



NEWSLETTER MAY 2011

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Welcome to May and another Newsletter. Not for want of trying but I really have mental blackspots at times thinking what will interest you and be informative for you. My recent highlight to share, is I did manage to complete selling some material on Bidstart.com and I must admit I think I have found the formula to entice bidders. Start very cheap and be prepared to not actually get as high a price as you wanted, and offer free postage. Nothing new but how often do we forget the basics. All in all I was pretty happy with the sales as I sold over 60% of lots listed and I listed 72 lots. And I was happy with the way the site worked. I have also been watching GB Kiloware, as some of you may know I would like to buy that for my lonely !! evenings and relaxation after work. When I read the auction listings I get very conflicting messages, for example, how can modern / recent on paper direct from charity this past month or so, have old GB QE and earlier in it!, when you read the smaller print. Ok I do know. My point is there is some dubious write ups. If you talk to your customers and know they bid on auction sites do encourage them to read carefully and think about what they are reading. Or better still encourage them to buy from an IPDA seller....you could see that coming couldn't you!!!

My problem is postage to Hong Kong of course. If anyone wants to sell me GB Kiloware on paper and preferably commemoratives only and recent, say last 10 years, please let me know. I can have them shipped to my UK address and I will pick them up when I am back in UK next.

If you have ideas for Newsletter articles, please write to me, michaelatipda@gmail.com **Michael**

PAYPAL NEWS

Stamp of the Month



Sometimes we don't have time to read all the updates we get so I thought I'd run this summary by you, received from the IPDA Secretary. Thanks Alan.

This week I received an email from PayPal which informed me that PayPal has Updated their Policies. On following this up I found that the updates specifically apply to the PayPal User Agreement, the Amendment to the Product Disclosure Statement and these in turn affect the PayPal Sellers and Buyers Policies. The notice of Updated Policies I received apply here in Australia to members residing in Australia. I believe that PayPal may have issued similar Updated Policies in all countries and consequently the updates affect members everywhere.

A not sure how clear this comes across but want to show it anyway. Not so much the stamp itself but the MS. Very different form the usual rectangle. This is the shape of a leaf. I thought it was nice. Something I picked up this week form Hong Kong Post.

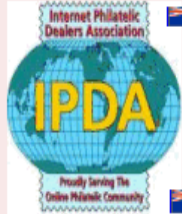
I believe the individual updated policies need to be studied so that the Board may advise members accordingly and the Board may judge whether the Updates adversely affect doing business through eBay. Will Directors please check whether similar Updates have occurred in their countries. *(Editors Note : If members have thoughts to share the Board would be most pleased to hear from you)*

As far as Australasia and the Western Pacific is concerned I will study the new policy affecting our members in this region. In the US and Canada perhaps the Chairman would nominate someone to look after that area and for the UK and Western Europe perhaps Roy would look after that area.

Anyone want to send me some scans of odd shaped MS. Do your customers collect such things.

I have done a first reading of the Australian policies affected by the updates. I found them to be written in lawyers language and not easy to follow unless done so carefully. Unfortunately, this will affect all of us. The changed policies are important because they deal with all aspects of selling and buying on eBay and touch upon IPDA's rules and policies which we have, for example, refunds, goods not received, dissatisfaction with goods purchased etc. The changes also talk about automatic refunds by PayPal where it thinks a refund is justified; it talks about sellers or buyers not taking legal action until they and PayPal have failed to sort the problem out, and introduces the use of automatic refunds from a member's PayPal account when PayPal believes a refund is entitled; the changed policy also implies that it is no longer worth selling on eBay an item with a value of less than AU\$10.00 because we will have no control over decisions like making refunds.

Regards, Alan Devine, Secretary IPDA



CATAWIKI

A few weeks back Catawiki was launched in the UK. Do any members have experience of this site? Perhaps if you do and have time this is something we could share experiences on with other members? Please write to me at michaelatipda@gmail.com their web site is at www.catawiki.co.uk

Catawiki is (apparently) the world's largest online collectables catalogue & marketplace. Catawiki lets you keep track of your collection and wish list, start your own online shop, contact other collectors and, it's completely free! so their advertising goes. Everybody is able to add items to the catalogue and edit them as necessary. Currently, the central database contains over 1,000,000 unique items!

They have been active in the Benelux since 2008 and are now also introducing their concept in the United Kingdom. They say in their promotional materials they are always looking for new and enthusiastic collectors,

For more information, visit www.catawiki.co.uk and check out the introductory video

They have a large stamp catalogue <http://www.catawiki.co.uk/catalog/100271-stamps> Currently with an indexed 200,000 range of stamps from all over the world and there are almost 1,000,000 stamps for sale in the Catawiki marketplace.

APRIL 29TH ROYAL WEDDING

Whether you watched the Royal Wedding of William and Kate or not, or whether you are interested or not, you cannot have missed some of the stamps issues from around the world, whether, you wanted to or not! But did you read about the Niue issue.

The Pacific nation of Niue has been forced to defend issuing "unusual" royal wedding stamps which raised eyebrows around the world by splitting Prince William from his bride-to-be Kate Middleton.

The stamps, approved by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, have a perforated line between the royal couple. Together they are worth NZ\$5.80 (£2.70) but when separated Prince William is worth \$3.40 and Kate Middleton a cheaper \$2.40.



Toke Talagi, the Niue premier, said he had received plenty of feedback from around the world since the stamps were issued last month with people saying they found them "unusual".

"People indicated the stamps, made by New Zealand Post, meant the couple will separate in future. I don't know why they would interpret it that way," he said. "I don't think it means that. I think it means we're very happy celebrating the royal marriage."

However, Mr Talagi said the stamps could be a tourism boost for the country, which occupies a 100-square-mile coral island in the south Pacific and has a population of just 1,400.

Ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha.. Too many idiosyncrasies in that, I just have to laugh

CLOSING REMARKS

I could not finish without telling you about this new (and cool!) site - www.RoyalWeddingStamps.net It is a comprehensive site devoted to the philatelic products associated with the 2011 Royal Wedding of HRH Prince William of Wales and Miss Catherine Middleton. You think of something and there will be a web presence for it.

I hope your business and life in general is good and as always I look forward to hearing from you .

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Best Wishes**Michael**