

## CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING – 24.09.2013:

**TONY ALLEN** gave an excellent display of **ANGLO-FRENCH POSTAL HISTORY 1580-1900** to 20 members of Croydon Philatelic Society.



Tony divided his talk in two parts. The first part covered the period from 1580 to 1840 and largely was made up of letters from merchants in Britain to their customers in France. Before stamps were issued the letters were marked with the rate that was charged which varied greatly. Tony explained the method of rating plus the route taken by the letters.

The second part of the presentation was made up of letters on which were stamps to show the rates charged. Most of the letters were from Britain to France and thus there was a variety of Queen Victoria stamps on show. An interesting point was that the rate charged dropped as the 19<sup>th</sup> century progressed. It would be good if that was the case today, but sadly not!!

Following a vote of thanks by Chris Hitchen, members looked at the great variety of interesting material on show. The meeting closed at 09.30pm.

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