

BPS NEWS

*Welcome to the first issue of BPS news
The newsletter of Bristol Philatelic Society*

Your Society

The aim of the newsletter is to keep members in touch with the events of the society.

If you cannot attend a meeting it will give you a flavour of the presentations and inspire you to come to future meetings.



Jeremy Hutchinson receives the thanks of the programme secretary Mike Breward for his Liechtenstein presentation at the meeting on 11th October 2018.

On the 11th October we received a very interesting talk from Jeremy Hutchinson on Liechtenstein. His philatelic knowledge was extensive and the quality of material was excellent.

Bristol Federation 9 sheet competition held on 25th October

This was very well supported, with high quality entries from all the clubs in the federation

Past President Neil Jones with judge



*Mike Tanner
Winner of the Cinderella class*

*John Edwards, Ron Gillard,
Peter Miller and Mike Tanner
Certificate winners*



Visit from Newport

On the 8th November we welcomed members of Newport Stamp Club

Martin Britton

The subject of his presentation was Newport Docks Trains. This covered the line from Cwmbran to Newport, the Alexandra Docks Post Office and the types of train used. Martin also showed us examples of three cancellations: Newport Monmouth, Newport Gwent and Paquebot.

Roy Bentley

We were presented with a short history of A Phillips Airmail Covers. These were sold from a newsagent's shop at 4&5, Dock Street, Newport from 1930 to 1945 and we were shown British Inland Airmails from this collector.

Margaret Harding

This was an interesting presentation of perfins the earliest dating from 1858. The subject included Wales, Bristol and Medical.

Alistair Mackinnon

The subject was the Commonwealth Trans Antarctic Expedition. With the aid of Falkland Island Dependencies overprints and Shackleton Base First Day Covers he described how Sir Vivian Fuchs met with Sir Edmond Hillary at the South Pole and then continued overland to Scott base.

Andrew Round The Travelling Post Office



Andrew Round with programme organiser Mike Breward

On the 22nd November Andrew gave an interesting presentation on the Travelling Post Office (TPO).

This ranged from the first journey in 1838 to 2004.

The public were allowed to post letters on a TPO from 1860 and the methods of collection were explained, eg using nets hung on posts, which resulted in some damage to contents and received official stickers as a result. He also covered some of the logistical problems such as non-matching coaches.

There then followed a display of various cancellations and descriptions of the routes.

Our last meeting of 2018 was on the 13th of December. This was our Christmas Quiz set by last years winner our Vice President Ian Spencer. This tested everyone's philatelic knowledge and was won by Mike Breward.

A raffle was held to raise funds for the Society and we tucked in to some festive fare.

I would like to wish all our members a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all at our first meeting on 10th January. This is the annual One Sheet Competition and I am sure that we all look forward to some interesting entries.

Arlene Powell
Honorary Secretary