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### EDITORS COLUMN

Hello, and welcome to the November Newsletter. By the time you read this we will have had the Halloween chat. I do hope you were able to make some time and join in and help promote the IPDA as well as enjoy chatting with fellow collectors.

Thank you for your replies to our last issue. It is always good to hear from you.

The next issue will be the December issue, obviously !!!! And when I read this on Ian Norvics' blog I thought, yes, that would make a nice Christmas present to myself.

I show it here because if you, like me, are unable to master scanning the GB Security Machins to show the year and code this may be the answer, according to Ian. And if there is anyone I know, it is Ian whose judgement I would always trust. With full acknowledgement and thanks to Ian. You can read him at <http://blog.norphil.co.uk/> and with acknowledgement for his image.

Ian writes, collectors (Editors note: and dealers) who wish to illustrate their collections with images similar to the one shown, might like to look at [Maplin's USB Microscope](#).

Designed for the Windows-PC it comes with software on a mini-disc. This is no use for Macs but software for the Mac can be downloaded.

I find that it works best if the application is loaded before the device is plugged in to the USB port. Magnification on mine is 20x and 400x - that's not the range, those are the two in-focus extremes. The stand is useful, but to get a complete stamp in-picture the scope needs to be further above the stamp, perhaps on a thick book. The microscope has a clicker button to capture the image, but this does not work on Macs (in my experience) and a free hand is required to click on the ImageCapture option in the menu. Trial and error is the only way. But the results are good enough for most

What about you? Any suggestions for a Philatelic Christmas present? Maybe I will wait until the January sales!!! - have a read of page 6 and you will see what I mean

I am showing a few new issues in this Newsletter because I think they are interesting and the text is enlightening. Stamp collecting is after all an educational experience as well as just a hobby and I find the educational part very rewarding. If you have other views then please write, or send me material for the December issue.

IPDA news. Sorry nothing of importance or significance to report.

Best wishes ... Michael [michaelatipda@gmail.com](mailto:michaelatipda@gmail.com)



### Stamp of the Month



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### FREDDY THE FROG GOES TO THE FLEA MARKET

Good Morning, This is the Frog Prince, with this months edition of The Frog Level Fables. Today's top story comes from the Dairy Cow Coalition who have issued a statement that as of early next year all Brown Cows will be producing Chocolate milk. In view of health concerns voiced by customers. Light brown cows will produce low fat chocolate milk. Spokescow for the coalition, Miss Daisy Cow says she expects the sales of milk to nearly double due to the new system.

Mr. And Mrs. Scranton Squirrel celebrated their silver anniversary last week. A lovely walnut cake was donated by The Bake and Take Bakery. They were honored by their 896 offspring and grand squirrels. Later this year they will be taking up residence at the Acorn Grove Retirement Center.

Where Mrs. Squirrel plans on finishing her long cherished dream of finishing her masters degree in nut gathering.

Freddy Frog is out of the hospital, he was injured last week while performing at the yearly competition of the Devil went down to Frog Level. When his strings broke, whanged and severely injured his leg. The fiddling frog quartet took 2nd place this year. But Freddy is happy that he didn't lose the leg. He really thought the GIG was up.

A semi-truck with a full load of chicken tenders missed the curve on old Bull Drive and collided with a Moon Shine Enterprises Truck. Both trucks over turned. No one was hurt but moon shine enterprises is now marketing a new marinade with a kick.

Donna Deer left today on a European cruise. She will be gone through the upcoming hunting season, taking a slow boat to China and maxing out her credit cards. She says that she plans on a complete wardrobe update as wearing deer hide all the time is just so tacky.

And last, news from the barn yard where one pig was quoted as saying to another. Ah don't get your tail in a twist. Good Advice.

Till next month from Frog Level Central.

### APS NEWS

As you may recall the IPDA is an Affiliate of the American Philatelic Society and as such we have an interest in their activities, and I think they do occasionally in ours. For example they do receive this Newsletter. Anyway I thought I would remind you of them if you are not a frequent visitor to their site or to their mailings. In particular for our US members you might be interested in, if you are not already planning for, the [Stampshow 2014 in Hartford, Connecticut.](#)

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### WHY THE IPDA

This from member Jim Holbrook taken from the IPDA Facebook page (Jim thanks in advance— excellent piece).

I thought this piece would be a useful reminder about what the IPDA stands for and why we all should be helping promote the IPDA to the buying community, not just ourselves, the dealers, part time or full time.

Here's one for you that rivals some of the stuff on Ebay. This one is on Bidstart. It is described as being CTO, and one value has a thin. But the Buy Now Price is \$7.25. I checked the Scott catalog and the value for Used is only \$3.05. The CV for Mint is only \$8.70. In addition to the exorbitant price the seller also wants postage of \$2.75, making a total of \$10.00 for a set of stamps that I would throw in my scrap box to give to kids groups.



I know this seller is not a bona fide dealer, and I question whether he/she is even a knowledgeable collector. It is stuff like this on the internet sites that make it difficult for legitimate dealers to show their wares.

Editor Note: If you've ever sorted through stamps and are used to native spellings being similar to their English translation, this country will throw you for a loop. The name Albania is an English name; the name of the country in its native language is "Shqipëria".

To add a little more confusion about the name, there have been many different spellings of the name to appear on the country's postage stamps. All of the names begin with the unique three-letter combination of "Shq" so that would be your tip off that the stamp you are examining is from Albania.

The Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalog recognizes nearly 3000 regular issue stamps as authentic. It seems that Albania turned on the printing presses and left them running, as this number is a tremendous amount of stamps for a country which has 3.5 million inhabitants. Like many Eastern European countries, Albania uses stamp issues as a means of raising much-needed money for their deteriorating infrastructure. To put the number of stamps in perspective, it took 53 years to reach the first 1000 stamps issued (1966) and only 15 years to reach the next 1000 (1981). The stamp issues have diminished as they have yet to reach the third 1000 stamp block in the 27 years since.

Fortunately, for collectors, the Back-of-the-Book stamps have not been anywhere nearly as prolific. Scott recognizes 40 semi-postal stamp issues, with the charity portion mainly going to health-related causes such as the Albanian Red Cross. A total of 81 Air Post stamps, 3 Special Delivery stamps, and 44 Postage Due stamps round out the Back-of-the-Book stamp issues.

It would be difficult for the average collector to complete this country. The early issues are in short supply, leading to high costs. The first 10 stamps, for example, issued in 1913, have a combined catalog value for over \$3,000 US in used condition (mint is more), and stamp #11 catalogs for the same amount

Sourced from <http://www.stampsofdistinction.com/2008/04/stamp-issuers-albania.html> and with acknowledgement and thanks. A bit dated now, as I think the numbers are 5 years old by now.



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### STANLEY GIBBONS CATALOGUE PRICING

Maybe you receive the marketing emails from Stanley Gibbons. If you do not I hope this is interesting. Copied from one Keith sent to me with full acknowledgement. It is from Keith Heddle at SG.

I recently received an email which opened, "I wonder if you could answer a question that's been bothering me a bit".

"I have invested a few thousand pounds with you and am quite happy. But what concerns me are your valuations. You highlight a stamp that was worth £3,600 in 2003 and is now valued at £18,000. But isn't this just you, Stanley Gibbons, setting the prices?"

I hear this question – or a variation of it – a lot. The short answer is 'no'.

We're not in the business of just setting any price that suits us for the sake of our share price. For starters, our stamp prices are set by our philatelic experts – prices set by collectors for collectors – and not subject to the influences or pressures of the Board or the 'commerce heads' in the business.

Equally importantly, they are based on a year's painstaking body of work, reviewing global auction realisations (all publicly available prices) and market conditions as well as private sales. It's all that diligence, transparency and expertise that goes into the Stanley Gibbons published catalogues, the definitive pricing guideline for stamps of a certain quality and grade.

So I trust I've answered the question and allayed your concerns.

### NEW ISSUES—GREENLAND

I found this on Stamp News (International).com - issued 24 Oct 2013. Rather nice design I thought, so am showing it here. I wonder if any of our members collect Greenland? Or maybe have customers who do?

Also issued the same day were two in their aviation series - also shown below.

The stamp designer Martin Morck has drawn and engraved for the Post Greenland the eleventh part of the series about significant Greenland expeditions. The Arctic accomplishments of Dane Carl Petersen in the mid-1800s are celebrated on this stamp.



Johan Carl Christian Petersen (June 28, 1813 – June 24, 1880) was a Danish seaman and interpreter who participated in several expeditions in Northern Canada and Greenland in search of the missing British explorer John Franklin.

He worked on William Penny's Expedition (1850–51), Elisha Kane's Second Grinnell Expedition (1853–1855) into Kane Basin, Francis Leopold McClintock Expedition (1857) and Isaac Israel Hayes North Pole Expedition (1860–61). He wrote two books about these expeditions.

On Kane's expedition he worked together with the young Eskimo Hans Hendrik who has an island named after him.







## GB ROYAL MAIL CHILDRENS TELEVISION SERIES - JANUARY 2014

The following image is copyright Royal Mail and reproduced with acknowledgement and thanks.

Royal Mail's first new commemorative issue in 2014 will be a set of 12 self-adhesive stamps showing Classic Children's Television characters. Cool eh :-)

The first being Andy Pandy from the 1950's right up to date - featuring Ivor the Engine, Dougal from the Magic Roundabout, Windy Miller from Camberwick Green, Mr. Benn, Great Uncle Bulgaria from the Wombles, Bagpuss, Paddington Bear, Postman Pat, Bob the Builder, Peppa Pig, and Shaun the Sheep.



These self-adhesive stamps will be printed by International Security Printers, in gravure and follow the Royal Mail trend of having no perforations around the protruding parts at the top, bottom or sides of the stamp.

## NEW ISSUE AUSTRALIA HOLEY DOLLAR AND DUMP

In 1813 nearly 40,000 examples of the "holey dollar and dump" were minted in New South Wales to address a currency shortage in the new colony. The coins, derived from Spanish dollars, became the first to be circulated specifically in Australia.

On 26 November 1812, a special shipment of Spanish reale coins known as "pieces of eight" arrived in the colony from Madras aboard the Samarang. Governor Macquarie ordered that the centres be stamped out of the coins and counterstamped around the hole with a value of five shillings on the reverse and the words "NEW SOUTH WALES 1813" on the obverse. These were the "holey dollars". The centres ("dumps") of the coins were given a value of 15 pence, stamped on the reverse, and a crown and "NEW SOUTH WALES 1813" stamped on the obverse.

The coins could not be traded outside Australia.

The work was carried out by William Henshall, a pardoned convict originally transported for forgery. Henshall was chosen to cut and counter stamp the coins with the task taking over a year to complete. The first batch of new coins was delivered to Deputy Commissioner-General David Allen on 25 February 1814 and the final batch in August the same year.

The holey dollar and dump coins went into circulation in 1814, were replaced by sterling coinage from 1822 and ceased to be legal tender in 1829. Most holey dollars and dumps were melted down after they ceased to be legal tender in 1829.







## SPINK JANUARY 2014 AUCTION IN HONG KONG

One of our members shared this with me. Maybe they think I am well off or something :-)

January 19th is now in my diary. It is a Sunday so I think that will be a wonderful way to spend a few hours.

And by the way if you are interested in exploring the auction network, outside of what you already know, maybe to pick up material for stock, perhaps this site would be useful to you.

<http://stampauctionnetwork.com/auctions.cfm>

And while on the subject of Spink Hong Kong auctions this is what sold in January 2013. It will be interesting to see what is available at the 2014 auction and what the prices are like. I will report in the February Newsletter.



These 1915 stamps from the Colonel Burkhardt Collection sold for nearly double their estimate at US\$338,462 -

See more at: <http://hk.blouinartinfo.com/news/story/856197/rare-chinese-stamps-sold-for-double-the-estimate-at-spink#sthash.fMxjqRgo.dpuf>

Back in January 2013 the Spink stamp specialist Neill Granger, was of the view that the Chinese stamp market would see prices continuing to rise in 2013.

People are still looking to buy, he says, but will no longer pay "silly prices." - It will be interesting, as I say, to see what happens in January 2014. I really hope to be there.

The auction catalogue has not been issued yet, I might add, so I have no idea if there is anything I might bid for. Dream on eh!!!!





## SMITHSONIAN AND ANALYTICAL METHODS IN PHILATELY

Editors Note: This has to be one of the most authoritative and interesting pieces I have read in a long time. I have not read it all because it is 134 pages. I reproduce title, Table of Contents and Welcome Letter. Maybe there is something that will appeal to you. You can find the full paper [here](#)

June 1, 2013

It is my great pleasure to present the *Proceedings of the First International Symposium on Analytical Methods in Philately*. The Smithsonian National Postal Museum (NPM) hosted this premier meeting on 12–14 November 2012 in the Winton M. Blount Center for Postal Studies.

This international symposium was, to our knowledge, the first ever held. It offered an opportunity for interested philatelists and scientists to get together, share their methodologies, highlight new technologies, and provide long-term, wide-ranging benefits to all aspects of philately and helped set the course for future forensic analyses in the philatelic arena. Our close working relationship with the Institute for Analytical Philately, Inc. was a huge plus because the NPM allowed philatelists to use state-of-the-art equipment for their advanced research efforts.

The success of the symposium was due in large part to David Herendeen, president and founder of the Institute for Analytical Philately, Inc., and Thomas Lera, NPM Winton M. Blount Research Chair, as well as the speakers, the demonstrations, and the more than 50 attendees. Special thanks go to Elizabeth Simmonds, NPM event coordinator. Without her efforts, the symposium would not have been as great of a success.

If you enjoy these papers as much as I hope you will, please continue to support the National Postal Museum, the Institute for Analytical Philately, Inc., and future symposiums.

Allan Kane  
Director, National Postal Museum



FIGURE 2. Left: Great Britain 1858–1879 1d red plate 77, BA, unused, the Tapling Collection, Great Britain section, page 28. Right: plate 77, PH, used, the Fletcher Collection, volume 81, page 2. Courtesy of the British Library Philatelic Collection.

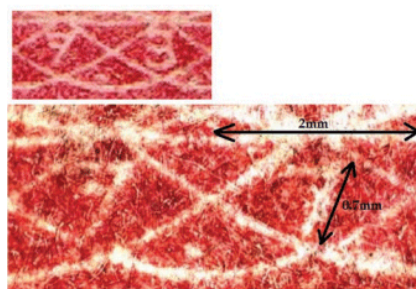


FIGURE 6. Images of (top) the figure 73 from a plate 73 stamp and (bottom) the figure 77 from stamp SK on the Victor Hugo cover.

### PREFACE

*John H. Barwis and Thomas Lera*

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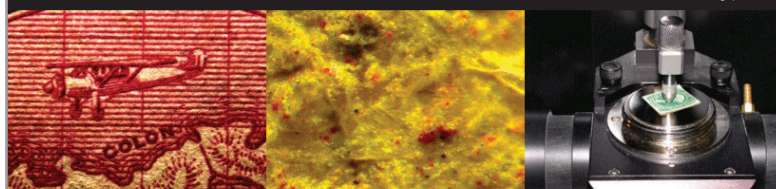
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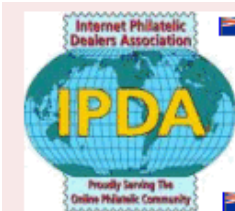
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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This from one of our members. Nice to receive and useful thoughts for us, perhaps picking up on some of Rogers' previous information on 'banned countries'

Hi Michael, Great read as usual.

With remarks of the Paypal/Delcampe/Bidstart for the sanctioned countries. It is Bidstart who has given the best customer service and solution for us, the dealers. On Delcampe I've removed all the problem country stamps in order to avoid problems with paypal. Also you have to know that my account was suspended for 3 days because of 1 Iraq stamp from 70 years ago which was listed in the checkout email of Paypal. I was given the option to cancel the sale and regain access to my account or a long inquiry into the product itself with unknown outcome. So I choose to void the sales and in less than 1 hour had my account back. I was lucky because I had a good sales rep from Paypal helping me.

For the feedback, no worry, people are like that. Happened already many times to us also. I'm myself running at 99.88% on Bidstart. We have 183 neutral and 36 negative... but those are old ones, in the last 12 months we didn't get any negative or neutral. Here some private feedback: you can pro-actively work with them to give you a positive feedback. What we do is we email them once the parcel is send to tell them that they have received a positive feedback and that in case they have a problem with the shipment to first email you before posting a neutral or negative feedback so that you can fix the problem before damage is done with feedback.

But that does not always works, on Delcampe it is a very tuff crowd to please and they go very fast to feedback to vent the frustrations. Anyway, people are people ;-)

And this as a follow up to the piece on the rare Canada stamp in last months issue, from Larry in Canada.

Hi Michael

Thank for the IPDA Newsletter again. Here is something you might want to add in your next newsletter as a 'follow-up'?

The article of the third "Large Queen" found on watermarked paper was quite interesting and, it reminded me of the following:

Our local club was fortunate enough to have a guest speaker from the Vincent Graves Greene Foundation at our June meeting. The speaker was Garfield Portch. He was explaining the different ways they can determine the fakes and forgeries from the original article. This includes stamps, stamps on cover and the postmarks. The equipment involved in determining these great rarities are practically worth a small fortune by themselves!!

One machine in particular was named the VSC (Video Spectral Comparator) 6000 / HS VGG Photoshop. The foundation had to name it themselves because it arrived to their facility w/o a users manual. It was a learning procedure that they mastered in a short time. The "HS" is Harry Sutherland, who was a prominent Canadian dealer and, he apparently donated one million dollars to the foundation, , and the VGG of course is for "Vincent Graves Greene".

For those of you who might want more information on this foundation, I suggest to go to their website at <http://www.greenefoundation.ca/index.html>

### CLOSING REMARKS

December issue next month, in fact Christmas is only 8 weeks away as I write this. I hope to have a very special piece in that issue as I am visiting our member Philippe Poppe of Poppe Stamps in Cebu in a few weeks. Looking forward to that enormously.

Any articles for the issue??? Please do not hesitate to send to me at [michaelatipda@gmail.com](mailto:michaelatipda@gmail.com)

Best wishes Michael