

CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:

NOTES OF THE MEETING 08.09.2015:

President Paul Elliot opened the meeting at 19.45 hours and welcomed the 18 members present. He invited **David Milsted** to give his presentation on **King Edward VII: First Day to Funeral**.



In the first half of the evening David showed the stamps of Edward VII. The display included perforation errors and printing plate errors as well as postcards and photographs. There were stamps overprinted as official stamps used by government departments such as Office of Works, Board of Education, I.R. Official and Royal Household. Material of the funeral of Edward was also part of the presentation and included postcards, invitations and a telegram to the Office of Works with thanks for making the funeral arrangements.

The second part of the evening concerned the coronation of Edward VII. It was originally planned for 26 June 1902 but was postponed as a result of Edward suffering from appendicitis and requiring surgery eventually being held on 9 August 1902. David showed material for both dates – postcards, tickets to the Abbey, invitations, carriage pass and regulations to be observed on the day. There were also a number of sheets from magazines showing aspects of the coronation.

Members viewed the material follow by a vote of thanks from the President. The meeting closed at 21.30 hours.