

# BPS NEWS

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

## 2019

Since our last newsletter there have been 1 change of President, 2 competitions and 3 guest presentations!



*Ian Spencer takes over from Les Ashton-Smith as our new President.*

Our AGM was held on 9th May and Vice President Ian Spencer took over from Les Ashton-Smith as President. A vote of thanks was carried unanimously by the club for Les's contribution over the last two years. All the other officers were persuaded to remain in post and we look forward to another successful year.

The 28th of March saw a visit from husband and wife Lindy and Tony Bosworth. They entertained us with a presentation entitled **SOKOL**.

Lindy opened the presentation describing the formation of this Czech gymnastics organisation by Friedrich Tirsch who changed his name to Miroslav Tyrs

Tony then described the gatherings and propaganda and spread of the organisation in Europe and over to the USA.

All the above with a fascinating display of philatelic and photographic material delivered with enthusiasm.





Our very own Mike Breward gave us a presentation on the 11th April entitled **Eritrea the Italian Years** using material from his extensive collection of philatelic material on this subject.



Finally on June 13th we had a visit from Paul Latham-Warde called **"....and I still don't know what to collect"**

This entertaining presentation covered his forays into all categories of philately:

Social - poverty and protest

Cinderella - unemployment insurance stamps

Thematic - barbed wire

Aerophilately - rotary winged aircraft

Telegrams - greetings and valentines

General philately - Indian overprints and Canadian Jubilee issue

Postal forgeries - fraud and fraudsters.

Two annual competitions took place in March and May  
Both Wiltshire Federation.

On the 14 March was the 9 sheet competition.

The **General Philately** was won by Neil Jones with New Zealand  
King George V proofs

**Aerophilately** was won by John Roe with 100 years of the RAF  
**Postal History** was Neil Jones and his New Zealand Letter  
Cards.

**Thematic** was Peter Miller with Stony Pixels

**Cinderella** was won by Mike Tanner with Gloucestershire County  
Court Stamps.

**The Tex Rickard Memorial Medal** was awarded to  
Arlene Powell for a creditable first attempt at competition entries.



Competition and certificate winners.



The Wiltshire and District Federation 16 page competition was won by Mike Tanner with his entry Gloucestershire and Northamptonshire County Court Stamps



This year has been very successful for the society. Our programme secretary Mike Breward is to be congratulated on the variety and entertaining presentations by our guest speakers. Our members once again produced excellent competition entries and we look forward to the new season under our new President Ian Spencer which starts on 12th of September. I hope you have an enjoyable summer break and we look forward to seeing all our members at the first meeting.