

Dr William Lindsay Gordon

Members who have attended past conferences will be saddened to hear of the recent death of Dr Gordon. The son of Dr William and Elsie Gordon of Sparkhill, Birmingham, he was educated at Malvern School and University College, Oxford, matriculating in 1943 with a degree in medicine and surgery. His working life was spent in Birmingham where he continued to live in the family home in which he had lived as a child; he served for a time as a Conservative councillor and was a keen student of the history of Birmingham and an interesting commentator on the changes he had witnessed in the city during his lifetime. He was a keen traveller and collector of antiquarian books; his interest in British history, particularly of the seventeenth century, led him to form several collections, including furniture. This in turn led him, in 1994, to join the Regional Furniture Society and he became a regular attendee of the annual conference. Members may have noticed the dispersal of some of his collections at Christie's over the last few months.

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