

CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD 25TH September 2018

President **Graham Harker** opened the meeting at 19.45 hours and welcomed the 12 members present. As this was a **Members' Evening** he invited members to show their Letter "U" and "V" contributions.



Members of Croydon Philatelic Society from left to right: John Ray, Michael Harris, Brian Asquith, Graham Harker, David Milsted, Chris Hitchen, Pauline MacBroom, Chris Board, Paul Percival.

Firstly **Paul Percival** presented stamps from 6 "U"s and one "UV" - Uganda, Ukraine, Um Al Quwain, United Nations, United States, Upper Volta and Uruguay.

Chris Board followed with Union of South Africa showing a comprehensive selection covering the transition from the 4 colonies into the Union on 31.05.1910. Inter-provincial stamps were used in other territories as any stamps of the four colonies could be used in South Africa between 1904 and 1909. In 1911 there was a competition for new definitive stamps and varieties, shades, De La Rue printings and postal stationery were on show.

John Ray brought his “U” & “V” from Fiji including a UPU International Reply Coupon and postmarks from Udu Point, Vanuavatu, Viria and Vunilagi.

Graham Harker's “U” & “V” showed Used stamps of Queen Victorian with postmarks all on Windsor Album leaves. He also showed Unmounted Mint stamps of KGVI and QEII including commemoratives, definitives, blocks, coil strips, booklet panes and Post & Go stamps from 2008.

David Milsted displayed pre-Union of South Africa Victorian stamps from the Battle of Modder River during the Boer War mainly Army Telegraph stamps including bisects. On show was a cigarette card with a Boer War VC winner.

Chris Hitchen displayed Universal Postal Union which the French joined on 8 January 1876. Changes took place between 1876 and 1878 in order to get in line with the rest of the world when they switched from ½ oz. (15gms) to the 10gms used by other countries. In May 1878 Unified rates were introduced.

Brian Asquith mounted his postcards with Views of Triest/Trieste both Used and Unused.

President **Graham Harker** thanked the tea-makers and all the participants for making it such an enjoyable evening and coming up with such a variety of material. He closed the meeting at 21.15 hours.

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Brian Asquith /Graham Harker.