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# COLLECTOR...

Hello and welcome to the fourth and final edition of The Collector for 2018. Inside, we are very pleased to bring you four new releases to add to your collection.

In October, our stamp issue (see Page 4) calls to mind the catastrophic sinking of the RMS Leinster mailboat in the Irish Sea in the final year of World War I. This was the worst-ever incident involving an Irish-owned ship.

Women aged 30 or older who were university graduates or owned a certain amount of property were granted the right to vote for the first time in the General Election in Britain and Ireland in 1918. This followed lengthy campaigning by suffragettes, including Hanna Sheehy Skeffington, who is featured in one of our 'Popular Democracy' stamp issue – see Page 6 for more information.

This year's Christmas stamps have two very attractive offerings which are featured on Pages 8 and 9. A set of seven stamps will depict special Christmas moments emphasising long-standing seasonal traditions. In addition, a new product is being introduced, which will complement the Elf on the Shelf range that is rapidly gaining popularity in Ireland. This pack will feature a specially designed, limited edition Elf on the Shelf stamp – not to be missed!

Armistice Day – November 11, 1918 – marked the end of the war, in which it is estimated that up to 49,000 Irishmen died. In honouring the memory of all those who perished, one of our two stamp designs commemorating this day (see Page 10) features the well-known Irish war-time poet, Thomas Kettle.

Finally, a reminder: if you haven't obtained stamps issued this time last year, be sure to check out our Last Chance Saloon section on Page 14 where you can claim stamps featuring Postcrossing, Apparitions of Fatima and Christmas 2017.

So, until the New Year and the next edition of The Collector, everyone here at Irish Stamps would like to wish you and yours a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Aileen Mooney Irish Stamps

# **NEWS & INFORMATION**

## **STAMPA 2018**

Stampa, the annual Irish National Stamp Exhibition will once again be held in the Griffith Conference Centre on the campus of Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8 from Friday October 5, to Sunday October 7, 2018. The opening times for Friday and Saturday is 11:00am to 6:00pm while Sunday is 11:00am to 5:00pm.

Admission to this year's show is free of charge in addition to free parking on site. There will be a vast array of dealers from home and abroad in attendance. An Post will have a vast range of current issues for sale and will display materials from their archives.

## CORK STAMP AND COIN EXHIBITION 2018

The Cork Stamp & Coin Exhibition will take place on Saturday, November 17, 2018 from 10:00am to 4:00pm at The Imperial Hotel, South Mall, Cork. Admission will be €3.00 for adults and accompanied children will be admitted free of charge.

Dealers from all over Ireland are booked to attend and in addition to having their extensive stocks for sale they will also provide free valuations on stamps, coins and postcards.

A souvenir booklet featuring the John Redmond stamp and overprinted Native Irish Bees miniature sheet souvenir will be available at the door and a special postmark will be in use at the exhibition with illustrated covers also on sale. All details are available from Padraig O Shea, Raven Stamps, 12 Washington Street West, Cork.

Telephone (021) 427 1750 or (087) 257 4309 E-mail ravenstamps@gmail.com

# SOAR COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

From August 2018, An Post Stamp Design introduced eight new stamp images to the SOAR roll. These images were selected from An Post's annual programme of commemorative stamps, 2016 – 2018 and represent different aspect of Irish life and culture.

The SOAR Definitive stamps – Ninth Definitive Series, Phase Two of 'A History of Ireland in 100 Objects, a selection' will also continue to appear on SOAR rolls. The order that the stamps will appear on SOAR rolls is as follows: Definitive Series, stamps 1-8 and commemorative, stamps 9-16. This rotation will alternate after each run of 16 stamps.

The commemorative stamps featured are:

- Bicentenary of the opening of the General Post Office
- Europa Bridges, Boyne Viaduct
- 50th Anniversary of the founding of Na Píobiairí Uilleann
- Urban Street Art, Irish Deer by James Earley
- Royal Sites of Ireland, Rock of Cashel
- Irish Shop Fronts, Clerkes Shop, Skibereen
- Wild Atlantic Way, Horse riding in Sligo
- Wild Atlantic Way, Surfing in Kerry





ON ID OCTOBER 1918

## **Technical Details**

Date of Issue: October 10, 2018 Value & Quantity: €1.50 (94k) Illustration: Brian Palm Design HQ Stamp Size: 30mm x 51mm Tullis Russell 102gsm PVA gummed Multicolour with phosphor tagging Make-up: Sheetlets of 16 Perforations: 13.3 x 13.3 **Printing Process:** Lithography Cartor Security Printing



PRODUCT CODE 1815FDC PRICE €2.50

## **RMS LEINSTER 1918** Centenary of the sinking of the RMS Leinster ??

The sinking of the mailboat, RMS Leinster, in the Irish Sea by a German submarine in 1918 had a particularly devastating impact on the Irish postal service. The estimated death toll of 567 included 21 of the 22 postal workers who were working in the mailroom on board, as the boat made its way from Kingstown (now Dún Laoghaire) to Holyhead in Wales.

Other passengers included Irish members of the British forces and other military personnel returning to fight in World War I, medical staff and civilian passengers. The RMS Leinster torpedo sinking is the worst single disaster in that stretch of water and the greatest ever tragedy to involve an Irish-owned ship. Despite the likelihood (definite statistics are unavailable) that more Irish people perished than were lost on the Titanic in 1912 or on the Lusitania in 1915, the sinking has been overshadowed by these two incidents. However, books on the subject by authors such as Philip Lecane and Roy Stokes have highlighted its devastating consequences. An official commemoration will take place in Dún Laoghaire on October 10 to mark the centenary of the actual date of the sinking and to remember those who perished. This will entail a significant cultural element, as well as a formal commemoration and wreath-laying ceremony, with participation by the Irish Naval Service. On that date, the vessel will also come under the protection of the National Monuments Act, which covers all shipwrecks over 100 years old. To mark the centenary of the sinking, we will issue a special stamp, designed by Design HQ, which is based on a painting of RMS Leinster by artist, Brian Palm. The stamp should be of particular interest to any relatives of passengers on the boat and seafaring enthusiasts, as well as dedicated collectors.

To get your stamp and First Day Cover, use the Order Form attached, call our sales team on +353 (1) 705 7400 or visit our website at **irishstamps.ie** from October 10, 2018.



## **Technical Details**

Date of Issue:OctoberValue & Quantity:€1 Se-teDesign:Ger GarlStamp Size:36mm xPaper:Tullis Ru:<br/>PVA gumColour:Multicol<br/>phosphoMake-up:SheetletPerforations:13.3 x 12Printing Process:LithograPrinter:Cartor So





PRODUCT CODE 1816FDC PRICE €3.00

# POPULAR DEMOCRACY

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The role of women in politics and other aspects of civic society is a much-discussed topic in Ireland at present. The introduction of gender quotas for election candidate selection by political parties was one of the factors that led to the highest-ever number of female TDs (35) being elected to Dáil Éireann in 2016.

This increase in representation is timely, given the fact that this year marks the centenary of when women were first granted the right to vote in the 1918 British General Election, held on December 14. The special stamp we will issue to mark the centenary, which is designed by Ger Garland, features one of the prominent Irish suffragette campaigners, Hanna Sheehy-Skeffington, who co-founded the Irish Women's Franchise League (IWFL) in 1908.

Incidentally, Hanna's role and an original embroidered banner used by the IWFL are featured in a special exhibition organised by the Houses of the Oireachtas, in collaboration with the National Museum and the Sheehy-Skeffington family, which runs until October 19 at Leinster House. An innovative 'pop-up' exhibition, highlighting both the familiar and not-sofamiliar women who have contributed to Irish public life over the past 100 years, will be staged from November until January 2019. Curated by historian Sinéad McCoole, it will be held in the Coach House at Dublin Castle.

The second stamp to be issued on the theme of Popular Democracy commemorates another highly significant aspect of the 1918 election, when the nationalist Sinn Féin party secured a landslide victory over the Irish Parliamentary Party. This ultimately led to the establishment of the Irish Free State in 1922. This stamp features Éamon de Valera, who was elected unopposed as outgoing Member of Parliament for East Clare in 1918 while in prison in Lincoln Jail in England.

You can buy both stamps, which also incorporate the word 'VOTE' and letter 'X' signifying 'Democracy', and the First Day Covers, by using the Order Form attached, calling our sales team on +353 (1) 7057400 or visiting our website at **irishstamps.ie** from October 18, 2018.



Stamps

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4 x €1 STAMPS PLUS 2 x 50C SUPPLIMENT STAMPS

PRODUCT CODE 1817BK1 PRICE €5.00

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18 x €1 STAMPS 4 x 50c STAMP

PRODUCT CODE 1817BK2 PRICE €19.00

# **CHRISTMAS 2018 6** Christmas 2018

This year, we have an exciting Christmas stamp offering that will bring festive cheer to both young and old.

In addition to our ever-popular set of Christmas stamps that will be available in two booklet formats, we have collaborated with the U.S. company, *Elf on the Shelf*, to produce a special Christmas mailing pack collectible that will excite the younger generation.

The *Elf on the Shelf*<sup>®</sup> range has fast become established as a Christmas family tradition in homes across Ireland. It involves a special

Scout Elf, which is sent from the North Pole to help Santa Claus manage his Christmas lists. The Scout Elf flies to the North Pole each night to tell Santa Claus about all of the day's adventures and returns each morning to perch in a different place. Children then love to wake up and race around the house looking for their Scout Elf.

The unique mailing pack we have developed will complement the current *Elf on the* Shelf range, making it an ideal Christmas gift that will appeal to younger audience, in particular. It will feature a limited edition

Elf on the Shelf stamp. The collectible will consist of six postcards and six national stamps, retailing at €9.95.

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A special treat also awaits all those watching out for our usual Christmas stamps which, this year, feature an extensive set of seven stamps that are sure to prove very popular.

Designed by Detail Design Studio, the stamps depict special moments and experiences that are synonymous with the festive season and family celebrations. These include: Christmas dinner; watching the Late Late Toy Show; meeting family and friends at airport arrivals; waiting for Santa; attending Midnight Mass; visiting the local crib and the Star of Bethlehem/Christmas candle.

You can order the Christmas stamp sets and the *Elf on the Shelf* mail pack collectible by using the Order Form attached, calling our sales team on +353 (1) 705 7400 or visiting our website at irishstamps.ie from November 1, 2018.

## **Technical Details**

#### Christmas

Date of Issue:	November 1, 2018
Value & Quantity:	50c (5.44m) €1 (17.88m)
Design:	Detail
Stamp Size:	26mm x 37.5mm
Paper:	Avery Self-adhesive
	ABA free 223gsm
Colour:	Multicolour with
	phosphor tagging
Make-up:	Booklets of 6 and 22
Perforations:	13 x 13 approx.
Printing Process:	Lithography
Printer:	Cartor Security Printing

#### Elf on the Shelf

Date of Issue: Value & Quantity: Design: Stamp Size: Paper: Colour: Make-up: Perforations: Printing Process: Printer:

November 1, 2018 €1 (150k) Javelin Direct 35mm x 35mm Self-adhesive 247gsm Multicolour with phosphor tagging Sheetlets of 6 13 1/4 x 14 Lithography **Cartor Security Printing** 



# **ARMISTICE DAY**

## **6** Centenary of Armistice Day

November 11, 1918 is known as Armistice Day – the day when an agreement was signed between the Allied forces and Germany in a train carriage at Compiègne in northern France, which marked the end of World War I. The date has huge significance for many Irish people and we are issuing two stamps to mark this historic event.

At least 200,000 Irishmen served with British forces during the four-year war, and some estimates put the number who died at over 49,000. While their role may have been largely overlooked in the years that followed, due to complex factors affecting Irish-British relations such as the 1916 Easter Rising and the subsequent War of Independence, their service and sacrifice have now been rightly acknowledged and commemorated.

Each year, they are honoured at the National Day of Commemoration ceremony held in Collins Barracks, Dublin in July. In addition, special State ceremonies are planned to mark the centenary of Armistice Day on November 11 this year. One of our stamps feature an extract from a poem, To My Daughter Betty, the Gift of God, by Irish poet, parliamentarian, intellectual and journalist, Thomas Kettle. Artane, Dublin-born Kettle was a Member of Parliament for the Irish Parliamentary Party and an Irish Volunteer who later joined the National Volunteers and served in the British Army during World War I. He died during the Somme Offensive in 1916.

The second stamp features an extract from In Flanders Fields by the Canadian poet, physician, author and artist, John McCrae, who also served and died during the war.

PRODUCT CODE 1818FDC PRICE €4.00

The time, day and month of the signing of the Armistice, 11.11.11, are over-printed in a UV varnish on the stamps, which are designed by Red&Grey.

You can buy these stamps and also the First Day Covers by using the Order Form attached, calling our sales team on +353 (1) 705 7400 or visiting our website at **irishstamps.ie** from November 8, 2018.

## **IRISH STAMPS ANNUAL PRODUCTS 2018**

## Irish Stamp Yearbook 2018

The 2018 Irish Stamps Yearbook is the perfect gift for philatelists or anybody with an interest in Irish Culture and History. This book contains interesting and informative editorial and superb imagery on all of the subjects featured in this year's stamp programme, along with each Stamp, Miniature Sheet, Full Technical Details and First Day of Issue Cancellations. The print run is limited to 900 copies, with each book individually numbered. Priced at just €80.00, order yours today!

Product Code 18YB Price €80.00

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## Irish Stamp Yearpack 2018

The ideal Christmas gift, this is the chance to capture all of our commemorative stamps from 2018 in one, high quality pack. The Yearpack contains a brief overview of each subject in the programme, together with the commemorative stamps in a single, high gloss folder.

Product Code 18YP Price €48.00



## First Day Cover Collection 2018

This year's collection of our First Day Covers is the perfect way to acquire every commemorative Irish Stamp FDC issued for 2018. The Bicentenary of the Opening of the GPO, International Statesmen and The RDS are some of the many wonderful First Day Covers in this collection.

Product Code 18FDCYP Price €80.00

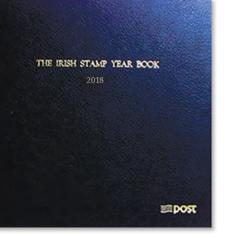


# Buy the Irish Stamp Yearbook 2018, Irish Stamp Yearpack 2018 and First Day Cover Collection 2018 from early November by using the order form attached, by calling +353 (1) 705 7400 or by logging onto **irishstamps.ie**.

## Special Luxury Edition Yearbook 2018

A special luxury edition of the Yearbook, featuring gold leaf embossing and edging and covered in full sheep's leather with a matching leather slip case is also available. Hand finished by skilled craftsmen, only 80 copies are produced. These are highly sought after and make a prestigious gift, which will be treasured for years to come.

Product Code 18YBS Price €220.00



# LAST CHANCE SALOON

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

"Don't look back in anger!" Don't let this be you! Before you start purchasing the new issues of 2018, have a quick glance at what 2017 has to offer you. See if there is room in your shopping cart for one or two more stamps? Here is your final chance to add some recent Commemorative Stamps to your collection, which you may not have had the chance to obtain last year.



#### Postcrossing:

Issue Date: 05 October, 2017 Withdrawal Date: 05 October, 2018

Postcrossing is a postcard exchange project that invites everyone to send and receive postcards from random locations in the world. One of the key reasons for this initiative is to promote the sending of actual mail as opposed to electronic mail.

The stamp was designed by Cathy Dineen and features a colourful display of postcards being passed from person to person around the world.



Christmas

**Centenary of the apparitions of Fatima:** Issue Date: 12 October, 2017 Withdrawal Date: 12 October, 2018

On 13 May, 1917, near the village of Fatima, the Virgin Mary appeared before the three young children. She asked for prayer, especially that of the Holy Rosary, reparation and consecration. The apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima are famous for the threepart "secrets" they conveyed. Of these, the "third secret" is the most famous, because it was kept confidential at the Vatican for many years. The Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima is celebrated each year on 13 October.

The stamp was designed by Martin Barlow and features a statue from Fatima of the Virgin Mary.

#### Christmas 2017:

Issue Date: 02 November, 2017 Withdrawal Date: 02 November, 2018

An Post issued three stamps in 2017 to once again celebrate Christmas. The stamps were designed by Red&Grey Design, using original artwork by Liz Rackard. The SOAR stamps depict traditional Christmas scenes. These are represented by a group of carol singers on the National stamp and a reindeer with Christmas lights on his antlers on the International stamp. The booklet stamp portrays the three wise men bearing gifts and following the Star of Bethlehem.

# Sorting letters on the Sea Holyhead mail boats and the Leinster tragedy

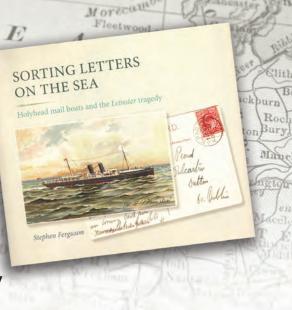
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Shortly before 9 a.m. on the morning of 10 October 1918, the Royal Mail Steamer Leinster left Dún Laoghaire on its usual run over to Holyhead in Wales. Passengers, including many soldiers who had been enjoying a few days holiday in Ireland, chatted in the ship's lounges whilst below decks, Post Office staff began their work in the ship's sorting office, situated two levels below the passenger deck.

Unknown to them all, Robert Ramm, commander of the German submarine UB-123, was patrolling close to the Kish lightship. When he saw the Leinster come into sight, he fired three torpedoes at the ship. The first missed, the second struck the Post Office and the third, a little later, hit the ship amidships. Well over 500 people died that morning and within a few days the submarine crew would also be dead, lost when their submarine struck a mine on its way home.

Stephen Ferguson's new book, written to mark the anniversary of the Leinster's



sinking, tells the story of the tragedy that befell one of the fastest, most elegant and most efficient ships to sail the Irish Sea. Remarkably, the tale of Ireland's worst maritime disaster has been largely forgotten over the years and in this handsomely produced and illustrated book the author reveals the close connections that united the Post Office with the Holyhead mail boats.

Drawing on unpublished material in Post Office and other archives, he sets the disaster in context, explores the importance of the postal connection between Ireland and Britain and recalls, in particular, the 21 Post Office men who lost their lives that day, sorting letters on the sea.

## Sorting letters on the Sea – Holyhead mail boats and the Leinster tragedy

#### **18B €15.00**

Foreword by **David McRedmond** Chief Executive, An Post

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	10/10/2018	RMS Leinster €1.50 Sheetlet	1815150	SH		€24.00
	10/10/2018	RMS Leinster FDC	1815FDC	EA		€2.50
	18/10/2018	Popular Democracy €1.00 Se-tenant Pair	1816ST	EA		€2.00
	18/10/2018	Popular Democracy €1.00 Sheetlet	1816ST	58		€16.00
	18/10/2018	Popular Democracy FDC	1816FDC	EA		€3.00
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	01/11/2018	Christmas 2018 €5 Stamp Booklet	1817BK1	EA		€5.00
	01/11/2018	Christmas 2018 €20 Stamp Booklet	1817BK2	EA		€19.00
_	01/11/2018	Christmas 2018 FDC	1817FDC	EA		€7.50
		Elf on the Shelf	18EOTS			€9.95
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_		Commemorative/Definitive SOAR Strip of 4 - 3	18L3	EA		€4.00
		Irish Stamp Year Book 2018	18YB	EA		€80.00
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LOT 6		Special Luxury Edition Year Book 2018	18YBS	EA		€220.00
_		First Day Cover Collection 2018	18FDCYP	EA		€80.00
		Sorting letters on the Sea – Holyhead mail boats and the Leinster tragedy	18B			€15.00
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	05/10/2017	Postcrossing Stamp Image Postcard	1718PC1	EA		€0.75
	05/10/2017	Postcrossing FDC Image Postcard	1718PC2	EA		€0.75
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	02/11/2017	Christmas 2017 Stamp Booklet	1720BK	EA		€25.00
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