

BPS NEWS

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

2019

The new philatelic year opened on 10th January with the Geoffrey Ford 1-sheet competition.

There were 9 entries Subjects ranged from Bechuanaland early forgeries through Bristol Blenheim, Saar Plebisite and Morocco overprints.

The winner however was Neil Jones with the New Zealand 1937 Coronation and the only known flaw in this omnibus issue.



Our President Les Ashton-Smith begins his Presentation "All at Sea with Da Vinci"

The **24th of January** was Presidents Evening.

Les Ashton-Smith presented two topics.

"All at Sea with Da Vinci" and "The German Shepherd"

2019 is the 500th anniversary year of Leonardo Da Vinci's death.

Les summarised his inventions and went on to relate the history of the ships and submarines named after him.

This was a mixture of a powerpoint presentation and also a selection of stamps and ephemera.

Part 2 was "The German Shepherd" and Les described their use as working dogs and their appearance as celebrities in films.



On **14th February** we welcomed John Jaques from Thornbury Philatelic Society to talk to us about "Re-used Envelopes". He described how in World War 2 it was illegal to throw away paper and so re-use labels were used with patriotic, advertising and tourism subjects. In his presentation were examples of labels depicting animals, cars and banks.

In the second half we were shown peoples ingenuity, with labels made from maps, sugar bags, and graph paper. In the 1970s and 80s we became more eco aware and labels about nuclear power, peace and trees began to appear.

A very interesting evening





*On 28th February Carol Turner,
President of Minehead Philatelic
Society presented her "ABC"*

A = Azerbaijan 1st Republic

Carol described the colour of the paper, the colour and printing of the stamps. She cautioned that forgeries do exist. She presented famine relief, inflation and bogus overprint material explaining that stamps were relatively cheap but covers expensive.

B = Brunei

Carol related the history and stamp issues of Brunei. The longevity of the "Canoe" issue was described together with various colour changes, differences in frames and vignettes. She presented the 1924 issue followed by the overprints of the Japanese invasion of 1941, the return of the "Canoes" and finally the "Sultan's Head" issue of 1952.

C = Christmas and Condition 9 Access Mail

The Christmas subjects covered were slogans, GPO service, meter marks, foreign slogans, aerogrammes, scout post and Marie Curie Labels.

Carol explained how the Condition 9 Access Mail worked and gave examples of the contract numbers assigned to customers.

This was a most enjoyable and interesting evening and we look forward to welcoming Carol back to BPS in the future.

**The next issue will contain the results of the
Wiltshire and District 9 and 16 page competitions.
Until then we look forward to seeing our members
at the next meeting.**