

CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13TH SEPTEMBER 2016:

Secretary Frank Simpson opened the meeting at 19.45 hours and welcomed the 14 members present. He invited **James Podger** to give his display on **Africa and Adjacent Islands**.



James is a sea captain who between 1995-2000 was based at Ascension Island when his ship was delivering oil to the island. Whilst there he was able to visit St Helena as well as other African countries.

The first part of the display was Ascension Island with some material from St Helena. James' material was varied with postcards, blocks, sheets, individual stamps, postal notices and air letters. James gave an insight into life on the islands and his experiences during his time there.

The second part of the display was largely of material from the African countries he had visited such as Gambia, Nigeria, Gold Coast, Sierra Leone, Seychelles, Zanzibar and Mauritius.

James gave a very interesting talk with a variety of material much enjoyed by the members present. The meeting closed at 21.30 hours with a vote of thanks from Frank Simpson.