

*Dundee & District Philatelic Society*  
*Minutes of Meeting 8 March 2018*  
*Dundee Art Society, Roseangle Gallery, Dundee*

**Sheila Den – Fernando Po & Friends**

- Welcome:** President David Millar welcomed members & guests
- Apologies:** Sandy Sloss
- Attendance:** 14 Members and 4 Visitors
- Minutes:** The minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 were approved by Francis Podger and seconded by Colin Campbell.

**Business:**

- President:** Numbers are being sought for attendance at the Annual Dinner in May.
- Secretary:** 1) Informed members that the Royal is moving to new premises in Abchurch Lane, London by June 2019.  
2) Made available a cover with a Xmas stamp containing a red shift and a strip of Machin stamps with a blade flaw.
- Treasurer:** Informed members that £50 has been received from packet sales.
- Packet Secy:** Packets 112-115 completed. Packets 116 and 117 being issued now. There are still over 100 booklets received to be made into packets.
- Librarian:** David looked out books which may be relevant to tonight's display but we have none on Fernando Po, so instead David showed a 1986 Atlas of the world.
- Publicity:** No details published in the Courier in What's On this week. Informed members that there is an event for the unveiling of the Chalmers Plaque in Slessor square.
- Webmaster:** Nothing to report
- ASPS Rep:** Still have 5 Congress covers for sale at 50p each and looking for volunteers to man the society desk at Congress. Informed members that the Postal Administrations of Jersey, Guernsey and Gibraltar will have Post & Go kiosks at Congress.

- Vote of Thanks:** Charles Lloyd provided the vote of thanks congratulating Sheila Den on an excellent evening's entertainment.

- Date of Next Meeting:** Morning Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018 10am till Noon  
Evening Meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 Straits Settlements by  
Bill Shand (Postal History Society)

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Tonight's visitor was Sheila Den from Aberdeen Philatelic Society, who put on a display of Fernando Po and Friends. The friends as it turned out were other philatelists from across Scotland who have assisted Sheila in putting together such a wonderful display. Sheila's main interest lay in Cuba and the collection of Fernando Po started due to their initial use of Cuban stamps.

Sheila began by outlining where the island of Fernando Po was and how it came about its name from the Portuguese navigator Fernado de Po in 1472, with Portugal then ceding the island to Spain in 1778.

Included in the display was a cover, which was part of the Clark correspondence, and was a letter from John Clark to his brother sent in 1841. Also shown was an Anti-slavery letter sent in 1855 from HMS Penelope. Another cover, which was part of the Holt correspondence, sent by John Holt was regarding Palm Oil and Cocoa.

Stamps were also on display which included overprints, revenue fiscal stamps and the 1929 Seville and Barcelona exhibition stamps.

In the second half of the display Sheila described this half as being of the more modern covers and stamps. A number of covers on show including a registered cover, medical advert cover, censored covers and mainly religious mail mainly to one specific company in Chicago.

Also on show were Guinea Espanol stamps and covers, whaling stamps, bird stamps and Fernando Po stamps, which incidentally show 'Fernando Poo'. Some covers on display had mixed franking i.e. Fernando Po and Spanish Guinea franks.

To close Sheila explained the in 1968 the island became Equatorial Guinea and eventually became Bioko Free State.