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## PRESS RELEASE

### **A rare Cypriot treat**

Members of The Royal Philatelic Society London were given a rare treat on Thursday, 18 February when shown and informed about the Victorian issues of Cyprus from 1880 to 1896.

On 1 April 1880 the postal administration of the island passed to the local government, and British stamps came into use with the overprint 'CYPRUS'. This arrangement continued until 1 July 1881 when stamps using the 'key plate' design inscribed Cyprus were introduced.

Making the presentation was Akis Christou, who showed a plethora of errors and varieties, as mint stamps and blocks plus usages, together with proofs, essays and 'Specimen' overprints.

Robin Davis, giving the vote of thanks, commented that on display was the 'best material available', which has been 'thoroughly researched' by Akis.

Those wishing to visit The Royal Philatelic Society London at 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY, or be a guest at one of its meetings, are asked to contact in advance the Administrative Office on 020 7486 1044.



Akis Christou giving his presentation to  
The Royal Philatelic Society London.

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