

RSCDS Glasgow Branch Seniors' Group

The Spring Meeting of the Seniors' Group took place on Thursday, 20 April 2017 at the Crookston Hotel. Because the meeting was held between Easter and the first May Holiday Weekend, the numbers were slightly down, however, what we lacked in quantity we made up in quality! This first meeting of 2017 was dedicated to the memory of the late Dorothy Paterson, who was a co-founder member of the Seniors' Group initiated almost 18 years ago in 1999 by our current Branch President, Mrs Ruth Beattie.

Our invited speaker on this occasion was **Mr. George Waugh** who came to give us a presentation entitled '**A Vintage Postcard Miscellany – a collector's view**'. George has had many interests in the past: model railways, coin collecting and cameras, and for many years has been an enthusiast and collector of vintage postcards. His presentation was in two parts: firstly the introduction to the topic began whilst we were finishing our tea/coffee when George showed us original sizes and different shapes of postcards and spoke about the various themes that could be collected, e.g. transport, social history, leading to the 1988 Garden Festival, piping bands and highland dancers. An anecdote made reference to a (possible) American postcard depicting a view of Loch Katrine made famous by Sir Walter Scott ... description reads "*Is one of the beautiful lakes belonging to the system of lakes in the Scotch Highlands*". Ouch! Concluding Part 1, George asked the question, "Are there any postcards of Scottish Country Dancing/Dancers (say, from the 1950's/1960's era)?" Not a lot, I suspect!



After a brief interval we reconvened for the second part of the presentation which was an illustrated slide show. George told us that his inspiration to collect postcards started when he acquired, in the late 1970's, a small motor coach whose route from Ballachulish to the head of Loch Etive formed part of the 'Glencoe Tour' (i.e. via train/coach/boat). The turn of the 20th Century became the 'Golden Age' of postcard collecting. George's presentation was informative and primarily of a Scottish theme, punctuated with gentle humour which was greatly appreciated by those present and who received a free postcard from him as a souvenir of his talk.

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