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Antique and vintage cameras. These range from early bellows and box cameras to the ubiquitous Kodak 'Brownie' and more sophisticated 35mm single-lens reflex types.

Which was the first item in your collection? Which is your favourite object and what first attracted you?

The first and my favourite camera in my collection is the model I owned when 10 years old (I am now 78), and it remains my favourite, although it is quite basic. This camera sowed the seeds of my life-long interest in photography.

How many objects do you have in your collection?

I have a varied collection of around 35 cameras from the 1910s/20s to the early 2000s. These are not the rare and expensive items sought by many camera collectors, but the more affordable cameras that would have been used by many people over the years for holiday and family snaps or by more serious amateur photographers perhaps.

What is your dream object for the collection?

Although I don't collect high value cameras, I would quite like an early Rolleiflex twin-lens reflex (currently, these can cost £3000+).

What would you like to happen to your collection when you die?

I would be happy to bequeath the collection to a museum if it is of sufficient interest.

Please tell us a little about yourself.

I am a retired industrial journalist and editor (and occasional photo-journalist, when images were required). I live in Exeter and am a Friend of RAMM.