

President's Report 2015

I have had an excellent year as President of Dundee & District Philatelic Society. It started well with the dinner at the end of the last season which had an excellent turnout with many members and partners attending. It has continued throughout this season – although I was slow off the start with myself being away on business and having to swap my President's Night with Doug. I thank Charles for ensuring this could happen and for Doug for being flexible. I am only sorry it meant I missed Doug's display. Fortunately I did not have to miss too many other nights and was able to enjoy the syllabus Charles prepared for us and ensured we received. It is good to hear such comments as 'I am glad this person came' or 'This material has been really great I enjoyed seeing it'. I quote in general terms, but you understand what I mean. The only disappointment – one year has gone quickly.

I know Charles has given us the statics in his report, but I would like to commend the level of participation in the 'L' night – it is always good to get some eclectic displays – that do not need too much presentation but get us thinking about what we have and what we can share. Getting something ready for our Annual Competition night is maybe more challenging, and more have been having a go, but I would like you all to consider our one sheet competition. A small amount of preparation for the sheet and a short introduction (should be short as the one sheet should be written up and stand on its own) is all that is required. Please consider this for 2015 – after all you all have 7 months to prepare a single sheet.

For those of you who saw the Summer edition of the ABPS news noted that Colin managed to get another society mention when, I believe history was made with my father, my brother and I all being Presidents of local Philatelic Societies. Publicity is an important thing, sometimes if only to remind people we are still here but, like at Congress having our table to actively promote ourselves. So I would like to take this occasion to express my sincere thanks from us all to Colin who has ensured that the society has had a very high profile. I encourage someone to take on this role so this good work can be maintained. If anyone would like to do so, please speak to Charles or myself.

I look forward to the continued strength of our society. My thanks to all our officers and their support that keeps our society moving forward.

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