

Dundee & District Philatelic Society
Minutes of Meeting 9 November 2017
Dundee Art Society, Roseangle Gallery, Dundee

A celebration: Dennis Collins – 70 years a member

Welcome: Elspeth Collins, Catriona Collins, Sabine Hotho, Katherine Goodfellow, Neil Stirling, Sonny Richts

Apologies: Norman Kelso, Francis Podger

Attendance: 17 Members and 6 Visitors.

Business: This meeting was an exceptional meeting, held to recognise the exceptional achievement of Dennis Collins, as 70 years a member of the Society. Business and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 26th October were deferred until the next meeting.

Introduction: The Secretary explained the origin of this meeting. About 18 Months before, during a conversation with Dennis, he discovered that Dennis had intended to give a display to mark his 70th year. Charles responded, saying that it ought to be the Society that should be hosting the event! Dennis agreed to let us do this. Unfortunately, he passed away before this came to be. However, both officers and family agreed we should continue with the planned event as a mark of our respect for Dennis's service to philately and the many years of friendship with each, and every one of us. The format of the meeting would be simple. Dennis had a love of philately. We would share aspects of philately held dear to each of us and which Dennis might have appreciated as well. Twelve members volunteered to contribute to the display, which limited contributions to one or two frames each.

Part 1

Harry Jackson	"Postage stamps of Occupied Germany 1945- 1946"
Ron Goodfellow	"Scots cancellations on cover"
Doug Howkins	"Memories of Peru"
Sandy Sloss	"Memories"
Robert Duguid	"Madeira hotels"
Charles Lloyd	"African memories"

My memories of Dennis

Ron Goodfellow, who had known Dennis for many years, both as a fellow member and as a personal friend was invited to say a few words. He recalled his memories with fondness: Amusing incidents, the modesty and standing of the man, the variety of interests and the kindness and help he showed to all.

Part 2

Alec Steele	"Early Rhodesia"
David Easson	" My four societies
Colin Campbell	"Hong Kong China"
Peter Dix	"Self-addressed envelopes & cards from faraway places"
David Millar	"Perfins & Victorian postal history"
Sandy Forbes	"Trees and timber"

Vote of thanks:

Our President, David Millar, thanked all who had participated, recognising that the evening had been fitting tribute to an outstanding philatelist and friend. Elspeth Collins, in turn, thanked us. She and Catrione had been very touched by the event and added that she knew that Dennis would have thoroughly enjoyed the evening!

End of meeting:

We toasted the memory of Dennis and enjoyed no fewer than three delicious cakes. All agreed that this had been a unique and memorable evening.