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PRESS RELEASE

A member of the Royal for 70 years

John Lea joined The Royal Philatelic Society London on October 12, 1944. To celebrate being a member for 70 years he provided the afternoon's display at the Christmas meeting on December 19, which attracted no fewer than 135 members. Chris King, President, thanked John for providing 52 frames of material that told 52 stories. It revealed the secret of collecting: 'start young, live long and be lucky'.

John's interest in collecting began when he received letters from his step-brother in Malaya, an interest that was encouraged by a housemaster at his school.

Giving the vote of thanks, Peter Cockburn commented on a life 'ferreting around for stamps', most of which had been obtained when they were simply new issues.

In addition to the plaque given to all who give a display to the Society, John was presented with a specially engraved decanter to mark his 70 years as a member. In reply, John thanked all for the 'opportunity to show off some of my bits and pieces'.



Chris King (right), President of The Royal Philatelic Society London, presents John Lea with a specially engraved decanter to mark 70 years as a member of the Society.

Those wishing to visit The Royal Philatelic Society London at 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY, or be a guest at one of its meetings, are asked to contact in advance the Administrative Office on 020 7486 1044.

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