

**Minutes of a Meeting held in Dundee Art Society, Roseangle Gallery, Dundee
on 23 February 2017**

John Jackson FRPSL – Aspects of the Netherland East Indies

Welcome: The President welcomed members, tonight's guest speaker John Jackson and visitors.

Apologies for absence: Robert Duguid, Doug Howkins, George Soutar, Sandy Forbes,
Harry Jackson

Attendance: 13 Members and 2 Visitors

Minutes: The minutes of the 9th February were approved by Norman Kelso and seconded by Charles Lloyd.

Business:

President: Nothing to Report

Secretary: Reported that the visit to the Arbroath Society was well received and although a small club meetings are very well attended. Charles also thanked those who participated.
Charles also pointed out that the latest ABPS newsletter contained an obituary for Alan Roy.

Treasurer: In the absence of the Treasurer, Secretary Charles Lloyd reported that society funds look healthy

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Librarian: Pointed out that we have 2 copies of KPM Cockerill Series books in the library and one is available for any member who wishes it. Norrie Kelso donated a book to the Library titled "Lanarkshire Post Offices and their Postmarks".

Publicity: No details in Courier 'What's On' this week but picture from Annual Competition printed in Stamp Magazine. Details of meeting also in ABPS News which also contained a photo of Ron Goodfellow displaying at Aberdeen.

Webmaster: Website contains link to ABPS News for Alan Roy's Obituary.

ASPS Rep: Copies of the Congress postcard and cover available to purchase at 50p each.

Vote of Thanks: The vote of thanks was given by President Francis Podger FRPSL who complemented John on a thoroughly detailed display.

Date of Next Meeting: Morning Meeting – 2nd March 2017 10am till Noon
Evening Meeting – 9th March 2017
Visit from Stirling & District PS

Display:

Members and guests were entertained on Thursday night with a display of covers and cards from John Jackson FRPSL. John is a member of the Malaya Study Circle and his display was on the Netherlands East Indies (or Dutch East Indies as it is also known).

John provided a very detailed and in-depth knowledge starting from the pre-stamp Napoleonic Era through to the present day.

He described how Post Agents were used in Penang and Singapore and relied on P&O to carry the mail. In 1878 postal agents were employed to handle the mail, whilst also using French mail Boats to carry the mail. John then proceeded to break down the carriage of mail into three separate classifications, namely mail carried by Ship, Train and Plane.

A number of covers were displayed showing straight line, oval and circular cancellations as well as a number of postcards depicting some of the ships used. John gave an in-depth description of the two different organisations which operated the mail routes namely, KPM and SMN and also displayed a couple of covers which had been dropped in the water at Genoa and recovered.

Next on display were covers relating to the travelling post offices which operated in the area. John also informed the members that there were two different gauges operating at the time and a new line had to be built beside the narrow gauge one to connect the two areas.

The evening finished up with a series of covers and postcards outlining the route between Holland and the Indies operated at the time by KLM. This also included Wartime Air Mails, German Internment Covers, Red Cross Labels and Japanese Occupation Mail which was for POW's in the Indies or where the Mail relating specifically to Dutch internees.