

**Minutes of a Meeting held in Dundee Art Society Gallery, Roseangle, Dundee
on 27 November 2014**

James Podger 'Africa and Adjoining Oceans'

Welcome: President Francis Podger welcomed the members and visitors James Podger and Lynn Podger.

Apologies for absence: Alan Roy, David Cree, George Soutar

Attendance: 17 members and 2 visitors (James Podger and Lynn Podger) were present.

Display: Visitor James Podger FRPSL, brother of our President Francis Podger FRPSL displayed 'Africa & Adjoining Oceans', but, as we were to find out, the display was more concentrated on Ascension Island, St Helena and areas of the West African Coast with James providing members with a most fascinating series of tales about his life whilst working on Ascension Island. James also displayed letters, postcards and various ephemera collected during his time there, and whilst also visiting St Helena and other ports around West Africa.

Whilst on Ascension Island James carried out some important philatelic duties, he painted both of the island's post boxes to become post box red instead of the pink colour they were before, and also inventoried all the philatelic archive material on the island.

James also regaled members with stories of how the runway on Ascension Island was extended to cater for the Space Shuttle should it need to land there as well as how the island is used as a main GPS monitoring station. He also told us how his ship managed to lose an anchor and chains, which was a major concern to him at the time as Captain.

As part of the display James also showed off stamps from the reign of King Edward VII from Gambia and the Seychelles which contained 'The Glover Flaw' and 'The Slotted Frame' flaws.

Business:

President: None

Secretary: None

Treasurer: None

Packet Secy: Boxes coming along slowly, may be after Xmas before any issued.

Librarian: On Phase II, now have worked on sections and subsections and will be issued to members when finalised. Indications are the complete library may be about 80 pages in size.

Webmaster: Website up to date following last meeting.

ASPS Rep: Reminded members about the request for assistance for Congress 2015 and informed members that a sheet is available at the Presidents' desk for members to put their name down as a volunteer.

Vote of Thanks: The vote of thanks was given by Francis Podger who complemented his brother on an excellent and informative display.

Date of Next Meeting: Morning meeting- 4 December 10am to noon.

Evening Meeting- December 11th

One-Page Competition and Recent Acquisitions