

**CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD 28 May 2019.**

President **Graham Harker** opened the meeting at 19.40 hours and welcomed the 13 members and invited them to present their displays beginning with **Letter A**.



Pictured from left to right: Linda Willis, Peter Collier, Dave Meaney, **Chris Hitchen**, Richard West, **Brian Asquith**, **Michael Harris**, **Paul Percival**, **Graham Harker**, **Chris Board** and **Frank Simpson**.

NB. Pauline MacBroom and **John Ray** not shown. **Bold** denotes presenters

Paul Percival showed the stamps of **Ajman** 1970-1972 which is now one of the United Arab States followed by **Albania** from King Zog in 1919 until it became a People's Republic in 1945.

John Ray began with envelopes from Fiji to the BBC in the UK which were suspected of being infected with **Anthrax** and received "checked" handstamp. He then showed **Airmails** through Fiji, an **Air Crash**, **A.O.**, **Airport** Departure Tax, **Aerogrammes** and **Armed Forces** covers.

Chris Hitchen followed with French **Aviation**, **Airmails**, **Air Surtax** 1932-38 and **All Up Rates**.

Chris Board displayed "A" non-denominational stamps from the USA including postal stationery, Canada, France, Bosnia and Ukraine.

Brian Asquith brought letters addressed to himself including “Missent to Manila”.

Frank Simpson presented **Australian** States including New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, Tasmania and **Airmails**.

Michael Harris brought his **Aviation Anniversaries 1920-1968** which included **Amy Johnson, Aerial Services, Alderney Airport and Atlantic Passenger Flights**.

Graham Harker produced his latest **Acquisition** which was a letter from the Crimea with three penny red stamps and on the reverse a seal showing Renkioi Hospital which was designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel using pioneering prefabricated units. There was also a map of the area showing the position and layout of the hospital

President **Graham Harker** gave the vote of thanks to the members who had provided displays, commenting on the great variety and ingenuity in finding the letter **A** in their collections. The meeting closed at 21.40 hours.

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Brian Asquith & Graham Harker
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