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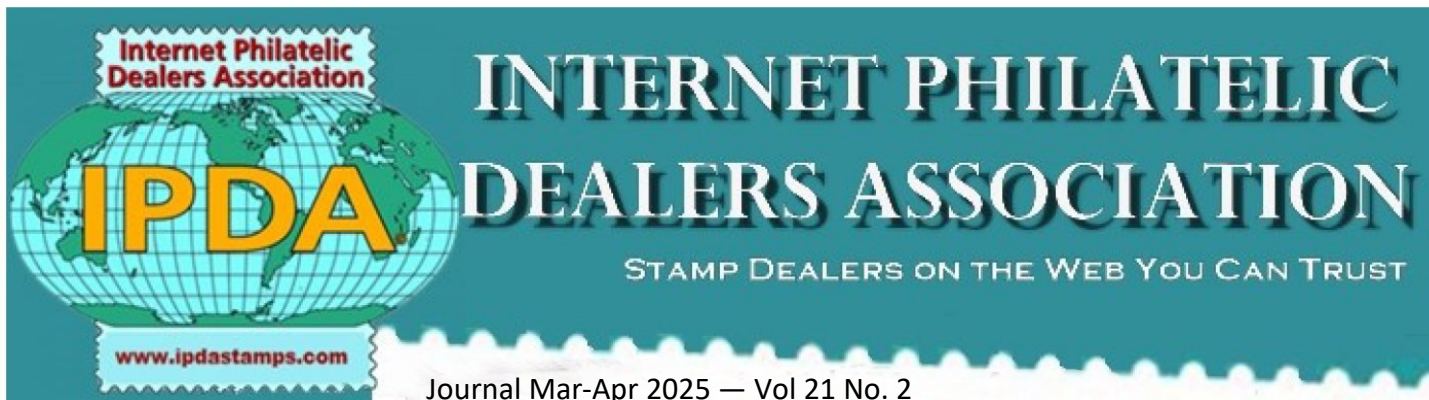


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# Chairman's Message



Hello to everyone!

In our ongoing efforts to promote the IPDA brand and what IPDA stands for in the online philatelic marketplace, your IPDA has recently engaged with Stamp Auction Network (SAN) to get our members IPDA badged who have a presence on SAN. Cherrystone Auctions, Universal Philatelic Auctions (UPU), Auktionhaus Christoph Gärtner GmbH & Co, among others now have the auctions branded and badged on SAN. We encourage other auction houses on SAN to apply for membership in IPDA. If our IPDA members have any relationships with SAN auction houses who are not yet IPDA members, please reach out to them and encourage them to apply.

The IPDA 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) is coming up in March. [AGM Proxy voting](#) online has been active and we have had an uncharacteristically slow response. While I want to encourage everyone to consider attending the AGM this year, it is very important that our members submit their votes or assign their vote proxies in advance of the meeting itself. First, your votes help establish the required quorum for the meeting to continue and second, your votes in advance help the meeting move in a much more timely fashion. Please visit the IPDA website at your earliest convenience and place your votes for the AGM. Your help is appreciated as always. If you have any issues with logging in or you have forgotten your password, please reach out to the General Secretary, Michael Dodd, for assistance.

Membership renewals are upon us again. I truly hope that the IPDA has delivered good value and “bang for your buck” in 2024 so I encourage everyone to go ahead and renew your membership for 2025 (or beyond). Members must be current in order to vote on any AGM

measures so it is important to renew in that respect. Let's get 100% renewal for this year and set a record!!!!

We are still looking for a new Marketing & Media Director to fill Luree's shoes. She set a strong foundation for the position and the new director will have a very easy time stepping into the role. Please consider stepping up and offering your services to the IPDA.

Please consider putting your name in the hat to be highlighted in the coming months for our monthly Newsletter and website Dealer Spotlight. It is free advertising to you as an IPDA member as part of your membership benefits. Again, contact our newsletter editor Ted Tyzska ([ted.talks.stamps@gmail.com](mailto:ted.talks.stamps@gmail.com)) for more details. [Editor's note: There is no Dealer Spotlight in this issue, as 2 dealers whom I contacted, and on whom I was awaiting replies, didn't.]

We have recently added a page on the IPDA website called “[Testimonials](#)”. This is a place where our members can share feedback from their customers which demonstrate why customers should do business with an IPDA member-dealer. A few examples are already posted and, if you have any you would like to share, take a screenshot of it and send it to Michael Dodd and he will get it listed on the page.

I, along with my family and the IPDA Board of Directors wish you all the very best in your 2025 endeavors. As always, if you have any questions or comments, my “door” is always open at [ipdachair@gmail.com](mailto:ipdachair@gmail.com).

Greg Doll

Chairman, IPDA

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# New Members

This month, we welcome 3 new members . . .

## Beau Highfill

**Member Number:** 465

**Date became a member:** 1/3/25

**Email:** beauhighfill@hotmail.com

**Business Name:** Mollie Mae Enterprises

**Business Website:** <https://www.hipstamp.com/store/mollie-mae-enterprises>

**Specializes in:** Single stamps, focusing on a few countries (Germany, Canada, Australia, US) I do not normally list sets, but list individual stamps to assist with collectors who don't necessarily want to purchase a full set, but need an individual stamp to complete their set. I list low end and expensive stamps. Basically, I list everything that I have duplicate of.

**Location:** Greer, South Carolina USA

**Referred By:** Greg Doll

**Societies:** I recently joined this because of my Australia collection: <https://www.nationalphilateliccentre.com.au/>



## Mollie Mae Enterprises

## BRITISH & COLONIAL STAMPS

### Stephen Allen

**Member Number:** 466

**Date became a member:** 1/3/25

**Email:** steveallen-orders@live.co.uk

**Business Name:** British & Colonial Ltd

**Business Website:** <https://stevenallenstamps.com/>

**Specializes in:** Mainly Great Britain but also commonwealth

**Location:** Hampshire, United Kingdom

**Referred By:** Greg Doll

**Societies:** PTS

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### Allen Davis

**Member Number:** 467

**Date became a member:** 1/18/25

**Email:** adavislock@aol.com

**Business Name:** GRSC

**Business Website:** <http://www.hipstamp.com/store/grsc>

**Specializes in:** Stamps, some covers. Germany, Japan, US are the main countries but WW also with an emphasis on Asia

**Location:** Fortson, Georgia USA

**Referred by:** Internet ad

**Societies:** ISJP, China Stamp Society



## GRSC

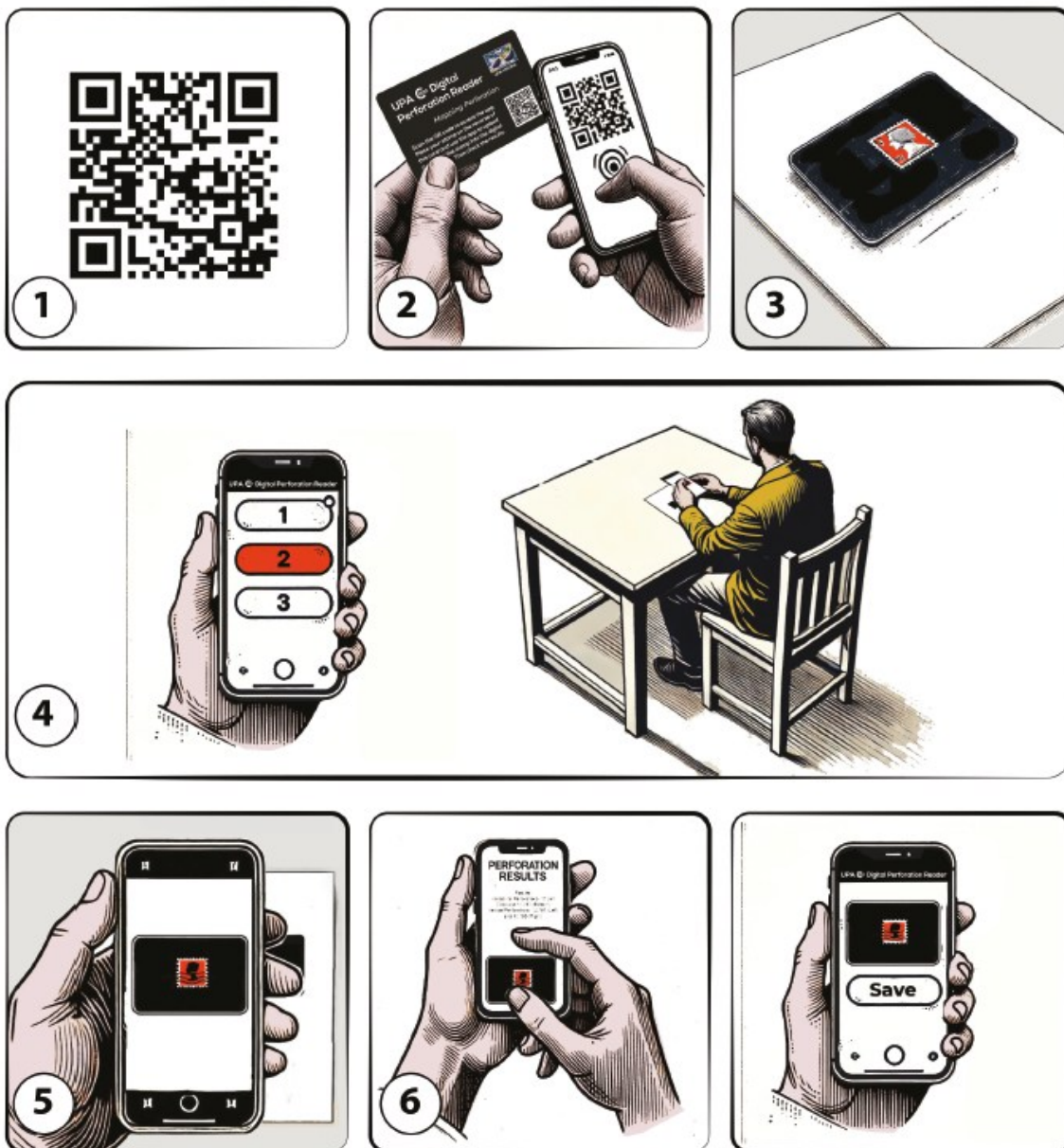


## NEW PHILATELIC PRODUCT: Digital Perforation Reader (DPR)

Facial Recognition Technology (FRT) accessed by a smart-phone mobile friendly QR Code, has enabled the development of the world's first web-APP technology to read/measure stamp perforation from stamp pictures, images captured by your mobile phone camera and uploaded on your mobile / cell phone.

The Developer UPA (Universal Philatelic Auctions), over the course of the 6 years since the concept was conceived, has developed a fascinating real-time web-App which collectors can now download for the first time onto their mobile phone.

Accessed by Quick Response **QR** code the mobile smart-phone friendly DPR technology enables collectors to take a picture using their mobile phone camera and upload the image into the DPR web-App on their mobile/cell phone which reads the perforation measurement **in real-time** over the industry standard 2 centimetres and gives the result to 3 decimal places.



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Industry veteran Managing Director (CEO) Andrew McGavin states that the 1<sup>st</sup> thing to understand is that new DPR technology offers collectors an intelligent tool in their armoury to identify the measurement of stamp perforation.

Andrew says: “for some collectors, even dealers – ‘Perfs’ can become a ‘Faff’ and as our eyesight/co-ordination changes over the years ‘perfin’ can become a real problem. Similar stamps with differing perforation can be the difference between a few £’s, \$ Dollars or Euros and £95,000, \$120,000, E110,000 stamps ... - so a moderate cost affordable mobile-friendly DPR webb-APP which collectors can use personally or later choose to share with other collectors internationally may make sense.”

Continues ... “it’s a wonder that we could afford to invest in Facial Recognition Technology and transfer that technology into Philately. Presently the webb-APP is default designed for collectors personal use/research and save results upon their own devices ... but UPA believes that continuing development with ‘machine-learning’ and ‘AI’ a bigger-picture for International Trans-Global Philatelic research by (opt-in) collector-sharing may pave the way for a bright philatelic future”.

You can access the App by scanning the following QR code:



And/Or learn all about this exciting perforation development in UPA’s advertisements OR online at:

[www.upastampauctions.co.uk](http://www.upastampauctions.co.uk) go to **DPR**

<https://www.upastampauctions.co.uk/upa-stamp-perforation-gauge-user-guide/>

Give DPR technology a try – Andrew envisages a growing Global Collector Community sharing images, study, research information, building an accessible perforation images archive: Registration by secure card online is just £1, US\$1.30, E1.20 to join and for that UPA VIP/DPR will mail/airmail your Digital Perforation Reader card anywhere in the world (Russia, Belarus, N. Korea excluded). Upon receipt your no image limit stamp perforation reader use 30 day free trial starts. Continuation is just £2.49, US\$3.50, € 3.00 (per month used, or £24.95, US\$32, € 30 per annum (2 months free Exchange Rates Vary).

## Deutsche Post and Swiss Post Shutter Philatelic Counters

By Ted Tyszka

The Federation of German Philatelists reports that Deutsche Post has been eliminating philatelic counters at post offices across the country, with only 14 counters remaining, as of January 1st, 2025.



Recently, philatelic counters in Bremen, Dortmund, Gütersloh, Karlsruhe, Kiel, Nuremberg and Saarbrücken, among others, have been closed. The 14 remaining counters are located in Berlin, with 2 counters, and 1 each in Bonn-Duisdorf, Braunschweig, Dresden, Düsseldorf, Erfurt, Frankfurt-Eschersheim, Hamburg, Cologne, Leipzig, Munich, Regensburg, and Stuttgart.

In addition to the closures, the remaining 14 counters will offer reduced service and products. They will no longer carry

postal stationery, commemorative sets, first day sheets, stock cards, and decorative sheets, but will continue to stock the full range of special stamps and cancels.



Swiss Post has also been closing philatelic counters, with just 22 remaining open across the country, and only one, the service and dispatch center in Weiden, offering the complete range of philatelic products and services.

Reasons cited for the closings are familiar to collectors: fewer customers and ever-declining sales volume making it economically unviable to continue these operations.

Both postal services do maintain a web presence for their philatelic products and services. Deutsche Post’s web site can be found here: [Deutsche Post Philatelie](http://Deutsche Post Philatelie), while Swiss Post’s web page is here: [Swiss Post Philately](http://Swiss Post Philately).





## Internet Philatelic Dealers Association

**2025 AGM March 22nd**

**AGM Meeting Invite**

**Time of Meeting:** March 22nd, 2025, 18:00 USA Eastern Standard

Please check your local country time from the [IPDA Website](#).

**Meeting Location:** IPDA Zoom call – details will be provided

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** This invitation to join the AGM and vote on the Motions tables is being sent to all members as of 7th January 2025. However, members must have paid up membership on 22nd March to be eligible to vote on Motions presented.

Please ensure you have paid your 2025 membership renewal to the Membership Secretary at: [IPDAMembershipSec@gmail.com](mailto:IPDAMembershipSec@gmail.com)

**Proxy Voting:** It is recommended you use the online Proxy Form, which will be available from the Members area of the IPDA website. More specific voting details will be included in the formal invite you will receive on January 7<sup>th</sup> 2025.

## IPDA AGM - Please cast your Proxy Vote

**AGM March 22nd, 2025, 18:00 US (EDT)**

An invite with the AGM has been issued so this to remind members that we value your participation, especially through your Proxy Vote.

Please go to the [IPDA Website](#) – click AGM Proxy (see below) and take a few minutes to cast your votes to the 10 Motions – or give your Proxy to one of the Directors. It will only take a minute or two of your time.

If you have any questions or problems or you wish to receive the Invite and Agenda again please contact Michael at [ipdasecretary1@gmail.com](mailto:ipdasecretary1@gmail.com) Thank you.

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# Counterfeit Stamps Worth \$250,000 Seized by Customs Officials

by Ted Tyszka

In two separate incidents, recently, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents seized shipments of counterfeit U.S. postage stamps originating from Hong Kong.

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, television station WSB in Atlanta, Georgia, reported that a shipment of 200,000 counterfeit U.S. Forever stamps was discovered during inspection at a sorting facility at the Port of Birmingham, a river port in Alabama. Two packages which had been selected for inspection were found to contain stamps which, upon closer scrutiny, were found to be counterfeit. If authentic, the stamps would have had a face value of \$146,000.



In a related incident, The CBP reported, on their web page [cbp.gov](http://cbp.gov), on February 13<sup>th</sup>, that agents assigned to the Anti-Terrorism Contraband Enforcement Team at the Chicago International Mail Branch seized 8 shipments of counterfeit stamps. The packages contained a total of 161,860 stamps in coil and sheet formats. If authentic, their face value would total \$118,000. Again, these stamps originated in China.



In each case, the stamps were seized for violating international trademark laws. In addition to the poor printing quality, the stamps were determined to be counterfeit based on the very low invoice value, the routing, and the extraordinary efforts undertaken to conceal the stamps.





## Pricing Higher Catalog Value Listings

by Michael Dodd

Online market places are a boon to philately, aren't they? Why? Well, for many reasons, and I am sure we all have views as to why. But, let me try to show one reason and then ask, how do you as a dealer manage the situation I am about to explore?

Let's use this hypothetical example (or is it?) to set the scene. I will just refer to this one stamp and example for the sake of brevity and simplicity and add that this is not an extreme example by any means, as you might know better than me. I hope you see the issue.



Rhodesia and Nyasaland SG 15, Scott 155. Issued in 1954, the high value stamp from the QE II definitive issue.

If you listed this stamp, used and clean in very fine condition, say 8 years ago, you might be pricing it based on a Scott catalog value of around \$30. If you listed it today and used the Scott catalog value as a price guide the value is still around \$30, but the Stanley Gibbons catalog value has increased from around \$37 USD to \$47 (dollar equivalent based on exchange rates).

A savvy collector, if they could find a copy listed some years ago, at what I might term "historical prices," and with condition being the same as a more recent quality listing, could be getting a nice bargain if you priced it based on Scott — especially Scott — and not SG.

Now, before you jump down my throat with many reasons why my argument is false — e.g. condition, postally used vs CTO cancel, reverse condition, etc. etc., please think about this in the broader context. I say this knowing a full set with this stamp was available on one marketplace for \$11 USD. Yes, and international shipping was USD \$1.50.

So, extrapolating this idea, how many high value stamps do you have listed in your online store, however you priced it, be it by Scott or SG or another catalog? How many are listed with pricing based on catalogue values from 5 or more years ago?

Yes, I know, we can argue the catalogue pricing is just an inflated guide, but it is still a guide, however you may look at it, and even whether you use Scott or SG. In fact if you use SG, you are likely to be losing sales to US sellers who use Scott anyway. But, that is another discussion, isn't it?

Anyway, my question is, how do you manage this situation?

There are answers. But I am interested, do you even bother to address them? Do you reprice your listings, or do you do something else? And, yes, there is a something else which I suspect many dealers do. I'm just interested in knowing, as sharing this might be in all our interests.

Write to the editor with thoughts. Perhaps we can have a useful column to help us all add value to our businesses, part time or full time, small or not so small.

Michael, IPDA General Secretary, owner cddstamps, La-oag, Philippines email:cddstamps@gmail.com



Additional thoughts: I've just been listing some more lovely British Commonwealth stamps. Extremely fine condition; some Used; some Mint with very light trace of hinge; some priced by SG 2025 at around £5; and some in the £50 to £80 range.

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Guess what I am seeing on one marketplace? Yes, a few US based sellers literally dumping CV £5 stamps for 65c USD. £50 SG 2025 CV at 20% or less, and often lots less. Unbelievable! And these are not stamps listed 5 years or more ago, so listed based on let's just say old CV pricing. They are recent listings.

Yes, based on Scott CV. Which, let's face it for much British Commonwealth is . . . Well, you know what I mean. Yes, you will say CV is irrelevant and give me all that BS about CV values. I have heard it all before.

But, quality counts and, surely, sensible pricing is something responsible sellers should be concerned with. After all, it affects us all doesn't it? Doesn't it undermine our business if there are sellers dumping stamps just to get rid of their life time collections? Impossible to compete, isn't it?

Actually, no it is not.

I found from a random sample of listings (and it was a larger sample than just one or two listings):

Descriptions were sadly, I mean very sadly, lacking in detail.

There were, in most listings I saw, no images of the reverse of the stamps.

The stamp images were often definitely brightened in an image processing program.

Sellers listed Qty 3, or some multiple number, so a buyer really had no idea what actual stamp they would receive.

Sellers used terms like F-VF. I mean, what is it, Fine or Very Fine?

So, maybe it is possible to compete. As my listings don't meet any of those 5 criteria.

And then — and this is for real, I promise you — I took a break, made a cup of tea, came back to the computer to proof what I wrote above, and . . . synchronicity, I had a new order. Ok, so, a moment when an event appeared meaningfully related. But, of course, there was no causal connection. Higher value order, higher priced. See? We can compete.



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### *From the Editor's Desk*



We want to hear from you! Tell us your stamp stories. What's your favorite stamp? What's your greatest stamp find? Tell us a stamp joke or a riddle. Send it to yours truly, at:

ted.talks.stamps@gmail.com, and you will be rewarded with my undying gratitude. — Ted Tyszka

# Change In Royal Mail Stamp-Issuing Policy

by Ted Tyszka

Royal Mail has announced a change in their stamp-issuing policy which many collectors will welcome. Starting this month, March 2025, Special sets (commemoratives to US-centric collectors) will only contain stamps denominated for 1st-Class (currently £1.65) and 2nd-Class (85p) mail.

Up to now, sets have typically contained stamps that also included the international mail rate (£2.80) and other odd-ball values — or what RM calls “alternative monetary values” — such as £1.00 or £2.00. Under the new policy, international mail rate stamps and alternative monetary values will no longer be produced as part of a special set.

Christmas stamps are not included in this new policy, no doubt because many Christmas cards are mailed to other parts of Europe and the rest of the world.

Speaking for myself, I long ago gave up collecting modern sets of Great Britain because of what I felt was the unnecessary inclusion of these high-denomination stamps in every set. That and the ever-increasing size of the sets themselves (from the once usual set of 4, to the current typical super sets of 8 or 10 stamps or more), will put a strain on the stamp budgets of even the most liberal spending collectors.

Now, if they would bring the set sizes and the total number of stamps issued each year (over 150 in 2024) under control, they might stand a chance of regaining some of the customers, and the attendant revenue, which they have lost over the years.

Below is a copy of the Royal Mail announcement which was sent via email to customers.



**Dear Customer,**

At Royal Mail we're always looking for ways to enhance our products and services for valued customers like you. Based on recent feedback, we're making a change to our Special Stamp\* Programme that we'd like to share with you.

**From March 2025, all Special Stamps will exclusively feature 1st and/or 2nd Class values.** This means we'll no longer include stamps with international rates or alternative monetary values such as £1.00 or £2.00.

This change is part of our commitment to providing an accessible and affordable stamp programme, designed to better meet the needs of our customers.

We will continue to listen to your feedback and explore further improvements. Your feedback helps us shape the future of our stamp programme, and we encourage you to share your ideas with us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,


**Leanne Thompson**  
Customer Service Manager



## Promote Your Online Store

Every now and again we get very nicely worded positive feedback from customers. Hopefully more often than every now and again. We see this when customers leave kind words, for example, on the eBay or Hipstamp Feedback forms.

### New York Stamps and Ephemera

 Oldbrooklynguy (5065) Florida


1933 Austria Poster Stamp WIPA International Postal Stamps Exhibition Vienna

Very prompt. Great stuff! Love IPDA dealers. Thank you!

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How is this for an idea: Why not have an IPDA web page showing IPDA member feedbacks? An IPDA dealer Testimonials page, so to speak. It is, perhaps, an opportunity for collectors who are checking out IPDA dealers to see what others think of us.

### Bluecollarstamps

 Stinger70 (10009) California

Belgium stamp, Scott#Q162, used, hinged, 4.00F, #Q-162

Nice stamps! Thanks for the free one! Best, John

02/20/2025 18:44:19

After all, once a feedback has been posted on Hipstamp, for example, and more and more feedback is added, automatic or otherwise, your positive feedback is basically lost to viewers, unless a prospective customer scrolls through pages and pages of feedbacks looking for one that is not Automatic feedback.

So, now you have an opportunity to promote yourself by showing the actual customer feedback you have received and which you would like to tell others about. Promote yourself on the IPDA website Testimonials page. It's as simple as this:

Send the following to the General Secretary at [ipdasecretary1@gmail.com](mailto:ipdasecretary1@gmail.com)

<your online store name, the store URL, and then the Feedback Comment>

Send to the General Secretary and he will get it onto the IPDA Testimonials Page.

### CDDStamps

  cddstamps (84103) Philippines

Malaysia SC# 257 perf 12 x 12 1/2 Freshwater Fish pair Used see details & scans

absolutely magnificent, many thanks

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## IPDA Brochure Download

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## Stories Behind the Stamps

by Lawrence Fisher

The following articles first appeared on the *Stories Behind the Stamps* blog, July 22, 2024, and July 28, 2024, respectively, and are reprinted here with permission from the author.

Today we are going to show a case of withdrawing an issue for religious reasons.

November 19, 1987, South Africa Postal Authorities intended to issue a four-stamp set to commemorate the Bible Society of South Africa, which was founded in 1820. However, one of the stamps, the 40c stamp contained two lines of script, one in Koine Greek, the language of the New Testament, and one in Hebrew, the language of the Old Testament. Both of the lines contained the word "God."



The Orthodox Jewish community protested that the stamps were a serious transgression of Judaic law, which says that God's name may appear only in the Torah and prayer books. It was not permissible for God's name to be torn, cancelled or defaced in any way, especially during mail handling process. No offense had been intended by the Postal Authorities and they quickly recalled the 40c stamps from the Post Offices across South Africa, before the initial release date.

In the interests of religious harmony, the stamps were prepared to be destroyed. However, they were informed this was equally unacceptable to the Jewish community and were told that the stamps should be buried. The Postal Authorities decided that was a step too far and the

stamps were duly destroyed.

It is understood that some of the smaller Post Offices were running short of 40c stamps and opened their parcels before the official release date. They were sold over the counter with many being used for postage. It is believed that less than 1300 stamps exist.

In 1975, the United Arab Emirates planned to issue a set of stamps to commemorate the Second Long Distance Swimming Championship, an event that underscored the country's growing interest in promoting sports and physical fitness. The UAE, which had only recently been formed in 1971, was keen to establish a national identity and highlight its participation in international events.

The stamps were designed with a focus on the theme of swimming and the championship. They featured vibrant illustrations of swimmers and related aquatic imagery. The designs were completed, and the stamps were printed and prepared for release. One of the flags for the participating entities was the flag of the Palestinian Liberation Organization. The competing countries were UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Oman and the PLO.



For reasons that remain somewhat unclear, the decision was made to withhold the release of these stamps. Scott Stamp catalog had a notation that noted that the stamps were withdrawn at the last moment because not enough supplies had been received from the printer. Initially the set was to be released in June 1975 but because the stamps had not arrived from the Crown Printers in England, the issue was postponed to August. However when not enough arrived even by then, it was cancelled.

Despite not being released, these stamps have become quite rare and sought after by collectors and prices range from \$400 upwards, if you can find them.

# Stamp of the Month

by Nisarg Sutaria

## Great Britain

1882, £1 Brown Lilac on Bluish Paper

Scott #92, SG #132, Mi #69y, YT #45

2025 Scott Catalogue value \$162,500



£1 Brown Lilac on Blued Paper is a rare jewel of British philately. The rarity of this stamp may be attributed to several factors: big denominations were only used in important towns; the sport of stamp collecting was only gaining popularity, and only a few aficionados could afford to pay a sterling pound on a single stamp. It is thought that just 20-30 instances remain in their original gum condition. In March 2019, Siegel auctioned off an exceptional sound original gum copy of the stamp from the Dimitris Bertsimas Collection of Great Britain. The entire print "perfectly centered with wide and balanced margins, incredibly rich color on slightly blued paper" turned out to be \$75,000. The specimen sold here is said to be the best.

Reference : <https://findyourstampsvalue.com/rarest-stamps/most-valuable-great-britain-stamps>



## This Month's Contributors



**Michael Dodd:** Michael Dodd is the owner/operator/chief cook and bottle washer of cddstamps — “commemorative definitive decimal stamps.” He has been selling since 2000 and has [a store on the Hipstamp marketplace](#) where he has 43,00 listings and 82,000 feedbacks. His online presence is through his website at [cddstamps.com](#), his blogs, notably his aircraft on stamps blog at [cddstamps.wordpress.com](#) and various other social media feeds.



**Lawrence Fisher:** Lawrence Fisher is an award-winning philatelic exhibitor, and the author of the non-philatelic non-fiction book, “Kill Me Now!” He publishes the blog, “Stories Behind the Stamps,” from where this month’s article first appeared, as well as the YouTube channel of the same name. His “Stories Behind the Stamps” article first appeared on his blog of the same name and is reprinted here by permission. He also has a “Stories Behind the Stamps” YouTube channel. Visit his blog, here: [Stories Behind the Stamps](#) and see his YouTube channel here: [Stories Behind the Stamps](#)



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