



IRISH STAMPS

# THE COLLECTOR

## **Thomas Davis**

Recognising one of Ireland's great thinkers.

## **Game Icons**

Four new stamps celebrating modern popular culture.

## **Christmas 2014**

A preview of An Post's 2014 festive issue.

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# An Post Van Set



*Product Code: 03VANSET  
Price: €60.00*

An official limited edition collection of five An Post Model Vehicles is available to purchase from the Philatelic Shop, GPO, Dublin 1. The vehicles featured, which measure 80mm x 30mm approx. are, the Model T Ford, Horse Drawn Vehicle, Anglia Van, Transit Bus and VW Transporter. Each of these vehicles featured in the fleet over the years and has its own legitimate Fleet Number.

The collection is contained in a superb presentation box set. A card showing an illustration of the General Post Office sits on top of a foam underlay. The models are housed in five cut-outs making for a delightful set. The collection is limited to 2,500 sets with each one being certificated and individually numbered.

*This limited edition collection costs €60 (postage €6.00 within Ireland and €7.50 rest of the world) and is a must-buy for model enthusiasts and collectors alike. Available now from the Philatelic Shop, GPO, Dublin 1, 00353 (1) 705 7400 or online at [www.irishstamps.ie](http://www.irishstamps.ie).*

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## DEAR COLLECTOR...

Welcome to the fourth and final issue of the Collector for 2014. This issue celebrates icons from our past, both distant and contemporary as well as glancing towards the end of the year and festive season.

On page 6 we honour a great Irish nationalist and philosopher, Thomas Davis. The stamp was designed by Conor & David and features a portrait of Thomas Davis.

We feature on page 8 Mario, Sonic the Hedgehog, Pac Man and Space Invaders, four of the most recognisable gaming icons in modern international culture. These icons are celebrated with four stamp issues designed by Zinc Design Consultants.

An Post will issue three stamps for Christmas 2014 featured on page 10. Two of the stamps feature details from stained glass windows by Harry Clarke. The third stamp, which will appear in the Christmas Promotional Booklet, features a young girl playing the part of an angel in a children's Nativity play designed by Vermillion Design.

On page 12 we offer gift ideas, this year's annual products. The Irish Stamps Year Book 2014 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 2014 contains a brief overview of each subject in the programme, together with the commemorative stamps in a single, high gloss folder.

Discover what's driving global demand for rare stamps on page 14. As a new record for a stamp was set this year in August, the question must be asked is rare stamp collecting in a bubble?

Don't forget to check out our Last Chance Saloon on page 18 for your final opportunity to get your hands on stamps issued for Contemporary Public Buildings and Christmas 2013.

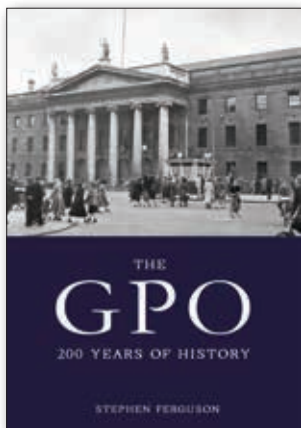
I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy festive season.

Joanne Ferris,  
Irish Stamps

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# NEWS & INFORMATION

## The GPO – 200 Years of History



In this beautifully produced and illustrated book, Stephen Ferguson, who is Assistant Secretary of An Post and Curator of its museum, tells the story of the GPO and the people who have played an integral part in its history over the centuries.

Designed by Francis Johnston, Dublin's iconic GPO has been the communications hub of Ireland for 200 years. Famous as the headquarters of the men and women of the 1916 Rising, the building has witnessed not only great events but many ordinary personal stories as well.

If you would like to buy this book or you would like more information visit [www.irishstamps.ie](http://www.irishstamps.ie).

**PRODUCT CODE 14B PRICE €15.00**

## STAMPA

STAMPA, the National Stamp Exhibition, takes place 17-19 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 42nd 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 the event promises to be a great focal point for all collectors.

STAMPA 2014 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 15th November at The Imperial Hotel, Ballroom, Cork. An Post and leading Irish stamp and coin dealers will be attendance. Admission will be €5.00 for adults and accompanied children will be admitted free of charge. Expert dealers will provide free valuations of stamps, coins and medals.

An attraction at this show will be the overprinted souvenirs only available at the Cork Stamp and Coin Exhibition.

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# THOMAS DAVIS

“Honouring a great Irish nationalist and philosopher.”

Thomas Davis was a writer, lawyer and philosopher whose writings had a significant effect on Irish national thought for long after his death in 1845.

Davis was born in Mallow, County Cork, in 1814 but moved to Dublin in 1818. In 1831 he began studying history, law, political philosophy and works on travel in Trinity College, Dublin, graduating in 1836. He was called to the Irish Bar a year later.

Davis also spent some time in England and in Europe where he studied languages and

built up his library. In 1837 he published a pamphlet on reform of the Lords, anonymously, and began his political career by joining Daniel O’Connell’s Loyal National Repeal Association.

In 1840 he made a notable speech at Trinity’s Historical Society, pleading for studies of Irish history before writing for ‘The Citizen’, a monthly, established by leading members of the Historical Society and for the ‘Dublin Morning Register’.

In 1842, Davis produced the newspaper ‘The





## Technical details

Date of Issue:	October 9, 2014
Values & Quantity:	68c (136k)
Design:	Conor & David
Stamp Size:	29.79mm x 40.64mm
Colour:	Two colour (Black and PANTONE® 3272) with Phosphor tagging
Make-up:	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations:	14 x 15
Printing Process:	Lithography
Printer:	Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd



**PRODUCT CODE 1417FDC PRICE €1.68**

Nation', whose first weekly issue appeared on 15th October 1842. Its slogan was 'Educate that you may be Free' together with Davis' nationalist verse proved very popular with readership soon reaching 250,000, outstripping every other Dublin journal and fulfilling its aim 'to direct the popular mind and the sympathies of educated men of all parties to the great end of Nationality'.

Thomas Davis was perhaps best known for writing Irish ballads, most famously 'A Nation Once Again' and 'The West's Asleep'. In 1842–45 Davis assumed the leadership of a new

political group 'The Young Irelanders' who, like O'Connell, demanded repeal of the Union.

Thomas Davis died on 16 September, 1845.

The stamp, by Irish designers Conor & David, features a portrait of Thomas Davis.

If you would like to buy this stamp or first day cover, use the order form attached, call +353 (1) 705 7400 or visit [www.irishstamps.ie](http://www.irishstamps.ie) from the date of issue.



# GAME ICONS

“Celebrating four of the most popular”  
icons of modern culture.

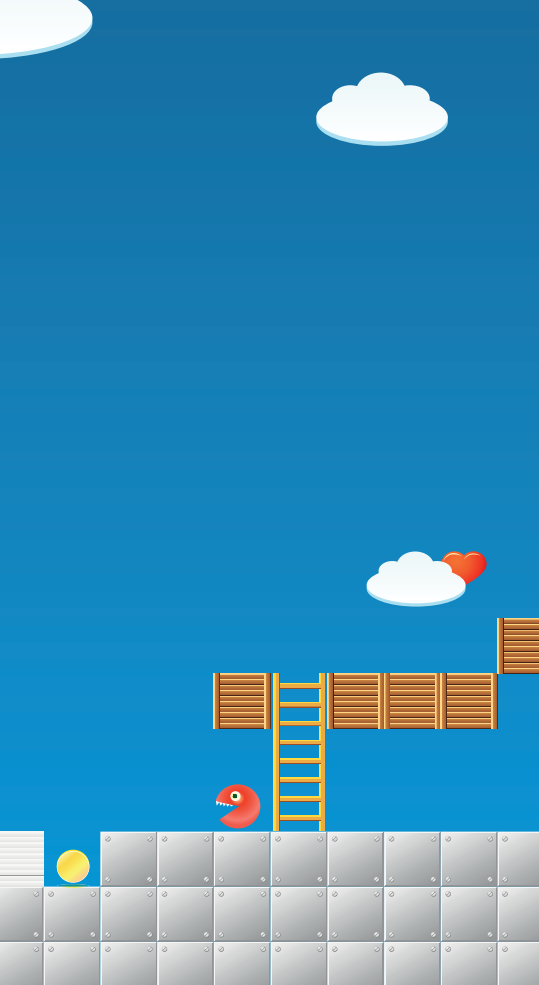
Four of the most recognisable game icons in modern international culture are being celebrated in this issue from An Post: Mario© (2014) Nintendo Co. Ltd., Sonic the Hedgehog©Sega, Pac Man©BNGI and Space Invaders©Taito Corp.1978, 2014.

Today video games are written for, and targeted at, people of all ages from all walks of life and both sexes. But during the 1980s and 1990s, games were mostly marketed towards children and quickly became a multibillion dollar industry.

Over those pioneering 20 years, four iconic figures stood out: Mario© (2014) Nintendo Co. Ltd., an Italian plumber was the biggest selling game series of all time. He actually first appeared in another game in 1981, the arcade game Donkey Kong©Nintendo, but has since appeared in over 200 video games.

The blue, distinctive looking, Sonic the Hedgehog©Sega was created as a rival to Nintendo’s mascot. He first appeared in the game of the character’s name on June 23, 1991 on the Sega Mega Drive and has been blazing a trail of success for Sega for 23 years with





## Technical details

Date of Issue:	October 16, 2014
Value & Quantity:	4 x 68c Block (256k)
Design:	Zinc Design Consultants
Stamp Size:	33.8mmx 44.45mm
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.



**PRODUCT CODE 1418FDC PRICE €3.72**

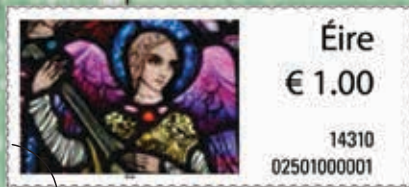
over 70 video games grossing over \$5 billion in sales. Pac Man©BNGI appeared a year before in 1980. Here players steered the yellow dot around levels of mazes as it ate pac-dots (also called pellets) and fruit while avoiding ghosts. It became an instant hit, a classic recognised worldwide even today and one of the most fondly remembered games ever.

Two years before that, in 1978, Space Invaders©Taito Corp.1978, 2014 was developed by Tomohiro Nishikado and was originally manufactured and sold by Taito in Japan. One of the first ever alien-based games and one of

the forerunners of modern video gaming that helped expand the video game industry from a novelty to a global industry.

The four game icon stamps to be issued by An Post were designed by Zinc Design Consultants, the Dublin-based award-winning graphic design studio.

You can buy these stamps and first day cover by using the order form attached, by calling +353 (1) 705 7400 or by logging onto [www.irishstamps.ie](http://www.irishstamps.ie) from date of issue.



# CHRISTMAS 2014

“This year’s Christmas stamps are a blend of the old and the new.”

Christmas has long been the busiest and most important posting time of the year. Every year we try to impress our customers with new and original designs for stamps and first day covers and this year we commissioned Vermillion Design to create three new stamps for Christmas 2014.

Two of the three new stamps will be on our ‘stamps on a roll’ format and these stamps feature details from a stunning stained glass windows by Harry Clarke. Harry Clarke was born in Dublin in 1889. His father ran a decorating business which specialised in a variety of mediums, including stained glass.

As a result, Clarke developed an early interest in church art.

Clarke showed an early talent for stained glass window design, and devoted his life to this and to book illustration. In 1905, he enrolled as a night student in the Dublin Metropolitan School of Art and in 1910 was awarded a scholarship in stained glass, studying with A.E. Child, a skilled stained glass artist and teacher.

As he developed his talent, Clarke began to submit stained glass panels to competitions, one of which won the gold medal in the Board of Education National Competition.



**PRODUCT CODE 1419BK PRICE €17.00**

## Technical details

Date of Issue:	November 6, 2014
Value & Quantities:	68c (28.8m) €1.36 Strip of 2 (15k) €1.68 SOAR pair (15k)
Design:	Vermillion Design
Stamp Size:	25mm x 30mm (Promotional) 56mm x 25mm (SOAR)
Colour:	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make-up:	Booklets of 26
Perforations:	13 x 13 (Promotional) 11 x 11.25 approx. (SOAR)
Printing Process:	Lithography (Promotional) HP Indigo high resolution digital print (SOAR)
Printer:	Walsall Security Print (Promotional) Label Art Ltd. (SOAR)



**PRODUCT CODE 1419FDC PRICE €3.36**

The work was entitled The Consecration of St. Mel, Bishop of Longford, and showed clearly the precocious talent that the young Clarke possessed. Another of his panels, The Baptism of St. Patrick, was selected for an exhibition in the Louvre in 1914. Clarke continued to work on stained glass schemes, the most famous of which perhaps being eleven stunning windows in the Honan Chapel in Cork, installed there between the years 1915-17.

The third stamp in this series and this one will appear in the Christmas Promotional Booklet, features a young girl who about five years old

playing the part of an angel in a children's Nativity play.

All three Christmas stamps from An Post are distinctly Irish and were designed by Vermillion Design in Dublin.

You can order these stamps and the first day cover by using the order form attached, by calling +353 (1) 705 7400 or by visiting [www.irishstamps.ie](http://www.irishstamps.ie) from the date of issue.

# Irish Stamp Annual Products 2014

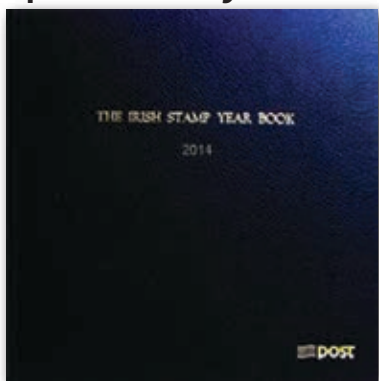
## Irish Stamp Year Book 2014



The 2014 Irish Stamp Yearbook is the perfect gift for philatelists or anybody with an interest in Irish Culture and History. The 52 page book contains editorial and imagery on all of the subjects featured in the stamp programme, along with each stamp and miniature sheet, full technical details and first day of issue cancelations. The print run is limited to 1500 copies, with each book individually numbered. Priced at just €65, order yours today!

**Product Code 14YB Price €65.00**

## Special Luxury Edition Year Book 2014



A special luxury edition, featuring gold leaf embossing and edging and covered in covered full sheep's leather with a matching leather slip case is also available. Hand finished by skilled craftsmen, only 100 copies are produced. These are highly sought after and make a prestigious gift, which will be treasured for years to come.

**Product Code 14YBS Price €200.00**

## Irish Stamp Year Pack 2014



Buy the Irish Stamp Year Book 2014, Irish Stamp Year Pack 2014 and First Day Cover Collection 2014 from 21st November by using the order form attached, by calling +353 (1) 705 7400 or by logging onto [www.irishstamps.ie](http://www.irishstamps.ie).



This is your chance to capture all of our commemorative stamps from 2014 in one high-quality pack. The 2014 Year Pack contains an exclusive free limited edition black print stamp. Collectors please note that this black print Cat stamp will not be available to purchase elsewhere.

**Product Code 14YP Price €35.00**

## First Day Cover Collection 2014



This year's collection of our First Day Covers is the perfect way to acquire every Irish Stamp FDC issued for 2014. Brendan Beehan (1923 – 1964) and Viking Heritage are some of the many First Day Covers in this collection.

**Product Code 14FDCYP Price €65.00**





# WHY ARE PRICES FOR RARE STAMPS RISING?

“With a new price record reached investors are looking closely at stamps.”

As a new record for a stamp was set this year, the question must be asked is rare stamp collecting in a bubble? The stamp in question is the 1856 British Guiana One-Cent Black on Magenta belonging to the late eccentric heir and famous murderer John du Pont. The stamp was sold at auction by Sotheby's New York for \$9.5 million - although it had been expected to reach between \$10 million and \$20 million.

When an investment or asset breaks a sale record like this, it invariably draws the attention of analysts who wonder if they are seeing an investment bubble.

Because it is such an unusual stamp, you can't really draw conclusions about the market in general from this one sale. In fact, Linn's U.S. Stamp Market Index (which is based on fine and very fine stamps tracked by Linn's Stamp News) was down 1% over the last 12 months. Linn's also tell us that prices for 19th-Century U.S. stamps fell 2.3% over the past year and Twentieth-Century stamps decreased 0.2% at the same time (although airmail prices were up 3.2%).

So it's a gently undulating market and certainly not booming or in a bubble. Many experts





believe the demand for investment-grade stamps has been steady.

But there is an increasing demand for rare stamps emerging, according to the experts at Stanley Gibbons. There is a higher demand from China where stamps are seen as easily transported investments but also have culture and heritage attached to them. Also, Chairman Mao banned stamp collecting so there is something of a backlash now.

The market is very active in India too where access to investment-grade stamps is very limited, since the country has closed its borders to stamps going in or out.

There will always be stamp collectors and stamps are a finite asset which means in the long run prices will slowly rise. As economies recover and investable income becomes available, people look for rare stamps. In tougher times, they also look to stamps as they have such a strong track record in the long term.

In both global economic swings, stamps maintain their value. Add in the current demand from India and China and you see why prices for rare stamps are rising gently.

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# Looking for that special gift this Christmas?



## An Post Van Set

Treat someone special to a wonderfully crafted set of five An Post Model Vehicles. The vehicles featured are the Model T Ford, Horse Drawn Vehicle, Anglia Van, Transit Bus, and VW Transporter. Each of these vehicles has its own legitimate Fleet Number.

Price: **€60.00**

Product Code 03VANSET



## Cúchulainn Statue

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.

Price **€90.00**

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## FDC Collection 2014

This year's collection of our First Day Covers is the perfect way to acquire every Irish Stamp FDC issued in 2013. Home Rule Act 1934, Bloom and the Irish Prison Service are some of the many First Day Covers in this collection.

Price **€65.00**

Product Code 14FDCYP



## Irish Stamp Year Pack 2014

The ideal Christmas gift, this is the chance to capture all of our commemorative stamps from 2014 in one, high-quality pack. The Year Pack contains the Seamus Heaney (1939 – 2013) stamp issue honouring one of Ireland's greatest poets.

Price **€35.00**

Product Code 14YP



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# 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 2014. Please see below details of stamp issues from 2013 that you may wish to purchase before they are consigned to history.



## The Irish Volunteer Force

**Issue Date:** 03 October, 2013

**Expiry Date:** 03 October, 2014

To mark the centenary of the Irish Volunteer Force, An Post issued 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.



## Contemporary Public Buildings

**Issue Date:** 17 October, 2013

**Expiry Date:** 17 October, 2014

To celebrate contemporary public buildings in Ireland, An Post issued four stamps designed by Zinc Design Consultants. Ireland's rich architectural heritage spans the centuries but in recent years a thriving Contemporary architectural style has emerged.



## Christmas 2013

**Issue Date:** 7 November, 2013

**Expiry Date:** 7 November, 2014

An Post issued 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 the 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.



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	09-Oct	Thomas Davis (1814 - 1845) 68c Sheetlet	141768	SH		€10.88	
	09-Oct	Thomas Davis (1814 - 1845) FDC	1417FDC	EA		€1.68	
LOT 2	16-Oct	Game Icons 68c Block of 4	141868ST	EA		€2.72	
	16-Oct	Game Icons 68c Sheetlet	1418ST	S4		€10.88	
	16-Oct	Game Icons FDC	1418FDC	EA		€3.72	
LOT 3	06-Nov	Christmas 2014 Stamp Booklet	1419BK	BK		€17.00	
	06-Nov	Christmas 2014 Stamp Pair (ex booklet)	1419SA51	EA		€1.36	
	06-Nov	Christmas 2014 Stamp SOAR Strip	1419SA52	EA		€1.68	
	06-Nov	Christmas 2014 FDC	1419FDC	EA		€3.36	
LOT 4	Nov	Irish Stamp Year Book 2014	14YB	EA		€65.00	
	Nov	Irish Stamp Year Pack 2014	14YP	EA		€35.00	
	Nov	Special Luxury Edition Year Book 2014	14YBS	EA		€200.00	
	Nov	First Day Cover Collection 2014	14FDCYP	EA		€65.00	
LAST CHANCE		Statue of Cúchulainn	STAU09	EA		€90.00	
		An Post Van Set	03VANSET	EA		€60.00	
		The GPO – 200 Years of History Book	14B	EA		€15.00	
LAST CHANCE	03-Oct	The Irish Volunteer Force 60c Stamp	131560	EA		€0.60	
	03-Oct	The Irish Volunteer Force 60c Sheetlet	131560	SH		€9.60	
	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	
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# Letters, Lives & Liberty

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.

General Post Office, O'Connell Street, Dublin 1.  
Monday - Saturday: 10am to 5.00pm. Admission €2.00  
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