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The world’s second largest natural deepwater harbour

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Eight new stamps celebrating Ireland’s biodiversity

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

Sail away to the Port of Cork on page 6. Our three stamps depict the major port activities: freight, leisure and cruise.

Phase IV of our Seventh Definitive Series – Irish Animals and Marine Life will be issued in August. These stamps feature eight species that are found on this island and its surrounding waters.

Commemorate the General Lockout on page 10. The stamps marking this historic event feature three very important individuals associated with the lockout: Jim Larkin, James Connolly and Countess Markievicz.

On page 12 we view the stamps of the Irish Defence Forces which comprises the Army, Naval Service, Air Corps and Reserve Defence Force.

Ireland is a diverse society and it is important that we celebrate this diversity and ensure that our communities are inclusive. View our stamps on page 14 designed by Atelier David Smith featuring photographic images of migrants and the children of migrants who were born in Ireland. They have created new lives for themselves here and continue to contribute to and improve Irish society.

You can read all about the history of Ireland’s first railway on page 16. A set of four stamps were designed to commemorate the opening of the DART and the Dublin and Kingston railway.

Don’t forget to check out our Last Chance Saloon on page 18 for the final opportunity to get your hands on 150th Anniversary of Dublin Fire Brigade, Significant Science Milestones, Olympic Games 2012 and Myths and Legends.

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

Clare Walsh,
Marketing Executive,
Irish Stamps

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Celebrating 50 years of The Irish Cancer Society

On 21 March a new stamp marking the 50th anniversary of the Irish Cancer Society was unveiled by An Tánaiste, Eamon Gilmore as part of the annual Daffodil Day fundraising operation. The stamp was designed by Red Dog Design and features a bright yellow daffodil.

John McCormack, CEO, Irish Cancer Society, said that it was a special day for the Irish Cancer Society with the launch of An Post’s commemorative stamp to mark 50 years of the Society providing care and support to those with and affected by cancer.

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New First Day Cover Layout

On 1 August, An Post – Irish Stamps will introduce a new First Day Cover layout which was designed by Zinc Design Consultants.
Spring Stamp and Coin Show

The Spring Stamp and Coin Show took place on a bright, sunny 7 April this year. Good publicity ensured a steady footfall with over 400 attending. A free valuation service brought in many varied collections of stamps and coins and there was brisk trading at the dealer stands. An Post had a full complement of products on sale and many collectors were successful in filling gaps in their collections. A varied exhibit was displayed by the stamp societies’ members and an interesting number of visitors from abroad attended. A number of the show souvenir overprinted wedding booklets are still available at €8 each; contact Mike Kelly 086 871 4880 to secure one.

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.

Competitive displays, advice on collecting and the main stamp clubs in attendance, add 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. 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.

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JFK First Day Covers

A limited quantity of JFK First Day Covers with the New Ross cancellation are now available. Buy the First Day Cover by calling + 353 (1) 705 7400.
Strategically situated at the mouth of the River Lee, Cork Harbour is one of the largest natural deepwater harbours in the world, as well as the second busiest seaport in Ireland. Once famous as a safe harbour for war fleets during both the American War of Independence and the Napoleonic Wars, today the Port of Cork provides and facilitates myriad commercial activities and services including Bulks, Cruise, Pilotage, Channel Dredging and Land and Property Rental.

In terms of freight, the Port of Cork operates 24/7, 365 days a year. It is one of just two Irish ports with the capability to service every freight shipping mode, including Lift-on Lift-off, Roll-on Roll-off, Liquid Bulk, Dry Bulk, Break Bulk and Cruise. These vital commercial operations are carried out at four separate locations in and around the natural deepwater harbour: City Quays, Tivoli, Ringaskiddy and Cobh. The port features an excellent road network that facilitates freight traffic entering and leaving. While prompt and efficient vessel turnarounds also serve to copper-fasten Cork’s reputation as a world-class freight port.
The Port of Cork can lay claim to Ireland’s only dedicated cruise berth in Cobh. Cruise liners can also be handled in Ringaskiddy Deepwater Quay and the City Quays. With its ideal location and no tidal issues, the Port of Cork is perfectly placed to handle cruises to and from northern Europe, the Mediterranean and the Caribbean.

Cork’s magnificent natural harbour is home to a wide array of popular marine leisure pursuits, including sailing – the harbour boasts the world’s oldest sailing club – rowing, fishing, walking, running and cycling. With so much to do, the harbour is a natural leisure resource to be treasured.

To highlight the Port of Cork, An Post is issuing a set of three stamps designed by Steve Simpson and depicting the port’s three major activities: freight, leisure and cruise.

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In this the fourth phase of the highly popular Irish Animals and Marine Life series, An Post is issuing eight new stamps in the SOAR (Stamps On A Roll) format that further celebrate the wondrous biodiversity of animal and marine life in Ireland.

The Irish marine life stamps feature the Cushion Star, Red Tube Worm, European Eel and Common Seal.

The Cushion Star is a soft-bodied sea star that lives in depths of up to 1,000 metres. Sometimes the Cushion Star is called a Slime Star as it excretes thick mucus to ward off predators. The Cushion Star’s preferred food is the cloud sponge. Found in most temperate seas around the world, the Red Tube Worm can reach a length of 7cm, and can have as many as 70 red or pink tube-like tentacles. They are quite common on the northwest coast of Ireland.

The European Eel migrates across the Atlantic Ocean to the Sargasso Sea to spawn. The young elvers then return to Europe – a journey that can take upwards of three years. Also known as the harbour seal, the Common Seal

IRISH ANIMALS AND MARINE LIFE – PHASE IV

“...A further celebration of Ireland’s rich biodiversity.”
is frequently spotted in Irish coastal waters. Males can reach 1.9 metres in length, weigh up to 170 kg and live for as long as 35 years.

The Irish animals stamps feature the Natterjack Toad, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Red Fox and the Black-legged Kittiwake.

The Natterjack Toad is a notoriously poor swimmer. In fact it can easily drown if unable to reach the shore. Roughly the size of a blackbird, the Great Spotted Woodpecker feeds on insects, seeds and nuts. Males are identifiable by a distinctive red patch on the back of the head.

With its orange and red fur and long bushy tail, the Red Fox is commonplace throughout Europe. Its varied diet consists of small birds, mammals and insects. A medium-sized gull, the Black-legged Kittiwake, spends most of its time at sea, returning to land to breed on cliff faces. The gull is monogamous during the mating season.

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Anyone who has ever read James Plunkett’s best-selling novel, *Strumpet City*, will be all too familiar with the deplorable living conditions that existed in Dublin during the early part of the 20th Century. The grinding poverty of tenement life, rampant disease and meagre pay for the city’s largely unskilled working class meant that social change was long overdue.

In 1908, James Larkin – who two years earlier had been elected to lead the National Union of Dock Labourers in England – arrived in Dublin and set up the Irish Transport and General Workers’ Union (ITGWU). Five years later, the ITGWU was the largest trade union in Ireland with more than 10,000 members. Larkin was firmly ensconced as a legitimate working class hero.

The stage was now set for a bitter confrontation between the ITGWU and big business in Dublin. William Martin Murphy, an anti-trade unionist, who owned the Dublin United Tramway Company (DUTC), as well as a number of other companies, was adamant that should any of his DUTC employees join Larkin’s union, they would be fired.

**CENTENARY OF THE GENERAL LOCKOUT**

“A historic event that still resonates to this day.”
On 26 August, 1913, Larkin retaliated by urging the DUTC members in his union to strike. The DUTC’s next move was to lock out their striking employees, at which point Larkin unleashed a wave of strikes involving other companies owned by Murphy. The response was swift and clinical: the employers’ federation decided to lock out any member of the ITGWU and bring in strike-breakers.

The results were sadly predictable: 20,000 workers and their families went without a wage. While the lockout did not result in improved pay and conditions, it meant employers could no longer treat workers with the same disregard as before.

To mark the centenary of the General Lockout, An Post is issuing a set of three stamps designed by Ger Garland and featuring three prominent figures associated with the lockout: James Connolly, Countess Markiewicz and Jim Larkin.

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The Irish Defence Forces comprises the Army, Naval Service, Air Corps and Reserve Defence Force. Their wide-ranging remit includes defending the State against armed aggression; assisting An Garda Síochána – when called upon – in matters of law and order and State security; supporting the international efforts of the United Nations in terms of peacekeeping, crisis management and humanitarian relief; and providing a fishery protection service in accordance with the State’s obligations as a member of the European Union.

Since 1958, when a group of fifty officers was assigned to peacekeeping duties in the Lebanon, the Irish Defence Forces have served with great distinction overseas. During the
UN mission to the Congo (1960 – 1964), almost 6,000 Irish soldiers were involved. This operation also marked the first occasion an Irish contingent was armed. (Armed in this instance means lightly armed for self-defence purposes only.) Subsequent UN missions involving the Irish Defence Forces include Cyprus, the Sinai, South Lebanon and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

To salute the proud history of the Irish Defence Forces, An Post is issuing a set of four stamps designed by Zinc Design Consultants. The stamps depict the four branches of the Irish Defence Forces in action.

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Despite the economic downturn, the 2011 Census revealed that over 500,000 people in Ireland were non-Irish nationals – an increase of 30% on the previous Census in 2006.

In 2012, the Department of Justice saw a 6% increment in Irish visa applications made by non-Irish nationals. Nearly 88,000 applications were processed over the course of the year, with 91% of them being approved. The top five nationalities applying for Irish visas were India (16%), Russia (14%) and China (11%), followed by Nigeria (8%) and Turkey (5%).

Fifty years ago, it would have been impossible to imagine this level of inward migration to Ireland. Even twenty years ago, it would have seemed fanciful, at best. But economic prosperity, the free movement of people and a labour shortage in Ireland at the time meant that the doors were flung open to immigrants from many different countries around the world.

So what are some of the ongoing benefits this diversity of peoples brings to Irish society? Other countries around the world with an open door policy have found that a multicultural society is more likely to be successful in attracting foreign direct investment; ethnic

IRELAND – AN INTEGRATED SOCIETY

“Diversity enriches all of us in so many ways.”
Diversity enriches all of us in so many ways. Restaurants and shops add colour and spice to local Irish communities; the horizons of Irish school children are broadened by coming in contact with children from other countries; and in a business sense, non-nationals can enhance creativity, productivity and decision-making through diverse approaches.

The influx of migrants over the last 10 years has helped shape a more socially and culturally diverse society, and in so doing transform Ireland from a monoculutral country into an inclusive multicultural nation.

To celebrate Ireland’s integrated society, An Post is issuing four stamps designed by Atelier David Smith featuring photographic images of migrants who have made Ireland their new home.

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To commemorate the opening of the DART and the Dublin and Kingstown Railway, An Post issued a set of four stamps in 1984 designed by Charles Rycraft. The stamps depicted illustrations of the engine *Hibernia* stopping at Blackrock; a 4-6-0 Great Southern Railways engine; a 4-4-0 Great Northern Railway engine; and a modern DART train.

Back in 1984, when DART (Dublin Area Rapid Transit) services began, it marked exactly 150 years since Ireland’s very first railway opened. On the morning of 17 December, 1834, the engine *Hibernia* puffed out of what was then Westland Row station (now Dublin Pearse) to the cheers of the assembled crowd. The train, pulling First, Second and Third Class carriages, made one stop at Blackrock before proceeding to Kingstown (Dun Laoghaire).

The whole event was huge at the time, though it must be said the fares were quite the opposite, even for the day: one shilling for a First Class ticket, eight pence for a Second Class ticket and six pence for Third Class.

From the first day of service, when the railway carried more than 5,000 passengers, the Dublin and Kingstown Railway went from strength to strength. Intermediate stations between Westland Row and Kingstown were built at Sydney Parade, Sandymount, Merrion, Booterstown and Salthill.

ALL ABOARD IRELAND’S FIRST RAILWAY

“Travel back in time to 1834.”
By March 1836, passenger numbers had risen exponentially to well over one million. Three years later, that figure had increased to 1,341,208 passengers yielding a more than healthy return for investors. It is worth noting that as far back as the 1830s, the busiest periods for the train service were the morning and evening commutes, with a huge fall off in passenger numbers at non-peak times.

One of the lines most profitable and longstanding customers was the mail service. Each morning when the mail boat arrived at Kingstown, a special train was standing by to whisk the overnight mail to Westland Row and then on to the GPO in Sackville Street (now O’Connell Street). So excellent was the mail service that a letter posted in London at 6pm was practically certain to be delivered in Dublin at breakfast time.

The four stamps are no longer available to purchase as stamps are only on sale for a year after issue date.
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 2012. Please see below details of stamp issues from 2012 that you may wish to purchase before they are consigned to history.

150th Anniversary of Dublin Fire Brigade
Issue Date: 28 June, 2012
Expiry Date: 28 June, 2013
To commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Dublin Fire Brigade, An Post issued a set of four stamps created by Zinc Design Consultants. The stamps depict the breadth of services provided by the Dublin Fire Brigade, including general firefighting, chemical firefighting, road traffic rescues and water rescue. The stamp shown is of general firefighting.

Significant Science Milestones
Issue Date: 05 July, 2012
Expiry Date: 05 July, 2013
Two stamps were created by Zinc Design Consultants to mark two significant science milestones. The City of Science stamp depicts The Conference Centre Dublin and a graphic of the molecular structure of DNA. The Robert Boyle stamp features an image of Boyle and his famous formula. The second stamp of Boyle is the stamp shown.
Olympic Games 2012
Issue Date: 19 July, 2012
Expiry Date: 19 July, 2013

To celebrate Ireland’s participation in the Olympic Games in London, An Post issued two stylish stamps designed by Red Dog Design. The 55c stamp shown depicts a graphic interpretation of the medal ceremony. The 82c stamp uses five verticals, combined with contemporary typography, to represent Ireland’s proximity to London and Team Ireland’s short journey across the water.

Myths and Legends
Issue Date: 13 September, 2012
Expiry Date: 13 September, 2013

Based on illustrations by Fergus Lyons and designed by Steve Simpson, this set of four stamps features some of the most popular Irish myths and legends. The story of The Children of Lir is featured on the stamp shown.
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