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Hello everyone, how is your stamp world? Hopefully far better than mine, yes once again another month has somehow passed me by. I have spent some time this past month sorting a new batch of GB stamps so I decided to write a piece on my experience and hope you find it interesting. Maybe you have some similar experiences to share.

As I write I am trying hard to think, what to include in this Newsletter? I feel a writers block today and today and today. And having returned to this Welcome text and completed another page I realise there is rather a lot of GB. Oh well, serves you right for not sending me ideas or articles :-)

Let me start with the The American Philatelic Society Stampshow 2010 that was held a few weeks back. I checked out their web site but saw no accolades being awarded to the IPDA for the Literature competition. That does not surprise me as I am sure the quality of the entries was very high but I do hope we got some exposure at the Show. Did anyone attend? Please drop me an email if you did, and with any thoughts you have about the show. Did you see the IPDA literature entry?

On the subject of the APS I wrote about their requirement for members to be registered for tax / Vat / GST. Wee for your information, if you didn't know I hear they have passed the rule. I heard from one of our members as follows " it seems that the APS has decided to go ahead and make these changes and apparently has not answered the questions and requests submitted by our Chairman. Today I received an email from the APS to remind me that I must comply with the new rules before the end of this month or suffer loss of membership. Like many others I am not required to register for GST in my own country because the volume of my business is not high enough and most of my business is with overseas customers who are exempt from GST. I have therefore submitted my resignation from the APS" What has been your experience? Please write to me so we can all share and understands the implications.

And on the subject of your Board, at our last meeting there was discussion on the subject of how long do we wait for payment from members for their annual fees. This is a debatable topic of course. Some discussion took place about the length of time that members should be allowed before they are ejected on the grounds of non-payment of fees. In the past we have allowed up to three months. Some Directors felt this was too long whilst others thought it should be extended. In the end it was agreed that the membership secretary may use his discretion to determine when a non-financial member should be expelled although there was general agreement that non-financial members should be expelled after at least one reminder and a PayPal Invoice has been delivered to them with no reply or response of any kind within one month after the last delivery. The door was left open for members to reapply for membership at a later date, but no guarantees were given that they would be successful given the reason for their ejection in the first place, which occurred with no notice of resignation or other explanation having been received. I mention this because I think it only good manners to pay fees especially if one is using the IPDA logo and membership to add to ones promotional materials.

#### Stamp of the Month



Last weekend I was in Temple Street enjoying the night market and having dinner with a friend. This stamp from the recent Hong kong "Characteristic Streets in Hong Kong" issue.

Our next meeting is on 6th September. We will be discussing, amongst other topics our membership recruitment drive, our Affiliation / Membership with the APS, our revised Membership Application form and ideas for the 10th Anniversary of the IPDA in 2012. Again I welcome your comments and I will pass on at the Board meeting as required.

And finally one item that might interest some of you. Are you aware of the Australian On-line Catalogue at <http://australianstampcatalogue.com> This site was developed by Larry Bailey, a great guy I met some years ago and who many of you may know. He has devoted many years to producing the site and done a wonderful job. Australia Post is the major sponsor and Larry currently has all stamps 1913 to 1998 listed. He is working on 1999 and the Colonial issues.

Best wishes to everyone from a very hot and sometimes very wet - it is cyclone season here! - but none the less lovely, Hong Kong . .....Michael

### SUCCESS OF THE IPDA????

**We cannot be a S\_ccess without U**

**Please help promote the IPDA - what can you do? Are you willing to help promote the IPDA ?  
Please send me an email to [michaelatipda@gmail.com](mailto:michaelatipda@gmail.com)**

**RANDON SAMPLE**

No expensive of time or patience spared by me to bring you this article. I received a parcel in my mail the other day from a friend of mine in the UK who works in an office and who collects the stamps off the mail they receive. Maybe a biased sample for sure as this is office mail but I thought I would share what I received with you.

The numbers against each stamp represent the letters received not the number of stamps. On some letters there were two stamps for example. Anyway what do you think. Apart from the fact nearly all letters have security stamps on them it is a pretty boring assortment. Or is it? I need a very good magnifying glass to study these in detail as obviously there are differences, paper and printings etc. I must go back to Ian Billings blog to learn more and if any one reading this can tell me of a very good source of easy to read reference material – remember I am in Hong Kong and don't have access to catalogues so internet sources are really what I am looking for – I would be most grateful.

As for the magnifying las, does anyone have any recommendations? What do you sell maybe to your customers, if in fact you sell such accessories. All recommendations most gratefully received and maybe I can even buy from you? Just email me and I'll place an order if good quality and good for studying these security Machins. Maybe you can ship it to me here in Hong Kong and use some nice commemoratives on the parcel! In mentioning the source of reference material and the magnifying glass I am thinking do you get to advise or promote that you can advise your customers on such topics? Value added services maybe just the differentiator that will keep your customers coming back to you.

Back to the stamps. My sample was from 261 letters. And in summary the split was 44% 2nd Blue and 53.6% 1st Gold with the remainder being the Large Letter postal and definitives. Of the 2nd Blue 11% were unfranked with 8% of the 1st Gold being unfranked.

I found one Festival 2010 stamp. The only one in my collection! And it was damaged as you can see. I wonder how many have been postally used. And most disappointing of all was the number of commemoratives. Only 3 letters had commemoratives. Does this prove what I have been saying for many years. All these commemoratives that Royal Mail dump on the market are just not being used for postal mail but sitting mint is collections all over the world. Being office mail one mighty argue that one could expect the basic letter rate First and Second class stamps to be used. You tell me? What is your experience.

There were a few Large Letter Rate stamps and even one pre security 1st.

Anyway, I'd be interested to here from you.

Where are all the commemoratives!

Michael



2nd Security unfranked 12 letters: 96 letters with the above



124 letters as above

11 1st Security unfranked





**MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS—ROYAL NEW ISSUE 1ST SEPTEMBER**

I am particularly impressed with this issue. What do you think. Are your customers asking for copies? Are you finding a way to get used sets?. Anyone sending me a used set – very fine used will be rewarded. One nights free accommodation here in Hong Kong :-)) at my place of course..... and I think you will enjoy it none the less as I will take you out on the town !!!!!!!!!!!

**1st Class – Heart-regulating beta-blockers synthesized by Sir James Black 1962**

Beta blockers are used for various indications, but particularly for the management of cardiac arrhythmias, cardioprotection after myocardial infarction (heart attack), and hypertension. Propranolol was the first clinically useful beta adrenergic receptor antagonist. Invented by Sir James W. Black in the late 1950s, it revolutionized the medical management of angina pectoris and is considered to be one of the most important contributions to clinical medicine and pharmacology of the 20th century.

**58p – Antibiotic properties of penicillin discovered by Sir Alexander Fleming 1928**

The discovery of penicillin is attributed to Scottish scientist and Nobel laureate Alexander Fleming in 1928. He showed that, if penicillium notatum was grown in the appropriate substrate, it would exude a substance with antibiotic properties, which he dubbed penicillin. This serendipitous observation began the modern era of antibiotic discovery.

**60p – Total hip replacement operation pioneered by Sir John Charnley 1962**

Sir John Charnley began his research into hip replacement in 1949 when he moved his clinical practice as an orthopedic surgeon to Wrightington Hospital near Wigan. While suffering many setbacks during its development Charnley finally performed the first successful hip replacement operation in 1962. This subsequently became the gold standard treatment for this condition and has remained the most successful surgical and radiological procedure up to the present day.

**67p – Artificial lens implant surgery pioneered by Sir Harold Ridley 1949**

Whilst working with Royal Air Force casualties during World War II, Ridley noticed that when splinters of perspex from aircraft cockpit canopies became lodged in the eyes of wounded pilots, they did not trigger rejection, leading him to propose the use of artificial lenses in the eye to correct cases of cataracts. He had a lens manufactured using an identical plastic – Perspex CQ made by ICI – and on 29 November 1949 at St Thomas' Hospital, Harold Ridley achieved the first implant of an intraocular lens.

**88p – Malaria parasite transmitted by mosquitoes proved by Sir Ronald Ross 1897**

In 1897, Ronald Ross discovered the presence of the malarial parasite within a specific species of mosquito, the Anopheles. He initially called them dapplewings and following the hypothesis of Sir Patrick Manson that the agent that causes malaria was spread by the mosquito, he was able to find the malaria parasite in a mosquito that he artificially fed on a malaria patient. Later using birds that were sick with malaria, he was able to ascertain the entire life



cycle of the malarial parasite, including its presence in the mosquito's salivary glands. He demonstrated that malaria is transmitted from infected birds to healthy ones by the bite of a mosquito, a finding that suggested the disease's mode of transmission to humans.

**97p – Computed tomography scanner invented by Sir Godfrey Hounsfield 1971**

While on an outing in the country, Hounsfield came up with the idea that one could determine what was inside a box by taking X-ray readings at all angles around the object. Hounsfield built a prototype head scanner and tested it first on a preserved human brain, then on a fresh cow brain from a butcher shop, and later on himself. In September 1971, CT scanning was introduced into medical practice with a successful scan on a cerebral cyst patient at Atkinson Morley Hospital in Wimbledon, London.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I found your comments about sales interesting in the last newsletter. While I agree that sales have slowed down due to the economy, I find that my sales remain at a fairly good pace when considering the status of the world. Yes, I have a great number of sales within the US but my worldwide sales have also continued at a good pace. It has takes sometime selling on BidStart to get to this point; however, I now feel that this was time well spent.

I hear rumours about eBay Sales but have no direct knowledge. Yes, they are huge but are their fees worth the coverage? I find that they are not for me. BidStart continues to grow not only in sellers but in buyers. If you do not use BidStart or have never tried it I suggest you take a look.

Dr. Harry Buehne - you can visit Harry's stamp store at: <http://www.bidstart.com/stores/hebuehne>

## AUTUMN 2010 STAMPEX

Wednesday 15 to Saturday 18 September - key dates for people with a passion for stamps – It's the autumn 2010 Stampex in London. More than 100 dealers and postal administrations offer all types of philatelic treasures, including first day covers and rare GB stamps.

Don't miss the Royal Mail stand and see the best in Modern Great Britain, including the first day of Medical Breakthroughs stamps on the Thursday and our brand new Pictorial Post & Go stamps on Friday. A special posting box will be available at the Exhibition for all days and a second box to obtain a special Stampex First Day Issue handstamp.

Stampex is held at the Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London N1 0QH. Underground: The Angel Northern Line station is a few minutes' walk away. Bus: Route 4, 19, 30, 38, 43, 56, 73 and 171A pass close by. Driving: it's easy to find and there's an NCP car park just a short stroll away.

For more information, visit [stampex.ltd.uk](http://stampex.ltd.uk) (new window) or phone 01252 628006.

## IPDA NEWS

Item 2:Item5(iv) in the Agenda for the next Board Meeting, to be held on 6 September, deals with Rule 03.1 and the proposal to revise the membership application form. Your Board is considering a new version and we expect to have this available shortly, especially as it is required for us to comply with the changes to Rule 03.1 approved at the AGM this year.

Also, there is some urgency attached to the need to approve a revised application form because in the September issue of the Philatelic Exporter the IPDA has an advertisement in it, inviting applications to become a member. All applicants will be directed to our web site to obtain the application form, and we also want to have the form on the web site in time for the Autumn Stampex in London on 15-18 September. ( see above article) This months issue of the Philatelic Exporter will be on sale in time for the Autumn Stampex.

Perhaps Members could note the new form and if they know fellow dealers / internet sellers ,perhaps you could help promote the IPDA to them , and especially if you are planning to attend the Autumn 2010 Stampex in London.

## SHAPES AND SIZES

Do you have customers who collect stamps with odd shapes? I wrote some pieces on this a year or so ago. I saw this recently so thought I would show you. This stamp is part of an issue by Emirates Post. An issue of a set of stamps and a miniature sheet to commemorate the unique architecture "Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque Date of Issue 29 August 2010



## CLOSING REMARKS

My only closing remarks are an apology for late issue of this Newsletter and apology for perhaps less than interesting materials. I have no idea where August went, I really don't. I suspect like me you are busy and the fact I work a 12 hour day (honest no exaggeration) leaves me little time for stamps or research. I do want to write more about what you want to read about so please tell me off and tell me what you want to read about. I welcome emails to me at [michaelatipda@gmail.com](mailto:michaelatipda@gmail.com)

I look forward to hearing from you

Best wishes.....**MICHAEL**