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## PRESS RELEASE

### **From British West Indies to Iceland**

Recent meetings of The Royal Philatelic Society London have marked the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the British West Indies Study Circle and examined the occupation of Iceland during the Second World War.

On 6 November members of the BWI Study Circle presented no fewer than 52 displays, which, as always with such society visits, provided a wide diversity of material, ensuring all present found something of interest. Introducing the displays was Charles Freeland, President of the BWISC.

During the Second World War Iceland, an independent country sharing the Danish monarchy, was neutral. Thus, even after the Nazi invasion of Denmark and Norway during the night of 9 April 1940, Iceland declined the offer of protection from Britain. Consequently it was decided by the British Cabinet to occupy Iceland, forces landing on 5 May 1940. Later the British forces were replaced by American protection from 7 July 1941.

On 20 November Dr David Kindley gave a presentation and display of mail sent to and from Iceland during this period of occupation.



Charles Freeland (left) with Chris King,  
President of The Royal Philatelic Society  
London



and David Kindley (left) with Chris King

Those wishing to visit The Royal Philatelic Society London at 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY, or be a guest at one of its meetings, are asked to contact in advance the Administrative Office on 020 7486 1044.,.

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