

# The Royal Philatelic Society London

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PRESS RELEASE

## **Not just pretty pictures**

'They are not just pretty pictures – it's philately.' So commented Christine Earle about thematic philately when giving the vote of thanks for the display of 'Scouting around the World', presented to the members of The Royal Philatelic Society London on 27 October.

Frank Walton, President of the Society and himself a Scout Leader, introduced the display by disclosing that when considering the programme of meetings for the year, he wanted to cover such areas as traditional philately, postal history and thematic philately. The material shown by Hallvard Slettebø ticked all these boxes in one go.

The display comprised Hallvard's Large Gold medal exhibit of 'World Scouting – its Path to Success', plus several detailed sections looking at Scout Mail in Displaced Persons Camps, and Scouting in the United Kingdom, Norway, Europe and Overseas. As Christine added, on show was 'only the finest and most beautiful material that had taken much research and endeavour to find'.

Among the guests at the meeting were several scout leaders and scouts, including Paul from the 1<sup>st</sup> Cookham Scouts, whose grandmother, herself a member of the Society, is not only one of the country's leading exponents of thematic philately, but also makes every effort to share her enthusiasm with others.

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 the Administrative Office (020 7486 1044).



*Frank Walton, President of the Royal Philatelic Society London, with Hallvard Slettebø, Paul from 1<sup>st</sup> Cookham Scouts, and Christine Earle.*

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