



Buzin Watch

They still keep coming. There was just one last year, but there will be at least two for this year. Yep, there are, or will be, more Buzins to collect.

At the end of January Bpost issued an election stamp with a Sand Martin depicted. There is quite a large period between them – fifteen years - but this now joins the House Martin which came out in 2004.

They are being issued in a sheetlet format of ten (effectively a paired strip of five) printed offset and with a perforation of 11.75. The design layout is by Myriam Voz. According to the WOPA website a sheetlet is available for £4.24 (“official price guaranteed”), but I would anticipate some variance to that figure if you use a dealer in the UK. There’s a link to the WOPA website below:-

<https://www.wopa-plus.com/en/stamps/product/&pid=52745>

As the stamp is now “out there,” there are of course images available and the one below comes courtesy of Stampworld.



But there is more to come. In Mid-March – just as *Flight* takes flight - a further stamp will be issued, a Bearded Reedling. I currently have no other information, but I will of course provide an update later.

True to form, these are new species to the current list of Buzins and by my reckoning, discounting the handful of duplicated birds, will take the number of species depicted to 110 or thereabouts. That is quite a feat for approaching 34 years of issues – an average of roughly three per year. Indeed, whilst it might not be a very avian way to express it, we could say that the Buzins are still buzzing? I know, I know, but it still sounds good to me.

Postscript.....

Members will have by now seen the Membership List letters or emails sent out by Gilly. I think it is a great idea, as it will enable members to contact each other and share their collecting interests if they wish to participate. I know other philatelic societies do it, so why shouldn't we as well?

The box for your interests is small and other than “mentioning” Buzins, I was not able to put all the detail I would have preferred for myself. Which is a very long preamble for a plea from me:

If any members collect Buzins and have also acquired any of the pre-printed postal stationery - the blue, buff or yellow postcards - and have any surpluses they would like to relinquish (ie: sell), do let me know. Exchanging “wants lists” would be welcomed as well.

Keep Buzzin!