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Sad loss of two Dundee Branch Stalwarts

This year has sadly seen the passing of two members who were very keen to ensure Dundee branch continued to prosper and provided much support to achieve this.

Elsie Cattanach

The sub-group at Perth flourished thanks to Elsie's hard work in arranging accommodation, speakers, lunches and her involvement in the finances required to keep meetings successful.

As an ardent Cliff Richard fan she took in good heart any "negative comments" in relation to Cliff during music quizzes. It's good to see Elsie's husband, Angus, at Edinburgh branch meetings.

Mina Carr

I first met Mina in 2006 when I first visited all Scotland branches. She was introduced to me as the Branch Secretary – and it was soon very clear that Mina provided huge support to the then, Dundee branch. As well as her secretarial role for the branch Mina attended the regional meetings in Edinburgh, where all branch representatives came together along with the CEO from HQ.

Additionally, Mina was a regular delegate at NFOP's annual conference, travelling to Scarborough or Blackpool as a Dundee representative.

My thoughts, and those of the colleagues of both Elsie and Mina are with their families.

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Edinburgh Branch Meetings – 2pm at St John's Church, Princes Street/Lothian Road.

21 January – New Year's Lunch, Howies, Waterloo Place, Edinburgh – 12 noon for 12.30.

Cost to members is £15, with the branch paying the balance. If you wish to attend and have not let Richard know, please ring him on 07880 905178.

18 February - "The Shetland Bus" - Kath Hay.

18 March – speaker to be confirmed.

15 April – "Edinburgh's Burke and Hare" - Eric Melvin.

20 May – Trip, to be announced.

17 June – AGM

Perth – 12 for 12.30 for lunch at Civil Service Sports Club, St Leonard's Bank, Perth, PH2 8EB.

Two dates for lunches – 3 March and 2 June.

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