

## **Upstairs - Mezzanine Gallery**

### **Harold Gordon Engraved Crystal Glasses**

The Edinburgh crystal glasses in this case were engraved by Harold Gordon (circa 1917-1996).

Gordon was born in Forres to James Gordon of Tytler Street. He was a soldier in the army service corps and was interned as a Prisoner of War from September 1940 until April 1945.

On his release, he went on to qualify for a diploma of art in 1947 and became a lecturer in Glass at Edinburgh College of Art, training several successful glass makers such as Alison Kinnaird, who received an MBE for her work.

Using traditional techniques on a copper wheel, he became such a skilled engraver that in 1966 glasses that he engraved were presented to Elizabeth the Queen Mother and in 1969 he engraved goblets for the Prince of Wales's investiture.

He exhibited in Canada in 1972 and received awards for his engravings in 1979. He had a studio in Forres from which he worked for many years.

The engravings that you can see here are of Scottish wildflowers and fishing flies.

These glasses were donated in March 2019, by Mrs Cairncross of Perth, in the name of her late husband who had collected them.





