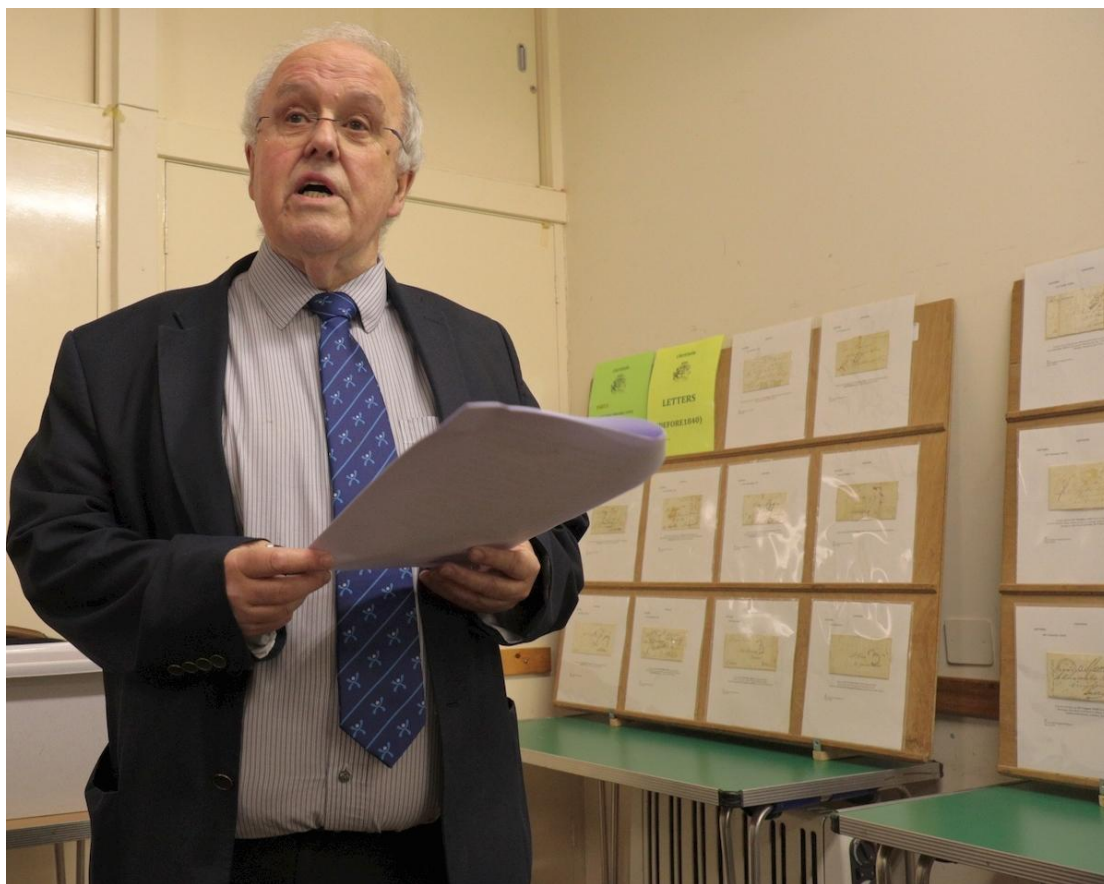


CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH FEBRUARY 2020

President **Graham Harker** opened the meeting held on 11th February 2020 at 19.30 hours and welcomed the 21 members present. As this was the **Presidential Evening** President Graham chose as his display **Croydon**.



The display was made up of various aspects of the philately of Croydon:

1. 23 **letters** associated with Croydon **before 1840**. The letters usually had a CROYDON stamp and often the cost of sending the letter written on the front. None of the letters had postage stamps.
2. 18 **letters** produced **from 1840**. Most of the letters contained stamps – many with Penny Red or other Queen Victoria stamps.
3. A number of labels used by the post offices for **Parcel Post**. Each post office had their own label and many of the labels had Queen Victoria or Edward VII stamps attached.
4. A selection of **Post Cards** each one with a stamp of Edward VII and the appropriate postmark.
5. 25 **Registered Letters** each with a registration label.
6. A small display of **Croydon Head Post Office**, including some official documentation.
7. A large display of the **Post Offices of Thornton Heath**. This included photographs of the post offices and the letters/material generated by the individual post offices.

Members enjoyed looking at the material on display which aroused much discussion. Members also enjoyed the refreshments (drinks and eats) provided by the President. President Graham thanked everyone for their attendance and involvement in the evening which closed at 21.00 hours.

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