

**CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD 9 OCTOBER 2018**

President **Graham Harker** opened the meeting at 19.45 hours and welcomed the 15 members present plus one guest.. He then introduced **Ray Barton** to present his display of **Mexico**.



Ray Barton receiving thanks from President Graham Harker following his display.

Texas was annexed by the United States in 1845 and the following war, which Mexico lost resulted in California, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada and part of Colorado being ceded to the USA. In 1856 the first stamps were issued but because of banditry, involving the theft of stamps in bulk, they were only valid if hand stamped with the district name. This led to a rather complicated variety of issues including colour changes, overprints, and bisects - vertical, horizontal and diagonal.

Ray showed a comprehensive range of stamps and covers including the Eagle postmark, Civil War Period, Revenues, Wells Fargo, Hidalgo Express and Forgeries right through until the end of World War II.

President **Graham Harker** thanked Ray for such a remarkable presentation of a difficult area which most members had never seen before. The meeting closed at 21.20 hours.

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Graham Harker/Bryan Asquith