

**CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28TH MARCH 2017:**

President Richard West opened the meeting at 19.45 hours by welcoming the 19 members present. He introduced three members of **Wimbledon Philatelic Society** who had brought their material to display.

Firstly, **Mike Warwick** gave a display of his **Cinderella** material.



Cinderellas are stamps or posters produced outside the postal system and covering a whole range of material. The display included labels advertising events such as the Ideal Home Exhibition in 1927, stamps produced especially for Philatelic Exhibitions, propaganda labels, local stamps such as Lundy, charity stamps, railway companies, savings stamps and much more. An interesting part of the display were stamps produced by private companies with the approval of the post office to cover the postal strike in 1971.

The second visitor was **Steve Teuma** with a display on the **Channel Islands during the War Occupation Years.**



The Channel Islands were occupied in 1940. In Guernsey the supply of 1d stamps of Great Britain stamps began to dry up and to overcome this problem it was decided that the 2d stamps be bisected. Eventually Jersey and Guernsey produced their own stamps. The display featured bisect stamps on cover as well as blocks, single stamps and gutter pairs with a variety of colours and shades. Several stamps were shown on cover.

The final presentation by **Andy Donaldson** was of **Great Britain over-prints and under-prints**.



These stamps were a pre-cursor to perfins and were a security device to avoid office workers stealing stamps. The firms' names and initials were printed on the stamps. Five firms used the official under-printing service of Perkins Bacon & Co. They included W H Smith & Sons and G.E.R. (Great Eastern Railway). The first company to use the service was J & C Boyd & Co. Many firms printed their own unofficial service but generally the quality of the stamps were not as good as the official service. A large number of firms' material was on show including Harvey & Portway; Copestoke Moore Crampton & Co.; Smith Elder & Co.; and Schwann Madera & Co.

Members enjoyed viewing the great variety of material from all three presenters before President Richard closed the meeting at 21.30 hours with a vote of thanks.

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