

**CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD 8 October 2019.**

President **Graham Harker** opened the proceedings at 19.35 hours and welcomed the 16 members present. Unfortunately the listed speaker was unable to attend. Graham therefore welcomed members **Frank Simpson** and **Brian Asquith** who had agreed, at short notice, to provide the evenings displays.



Brian started by showing 16 sheets of “**Ethiopian Air Mails**” which are being exhibited on behalf of Croydon Philatelic Society in the upcoming Surrey Federation Mason Cup Competition.

He followed this with “**Modern Postal History**” or “**From the Waste Paper Basket**”, being letters and cards which came his way at home and in the office over many years. These included unusual markings such as “Missent to Manila” on a cover from the USA properly addressed to him at home, others which had been found damaged in the post, compulsory registration, postage dues, and finishing with a sheet containing 200 x £2 QEII stamps cancelled with Blackpool hand stamps of 1988 which came his way whilst working for Phillips the Auctioneers.



After the break **Frank Simpson** continued with his contribution of “**Brunswick**” or “**Braunschweig**”. The display of the 4 x ¼ stamps of the old German state issued in 1837, included general history as well as the postal history that prompted the issue of this special value stamps, divisible into quarters to balance the complications of three different currencies and the different postal rates. The display showed many examples of the divided 4 x ¼ stamp included on franked mail including several overseas letters.

Graham Harker thanked **Brian** and **Frank** for their contributions at such short notice and asked the audience to show its appreciation in the usual way. **Graham** also thanked the tea makers and brought the meeting to a close at 21.00 hours

Brian Asquith & Graham Harker
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