

CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD 14th January 2020

The treasurer **Chris Hitchen** opened the proceedings at 19.35 hours and welcomed the nine members to the meeting, which later rose to eleven. The evening was a **Members' Meeting** to display material starting with the letter **'D'**.

Chris began with a display of **Decorative envelopes**, mainly French, from the period 1870 - 1890 which included adverts for Beer & Syphon Manufacturers, a Brush Factory and Sewing Machines, all beautifully engraved.

Paul Percival followed with a colourful selection of stamps from countries including **Dahomey**, **Danish West Indies**, **Danzig** (now Gdansk), **Dominica**, **Dominican Republic** and **Dubai** from the early 1900s right through to the 1970s.

Dave Meaney showed a number of **Different Dublin** cancellations on covers franked with British stamps including a **Distinctive Dublin Maltese Cross**, an 1855 **Double Dublin spoon**, with "Paid" in the cancel, which lasted for only 2 months.

Brian Asquith presented two comic postcards which had been **Disapproved** by the Blackpool Postcard censor. There followed mail which had been **Delayed** and/or **Damaged** and covers with Postage **Dues** and one with **Duty** paid.

John Ray produced material from Fiji including a cover from **Dreketi**, **Dues** used on piece, ordinary stamps used as **Dues**, Airport **Departure** tax stamps, **Diplomatic** mail, **Damaged** covers, Fijian **Dancers** on stamps and a postcard showing the International **Dateline** going round Fiji.

Chris Board was the last to show with his **Inspectors Marks** with **"D"** and a number in a circle on letters to Transvaal post boxes after 1900, from Canada, France and China, French **"D"** stamps on cover in 1991 and a Indian Coronation **Durbar** leaflet from 1911.

Chris Hitchen commended the members present for braving the weather and turning out on such a night, not to mention the traffic problems and thanked those members who had put up such diverse and enjoyable displays from around the world. **Chris** brought the meeting to a close at 20.35 hours and wished everyone a safe journey home.