

The Dandy Dinmont is a type of small Scottish terrier dog whose origins date back to the 1600's.

The whisky named after the dog was owned and produced by A. Alexander & Co. of Leith and London. The brand was mostly exported to foreign markets and survived for exactly one hundred years, from 1882 until 1982. Today, surviving memorabilia and bottles are highly sought after by both Scotch whisky collectors and owners of the Dandie Dinmont breed of dogs.

I would like to show you some of my collection, starting with my oldest item. This water jug (figure one) is believed to have been made by Buchan's of Portobello, although it does not have a maker's mark.



Figure one



Figure two

The second water jug, which you can see in figure two, was also made by Buchan's of Portobello. It shows the dog facing to the right and dates from around the 1920's. Later water jugs and all other Dandie Dinmont items from after that period show the dog to be facing to the left.

My oldest bottle (figure three) is a 4/5-quart bottle, filled at 86.8 proof and imported into the USA by the British-American Importation Company Limited of Los Angeles, California. I would estimate this bottle to date from the 1930's.



Figure three

This next bottle (figure four) is a no age statement Italian import that has been bottled at 43° proof, as stated on the back label. It was bottled in the 1960's. I was delighted to be gifted this one by the renowned collector and dealer Guiseppe Begnoni during a visit to his premises in October 2023.



Figure four



Figure five



Figure six

The next one we have is this 5cls miniature, which you can see in figure five. It also dates from the 1960's. The front labels on these two bottles are quite similar, but the two brown glass flasks are very different.

The last one of this little group, (figure six), is another miniature that dates from the 1960's. It is a USA import by Vintage Wines Inc. of New York, NY. The label on this one also informs us that it is 1/10 pint in size and has been bottled at a strength of 86° proof.

I also have various ashtrays within my Dandie Dinmont collection, but this brass one is

certainly my favourite. As you can see here in figure seven, the dog is facing to the right which helps confirm its vintage as being from the 1920's.

We now have this metal serving tray in figure eight which dates from the 1970's.



Figure eight

Finally, I want to show you the item that started off my Dandie Dinmont collection. As you can see in figure nine, it is a fabulous looking advertising dog standing on top of a wooden stand that has been fashioned to look like a vintage storage crate.

For any member who is interested in whisky memorabilia, but especially water jugs, I would recommend that you have a look at the website of Alessandro Orzes, who is an Italian collector. His web address is www.whiskyjugs.it I also managed a visit to see him last year and was totally unprepared for how mind-blowing his collection is.

I hope you have enjoyed reading this article, and if you have, and have any questions, or indeed any Dandie Dinmont items for sale, then please get in touch with me at morangie1951@gmail.com



Figure seven

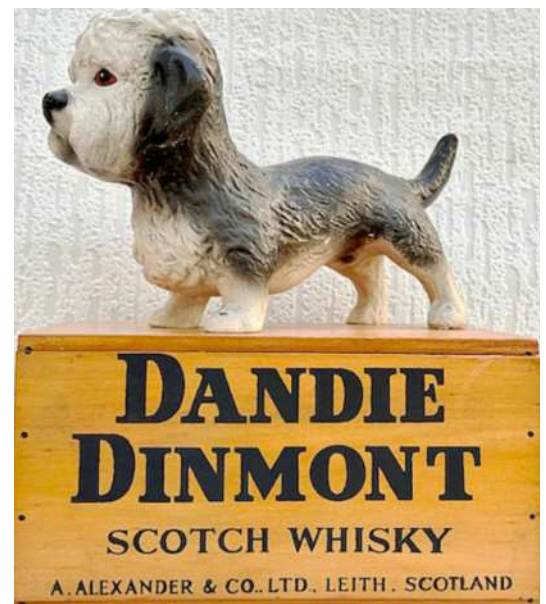


Figure nine