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Hello everyone.

October the 2nd already. Apology for late issue of the newsletter and even bigger apology for short issue. The past month has gone even quicker than I could have imagined. I just have not had a clear weekend these past three weeks to write. And I am making the best of my time now – waiting for dinner to be served on an evening flight from Seoul to Sydney.

As for activities at the IPDA. Well, we are continuing to work on the bad dealers / sellers list and I have seen emails that Alan our Secretary has sent out to you. All feedback welcomed of course.

We tried for a Board meeting in September but due to some connection hickups were not able to all meet. And I got up at 5:30 I might have you know. I say this in good humour or course as I usually wake up at 6am, so what is 30 minutes when I got to chat to my fellow Directors for a while – before going back to sleep. :-)

The next Board meeting is now in October and I know we have a busy agenda,

Stamps Sales; A topic dear to my heart right now as at the end of August I started to list some lots for sale. Many on Stampoffers.com and when they all got passed in I listed some others on Stampwants.com.

They have all been passed in. Very disappointing I must say. I admit nothing terrible exciting in the lots, although excellent quality, if I am honest, but useful and cheap lots to clear some stock I had accumulated – as one does – and material that I thought might be useful bargains for people. So that leads me to ask: How are you finding sales? Down or up. Good auction prices or lower than expected? Do write to me with your views and experiences. I think it would be good to know how we each see the market at the moment. And, what auction site(s) do you think are getting sales?

I say this in the context of the recent melt down of the world financial markets and wonder if there is a flow

Personally I think it is very shortsighted to be cashing in say shares while low priced and investing in stamps for example. But I guess what is good advice for one person is not always best advice for another. I wont debate that here but say, in my view, don't panic!!!!!!!!!!!! Yet.

Finally. I have read little to nothing about eBay this past month other than they are laying off staff, bought another, similar, billpay company – I forget the name, and they have seen their numbers go down. Anyone got any thoughts or insights into current eBay activities that may effect us. My only dealing with them was to update my credit card details – as my card expired. I chose to use Paypal for them to direct debit for any auction fees I incurred. Have to say that was processed with utmost efficiency. Cannot understand why can you ?

Ok, well dinner is about to be served. I am flying Korean Air, if anyone is interested, and I have to say they are very good when it comes to cabin service. Excellent crew, excellent food and rather pleasant Australian red I might add.

Best wishes, Oh, and don't feel shy about writing to me with ideas or articles for the Newsletter

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Jersey , October issue – Migrating birds. Nice issue.

IPDA VACANCIES

PLEASE COULD YOU HELP

Would you like to become a member of the IPDA Committee



There are two positions available. Association Secretary, and Membership Secretary.

Both are Directors of the IPDA. You would have the opportunity to play a significant role and put forward your ideas for the IPDA. The Association's procedures are all online and all contacts with fellow officers and members are conducted via the internet. If you are willing to help, or wish to learn more about these positions please contact Alan at secretary@ipdaonline.org

A CHEAP WAY TO COLLECT STAMPS

Thanks to Alan our Secretary for this amusing story. A young man who had not much petty cash to spare on stamps decided on the following way of amassing a large collection. He put in The Times one day the following announcement: 'MARRIAGE – a handsome brunette, twenty years of age, possessing a hundred thousand pounds in her own right and an expectancy of half a million, would marry an honest man, even though he had no fortune. Letters will be received until the end of next month, and should be accompanied with stamps for return postage to secure attention'

From all parts of Europe it is said, and even Asia and Africa responses soon poured in. The result was that the young man's collection was said to have been augmented by over 25,000 stamps from all over the world."

IPDA WEB SITE

Our Webmaster, Roy, is updating the site. I notice some members don't have their website details and sales contacts posted. Please send details to Roy at webmaster@ipdaonline.org We do get collectors look at the site and this is one opportunity for you to promote your business – through the accreditation that membership of the IPDA gives you.

ROYAL MINT

Something from the Royal Mint that I recently read. Royal Mail is issuing a set of stamps in October to commemorate Women of Distinction and the Royal Mint has decided to issue a stamp sheet, privately commissioned, to celebrate the accession of Queen Elizabeth I - 450 years ago, November 17th 1588.

Considering the social circumstances of the time, political, religious and economic for example, she was by all accounts a woman of distinction having reigned for 44 years. Anyway, the stamps themselves are just the GB England County definitive 1st class issue. Sorry for poor scan, it is the best I have, but a nice looking sheet in my view.

Finally, to close this short Newsletter – again my apology for it being late and being short. As I always say, I hope to hear from you. Write to me, tell me what you are finding in the stamp world. Tell me what you want me to write about. Tell me of new issues, anything you think others might want to read about.

Enjoy your stamps, your stamp business and your stamp colleagues.

Best wishes Michael michaelatipda@gmail.com

