

Dundee & District Philatelic Society
Minutes of Meeting 26 October 2017
Dundee Art Society, Roseangle Gallery, Dundee

Visit by Lanarkshire Philatelic Society

Welcome: President David Millar welcomed members and guests to the evening's display.

Apologies: Charles Lloyd

Attendance: 13 Members and 5 Visitor(s)

Minutes: The minutes of the 12th October 2017 were approved by Robert Duguid and seconded by Francis Podger

Business:

President: Nothing to report

Secretary: Nothing to report

Treasurer: Nothing to report

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Librarian: Two cupboards have now been completed and David then provided an explanation as to its workings. He then displayed three books from the library.

Publicity: The latest meeting was published in the Courier 'What's On'. Information on the society should also be printed in the next ABPS news.

Webmaster: Nothing to report

ASPS Rep: Norrie issued a hand-out to members detailed the events of the latest delegates meeting in Perth. DDPS are now confirmed as hosts for the 2023 Congress.

Vote of Thanks: On behalf of the members Francis Podger thanked the members of Lanarkshire PS for putting on such entertaining displays.

Date of Next Meeting: Morning Meeting – 2nd November 2017 10am till Noon
Evening Meeting – 9th November 2017
A Celebration: Dennis Collins – 70 Years a member

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Display:

Two members of Lanarkshire Philatelic Society entertained members with 4 different displays. Andy Napier started off the evening with a display related to the island of Fiji, specifically the Makogai leper colony. Andy displayed a number of covers which were sent in and out of the colony, and also provided members with some interesting facts such as, there was free postage for patients and staff, although air mail letters did incur a supplement. One highly interesting fact was that all mail sent from the colony had to be disinfected and this was achieved by placing the mail in a wire basket and placing this on bricks in a bread oven overnight. Andy finished off this section with 'Bomber fund labels' and postcards and covers showing post offices in Fiji.

Terry Woods then displayed some stamps and covers from the "Ken Mathieson Collection" entitled "Into the Unknown". This was a display concerning explorers which included William Bligh, Abel Tasman and Vasco da Gama to name but a few.

Part 2 of the evening was started with Terry Woods displaying the Pro Juventute Charity Stamps, booklets and postcards of Switzerland on behalf of Maureen Mathieson.

Terry then finished off the evening with a display of his own collection of covers related to the Lanarkshire Postal History surrounding the area of Clydesdale and specifically the town of Biggar. Terry showed a variety of postmarks from the 19th and 20th centuries and provided an interesting detail that in 1843 the datestamp was stolen and a new one sent for. This took about two weeks to arrive and Terry had on display a cover which used the old datestamp during this two week period, which he believes is the only one in existence. Terry finished off with a few postcards showing post offices which came under the control of Biggar.