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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Poignant story of German Occupation**

The incredible story of the German Occupation of the Channel Islands from 1940 to 1945 was told by Ron Brown in a poignant presentation to the members of The Royal Philatelic Society London on 29 September.

Both Guernsey and Jersey issued their own stamps during the occupation, with artwork, essays and proofs being shown, in addition to the issued stamps. Of particular interest are those produced by Jersey, including the swastika overprints on the low value definitives and Postal Centenary special issues of Great Britain, in the event not released and of which very few examples exist.

The Jersey Arms issue, designed by Major N. V. L. Rybot, featured tiny letters in the corners. On the ½d these were AABB standing for 'Atrocious Adolf Bloody Benito', and on the 1d AAAA standing for 'Ad Avernum! Adolphé Artox' (To hell with you atrocious Adolf).

Ron Brown also told the stories of some of the Channel Islanders who became civil prisoners and sent to penal prisons and concentration camps, for such crimes as listening to the BBC.

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*Frank Walton, President of The Royal Philatelic Society London (right)  
thanks Ron Brown for his presentation.*

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