

BRISTOL PHILATELIC SOCIETY

SUMMER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Since Christmas 18 meetings have been held between the two Bristol venues. This included a welcome input from the Thornbury and Newport Societies. Four outside speakers presented over 140 pages of their chosen subjects including Cyprus, New Zealand, GB Local Posts and GB QEII Pre-decimal Postal History. Members have also provided presentations on Newspaper Philately, the Bohemian King Wenceslas and Australian Rail Stamps and Labels. Further member input came through the 1 page, 9 page and 16 page local competitions and the 9 page Bristol & District Federation of Philatelic Societies competition. This way challenging our own knowledge and expertise and furthering our desire to learn more on our chosen subjects - there being five categories to choose from.

For those wanting to move some/part of their collection there have been two internal Auctions and two Bourses held. The Stamp Packet being a further well used form of buying and selling (for those prepared to make up booklets). Thanks to our Packet Manager for keeping a regular circulation of packets to tempt us.

Meetings have kept members in touch with the Fairs available locally – and some Nationally ie. London and NEC.

We have been contacted by the public this year by some 5 or 6 people for guidance on collections they have acquired – and for this we have members who can offer guidance.

As the 2024-2025 season draws to a close, we look forward to the new season due to start September 2025. Reflecting on this last season we have seen some 4-5 new faces and hope to encourage others prepared to delve into their chosen subjects with passion and enthusiasm – one man's passion can light the flame in others to go on their own exploration.