

CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2ND JANUARY 2024:

The Presentation given at the January meeting in 2024 was by **Nigel Chandler** who entitled his presentation **Fun with Philately**.



Nigel who had been presenting for many years wanted to show how to collect differently. He advocated not collecting by number and using a catalogue as a 'scaffold for the collection' – looking at what you have and asking questions. He showed a variety of material:

Lubeck – 5 reprints which had been produced for charitable purposes.

Russia – a number of newspaper wrappers. He advised to look for the postmark of the destination as well as the postal rates and weight of the object.

Catalogues – he recommended using foreign catalogues despite the language issues as well as those produced by Stanley Gibbons as the foreign ones often contained much useful information.

Cayman Islands – examples of stamps, blocks, covers, sheets and war stamps.

Germany – a series of reply cards produced by the German government as well as the area of Wurttemberg which also retained its own local rates. He also showed covers with a war tax amount introduced in Germany to fund the First World War.

Nigel produced some very well-presented material which was enjoyed by members present on viewing. President Pauline MacBroom presented Nigel with a certificate to mark his visit and thanked him for his excellent display and commentary.

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