

**CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD 13 August 2019.**

President **Graham Harker** opened the meeting at 19.30 hours and welcomed the 13 members present for the **Members Displays Letter B** meeting.

Graham Harker brought **Blocks** of Great **Britain** with definitives printed by Enschedé, Harrison and De La Rue and some recent commemorative examples.

Chris Hitchen displayed mail carried by **Ballons** Montés out of Paris during the 1870 Prussian invasion and **Boules** de Moulins carried into Paris at this time.

Paul Percival presented stamps of a number of countries including the **Bahamas**, **Botswana** and **Barbados**.

John Ray's Fiji material included places such as **Ba**, **Buca Bay**, **Buckhurst** Park and **Blocks** from **Banaba** in Suva.

Dave Meaney had stamps and postcards of **British Battles** such as the **Battle** of Hastings, **Battle** of Tewkesbury & **Barnet**, **Battle** of **Bosworth**, **Battle** of Culloden and the **Battle** of **Britain**,

Chris Board showed **British Bechuanaland** envelopes and cards franked with Cape Colony stamps, overprinted **British Bechuanaland** from 1880s, and from 1910 **Bechuanaland** Protectorate.

John Schofield displayed about 45 “**B's**” from various countries but mainly from France including **Babies**, **Ballet**, **Bicycles**, **Birds**, **Bison**, **Bizet** and many more.

Frank Simpson's **Brunswick** mail used three different currencies from 1851 and showed covers with stamps on all three currencies.

David Milsted's display was **Barbados** War Tax stamps used in World War I until 1925, including used on covers and cards to the USA and GB.

Michael Harris showed the GB Prestige Stamp **Booklet** commemorating **Brunel's** 200th Anniversary and a John **Betjamin** poem about **Brunel**.

Graham Harker thanked all the participants for their varied material and brought the meeting to a close at 21.30 hours.