07 January, 2016

In 2014, two stamps were designed by top Dublin design house Detail celebrating science. The first stamp commemorates the BT Young Scientist Exhibition which is the annual school students' science competition that has been held in Dublin every January since 1965. The second stamp celebrates the Science Gallery in Trinity College Dublin 2 which is a public science centre and a truly unique place where "science and art collide".



50th Anniversary of the meeting of Seán Lemass and Terence O'Neill

Issue Date: 22 January, 2015

Expiry Date: 22 January, 2016

Marking 50 years since the meeting of Seán Lemass and Terence O'Neill, perhaps the first politicians to discuss peace in Northern Ireland. The stamp, designed by Red & Grey Design in Dublin, features an image of Seán Lemass and Terence O'Neill with Stormont in the background.



Love and Marriage 2015

Issue Date: 12 February, 2015

Expiry Date: 12 February, 2016

An Post issued its ever popular Love and Marriage stamp in time for Saint Valentine's Day in February 2015. The 2015 stamp, designed by Oonagh Young, is based on a typographic form of the word LOVE, a word that has a diverse and interesting etymology.



St. Patrick's Day

Issue Date: 26 February, 2015

Expiry Date: 26 February, 2016

Marking Ireland's national holiday St. Patrick's Day. The 2015 St. Patrick's Day stamp, designed by Steve Simpson, is an illustration of St. Patrick in the style of the first definitive series of postage stamps which were issued by the newly formed Free State in 1922.



Animation Ireland

Issue Date: 20 March, 2015

Expiry Date: 20 March, 2016

Established in 2006, Animation Ireland is a group of leading Irish animation studios working together to promote and market Ireland's world class animation sector. Four stamps were issued in March 2015 to celebrate the success of Animation Ireland. The four stamps were designed by Vermillion Design and feature Roy, Give Up Yer Aul Sins, The Secret of Kells and Nelly & Nora.

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