

Newsletter December 2021 — Vol 17 Issue 12

Inside this Issue

Chairman's Message.....	1
Welcome to New Members.....	2
IPDA Positions Vacant.....	2
IPDA Invitation to Join Brochure.....	2
Membership Report.....	2
And more IPDA News.....	3
Book Review Zeppelin & Air Ship Mail Flights.....	4
Stamps from Country Letter Z.....	5
London 2022.....	7
Selling Tip of the Month.....	7
Sights of Armenia.....	8
IRS Tax Changes January 2022.....	8
Bagdad in British Occupation.....	9
CAPEX Toronto 2022.....	12
Introduction to Penny Stars.....	13
M. S. Tatsuta.....	14
The Philatelic Register.....	15
The Back Page.....	16

Merry Christmas to all members - wishing
you and yours a wonderful, happy and
safe holiday season.....

With lots of philatelic presents



Chairman's Message

As our selling year comes to a close, we have much to be thankful for.

Where ever you are in this world, I want to thank all of you for being members. We have grown in membership and continue to grow every day.

Our Newsletter has grown leaps and bounds from when I was voted in as Chairman of the IPDA.

We have many new members and hope to acquire more every day.

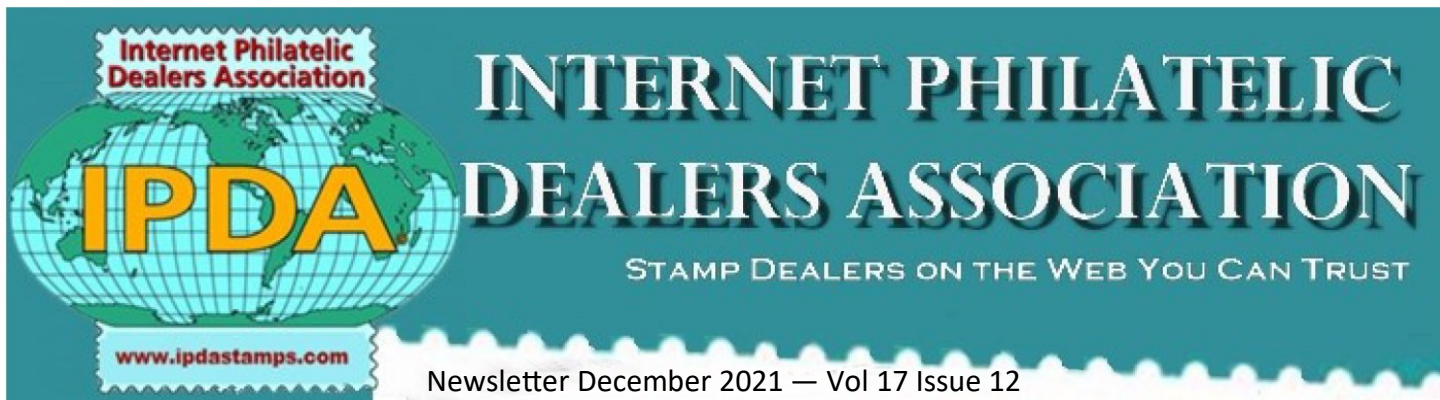
If we desire to continue with the our 'growth' we need members.

We need a newsletter editor and many other positions filled as they become open. You can't grow a club and have only 4 members doing all the behind-the-scenes work. If you can find the time to help the IPDA grow, we will gladly accept it.

I want to wish each of you many sales and much growth in your selling and your store(s). I wish all of you a Happy New year and all the happiness you can handle in 2022.

Lee Coen
Chairman, 2021. IPDA





Welcome to New Members

We are very pleased to announce two new members this past month — **Drew Fountain** from Atlanta, USA , who has an interest in US postmarks and plate varieties and who was referred by member Chris McFetridge, well done Chris, and **Scott Payton** from Japan, who deals nearly exclusively in US material and has written extensively on the Franklin-Washington era, and provides a free tool to help collectors quickly, easily and accurately identify their FW's. More expertise within the Association other members can draw on as may help them and their customers.

Do have look at their profiles and on the website and connect on the Facebook page with questions .

IPDA Committee Positions ...still.... Vacant

Now if only we could get a **Marketing and Advertising Director** and a **Newsletter Editor**. Drop me a line if you are interested in supporting the Association ipdasecretary1@gmail.com

AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE IPDA

WELCOME TO THE
INTERNET PHILATELIC
DEALERS ASSOCIATION,
INC

Please visit us at
www.ipdastamps.com

Serving the philatelic
community since 2002

IPDA Advertising - Invitation to Join Brochure

The IPDA brochure has been updated and is available for members to download from the Members Only area of the IPDA website - from the Downloads menu selection which you get to after you LOGIN.

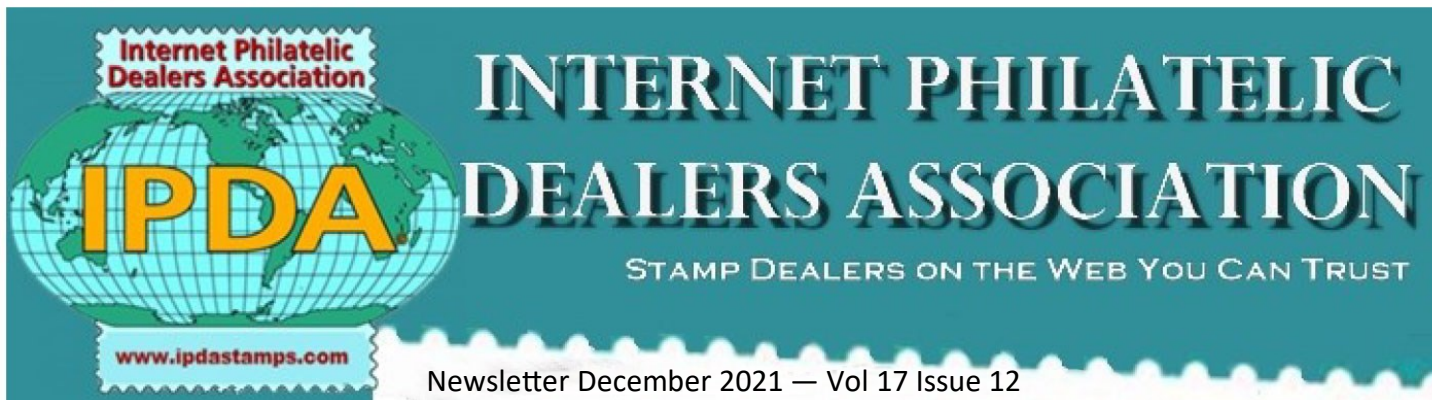
This is available for members to use, perhaps when you go to a show — you can place copies at your booth, or use as handouts at stamp club meetings for example.

We welcome feedback.

please email ipdasecretary1@gmail.com

Members by Country

at 28th November '21	
Algeria	1
Argentina	2
Australia	20
Belgium	2
Brazil	1
Canada	8
Croatia	2
France	3
Germany	4
Gibraltar	2
Hong Kong	1
India	1
Israel	1
Italy	4
Japan	1
Mexico	1
Netherlands	6
New Zealand	1
Pakistan	1
Philippines	2
Poland	1
South Africa	3
Spain	2
Sweden	1
UK	28
USA	48
Total Paid Membership	147



And more IPDA News

Coming soon, very soon we hope, you will be able to pay your 2022 Membership Dues online from the Members area of the IPDA Website. We will be sending details when the feature is activated later in December.

Tony, Our Membership Secretary will send you an email to let you know your membership fee is due. Just Log in, click the Paypal button — if you do not use Paypal Tony will give you payment option - and that is it. Simple. No need to be waiting on his emails with links anymore. You can pay whenever it suits you. One year fee stays at USD \$25 by the way. And we still offer the pay three years for \$75 and get a 4th year free.

Thanks go to our Chairman Lee Coen who has made this possible by his donation to pay for the build of this new feature.

Do you see the Philatelic Traders Society material announcing their Annual Awards? Well there are 4 categories this year.

Ambassador of the Year - to celebrate those who are actively promoting the trade and the hobby in new, creative ways

Legacy champion of the Year – to celebrate those who are actively investing in knowledge sharing and retention for the future. OPEN TO NON PTS MEMBERS.

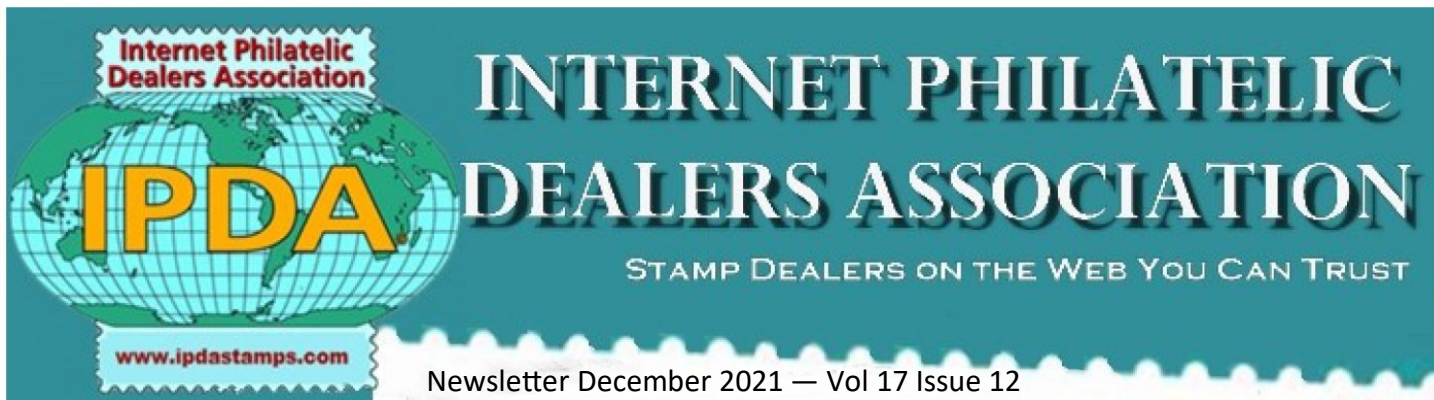
PTS contributor of the Year – to celebrate those who are actively contributing to the success of the society outside of the immediate Team and Council

Creative concept of the Year – to celebrate the best in innovations within philately – for the trade and the hobby

Far be it for me to “be an influencer” but I have given my votes and yes they are for the IPDA members nominated as I think they are extremely well deserved nominations.

You can read more and vote from [this link](#) Isn't it good to see IPDA members being recognised.

The 2022 AGM will take place during March 2022. Seems a long way away as you read this but as always it will come around fast. More details in the January issue with dates etc. If you have a topic you wish to submit for consideration by the Committee for the Agenda please let us know. Email the Chairman at leejcoen@gmail.com or the General Secretary at ipdasecretary1@gmail.com or any Director, as you wish.



Book Review

U. S. ZEPPELIN AND AIRSHIP MAIL FLIGHTS, by Cheryl R. Ganz

reviewed by **Ken Sanford**

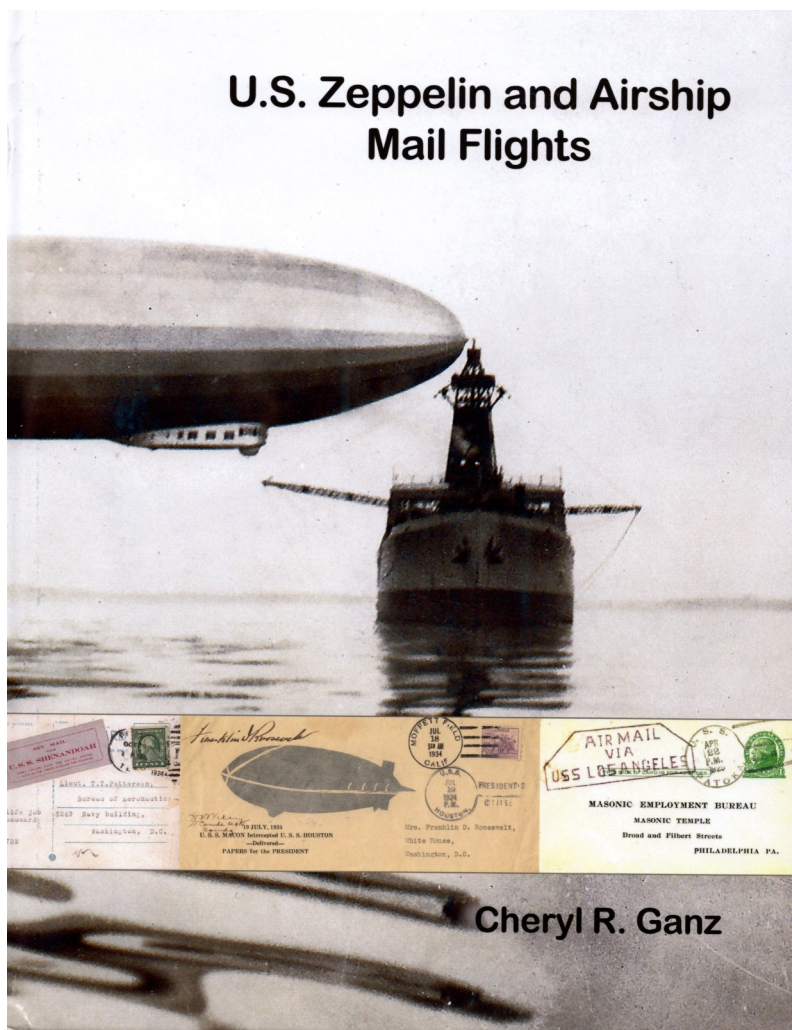
This book is all about U. S. Zeppelin and airship mail flights and Cheryl is the perfect person to write it. She has collected, exhibited, researched, lectured and written about airships for many years.

Each chapter covers a different airship, starting with the “Shenandoah”, and continuing on through the ZR-2, ZR-3, ZRS-4 “Akron”, and ZRS-5 “Macon”.

There is background information on each airship with lots of historic photos of the airships and the people connected with them. Then all types of known covers are shown in color, followed by a flight log of all the flights by that airship.

There is also a special event cover list for the “Akron”. The final chapters cover Navy airship bases & squadrons, Army airships, and shows covers from those bases, and finally a section on private & commercial airships, which shows all known souvenir covers carried by them, also in color.

There is an extensive list of references and a comprehensive index.



The book is well done and will be essential for the library of collectors of airship and Zeppelin covers.

Published by the author, 2021, 279 pages, 8½ inch format, hard cover. Available from: classic.stamps.org/Publications \$80.00. 10% discount to American Philatelic Society members, plus \$5.08 media rate postage within the USA and \$37.60 Global Priority mail outside the USA.

Stamps from country Letter Z - Zululand

This has been an interesting series of articles. Actually 25 were written if my memory serves me correctly. I missed the letter Q I think. Thanks to Tony Tripi for the idea. It has been a fun and educational journey over the past 2 years and I hope you have enjoyed the series or at least some of the countries that have been written about. I am waiting on another idea now, for a new series for 2022.

Most of the following material is sourced from Wikipedia and I have not delved into the detail. If anyone is really interested in more specifics, and apart from the SG Commonwealth and British Empire catalogue, I highly recommend this paper **African Postal Heritage; African Studies Centre Leiden; APH Paper 16 Ton Dietz South Africa: Zululand; Version January 2017** It is 81 pages of extremely interesting material with an excellent range of stamp images and covers which can be found [here](#)

So, since we are at the letter Z it seemed fitting to use Zululand, the last country in the catalogue.

A little history. The Zululand Kingdom was defeated by Britain in the Anglo-Zulu War of 1879 and Zululand was annexed as a British territory in 1887 when a Post Office was opened in Eshowe. An official postal system was not started until May 1st 1888 at which time both Zululand and Natal became members of the UPU. At first the territory used QV stamps of Great Britain and Natal overprinted "ZULULAND". Fig 1.



Fig SG 1—10 (Scott 1-10) various issue dates between 1888 and 1892 - GB QV Opt

Stamps from country Letter Z - Zululand cont'd



Fig 2 - SG 11 (SC 11)

The first issue also had the 5/- Rose from the 1892 QV issue Fig 2 and the ½d from Natal, Fig 3

The next point to be aware of about stamps from Zululand, as with many other early GB overprints and Government Official issues with overprints is that forgeries do exist - not usurpingly one might think given the very high catalogue values associated with many of the stamps. The existence of forgeries is clearly stated in both the SG and Scott catalogues.



Fig 3 - SG 12 (SC 12)

The challenge is to know how to identify a forgery. One way is to get an expert opinion through a certification by a qualified expertiser, like an IPDA member [Axel Dörrenbach](#) Or we might look at [this website](#) Quite useful. A pity there is not a textual write up. Perhaps readers know of better sources?

In 1894 the regular QV key plate issues appeared and were in use across 21 Post Offices until the annexation by Natal. Ten stamps. Rather expensive and perhaps difficult to find in good condition? Fig 4 shows a selection of 5.



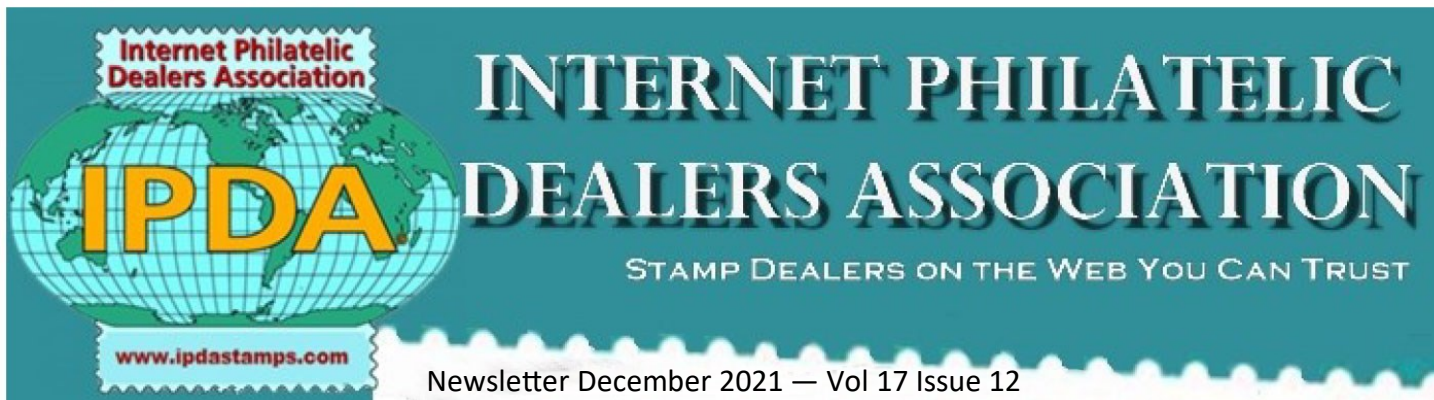
Fig 4 - SG 20, SG 24, SG 25, SG 27 and SG 28 QV key plate style issues from 1894 (Sc 15, 19, 20, 22 and 23)



One stamp of note, the £5 with value tablet doubly printed, Fig 5 - SG 29a.

I expect it would auction in the £10,000 range in very fine mint condition - one to keep an eye out for! Again, these stamps have forgeries and especially the two high value stamps, the £1 and the £5.

Fig 5 - value variety



London 2022

The London 2022 Exhibition is scheduled for 19th to 26 February, 2022. I see 4 IPDA members already have stands. Is anyone planning on attending? I must admit it would be a dream to get back to the UK. But for us maybe it is too soon. I will know closer to the date. I welcome responses.

A few years ago we organised a lunch and a dinner for members who were attending and it was good to meet a few other IPDA members in person. Do let me know and let's see if we can organise something for February next year.

If you do not have the links there is plenty to read [here](#) or just click the image below. To read about the Exhibition, the programme of events, who the standholders are and who the supporters are. Makes for interesting reading. What a shame the IPDA cannot be there as a sponsor in some way - even a small way, through no fault of our own !



Selling Tip of the Month



Sometimes, in fact most times these days I just let it go through to the keeper, as we British say in cricket. Sometime I play the ball! Today I have seen too many "loose balls" so I am playing the ball.

Selling Tip of the month - When you list a stamp for sale DO NOT enhance the brightness. And please, maybe spend 20 seconds cropping the image. This stamp was never issued in this colour. Simple fact. If it is as scanned then it is a fake, a reproduction, and not a real stamp. But, do less experienced collector know this? are they deluded into thinking how nice it looks? and therefore they buy it. I hope not. If we can get collectors to appreciate the value of buying from an IPDA member then how good will that be for the hobby. Image as listed somewhere on the world wide web

Sights of Armenia

On August 26th, 2021, four stamps dedicated to the theme “Sights of Armenia” were made available to collectors from Stamps of Armenia by HayPost. For more information, or to let your customers know, please contact Member Yegana Poghosyan at Yegana.Poghosyan@haypost.am Yegana is based in Glendale California and is offering IPDA members a 20% discount on the issue - you will need to register on the web suite at <https://www.stamps.am/> to obtain a promotion code, so I suggest you contact him first.



The Designer was Rem Saakyan, the very well known designer of Armenia stamps, the Printing house was Cartor of France and the stamps were printed 40mmx 40mm with a print run of 20,000.

For USA Members - IRS Tax changes

Recently spotted in the press - “Payment app providers (for example Paypal) will have to start reporting to the IRS a user's business transactions if, in aggregate, they total \$600 (USD) or more for the year. A business transaction is defined as payment for a good or service.”

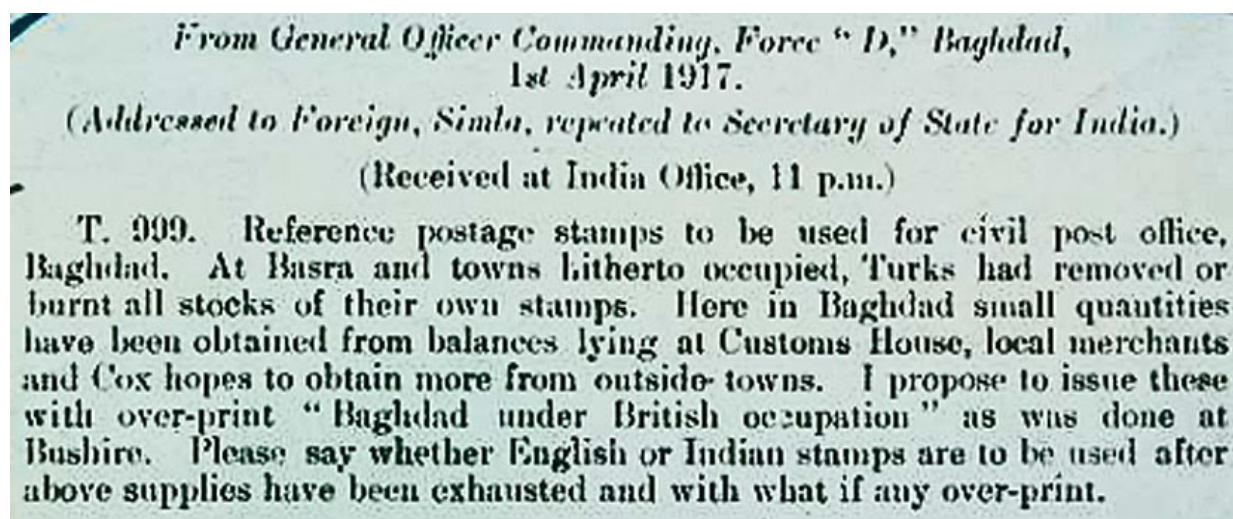
I am not qualified to comment further but I did find this for your information. <https://newsroom.paypal-corp.com/2021-11-04-New-US-Tax-Reporting-Requirements-Your-Questions-Answered>

A more recent piece from Forbes sets out more [here](#) Ultimately the best advice is speak to your accountant.

If anyone wants to share more we can keep members updated via this Newsletter as I am happy to receive links and updates for publication in future issues.

Baghdad in British Occupation - the Story of Overprinted Stamps

In March 1917, British forces captured the *Vilayet* [province] of Baghdad and took over the city from the Ottomans. Soon many administrative changes took place in the city, among which was the administration of the civil post office. One particular issue raised during the process was a supply of Ottoman stamps that was found in Baghdad. Before leaving Basra and other towns, the Ottoman forces either removed or burned their stamp supplies; however, they did not manage to do the same in Baghdad. The British forces decided to make use of these spoils of war instead of simply trashing them



They proposed issuing the stamps with an overprint 'Baghdad under/in British Occupation'. Bradbury Wilkinson & Co. Ltd of London, the firm that once printed the Ottoman stamps, was asked to provide lists of the stamps and their values before reissuing them.



Fig 1 - SG 515 actually from Turkey but not

Seeing that the stamps were of various designs and values, questions were raised about where exactly to place the overprint, and whether to overprint all the stamps or only a selection of them. Refer Fig 2 next page.

A certain stamp that caught the attention was a two hundred piastres stamp which bore the portrait of Sultan Beşinci Mehmet Reşat (Muhammad Rashad V, reigned 1909-1918). Refer Fig 1

There were concerns about overprinting his portrait.

.....cont'd

Baghdad in British Occupation - the Story of Overprinted Stamps cont'd

Instructions came from the Foreign Secretary Arthur James Balfour that the stamp was not essential for revenue purposes and, that it 'would appear politically desirable to omit it from the series'. It was therefore excluded from the overprinted reissue. Refer Fig 3 next page.

The rest of the stamps were reissued with the overprint on their frames, thereby preserving the image and the writing that appear in the centre of each stamp. Two examples are shown below

A green and cream stamp portraying a lighthouse, an Ottoman tuğrâ (tughra) in the left top corner, and the value of 10 paras ($\frac{1}{2}$ An) in the three other corners. SG 2

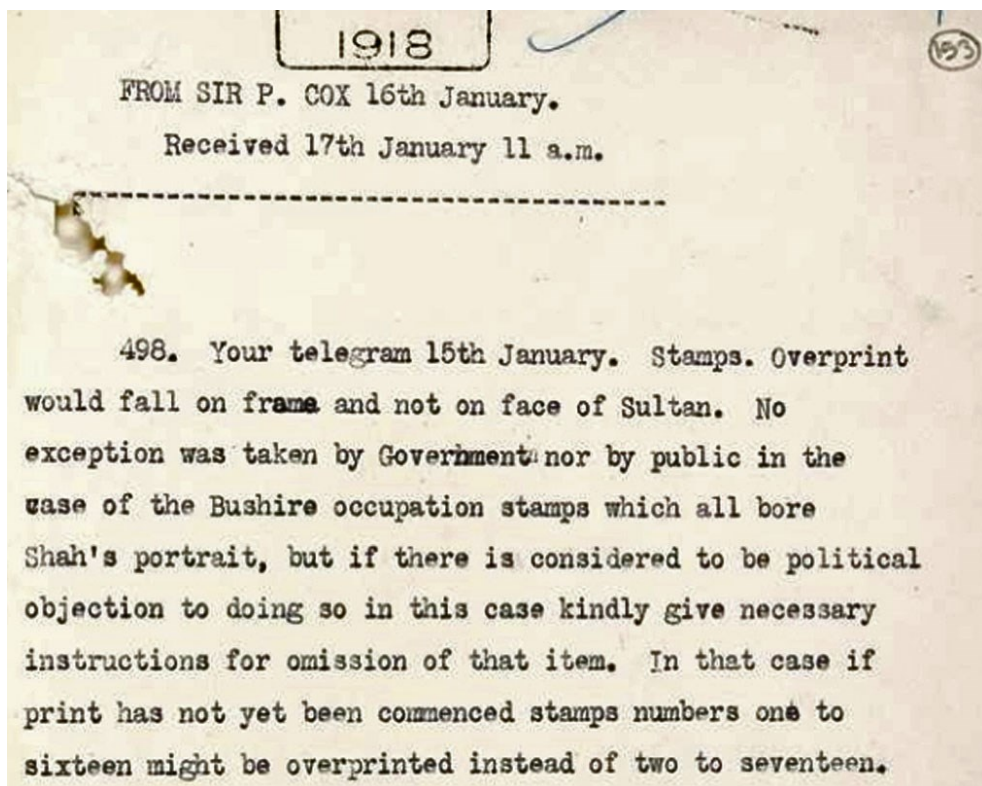


Fig 2

A blue and white stamp, portraying the Blue Mosque (Sultan Ahmet Camii), an Ottoman tuğrâ in the top, and the value of 1 qurush ($2\frac{1}{2}$ An) in the bottom corners SG 5



Baghdad in British Occupation - the Story of Overprinted Stamps cont'd

News of the overprinted stamps soon reached Buckingham Palace and the newly established Imperial/National War Museum. King George V asked for a set of four of each variety for his personal collection. Refer Fig 4

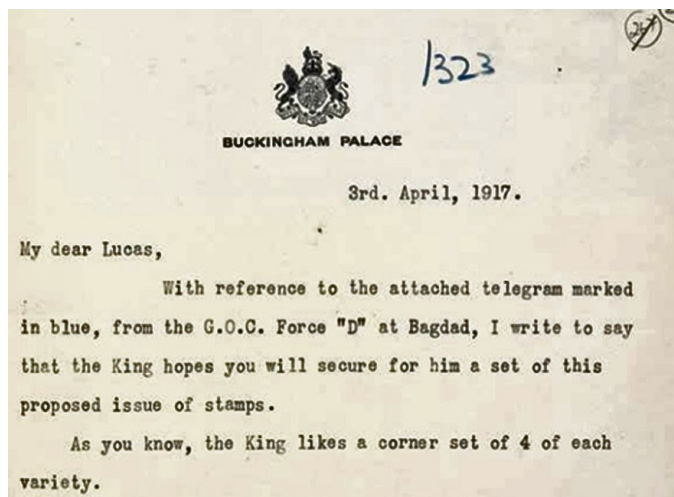


Fig 4

The Museum displayed its acquired set at the Imperial

Truly, the 'Baghdad in British Occupation' overprinted stamps are but a representation of a crucial episode of Baghdad's history.

These stamps tell the story of Baghdad, as control of the city passed from the Ottoman to the British Empire.

With thanks to member Jon Griffiths who kindly provided this material

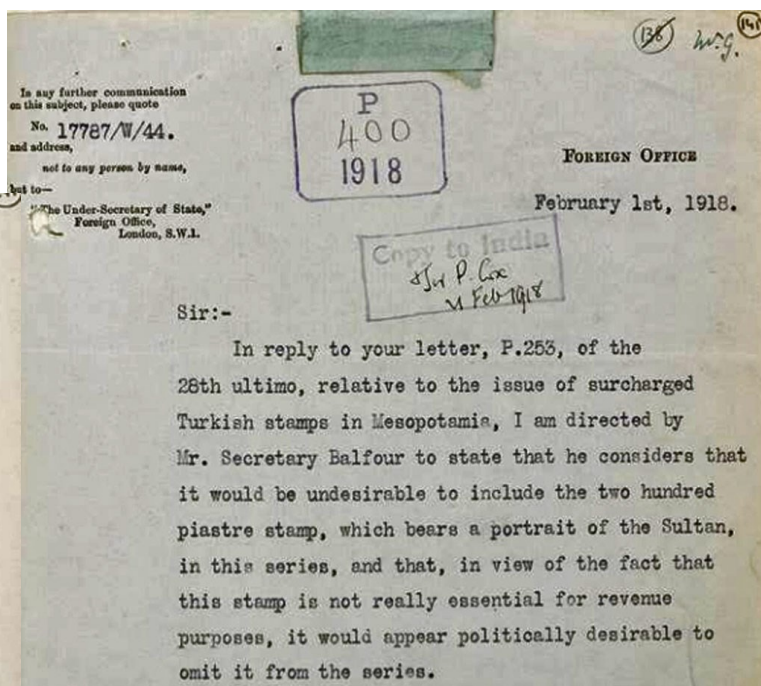


Fig 3

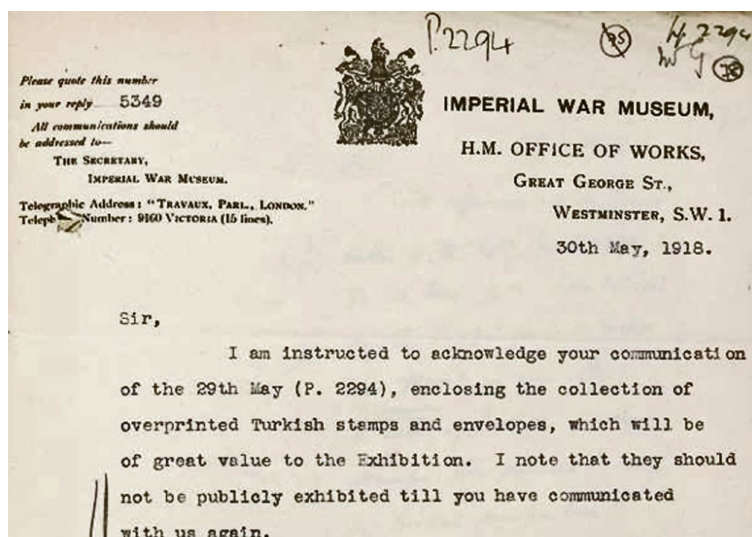
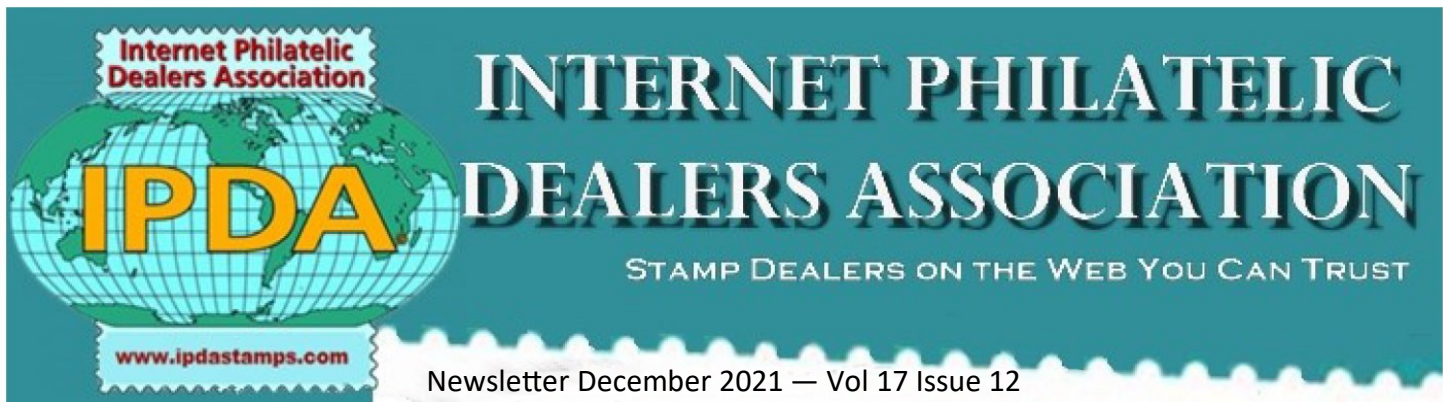


Fig 5



CAPEX (Canada Stamp Show 2022 - Toronto, June 9–12, 2022)

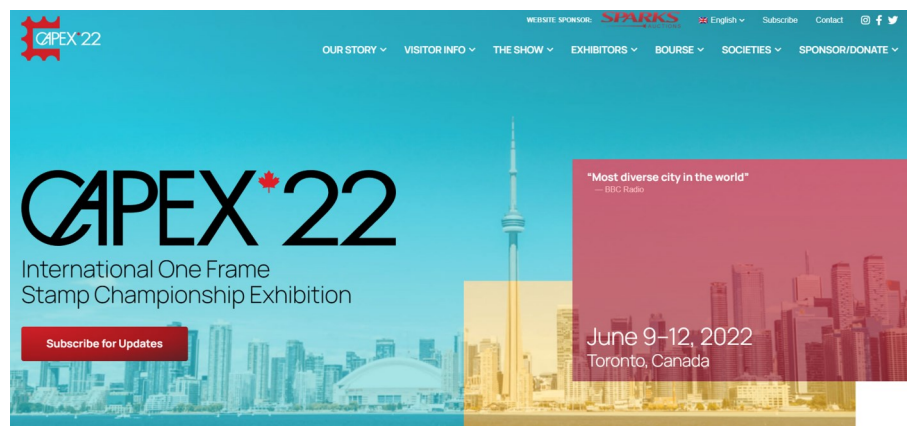
From the Capex website News column. Surely an exhibition worth attending if you can. The CAPEX 22 dealer bourse will be located in the Constitution Hall of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC) North Building. Over 85 booths will be filled with a strong array of Canadian, US and international dealers. CAPEX 22 is the first international stamp exhibition to be held in Canada in over 25 years and many of the top USA and international dealers and auction houses are eager for the opportunity to return to Canada.

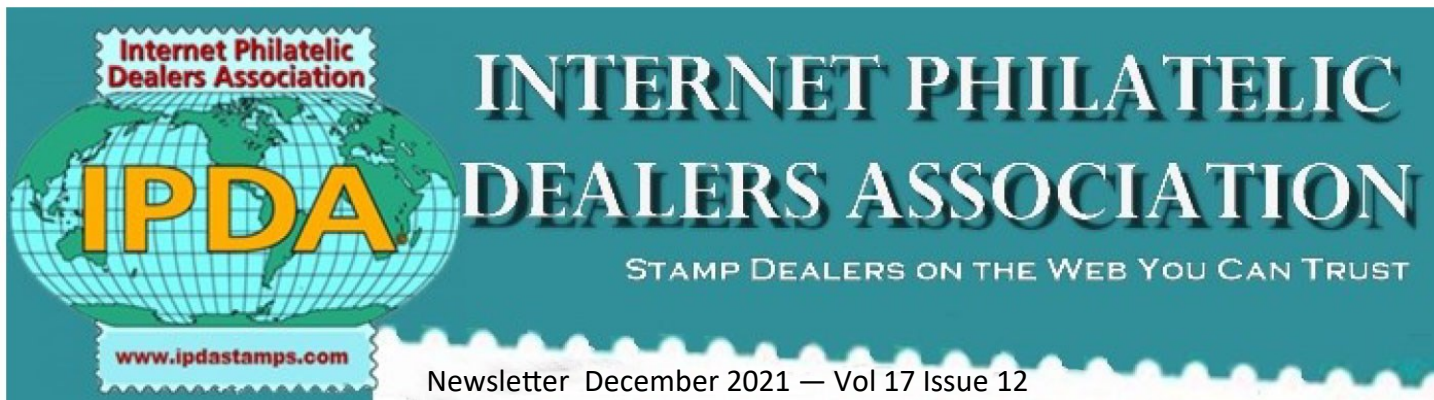
The award-winning Canada 1868-1876 Large Queen collection of the late Fred Fawn will be sold by R. Maresch & Son at the CAPEX 22 auction on the evening of Friday June 10, 2022 at the CAPEX 22 venue. The Large Queen issue of the classic period were the first stamps printed in Canada and have long been popular among collectors, specialists and exhibitors. Watch for further details click on the [Auction page](#) at www.capex22.org

Canada Post will be participating at CAPEX 22 with a large booth in the pre-function area. Canada Post has been an early supporter of CAPEX 22 with the issue of a CAPEX 22 overprint of the Bluenose 100 souvenir sheet issued June 29, 2021 in commemoration of the launching of the storied Bluenose fishing and racing schooner in Lunenburg Nova Scotia in 1921. Canada Post will also be releasing a new stamp during the exhibition which will be unveiled at a Stamp Launch ceremony.

Now to the IPDA - what a great opportunity to get some exposure for the IPDA — I see a we have quite a few of our excellent members already have booths, Chris McFetridge of Brixton Chrome, Telah Smith, Harmers International, Ian Boulton of Ace Stamp Auctions, Christoph Gartner, Dave and Kayle of Deveney Stamps, Michael Ball of A to Z Stamps, did I miss anyone, my sincere apology if I did, please let me know. I counted that to be 7 Members already planned to attend - that is a good IPDA presence. Can we leverage this in anyway? Comments please?

I for one would really like to attend. As some know I lived in Toronto for 15 years and my last planned trip there was aborted due the Covid mess. It is a direct flight from Manila. I will have to talk to the CEO. Click the image for more



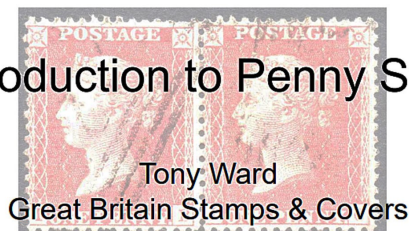


Introduction to Penny Stars

This is a presentation well worth a reading even if you know something about the Penny Stars. Sent to us by Member Tony Ward who, as many of you will know, owns **Great Britain Stamps and Covers**. Tony is a very knowledgeable UK dealer selling good-to-fine mint and used GB from 1840-to-date and Commonwealth to 1970 at reasonable prices: some rather nice material in my view.

This presentation is full of history, detail - excellent on the alphabets, dies, watermarks, inks and shades - very clear images and available on the IPDA website under the Members Only drop down menu - under Exhibits. I include the opening pages here - do enjoy visiting the web site and seeing the full presentation.

Introduction to Penny Stars



Penny Stars

- Produced between 1854 and 1862
- 14 Basic Stamps
- Printed by Perkins Bacon
- Line Engraved or Intaglio method
 - Entire surface covered in ink
 - Wiped away to leave ink in recessed areas
 - Damped paper placed on plate and forced down by roller to pick up ink in recesses





The Tatsuta Maru, also known as Tatuta Maru, was a Japanese ocean liner owned by Nippon Yusen Kaisha (N.Y.K. Line). The ship was built in 1927-1930 by Mitsubishi Shipbuilding & Engineering Co. at Nagasaki, Japan.

The Tatsuta Maru was built for the trans-Pacific Orient-California fortnightly service. Principal ports-of-call included Hong Kong, Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

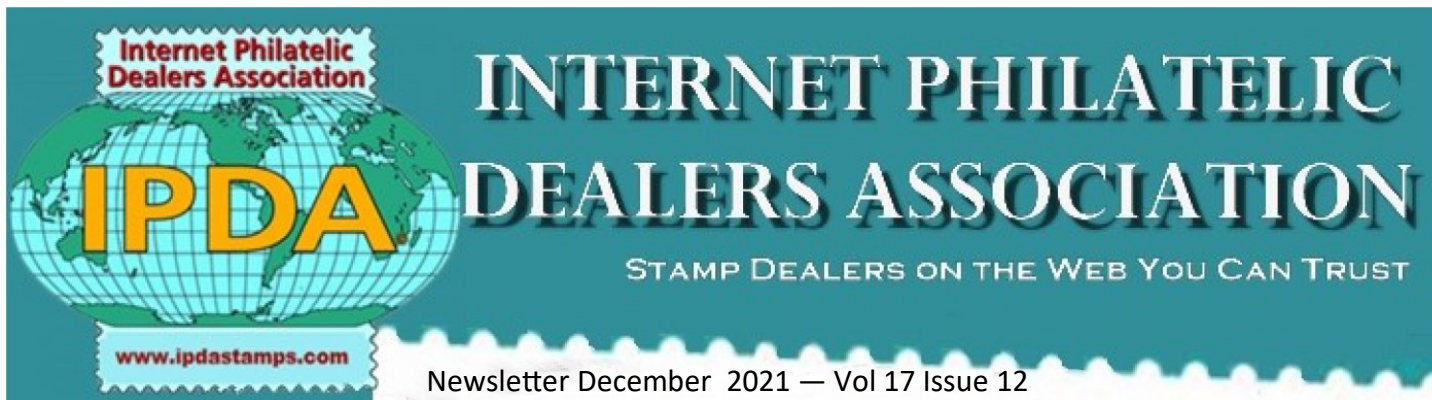
In December, 1941, the liner was part of an elaborate Japanese deception plan to mask the unannounced attack on the US Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor. She sailed from Yokohama on 2 December bound for San Francisco with the task of exchanging American evacuees from East Asia for Japanese nationals in the United States. She was scheduled to reach the US on 14 December and despite rumours of war the American press wrongly concluded that meant nothing was likely to happen for some time.

The master of the ship had sealed orders to turn around at midnight on 7 December and return to Japan while maintaining radio silence. Subsequently, the Tatsuta Maru was requisitioned as a troopship for the Imperial Japanese Navy.

On February 8, 1943, Tatsuta Maru was torpedoed and sunk by the enemy submarine (USS Tarpon) 42 miles east of Mikurajima. Some 1,400 Japanese soldiers on board were killed.

Rare block of 4 stamps with date cancellation of the maiden voyage
from 1930 with margin.





The Philatelic Register

Ian tells me he is getting more subscribers from IPDA members. Well done.

Please support this brilliant publication and the marketplace opportunity.

And for those with stores you can now load lower priced stamps as long as the quality is good - that is, no damaged junk as you might find on some portals.

And this might be news to you - any item listed with a sale price of 1p to £2.50 will have a zero sales fee.

This is a marketplace where collectors can be confident they are buying from dealers they can trust - 100% guaranteed.

What a brilliant and unique concept!

Let's support this brilliant initiative

New Innovative Resource. Due Soon

THE PHILATELIC REGISTER

A fortnightly resource promoting and connecting all aspects of philately

FREE
Subscription only

A "Dynamic" New Innovative Resource

For those with an interest in **ANY & ALL** matters philatelic. Twice fortnightly publication to commence September this year with promotional issues now available and updated at intervals up until regular publications commence.

A miscellany of:

Opinion, Informed Comment, Light Hearted Musings, articles with Historical, Cultural and Academic interest, Nostalgia, Current Philatelic Affairs, the most up to date auction catalogues and retail lists from the trade

downloadable directly from

THE PHILATELIC REGISTER

Delivered in pdf and **FREE** to Subscribers

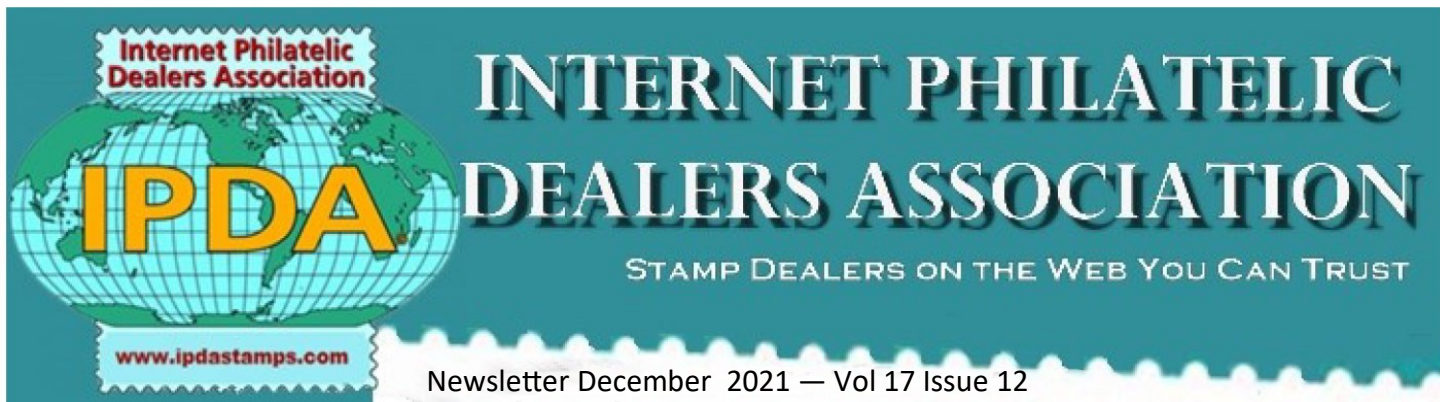
Designed to bring an awareness of the breadth and depth of interests philately has to offer, to provide an effective platform for **Specialist Societies and Study Groups** to promote themselves and instill today's collector with the excitement, anticipation and enthusiasm demonstrated by their predecessors.

Email **PhilatelicRegister@gmail.com** to receive your copy.

Specialist Societies and Study Groups please contact me or request promotional issue for details of how your society can be promoted and rewarded

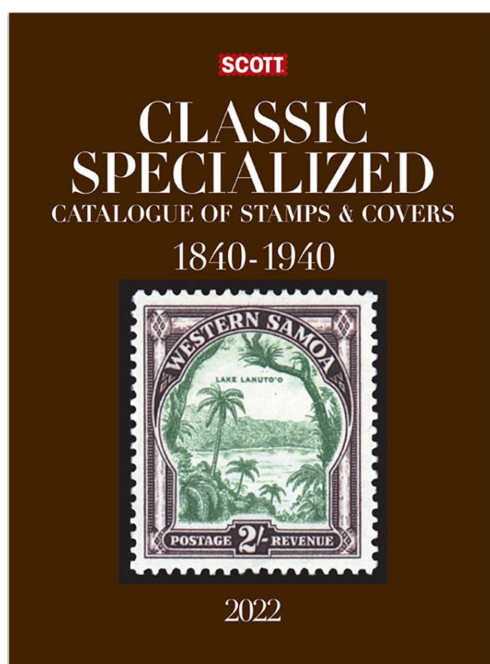
Fair & Show organisers please contact me

Ian Lasok-Smith (Philatelist)
6 Hough Green, Chester, CH4 8JG



The Back Page

Learning about philately. Where is THE place to visit to learn about philately? The British Library in London maybe. This excellent YouTube video by Graham Beck, The Digital Philatelist, is very interesting and informative. It shows the Library, talks about the Tapling Collection and Tapling's legacy to philately. It is published here with the kind permission of Graham. If you are not already aware of the Digital Philatelist and Exploring Stamps then you can visit him [here](#). Enjoy this 13 minute video. Just click the arrow / image



What I want for Christmas. Do you have a Christmas wants list? Like a stamp wants list but not necessarily stamps. I have a stamp wants list, only about 20 stamps to be honest, all GB GV, mostly Downey Heads a few Seahorses and that lovely Prussian Blue. I nearly got one from our Member [Andrew McGavin of UPA](#) last year but the CFO would not sign off on it. [Have a look at this video](#) You might enjoy it it

Here is one other item on my list. I think this would be very useful. Only problem is shipping it from the US. Am not confident about that. What do you think? Should I take a gamble and order it? Shipping will double the price of course, which seems a bit OTT. Or will they do an E version? Anyone know? Email me at cddstamps@gmail.com

Whatever, Merry Christmas to everyone. Have a wonderful time, with family and friends and stamps of course. See you next year.

Michael - IPDA General Secretary