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at the An Post Museum

Housed in a purpose-designed space just off the GPO's busy Public Office, *Letters, Lives and Liberty* introduces the story of the Post Office and how it has helped to shape the development of modern Ireland. Visitors can read and think about the words printed on the 1916 Proclamation, one of only a few surviving original documents, and post a card in the Ashworth box, the unique post box introduced to Ireland by the novelist Anthony Trollope.

Modest in scale, the museum makes use of the latest digital technology, as well as traditional displays, in order to cover various aspects of the Post Office story – from the eye-witness accounts of postal staff on Easter Monday 1916 to the operation of the Travelling Post Office and from the complexities of stamp design to the architectural beauty of the GPO itself.

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DEAR COLLECTOR...

Welcome to the fourth issue of *The Collector* for 2013. Inside you will find a fascinating selection of stamps celebrating famous people and events.

We mark the centenary of the Irish Volunteer Force on page 6 with a stamp designed by Zinc Design Consultants featuring a photograph of Irish Volunteers from a collection at the National Library of Ireland.

Four exemplary public buildings are depicted on page 8 in the Contemporary Public Buildings issue: Croke Park Stadium, Fingal County Hall, the Lewis Glucksman Gallery and Cork Institute of Technology. These buildings and others like them project a forward looking and creative image of Ireland and communicate to a wide audience the potential and progression in contemporary architecture in this country.

This year's Christmas stamps feature on page 10. Two of the stamps depict contemporary festive images associated with Christmas and these will be issued in the SOAR format. The third stamp is a religious stamp which will appear in the Christmas Stamp Booklet. The stamps were designed by Red & Grey Design.

On page 12 we offer gift ideas, this year's annual products. The Irish Stamp Year Book 2013 contains all the commemorative stamps and miniature sheets issued during the year together with a detailed narrative and additional imagery to complement each issue.

The Irish Stamp Year Pack 2013 contains a brief overview of each subject in the programme, together with the commemorative stamps in a single, high gloss folder.

For all you chocolate lovers, we view the amazing chocolate-flavoured stamps from Belgium on page 14. Needless to say, they're stamps people love to lick.

Don't forget to check out our Last Chance Saloon on page 16 for the final opportunity to get your hands on the Barnardos Ireland and Christmas 2012 stamp issues.

I hope you enjoy this issue of *The Collector*.

Clare Walsh,
Marketing Executive,
Irish Stamps



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John F. Kennedy 1917–1963 Stamps

On 2 June of this year, two new stamps were unveiled in New Ross, Co Wexford to mark the 50th anniversary of the visit of President John F. Kennedy to Ireland in June 1963.

Cllr Paul Crowdle, Cathaoirleach of New Ross Town Council, said: “This stamp launch is part of this year’s special JFK 50 programme of events and reinforces the close links between New Ross and the Kennedy family.”

“Irish stamps are renowned for the quality of their subject matter and their design. As they travel on letters and parcels and take their place in treasured stamp collections across the globe, they loudly proclaim Ireland’s enduring respect and fondness for John F. Kennedy, his historic visit and its significance for Irish people in the United States and at home,” said Mr Barney Whelan, An Post Director of Communications and Corporate Affairs.

The 60c stamp shows John F. Kennedy, with his cousin’s daughter, Mary Ann Ryan, in Dunganstown, just outside New Ross. The 90c stamp features John F. Kennedy with An Taoiseach Seán Lemass and Commandant PJ Daly at Arbour Hill. Both stamps were designed by Steve Simpson.

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STAMPA

STAMPA, the National Stamp Exhibition, takes place 18-20 October. This three-day event is a wonderful opportunity to see stamp collecting in action.

With competitive displays, advice on collecting and the main stamp clubs in attendance, it all adds up to an exciting event that's now in its 41st year. All the latest stamps and many of the earliest, will be on display and available to buy. Linked with the Over 50s Show and the October Coin and Banknote Fair in the RDS, Ballsbridge Showgrounds, this promises to be a great focal point for all collectors.

STAMPA 2013 will take place in the RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 – Anglesea Road entrance, from 11am to 6pm and entry is €5. The An Post team will be there to greet you with all the recent An Post products. A full philatelic experience awaits you.

Check out [Facebook.com/An Post](https://www.facebook.com/AnPost) to avail of discounted admission to STAMPA. The discount is €2 off the ticket price.

Cork Stamp and Coin Exhibition

The annual Cork Stamp and Coin Exhibition will take place from 10.30am to 4.00pm Saturday, 16 November at The Imperial Hotel, South Mall, Cork. An Post and leading Irish stamp and coin dealers will be attendance. Admission will be €3.00 for adults and accompanied children will be admitted free of charge. Expert dealers will provide free valuations of stamps, coins and medals.

Of special interest to collectors attending this year's Cork Stamp and Coin Exhibition will be the souvenirs available. First is a special souvenir booklet featuring John F. Kennedy that will be limited to 250 copies, second is an overprint in black of the Port of Cork minisheet which will be limited to 500 mint copies and 500 copies cancelled by the pictorial exhibition cancel. Also available will be a special supporters overprinted Port of Cork minisheet in red, limited to 100 copies.

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THE IRISH VOLUNTEER FORCE

“ After the Home Rule Bill was passed in 1912, the Irish Volunteers helped change the course of Irish history. ”

The Irish Volunteers, or Óglaigh na hÉireann, was formed in November 1913 following a public meeting in Dublin. The original catalyst for the meeting was the 100,000 strong Ulster Volunteer Force that had been mobilised earlier in opposition to the prospect of Home Rule. Amongst the huge attendance that day were three of the movement's founding members: The O'Rahilly of the Gaelic League, Eoin MacNeill, a professor at University College Dublin and Patrick Pearse, also of the Gaelic League.

With MacNeill spearheading a recruitment drive,

numbers in the Irish Volunteer Force quickly swelled to 170,000. Shortly after the outbreak of World War I in 1914, the organisation split into National Volunteers and Irish Volunteers. The majority were National Volunteers who supported Wexford MP John Redmond and favoured participation in the war. This left roughly 10,000 Irish Volunteers, based primarily around Dublin.

The strategy of MacNeill, now chief of staff of the Irish Volunteers, was to keep the remaining members fully armed and in a constant state of readiness should any move to disarm the

Technical details

Date of Issue:	October 3, 2013
Value & Quantity:	60c (136k)
Design:	Zinc Design Consultants
Stamp Size:	51.46mm x 30mm
Colour:	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make-up:	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations:	13.25 x 13.25
Printing Process:	Lithography
Printer:	Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd.



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Photo of Eoin MacNeill, from
the National Library of Ireland.

members, impose conscription or oppose Home Rule, arise.

On Easter Monday, 1916, many of the remaining members of the Irish Volunteer Force took an active part in the Easter Rising, occupying strategic buildings in the capital, and fighting with discipline and distinction until eventual surrender was declared at the General Post Office, Dublin.

To mark the centenary of the Irish Volunteer Force, An Post is issuing a commemorative stamp designed by Zinc Design Consultants and

featuring a photograph of the Irish Volunteers taken by A.H. Poole Studio Photographers, from a collection at the National Library of Ireland. The photograph shows a group of Volunteers in Waterford, wearing uniforms dating from 1914, but it was likely taken in 1915 when the Force had become more militarily organised.

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CONTEMPORARY PUBLIC BUILDINGS

“A more future-focused architectural style has emerged.”

Ireland’s rich architectural heritage spans the centuries but in recent years a thriving contemporary architectural style has emerged. It is characterised by simplicity and cleaner lines that project a more forward looking and creative image of modern Ireland.

Just inside the main entrance gates of University College Cork, the Lewis Glucksman Gallery, designed by O’Donnell & Tuomey, is both a cultural and artistic centre that includes lecture facilities, a riverside cafe and gallery shop. The design brief also called for exhibition galleries to house the many

travelling and local exhibitions to the highest international standards.

Winner of a host of architectural design awards, the Cork Institute of Technology building reflects the prestige and pride of the institution, as well as the unwavering attention to detail of the architects. The result is a timeless architecture that will help inspire generations of students to come. The Cork Institute of Technology was designed by de Blacam & Meagher.

Technical details

Date of Issue:	October 17, 2013
Values & Quantities:	60c Se-tenant (176k) 90c Se-tenant (156k)
Design:	Zinc Design Consultants
Stamp Size:	51.46mm x 30mm
Miniature Sheet Size:	150mm x 90mm
Colour:	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make-up:	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations:	13.25 x 13.25
Printing Process:	Lithography
Printer:	Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd.



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Photo courtesy of Fingal County Council.

The Fingal County Hall, Swords, represents another example of modern Irish architecture at its very best. Comprising four separate office blocks – the first of which is elegantly curved – arranged along a central pedestrian way, the complex is clad with buff coloured terracotta cladding and a grey aluminium curtain walling system. Fingal County Hall was designed by Bucholz McEvoy.

One such gleaming cathedral of contemporary Ireland is the magnificent Croke Park Stadium, designed by Gilroy McMahon, spiritual home of the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) with a capacity of 82,300, making it the fifth

largest sporting stadium in Europe. A colossal logistical challenge from the outset, the end result, which embodies all the great classical virtues of architecture, is as aesthetically stunning as it is functional.

To celebrate contemporary public buildings in Ireland, An Post is issuing four stamps designed by Zinc Design Consultants.

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CHRISTMAS

“Discover the meaning of Ireland’s Christmas gift to the world.”

Traditionally, Christmas in Ireland is one of the lengthiest festive celebrations in the world. For many Irish people, Christmas actually begins on 8 December – the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, as well as the day many people travel to Dublin to do their Christmas shopping – and continues right through to Little Christmas, or Nollaig Bheag, on 6 January.

Christmas just wouldn’t be Christmas without carols. And one of Ireland’s favourite carols, The Twelve Days of Christmas, is full of hidden meanings many people may not realise. The carol was originally written as a Catechism

song to enable young Catholic children to learn the important beliefs of their faith at a time when it was considered a crime – punishable by imprisonment or even execution – to practise the Catholic religion, either in private or in public.

For instance, did you know the “true love” the carol refers to is God himself? Or that the “partridge in a pear tree” represents Jesus Christ? Did you have any idea that the “two turtle doves” are the Old and New Testaments? Or that the “three French hens” symbolise faith, hope and charity?

Technical details

Date of Issue:	November 7, 2013
Values & Quantities:	60c (22.1m) €1.20 Strip of 2 (15k) €1.50c SOAR Pair (15k)
Design:	Red & Grey Design
Stamp Size:	25mm x 30mm (Self-adhesive) 56mm x 25mm (SOAR)
Colour:	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make-up:	Booklets of 26 Collectors' strip of 2
Perforations:	13 x 13 (Self-adhesive) 11 x 11.25 approx. (SOAR)
Printing Process:	Lithography (Self-adhesive) HP Indigo high resolution digital print (SOAR)
Printer:	Joh. Enschedé Security Print (Self-adhesive) Label Art Ltd. (SOAR)



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PRODUCT CODE 1317FDC PRICE €3.10

Some of the carol's other religious references are equally fascinating. The "six geese a-laying" actually means the six days it took to create the world. While the "ten lords a-leaping" represent the Ten Commandments. And what about the "twelve drummers drumming"? Well, they refer to the twelve doctrines of the Apostle's Creed.

An Post is issuing three new stamps for Christmas 2013. The 60c SOAR stamp features a robin, while the 90c SOAR stamp features a sprig of holly. The third stamp, available in the Christmas Stamp Booklet, depicts a Nativity

scene. The image, by photographer Edward Coady, is taken from a stained glass window in the Black Abbey Church in Kilkenny. The stamps were designed by Red & Grey Design.

Buy these stamps, Christmas Stamp Booklet and First Day Cover by using the order form attached, by calling +353 (1) 705 7400 or by logging onto www.irishstamps.ie from date of issue.



Irish Stamp Year Book 2013 Product Code 13YB
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Irish Stamp Year Book 2013

The lavishly-produced Irish Stamp Year Book includes all stamps and miniature sheets from 2013, together with details of the issues and full colour superb images, making it the ideal purchase for any Collector or a superb Christmas gift.

The Year Book was designed by Ger Garland and produced by specialist philatelic printer Prinz Verlag. A limited edition of 1,500 copies of the Irish Stamp Year Book 2013 are available for purchase, in addition to 100 luxury edition copies priced at €200.00.

Irish Stamp Year Pack 2013

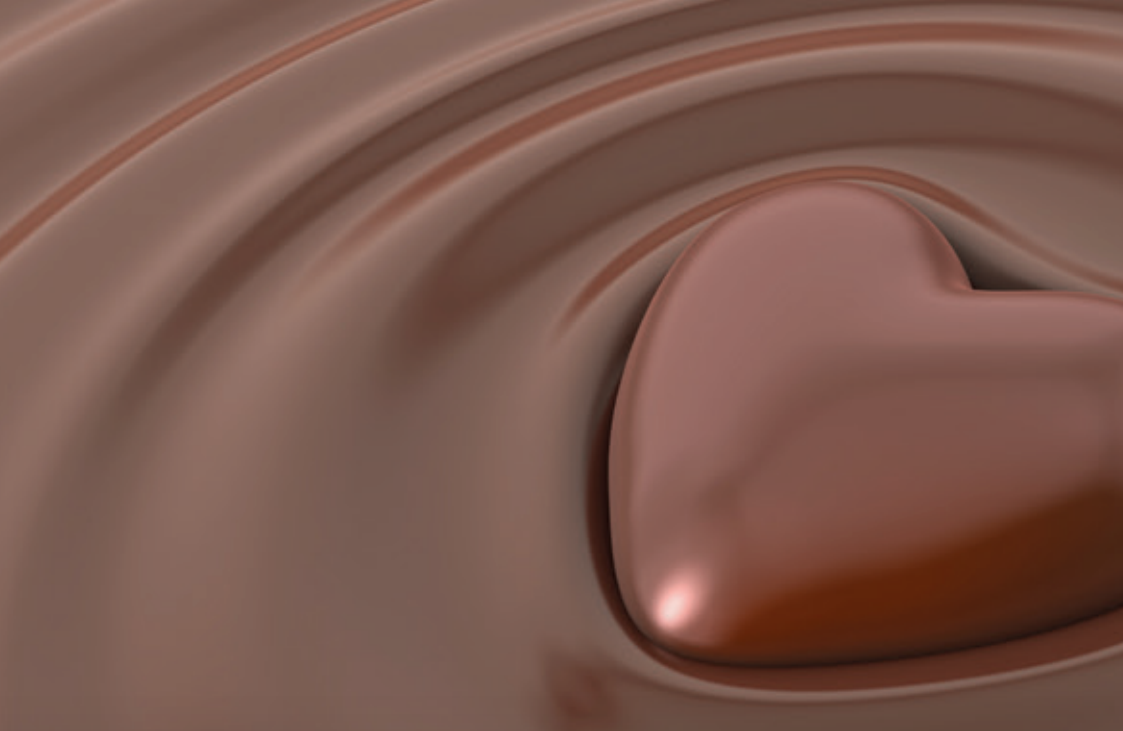
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CHOCOLATE-FLAVOURED STAMPS FROM BELGIUM

“Belgium celebrates the art of the chocolatier with tasty stamp issue.”

Whether you're a philatelist, a chocoholic, or indeed both, here's a story that's bound to get your taste buds a-tingling. This year The Belgian Post Office issued over 500,000 limited edition stamps with a decidedly choco-licious theme.

Nothing terribly unusual about that, we hear you say. After all, Belgium chocolatiers have enjoyed considerable fame throughout the world for turning out rather excellent chocolate since as far back as the 17th century. These days the country produces a massive 270,000 tonnes each year.

This year the Belgian Post Office issued a set of five stamps. However, this set of five

tasty stamps didn't just feature images of chocolate – including sprinkles, chocolate, chocolate spread, rough pieces and chocolate bars – on the front, the glue on the back was infused with the essence of cocoa oil, so they actually tasted of chocolate when you licked the back of the stamp. Furthermore, essence of cocoa oil in the ink meant the stamps smelled of chocolate, too. So both the sender and recipient were able to enjoy a unique Belgian chocolate sensory experience.

This is not the first time a country has produced flavoured stamps. France, Britain and Germany have each issued stamps people love to lick, from eucalyptus and



lemon to apple and strawberry flavours. Nor is this the first time for scented postage stamps. But the Belgian chocolate stamps are unique in that they combine both flavour and fragrance.

The project to produce these chocolate stamps involved experts from a number of European countries, including Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland. The stamps – limited to overseas post – retailed for €6.20 for a sheet of five stamps.

The Belgian Post Office has issued chocolate-themed stamps on two previous occasions in the past. In 1999, it issued a

series of stamps featuring the process of chocolate production. Seven years later, in 2006, chocolate again appeared on a Belgian stamp as part of a gastronomy issue. Other unique Belgian stamps in the pipeline include a glow-in-the-dark stamp designed to promote road safety in the country, and a special heat-sensitive stamp in celebration of the upcoming centenary of the Royal Meteorological Institute in Belgium.

Hats off to The Belgian Post Office for producing one of the most innovative, and tastiest, stamp issues in quite some time!

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Give a legendary present this year! Cúchulainn is the legendary warrior of Irish mythology. Standing 23cm tall and mounted on a wooden base, with a name plate suitable for engraving. The Cúchulainn statue provides an impressive centrepiece for any setting.

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This year's collection of our First Day Covers is the perfect way to acquire every Irish Stamp FDC issued for 2013. John F. Kennedy, The Port of Cork and the Irish Defence Forces are some of the many First Day Covers in this collection.

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The ideal Christmas gift, this is the chance to capture all of our commemorative stamps from 2013 in one, high-quality pack. The Year Pack contains the Centenary of the General Lockout stamps featuring Jim Larkin, James Connolly and Countess Markievicz.

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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 2013. Please see below details of stamp issues from 2012 that you may wish to purchase before they are consigned to history.



Barnardos Ireland

Issue Date: 11 October, 2012

Expiry Date: 11 October, 2013

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Barnardos in Ireland, An Post issued a new stamp created by Zinc Design Consultants. Today, Barnardos is the leading children's charity in the country with more than 40 centres located in communities throughout the Republic of Ireland.



Christmas 2012

Issue Date: 08 November, 2012

Expiry Date: 08 November, 2013

For Christmas 2012, An Post issued three new Christmas stamps created by Zinc Design Consultants. Two SOAR format stamps (55c and 82c) featured *The Adoration of the Shepherds* by Girolamo Troppa and *The Adoration of the Magi* by Jan Brueghel the Elder. A third stamp from the Christmas Stamp Booklet depicted a traditional Christmas candle.

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LAST CHANCE

DATE OF ISSUE	PRODUCT/ITEM	PRODUCT CODE	UOM	QUANTITY	PRICE	VALUE
03-Oct	The Irish Volunteer Force 60c Stamp	131560	EA		€0.60	
03-Oct	The Irish Volunteer Force 60c Sheetlet	131560	SH		€9.60	
03-Oct	The Irish Volunteer Force FDC	1315FDC	EA		€1.60	
17-Oct	Contemporary Public Buildings 60c Se-tenant Stamps	131660ST	EA		€1.20	
17-Oct	Contemporary Public Buildings 90c Se-tenant Stamps	131690ST	EA		€1.80	
17-Oct	Contemporary Public Buildings 60c Sheetlet	131660ST	S8		€9.60	
17-Oct	Contemporary Public Buildings 90c Sheetlet	131690ST	S8		€14.40	
17-Oct	Contemporary Public Buildings Miniature Sheet	1316MS	EA		€3.00	
17-Oct	Contemporary Public Buildings Miniature Sheet FDC	1316FDCMS	EA		€4.00	
17-Oct	Contemporary Public Buildings FDC	1316FDC	EA		€4.00	
07-Nov	Christmas 2013 Stamp Booklet	1317BK	EA		€15.00	
07-Nov	Christmas 2013 Stamp Pair (ex booklet)	1317SAS1	EA		€1.20	
07-Nov	Christmas 2013 Stamp SOAR Strip	1317SAS2	EA		€1.50	
07-Nov	Christmas 2013 FDC	1317FDC	EA		€3.10	
Dec	Irish Stamp Year Book 2013	13YB	EA		€65.00	
Dec	Irish Stamp Year Pack 2013	13YP	EA		€32.00	
Dec	Special Luxury Edition Year Book 2013	13YBS	EA		€200.00	
Dec	First Day Cover Collection 2013	13FDCYP	EA		€60.00	
	Prestige Booklet Pack	13PBKSET	EA		€25.00	
	Statue of Cúchulainn	STAU09	EA		€90.00	
	An Post Van Set	03VANSET	EA		€60.00	
02-Apr	National Stamp Booklet	13DBK1	EA		€6.00	
02-Apr	International Stamp Booklet	13DBK2	EA		€9.00	
02-Apr	Stamp Coil	13DSASR	EA		€60.00	
11-Oct	Barnardos Ireland 55c Stamp	121555	EA		€0.55	
11-Oct	Barnardos Ireland Sheetlet	121555	SH		€8.80	
08-Nov	Christmas 2012 Stamp Booklet	1216BK	EA		€13.75	
08-Nov	Christmas 2012 Stamp Pair (ex booklet)	1216SAS1	EA		€1.10	
08-Nov	Christmas 2012 Stamp SOAR Strip	1216SAS2	EA		€1.37	

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