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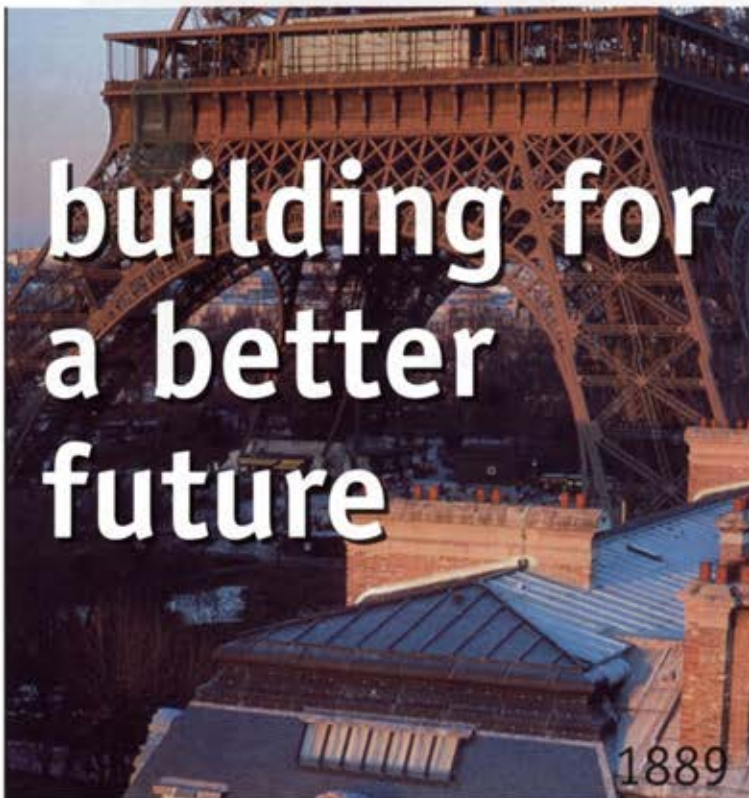
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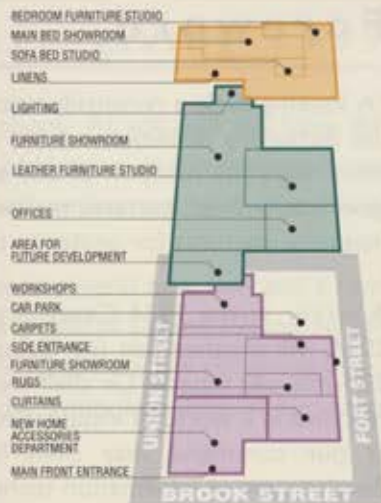


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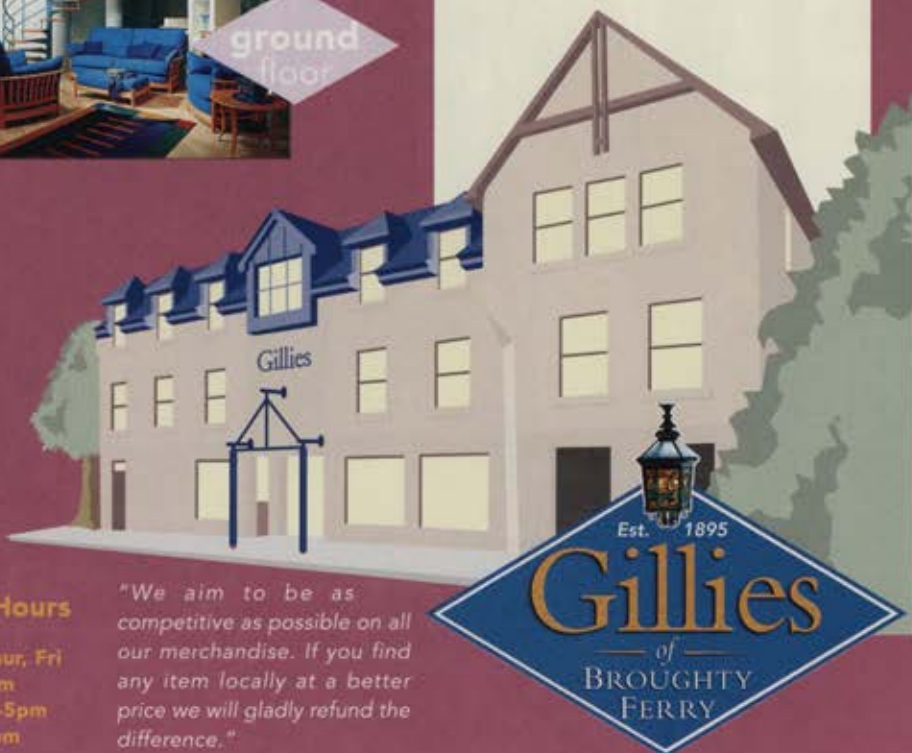


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## Foreword

"A looking back, a reconsideration, a critical examination" are some of the dictionary definitions of the word "review" and they encompass in many ways the function of our school magazine. Although the school year has a fixed pattern, no two years are ever the same and the magazine captures for posterity the unique flavour of each session.

A writer in the 1934 Centenary Number of the magazine wrote "In 2034, will another pen (or dictaphone) recall the events of 1934 to a 200-year-old school? Or shall we be taught painlessly by wireless?" We who live in a world of instantaneous communication, and with hindsight at our command, may smile at such sentiments. The speed of development in information technology is such that it requires a leap in imagination to anticipate what will be the means of communication in 2034.

I feel confident, however, that "The Review" will continue to flourish and will still capture for its readers of whatever year or century the many aspects of school life which are unique in each session. The Review of '99 provides the latest chapter. Long may it flourish.

*A M Duncan*  
Rector



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Rector

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## Rector's Report School Prize-giving 1999

Mr Chairman, Dr and Mrs MacLeod, ladies and gentlemen, pupils of the school. As you will see from the programme, the Chairman will in due course formally introduce our Guests of Honour. In the meantime may I say that it is a great pleasure for me personally and as Rector to bid you both welcome to this prize-giving.

The session which ends today could be summed up as a session of new faces: several new staff and a new face to parts of the school. There is also a new face to prize-giving in that pupils of L6 and L7 and Senior pupils have come together along with all staff in a single Prize-giving ceremony. There are few occasions when it is possible for the two parts of the school to unite in this way and today symbolises one of our great strengths as a school: the provision of education for young people from 5 to 18.

This year three new prizes are being presented for the first time: the James Stevenson Prizes for French and for German in Form 5 which commemorate a former Headmaster in Modern Languages and the Caroline S Low Memorial Prize for Dux of Form 5 Girls. Caroline, a student at Edinburgh University and a former pupil of the school, died as a result of a road accident. It is fitting that as a former Form 5 Dux herself her name should be associated with this award.

One difficulty in composing an end of session report which a Rector never has is a lack of material. As I look back on the last year, it is impossible to be other than immensely impressed by the range of activities in which pupils and staff are engaged.

Let me begin by highlighting those pupils who have had the honour this year of representing their country or achieving national recognition. In rugby Calum Rankin and Timothy Knight represented Scottish Schools at U-16; in Squash, Struan Cunningham played for Scotland at U-15 level; while in Girls' Hockey Ailsa Robertson represented Scotland at U-18 level. John Sinclair of F2 has been training with the Scottish Junior Sailing Squad and will be competing in the Sailing National Championships in Paignton this summer.

In Music, three string players: Victoria King F4, Emily Smoor F3, and Jamie Yule F1 participated in the National Youth String Orchestra of Scotland. Patsy Reid F4, was winner of the prestigious Glenfiddich Fiddle Competition - a very considerable honour and achievement for such a young player. It would be appropriate also to mention the success of one of our Music Staff, Mrs Gill Robertson who was Scottish winner of Classic FM's Music Teacher of the Year competition and a runner up in the UK Competition.

The selection of Fiona Dewar F5, for the Scottish team in the World Schools' Debating Championship is cause enough for congratulation. After nine days of debating against 32 other countries, Scotland emerged the champions. To Fiona, therefore, goes the honour of now being a world champion.

These are achievements of the highest order and reflect in part the diverse nature of the talents of our young people. For the CCF Pipe Band and for individual members it has also been a year of considerable success. Last August the band was given the Edinburgh Military Tattoo Youth Pipe Band Award. Since all military youth bands are eligible, their success while still a young and relatively inexperienced band is all the greater. Andrew Low F5, Robbie Young F3 and Ossman Ashraf F1 won the trophy and first prize in the Trio Competition of the Scottish Schools CCF Quartet and Trio Piping Competition. This was the first time that the school had entered the competition.

CALUM RANKIN



TIMOTHY KNIGHT



AILSAL ROBERTSON



PATSY REID



FIONA DEWAR



PIPE BAND





DUNCAN LOWE  
FIONA DEWAR

It has been a particularly busy and varied year in the musical life of the school. The European dimension has been particularly prominent. In October we were visited by the choir of our German exchange school, The Christophoruschule from Oberurff who participated in a most memorable joint concert with our own Senior Choir.

At Easter 33 pupils and 4 staff participated in a trip to Prague and Vienna giving concerts in both cities and having a great deal of fun in the process. Nearer to home, a number of pupils took part in the Perth Competitive Festival. The L4/5 Choir won the trophy in their class and individual success was achieved by Stephen Gordon F4, Louis Ryan L7, and Alasdair Young F6, winning their classes in Advanced Trumpet, Elementary Brass Solo and Boys' Vocal Solo respectively.

Eve Atkins F6 was awarded the first Advanced performance Certificate of the Royal Schools of Music - a level of attainment not often achieved by students of school age. Christmas performances, Spring concerts and most recently 232 entries in our own Annual Music Competitions are some of the other musical activities. **And** a first radio broadcast by Tayside Young Fiddlers - 15 of whom are High School pupils and directed by Mrs Robertson. Mr Cochrane, Head of Music and all Music staff may take great satisfaction in the vibrant musical life of the school.

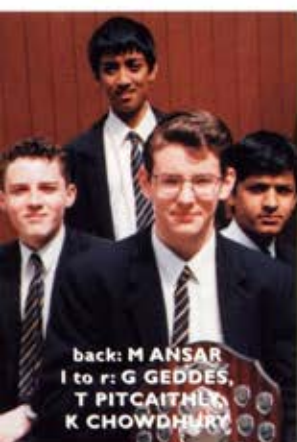
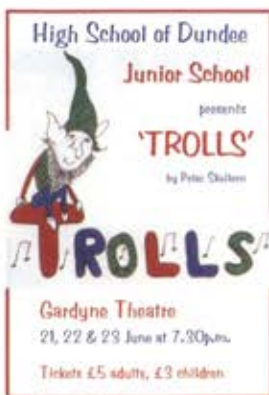
I have already mentioned Fiona Dewar's international success in Debating. Partnered by Thomas Pitcaithly also F5, they reached the final of the Dundee University Debating Competition winning first and third places respectively in the individual speaker competition. The debating season was rounded off when the school team of Duncan Lowe and Fiona Dewar won first place and the Courier Cup in the Tayside Senior Pupils debating competition.

One of the highlights of the Christmas season is always the L1-L3 nativity play and 'The Bossy Christmas Fairy' will long be remembered. More recently the dramatic talents of both Junior and Senior pupils have been on show in the musical 'Trolls' and 'Romeo and Juliet'. The performances were the climax of many months of work by both staff and pupils and confirm the rich seam of acting talent within the school.

It has been a season of success for the Chess Club with Thomas Pitcaithly, Kader Chowdhury, Guy Geddes and Mooktadir Ansar not only winning the Bishop's League in Tayside Schools Chess Championship but also emerging as overall champions in a play-off against the winners of the other leagues.

Classics, Mathematics, Chemistry are three subjects where pupils have made their mark in open competition. In the University of St Andrews Annual Schools Latin and Greek Recitation and Projects Competition, the F1 team of Louise Anderson, Sally Brunton, Sarah Dorward, Lindsay Laird, Gordon MacWalter, Abigail Skea and Jennifer Tyler won 1st prize in the Junior Projects Competition and the Junior Latin Competition was won by the F2 team of Holly Curless, Amos Elias, Neil Herbert, Stuart Leckie, James Potton and James Strachan. Form 3 did not come home empty handed either being placed second in the Senior Projects Competition.

One of the most popular competitions amongst pupils is the Maths Challenge Competition. Gold Awards were achieved by Toby Davies, Rebecca White, Farzana Sheikh and Mohammed Asif with Silver Awards going to Mooktadir Ansar and Tanjeel Maleque.



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L ANDERSON

52 Form 2 pupils were entered for the United Kingdom Junior Mathematics Challenge. 13 gold, 15 silver and 14 bronze certificates were achieved with two of our pupils, James Strachan and Patrick Pitcaithly being invited to take part in the UK Junior Maths Olympiad.

Top of the Bench is an appropriate name for a Chemistry Quiz. The School team of Kirsty Wilson, Mooktadir Ansar, Ify Mordi and Derek Wong won the Tayside and Fife competition and are now eligible for the British Finals in March next year.

The Discovery Challenge Event which is a two part competition organised by Tayside Police, Dundee City Council Rangers Service and the Dundee Drugs Prevention Team is an event in which the school has a good track record. This year the team of Iain Hunt, Verity Mitchell, Stephen Gordon, Emily Smoor, Stewart Arbuckle and Kirsty Hawkes with Alison Robertson as reserve, excelled themselves in winning both sections of the competition and gaining also the Lord Provost's Trophy, the first time the same team has won all three trophies in the same year.

Another first of a different kind was our participation in the popular Channel 4 Quiz programme 15 to 1 and, although unsuccessful in reaching the final stages, the team enjoyed the experience of participating in a TV programme.

For some years the Rector's Report has referred to success for the school in the Annual Young Enterprise Scotland Scheme and each year we have thought that it would be difficult to maintain the high standards set in the previous session. I am pleased to report that once more High School pupils have made the grade. Elan Enterprises gained first place at regional level for the Quality Award and Company Report Award while Design 2000 were runners up for the Business Plan Award. In the national Quality Scotland Award five companies are selected from all Scottish Young Enterprise Entrants. For the second year running 2 of the five finalists were High School Companies with Elan Enterprises emerging as the winners.

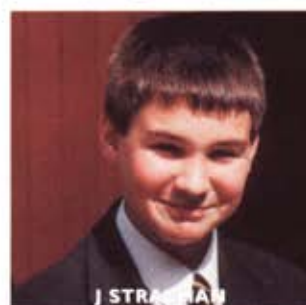
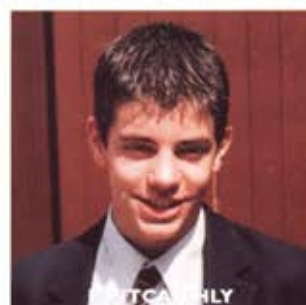
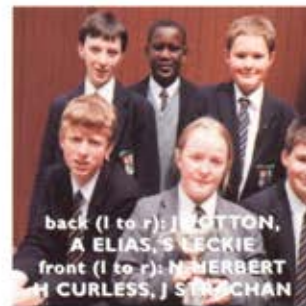
Elan also came first in the Skene Foundation Award at Regional level and made the national finals.

Individual successes in the Strathclyde Business School YES examination were achieved by Eve Atkins and Ionut Oltean-Dumbrava. They achieved the highest and second highest mark in Tayside and Eve was also in the top 10 entrants in Scotland from 3,400 examinees. The challenge is there for next year's Form 6.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme continues to expand with nearly 60 pupils from Form 3 and above now actively involved. During the course of the session, 8 Bronze, 3 Silver and 2 Gold awards have been completed. The continuing success of the scheme is due in no small part to the enthusiasm and efforts of many staff ably led by the Duke of Edinburgh co-ordinator Miss Sheila Cannon.

I referred earlier to achievements at national level in the field of sport. There have, of course, been many other successes for both individuals and teams. In Rugby, the 1st XV reached the Quarter Finals of the Scottish Cup and the U-13's team won the Midlands competition for the Jubilee Cup.

At U-18 level Jonathan Vernon and Rodric Leslie represented Midlands Schools and Calum





Rankin, Timothy Knight, Graeme Henderson and Stephen Gordon at U-16 level. Charles Quin captained the Scottish RAF U-18 Rugby team and played in the U-18 Great Britain XV.

In Boys' Hockey Alexander France represented Midlands at U-18 and in Girls Hockey Ruth McNee, Charlotte Foster and Carolyn Robertson represented Midlands Schools at U16 level and Catriona Whiteford, Alison Robertson and Anneka Walker at U-14 level.

Nor should we forget Junior Girls' Hockey with many L6 and L7 girls participating in tournaments across Scotland as well as regular inter-school fixtures. Primary Rugby, Netball and Cricket teams also had a successful season.



For the first time a team competed in the Dundee Area Schools Badminton League and then proceeded to win. The team comprised Scott McNee, Ruth McNee, Douglas Campbell, Andrew Brown and Anna Robson.

In Tennis, Jayne Arbuckle, Ruth McNee, Gillian Mackay and Rebecca Lesley, all F4, are through to the National Final of the Midland Bank U-15 Tournament. We wish them well. At the recent Scottish Schools Athletics Competition Stephen Gordon, Calum Rankin, Robbie Grieve and Adam Knowles all won silver medals.



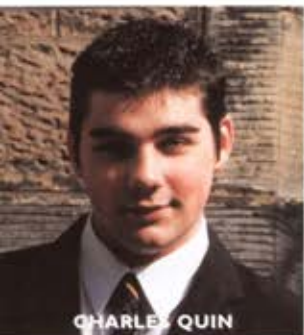
As stop press, I can report on a number of successes at Dundee Schools Sports on Tuesday of this week.

Stephen Gordon won the Allan Wells Sprint Trophy and the Pentathlete Trophy in the 4th Year and above with Beverley Harper winning the equivalent trophy for girls.

Group trophies were won by A Group Boys and Girls i.e. for 4th to 6th Year and by D Group Boys - Form 1.

A number of individual medals were won and 2nd or 3rd Placings gained in the other 5 age groups.

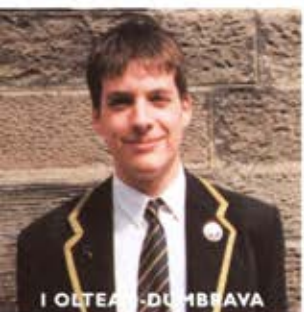
It is a fine ending to another successful sporting year.



A phrase with which we have all become familiar is 'education, education, education'. The wide range of activities to which I have referred this morning is an integral part of education and what pupils, whether winners or not, gain from such involvement is often undefinable and not easily measured by league tables, performance indicators, targets or benchmarks which are now part of the educational world. The concept of a rounded, a complete education, is one which we must always strive to maintain.



In the 1998 national examinations there were 1056 presentations at Standard Grade with 88% being at Credit Level. At Higher the overall pass rate was 85% with 31% at Grade A and in the Certificate of Sixth Year Studies 86% gained passes A-C with 27% at A. These performances reflect well upon the efforts of the pupils and upon the commitment and professionalism of the teaching staff.



Ionut Oltean-Dumbrava F6, has been offered a place to read Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Balliol College, Oxford, and Eleanor Caskie and Mary McNeill have won Bursaries of the University of Aberdeen.

One of the most significant developments in Scottish education in recent years is almost

upon us with the introduction next session of the reforms under the 'Higher Still' programme. We are ready to start implementing these changes and will also be introducing a limited number of new courses in Form 5. While preparing for Higher Still, time had to be found for current courses and implementing other initiatives. French has now been introduced in Junior School to L6 and L7 and the school day has been extended for L6.

In the Senior School the restructured system for Pupil Guidance is in place and considerable progress made in extending the provision of careers guidance in the school. A successful week was held recently as part of an induction programme for next year's F6 and included presentations from representatives of business, commerce and the universities.

The government's initiative in establishing a National Grid for Learning within the state sector has set the target of 2002 for its full implementation. I am pleased to report that the major commitment by the Board to investment in Information Communication Technology begun this session has placed us well ahead of the game and we have already met some of the targets which the government has set. An internet link through the co-operation of the University of Abertay, e-mail addresses for all staff and pupils, the establishment of an ICT resource area in the library are but some of the aspects of this investment which will continue and grow over future years. Some 80 new computers were installed throughout the school this session and it is planned to more than double that number for next year. I should like to acknowledge the efforts of Mr Mark Parlour, Assistant Rector, Mr Jack Spain, Network Manager and Mr Bill Cochrane, Senior Technician, in organisation of this educational tool.

As I said at the start this has been a session of new faces with a number of staff changes.

In August we welcomed the new Deputy Rector Mr Philip Leckie and two new Assistant Rectors, Mr Colin Allison and Mr Mark Parlour. Mr Roy Middleton joined the Mathematics Department and Miss Lesley Smith, Home Economics. Mr Brian Kyles took over as Facilities Manager.

During the session Mrs Barbara Quigley joined the RE Department and Miss Monique Bell, English. Mr Jack Spain was appointed to the new post of Network manager and Mr Scott Graves joined an expanded team of technicians.

In addition to new members of staff a number of current staff have been promoted. Mrs Ann McDonald has become Assistant Rector, Mr John Mordente Head of Mathematics, Mrs Frances Martin Head of Religious Education, Mr Colin McAdam and Mrs Lise Hudson Principal Teachers of Guidance, Mrs Fiona Cram, Mrs Isobel Finnie, Mr Colin Stuart and Mrs Paula Spowart Assistant Principal Teachers of Guidance.

An innovation within the school has been the creation of a new post of Development Officer who will be responsible for future marketing and fund raising for the school. Miss Sarah Randell took up this position at Easter. To all our new colleagues go best wishes for an enjoyable and fulfilling time.

The session has also seen the departure of several long serving members of staff. Mr John Baxter retired at Christmas on grounds of ill health and Mrs Rosemary Stewart retired from her post of Assistant Rector after 23 years service to the High School at Easter. At the end of the session Dave Walker, groundsman and George Thomson, Head Groundsman, retire after 22 and 35 years at Mayfield and Dalnacraig. Mrs Barbara Collie also retires from the Classics Department after 19 years in the school. To all colleagues who are leaving go our thanks and best wishes for a happy retirement.

We also take a temporary farewell of Miss Claire Hulbert who is undertaking a teacher exchange next session. She will be teaching in Brockville, Ontario and in August we shall welcome Mrs Linda Simpson from Canada who will be teaching L5.

A common purpose, shared values, constant striving for what is best make for a successful school year. The High School is fortunate in the support it receives from the Parents' Association and the clubs of the Old Boys' and Old Girls'. My thanks go to Mrs Dawn Barrack, former Chairman of the Parents'

Association for her support over the last session and I wish her successor, Mr Bill Arnot, well for his year in office. I am grateful also to Mrs Jen Petrie, President of the Old Girls' and Mr Alf Vannet, President of the Old Boys' for their interest and commitment to the School.

The pupils this session have been ably led by Kirsty Wilson and Alex France, the Head Girl and Head Boy and I wish their successors, Ailsa Robertson and Jonathan Vernon, good fortune for the year ahead.

At a time of historic changes in education and with the pressures which flow from that, the school owes much to the dedication of its staff - teaching and non-teaching - and I am glad to express my thanks to them all and in particular to my senior colleagues on the Board of Studies. Let me also, Mr Chairman, acknowledge the support which I receive from you and your fellow Directors.

To those of you for whom this is your final day at the High School may I wish you future success and happiness and to all pupils, parents and colleagues, an enjoyable and refreshing summer.

### EXTRA ACHIEVEMENTS



Ali Haddanou (left) and Barry Jones won the Under-15 Scottish Cup with Kirkcaldy after a successful season with Kirkcaldy Chiefs who were also Scottish League Champions. Ali went on to represent Scotland later in the season.



Samantha and Ross Croll took top honours in The Highland and Islands Music and Dance Festival in Oban.



Maxine O'Fee and Karen Power scored the highest marks for the whole of the UK, Eire and Canada at Grades 8 & 6 respectively in the Trinity College Exams.



Michael Page became Senior Swimming Champion



Sally Hopkins achieved The Gold Award in The Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme.

Rosalind Sharks of 2231 (Forfar) Squadron Air Training and was promoted to Corporal.

Fiona Beaton played for Dundee Under-15 Netball Team and was selected to play in the Aberdeen BAA Youth Sports Festival where she won a Bronze medal.

Kenneth Kyles won the Jack Stark Rosebowl for the Single Wicket competition in Cricket.

**WELL DONE EVERYONE !!**

## Staff News: Arrivals



**Philip Leckie** joined the High School as Deputy Rector in August 1998 having been previously an Assistant Rector at Hutchesons Grammar School in Glasgow.

His links with Hutchesons go back to his days as a pupil of what was then Hutchesons' Boys' Grammar School. While at school he gained colours in both Rugby and Swimming and was appointed Captain of Swimming.

His prowess as a swimmer was further recognised when, as an undergraduate at the University of Glasgow he was awarded a full "Blue" for swimming and captained the University swimming team.

In 1969 he graduated with an M.A. Honours degree in Economic History with Regional Geography and after completing teacher training at Jordanhill College he took up his first teaching post as a teacher of Geography at Paisley Grammar School. Promotion to Assistant Principal Teacher of Social Subjects soon followed and in 1974 Philip moved to Lanark Grammar School as Principal Teacher of Geography and subsequently was appointed to the post of Assistant Headteacher.

Interests in rugby and swimming were maintained after school and university. A former player with Hutchesons F.P. and Lanark Rugby Clubs, he was also a coach at Lanark Swimming Club. Outdoor pursuits, whether it be gardening, hill-walking or skiing, are favourite forms of relaxation. As befits a geography teacher, Philip enjoys travel and has visited many parts of the world.

Philip Leckie and his wife, Shona, have now settled in Monifieth with their children, Stuart and Alison, both of whom are High School pupils. The challenges of taking up a new post like that of Deputy Rector are considerable and Philip Leckie is addressing them with the same vigour as he is tackling the challenge of his garden!

We wish him success in his new post and to the Leckie family every happiness in Dundee.

*A M Duncan*



**Colin Allison** arrived at the High School in August 1998 having been appointed as one of two new Assistant Rectors. He came from George Watson's College where he was himself educated.

Sport was a major interest at school and he won School Colours in Squash, Badminton, Hockey and Cricket. After four years at university (including a year at Seville University) he graduated from Edinburgh with a degree in Spanish. A teaching qualification and Dip.Ed. followed before beginning his teaching career at Craigmount High School, Edinburgh.

In 1985 he returned to his old school and was promoted to Head of Spanish and subsequently a Year Head. Latterly he was Examinations Co-ordinator.

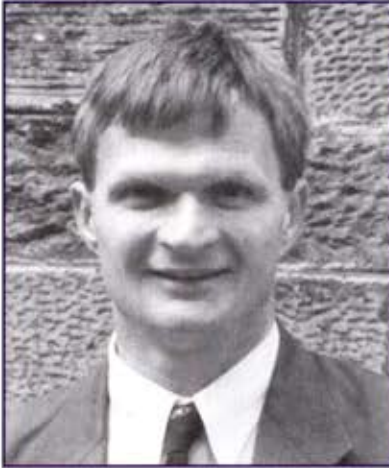
For nine years he was Master in charge of Boys' Hockey at Watson's. He had the task of resurrecting boys' hockey and his success was reflected in pupils whom he coached being selected for both District and National sides. A qualified Scottish Hockey Union umpire, Colin was President of the Watsonian Hockey Club for three years. He now enjoys spending his spare time on the golf course and boasts a handicap of 5.

In his short time at the High School Colin Allison has done much in developing Careers Guidance in the school and has made a valuable contribution to many other aspects of school life not least in the organisation of the annual school Open Day.

We wish him continued success and enjoyment in his new post.

*A M Duncan*

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**Mark Parlour**

The speed with which the decision to develop Information Communication Technology in the school was turned into reality is due in no small measure to the determination

and hard work of Mark Parlour who was appointed as Assistant Rector with responsibility for overseeing this major project which has enhanced our educational provision.

Mark's academic background is originally in Biology and after taking his post graduate Certificate of Education at Oxford, he began his teaching career at Embley Park School in Hampshire where he became Head of Biology. A further degree in Computing, Mathematics and Electronics followed and for nearly five years he was Head of Computing at Bloxham School, Banbury before moving to a similar position at Gordonstoun School.

After a break from teaching when he set up and managed his own computer systems company in the design and installation of integrated business solutions, he returned to education when he was appointed in 1993 as the first Head of Computing at Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen and where he was responsible for the introduction of computing facilities in the school.

Mark is also an accomplished sportsman and lover of the outdoors. A talented white water canoeist, a diver and award winner for wildlife photography, he has also found time to play and coach rugby including the 1st XV at Bloxham School and at Gordonstoun.

He is an enthusiast for his subject and his knowledge and expertise in computing from both the educational and commercial viewpoints has been invaluable in establishing our own ICT system. He has recently been invited by Microsoft to join their U.K. educational advisory group. We look forward to further exciting developments in the years ahead.

*A M Duncan*



**Charles M Sharp**

Charles Sharp became Bursar in May 1998. He had something of a baptism of fire in having to mastermind the considerable development work that took

place in the school last summer. Setting about the task quietly and efficiently, he soon became familiar with the myriad tasks and responsibilities of a Bursar in a modern independent school.

Charles Sharp is a native of Edinburgh where he was educated at Daniel Stewart's College. On leaving school he trained as an accountant before joining the family business of Bruce Lindsay Brothers, the largest independent solid fuel distributor in Scotland, and parent company to a number of subsidiary businesses.

He was appointed Commercial Director at the age of 25 before becoming in turn Group Managing Director and Group Chief Executive. In 1997 the company was acquired by another large Group.

Although most of his professional life has been in the commercial world, he has always had an interest in education and young people reflected in his role as a Trustee of a Charitable Trust providing Outward Bound Course Awards for pupils attending independent schools.

The move to a post in the world of education was a natural progression and to it he has brought a range of experience from which the High School can benefit.

Married with a teenage daughter, his interests outside school include gardening and golf. A particular interest is music and amateur dramatics reflected in his position as Past President of Edinburgh Gilbert & Sullivan Society.

Now in his second year as Bursar, Charles Sharp is making a significant contribution to the financial and administrative life of school and we wish him continuing good fortune.

*A M Duncan*

## Promotion



**Mrs Anne F McDonald**

Although only appointed to her present post as Assistant Rector in April 1999, Anne McDonald is no stranger to the High School having

begun her teaching career in 1971 at the school when appointed as a teacher of History, Economics and Modern Studies.

Anne is an honours graduate in Modern History and Political Economy of St Andrews University and completed her Post-Graduate Certificate in Secondary Education at Dundee College of Education and Diploma in Education at Dundee University.

After a break from teaching when her family was young, she returned to education firstly as a lecturer and tutor in Economics and then as a teacher of Modern Studies at St John's High School where she was acting Principal Teacher of Modern Studies before eventually returning to the High School where she was promoted firstly as a Senior Form Mistress and more recently as Principal Teacher of Guidance for Lindores.

Her contribution to the wider life of the school has been considerable: supporter of House events, organiser of Hospitality Prefects and of the Friday 9 Voluntary Service Group to name only a few.

She is also a member of the Scottish Council for Independent Schools Guidance and Personal & Social Education Training Committee and has recently completed the post-graduate Certificate in Guidance and Pupil Support of Northern College.

Anne's daughters, Lesley and Carolyn are both former pupils of the school and are now pursuing their own careers. Music, theatre and charity fund-raising activities take up her spare time.

Our good wishes go to Anne McDonald in her new role within the school.

*A M Duncan*

## Departures



**Mrs Rosemary E Stewart**

Rosemary Stewart joined the staff of the High School in 1976 at the start of her teaching career.

She came late to the profession having started

her working career in industry. She entered the University of St Andrews in 1971 as a mature student and graduated four years later with an Honours degree in Biochemistry. The following year she completed her teacher training at Dundee College of Education.

Rosemary Stewart's career in education has been one of considerable success. Within three years of becoming a teacher she was appointed Headmaster of the newly established Biology Department. She brought both enthusiasm and her own academic rigour to the department and rapidly established its reputation for examination success. Involvement in the development of Biology was not limited to her own department. Mrs Stewart was a member of the central support group for Standard Grade Biology and a marker and external examiner for the Scottish Examination Board.

In January 1987 she was promoted to Assistant Rector with responsibility for personal and career guidance in the school. As a classroom teacher and Head of Department Rosemary had always had concern for the welfare of each of her pupils and this genuine interest and consideration for the individual fitted her admirably for her new position. Countless pupils have reason to be grateful for her down to earth advice and sympathetic understanding. She has been unstinting in giving of her time to pupils and their families particularly at moments of difficulty for the pupil. Professionalism, attention to detail and expecting the highest standards in herself and others have marked her many years service to the school.

Having retired at Easter Rosemary is now settled in her latest career - enjoying her garden, travel and most all, spending time with her family. To Rosemary and her husband, Bob, go the warmest wishes of the High School community.

*A M Duncan*

## Staff News: Departures



**John T G  
Baxter**

John Baxter was educated at Harris Academy in Dundee before studying at the University of St. Andrews where he gained an Honours

degree in Medieval and Modern History. In 1970 he returned to Dundee to train as a teacher at Dundee College of Education.

He began his teaching career in 1971 at Craigie High School then, within a few months, he joined the staff of the High School of Dundee where he remained until his retirement on grounds of ill-health in December 1998.

His commitment to and enthusiasm for his subject enabled him to become Headmaster of History in 1975 before becoming Headmaster of Religious Education in 1984. In his latter years in the school John was involved in the Guidance and Careers aspect of the education of the pupils and many pupils have benefited from his support and advice.

As the member of staff responsible for the organisation of the House system, he will be remembered for his meticulous attention to detail and his encouragement to the pupils, particularly in his own house (Aystree). In addition, John made an excellent contribution to the wider life of the school in sport, drama, music and debating, to name but a few.

Outside the High School, he is above all a family man and we wish him and his wife, Merelyn, a long and happy retirement as he continues to pursue his many interests.

*A. McDonald.*



**Barbara  
Collie**

Barbara Collie is a graduate of Aberdeen University and did her teacher training at Aberdeen College of Education. She joined the Classics

Department of Dundee High School in 1975, having previously held posts at Berwickshire High School, Woodmill High School in Dunfermline, and Craigie High School in Dundee. During the years Barbara has been at the High School there have been many changes in Scottish education, and she has assisted fully in the introduction of new courses at all levels in Latin, Greek, and Classical Studies. She took part in the department's first trip abroad in 1992, when 80 pupils and 10 members of staff set off for southern Italy in 2 buses. Her fondest memory of that trip is of being stuck in a traffic jam outside the main railway station in Naples at 11 o'clock on a Saturday night. She has also been a stalwart on our annual trip to Hadrian's Wall. She has taken part every year in the preparation of pupils for the University of St Andrews Classics Competition, and her project and Latin play teams have had great success. Barbara has always had the interests of her pupils at heart. She has been an efficient and conscientious teacher over the years, being willing to tackle any topic, even the "Lysistrata" of Aristophanes, on which she is now our acknowledged expert. She will be greatly missed.

*J Meehan*

## Good Wishes

Congratulations to the following members of staff on their promotions:

Mr John Mordente, Head of Mathematics and Mrs Frances Martin, Head of Religious Education.

Mrs Lise Hudson and Mr Colin McAdam, Principal Teachers of Guidance.

Mrs Fiona Cram, Mrs Isobel Finnie, Mrs Paula Spowart and Mr Colin Stuart, Assistant Principal Teachers of Guidance.

Mrs Sarah Fletcher and Mrs Christine Murray, Careers Guidance Co-ordinators.

Mrs Nancy Reekie, Rector's Secretary and Mrs Sheila Adam, School Secretary.

Welcome to:

Mr Brian Kyles, Facilities Manager, Miss Sarah Randell, School Development Officer, Mr Jack Spain, Network Manager, Mrs Pamela Wilson and Mrs Susan Sime, School Receptionists, Mrs Pat Duncan, Assistant Secretary and Mr Scott Graves, Science Laboratory Technician.

On a more personal role we congratulate:

Mr Colin McAdam and Mr Michael Stewart on the birth of their daughters Susie and Iona and Miss Shirley Cohen, now Mrs Magill and Miss Monique Bell, now Mrs Massie on the occasion of their weddings.

Finally let us not forget Mrs Gill Robertson who became Scottish Music Teacher of the Year in The Classic FM Competition and runner-up in the whole of the UK competition.



(l to r): Mrs F Martin, Mr J Mordente



(l to r): Mrs S Adam, Mrs N Reekie



Mrs. G Robertson



Miss S Randell



Back (l to r): Mr J Spain, Mr S Graves, Mr B Kyles  
Front (l to r): Mrs P Wilson, Mrs P Duncan, Mrs S Sime



(l to r): Mrs C Murray, Mrs S Fletcher



Back (l to r): Mr G Spowart, Mrs I Finnie  
Row 3 (l to r): Mrs G Madden, Mrs F Cram  
Row 2 (l to r): Mrs L Hudson, Mr C Stuart  
Front (l to r): Mr C McAdam, Mrs P Spowart

# New Faces - the inside story

## Mrs Barbara Quigley

- Unfulfilled ambition:  
I have two: to ride on the footplate of Mallard across the Ribblehead viaduct and to play viola professionally.
- Interesting pre-teaching job:  
Getting 'plastered' as an auxiliary in the accident and emergency fracture Clinic at Jimmy's.
- Favourite book, painting and piece of music:  
'101 things to do with a dead cat' The Scream by Munch-I once had a carpet that resembled the background. Manic Street Preachers.
- Most admired person:  
Mary Levison who fought the cause for the ordination of women in the Church of Scotland.
- Least admired person:  
The numpety who thought it was fun to kick the wing mirrors of 40 cars in my street and who caused £600 of damage to my car.
- Favourite event in the school year:  
The first day of the new session when all the new pupils arrive looking immaculate and full of enthusiasm.
- Least favourite event in the school year:  
The second day of the new session when all the new pupils look as dishevelled as all the rest.
- What changes would you make to High School of Dundee if you could:  
Jazz up the main staffroom-it looks like staff are practising for entry to an old people's home!
- What revenge would you take on your most irksome pupil if you could:  
Make him/her read the Song of Solomon aloud to the whole school.
- Own suggested epitaph:  
'The answer's a definite maybe!'

## Miss Monique Bell

- Unfulfilled ambition:  
To be a deep sea-diver
- Interesting pre-teaching job:  
Checkout in a supermarket - on second thoughts, perhaps not that interesting!
- Favourite book, painting and piece of music:  
'Charlie and the chocolate factory', my all time childhood favourite. Anything by Rembrandt 'Jumping Jack Flash' by The Rolling Stones
- Most admired person:  
Nelson Mandela
- Least admired person:  
Slobodan Milosevic
- Favourite event in the school year:  
The end of term - it ends!
- Least favourite event in the school year:  
The start of terms - it starts!
- What changes would you make to High School of Dundee if you could:  
Create an aura of unashamed luxury in my classroom, with comfortable chair, double-glazed windows, air-conditioning, thick carpet and a personal assistant-to make me tea on demand.
- What revenge would you take on your most irksome pupil if you could:  
Order him/her to teach me English for the year, when I would determine to be just as obnoxious.
- Own suggested epitaph:  
'She always enjoyed a good meal'



Back (l to r): Mr R Middleton, Mr B Dollman  
Front (l to r): Mrs B Quigley, Miss L Smith, Miss M Bell  
(now Mrs Masie)

## Miss Lesley Smith

- Unfulfilled ambition:  
To win Masterchef
- Interesting pre-teaching job:  
Food Technologist
- Favourite book, painting and piece of music:  
Scotland the Best by Peter Irvine Anything by William Gillies Don't worry Baby-Beachboys, Play Dead-Bjork, A Design for life-Manic Street Preachers, The Hush -Texas. I found it difficult to choose just one.
- Most admired person:  
Elizabeth I because she was a real survivor in a man's world.
- Least admired person:  
Mike Tyson
- Favourite event in the school year:  
The 8.55am bell every morning!
- Least favourite event in the school year:  
The 3.55pm bell in the afternoon! (I hope the correct influential people are reading this !)
- What changes would you make to High School of Dundee if you could:  
Build a state-of-the-art Home Economics Department.
- What revenge would you take on your most irksome pupil if you could:  
Make him/her scrub every cooker in the department with a cup of water and a toothbrush.
- Own suggested epitaph:  
Young though she be Here lies she For whom time never stood still

## Mr Roy Middleton

- Unfulfilled ambition:  
To win the National Lottery. Being a statistician I appreciate the attractiveness of joining the Maths Department Lottery Syndicate thereby reducing my chances of winning from 1:13983816 to 1:2330636  
Question: How many are in the syndicate?
- Interesting pre-teaching job:  
A farmer, which is a great job if you like counting sheep. Question: How many acres are in a hectare?
- Favourite book, painting and piece of music:  
'Foucault's Pendulum' by Umberto Eco 'Sunflower' by Grace Middleton, aged 6 - a masterpiece!, Bach's Brandenburg Concertos - all that mathematical progression!
- Most admired person:  
Mr Duncan of course! Now about that pay rise...
- Least admired person:  
David Seaman - yes, that penalty save!
- Favourite event in the school year:  
Sports day, and this has nothing to do with Mrs Finnie's after-sports day barbecue and the fact that the bar is open at the same time.
- Least favourite event in the school year:  
The last day of term - how I hate the thought of summer holidays! All that sun and golf...
- What changes would you make to High School of Dundee if you could:  
Introduce a maths social area with a maths sauna to relieve stress, a maths snooker table, a maths mini multi-screen cinema and a maths automatic homework marking machine. And I'd throw in a 52% pay rise for maths teachers.  
Question: What is the maximum possible break in snooker? (Not 147).
- What revenge would you take on your most irksome pupil if you could:  
You mean xxxxxx xxxxxx? I suppose it might have to be legal which slightly limits the possibilities. Then again, he/she could go on an afternoon's shopping with my wife while listening to the Bay City Rollers Greatest Hits on a personal stereo.
- Own suggested epitaph:  
'He came, he saw, he computed the square of the hypotenuse from the sum of the squares of the other two sides.'

## Mr Bob Dollman

- Unfulfilled ambition:  
To cross the Haute Route in the Alps on skis.
- Interesting pre-teaching job:  
Laid pipelines in the oilfields of Wyoming, USA as a student.
- Favourite book, painting and piece of music:  
'Feel the fear and do it anyway' by Susan Jeffers, Self Portrait by Van Gogh, Anything by Van Morrison
- Most admired person:  
Mother Theresa
- Least admired person:  
William Hague
- Favourite event in the school year:  
The school musicals
- Least favourite event in the school year:  
Assembly
- What changes would you make to High School of Dundee if you could:  
Have my own personal car space and petrol pump in the school playground.
- What revenge would you take on your most irksome pupils if you could:  
Hang him or her upside down from the ceiling.
- Own suggested epitaph:  
'It will only take five minutes!'



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## Reports

### YOUNG SPEAKER'S CLUB (F1-3)

The Young Speakers' Club now meets on Tuesday lunchtimes at 1.10pm in Mr Durrheim's Room (Room 39) though for most of the session, our meetings took place on Thursdays. The new schedule was introduced to give F1 a better chance of arriving on time.

Apart from preparing teams to compete in Debating and Public Speaking competitions against other schools, we also run a number of informal debates and public speaking events during lunchtimes. Topics range from the very serious "This House supports the new Scottish Parliament", to the tongue-in-cheek "This House thinks Santa is a fraud!" (of course we established that this could not be true though Mr Durrheim remained uncharacteristically silent.) We also run quizzes such as "Just a Minute!" and "Call my Bluff" which often star members of staff Mr Durrheim has pressed-ganged into appearing!

Our calendar concluded with the Tayside Police Public Speaking Competition which took place in Arbroath on Wednesday 9 June. Although we did not win, both our Chairman Thomas Bannister F2 and our Speaker Gavin Illsley F2, did very well against strong opposition. Earlier in the Session, both DHS Teams (featuring Sijad Majeed, Jamie Yule, Lisa Connelly and Saima Asif) made it through to the second round of the Schools Debating Competition sponsored by The Courier and The Royal Bank of Scotland. Although neither achieved the success of the two previous years, we hope for better luck in 1999-2000!

T. Durrheim.

### DEBATING SOCIETY REPORT 1998 - 99

Spades, Spanish...and Speeches

Debating is about calling a spade not a spade, but a cost-effective anaesthetic, or a large tool used to fill a hole. It's about recognising that 89.65% of speeches contain made-up statistics ... oh, and it's also about dedication, participation and talking the hind leg off a donkey. The Debating Society this year have shown that they can do all of the above, especially the one with the donkey.

Motions varied from those which have been on the debating circuit since the Dead Sea was just feeling slightly unwell

(euthanasia, pornography, proportional representation), to those on current affairs (Kosovo, GM foods, Scottish devolution), and the downright bizarre (This House would rather have a ticket to the Millennium Falcon than the Millennium Dome) but, travelling all over Britain to participate, DHS debaters showed what they could do.

Fiona Dewar and Thomas Pitcaithly (FV) reached the final out of 43 teams competing at the Durham Union Society in March, and also reached the last four out of 56 entrants at the Oxford Union the following week. In the Cambridge Union tournament Emily Robson and Duncan Lowe (FV) reached the Scottish final while Fiona and Thomas were unlucky not to win the area final of the Observer Mace. Fiona and Duncan travelled to Edinburgh to represent the School in the Bank

of Scotland, and Lynsey-Anne Marwick, Zoe Linton and Kirsty Dewar (FIII) put on an excellent performance in the E-SU public speaking competition.

David Illsley, Emily Robson and Sally Hopkins secured victory for Wallace in the House debates, with Thomas winning Best Speaker. Fiona and Thomas were placed second in the final of Dundee University's tournament and also won first and third places respectively in their individual speaker competition.



The Scottish World Debating Champions with Cherie Blair

The season was rounded off by Fiona and Duncan winning first place and the Courier Cup in the Tayside senior pupils debates.

On an individual level the highlight of my year was being selected as part of the five-strong team to represent Scotland in the World Schools Debating Championships. These were held in Bermuda two years ago, Israel last year; I was lucky enough to escape all that tiresome sunshine and compete in London...in February.

Debating in a competition alongside teams from over 30 different countries is an experience quite different from competing in Britain alone. Beyond the unpronounceable names and the difficulties of arguing against someone who broke into Spanish when she got excited about a point, was the

amazing perspective afforded by speakers of different nationalities, different cultures and different belief systems. Against the Portuguese we used bull-fighting as an example of animal cruelty and were surprised to have to defend that point. Our team line in the euthanasia debate, that it was a necessary function in a



Reception in the Foreign office with Princess Anne

democracy, was met by a challenge from the Singapore team to prove why democracy was a good thing in the first place. And the Finnish team sang their national anthem between each debate.

There was also the chance to debate in the House of Commons, eat little things on sticks with Betty Boothroyd, meet Princess Anne (the secret is hair pins and hairspray apparently) and have a ridiculous number of photographs taken with Cherie Blair who chaired the final.

Perhaps most of all there was the opportunity to meet people from so many different backgrounds; most of us are still in touch and we have invitations to visit friends all over the world. Defeating England in the final, after 11 debates in the course of a week, rounded off an experience I will never forget; being part of the team where "the boys, they wear skirts!" (Nunu, member of the Portuguese team).

Once again our thanks must go to our coach and newspaper-

cutter-outer Mrs McGrath without whom the society would have ceased to function, and as usual the final line is dedicated to anyone who has read this far and might have an interest in coming along next term. It's a chance to air your views to an audience who aren't allowed to walk away or interrupt, to travel and meet people the length and breadth of the country, to enhance your fluency, understanding of current affairs and the stuff to put on your CV, and maybe even to have the last word in an argument despite that awful nagging fear that your mother might be right after all.

*Fiona Dewar F5.*

## JUNIOR CHESS CLUB

Junior Chess Club meets on Monday lunchtimes in Mrs. Thurston's room. It is open to all chess players from L4 to L7. This year, rather uniquely, all the members were boys!

The Chess Ladder results were:-

1. Shahadat Hasan
2. Walker Wares
3. Keith Ip
4. Calum Jones
5. Owen Dyer
6. James Black
7. Adam Cuthbert
8. Lewis McNicol
9. Christopher Barclay
10. Varun Manthri
11. Stuart McGrath
12. Bilal Hussain
13. Faiz Hussain
14. David McNicol

The battle for the Russell Trophy was as keenly fought as ever. Well done to all who took part. Congratulations to this year's finalists:-

Shahadat Hasan (Winner), Owen Dyer (Runner-up), Walker Wares and Lewis McNicol

*M. Thurston*

## CHESS CLUB

The DHS Chess Teams achieved even greater success this session. After equalling last year's achievement by winning Bishop's League in the Tayside Schools' Chess Championship, our A - Team consisting of Thomas Pitcaithly F5, Kader Chowdhury F2, Guy Geddes F4 and Mooktadir Ansar F3 - went on to defeat Perth Academy and Kinross High School in a play-off between the leagues and win the Championship outright.

In this session's internal competitions, the Beckingham Trophy (open to F1-6) was won jointly by Thomas Pitcaithly F6 and Kader Chowdhury F2 while the Intermediate Trophy (F1-3) was won by Kader Chowdhury. The Girls Competition was won once again by Fiona Dewar.

The Club meets on Monday lunchtimes at 1.10pm in Mr Durrheim's room (Room 39) and a variety of pupils attend. Some just want to play chess on a social level while others take it more seriously and take part in the internal and external competitions.

*T. Durrheim.*

## DUNDEE HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR 1998/99

### Overture

This year has been a very busy one for the music department and its students. The year started with a very successful joint concert in Trinity Hall with our German exchange school choir.

## Reports

### Act 1 Scene 1 - The Theatre Trip

A large number of our students were taken to see a production of Les Miserables at the Edinburgh Playhouse. This was most impressive and an inspiration to most if not all who were present. There will be a trip to see Phantom of the Opera next year.

### Act 2 Scene 1 - The Leng Medal (Silver & Gold)

Term two started with the Leng Medal Competition. Our two winners in the girls' competitions were Jennifer Watson in L7 and Judy Boyle in F1. Unfortunately there was no boys' competition this year due to lack of entries. The school was well represented in the Gold Leng Medal

concerto with the soloist being Eve Atkins. This was a very sophisticated and impressive performance by Eve and all who experienced this were very impressed.

### Act 3 Scene 1 - The Fiddlers

Our fiddle players have had great success this year with Patsy Reid winning probably the most prestigious prize in Scottish fiddle music, the Glenfiddich competition. Patsy at the age of 15 won against a hand picked field of performers who all were around 23 years of age.

### Act 3 Scene 2 - The Festival

We had success too at the Perth Festival where our L4-5 choir won their competition and brought home with them the winners trophy. We were very well represented by the L6-7 and F1-3 Girls Choirs, and Louis Ryan, Alasdair Young, Stephen Gordon all won their classes, while Robbie Grieve and Tom Gilbertson performed exceptionally well and were a credit to the school.

### Act 3 Scene 3 - Prague & Vienna

At Easter Mrs Melville, Mrs Robertson, Mr Illsley and Mr Durrheim took a party of 33 students to Prague and Vienna where they had several performances that included Orchestral Groups, Scottish Country Dancers, Choirs and Pipers. This trip was very successful indeed and all who took part thoroughly enjoyed performing and experiencing music within Vienna and Prague.

### Act 4 Scene 1 - School Theatre Productions

The department is currently involved in the Junior School Production of Trolls, which is to be performed at the end of June this year. The Senior School Drama Production this year by



### Act 1 Scene 2 - Christmas

Later in the first term, the Christmas season was very busy with our Café Concert in the Girls School Hall. Performers in this concert included the Junior Band, Junior Strings, Recorders and the Boys Treble Choir. This was closely followed by a concert in St. Paul's where members of all school choirs performed along with the senior school Wind Band. A fanfare composed by Mr Boyle for this concert was performed. Our Christmas service at St. Mary's featured the Senior and Chamber Choirs, the Girls F1-3 choir, Junior School and L3 choirs.

competition and all our students were a credit to the School.

### Act 2 Scene 2 - The March Concerts

In March we had two large concerts at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, the Intermediate and Senior concerts. In the Intermediate concert, Junior Bands, Choirs and Orchestra performed to a very high standard indeed. The Senior concert was just as impressive with performances by the Senior Orchestra, Wind Band, Saxophone Group and Chamber Choir. The Senior Choir performed the Faure Requiem and solos from Alasdair Young and Emma Cairns were performed very ably. The Senior Strings performed a piano

Mr Illsley is Romeo and Juliet. Mr Love has been heavily involved and has written the music for this production. Several of our music students are involved in this production. Next Year it is planned that the music department will present a production of Guys and Dolls.

**Act 4 Scene 2 - On The Radio**

As recently as the 5th of June this year members of the Tayside Young Fiddlers from Dundee High School made their debut radio broadcast performance.



**Act 4 Scene 3 - Exam Results**

To date we have had very healthy Associated Board and Trinity exam results and our instrumental staff continue to work hard with all our students to maintain this high level of achievement

**Finale - With Thanks**

Finally, we would like to thank all students and staff who have worked with and helped the music department throughout this year. We thank you and look forward to working with you again next year. May we just say a special thank you to Mr Duncan and all our students and parents for their continued support.

**PRIZE LISTS FOR MUSIC COMPETITIONS**

**Junior Department;**

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|--|--------------------|
| Rector's Prize (Grade 4 Brass)             | Louis Ryan L7      |
| Rector's Prize (Grade 4 Woodwind)          | Catherine Jung L7  |
| Rector's Prize (Grade 4 Piano)             | Kirsty Lowe L7     |
| Rector's Prize (Grade 4 Strings)           | Jennifer Watson L7 |
| Rector's Prize (Grade 3 Treble Recorders)  | Keith Ip L7        |
| Old Girls Prize (Grade 2 Piano)            | Ailsa Murray L6    |
| Marshall Prize (Grade 2 Treble Recorder)   | Susan Bennett L6   |
| Marshall Prize (Grade 2 Descant Recorders) | Susan Buchan L5    |

**Senior School;**

- |   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| Rector's Prize (Grade 6 Woodwind)       | Emily Easton F5       |
| Rector's Prize (Grade 5 Brass)          | Courtney Short F3     |
| Rector's Prize (Grade 5 Stings)         | Susan Edie F2         |
| Head of Music's Prize (Grade 5 Piano)   | Carla Hogg F1         |
| Larg Prize (Open Piano)                 | Eilidh Currie F6      |
| Larg Prize (Vocal Class)                | Alasdair Young F6     |
| Larg Prize (Grade 6 Piano)              | Emma Grant F5         |
| Larg Prize (Grade 6 Strings)            | Joanna Brown F4       |
| Instrumental Prize (Brass)              | Robbie Grieve F4      |
| Instrumental Prize (Woodwind)           | Eilidh Currie F6      |
| Instrumental Prize (Strings)            | Alexandra Ross F6     |
| The Tom Porteous Prize (Grade 5 Guitar) | Ariful Ahasan F5      |
| Southgate Prize (Senior Ensemble)       | Jennifer Stevenson F6 |
|   | Hazel Baillie F5      |
|   | Sarah Humphris F5     |
|   | Sarah Scott F5        |
| Premier Quaich (Premier Class)          | Eve Atkins F6         |
| (Special Commendation)                  | Eilidh Currie F6      |

*D. Love*

# Reports

## THE HIGH SCHOOL OF DUNDEE MUSIC DEPARTMENT ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC RESULTS SESSION 1998-99

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Advanced Certificate | Eve Atkins F6 (piano)   |
| Grade 8 MERIT        | Eilidh Currie F6 (piano)  |
| Grade 5 MERIT        | Emily J G Easton F5 (clarinet)  |
| PASS                 | Penny France F5 (clarinet), Emma Grant F5 (piano), Emily Smoor F3 (violin), Ian Ryan F2 (violin), David Mountford F5 (double bass), Sally Hopkins F6 (double bass)            |
| Grade 4 DISTINCTION  | Susan Edie F2 (violin)  |
| MERIT                | Carla Hogg F1 (piano), Angels Steele F1 (clarinet), Jayne Arbuckle F4 (clarinet), Jamie Yule F1 (violin), Gemma Gall F2 (violin)  |
| PASS                 | Toby Davies F1 (piano), Lyndsey Tyler F3 (flute), Emma Cairns F5 (saxophone), Victoria King F5 (violin)   |
| Grade 3 DISTINCTION  | Claire Low F3 (piano), Emma Peebles F2 (viola)  |
| MERIT                | Simon Jones F1 (piano), Charlotte Penhale F2 (piano), Kirsty Lowe L7 (violin), Sarah Dorward F1 (violin), Catherine Jung L7 (clarinet)  |
| PASS                 | Sarah Power F2 (piano), Susan A Cairns F3 (piano), Struan Cunningham F3 (clarinet), Sally Cram F4 (Eb saxophone), Victoria Muir F5 (flute), Charlotte Foster F4 (french horn) |
| Grade 2 DISTINCTION  | Kirsty F M Watson L5 (piano), Susan Edie F2 (piano)   |
| MERIT                | Rebecca McNeill L7 (piano), Emily Pringle L6 (piano), Ruth Stevenson L6 (piano), Kiyo Adya L7 (cello), Laura Geddes F1 (guitar)   |
| PASS                 | Daniel Mitchell F1 (Eb saxophone), Jane Murdie F2 (Eb saxophone), Emily Clark F4 (Eb Saxophone), Stuart Goudie F2 (piano), Colin Wain F3 (guitar)                             |
| Grade 1 DISTINCTION  | Mairi Cunningham L6 (flute), Douglas Dorward L5 (piano), Colin R Goudie L7 (Eb Saxophone)   |
| MERIT                | John P Fairlie L7 (clarinet), Jennifer Cuthbert F1 (clarinet)   |
| PASS                 | Lea Jayne Statham L6 (piano), Charlotte Farmer L5 (piano), Neil Dewar L5 (piano), Mark Pringle L4 (piano), Farjana H Chowdhury L7 (piano)                                     |

## ASSOCIATED BOARD PRACTICAL EXAM RESULTS

|         |             |   |
|---------|-------------|---|
| Grade 5 | DISTINCTION | Alison Kearns F5 (theory)   |
|         | PASS        | Euan Crosby F5 (theory), Jesmeen Maleque F5 (piano), Jane Scullion F5 (guitar), Gavin Illsley F2 (flute)  |
| Grade 4 | DISTINCTION | Sarah Dorward F1 (piano)  |
|         | MERIT       | Kirsty Lowe L7 (piano) Kirsty Dewar F3 (piano)  |
|         | PASS        | Amanda Pringle F1 (piano) Maggie Zane F3 (piano)<br>Jennifer Watson L7 (violin)   |
| Grade 3 | DISTINCTION | Cheryl Rhodes F3 (oboe)   |
|         | MERIT       | Louis Ryan L7 (trumpet)   |
|         | PASS        | Graham Caskie F2 (trumpet) Mark Smith F2 (trumpet)<br>Edwin Scullion F3 (Eb Sax) Robbie Young F3 (oboe)<br>Sharear Farid F4 (guitar)  |
| Grade 2 | DISTINCTION | Sophie Sneddon L5 (violin)  |
|         | MERIT       | Julia Bruce L7 (piano) Lisa Respinger F1 (piano)<br>Malcolm Watson L5 (violin)<br>Christina Clayhills-Henderson F1 (violin)   |
|         | PASS        | Stuart McGrath L6 (piano) James Moir (clarinet)<br>Hannah Ogden F1 (violin)   |
| Grade 1 | DISTINCTION | Christopher Smith L7 (Eb Sax) Laura Brown F1 (oboe)<br>Douglas Dorward L5 (violin)  |
|         | MERIT       | Oliver Alexander L5 (piano) Christopher Respinger L5 (piano)<br>Emily Boyd L6 (piano) Emma Clark L6 (piano)<br>Laura Geddes F1 (bassoon) Euan Clark F1 (Eb Sax)<br>Chelsea Maggs F2 (flute) Emily Boyd L6 (violin)<br>Anna Weir L7 (violin) |
|         | PASS        | Lewis McNicol L5 (piano) Andrew Smith L5 (piano)<br>Lauren McConville L6 (piano) Judy Boyle F1 (piano)  |

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### TRINITY COLLEGE

|         |       |   |
|---------|-------|---|
| Grade 8 | MERIT | Eilidh Currie F6 (flute)  |
| Grade 7 | MERIT | Sarah Scott F5 (piano)  |
| Grade 6 | PASS  | Alasdair Young F6 (flute)   |
| Grade 5 | MERIT | Hazel Baillie F5 (saxophone)  |
| Grade 4 | MERIT | Duncan Lean F4 (violin)   |
|         | PASS  | Nina de Franco F4 (flute)   |
| Grade 3 | MERIT | Emma Peebles F2 (flute)   |
| Grade 2 | MERIT | Christine Jardine L7 (violin)   |
|         | PASS  | Claire Waugh F3 (flute), Susan Cairns F3 (flute), Holly Barrack F1 (flute)      |
| Grade 1 | MERIT | Simon Jones F1 (flute), Emily Pringle L6 (flute)                                |
|         | PASS  | Julia Bruce L7 (flute), India Fraser L7 (clarinet), Helen McBryde L6 (clarinet) |

### WORLD JAMBOREE 98/99

A World Jamboree is basically a gathering in the same place at the same time of scouts from all over the world. The last Jamboree was held in Chile over Christmas and New Year and there were about thirty-six thousand scouts there. I was lucky enough to be selected, along with one other scout, to represent Angus. Before the Jamboree, we participated in several training weekends with our unit made up of thirty-six scouts and four leaders, from Dundee to Shetland.

There was a bit of doubt about the Jamboree due to the Pinochet controversy and our trip was only confirmed a few days before we left.

Most countries took part in a homestay before or after the Jamboree. My unit went on a homestay in Paraguay before the Jamboree. We stayed in pairs but met up occasionally with the other scouts from our unit to go sightseeing. On one occasion we made an overnight journey to the biggest waterfalls in the world in Brazil. We all really enjoyed the homestay and it was quite sad to leave as I had made a lot of great friends and the family I was staying with was really nice. It was especially interesting to see the different cultures abroad as we spent Christmas with our families.

After the homestay we flew from Ascuncion to Buenos Aires to Santiago then arrived by bus at the Jamboree site.

Throughout the Jamboree there were many activities including a hike into the hills and an overnight camp - complete with tarantulas. It was very hot as we were basically camping in the middle of the Atacama desert. One day the temperature reached 58 degrees - the hottest place on Earth at that time! The best thing about the Jamboree was meeting people from all over the world and making friends. The theme for the whole Jamboree was "Building peace together".

My experience was one of enjoyment, excitement and meeting people from the world over. It was an amazing trip and I'll never forget it.

*George Howson F3*



## HIGH SCHOOL OF DUNDEE RAINBOWS

The Rainbows have been actively involved in a variety of activities during this session and have had opportunities to work and play together, share experiences and have fun. A popular project this year was the theme of Other Countries. For China the girls



enjoyed a game with chopsticks and each made a paper fan and on the theme of France they had the chance to sample Brie with French Bread and to try their hand at some Impressionist style artwork. Ireland offered the girls an energetic and fun time engaging in their own version of Irish dancing (some keen recruits for Riverdance perhaps!) whilst for Spain the girls stamped their feet Flamenco style and spoke a little Spanish. They learned that Rainbows in the United States are known as "Daisies". Our last country was Holland and the girls sang of "The Mouse Living In A Windmill in old Amsterdam."



Our summer outing this year was to the beach area in Broughty Ferry which was a windy, but wonderful visit. Cones were thoroughly enjoyed in Visocchi's ice-cream shop before our return journey by minibus - plenty of cheerful singing on board rounded off a busy year for the High School Rainbows. My thanks to Mrs. Charles and to Mrs. Mooney for their valuable contributions to Rainbows and for all their help and good ideas.

M. Cardno.

## 2ND DUNDEE BROWNIES 98/99

The 2nd Dundee Brownies have had a busy year with a full and enthusiastic pack taking part in a number of badges covering a wide range of interests. Our new L3 members in particular started their Brownie careers with great energy.

Whole pack badges were undertaken. For our Worldwide and Cultural Awareness badges we explored and investigated different cultures throughout the world through Worldwide and Cultural Awareness Badges, story, games and art and craft activities.

As always, our Brownies also carried out individual badges. Swimming badges proved to be popular and the Jesters badge provided the Brownie pack with great entertainment throughout the year. Our House Orderly badge, where Brownies carry out a series of housework chores was perhaps carried out with a little less enthusiasm.

The end of the summer term meant saying a fond farewell to our L5 girls who left Brownies after three years to join the Guide troop but means also that we start our new school year with a warm welcome to our new recruits from Rainbows.

K Spalding - Brown Owl

A Davie - Unit Helper

## THE LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTRE

### Information Technology Suite

This academic year has seen major changes in the library. It is now known as The Library and Information Centre and has been catapulted into the 21st Century with the installation of 20 PCs. All these PCs have Internet and e-mail access and allow group access to CD-ROM. This major change in emphasis involved the library staff in much physical effort as the issue desk and most of the books had to be moved to make room for the furniture and machines. We had to put in a lot of intellectual effort as well as neither of us was particularly IT literate in August 1998. It has all been worthwhile, however, because now we have a vibrant IT Suite used by pupils and staff alike. There are now few quiet times in the library and opening times have been extended on Mondays, Tuesdays and

Fridays. To the traditional library user, the bustle and noise in our library might give the impression that life is out of control but not so-our library is very much an active and lively centre for learning.

### Scotvec

Only three pupils from Form 6 elected to take and completed successfully the two Scotvec modules in Library and Information Work Routines this session. We had an excellent visit to Abertay University Library.

### Author Visits

Five authors visited the library this session: - Bea Ferguson, Alan Temperley, Anne Forsyth, Debi Gliori and Eileen Ramsay. These visits are always very successful and already authors have been booked for next year. The "Writers in Schools" scheme will give financial support for two of these visits. We marked World Book Day on 23rd April by running four competitions, the prizes for which were donated by James Thin Bookshop, Dundee. The themes this year were *George and the Dragon* and *Shakespeare*. An enormous Tin Man surrounded by a large and colourful dragon was placed in the foyer outside the library. Eileen Ramsay presented the prizes to the lucky winners who were: - Maria Thomas L7 for her "Romeo and Juliet" poster, Kirsty Morrison L3 for her "St George and the Dragon" poster, Shahadat Hasan L5 for his "Dragon" poster and Roseanna Morgan L1 for her picture of a favourite book.

### Friday 9

This year, we had groups of children for six week blocks during which they enjoyed competitions, display work and story-telling. Next session we hope to have a Homework Club for Form I. This will give the children an opportunity to use the IT and other resources and will introduce them to independent study using the library.

It has been a busy but exciting year and we look forward with anticipation to next session and the expanding use of the IT Suite.

S Morrison, Librarian

## Reports

### RED CROSS YOUTH REPORT 1998-99

This year Mrs Halliwell assisted by Miss Halliday started up Red Cross Youth for L6's and L7's who wanted to learn First Aid. The classes were held in Meadowside on Wednesdays from 4-5pm. Here we learned the history and intentions of the British Red Cross and shortly after in October we moved to Mrs Halliwell's classroom where we began basic First Aid such as the recovery position, simple bandages and slings and emergency resuscitation.

In the second term we learned about indoor safety and how to prevent and treat accidents. We looked at the hazards a room can hold, discussed 999 calls and had a visit from a man working in the Ambulance Service.

In the third term our topic was outdoor safety. We made "cars" out of egg boxes with an egg as the passenger and designed "seatbelts" to hold our passengers in. Our vehicles then had to undergo the test; being dropped down a slope and into a "wall" (a Sellotape holder). Seeing what happened to the eggs without seatbelts certainly made us realise how important a seatbelt can be.

We have certainly had a brilliant year in Red Cross and thanks go to Mrs Halliwell and Miss Halliday for teaching us about first aid in such an enjoyable way.

*Catherine Jung L7.*

### SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING REPORT

Every Monday at 3.10pm for the L4's and L5's and every

Wednesday at 12.30pm for the L6's and L7's Mrs Cargill took Scottish Country Dancing classes. They were great fun and we learned many dances and many steps such as skip-change of step and rights and lefts which Mrs Cargill called Hello, Goodbye. This is because you would stand in a square with four people and skip towards them - this was Hello then you would skip past them - this was Goodbye. We continued this all round the square until we got back to the beginning.

In March, two sets of L6's and L7's entered the Perth Festival. We went in for the non-competitive section on this occasion. The venue was Perth City Halls where we danced in our tartan skirts and white shirts, accompanied by a pianist. We all really enjoyed that afternoon out and what was even more pleasing was the fact that we got the afternoon off school.

*Sarah McConville - L7*

**Question: What do Rennie Mackintosh style mirrors, a big fat fluffy moose and 100 Jaffa Cakes on a boat that's been round the world the wrong way have in common?**

**Answer:**

**ELAN ENTERPRISES YESC**

**Let us explain .....**

When we sat down to our first company meeting ("meeting" - here means discussion/ argument among 13 disorganised people who all thought they were experts on running a company!), none of us knew just what we were in for. We thought Young Enterprise would involve learning a little bit about business, doing a

little bit of work and maybe even making a little bit of money. In fact, we did **lots** of work, made **record** profits and learnt a **huge** amount about business, not least how to spell it!

Even if you aren't one of the lucky people who have been constantly pestered into buying yet another "stylish, elegant" art nouveau mirror, I'm sure you've realised by now that that's what we've been selling. But where does the moose fit in? Well, as our name can also mean moose in French, we decided that this would be a very appropriate company logo. At every competition we've been to we've livened up our presentation with our faithful mascot: Mr Moose.

And as for the Jaffa Cakes..as part of our Junior Quality Scotland prize we won a trip on the Team Group 4 Global Challenge Yacht. As well as learning more about teamwork, getting to know the crew (!) and learning a little about sailing, we also managed to clear out their food supply in under 2 hours! Unfortunately we didn't get to see Omar fall in, but Mr Parlour provided some excellent entertainment on the journey home!

So basically Young Enterprise has been lots of fun but at the same time has been a valuable learning experience. Take for example our marketing strategies: we now know that if we go up to potential customers and say, "You may be very ugly, but your mirror doesn't have to be," they generally don't buy anything!

We have also learned that self-confidence is everything. With our company motto, "We are wonderful!" (very loud groan from Mr McCulloch), we have not

been unsuccessful. Over the past year we have won:

Junior Quality Scotland

Tayside Skene Award

Tayside Quality Award

Tayside 2nd place for display

Tayside Best Company Award

3rd place in Scottish finals for Presentation

3rd place in Scottish finals for Best Company

However perhaps this did have a little to do with all our hard work! Have we actually spent any time NOT doing Young Enterprise over the past year, we ask ourselves (and hear our teachers cry!).

And now, if you are planning to do Young Enterprise in the future here are some top tips:

Be organised from the very start or your company will turn into complete chaos (ours very nearly did!)

Elect a financial director without the surname Sholi (only joking Omar!)

Communication is very important - make sure no one is left out.

Above all Young Enterprise can be great fun so make the most of it!

Here are some of the fun things we had the opportunity to do:

Eat lots of free food (the National Conference and Quality Scotland are great for this!)

Wear fun clothes i.e. suits for presentations and giant red waterproofs (£850 each) on the boat.

Laugh at Mr McCulloch (lots).

Take days off school to travel around the country.

Take time off Maths to wallpaper (well how do you think we made that stunning display you've seen in the school reception?!

So finally we'd like to thank all the many people who have helped us have such a enjoyable year, in particular Mr McCulloch, Mrs Rattray and Mrs Murray. Not only did they let us invade their office but they gave us loads of encouragement and valuable advice and escorted us round the country on our various outings.

Let us end with some quotes:

Ruth and Sally very loudly: "OMAR, you ordered how many mirrors?!"

Mr McCulloch: "I am photogenic, honestly!" (Visit his office if you

want proof.)

Ebony: "I am the scum of the company"

Ruth: "Ebony, you don't say that to the judges!"

Sally on the phone at YE conference at 8.00, 8.02, 8.04...: "Mr McCulloch are you still not up?"

Eve at lunch at 12.30: "Where have you been all morning Mr McCulloch?!"

Mr McCulloch: "The food in Glasgow is horrible and there will be 12 other companies there."

Us in Glasgow: "I wonder if the other 18 companies are enjoying this lovely food!"

*Ruth Goodman & Eve Atkins F6*

## HIGHER MANAGEMENT AND INFORMATION STUDIES REPORT

With 41 keen F6 pupils I thought that the year would be eventful, busy and yes...great fun. I was right on all counts.

We started off investigating what businesses are and looking at motivation, teambuilding and leadership styles. Cue for a visit to Bigfoot Adventures. Again this year I was so impressed by the hard work and effort from all participants. Whilst it was true that fun was one of the main objectives for the weekend - and getting very wet in the gorge walk seemed to qualify as fun, despite it being cold - all of the group came away having achieved something. In one or two cases it was improved communication skills, in others it was a much greater awareness of others and their needs. For some, leadership was a challenge, whilst for one or two it



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was listening. One of the greatest achievements was when Laura Davie overcame her fear and completed a free abseil of 40 feet - not once, but twice!

A little later in the year whilst we were studying human resources, we had the opportunity to visit one of Scotland's largest (in terms of profit) companies, Glasgow Rangers plc. A number of speakers from the business side of the Club gave interesting presentations covering topic areas such as marketing, human resources management, sponsorship, finance and tactical and strategic planning. The pupils impressed their hosts by keenly asking thought-provoking questions. After a buffet lunch we were shown around the club, including the trophy room (I'm glad I don't pay their insurance bill) and the hallowed turf. Mr. Blackburn was able to point out his customary seat to the group. It was rewarding to hear a comment about what one of the morning's speakers had said on the way home in the bus. "Mrs Murray told us that".

The final "high" for me was reading the Business Reports the pupils completed as part of their final exam. This part of the course has been dropped from the new higher exam and I am sorry to see it go. The reports that came in gave a very clear demonstration of how much the pupils had learned throughout the year. Topic areas were diverse, from broadening the market base for a gunsmith's shop to expansion into Europe for a transport company and overcoming seasonal difficulties in the tourist trade for a ski-hire firm. They were all fascinating to read and demonstrate the high quality of

work that our F6 pupils can achieve.

I would like to wish all of my "old" F6 the very best in the future. Life after Dundee High School may be daunting for some, but for the 41 pupils I had this year, I am sure that it will only be full of opportunity and challenge.

*C. Murray*

### DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS SCHEME

The year started with another large intake of Bronze participants along with representatives from Forms 4, 5 and 6 who were continuing their activities at Bronze, Silver and Gold.

The Bronze Expedition training began in August during Friday 9 with maps in the classroom - just like geography everyone thought. Then came a

rucksack (always remembering to leave the kitchen sink at home!) Pitching a tent and lighting a stove were on the agenda one week. This should have been fairly easy but ask Miss Cannon about poles that don't fit and stoves that are reluctant to light! Before Easter the pressure was on to sort out the expedition routes in readiness for the big adventure on the hills in May. Finally the day came to load the buses and head up the A9. Speak to any pupils who were on an expedition and they will be able to weave you a story.

At the time of writing this report, the F3 Bronze participants had successfully completed their training and final expeditions despite some atrocious weather conditions - wind, rain, hail, mist with intermittent sunshine and groups of F4, 5 and 6 just back from their Study Leave and weeks if not months of hard work were getting ready for their expeditions at all three levels of the Award. These were to take place



practical session with compasses in the gym before a trip to Craigowl Hill to look at how the contours turn into humps and bumps. I think the staff have a fetish for obscure contour features! Next came the session on First Aid with "Annie" and bags of bandages, Country Code and how to pack and carry an expedition

between the end of May and the end of August.

The Award Scheme however is not just about roughing it in a tent after walking for hours through wind and rain. There are three other sections to be done - physical, service and

skills. Pupils have been doing activities such as jujitsu, swimming, running, skiing, hockey, rugby, roller-blading, dancing, etc., for their Physical section, attending courses in First Aid, courses with the Ambulance, Police and Fire Services, helping others by visiting childrens' wards, old people's homes or getting involved in our own After School Care Club for their Service section, improving or taking up new activities such as drumming, cooking, learning sign language, playing musical instruments, debating, learning computer skills for their Skills section. The list of possibilities is endless!

Thanks must go to the team of staff and adult helpers who have assisted in numerous aspects of the Award, and also to the parents for supporting the pupils in their activities. The enthusiasm and determination of the pupils is however the key to the whole scheme and to each individual's success. There have been a number of Awards completed at Bronze and Silver this session but a special mention should go to Mary Peggie (a former pupil) and Sally Hopkins F6 who have both completed their Gold Awards during the course of this year.

*S. Cannon, Award Leader*



## Reports

### GUIDES 98-99

We have all had a great time in Guides this year. We have learned simple First Aid skills which could help save someone's life, toasted marshmallows on altar fires, baked cakes for guests and climbed steep hills.



Always interested in our stomachs, we have baked mouth-watering cakes using gas cookers and pancakes using candles and tin cans! Sunday lunch cooked over flames on altar fires was a great experience introducing unique

tastes! The downside was the washing-up we had to do at the end.

We spent two weekends hillwalking in Ben Vrackie and around Pitlochry. Although the climb up was tiring, it was well worth the effort because the higher we went, the more breathtaking the scenery became. We stayed in Pitlochry Youth Hostel and were also lucky enough to visit the studios of Radio Heartland which is now the subject of a BBC2 series. Budding DJs had some useful practice.

Indoor crafts are always popular. We have tried fabric painting, cross stitching, and decoupage.

Outdoor activities included learning how to use a compass. Luckily it wasn't like a normal Geography lesson - it was a lot more fun. Once we had mastered

compass reading we held a treasure hunt but without the treasure.

As usual we have worked on badges and trefoils over the year. In the Badge Book are badges to suit everyone. Recently we investigated what it might feel like to be disabled.

We used our opposite hand to write with, identified objects while wearing a blindfold and used lentils to write our names in Braille. Surprisingly we did well - much better than we had expected.

The highlight of our Guide year is still to come - Summer Camp! We can hardly wait!

Thanks go to Miss MacArthur, Miss Ross, Christine and Susan who have helped us so much.

*Kiyo Adya, Farjana Chowdhury L7*

### 56TH DUNDEE (HIGH SCHOOL) BEAVER SCOUTS

Beavers at The High School have enjoyed their first full year in the Scout movement. Every Friday they meet, make friends with boys from other year groups and have lots of fun participating in a wide variety of team games and hands-on activities which have included: Around the World explorations, teamwork races on cardboard skis to the South Pole, and the erection of a tent (not the easiest of tasks indoors, but a lot of fun!). Beavers have also welcomed representatives from The Red Cross and Tayside Fire Brigade who provided the Beavers with an insight into basic preventative and safety procedures.

In December, the Beavers thoroughly enjoyed a buffet party before their Christmas break. Recently we used large pine cones to make model beavers and to finish our busy year we held a Sausage Sizzle at Mayfield to which parents kindly offered their services.

On this subject, parents have to be commended as, without their support, certain very enjoyable

activities might not have been feasible or so successful. I extend many thanks to Mrs. Alison Constable (Beaver Leader) who unfailingly prepares activities and introduces our young Beavers' to the wider Scout movement. (Many of our first Beavers have now moved on to their local cubs.) Finally, thank you to Mrs. Margaret Ross and Beavers Mums for their assistance at weekly meetings - it is very much appreciated.

*L. Smith.*



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## Drama

### SPEECH AND DRAMA REPORT

This has been a busy year for pupils in the senior school. From the start of the session rehearsals for four contrasting plays were underway aimed at a performance date which seemed a long way ahead. However as February drew ever nearer Mrs Jack and Mrs Solazzo experienced rising panic - would lines be learnt? - would props be ready? - would costumes fit? L4 and L5 pupils brought such enthusiasm to their roles when they joined us in January that the seniors had to look to their laurels and it was "all right on the nights". If the audiences on all three nights enjoyed the performances as much as the 170 pupil casts of "Mr Macaroni and the Exploding Pizza Pie" by John Gardiner and Fiz Coleman, "You, Me and Mrs Jones" by Tony Horitz, "Dandelion Time" by Patricia Wood and "After the Picnic" by David Foxton then it was a very worthwhile undertaking. Mrs Jack and Mrs. Solazzo are still in recovery and plans for next session are not as advanced as usual.

Even as rehearsals were continuing after school, lessons were occupied by Trinity College exam preparations. This was more exciting than usual if a little apprehensive too. Trinity College had produced a brand new syllabus giving even more choice and pupils took every opportunity to try something different. Speech and Drama, Performance Arts, Acting in Musical Theatre, Effective Text Speaking, Effective Communication, Acting in Pairs and Group Discussion were tackled with gusto and very

pleasing results. Indeed we have been invited to provide video demonstrations for Trinity to use in their promotional material.

Congratulations to Karen Power and Maxine O'Fee who gained the highest marks at grade 8 and grade 6 for the whole of UK, Eire and Canada in 1998 and to Rachael Bonar, Eilidh Currie, Karen Power, Ebony Reid, Alexandra Ross and Annabel Stoneley who gained their Performers Certificates this March.

Success was again achieved at the National finals of the Stage Makeup Competition at the NEC in Birmingham. Of the teams trained by Mrs. Solazzo, Fiona Dewar gained second place and Lauren Matthew and Gail Whitehead were highly commended. The theme was "The Wizard of Oz." Fiona designed make-up for a Witch, Lauren for the Straw man and Gail for the Tin man.

*O Jack*

**The following pupils of Mrs Olwyn Jack MA LTCL Hon TCL and**

**Mrs Linda Solazzo Dip Ed Dip TEFL were successful in the recent Trinity College Speech exams.**

#### Effective Communication

Initial Grade, Oliver L Alexander, Fraser J Brownlee, Andrew P. Gibson, Christopher J. Respinger, (all distinction), Sophie Easton, Razia S Javed, Russell G Hogg, Rosalind J. MacDonald, Fiona L. Smith, Malcolm D A Watson, (all merit)

Grade One, Gemma E Hogg, Susan R Lawrie, Jessica Matthew,

Ruth Stevenson, Lachlan J W Young, (all distinction), Christopher Barclay, Rhea Thomson, (both merit)

Grade Two, Kiyo Adya, Lucy L Boyd, Claire Brown, Rory Galloway, Emma C Gentleman, (all distinction), Alan Dymock, Nicki H Galloway, Daniel Hunter, Keith Ip, Sarah McConville, (all merit), Helen H. Brian, Lynsay J Laird, (both pass).

Grade Three, Sarah L Carroll, Douglas V A H Friedberg, Tara M McKay, Richard D McLean, Nicola McRae, Marc Smith, (all distinction), Neil S. J. Duffy, (merit).

Grade Four, Mooktadir Ansar, William Douglas, Lauren K Matthew, Christian E Penhale, Gavin Taylor, (all distinction), Ralph Gemmell, (merit).

Grade Five, Alison Cuthbert, Suzanne McWilliam, Finlay P Stewart, (all distinction).

Grade Six, Gordon W Kennedy, (distinction).

Grade Eight, Fiona M Dewar, (distinction)

#### Group Communication

Grade Two, Holly A. Barrack, Claire Feeney, Christine E. MacLean, Rhona D. Smith, (all distinction),

Grade Three, Richard G.T. Constable, Ross G. MacDonald, Adam I. Muirhead, Stephen Reilly, (all merit),

#### Effective Text Speaking

Initial Grade, Thomas A. Emslie-Smith, Ruth L. Foulis, Scot F. McIntosh, Adam E. Robertson, Stuart D. C. Thomson, (all distinction), Oliver Bergen-Reid, Alistair T. Clark, W. Adam, C. Cuthbert, Thomas J. M. Spowart, Katherine M. Steele, (all merit),



# The Bossy Christmas Fairy



In this year's Nativity I am a cracker. I have a lovely costume to wear. I am first onto the stage. I stand in front of Walid. I like the baubles because they jump about.  
**James Smith L2**

In this year's Nativity I am a sweet. I have a bright costume to wear. I have to dance with Lucy and Katie. We have lovely music to dance to. The part of the Nativity that I like best is the Santas. I like the Santas because I like their sacks.  
**Emily Vansittart L2**

In this year's Nativity I am a Soldier. I have to march tall and straight. I have a smart costume to wear. I salute to Charlie.  
**Calum Walker L2**

The Bossy Fairy thinks she's in charge. She decorates the tree with baubles, tin-soldiers, stars, tinsel, fairy-lights and santas but anything could happen. The two sleeping children wake up. One says "look! The tree's being decorated!". The other says "I'm looking at it but it doesn't look right somehow". The second part is about Mary and Joseph and Baby Jesus, Kings and Shepherds. The

two sleeping children and their mother come on at the end and we all sing "Will you come with me?" I like it because its a joyful and happy play.  
**Sarah Low L3**

I am in a play called the bossy fairy. It is about a fairy who is so bossy that she put her own decorations on the tree. There is a fairy-light that won't work, a bauble that is scratched, a snowflake that needs winding up and a tattered piece of tinsel. She just can't let these stay on the tree. There are also teddies, chocolate santas, stars and snowflakes. She thinks she is the most important, so what will happen to her?  
**Kirsty McEwan L3**

Our Nativity play this year is about the bossy fairy. It is all about a Christmas fairy who comes to life along with all the other decorations. Some unlucky decorations are rejected by the fairy but all the others go on the tree. My mum sits beside me in class so I have to watch my step. The fairy wants to make her tree the best tree in town but leaves out the most important things. She thinks she is the most important. I am on the stage in the final scene. My costume is pyjamas and slippers which is very embarrassing.  
**Iain Kennedy L3**



# Drama

## TROLLS

This year the whole of the Junior School took part in a musical extravaganza - "Trolls".



It was performed during the last week of term at the Gardyne Theatre, to a full house every night. The action of the musical revolves round a community of Trolls living in the glens of Scotland as they prepare for the wedding of the pompous King Smee to the lovely Bleera. Thanks to the untimely and dramatic arrival of a goblin things do NOT go as planned:

We were lucky enough to inherit a splendid stage set from the Senior School's production of "Romeo and Juliet", performed the week before.

Mrs. Solazzo and her team of senior pupils acted as make-up artists, producing such elaborate effects that even the boys were happy to wear eye-shadow and lipstick.

Costumes were colourful and made suitably "Trollish" by the addition of some weird and wacky hairstyles. Thanks to the music department for providing accompaniment to the songs, and a special thank you to Mrs. Woodman and the other members of staff who worked so hard to make it all possible.

Catherine Jung L7



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### PREFECTS 1998-99

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 Middle: E Atkins N Clark E Caskie S Reid H Bodie A Stonely A Ross  
 Front: I Hunt A Henderson A France (Captain) Mr A M Duncan (Rector) K Wilson (Captain)  
 I Oltean-Dumbrava E Currie  
 (Absent from photo: D Coutts T Gilbertson)

### HEAD GIRL/HEAD BOY REPORT

Being asked to be Head Girl or Head Boy was not an easy decision to make without knowing what was in store. Nevertheless, the rolls of gold braid were just too tempting an offer to turn down and besides we felt that gold was our colour. However, we soon found that with the braid came a lot more responsibility and the unnerving realisation that people started to look upon us as role models and ambassadors of the school.

People often ask us what the duties of a Head Girl and Boy are, and although it often seemed that the list of tasks for us was never-

ending, we may on occasion have been economical with the extent of our duties in order to ensure sympathy from our peers. The duties that we were blessed with involved organising rotas, persuading people to help at the endless parent's evenings, bribing pupils to do school readings, meeting with visitors of the school and generally ensuring the smooth running of the Sixth Year. However, all these hardships were worth it since being Head Boy and Girl allowed us certain benefits - people still believe that we have our own personal key code pin number that allows us special access to restricted areas!

One of the most important

events in the School Calendar is the Armistice Parade. Our thanks must go to Mr. Holmes who was our mentor in teaching us the art of perfecting the slow march. Without his helpful push, we would still be standing in the doorway of the main school. Once again, the service was excellent with impeccable marching and drill from the cadets plus the bonus of a surprise visit from a mystery guest.

The weight of the braid started to become very apparent at Christmas time with the daunting task of the Carol Service, waltzing at the Christmas dance (where our obvious talent has paved the way for our new career as the



hosts of "Come Dancing") and helping with Junior School parties, where it must be noted that we enjoyed ourselves just as much, if not more than the youngsters themselves.

During the year we have managed to perfect our camera smiles due to our regular "photo calls", the most memorable being the pictures of a typical "coffee break" with the rector. All seemed in order till we realised the dress code for the shoot was school uniform and being a Friday we were dressed for war in our camouflage uniform (rumour has it we were working on an undercover mission). Therefore, our thanks must go to Sarah and Ionut who kindly donated the top halves of their uniforms and to the photographer who with the aid of magazines and the careful angling of the camera, allowed a very believable photo to be taken. In fact the various photo shoots went so well that our agents are at present discussing terms with the top modelling agency "Models 1".

With the school year drawing to an end, our only duties left are giving the readings at the Leavers Service, the difficult task of sitting on the stage at Prize-giving, avoiding the ritual swim in the fountains (we can but try) and the most gruelling and difficult task of all - reminding the Sixth Years that the school has not moved to the beach!!

Last but by no means least our most grateful thanks must go to the Rector for guiding us through this year with such expert knowledge, to all of his colleagues who have always made time for us and also to Mrs Reekie, the office staff and the janitors who have on many occasions had to search for us in the midst of the vast school. Special thanks must go to Mrs. Stewart, the assistant rector, who retired at the end of the spring term. Her help this year, especially over the Christmas term, was immense and we thank her deeply for it.

Our final and most heartfelt thanks must go to our deputies Amy, Ian, Eilidh and Ionut and to all the house captains and their deputies. They have done more work than most people recognise and we are greatly indebted to them as without them, we wouldn't have had nearly as much time for socialising.

Thanks to everyone who has made our year "in office" so much fun, we are eternally grateful.

*Kirsty Wilson and Alex France*

## THE FORM 6 INDUCTION WEEK MONDAY

The week began with a series of talks about the world of work. There was something for everyone from a talk by a millionaire businessman to a talk by a hotel caterer. We were enlightened by a talk from a wastewater technology expert and enthused by the fascinating career prospects arising from a science degree. Admittedly some of us who already have a definite idea of what we want to do found some talks less relevant than others but on the whole, the day proved informative for most people.

## TUESDAY

Tuesday's sessions on UCAS forms and the personal statement were very useful. These talks helped us to understand more fully the University application process, something which many people were grateful for. Talks on the personal statement this early on were especially useful since it allows time for thought on this important part of the UCAS form over the summer break. Gap year talks in the afternoon were beneficial for a large number of people and many people went away with a clearer idea of what they want to do with their year out.

## WEDNESDAY

Wednesday was split up into two sessions. The morning saw an informative briefing about aspects of

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student life, with student finance advice proving especially useful. Different universities were



represented and in the afternoon the representatives were available for consultation by the pupils in a highly successful forum which was very well attended.

### THURSDAY

Thursday was by far and away the best day of the week! The team-building and leadership at Clatto Country Park saw a series of group exercises at 10 different bases. Our quest - to determine the personality of Weasel the Dragon's spirit!! It really helped that the weather was gorgeous and even though the water was absolutely freezing, almost everyone managed to get soaked to the skin and have a brilliant time. A Fantastic Hoo-ha was had by all!!!

### FRIDAY

We spent Friday exploring Edinburgh University during their Open Day. The day was well organised but one message that came through clearly was that people needed more time to attend talks which were scheduled outside our time limits and visit more departments than they were able to. We were lucky with the weather again and many people enjoyed a pleasant lunch in the campus gardens

*Neesha Mehta, Jasmeen Maleque F5*



## INTERACT REPORT 1998/99

1998/99 has been another successful year for the club, with some 50 members joining and participating in the various fund raising and social activities.

The main fundraiser was again the Charity Christmas Car Parking in the school playground. Although the hours were long, especially waiting for 'Festive Shoppers' to return, we were rewarded by raising more than £1,000.

The younger pupils made significant contributions to our 'copper collection' and were enthusiastic participants at our Halloween party.

We had enormous fun at our 70's night for Forms 5 and 6, raising over £200 in the process. Never have our parents' clothes been in such demand, who can guess at the deeper significance of our 70's fetish!

A Ceilidh at Morrison's Academy was well supported and a good time was had by all.

Once again we assisted at the 'Kids Out' day in June which we found both eye-opening and rewarding. It is very salutary to see how unfortunate others can be when we have so much.

Our total fund-raising for the year came to around £2500. This will be split among local, national and international charities.

Thanks are due to Dundee Rotary Club for their help and support throughout the year and also to Mr Rennet for his efforts this session. Good luck to next session's Interactors.

*Hilary Bodie (Secretary)*

## FIFTEEN TO ONE

After a lunchtime general knowledge quiz the team chosen to audition for the schools version of the classic tea time quiz "Fifteen to One" was selected. Sally Hopkins, Iain Hunt, Henry Harding and I made up the team, while David Illsley and Omar Sholi were travelling and non-travelling reserve respectively.

Accompanied by Mr Leckie, we found ourselves in the Edinburgh Assembly Rooms, auditioning against approximately fifteen other schools for the chance to travel to London and appear on television. The audition was based on how photogenic we were as well as our knowledge of all things trivial, so it was no surprise when Mr. Leckie received a letter telling

At Edinburgh airport we were forced to watch Sally eat an entire Easter egg in less than two minutes before boarding the plane to take us to London. After an overcrowded tube journey, we arrived at our hotel in Putney where we were greeted by an exhausted Henry, who had just returned from the music department trip to Prague and Vienna.

We were not due at the studios until mid-afternoon, so we had the morning free to visit London. After catching an early train we spent four solid hours trawling the shops of London before heading back to the hotel to be taken to the studios.

Once we arrived at the Regent Studios in Wandsworth, we were



us we had passed the audition, and that we would be filmed on 5th April.

On 4th April we found ourselves at Dundee station, waiting for Mr. Leckie, but his nerve had failed him and Mrs. Leckie took his place. Of course, Mr. Leckie's excuse was that he had "hurt his back". Iain had unfortunately taken ill during the night, and was replaced by David, with Omar travelling as reserve.

taken to the green room (which was more blue than green) where we met our opposition for the first time. Then it was straight into make-up and down to the studio itself, where we discovered that "Fifteen to One" unlike Happy Days, is not filmed "in front of a live studio audience."

After a few minutes spent checking spelling of names and microphone levels, the great William G. Stewart (the G stands

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for Gladstone) appeared, and it was on with the questions. Despite Sally and I feeding David the wrong answers to questions, language student to be Henry forgetting what "mal de mer" was and Thomas not knowing what city Oasis came from, we emerged from the team round with a narrow lead.

After a short break, I stepped up for the individual round. Unfortunately, due to some stupid mistakes and a lack of speed on the buzzer we were beaten into second place by fifty points.

Leaving the studios to start the long journey home, we were not too disappointed at losing as we had managed to get a free trip to London, appear on television and (best of all!) we had met the king of afternoon television William G. Stewart.

We would all like to thank Mrs McGrath for the excellent quizzes she gave us to practise with, Mr. Leckie for organising everything for us and Mrs. Leckie for performing a last minute role as chaperone.

*Neil Young F6*

### NEW YEAR SKI TRIP NEW HAMPSHIRE USA

It was to be "a holiday of a lifetime" and it was! All twenty-two senior pupils arrived on time on December 27 and we set off for Glasgow to Boston USA via Reykjavik, Iceland.

As we touched town in Iceland it seemed that we were landing on a lunar landscape such was its barren frozen wasteland. It was dark when we arrived in Boston for the final leg of our journey so we were unable to see the

wonderful architecture until we returned a week later and had a short tour of the city.

Woodward's Inn was to be our base, a friendly family run hotel where we were shown true American hospitality.

On our first morning, after being served the biggest breakfast of eggs, bacon, toast, pancakes and syrup or anything else we desired, we set off for ski fitting and then travelled to Bretton Woods where we met up with an Irish School who were staying in the neighbouring hotel.

We all coped well with the extreme cold which reached -50°F at the top of Mount Washington

one night. Now that's cold! The sun did shine from time to time and all skiers, beginners and experts alike enjoyed themselves and made good progress.

Seeing in the New Year was spent with the Irish group having a Karaoke Party. I'm sure Sally could make a successful career out of it. Did she put this on her UCAS form? And as for Cameron in his kilt - well!

The next few days at Loon Mountain passed quickly and some of us tried snowboards and "Big Feet" just to enable all of our muscles to ache.

There were activities such as "tubing" which we hadn't tried



before and which involved riding down the mountain on inner tubes. A night at the cinema let us see the latest movies before they reached Scotland. Enjoying the facilities of the hotel such as the pool table, skating-pond, swimming-pool and sauna filled time in the evening for those of us with surplus energy. It was so cold that our hair was frozen solid and towels had to be broken instead of folded after the short sprint from the pool to our rooms. One costume actually stuck to a door which it touched in passing!



Sadly the week sped past but we still had shopping to look forward to on the last day. A visit to outlet shops and a longer stay in an extensive mall allowed us to buy presents for others and ourselves and simply to wonder at all the bargains.

The final treat was a meal at the Hard Rock Café in Boston before returning to Scotland. But we still had something to look forward to .... the Prelims!

*Christine Bowden F5*

## The Cutty Sark Tall Ships' Race 1998

In the Summer of 1998 over 100 ships and 3500 crew members from all over the globe, gathered to compete in the Cutty Sark Tall Ships' Race from Falmouth to Lisbon and then from Vigo to Dublin. I was extremely lucky to join the crew of the "Sir Winston Churchill" in Lisbon to cruise up to Vigo and then race to Dublin.

The voyage varied from "handling sails" in force 8 gales, with the boat tipping so much that the water came up to our knees, to swimming in a flat calm Bay of Biscay 250 miles from the nearest point of land.

### Crew member's Log

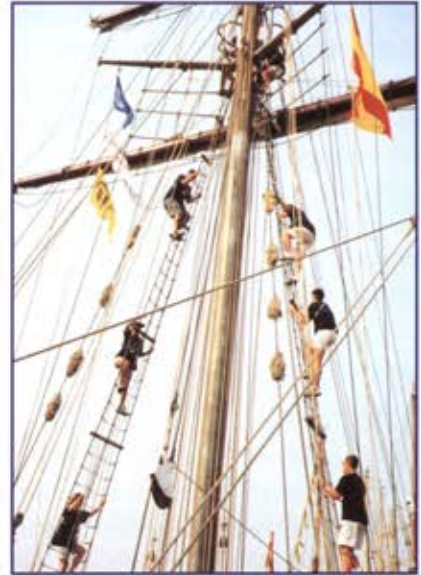
0345 Wake up call

0400 Emerge from the depths of the half deck onto the bridge to find out my duties for the next 4 hours. For the first hour - Port lookout. An hour of looking over the black abyss for any signs of life.

0500 Relieved from lookout, so head off to the galley for a snack and a hot chocolate with the rest of the watch, only to find that "Mizzen Watch" have eaten all the leftovers from last night's meal.

0600 Back on duty. This time as messenger - an hour of making cups of tea for the watch leader and officer. Mr B (my watch officer) gives me a lesson in chart work. We have travelled a grand total of one mile through the night (we are not allowed to use our engines as we are racing).

0645 Woke up "Fore Watch" for



first sitting of breakfast. The only thanks I got were 13 different variations of "get lost"

0700 Back on standby. Can't face watching everyone else eating in the knowledge that I have to wait, so I go up on deck with a good book but as soon as I open it, I get roped into folding sails.

0800 Our watch is relieved - breakfast at last!

0900 Everyone down to the half deck for Nick, the Chief Officer's progress (or lack of it) report.

1000 "Happy Hour" - all hands clean the ship. Our watch scrubbed the half deck including the showers and heads (toilets to all landlubbers!)

1015 "Smoko" - tea, coffee and biscuits.

1030 I have a few hours before lunch to do what I want so I'm going to catch up on some valuable sleep.

1050 All hands on deck - we are passing another ship in the race so we line the deck to exchange Mexican waves,

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- water bombs and rotten veg.
- 1230 Lunch - spaghetti bolognese. We have been saving it for a calm day.
- 1330 We aren't making much ground (are you allowed to say that when you are at sea?) so we are having an inter-watch rowing race, round the Churchill.
- 1730 Dinner - roast beef followed by apple pie. Right through the meal our watch was reminded of our abysmal performance in the rowing.
- 1900 All hands on deck. The wind has picked up so we need to tack.
- 2000 Party! Everybody gathers on deck for a singsong. One of the Scots has brought his bagpipes so the

rest of us teach the English some Scottish country dancing.

- 2300 Is it worth my while going to bed? I'm back on watch at midnight.

We finally reached Dublin for a weekend of non-stop parties, having come second in our class (out of 2!). The trip was rounded off when I was honoured with the task of carrying the banner for the crew of the Churchill, to the sound of our crew playing the pipes, through the streets of Dublin to the castle for the prize giving and closing ceremony. An amazing end to an amazing voyage. I can't wait until next time.

*Mark D Fletcher F6*

On the 31st of May we set off from Weymouth in the Tall Ship 'Sir Winston Churchill'. Most of us had never sailed before, let alone on a tall ship, so I was not the only one wondering exactly what the voyage held in store for us. The first day was spent practising basic sailing procedures, which we all had to be able to do as we were going to be controlling the ship. We were encouraged to climb up to the crow's nest, which I was dreading the first time, but took every opportunity to do it again as 'manning the yards' was exciting, especially when you were under pressure to get the sails down in time.

During the trip all crew members were split into 3 groups - one for each sail and each member of the crew was given a specific job to do. While on board the day was split in to three separate 'watches' so there would always be one group on 'watch'. During the day when the weather was good and the sails didn't need adjusting, sunbathing on the bowsprit watching schools of dolphins performing round the boat was idyllic, but when you are woken up at two o'clock in the morning and know that you have to go and wrestle with soaking sails in the rain for a few hours, most people began to wonder why they were there.

The course we took depended entirely upon the direction of the wind and although most of us were hoping to cross the channel to France the wind changed and after sailing round Lands End we headed up to Ireland. Although most of the time was spent on board we went into port every four or five days and enjoyed nights out at Kinsale and also



Cobh. The journey to Ireland was fairly calm and most people had got their sea legs by the time we got there. However the way back to Cardiff via the Bristol Channel was another matter entirely. We



were hit by a force ten gale and spent most of the time in several layers of clothing and oilskins - I was one out of only two who did not spend most of my time having to lean over the edge!

The voyage although hard work, was great fun and gave me the chance to meet people

from all over the country. I would definitely recommend it as it is the experience of a lifetime, but beware those who are prone to sea sickness!

*Rachael Howson F6*

## UGANDA EXPERIENCES

During the summer holidays of 1998 I was privileged to be part of a team of 15 young people from around the UK who went to Uganda. We had been accepted by "What 4", the junior department of Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF).

MAF, a registered charity and a church based agency working in developing countries has been flying essential personnel and supplies of all kinds into remote locations for 50 years. And it was with this work that we were to help.

Before we went to Uganda we underwent an interview, a training weekend, immunisation vaccinations and the famous anti-malarial tablets, "Lariam". We also had to raise funds to cover travel and living expenses. This was achieved by generous donations from friends, family and DHS.

We were staying just outside the capital of Uganda, Kampala. The purpose of our visit was threefold: to give practical help to MAF and the MAF staff working in Uganda, to work alongside various churches in Uganda and to experience first hand the work of MAF and daily African life. Our first main project was to paint the new hangar at a little village called Kajanski and the second was to paint a local primary school. Throughout these projects we spent time with children from a nearby village, the MAF families and did assemblies and took church services.

The work we did was much appreciated by all the people working in Uganda and a year later it is still very important to them as it is to all the team. One of the main things that will remain with all the team is our catch phrase: Subject to change. The concept of time in Africa is a contrast to our way of life. Everything will be done at some time and it does not seem to matter when. Our plans for each day were changed numerous times hence we kept saying they were all "subject to change".

The experience was absolutely amazing and to give an insight into my time spent there I've included a few extracts from my diary.

"Uganda is a beautiful country. Although we had been told that we would find Uganda greener than expected I did not think it would be this green. It is gorgeous and certainly lives up to its reputation as The Pearl of Africa."



"Each time we travel to the hangar and airstrip I notice new things on the journey. Along a whole side of the road near to one of the shanty towns there was a huge coffin factory. Coffin making is a boom industry due to the AIDS problem and a life expectancy of between 40 and 45 years."

"We visited a local primary school today and gave them some of the wee footballs we had brought from Britain. Their gratitude was something to learn from. They think we are giving them lots but in reality we are gaining a whole new perspective of life that not many British people are able to appreciate."

All in all, the trip was better than I could ever have hoped for. We experienced the difficulties that many Western families who live in developing countries face: the power-cuts every other night; the undrinkable water; the mosquito nets and the lack of so many items we take for granted. However Africa has a huge tug on my heart and I am sure that one day I will go back in order to work there.

*Nicki Clark F6*

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## Caring And Sharing

### PUTTING SMILES ON FACES

On a cold sunny morning in November last year, the last strains of the pipes faded, indicating the end of the Remembrance parade, and a tidal wave of pupils turned to the Charity hot chocolate and doughnut stalls. There then followed a feeding frenzy akin to a werewolf convention, and the new Session's fund-raising began in a flurry of 50p's, sugar and chocolate powder. The proceeds went to the families of policemen injured in the line of duty, a case of brass for coppers?



High School pupils have always been at their best when one of their own is in need of support and there have been several spontaneous collections during the session. One unwell pupil must have wondered if pals knew more than they were letting on when a card arrived bearing the words "Sorry You're Leaving"; fortunately a teacher persuaded them to add the words "For a While"!

The School strongly believes in looking beyond its outer walls



and many pupils ask if they can organise fund-raising events for local, national and international charities which last session included Cancer Research, the Afghan Earthquake Fund and the Kosovo Appeal.

As usual, the centrepiece of the fund-raising year was the Christmas Appeal and the school saw a range of effective events. Pupils set up the ever-popular cake and candy stalls and shoe-cleaning booths, and as usual did things with baked beans which the makers never intended.

This session we saw the first mixed 5-a-side football tournaments. There were the expected complaints about makeup and hairstyles being ruined, but that's Form 2 boys for you. Who says girls can't play football? Well, Mr. Blackburn actually. We also saw our first staff/pupils Ultimate Frisbee competition, a sort of netball on steroids won by the lean, mean teaching machine and egged on by pupils, a number of staff entered

into the fun(d)-raising by dressing up in 70's clothes for a day.

Living up to the Modern Approach, Traditional Values tag, the Music Department provided another traditional fund-raising lunchtime concert which included, from a musical only 5



months old, the song When Children Rule the World - dream on, you lot. The Music Department were also heavily involved in the Carol Service, where parents and friends of the School again showed their generosity by donating over £700. Possibly the highlight of the Appeal was the F6 slave auction, seen by the senior pupils as a worthwhile money-raising event and by everyone else as a glorious chance for revenge; for several days we saw prefects dashing

down to McDonalds to collect lunch for F1 pupils and, in a tour de force, one boy paid for a prefect to polish the shoes of everyone in his class - revenge is mine sayeth the F2 pupil

Anything the Senior School does the Junior School tends to match - hence all the L5, L6 and L7 classes put in a magnificent effort selling cookies, selling cake and candy, holding raffles, selling



unwanted books and toys, collecting coppers and organising a Spring Fair. More than £330 was raised for The Tear Fund, The Kosovo Appeal, Dundee Barnardo's Helper's Group and the Animal Charities WPSA and SSPCA. Well done!

The School doesn't expect rewards for the funds raised this year (over £7000 going to nearly 20 charities), but we were delighted to receive a planter containing bulbs from one grateful recipient and many letters of thanks from others. Especially nice was the reaction from Fair

Play Training (Dundee), a local play centre who recently had Government funding removed - they wrote to say that their cheque for £390 made a real difference and put a smile on their faces.

And that is what the High School's charity work is all about, putting a smile on faces.

*C. Stuart*

Let's not forget L4's Pirate Day. To come to School as pirates for the day we each paid a ransom of £1. We then worked out routes to get to the Islands using pirate maps. Later that morning we went to Dundee Docks to visit HMS Unicorn. It was fascinating to learn all about the ships and the pirates. The guide asked if anyone would like to lift the cannon ball and Michael Niven volunteered.



Unfortunately he had not eaten his porridge that morning because he failed!



On our return to School we played pirate games in the Girl's School Hall and ended the day tucking into a pirate tea of sandwiches and other skull and bones goodies (recipes available from L4).

Hey ho me hearties - it was a great pirate day for us!

*Zoe Galloway - L4*



# CCF

## ARMISTICE PARADE



## NAVY SECTION CCF

With numbers up due to new recruits we started the year with high hopes. The activities at Clatto continued right up until the start of the October break whereby George Howson and Robert McMillan gained their 2\* canoe award.

The October break started off with the combined forces adventurous training weekend with Bigfoot Adventures at the Boulenstone Outdoor Centre, Strathdon. Yet again the centre came up with new ideas and challenges for the cadets, including Canadian canoeing and a search and rescue for a missing pilot, as well as the more routine gorge walk, abseiling, climbing and initiative challenges. Yet again, our cadets were up to all that was set for them and came through the weekend with honours. They all enjoyed themselves and a number experienced new activities - we even managed to recruit another canoeist.

The winter months were taken up with the classroom theory and examinations resulting in a number of cadet promotions. Although less exciting than the outdoor activities, essential new skills were developed.

Trips this year included an orientation visit to RM Condor, a visit to HMS Bicester and participation in the Mine Countermeasures Day at Faslane, where one of our cadets was winched from his ship into a helicopter!

Summer activities resumed after the May weekend with new canoeists, new sailors and those training for advanced awards. As usual the weather on Friday afternoons was fine - we have lost only 2 sessions at Clatto in 4 years - a good reason to join the Navy Cadets.

The final event of the year was the Divisional Cup Challenge afternoon at Clatto on 21 June. 18 Cadets, organised by Cox Smeaton and assisted by Tom Gilbertson competed at orienteering, sailing and canoeing. The overall winner for the cup was Ledbury - well done.

Best wishes to those cadets going away to attend summer training camps - you will have the chance to work hard and play hard. To those less fortunate have a good holiday and we look forward to yet another successful year next session.

*C. Murray*



## CCF

### MINE COUNTERMEASURES DAY - FASLANE 13-14.12.98

We left Dundee at 12.30 p.m. and travelled by train to Helensburgh, arriving at about 3.30 p.m. Officers collected us and drove us to HMS Neptune on the Clyde where we were shown our accommodation and then waited until 6.00pm when dinner was served.

After an enjoyable meal, we returned to our accommodation and dressed for the disco which was to be held in our honour. This finished at 10pm and we then went to bed - the girls to sleep, the boys to talk until just before midnight.

A cheery "Good morning" at 6am the next day told us it was time to get up. Breakfast was at 6.45am and half an hour later we were standing outside, grouped according to which ship we were on.

There were three Minesweepers available - Sandown, Cromer and Bridport. We were on HMS Sandown.

We left the berth at 8.30am with Graham manoeuvring the ship out into the Clyde. We were shown around different areas of the ship - the engine

room, the propeller room, the bridge and most importantly the galley where we were served lunch at 1.00pm.

The Officers on board allowed us to steer the boat under their close supervision and we carried out a number of activities including a light-line transfer, fire drill and a helicopter serial.

Cameron was lucky enough to be one of four cadets, chosen from our ship to have a flight in the helicopter after being winched up from the ship. He enjoyed a fifteen minute ride, being shown the surrounding environment (Greenock, Gourock, Kilgreggan and Dunoon) before being winched back down to the ship.

We then headed back to port. Graham volunteered for something he would deeply regret namely to help with the soaking wet ropes for half an hour - the water temperature was 2°C! Despite the cold we all had a brilliant 24 hours and want to go back.

Thanks to CPO Wylie and Dr Andrews.

*CDT G. Caskie, CDT C. Tyler and AB A. McConnachie*



### ARMISTICE PARADE 1998



### HCTC 1998



# CCF

## PIPE BAND



The DHS CCF Pipe Band march on at the Scottish Schools Championship in Edinburgh



DHS CCF Pipe Band won the Scottish Youth Pipe Band achievement award as well as £1000. Brigadier Grant is presenting the Quich to Pipe Major Low.



The DHS CCF trio who won the Scottish Schools Competition. (l to r): R Young, A Low, O Ashraf

## LEEK CAMP 1999



Form 6 Leavers



No. 4 section, 'B' Company



No. 3 section, 'B' Company



No. 2 section, 'B' Company

# CCF

## LEEK CAMP 1999



No. 1 section, 'B' Company



No. 4 section, 'A' Company



No. 3 section, 'A' Company



No. 2 section, 'A' Company



No. 1 section, 'A' Company



# THE PATRONS' ASSOCIATION

(established in 1988)

replacing

## THE SUBSCRIBERS

(established in 1830)

The Main Building of the School previously known as the Boys' School, was opened in 1834. When it was built, its construction was financed by public subscription. Such a way of meeting the costs of a new school was not uncommon at that time. The people who contributed to the Building Fund became known as the Subscribers. A list of Subscribers was drawn up and ever since those early days the list has been maintained by new people coming forward, paying their subscription and in this way continuing the tradition down through the ages. It is from this body that have come at all times many of the people who have most actively supported the school.

After more than 150 years of existence it was generally felt that the body called the Subscribers should be reconstituted and adapted to bring it more into line with the needs of our time. This task was duly planned and accomplished, so that from this ancient and venerable section of our community there has now emerged a new association. This re-organised group is now known as the Patrons' Association.

Committee members and Office-Bearers of the new association have been elected with Dr W.H. Macfarlane Smith as its Chairman.

It is the intention of the committee to seek to widen the membership of the Patrons' Association. New members are being invited to become ordinary members whose annual subscription is not less than £20 per annum for an individual or £100 for a body corporate. The life subscription is not less than £100 for an individual and not less than £500 for a body corporate or unincorporate. The Treasurer of the Patrons' Association is Ronald S.B. Grieve, Esq.

Further information about the Patrons' Association may be obtained from the Chairman, c/o High School of Dundee, P.O. Box 16, Dundee, DD1 9BP.

## Gap Year

### A YEAR IN PERU

A year away from everything familiar, living in a strange country where they speak a different language.

When I explained my plans for my Gap Year, many of my family and friends looked at me in horror and wondered why I would choose to "put myself through such an ordeal". However, this has been a fantastic year, filled with experiences and memories that will stay with me forever.

I came to Peru with the Rotary Youth International Exchange Programme. I was to live for a year with a Peruvian family whose own son had gone to Belgium on the same programme.

I have been incredibly lucky with my family, the Garcias, who live in the city of Arequipa in the south of Peru. In my family I have 3 "brothers" and 1 "sister", aged between 8 and 21 and we all get on well.

There are many cultural differences between Great Britain and Peru to which I had to become accustomed. eg Meal-times. Breakfast is at 6.30am,

followed by a big lunch at 3pm, and then a snack at 8pm. It is also a "machista" (male-dominated) society and Peruvians think all foreigners are very rich.

Initially I went to a local school to attend classes in Peruvian history, geography, literature, etc. This helps in many ways: your language fluency improves quickly; you make lots of friends; you see the culture of the country from the inside and from a young person's point of view.

I was also helping to teach English in a variety of classes, all the way from 4th Grade in Primary to 5th Grade in Secondary. I enjoyed this, although it was often more a test of my patience than my language skills.

December, January, February and March are the school summer holidays and I was given the opportunity to travel. I had already been to the coast of Peru, the awesome 100km long Colca Canyon, and to Arica in Chile, as well as summitting the 5,800m volcano, Misti, near Arequipa. Now I visited Puno, Juliaca and Lake Titicaca (a huge inland sea).

They are at a high altitude so it is cooler, and as a visitor, you have to get used to less oxygen. The lake and the reed islands of Uros and Taquile are beautiful. I went to Cuzco, the former heart of the Inca Empire and still a magical city, and I visited the incredible Machu Pichu in the Sacred Valley of Urubamba.

With my parents I travelled to Ecuador and saw both the "Highlands" and the Amazonian rainforest. There is an unbelievable amount of life under the canopy and we saw monkeys, snakes, lizards, parrots and caymen among other things.

When Arequipa Rotary Club gave me the choice of where I wanted to live for the month of February, I immediately chose to go to the city of Pucallpa in the Peruvian Amazonian jungle. From there I made several trips by boat on the river and also camped out a few nights in the jungle and on a cattle ranch in a deforested part. It was very hot, very humid, full of all sorts of insects, and I absolutely loved it.

I visited hospitals and clinics in Pucallpa as I had done in Arequipa, talking to doctors and patients. The Rotary Club of Pucallpa, together with 6 North American districts, is in the middle of a project called 3-H (Health, Hunger and Humanity). Pucallpa has the worst public health statistics in all of Latin America and still suffers from diseases such as cholera, leprosy and TB. 3-H will put in fresh water supplies for the people in the city, build a hospital and run a clinic for the native Indian communities which, at present, have no health care. In March they had arranged for the National Guard (Territorial Army) of the USA to come down on a



training exercise and run a hospital with free care and medicines. They needed translators, as the Americans didn't speak Spanish and the Peruvians didn't speak English. I was able to stay and help. This was one of the most amazing experiences of my year. It was tiring and sometimes difficult, but I saw so much, learned so much and knew that we were helping so many people that I wanted it to last twice as long.

Now the clinic has finished and I am back in Arequipa. I am working in one of the schools in the slums of Arequipa for the next 2 weeks, teaching English again, and then I am going to do the Inca Trail with a group of friends. Thereafter I go back to live and work in Arequipa for a few weeks before a trip to Ecuador.

I have been happy throughout my time in Peru. I have learned how to adapt to other views and customs and have made hundreds of new friends. I feel I have matured a lot and am now fluent in another language. There is a poem by Robert Frost, which says, "Two roads diverged in a wood and I, I took the one less travelled by. And that has made all the difference."

This is an unusual road but I would recommend this experience to anyone and everyone who can do it. It makes a world of difference.

*Carolyn Ford*



## Former Pupils

### DUNDEE HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' CLUB

At the Annual General Meeting in November 1998 Mr Alfred Vannet was elected President of the club and Mr Lindsay was elected Vice President.

Annual dinners are held in Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow and London. These are well attended and it is by attending these dinners that former pupils are able to maintain contact with school friends and colleagues and to hear of the continuing progress of the school. In addition a small group of former pupils have met for a reunion every year since 1989 in Johannesburg, South Africa. (See separate report).

The club is also active with a number of sporting activities during the year. Annual competitions take place in golf, fishing, and curling. There is also an annual golf match versus the Old Girls' Club.

The Club believes that it is important for the well-being of the school that strong links are fostered with former pupils and the club endeavours to achieve this in the most enjoyable way with its programme of events each year.

Details of club membership and of any of the club's activities can be obtained from the Secretary.

*HL Findlay*

*Secretary*

*8 Abercromby Street*

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*Dundee DD5 2QT*

### SOUTH AFRICA BRANCH REPORT

Under the organisation of Stewart Brown, who left school in 1960, a group of seven former pupils first met in the Rand Club in Johannesburg on 26 October 1989 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the school. They have met every year since although their numbers have now been reduced to five.

At that first dinner those attending were, in order of seniority:

Cecily Havard (nee Fenwick), Jimmy Hutton, Ian Reid, Bob Stewart, Stewart Brown, Tony Havard and Rosemary Dunlop (nee Gibson).

The following brief details of each attendee was provided by Stewart Brown.

Cecily Havard thinks she left school in 1932 when John MacLennan was rector and according to the other attendees, is always the life and soul of the party.

Jimmy Hutton was Dux of the school and returned to Scotland in the early nineties.

Ian Reid attended DHS from 1941 to 1947 and still talks particularly fondly of the cadets.

Bob Stewart left school in 1949 and is thinking of retiring to Scotland in 1999.

Tony Havard, Cecily's son, is a pilot and used to play rugby for the FP's but has not attended the reunion for a number of years.

Rosemary Gibson left school in 1962 and is married to Stewart Dunlop.

The five remaining members will meet again this year for their 10th anniversary. Any other FPs in South Africa would be very welcome to join them and should contact Stewart Brown at 25 Roos Street, Beverley Gardens, RANDBURG, 2194.

The picture enclosed shows those who attended the reunion in 1997.

*H L Findlay*



## THE HIGH SCHOOL OF DUNDEE OLD GIRLS CLUB

At the 67th Annual General Meeting on Monday 8th March 1999, the following office bearers were elected:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| President                     | Mrs Jen Petrie           |
| Vice President                | Mrs Norah Meikle         |
| Junior Vice President         | Dr Jane Bruce            |
| Secretary                     | Mrs Eileen Black         |
| Assistant Secretary           | Mrs Lynda Boyle          |
| Treasurer                     | Miss Maggie Stewart      |
| Committee Members             | Mrs Elspeth Allison      |
|                               | Mrs Pam Milne            |
|                               | Mrs Valerie Vannet       |
|                               | Mrs Heather Graham       |
| School Leavers Representative | Miss Caroline McClelland |

This year under the Presidency of Mrs Trish Hourd, the Old Girls have had a very happy and busy year. March saw the Senior and Junior Music concerts being performed. In May it was the moving of premises for the Thrift shop. A lot of hard work was put into this move to temporary premises by the Junior Vice President and lots of volunteers.

In early summer, the Committee moved into gear and planned the various events for the summer term. Sports Day was held in fair but cool weather. The following week was the Senior School operetta, 'Iolanthe' which was a colourful, light-hearted but well-received performance. 'Leavers Day' was Wednesday the 24th June, and the Club hosted a reception for the girls leaving from 5th and 6th Forms, offering them Bucks Fizz and canapés in the Eastern Club. There was a very happy atmosphere and we were joined by our special guests, Mr Gordon Stewart and Mrs Sylvia Patullo. Mr Stewart retired as Depute Rector having taught at school for forty years. Mrs Patullo, as Rector's Secretary, had been a great help and support to the Club over the last twenty-four years and we marked her retirement with flowers and a small gift. This was followed by Prizegiving the next morning, and an evening Barbecue organised for the leavers by the Old Boys' Club.

In mid-September we and the Old Boy's Club held a joint cheese and wine party to which we invited Charles Sharp, Bursar, Philip Leckie, Depute Rector and Colin Allison and Mark Parlour, Assistant Rectors along with their established colleagues on the Board of Studies. The party was well supported by members of both clubs and a good time was had by all.

The Annual Reunion took place on Saturday, 7th November and about a hundred and thirty Old Girls met for lunch at the Invercarse Hotel. Our guest speaker was Mrs Kate Ford, a former 'Mastermind' contender. In December it was the turn of the children in L1 - L3 to entertain us and the Nativity Play, "The Bossy Christmas Fairy" was a delight to see. In March this year, the bi-annual London lunch was held in the Westminster Hotel. Details of future London lunches can be obtained from the Secretary.

To keep up with the times our entire membership roll has been updated on to a new database which should simplify matters for future secretaries and presidents. We would like to say a particular thank you to Mrs Rosemary Stewart, who has been an ex-officio member of the Committee for a large number of years, for her help and support, far beyond the call of duty, and we are very sorry to see her go. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

We were pleased to welcome fourteen new members this past year but saddened to lose three of our members, Mrs Margaret Miller (Mrs Raeburn Miller, nee Robertson), Mrs Gladys Zilinsky (nee Milne) and Miss Caroline Low, aged only twenty-one who died in November as the result of a road accident.

Next year's Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 6th March 2000.

*Eileen L. Black, Secretary*

## Former Pupils

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PATRONS' ASSOCIATION

When I look back through previous reports, I am struck both by the long history of the Patrons and by their many achievements over the years. The latter started with the construction of the Main School in the 18th century and have continued with major contributions to the fabric of the school. An examination of the records on just one event, a garden fete which raised funds for the acquisition of Dalnacraig, reveals some astonishingly high, individual, financial contributions for the time, which would be considered generous even with the value of the pound today. However, this is no time to dwell in the past. With the decision taken that the school will remain in its present location, it is now possible to move ahead with new developments which will allow it to remain at the forefront of education, in all its many facets, in the new Millennium. The Rector, Mr Duncan, has written elsewhere about the new computers and information technology systems brought into the school in the last 12 months. Many organisations and individuals associated with the school have contributed to this. However, this is just one aspect of modern education. State of the art classrooms for every topic from languages to biology are required to maintain the school's high academic achievements, and these must be matched by new facilities which provide adequately for the physical and social well-being of the pupils. While freezing in a windy corner of the playground may have been acceptable or even deemed desirable fifty years ago, times have moved on! Not surprisingly, there will be substantial costs involved. However, the school in general and the Patrons in particular have always been fortunate in the support given by their many friends. In this context, I would ask all associated with the school to give a warm welcome to the new Development Officer, Miss Sarah Randell, who will be responsible for marketing the school and raising funds for its long term development.

In a previous report, I mentioned my concern about the disappearance of the Assisted Places Scheme (APS) and the damage which this would do to those most in need of financial support. It has always been the school's view that young people of ability should have the opportunity to benefit from a High School education, whatever their financial circumstances. While it has not been possible to support all those who were helped by APS awards in the past, the Scholarship Fund has helped a number of young people who otherwise might have had to complete

their education elsewhere. I commend this fund to you, as I do all financial assistance given to the school, in the certain knowledge that it will be used in its entirety to the benefit of the next generation.

In relation to the Patrons' internal affairs, it is a pleasure to welcome a number of new members. They always bring with them a wealth of talent and experience which will be of benefit to both the Patrons and the school. The Patrons elect six of the school's Directors who, without exception, give long and dedicated service. They are elected initially for three years and are eligible for further periods of appointment. Many serve for a considerable number of years, during which they contribute freely of their skills and time, in the process providing great continuity to the existence and development of the school. This year, Mr Brian Cram and Dr John Lawson completed a three year appointment to the Board. The former offered himself for re-appointment and was so elected at the Patrons' AGM. John Lawson, after making a superb contribution to the school, decided to stand down. It is not easy to give adequate recognition of John's service. He was my predecessor as Chairman of the Patrons and my mentor in my early years in the chair. It is highly unlikely that the Meadows Project would have come to fruition without his involvement and he left no stone unturned, no avenue unexplored, to ensure its success. None of us will ever forget John absailing down the outside of the school to raise further funds, at an age when most of us would seek far safer pursuits. In fact, I think that he rather enjoyed the adrenalin buzz and the reminder of his own service in the school cadets in earlier days. I regret that his wise counsel at Board meetings will no longer be available to us, but on behalf of the members of the Executive Committee and all the Patrons, I wish him a long and happy 'retirement'. I have no doubt that he will continue to take a great interest in the school's affairs, and will support its many functions and sporting events. In his place, Mr Jim Coull has been elected to the Board and takes up his position in August. He is well known to the school community and will undoubtedly make a valuable contribution.

In my previous report, I finished with the statement that we live in a fast changing world. The pace of change continues unabated. The Patrons have an important role to play and I thank my committee and all of those who help us to do so.

*Dr W H MacFarlane Smith, Chairman*

## HIGH SCHOOL OF DUNDEE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents' Association has been involved in a number of activities and issues over the last year under the Chairmanship of Dawn Barrack. Office-bearers meet regularly with the Rector and Depute Rector to discuss various matters and to assist the school wherever possible.

The Newsletter has been revamped this year to include articles on aspects of School news which might be of interest. We are grateful to the contributors who have provided interesting pieces on the new IT developments within the school, the life of the Junior School and careers developments in the Senior School. It is our hope that this link will continue in the future.

There was a new venue for our annual mulled wine and mince pies after the Carol Service. This year it was decided to hold it in the Eastern Club and as always it was a great success. Serving refreshments at the Gardyne Theatre during school productions has also become a tradition and this year was no exception when members of the Committee quenched thirsts at the productions of 'Romeo and Juliet' and 'Trolls' in June.

Members of the Committee were invited to view the new Administration Suite and IT centre in the Library. We were all impressed with the facilities available to all pupils and the plans for future developments.

If you haven't bought an umbrella with the DHS logo yet, get in touch with a Committee member. These were added to our excellent track suits and sweatshirts and have proved most popular, especially on Sports Day in June when many parents took the opportunity to place an order for the new session.

The AGM was held in May and was followed by an interesting presentation by the Form VI Drug Awareness Team.

A Book Sale was held in June for the second year. It gave parents the opportunity to come along to the Girls' School Hall to buy and sell their children's school books and once again this proved to be very popular.

It is one of the functions of the Parents' Association to organise social events at which parents can meet on an informal basis. After two very successful ceilidhs in the past two years it was decided to hold one again in 1999. Unfortunately this event had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. The success of the

Parents' Association very much depends on you, the members. Without your support we shall lose a very important link with School. New ideas for activities can be passed on to Committee members at any time and as always volunteers or nominations to serve on the Committee are always welcome.

*Sheila Henderson (Secretary)*

## DUNDEE HIGH SCHOOL FORMER PUPILS' CRICKET CLUB

The Former Pupils' Cricket Club continues to run two Senior and two Junior XIs the latter in close conjunction with the school. The perennially-successful Senior XI play on Saturdays and Sundays in the Strathmore Union 1st and 3rd divisions, whilst the under 13s and under 15s play midweek and do well in the Strathmore Union Junior Leagues. The Club continues to employ an Australian professional and for the first time, an "overseas amateur". Jamie Fardell makes a popular return as professional this time with his St. George C.C., Sydney, team-mate David Johnson. The Club has a busy 12-month social calendar and tries to make new members very welcome.

*Graham McLaren*

## DUNDEE H.S.F.P. RUGBY REPORT - SESSION 98/99

This past season has been a difficult one for Scottish Rugby and Club Rugby in particular.

The advent of the two "super" teams had a fairly dramatic effect on Clubs such as ours and we lost six players to these teams.

Well-known names did not appear on the team sheets, and the public voted with their feet, and stayed away.

Fewer people watched rugby, fewer people played rugby and yet, despite all these failings, Scotland won the 5 Nations Championships.

Coming back to this past season, we finished 4th in Premier 2, and the 2nd XV finished 2nd in the 2nd XV Intercity League - both creditable performances. We look forward to the new season with confidence, and a promotion bid for Premier 1.

I wish to acknowledge the support of the School, the PE Department for their help and encouragement, and the ground staff for their assistance throughout a very hectic season.

*David McP. Nicol*

## Former Pupils

### DUNDEE HIGH SCHOOL LADIES HOCKEY CLUB 98/99

We had many players this season and therefore had an enjoyable and successful hockey season, entering Midlands League 1 and the Midlands Knockout Cup. Our performance in the league was as follows: we won 11 games, lost 5 and drew 2 and our final placing in the league was 3rd, with Tayside Ladies 2nd and Bell Baxter the winners. In the Knockout Cup we won against Dundee Wanderers in the first round but then lost to Menzieshill in the 2nd round. We also entered the Scottish Cup but lost to Aberdeen Grammar in the first round. Our top scorers in the outdoor league were Rhona Ritchie (8 goals), Wendy Symington (6 goals), Louise Stewart (6 goals), Kirsty Pattie (5 goals)

We also entered the Midlands Indoor League, Division 2. This takes place at Douglas Sports Centre and although we only won one game, the league was an enjoyable experience for all the players who represented DHS.

We would like to thank the school and the school groundsmen for allowing us to use Mayfield for training. Thanks also to the very talented and skilful schoolgirls who played for the team this season - we look forward to playing hockey with the schoolgirls again next season.

This season was extra special for one of our players, Alison Paterson (nee Sim), who celebrated 25 years with the club. Congratulations and many thanks for all that you have done for the club, Ali.

We are always looking for new players and would welcome any schoolgirls (or their mums!) who would be interested in playing for the FP team.

*Rhona Merry*

### FORMER PUPILS TENNIS CLUB

Once again our tennis league started at the beginning of May.

Our practice night is Wednesday from 7pm to 8pm and as always we would welcome any new players to join us. Details of membership can be obtained from:

Linda Stirling Tel 01382 459039  
Pam Leslie Tel 01382 730651  
Carol Comb Tel 01382 534527

### FORMER PUPILS SUCCESSES(as known)

#### Napier University, Edinburgh 1997

Jarron, Melanie E O B A (Hons) Tourism/Management

#### University College, Oxford 1998

White, Toby O M Chem (First Class Honours)

#### Queen Margaret College, Edinburgh 1998

Cochrane, Aileen C B Sc (Hons) Physiotherapy

#### University of St Andrews 1998

Adamson, Jonathan L B Sc (Hons) Physics

#### University of Strathclyde 1998

Abel, Scott A G B Eng (Hons) Chemical Engineering  
Carmichael, Vivienne K B Eng (Hons) Chemical Engineering  
Bain, Graeme N B A Business Studies  
Meikle, Suzanne M B A Business Studies  
Titterton, Claire L B A Business Studies

#### University of Abertay 1998

Butchart, Christopher A B Sc (Hons) Computing

#### University of Glasgow 1999

Beattie, Stuart Murray B Sc (Hons) Computer Sciences and Mathematics  
Lonie, Ruth Patricia MA (Hons) Classical Civilisation  
Roger, Emma Jane BDS (Commendation)  
Stevenson, Susan Alison MB ChB  
Watson, Elaine Ross BVMS

#### University of Durham 1999

Morris, Susan J. BA (Hons) Modern European Languages

#### University of Newcastle 1999

Fairlie, Daniel B Sc (First Class Honours) Civil Engineering and awarded the Cassie Prize for best performance on The Master of Engineering Course

## WEDDINGS

Rosemary Low and David Wrigley were married in June 1998 in Longforgan Parish Church.

Andy Nicol and Janet McGregor were married in July 1998 at the Norton Hotel, Edinburgh.

Sarah Holmes and Captain Crossley McEwen were married in August 1998 in Dunkeld Cathedral.

Gerry Tosh and Marie Clare Gibson were married in October 1998 in St Francis Friary, Dundee.

Dr Jonathan Newton and Ellissa Hart were married in January 1999 in Brisbane, Australia

Lyndsey Kinnes and Robert Duncan were married in February 1999 at the East Church, Broughty Ferry.

Heather Leslie and Ricky Snead were married in March 1999 in Dundee Parish Church (St Mary's).

Patrick Wedderburn and Louise McLennan were married in April 1999 at Craig Church.

Carroll Forbes and Dana Clapp were married in April 1999 at Monikie Church.

## OBITUARIES

Beaumont, W Jack

William Jack Beaumont came to Dundee in 1948 when his father became Minister of Fairmuir Church. He studied at St Andrews and Edinburgh Universities graduating in Arts and Divinity respectively. He was ordained in 1960. After five years missionary work in Malawi he returned to Scotland where he was involved firstly with the Iona community as Minister of Penicuik North Church and subsequently of Cadder Church Bishopbriggs.

From 1980-84 he served as Convener to the Assembly Board of Stewardship and Budget and from 1986-90 as Convener to the Assembly Board of Stewardship and Finance. In 1991 he was nominated as moderator of Glasgow Presbytery but ill-health forced him to retire on health grounds after only one year of office and he moved to a new home in Edinburgh.

He was a man who loved nature, led an active life and was above all a family man. He is survived by his wife Sally, sons Mark and Stephen and daughter Jackie.

Fraser, Ronald

Ronald, formerly of West Ferry and Calcutta and who left DHS in 1923 died peacefully at his home in Edinburgh. He was over 90 years of age. Most of his life was spent in India, which is described in the second of his wife's books (Eugenia Fraser) "The House by the Hooghly". Ronald appeared in the famous 1929 photograph of the FP Dinner held in Calcutta.

Millar, Douglas

Former Dundee grocer Douglas Millar, who ran a shop in the city centre for over 25 years, died at his home in Broughty Ferry, aged 79. After leaving DHS he joined the family business Wm Millar & Sons, running the business along with his brothers John and Gordon. The shop continued to operate until the early 1960's after which Mr Millar became a driving instructor.

During the Second World War he was part of the British Expeditionary Force which was evacuated from Dunkirk. He also fought in Italy and with the Eighth Army, "Desert Rats" in North Africa. He is survived by his wife Margaret and his son Keith.

Nicol, Thomas James Trail (1917-1998) MC MBE LVO

A son of the manse, Thomas Nicol was the third child of David Bruce Nicol MC BD, and Helen Scott Trail. On his father's death while minister of Govan Old Parish Church, the family returned to Old Aberdeen where his parents had both been brought up - his father was the son of Thomas Nicol second of three children to a Fettercairn shepherd, who became Professor of Biblical Criticism at Aberdeen University and latterly Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland; and his mother was the daughter of James W H Trail, Professor of Botany, who led the first scientific expedition up the Amazon.

Tom, in the course of his father's several ministries in the Church of Scotland, having attended The Edinburgh Academy, Dundee High School and Glasgow High School, completed his secondary education at Aberdeen Grammar School where he became Senior Prefect, House Captain and a member of the Swimming, Rugby and Athletic Teams.

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Having left school in 1935 he studied Arts at Aberdeen University, graduating MA in 1939 prior to taking his second degree in Divinity. On the outbreak of the war in 1939, he enlisted in the army as a private soldier, being commissioned soon afterwards as a second Lieutenant in the Black Watch. He served with the 51st Highland Division in North Africa where he was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry at Wadi Akarit. With the Division he took part in the occupation of Sicily in 1943, and the D-Day landings in France, where the Battalion suffered heavy casualties.

On returning to civilian life he received a call to St Luke's Church, Broughty Ferry where he remained until 1949. During his period in Dundee he played rugby for Panmure. In 1949 he decided to return to the Army as a Chaplain in the Black Watch and served in Korea where he was awarded the MBE. He then went to Kenya and Germany and completed his Army career as Assistant Chaplain General, Scottish Command; On his retirement from the Army in 1972, he was called to Crathie Church, Deeside, as Minister and domestic Chaplain to the Royal Family in Scotland which he held until 1979, when he was honoured with the appointment of LVO (Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order). He retired to St Fillans on Loch Earn.

Osler, Willam M

Mr Osler, a retired teacher who devoted years of service to voluntary organisations in Carnoustie, has died aged 77. He was a founder member of Carnoustie Round Table and had just finished a term as Secretary of Dalhousie Golf Club.

After leaving DHS Mr Osler went to St Andrews University graduating with a First Class Honours Degree in History and Geography. During the 1939-45 was he served as a Royal Navy Communications Officer on the Aircraft Carrier Indomitable. After the war he took his first teaching post at Brechin High School teaching History and Geography. Three years later he joined the staff of Arbroath High School before moving to Harris Academy as Principal Teacher of History. In 1961 he joined Kirkton High School as Assistant Rector where he remained until his retirement in 1981.

In his younger days Mr Osler played for the DHSFP Rugby team.

Suttie, Peter

Peter, a former Arbroath man, died suddenly in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary at the age of 50. Mr Suttie, who was Director of Planning and Development with Aberdeenshire Council, started out at DHS before studying Town and Country Planning at Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art in Dundee. Mr Suttie became Chief Assistant Planning Officer for Fife

Regional Council from 1975 to 1980 after starting out as Principal Planning Officer with Dundee Corporation from 1973 to 1975. He spent the next 15 years as Director of Planning for former Banff and Buchan District Council before being appointed to the same position at Aberdeenshire Council. Mr Suttie is survived by his wife Sylvia, a son and two daughters.

Dr Evelyn Walker (nee Gow)

Dr Walker was the last in the line of the Gow family of gun and fishing tackle makers in Union Street, Dundee. She was 91 and ran the store in Dundee for 32 years. After school she entered St Andrews University in 1926 where she won ten medals on her way to being crowned best student in her honours year. Gaining a First Class Honours BSc Degree, she became a Research Scientist. Her research work was sent to Cambridge and she was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy Degree. Awarded the £1000 Carnegie Scholarship to carry out four years of research in Munich, she declined as her father was ill and it was difficult for her mother to run the family store and see to his needs. Dr Walker then took over the family business in 1934, which had been founded by her grandfather in 1860. She saw a period of great growth in the gun and fishing retail industry and she was called by police a number of times to give expert information on ballistics.

Dr Walker was also involved in the design of fishing rods and introduced specialised designs in fishing bags, tackle cases and boxes, baits, lures and flies. She retired from the business in 1966.

Dr Walker was also a talented photographer and artist and had an oil painting exhibition at the Royal Institute of Oil Painters. Dr Walker was predeceased by her husband Ernest Walker and has no surviving family members.

Whitton, Alfred

Broughty Ferry man, Alfred Whitton, who became known as "Mr Toyman" for his work in the trade, died in Ballumbie Nursing Home aged 97. The name Whitton was synonymous with toys in Dundee for over 100 years. Mr Whitton, the youngest in a family of nine, began as an assistant at his father's firm, in 1915. He later took over and earned a "Santa Claus" reputation by making an annual visit to the Toy Fair in Harrogate to stock up for Christmas. He retired after Christmas 1964.

Mr Whitton was an enthusiastic member of Dundee Rotary Club, the Guildry of Dundee, the Bonnetmakers, Bakers and Butchers and the Council of Wholesale and Fancy Goods Association. He was also an ex-President of Broughty Bowling Club and the Dundee High School FP Cricket Club.

**The School Community was deeply saddened to learn of the deaths of two of our more recent former pupils. To lose a friend is always a blow but to be cut off in the prime of life with challenging careers beckoning after very successful and rewarding years of study at school and University, is particularly poignant. We extend our sincere sympathy and support to their parents, family and friends.**

Drew J Hutchison left school in 1997. Possessed of a bright and lively intelligence, Drew was a fine "all-rounder" who engaged in a broad spectrum of school activities with enthusiasm and energy and who savoured the opportunities and rewards these activities and interests offered him.

Rugby in particular occupied a prominent and significant role in his life and he donned the white jersey of the eminently successful High School Young Lions Rugby Squad of 1996-97 with pride.

Reflecting the close-knit, loving family in which he grew up, Hutchie was considerate, cheerful, caring and supportive to a wide circle of family and friends. The love and warmth he brought to everyone whose life he touched will always be remembered.

Caroline Low left school in 1995. She was Dux of Biology and Chemistry in Form 5 and Dux of Form 5 girls. In her third year of Medicine at Edinburgh University, her performance in exams and in everything she strived for, merited her hard work and ceaseless determination. She would have become an outstanding doctor.

Caroline's cheeky smile and head of bouncing curls reflected her bubbly nature and overwhelming enthusiasm for life yet she found time to be a caring, considerate and patient friend to everyone who knew her. She will be sadly missed.

*Some people come into your  
Life and quickly go  
Some people move our souls  
To dance  
They awaken us to new understanding  
With the passing whisper of their wisdom  
Some people make the sky  
More beautiful to gaze upon  
They stay in our lives for a while  
Leave footprints in our hearts  
And we are never ever the same*

## Former Pupils

### WHERE ARE THEY NOW

*It gives great pleasure to the School to learn how its Former Pupils have fared since leaving School; where they have got to, and what they are doing. In this way we are building up a picture of the varied contributions to society made by Former Pupils at home and abroad.*

*Mr W D Allardice, retired Assistant rector, has agreed to act as School correspondent in the gathering of information. To ensure continued success of this section we need Former Pupils to write to us, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to drop a line to W D Allardice, 8 Kingsway West, Dundee.*

Anderson, Alison ( nee Jewell )

Left DHS in 1956. Alison graduated in 1961 from St Andrews University with an MA (Hons) in French language and literature. The following year she was a French "Assistant" in Beauvais, France. After taking a Secondary teaching qualification at Dundee College of Education and a Diploma in Education from St Andrews University, she taught French at Harris Academy, Dundee, and Glenwood Junior High School, Glenrothes. Alison then moved to Aberdeen in 1969. In 1978 she obtained an LTCL Diploma in teaching English as a Second Language and from 1982-93 she was Head of the ESL Unit in Aberdeen.

Barnett, Alison ( nee Young )

Left DHS in 1956. After graduating with a diploma in Home Economics from the Edinburgh College of Domestic Science, Atholl Crescent, Alison taught at DHS for five years. After a three year break looking after her family she taught part-time at primary schools. In 1980 she decided to open a sports boutique in Broughty Ferry which ran successfully until she sold out in 1987. She now runs a ladies hat-hire business.

Barnes, Jennifer A

Left DHS in 1956. Dr Barnes graduated in medicine in 1964 from St Andrews University and practised in Perth and Bridge of Earn before emigrating to Canada in 1968. She was a Consultant Anaesthetist and Lecturer at McGill University. Dr Barnes then worked as Anaesthetist in Montreal Community Hospitals from 1982-94. She returned to

Scotland in 1994 and started up a small manufacturing business. In the recent Council elections she was a prospective candidate for the Douglas Ward.

Clark, Christopher S D

Left High School of Dundee June 1995. He graduated from the University of Surrey in June 1999 with a B Mus in Music and Sound Recording (Tonmeister) Second Class Honours (Upper Division). In addition he was awarded the A M S NEVE Prize for Creative Recording. He is now working at the Abbey Road Recording Studios in London, where he worked for his industrial year as part of his degree course.

Baxter, Pamela J ( nee Anderson )

Left DHS in 1974. Events organised by Pam Baxter, Scottish Director of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, raised more the £150000 over the last year, a phenomenal total for someone in a new job with no previous charity experience. It was the first full-length navigation of the Tay by raft which caught the eye of fellow professionals and won the top award. The five day rafting award held in August 1998 raised more than £20 000 for the charity and attracted participants from all over Britain, helping to raise awareness of the charity. Pam received the Institute of Charity Fund-raising Managers' Excellence in Fund-raising in Scotland Award at an awards dinner in Glasgow. She received a prize of £500 for her charity and £1000 worth of professional training for herself under the ICFM

Burnett, Gordon

After leaving school Gordon worked with Jas Keillor & Sons for ten years. He then joined NCR as a cost accountant and is now manager of Inventory and Cost Accounting. Gordon is an ex President and Club Coach of DHS FP RFC and a Midlands District Selector.

Campbell Scarlett, Henry

Mr and Mrs Campbell Scarlett, a devoted Perthshire couple, have just celebrated 60 years of married life. They were married in 1938 at Dundee Parish church ( St Mary's ) . Mr Campbell Scarlett was indentured as an apprentice with Chartered Accountants Moody, Stewart & Robertson and qualified in 1933. In 1939 Mr Campbell Scarlett was called to serve in the RAF volunteer reserve, where he held the rank of Squadron Leader. At the end of the war Mr Scarlett Campbell took the post of Managing Director of the Dundee Linoleum Company. He went on to make his mark in political, commercial and recreational fields. He was an active supporter of the Conservative and Unionist Party and when in London in 1938, won a by-election in his church ward of Paddington Burgh. He held the post of Chairman of the Dundee Unionist and Liberal National Association for ten years before he took over the post of President and Honorary President. In the 1964 general election he stood as the Unionist and Liberal National candidate for Dundee West. He was a keen golfer and became captain of Alyth Golf Club in 1972. Mr Campbell Scarlett became director of the family flax spinning firm South Mills Ltd, and was also a Justice of the Peace and a CBE.

Constable, Patrick D L

Left DHS in 1956. After graduating MA in Mathematics and Political Economy from St Andrews University in 1960, Patrick attended Aberdeen University and gained a diploma in statistics. He worked as Statistician at National Coal Board HQ in London from 1961-64 then was a Lecturer in Statistics at St Andrews University before moving to a similar post at Leeds University. In 1997 he opted for early retirement.

Currie, Simon R A

Left DHS in 1997. Simon was awarded the Newton prize for Chemistry by the University of Edinburgh, where he is currently an undergraduate.

Davis, Jean ( nee Thomson )

Left DHS in 1956. After graduating MBChB in 1962 from St Andrews University and MRCP ED in 1967, Jean was a Consultant Paediatrician in Watford from 1987 to 1998. She was also Associate Director in Community Child Health, Examiner in DCH and a member of local, regional and national committees related to child health. Jean retired in April 1998.

Dobson, Dorothy A

The leader of a keep-fit group for the over 60's which started out in Dundee, but has now spread nationwide met last August in Dundee for an intensive training course. Dorothy Dobson, who started the classes in Dundee 20 years ago, now has more than 40 classes around the UK. Most of the classes are run by fellow Dundonians and, of the fourteen attending the course, twelve had High School connections.

Duncan, Hugh

Left DHS in 1955. Hugh, a former Head Boy and graduate of St Andrews University has been appointed the new Chairman of the

North of Scotland Electricity Consumers' Committee. He was a Director of the John Wood Group in Aberdeen until his retirement in 1994 and is Convener of the Finance, Property and Law Committee and a Governor of the Northern College.

Hugh was an active sportsman, being men's singles champion of Stonehaven Tennis Club on several occasions, and he is still a keen golfer and a member of Stonehaven Golf Club.

Duthie, Alan S

Left DHS in 1956. Alan graduated from St Andrews University in 1960 with a Degree in Greek and Hebrew followed by a Diploma in General Linguistics from Edinburgh University in 1962. He then went to Manchester University where, in 1964, he gained a PhD in Linguistics. That year he became a Lecturer in Linguistics at the University of Ghana, Legon, near the capital Accra. He retired last year as an Associate Professor.

In 1981 and 1996, he published two books on the Ghanian language and in 1985 and 1995 he published two editions of a book on English Bible versions.



Gledhill, Susie H

Left DHS in 1995. Susie, a Forfar girl, has been elected President of the Cambridge Union Society. She follows in the footsteps of many influential people as Society President. The post has previously been held by figures such as Norman Lamont, Kenneth Clark and Michael

Howard. Susie is in her second year at Christ's College, Cambridge, where she is reading Economics. Founded in 1815, the Cambridge Union Society began as an amalgamation of College Debating Societies in order to reduce rivalry which had led to frequent fighting. Susie, always a keen Debater, was a finalist in the TSB Courier Competition. In 1995 she won the National Schools Competition. She has represented Cambridge in many competitions and was chosen to debate against the Ivy League Universities in the USA this Easter. Her trip included visits to Boston, Los Angeles and New York. As President, Susie invites the guest speaker to address the students in the debating chamber. This term the speakers include Sir Ranulph Fiennes and Richard Dreyfuss. Another of her privileges is the choice of topic for the Presidential Debate at the end of term. She has chosen "This House Would Rebuild Hadrian's Wall".

Upon graduating Susie has aspirations to become involved with the Scottish Parliament.

Goodfellow, A D Inglis

After leaving DHS Inglis attended the Royal College of Science and Technology in Glasgow (now Strathclyde University). He worked with various Bakery Firms in the UK before joining the family company. Inglis has served 17 years with the Royal Artillery TA.

Graham, David M

Left DHS in 1988. The super-fit soldier, who is a Battery Captain with Colchester-based 19 Regiment Royal Artillery normally works with the L105mm light gun. However, this winter season Captain Graham changed Army green for bright colours and hurled himself down the ski slopes of Serre Chevalier in the French Alps as he took part in the Army Divisional Ski Championships.

Hunter, John K

Attended DHS from 1927 to 1938.

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After leaving school John went to University College, Dundee and graduated B Sc in Electrical Engineering. There followed three (wartime) years at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, and three years at the Telecommunications Research Establishment, Malvern, working on Radar Development.

In 1947 John was invited to join a new Radar Department being set up by Ferranti in Edinburgh and became a member of a team that was to foster the growth of Electronics in Scotland. By the 1970's it was said there was a Ferranti-trained engineer in a position of some authority in every electronics firm in Scotland and the name of Ferranti (Scotland) was known from the United States through Europe and the Middle East, to India and Japan for its expertise in Airbourne Radar and Navigation equipment. Mr Hunter retired in 1986.

### Key, Neil

Dundee Heritage Trust, which owns top tourist attractions the Discovery and Verdant Works, has announced appointments to the board of its operating company, Dundee International Heritage Ltd. Mr Neil Key, Chairman and Managing Director of TVI Europe Ltd, takes over as Chairman of the Company from Mr Bob Moore. A long service trustee and Director of DIH, Mr Key plans to build on the success of his predecessors, continuing to encourage support from the business community and concentrate on improving and refreshing the appeal of both Discovery Point and Verdant Works. Mr Key said, "This is a very challenging time for DHI as we approach the centenary of the launch of Discovery and we have some major events planned to celebrate that unique occasion."

### Leslie Melville, Robin J

Left DHS in 1985. Mr Leslie Melville, an Angus Group's aid co-ordinator

recently launched its most ambitious effort to help the stricken people of Belarus, in the former USSR. Last year 14 tons of aid was distributed. The group are now collecting items desperately needed in the nation's hospitals. Their appeal is for everything from the smallest of medical aids, such as disposable syringes and simple medicines, up to major equipment such as heart monitoring electro-cardiographs and computers.

Belarus is still reeling from the after effects of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear plant explosion.

Mr Leslie Melville, while distributing aid, visited a series of children's polyclinics in Gomel, a tuberculosis hospital, and a large hospital in Minsk. In one he saw how a group of healthcare professionals' lives were being put at risk daily because of their working conditions. In one hospital there was an x-ray machine commissioned in 1972 with no protective barriers for the staff. Consequently the radiologist's life expectancy is 45 years because simple protective gear is not there to prevent them from being irradiated. The convoy travelling in the next journey will consist of two truck loads of medical equipment and an ambulance donated by Monifeith Rotarians.

### Linton, Bruce

Bruce, Businessman and Developer, was honoured recently with an award at the Business Shop in Dundee for his contribution as a volunteer to the Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust. Mr Linton is one of only 18 PSYBT volunteers in Scotland to be presented with the Grant Thornton Volunteer Recognition Award. He received the award for a decade of dedicated service to the Tayside PSYBT assessment panel where applications for loans and grants are considered to fund new business ideas.

Regional Manager Carol Soutar said

"All our panel members have unique skills which they give freely to support PSYBT activities. To single one out for recognition has been a difficult task. However, the commitment, energy and effort contributed by Bruce at every panel meeting he has attended make him a worthy recipient."

### Lloyd, Tudor L

Left DHS in 1988. A former Dundee Veterinary Surgeon with very limited yachting experience was chosen in the Clipper '98 Round the World Yacht Race alongside record-breaking yachtsman Sir Robin Knox-Johnston. Tudor, who now lives and works as a Veterinary Surgeon in Leicester, was chosen from around 10,000 applicants to be one of 15 members of the crew Ariel. He survived the strict interview process being personally selected by Sir Robin Knox-Johnstone. Before joining the yacht he had three weeks of training, both physical and mental, in the British Channel. Tudor joined the yacht for the 6500 second leg of the race between Nassau in the Caribbean and Hawaii. Clipper '98 is a race with a difference according to organisers, because it follows the warm water circumnavigational route, via Maderia, San Salvador, Nassau, Havana, Panama, Galapagos, Japan and China, returning through Hong Kong, Singapore, the Seychelles, South Africa, Brazil and the Azores.

Sir Robin, the first man to sail single-handed non-stop around the world, said "There are no rules that say we cannot race between interesting locations and while anyone can sail a boat when there is plenty of wind, the real skill lies in keeping the boat going in calmer conditions." The 1998 Clipper Round the World Yacht Race, the longest event of its kind began in October 1998 in Plymouth, and will conclude at the same port in August 1999.

### MacDearmid, Marjory (nee Ower)

Left DHS in 1956. After graduating

MA from St Andrews University in 1959 Marjory continued at Dundee College of Education and was awarded a Primary Diploma. In the period from 1960-68 she was a Primary Teacher in Monifeith, Switzerland and Aberdeen. After gaining a Diploma in Special Educational Needs at Aberdeen College of Education she became a Learning Support Teacher at Dyce Academy, Aberdeen and associated Primaries.

#### MacIntyre, Ian R

Ian, a St Andrews University graduate, has been awarded a prize for outstanding results in mathematics. He received a special certificate from the Essex-based Institute of Mathematics and its Applications (IMA). Ian was a former Dux of Mathematics at DHS and recently graduated with a First Class Honours Degree in Mathematics and Statistics. During his University career he won the first year class medal and Junior Honours Statistics Prize. He is now with the Scottish Widows Insurance Company where he is training as an Actuary.

#### Madden, Carol E (nee Porteous)

Left DHS in 1977. Carol has recently been appointed Head of Music at Deans Community High School, Livingstone, West Lothian.

#### Mannall, Jean (nee Cuthill)

Jean graduated MBChB from St Andrews University in 1961. She had been working for the last 23 years as a Community Paediatrician in Huddersfield.

#### Meikle, Norah M (nee Grewar)

The recent closure of the Secondary Department of Newtyle School coincided with the retiral of Mrs Norah Meikle. Mrs Meikle was Assistant Teacher of Guidance and Kilpurnie House Mistress. After leaving school Norah studied at the Robert Gordon Institute of

Technology in Aberdeen where she gained a Diploma in Domestic Science. She completed her Certificate of Education at Aberdeen College and took up her first teaching post at Perth Academy.

#### Morrison, Margaret (nee Munro)

Left DHS in 1956. On leaving school Margaret worked for a few years in her father's pharmacy as a buyer for Perfumery and Cosmetics. After her marriage to Alistair Morrison, a CA, she has lived in Belgium, West Africa, Middlesbrough, Edinburgh, Rochdale and now Bolton.

#### Murray, Andrew

Andrew has recently been appointed Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Uruguay. When he takes up his post at the British Embassy in Montevideo it will be another one of his many moves during his 25-year career with the Foreign Office. The posts he has held include Financial Counsellor in New York, First Secretary of the Chancery of Islamabad, and Commercial and Economic Counsellor in Stockholm.

Mr Murray's family moved to Dundee from Alyth after the Second World War. His father was company secretary for Boase Jute Spinners.

After studying at Edinburgh University Mr Murray entered the Foreign Office in 1973. In spite of remote postings, Mr Murray returned as regularly as possible to visit his father, who remained in his home in Farrington Street until his death in November, 1997.

Mr Murray's forthcoming move to Uruguay will not be too much of a culture shock for him, thanks to his previous links with South American affairs as Head of the Foreign Office's Latin American Department and postings to Buenos Aires and Caracas. His post in the Embassy in Montevideo will see him acting as a channel for communications between Britain and Uruguay, a job which partly involves promoting British exports to the country. This aspect

of his job will perhaps provide another reminder of his homeland since around 40% of British exports into the country is made up from Scotch whisky. The three year posting will take Mr Murray up to his retirement in 2001.

#### Ower, Iain

After a year at Dundee Technical College Iain joined, in 1959, the family business of Market Gardening, Shops and Garage. He held various positions from 1977 to 1996 in Volkswagen UK and finally as Vehicle Supply Manager. Iain is now a part-time Consultant to Volkswagen Group Germany and Volkswagen Group Japan, based in Northampton.

#### Paterson, Roderick S

Left DHS in 1972. After graduating with a Degree in Psychology from Edinburgh University Roderick decided to elope directly into music. He joined a band called "Chorda" and in time that led to a group called "Jock Tamson's Bairs". "Jock Tamson's Bairs" plied their trade from 1979 to 1983. After that Rod joined a band called the "Easy Club" which played more adventurous music, a sort of fusion of traditional Scottish music with swing jazz. Then came "Colebeg" who also hailed from Dundee. Since 1989 he has worked extensively as a solo artist and has played across Britain, all over Europe and the United States as well as becoming a fixture on television and radio including an appearance on "Till A' The Seas Gang Dry".

Rod regards himself as a Scottish musician/singer and not so much as a traditional singer, even though he has done that for years. He also likes to sing jazz standards and write his own songs which are not in the traditional mould.

Over the last few years he has become increasingly involved in theatre work. The theatre also brought him home last year when he appeared in "A Greater Tomorrow" at Dundee Rep, a play about the

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Spanish Civil War.

Roderick is now regarded as one of Scotland's foremost singers and guitarists.

Pringle, Ronald W

Ronald qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1963. He worked in "The City" for a few years then in Industry before joining an Accountancy Practice in Eastbourne where he has been for the past thirty years.

Sheldon, David H

Left DHS in 1983. David, a former Deputy Head Boy, has recently been admitted into the Faculty of Advocates in Edinburgh. He studied at Aberdeen University and after serving his traineeship with an Edinburgh Law firm he became a Lecturer at Edinburgh University. He was later made Associate Dean in the Faculty of Law.



Shemilt (Murphy), Emile

Having successfully completed his first year General Course at Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art, Emile has won a place to study Fine Art at the Ruskin, Oxford University. Places on this course are very limited, but the Panel was particularly impressed by the strength of Emile's portfolio. We wish him well in his studies at Oxford.

Smith, Carolyn A M

Left DHS in 1978. Monikie Athlete Carolyn Smith has her sights set on World Championship success after showing up well in the recent European Veterans Indoor Championships in Malmo. Carolyn's trip to Sweden yielded a long jump silver and fourth place in the 800 metres in the 35-40 age group. She is now using the British Championships as a stepping stone and hoping to compete in the 400m, 400m hurdles and 800m at the World Championships at Gateshead in the summer.

Smith, Joan

Left DHS in 1956. After nursing training and two years at Missionary College Joan spent 21 years serving as a Missionary Nurse in India under the auspices of the Baptist Missionary Society. In 1985 Joan returned to work in Dundee but has enjoyed three return visits to India.

Smith, Moira (nee Binnie)

Left DHS in 1956. After attending Paton's Business College Moira was a Secretary with Eliot Paisley in Brown Street. In later years she was a secretary at the American Navy Base at Edzell. Before retiring in 1998 Moira, now resident in Montrose, was a part-time Medical Receptionist and Data Processor.

Taylor, David A

Left DHS in 1971. David has recently been appointed as the new Chief Executive of the Scottish Football Association. He is currently Director of the Scottish Trade International and will replace Jim Farry who was dismissed in March.

At DHS David was Dux in History and was awarded a Don McEwan Prize for Cricket and a Games Merit Scarf for Hockey. After leaving school he went to Edinburgh University and graduated with Honours in Law. He embarked on a legal career, initially with Kirkcaldy District Council and

then Glasgow District Council, adding Business Management to his qualifications. He moved to Scottish Development Agency, then Scottish Enterprise, and several years ago became the first Director of Scottish Trade International. That has taken him all over the world and has made him many international business contacts.

David still plays amateur football and has taken part in the final at Hampden with Glasgow based Westerlands.

Thom, David

The Brantwood Avenue Post Office welcomed a new owner this year after almost 60 years in the hands of the Thom family. The family connection began when Mr James Thom, father of the present sub-Postmaster David, took over the business in the late 1930's. Now David has decided to retire and the business is passing out of the family. After leaving school, David continued his education at the then College of Commerce before joining a local firm of lawyers. Later he worked as a teller at the Dundee Savings Bank before joining the family business in 1968.

Thomas, Anne (nee Bowman)

After leaving school Anne attended Secretarial College and after qualifying worked for an Insurance Company. She is now a secretary in the Education Department of Dundee District Council.

Tooze, Jennifer A

Left DHS in 1992. Jenny Tooze, (graduated 1996) who is now studying for a PhD at the University of Nottingham, has a 10-month position with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. She spent her first months working on Human Rights issues based in Geneva, before moving to Rome to assist with work at the United Nations Diplomatic Conference on the Establishment of a Permanent International Criminal

Court. Jenny spent the next few months in New York observing the work of the United Nations Human Rights Committee, before returning to Nottingham to complete her PhD. Jenny was offered this opportunity in part because she is fluent in French, having spent her Junior Honours year studying in Grenoble under the ERASMUS exchange scheme.

**Valentine, Julia (nee Crawford)**

Left DHS in 1956. Julia attended Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and after graduating she became a graphic designer for 36 years with Scottish Universal Newspapers Ltd in Perth. She is now a self-employed artist working to commission and some of her paintings are in private collections in Britain, USA, Canada and Italy.

**Waldner, Howard**

One of Dundee's most senior health service Managers has left to take up a post in Canada. He will end almost thirty years in Scottish Health Service

Management. Dundee born of a Canadian father, Mr Waldner is off to Calgary to become Chief Operating Officer of the Acute Hospitals Service there. In a city twice the size of Dundee, he will be in charge of four Acute Hospitals with 1850 beds.

**Wallace, Professor W Angus**

Left DHS in 1966. Professor Angus Wallace officially opened a new £500,000 Medical Centre at Muirhead, designed to provide modern health care to the community well into the 21st century. Dundee-born Professor Wallace had a key roll in a mid-flight lifesaving emergency operation that he performed on a woman passenger with a collapsed lung using just a coathanger, sticky tape, plastic tubing and some brandy. He is, however, better known to natives of Muirhead and the surrounding areas as one of Bill and Frances Wallace's sons - the couple who established a practice at Lossie Hall in Liff while Angus and his brother David, now the Muirhead Surgery's senior partner, were

children. The homely surgery at Lossie Hall was overtaken by a purpose-built Medical Centre on Liff Road almost 30 years ago. Now, however, the practice has outgrown these premises, hence the doctors' decision to re-establish themselves in a thoroughly modern and spacious new surgery only 50 yards or so down the road.

**The Hon Lord Watson (Michael G Watson)**

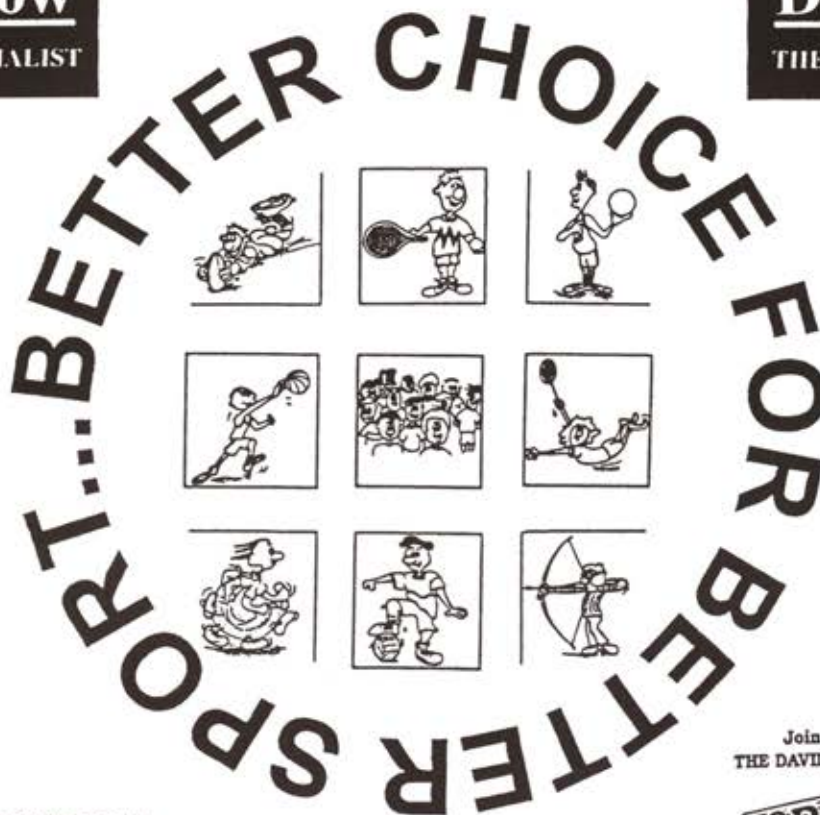
Left DHS in 1967. Lord Watson of Invergowrie who was brought up in the village on the outskirts of Dundee, was awarded the peerage in Prime Minister Tony Blair's Honours List in August 1997. While at school Mike played rugby for the 1st XV and Cricket for the 2nd XI. After leaving school he went to Heriot Watt University and gained a BA Honours Degree in Economics and Industrial Relations. In 1989 he was elected MP for Glasgow Central. He was author of the official History of Dundee United Football Club "Rags to Riches".

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### RUGBY REPORT

With a mixture of youth and experience this year's 1st XV had much to live up to after the success of previous years.

The team showed commitment and enthusiasm from the start, which resulted in a number of early victories. Before the season had officially begun we won the QV 10's tournament, winning all 6 games on the way to the final where we comprehensively defeated last year's victors, Burroughmuir, 45-5. Our confidence grew and we went on to record comfortable wins against Leeds Grammar School and Robert Gordons College. After reaching the dizzy heights of Played 2, Won 2, we were brought sharply down to earth with a lacklustre performance against a relatively poor St. Aloysius team.

The following week, we began our Scottish Cup campaign with a resounding victory over Rannoch, in one of our most impressive displays of the season. After another convincing victory, this time against Balfour, we travelled to Edinburgh to play the highly rated George Watsons. Despite incessant pressure from Dundee, which included 2 disallowed tries, Watsons eventually emerged the narrow victors.

Back at Mayfield in a very entertaining encounter in front of a large crowd, we left it until the last minute to beat Grange School from Chile who boasted a number of top quality players. In the weeks to come

our journeys to Edinburgh were to result in three defeats at the hands of Merchiston, Edinburgh Accies and Fettes.

However, with these defeats behind us, we headed for Ireland with high hopes. After a short stay we came back with a 100% record (winning the one and only game organised against Limavady). Victories against Wick, Kelvinside, George Heriot's and Morrisons brought the first half of a good season to an end.

After a wait of over two months we showed we had not lost any of our appetite with large victories over Madras and Perth by 35 and 85 points respectively. A narrow loss against QVS did not hinder us from beating Robert Gordons College comfortably for the second time this season. These recent good results gave us the confidence to go on and win our second piece of silverware, this time at the Perth Academy sevens tournament. We then finished off the season with a very positive performance against eventual Scottish Cup winners, Stewarts Melville College.

At district level, Jonathon Vernon and Rodric Leslie represented the Midlands U18 team with Timothy Knight, Stephen Gordon, Callum Rankin and Graham Henderson representing the U16 team. Timothy Knight and Callum Rankin went on to represent the Scottish Schools U16 team.

The 2nd XV and 3rd XV both enjoyed above average



1st XV Rugby

Back (l to r): D McLaren N Ross E Grewar I Hosea C Burt  
 Row 3: S Gordon D Scrimgeour J Vernon C Rankin T Knight  
 Row 2: R Grieve G Henderson I Coull R Leslie M Arbuckle J Martin J Yu Mr G Spowart  
 Front: A Douglas M Lawson G Evans B Bell (Captain) C Quin E Shepherd D Grewar

seasons whilst the junior teams continued to show that Dundee High School Rugby is in safe hands. This is especially so as our U-13½ team won the Midlands Jubilee Tournament for the third year in a row.

Thanks must go to all staff and parents who helped in any way and from the 1st XV's point of view, particularly to Mr Spewart who encouraged us throughout the season and to Mr Gallagher, Mr Hutchison and Mr Judkins. Finally, good luck to next year's 1st XV in what promises to be another very successful season.

*Bruce Bell - Captain*

*Gareth Evans - Vice-Captain*

*Michael Lawson - Secretary*

*David Grewar - Treasurer*



**2nd XV Rugby**

Back (l to r): C Smith D Kyles J Roberts K Kyles R Grieve  
 Middle: N Knight A Dickinson A Inglis J Gray R Burt C Morris Mr S Judkins  
 Front: E Grewar I Hosea N Ross J Bowen (Captain) R Stevenson F Low



**Under 13½ Jubilee Rugby Squad (Forms 1 + 2)**

**Midlands District Winners 1998/99**

Back (L to r): Mr P Gallagher S Goudie P Skehan P Pitcaithly M Wilson D Campbell C Swan S Arbuckle J Blake  
 Front: S Leckie R Landsburgh J Ballantyne R Gray (Captain) B Jones R Imrie S Burnett

# Sport

## BOY'S HOCKEY REPORT

With so many changes to the team from last season it was always going to take time for the team to get together and we did, eventually...

Unfortunately, on paper, our record did not do us justice. Despite a few disappointing results we did manage to string a run of good results together at the end of the season. You could say that the end of the season was very untimely as we were on a roll! Probably the most exciting game of the season occurred in an indoor tournament in Perth where we drew 3 - 3 with Loretto. The fact that only 4 players in the squad had any indoor hockey experience, spoke volumes for the team spirit displayed all season.

The House hockey tournament as ever produced exciting, skilful end to end hockey with Wallace coming out on top to take the honours.

Top goal scorer and Captain this season was Alex France who was well supported by Vice-Captain David Bowen. They both put in consistently good performances all season along with Iain Hunt, Michael Cram and Graham Smeaton whose tremendous efforts were second to none.

The Second eleven, led by Captain Neil Young and Andrew Laing, Vice-Captain enjoyed a turbulent

season. Despite the odd poor result some excellent and resilient performances were turned in.

The best performances in terms of results came from the under 15s and with players like Lewis McConnachie in the team the future of DHS hockey looks rosy.

At representative level, Alex France was selected to play for the Midlands U18 team which won the Scottish Inter-District Competition.

Thanks must go to DHS/Grove F.P. for inviting our players to come to training and play adult hockey. The consequent improvement in the skills of many players has become evident at schoolboy level.

Special thanks must go to Mr Nichol our coach whose tireless efforts have made the season so enjoyable. We extend our thanks also to Ross McGill, Andy Wood and Pete Bell from the F.P.s and Mr Spalding, Mr Allison and Mr Dollman for their help with coaching and umpiring.

Finally we would like to wish next year's teams good luck and hope that they have just as enjoyable a season as we did.

*Alex H. France - Captain*

*David Bowen - Vice-Captain*

*Stewart Gillan - Secretary*

*Graham Smeaton - Treasurer*



### 1st XI Boys Hockey

Back (l to r): S James R Fleming B Moore A Spalding  
S Gillan T Gilbertson

Front: S Buchan I Hunt G Smeaton A France (Captain)  
M Cram D Bowen Mr W Nichol

### 2nd XI Boys Hockey

Back (l to r): R Kemp R Clark D McKay S James  
N McEwan R Fleming

Front: Mr W Nichol D Bowen F Morrison A Laing  
S McNee T Atkins P Robertson

Absent from photograph: Neil Young (Captain)



## JUNIOR GIRLS HOCKEY

At the very start of the hockey season L6/7 pupils played their first match against Beackonhurst at Dalnacraig. We were winning 6-1 at half-time and after a very competitive match we won 8-2.

We continued to practice our ball and game skills during field time and Friday 9.

Our next away game was against Mary Erskine School, Edinburgh. Mary Erskine were 2-1 up in the first half but we managed to score in the second half to even the match.

In a tournament hosted by George Watson's Academy we played 3 games, drawing one 2-2 and losing the others 3-1 and 4-0. We worked hard, however against very stiff opposition.

We took A and B teams to Aberdeen to play St Margaret's School. Our A team drew their matches 2-2 and 3-3 but the B team excelled by winning both their matches 6-0 and 1-0.

At Mayfield we were thrashed 5-1 by The Wanderers and then we played our last few matches at the Beackonhurst Tournament in Stirling. Unfortunately we won only one match but thoroughly enjoyed the day out, despite the snow!

We would like to thank Miss McCabe and all the other teachers who helped us improve our hockey and who made all our matches possible.

*Jennifer Watson, Julia Bruce L7*

## GIRL'S HOCKEY REPORT - Season 98 / 99

*Karina N. Forster - Captain*

*Sarah E. Reid - Vice Captain*

*Hilary J. Bodie - Secretary*

*Emily M. Ogilvie - Treasurer*

After last season's success, the new 1st XI for the season beginning '98 started well, reaching the final of the Midlands Outdoor Tournament, only to be beaten on flicks by near rivals, Bell Baxter. Following on from that, the squad, along with the 1st XV rugby team, hosted a Chilean side, which, for the girls at least, proved to be slightly tiring with a 7-1 defeat. However, everyone had a great time with outside activities and socialising. The 1sts soon recovered from that thrashing with a win over the Edinburgh

side, Mary Erskine. A trip up north to Gordonstoun also proved to be good fun with an exciting 1-1 draw which everyone worked hard for. More fun and team bonding was had on the trip to Ireland which everyone enjoyed thoroughly as we played a school in a small place called Limavady and managed a 0-0 draw. Communication and determination was the key to our success this season with everyone improving as the season progressed, ensuring us



1st XI Girls Hockey

Back (l to r): E Ogilvie K Wilson L Nixon K Kennedy H Bodie

Middle: R McNee B Harper L Steven J Arbuckle G Coulson Mrs J Hutchison

Front: L Stewart A Robertson J Clark K Forster (Captain) S Reid J Stevenson C Robertson

comfortable, convincing wins over Albyn, Strathallan, Madras, Blairgowrie and St. Margarets. We ended the season with the annual Staff v Pupils match with the staff narrowly escaping defeat in their 3-2 win over our 6th year "Girls" team. This game was both enjoyable and entertaining for everyone involved.

We finished an excellent season playing 17 fixtures, winning 10, drawing 4 and losing 3. Our top goal scorer was Kirsty Wilson - Well done Kirst!!

Representing Midlands outdoor this year were Alison Robertson, Anneka Walker and Catriona



2nd XI Girls Hockey

Back (l to r): J McKay R Leslie C Forsyth G Reid A Saunders

Middle: S Hopkins M A Lawrie V King Mrs J Hutchison

Front: A Cuthbert C Foster A Henderson V Kelman (Captain) L Webb R Bonar  
H Rosbottom

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Whiteford for the U14; for the U16 there were Charlotte Foster, Carolyn Robertson and Ruth McNee and finally Ailsa Robertson represented Midlands District at U18 level. Indoor, Hilary Bodie, Laura Webb and Ruth McNee represented Midlands for the U18's. A special mention must go to Ailsa Robertson and Carolyn Robertson who both got trials for Scotland with Ailsa being selected for the U18 Scotland squad. Well done and congratulations to everyone involved!!

The 2nd and 3rd XI also had success this season with comfortable wins and high scoring records while the 1st, 2nd and 3rd years recorded a mixed season.

On behalf of all the teams I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs. Hutchison, Miss Cannon, Mrs. Spowart and Miss George who gave up so much of their free time. All the coaching and encouragement throughout the season was beneficial and rewarding: Thank you.

We are very grateful also to everyone who volunteered for umpiring this season as your help was much appreciated and vital for the games to be played. The support this season was as brilliant as ever from both family and friends, who stood on the sidelines no matter what the weather.

A special thanks must go out to Mrs. Forster for providing much needed hats for the 1st XI squad. Undoubtedly we looked extremely smart in our hockey tracksuits which were newly designed at the start of the season.

Finally, I would like to thank personally the whole team for making the season a memorable one to finish six great years of school hockey. Good luck to all of next year's teams. I hope they have a season as enjoyable as the one we have had.

*Hilary Bodie (Secretary)*

### CRICKET REPORT

The season opened with a bang when we brushed aside Stewarts Melville on their own turf. This was mainly due to some inspired bowling from Jonathon Vernon and Danny Bunce which resulted in them being bowled out for 21 after 12 overs. Thus was set the pattern for the rest of the season in which we brushed aside Kelvinside and Heriots in similar fashion.

Mention must also be made of Captain Michael Lawson who led the team from the front with some excellent batting towards the end of the season.

The 2nd XI skippered by James Bowen played only

two matches this season but some excellent performances were put in and great team spirit was shown by all.

Our thanks must go to Mr. Gallagher for inspiring us to victory. Thanks are also due to Jamie Fordell and Jono for their sound advice and tips and to the ground staff who devote a lot of time to preparing the wicket to such a high standard.

The younger sides in the school are showing excellent potential and if they progress there will be some great cricket played in the future.

Finally we would like to wish next year's teams success and enjoyment in the beautiful game that is cricket!!

*Alex France*



**1st XI Cricket**

Back (l to r): T Knight I Coull J Gray J Vernon K Kyles P Maciocia  
Front: D Bunce N Knight A France M Lawson (Captain) A Douglas  
D Kyles R Stevenson



**2nd XI Cricket**

Back (l to r): R Burt J Roberts T Gilbertson T Pitcaithly  
Front: D McLaren T Knight E Shepherd J Bowen (Captain) P Harding  
J Bannerman N Knight

### TENNIS REPORT 1999

After just one defeat last year both the 1st VI and 2nd VI were out to better themselves this season. We started well with a convincing victory over George Heriot's and things looked promising for an undefeated season. As usual, the bad weather played its part and there were many cancellations. However

with only two matches to be played both teams still had their records intact. Unfortunately Kilgraston School put a stop to this success and beat an under strength 1st and 2nd VI, the only defeat in an otherwise very successful season.

Thanks must go to Mrs Spowart for her help organising teams and fixtures during the season. For the first time this year DHS were invited to put forward a team for the mixed doubles Glenalmond Tournament. The day proved to be great fun and thanks must go to David Grewar and Rodric Leslie for taking part.



**Senior Girls Tennis Team**

Back (l to r): R McNee S McArthur V Mitchell R Leslie J Arbuckle  
Front: J McKay C Smith (Captain) A Robertson



**Midland Bank Under 15 Team**

Back (l to r): R Leslie J Arbuckle  
Front: J McKay R McNee

Congratulations are due also to the Midland Bank team of Ruth McNee, Jayne Arbuckle, Rebecca Leslie and Jilly MacKay. This is the second year they have won through to the Scottish final. They won all their matches in the regional league and then the semi-final match against Mary Erskine School (6 sets to 0).

I would like to take the opportunity to wish them all the best and good luck in the final.

Special mention must also go to the following players who were awarded colours:

Susan McArthur, Claire Smith, Ruth McNee, Jayne Arbuckle, Ailsa Robertson and Verity Mitchell.

*Claire Smith (Captain)*

## JUNIOR SCHOOL NETBALL

This year both the L6 and 7 netball teams played really well. The L7 team played in the Dundee Schools' Winter League and the L6's played their first matches in the Miss Ward Trophy. They managed to get through to the third round and in one game they scored ten goals!

The L7's best match was against St. Vincent's where we won 5-0 and lost only one of our games. This took us through to the semi-finals where we did not do quite as well.

Both teams would like to thank Mrs Sutherland and Mrs Wood for helping us on Tuesday nights at our practices.

The teams were:

L7 - Holly Barrack, Julia Bruce, Kirsty Lowe, Lucy Boyd, Jennifer Watson, Maria Thomas, Margaret Niven and Sarah McConville.

L6 - Susan Bennet, Jenna Bradley, Laura Burnet, Yvonne Dawson, Eleanor Geddes, Lucy Gilmour, Carina Ip, Judith Kilgallon, Sasha Ollindini and Lea Jane Strachan.

*Jennifer Watson and Kirsty Lowe - L7*

## NETBALL REPORT 98/99

The netball year started with a bang. We had no fewer than two practices when the netball squad made the treacherous journey to our annual fixture at Gordonstoun. The team, even with a 7am wake-up-call had a lot of enthusiasm. However, the real shock came when the Gordonstoun coach announced we were to play 4 quarters of 15 minutes. Although we lost, it was an enjoyable trip.

Next on the agenda were a couple of friendlies against Strathallan - one which we won, boosting team confidence and one which we lost. These were closely followed by a new look Dundee School's competition. It was spread over a number of weeks with a league set-up for all the Dundee Schools taking part. The team played well, losing only two

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matches to Craigie and Harris, ensuring us second place. The netball year was drawing to a close, with only one event left in February, the Scottish Independent Schools Tournament - an annual event held by Kilgraston and Strathallan. The teams were going to be tough to beat and we played very well, making it to the semi-finals where we graciously lost to Glenalmond, who later lost to Strathallan in the final. In all fairness, the team put in 100% effort all year round. Well done, good luck to next year's team and thank you very much to Mrs. Spowart and Miss George.



**Senior Girls Netball Team**

Back (l to r): N Miele C Gomes C Smith L Raj  
Front: L Curr E Husband (Captain) L Webb

### Colours were awarded to:

Laura Webb (re award)  
Emma Husband  
Claire Smith  
Lisa Curr  
Nadia Miele  
Caroline Gomes  
Emma Husband (Captain)

## CROSS COUNTRY REPORT 1998/1999

Once again the relay championships at Grangemouth was our first competitive outing of the year. Our young teams acquitted themselves well despite competing against older opposition.

December saw our second invitational competition at Mayfield, competing against teams from St. Aloysius, Strathallan and Arbroath, schools with good cross country traditions. Over a tough course centred on the old Maryfield Hostel our teams acquitted themselves well. Our Senior girls, Kirsty

Wilson, Victoria Reid and Ailsa Robertson won their age group. Individual successes included a fine first for Robbie Grieve and a second place for Kirsty Wilson. Sadly we did not retain the Miller Shield we won last session, but look forward to regaining it in 1999! Thanks to all those who contributed to a successful event.

The St. Aloysius relays in February again saw brave runs from young teams with Charlotte Penhale having a particularly fine run.

Success was achieved at the Strathallan races in late February, with numerous good placings including second places for Robbie Grieve and the fast improving Anna MacKay and a third for Struan Cunningham.

The Dundee Schools Cross Country Championships saw individual seconds for Robbie Grieve and Kirsty Wilson.

There were team golds for our A Group Girls (Kirsty Wilson, Victoria Reid, Emily Clark and Barbara Coleman). Team silvers were won by C Group Boys (Kader Chowdhury, Stewart Arbuckle, Fraser Kelly, Jamie Lamb and Bruce Stark) and D Group Girls (Lucy Sneddon, Lesley Niven, Sally Brunton, Kirsty Hawkes and Jennifer McNulty). Group C Girls won bronze medals (Anna MacKay, Catriona Whiteford, Charlotte Penhale, Joanna Sturrock and Catriona Cessford).

Many thanks to all members of staff and parents who have assisted this year with officiating and travel arrangements. I look forward to seeing you all racing again next session.

G. Rennet

## GOLF

This session pupils took part in fewer competitions than last year but they all enjoyed the experience of meeting competitors from other schools and clubs, and playing different courses.

In September the school entered a team in the local qualifying round of the Golf Foundation Team Championship for Schools played over Leven Links. They enjoyed the experience on a blustery day but did not progress.

On Saturday 5th June a team of 3 took part in the local Independent Schools Competition organised by and played at Glenalmond College. They were going well and handily placed in 4th position when rain stopped play. This disappointment was alleviated

however by the magnificent hospitality extended to the team and the tasty barbecue afterwards.

Andrew Inglis F6 won the Boase Medal for medal play, played for a second time at Barry.

In The Pirie Handicap Cup competition, Nicholas Mills F5 was the eventual winner.

Unfortunately, neither the Recordon Salver for medal play nor the Girls Matchplay Trophy were competed for due to lack of entries.

*D.O.C. Richterich*

## THE HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

### 1998 - 1999

This session saw several significant changes to the way the House System operates and to the House Championship. The House Masters and House Mistresses, many of whom have served their Houses faithfully and for many years, resigned their posts to allow a new regime to be put into place. The purpose was to revitalise the House System, making it part of Guidance. New posts and structures were created so that each House is now led by a Principal Teacher Guidance and an Assistant PT, while pupils register in Form Groups that are also House Groups. Similarly, as part of the revision of the prefect system, House Captains and Vice Captains now wear stripes and braid in the colours of their House, resembling in style the familiar gold braid still sported by the Head Boy, Head Girl and their Assistants.

A further change was necessitated by the retirement of Mr Baxter who assiduously kept the House Points for so many years. After I agreed to take on the task, I soon came to appreciate the work he had obviously put into this. There was a backlog of points to be collated and it took some time to get on top of it all. The system has now been adapted to fit the School's new computer network and an innovation will be that, from next session, the House Points Total will be published on the network with regular updates.

New notice-boards for House matters have been established in the Boys School in the corridor of the East Wing. Pupils are frequently observed clustered round them, eager to view the result of each event in this hard fought competition or to see if they have been selected to represent their House. Unfortunately, due to the variable weather conditions, a number of events did not take place. Senior Boys' Tennis and the Junior School Fun Day were two notable victims of our Scottish climate this

year. The School Sports almost suffered a similar fate but they were successfully rescheduled to Monday 14th June.

Each House has had its share of successes and by the Summer Term speculation was rife as to which one was in the lead. By the School Sports, Lindores was ahead, closely followed by Wallace and then Aystree with Airlie not too far behind. Aystree's success at the Sports might have led them to hope for a last minute "turn about" but Lindores managed to keep the lead and one or two last minute results ensured Wallace held on to second place.

*T. Durrheim*

## AIRLIE HOUSE REPORT

Although Airlie came fourth this year, we had a very satisfying year in many ways. We continue to show that what we lack in sporting ability we make up for in enthusiasm and commitment. Yet again we proved our strengths in non-sporting events. For example we came second in academic points and narrowly missed out to Wallace in the house debates.

Although we do not excel at sporting events, the effort was admirable and we delivered solid performances and results. In the course of the year girls in Airlie achieved pleasing results and special mention must be made to the Junior Hockey team who came first. Much the same can be said for the boys who came second in cricket, cross country and hockey. Sports day however was a wash-out in more ways than one for Airlie, and putting the event off until Monday did not change the fact that we had to face up to coming last once again.

The united spirit in Airlie was reinforced by the new house and guidance system headed by Mr. Spowart and Mrs. Finnie and we take this opportunity to thank them, and the other Airlie Guidance Staff and Registration Teachers for supporting everyone in Airlie this past year. We also wish Douglas Kyles, Claire Smith, Ewan Bowers and Fiona Dewar the best of luck next year.

Well done everyone and thanks for a wonderful effort!

*Debbie Coutts*

*Alistair Douglas*

## Sport

### AYSTREE HOUSE REPORT

Strong Aystree performances in all spheres reflected the closeness of the final house placing with only 15 points separating Lindores in first place and Aystree in third.

Our forte lay in relay events, be it swimming or running, with results matched by no other house. This impressive team work helped Aystree to a very creditable second place in the swimming gala and a stunning win on sports day.

The senior girls hockey team were narrowly beaten into second place by a strong Wallace side and the boys hockey team did not fare quite as well despite some good tactical play. Great success was had on the rugby pitch however with Aystree winning the title.

We also managed to pick up more points in the netball competitions with great performances from all age groups, especially from those who had never played before.

Summer sports were not quite as successful as was hoped with the girls tennis team managing a third place and the boys cricket also obtaining a third place.

Points were also picked up throughout the session on academic achievement including debating where Aystree again put up a good fight.

Congratulations must go to all those who made the effort to compete for Aystree this year especially Stephen Gordon for his sporting achievements throughout the session. Thanks must also go to Mrs Madden, David and Annabel for all their help in organising the house teams and supporting us, even on cold winter mornings.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish next year's House Captains all the best.

Sarah Reid

Michael Lawson

### LINDORES HOUSE REPORT

After being disappointed at only gaining second place last year, we set out to try and better our achievements by attempting to gain our first victory in the Interhouse Championship for many years. Usually in the past we have been pipped to victory by Aystree but this year everyone put in a tremendous effort and we turned out to be last minute winners.

As in recent years Lindores triumphed in the swimming pool with a magnificent effort in every age group and there were many great performances. In particular there was a stunning effort by Michael Page who ended up as the Boys Senior Swimming Champion. The rest of the senior boys did very well also, cleaning up in almost every single race.

We also managed to convincingly win the Interhouse Cricket competition where everyone involved had a very enjoyable day, but many thanks must be given to David Bowen for his outstanding bowling performance without which we could not have won. Special credit must also be given to David Vernon and Jamie Grewar for their efforts and contribution on this day.

A huge mention must go to shock victory, which was a great surprise, when the boys Intermediate rugby team started off as underdogs and then stormed to an easy victory.

Unfortunately the Senior and Junior sides could not be inspired by the excellent display which the Intermediate side put on and they both disappointingly finished in third place.

Gratitude must be given to Neil Ross and Eleanor Caskie for being a great help all year and being so actively involved as House Vice-Captains. Also every single Lindores pupil who contributed to the overall championship in anyway should be thanked as we could not have won it without their great efforts. Special thanks must be given to Amie Hunter who helped us tremendously with the organisation of the whole year. Thanks must go to all members of staff in Lindores, all of the PE staff and House Officials. All the best of luck for next year and let's start a winning streak.

Hilary Bodie

David Grewar

## WALLACE HOUSE REPORT

It has been another exciting and eventful year for Wallace. In the end we lost by only five points. Keep in mind for next year that if only six more people had entered in the house swimming gala, we would have won!!

However, even although we came a very, very close second, we picked up many prizes along the way. We won every girls House Hockey tournament there was, and even although Lindores won overall, don't forget the magnificent final score of The Wallace v Lindores junior match - we won't embarrass the 1999 Champions by printing it here!!

Other successes included:

- The stunning win achieved by the ruggers (Well done all who played and supported!!)
- House debating (brilliant speech by Emily Robson)
- Junior House netball
- Outstanding performance in all of the House Tennis matches
- Athletics..sports day.. a very close second once again!!

- The junior and senior school music competitions earned us lots of points
- And finally, .... Well we think we had better not mention the House Swimming result!!

In conclusion we have had a great year, and even although we did not win, in true Wallace tradition we had a good laugh when competing. However, perhaps our greatest achievement this year has been the consistently excellent organisation of our lunch duty rotas. The rumour that 6W all went on strike for a week is of course completely untrue!! However, we were greatly helped by the fact that the boys in our house (led by Head Boy Alex France) rushed daily to the lunch hall to get their free lunch!!

Next year we are literally passing the baton on to Jeff Yu, Jennifer Stevenson, Andrew Landsburgh and Louise Stewart and we wish them all the best of luck. Perhaps their greatest challenge will be to keep these initially shiny white braids, from turning a rather unpleasant shade of grey!!!!

*Alexandra Ross*

*Euan Shephard*



## SPORTS DAY RESULTS

### BOYS CHAMPIONS

|              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| Senior       | Stephen Gordon   |
| Intermediate | Callum Rankin    |
| Junior       | Stewart Arbuckle |

### GIRLS CHAMPIONS

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Senior       | Beverley Harper |
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## Out And About

### THE MUSIC TRIP TO PRAGUE AND VIENNA.

This Easter Mrs Melville bravely decided to take thirty-three keen musicians to the music capitals of the world, Prague and Vienna. Three other teachers joined the crew, namely Mrs Robertson, Mr Illsley and Mr Durrheim along with two slightly crazy coach-drivers who became known affectionally as Dr Rat and Jockstrap.

After a thirty-six hour journey we were relieved to arrive at our hotel, the Hotel Vitkov with its interesting decor and pungent aromas! Yet we must admit that by the end of our three-night stay there we were becoming rather fond of it.

After hauling the timpani, keyboards and various other instruments up six flights of stairs to a circular room to do a good hour's practice, we had to carry it all back down again and load it onto the bus for the following day's concert. Exhausting though that was, we were in high spirits and determined to make use of the hotel's many facilities namely a rather old couch, and entertainment that evening was laid on by Ian Ryan after which the hotel's tissue supply was significantly reduced!

The next day our lovely guide Katrina took us to Prague Castle where we all had the opportunity to admire the beautiful views and take photos. Partick and Henry who had put on their kilts, were stalked at this point by some Italian girls, whereupon all the other males in our group regretted not donning the same attire! That afternoon we headed for a nursing-home to entertain the residents. It certainly could not be described as state-of-the-art and there was only one car

parked outside, an empty, lonely schizophrenic Skoda whose windscreen-wipers kept time to our music. The various hitches that followed were handled professionally by all, especially by Mr Durrheim who cunningly edited them out of the video! We spent the evening at a bowling-alley, showing off our talents and watching a man called Hans bowl in his Lederhosen. This night was to be Andrew's victory but as we headed for the bus, his victory was somewhat marred by the fact that he had forgotten to take off his bowling shoes!

Our next port of call was the International School of Prague, a large and surprisingly modern building. The performance was a great success, we felt proud to represent our school and country and honoured to be asked to return again, soon.

Although the Czechs seemed pleasantly surprised by our strange customs nothing could have prepared them for the Folklore Evening. Mark put on a superb display on washboard, Mrs Robertson, Patrick and Crawford were outstanding on violin and the rest of us gave a very impressive rendition of *Scots Wa Hae*.

The last day in Prague was spent shopping!! A whole host of goods were on offer: designer shoes, Soviet hats and whips. Yes, the majority of us bought these pleated cane whips with coloured ribbon on the end. Katrina explained later that on April 1st Czech men whip the women in exchange for gifts.

Suffice to say that the females in the group were relieved to transfer to Stokkerau that afternoon although taking our leave of the lovely Katrina was

somewhat heart-rending.

In Vienna the F6s were lodged in a luxurious apartment nearby which the rest of us dearly coveted and admired -but such is life! After a good night's sleep we travelled through the centre of the city where we were impressed by its amazing architecture and finally arrived at the Spanish Riding School to watch a training session. Afterwards, a guided tour of this beautiful city provided an opportunity to see the sights of Vienna.

The next day or two afforded us the luxury of doing 'touristy' things. An evening at the Volksoper to see *Die Fledermaus* was a fascinating experience. Although the performance was in German it did not detract from our enjoyment of it. The set was amazing and the singing flawless. We visited the State Opera House whose sheer size was breathtaking and we took countless photographs of it and its famous orchestra pit. A relaxing Friday morning was spent either scouring the streets for ice-cream and chocolates or indulging in Rittersport and pretzels. After finding out that the concert had been cancelled at the last minute the teachers came up with the great idea of visiting the Prater funfair instead. How we enjoyed the dodgems and roller-coasters as well as the famous Riesenrad, of course. A ceilidh back at the hotel rounded off a fun day!

Our last concert was performed at a youth centre in St Poltzen. This was yet another triumph despite the absence of the screaming fans we had become accustomed to over the ten days. After a night of Kinder egg overdose, we waved goodbye to

an adventure-packed few days of gallivanting across Eastern Europe. We returned to sunny Scotland singing *You'll never walk alone* and feeling very emotional. Certain memories of the trip will remain with us forever: Mrs Melville's decisiveness over lipsticks and her innovative conducting, Mr Durrheim's Elvis impressions, Mrs Robertson's burgeoning hairdo and Mr Illsley's healthy interest in *More* magazine ( of course a copy just happened to have been left on the seat beside him! )

We must thank the teachers for the trip of our lives. They struck a perfect balance between keeping us in check and knowing how to have a whale of a time. Music Trip 2000 anyone?

*Anthea Chan, Claire Mitchell, Jemma Neville, Sarah Scott*



## Out And About

### THE SPANISH EXCHANGE.

We were in a hive of excitement as we left the school playground at 8.30am on Tuesday 8th June. A trouble-free drive to the airport and a swift and smooth flight to Spain saw us waiting outside El Corte Inglés to meet our exchange partners in what seemed no time at all! We were all a bit nervous at the prospect of having to speak Spanish, especially since our first day was to be a holiday and would be spent wholly with our host families.

Thursday was our introduction to school - what a relief it was to be able to speak English again! The San Pablo CEU school is much more modern than ours and the teaching was a much noisier yet very relaxed affair. In the English class, the pupils got to watch *The Full Monty*.

Several outings were arranged for our enjoyment and to introduce us to the area. In Murcia we visited the Cathedral, a museum and the Casino. Although dark the Cathedral was very beautiful, the museum was full of lovely figures made of pottery and the Casino proved to be no ordinary casino but had many exquisitely decorated rooms to admire.

Our second week was a very busy one! On the Monday we visited a golf course. Murcia is very arid and to see a lush green golf course in the middle of what could only be described as desert, was quite remarkable. On the driving-range Alisdair and Gemma impressed us all with their prowess with a golf club.

Archena is a natural Roman spa set in the mountains, a tranquil and relaxing place where we swam and enjoyed a mud bath. Lorca is an old historic town full of cathedrals and museums. Here we saw an exhibition of beautifully embroidered robes used in their Easter Procession.

Best of all however, were the trips to the beach where we could get down to the serious business of topping up the tan! Some beaches were very small and intimate, some larger and busier, but all of them had pedalos and water that was particularly beautiful to swim in. Mazzarón beach was especially nice with its Enchanted City nearby - this is a group of mushroom-shaped rocks.

No exchange would be complete without a party or two and the one at Juan's country house with its huge swimming-pool was most memorable. We whiled away the whole night chatting, playing games and generally relaxing together.

Our final day was a truly sad one. We met for the last time in our favourite café *The Arco* for a drink and then enjoyed a pizza or a hamburger before making our way to El Corte Inglés for the journey home. There were lots of tears but we knew we would be seeing our Spanish friends again in September.

We had a really great holiday and want to thank Mrs Cram and Mrs Stewart for taking us.

*Zoe, Karen, Emily, Finlay, Callum, Maxine, Gemma  
Alisdair, Hannah, Cheryl Gil and Jayne F314*



## LONDON '99

The Business Studies Department's annual trip to London took place in extremes of weather - either very hot and sultry or pouring with rain. None of this, however, dampened the spirits of the lively group who were participating and who relished the daily grind of getting to the office on time! By the end of our stay everyone had become expert at working out the best routes and had developed real skill in negotiating changes of line in the Underground and hopping on and off escalators. We had also realised that one person (who shall remain nameless) had to have the whole group look after her precious daily ticket!



As in previous years all the companies we visited made us extremely welcome and provided us with superb hospitality. Moreover, the diversity of topics covered in a wide variety of environments made sure that each day was of particular interest to all the members of our group.

Who will forget the fabulously modern surroundings of Herbert Smith, one of the top six UK firms of solicitors? Here we were privileged to meet with both senior partners at the peak of their careers and with young people on the bottom rung of the ladder who had just started traineeships. All gave generously of their time and expertise and a great deal of lively discussion on all aspects of law was entered into. Highly valuable information on how to go about seeking employment in offices such as Herbert Smith was imparted by their Graduate Recruitment Manager, and we know of at least one young lady who hopes to join them in a few years time!

Complete contrast was offered in the huge offices of IPC Magazines. This is the highest building in Britain south of the Thames, and we were privileged to be taken to the Chairman's office at the very top so that we could savour the even more impressive view of London. Here we were given an introduction to the

work of one of the largest magazine publishers in the world. Of particular interest to the boys in the party was the time spent in the offices of "Rugby World" where we watched how pages were set up and learned that there is a definite pattern to how a magazine is laid out. We also learned about the importance of meeting deadlines and how seemingly small items in the daily news can have a huge impact on a magazine that was printed prior to the event. We shall now be looking more carefully as we turn the pages of our favourite magazines! The girls were perhaps more interested in the work of "Rugby World's" public relations assistant and in gaining an insight into how she came into publishing via television as well as hearing about some of the interesting people she meets in the course of her daily duties.



We also made a short visit to the London Metal Exchange, the only London futures market which still allows people to view them at work. Here, thousands of pounds changed hands every 5 minutes as trading took place in tin, silver, copper etc.



It was a weary but happy crowd of travellers who returned to Dundee, brimming over with stories to tell and experiences to relate - and thanks to the hospitality of our hosts, having gained an insight into the world that awaits them! We hope that we may have assisted them to make choices or come to conclusions about their futures. Good luck to all and may their dreams and aspirations come true.

*I Rattray*

## Out And About

### THE GUIDES' ADVENTURE WEEKEND.

The Guides of Dundee High School accompanied by the 3rd Monifieth Guides went on a walking weekend to Pitlochry from 24-25 April.

The hill that was chosen for the climb was Ben Vrackie. It was a long, tiring haul to the top but the amazing views made the effort all worthwhile. The glorious weather meant we could see for miles! Thankfully our descent was somewhat faster and we were able consequently, to enjoy an hour's shopping for souvenirs and sweets.

Back at the Youth Hostel we tried

to play Twister but failed miserably and ended up watching television until it was time to think about dinner. There were cooking facilities at the Hostel as well as a nice dining-room so we set about preparing the meal. We had each brought ingredients from home so it did not take long to cook it. It was fun making our own meal although Miss MacArthur helped with the hot water and the stoves. And the verdict? Yummy of course!

On our second day Miss MacArthur put us into groups of 3 or 4, issued us with a question sheet and set us off at staged intervals. By correctly answering all the questions we would all arrive at the same spot in the town, namely the dam. Needless

to say we all managed this task no bother and enjoyed a fine walk round the loch before heading for Radio Heartland FM, a station run by volunteers. We couldn't believe there were so many knobs, dials and buttons in a broadcasting studio. Even the people who worked there didn't know what half of them were for! We enjoyed the visit very much, especially when some of us got to be DJs.

We learned lots of songs and we taught the Monifieth Guides some of the songs from *Trolls*. We had a great time and thank Miss MacArthur for organising it for us and for accompanying us. We can't wait for next year's trip!

*Susan Bennet, Judith Kilgallon, Helen McBryde L7*



## TRIP TO THE TROPICS.

In the Spring term L6 study tropical rainforests as part of the geography course. A visit to tropical rainforests would be wonderful but unfortunately they are a bit too far away, so we did the next best thing and visited the glasshouses at the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh to gain an impression of the climate and see some of the weird and wonderful plants and trees that can be found in various parts of the world. Here are some of the facts we learned about the rainforests.

Firstly, there are different types of rainforest. In one glasshouse we visited a tropical rainforest and in another a temperate rainforest.

The tall trees have shallow roots as there is only a thin layer of soil. In a strong wind the trees are rocked from side to side and could easily topple over, so they have developed buttress and stilt roots to give extra support.

The leaves on the plants come in all different shapes, sizes and colours. The underside of some of the leaves is dark purple. This might be to discourage insects and small animals from eating them.

There are different layers in the tropical rainforest: the emergent layer, canopy, understorey and forest floor. There is also a "water" layer, the puddles, ponds, lakes, streams and rivers which are also rich in plant and animal life.

Despite the humidity none of us was tempted to have a dip in the pool on the day of our visit. After all, there might have been pirhana fish in it!



## Out And About

### OBERURFF '99

Rumours of drinking in the pub and smoking in the classroom convinced us that Germany was the place for us and so one sleepy Monday in June found us on board the school minibus en route for Edinburgh airport. At Heathrow Adèle discovered that she had mislaid her passport, only to retrieve it almost immediately, and we were kept waiting on the runway for an hour while passenger checks were made. Spirits remained high however, and we were soon winging our way to the land of the sausage and sauerkraut.



Herr Dörfler was waiting for us and led us skilfully through the vastness of Frankfurt Airport to our train, and in what seemed no time at all, we had arrived in Treysa where our host families had gathered to meet us. This first evening was to be our most daunting. To make small-talk is difficult enough but to have to do it in German was quite a challenge! We were greeted by true Scottish weather on our first morning — **rain**, but it was very short-lived and each day thereafter got better and better and hotter and hotter! Temperatures averaged around 30°C and sun lotion was soon being applied liberally and often. In Mrs Duncan's case, Factor 25 was the order of the day!

Eating patterns in Germany are somewhat different from ours. Breakfast consists of bread and *Brötchen* with cold meats, boiled eggs, cheese and yoghurt. Lunch is the main meal of the day. It is generally hot and comprises two or three courses, and tea is similar to breakfast with cold meats, cheese and salads. In between times of course, there were visits to the Pizza parlour and the café but surprisingly there was not a MacDonald's to be found.

Starting school at 8am was something of a shock to the system at first but finishing at 1pm was icing on the cake and meant we could take full advantage of the good weather to get out and about. Classes were much more relaxed affairs. Pupils would get up and leave the classroom to have a smoke or a chat

outside with their friends and teachers and pupils would distribute sweets to celebrate their birthdays.

After the short settling-in period we started to get on really well with our host families. We were understanding more and more of what we were hearing and this was matched by increasing confidence in speaking German ourselves.

Many trips were laid on for us. We met the Deputy Mayor, visited castles and more castles, admired *Fachwerkhäuser* galore, and bought *spritzfrei* cherries at the roadside. We were astounded at what we learned in the East German museum, were amazed at the unexpected richness and greenness of the landscape we travelled through and ate mountains of sausages at the many barbecues we enjoyed. Best of all however, was our trip to Baunatal to celebrate *Hessentag*. The aim was to spend as much money as possible and have as much fun as possible - we managed both!!



We had a fantastic time and when it came to leaving, some found it harder than others. But telephones, e-mails and the good old-fashioned letter will keep us in touch with our German friends and we can perhaps look forward to more visits in the future.

A big thank you to Mr Richterich and Herr Frisch for organising the exchange and to Mrs Duncan for accompanying us!

Lindsay Rowan, Adèle McConnachie, Michael Page F4

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*Jamie Foulis L6*



## Out And About



### PARIS

We set off for Paris by coach - yes, by coach, a long haul certainly but by no means a boring journey because there were friends to talk to, videos to watch and music to play. Our first stop was Birmingham at 6am for breakfast and then it was on down the motorway to Dover for the ferry. From Calais it was only a few hours to our hotel in Paris where we were issued with keycards and soon afterwards served our first real French meal — delicious!

The following morning we set off for Montmartre where we saw Sacre-Coeur, a magnificent white marble cathedral and the Place du Tertre where artists display their work and offer to do portraits and silhouettes of the tourists. Needless to say we declined, but there were lots of souvenir shops, food outlets and street entertainers to keep us happy.

After lunch we went for a sail on the river Seine in a boat that is called a Bateau-Mouche and in the evening we enjoyed a coach tour of "Paris by Night". We saw lots of sights from the windows because all the main monuments are illuminated. These included the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame, the Obelisque and the Louvre. Our drive down the Champs-Elysees was exciting. This is Paris' most famous street with its neon lights, designer stores, car showrooms and restaurants aplenty. Our driver of course, could not enjoy the views - he was much too busy coping with the many lanes of fast-moving traffic!

Our third day took us to EuroDisney where there were some great rides: Space Mountain, Big Thunder Mountain, Indiana Jones and the Teacups. This was a real fun day and we were so tired after all our activity that we stayed in the hotel that night and played Bingo. I didn't win anything but my friends did.

After a good night's sleep we headed for the Palace of Versailles. Now this is what I call big! There were lots of gold, silver and marble things in the palace and the Hall of Mirrors was quite splendid. Later that day we went swimming and in the evening we enjoyed a disco in the hotel because it was our last night. We all got dressed up and had a great time!

Our final morning was spent at the Eiffel Tower where we got up to the second level. I think this was my favourite visit of the whole trip because the tower was so impressively huge and the views so impressively stunning!

Thank you to all the teachers who accompanied us and made the trip so enjoyable.

*Jennifer Watson L7*



## FOLGARIDA SKI TRIP.

On a cold March evening forty F3s set off on the ski trip of a lifetime to Folgarida, Italy. We drove to Manchester Airport where the wait was perked up by spotting Gary Mathers from Peak Practice. The flight went smoothly until we arrived in Italy. For some unknown reason they couldn't let us off the plane—for two hours! Eventually amid cries of "I feel claustrophobic" they opened the doors and we stepped out on to Italian soil. Our holiday rep, Sara, was there to meet us and drive us to our hotel. Although this was a fairly long journey it was made easier by drinking in the beautiful Italian landscape and taking photos of the teachers when they were asleep.

The next day we were carried up to the slopes in cable-cars, split into groups and greeted by our extremely friendly ski instructors. The experienced skiers headed confidently off to the black runs while the beginners skied nervously down the nursery slopes. By the end of the day everyone had improved and we returned to the hotel in buoyant mood. Unfortunately the food in the hotel was not to everyone's liking but we soon discovered an excellent pizzeria nearby where we could quell the hunger pangs.

The week seemed to fly past. The skiing was brilliant: not only did we get tuition, we also got a few hours free-skiing in the afternoons when we could practise the skills we had been taught. There was also après-ski entertainment such as bingo, ice-skating and a quiz. The scenery at the resort was stunning and we leaned perilously from the chairlifts, camera in hand, to capture some of it. At the end of the week we were given star awards for our progress and all of us agreed it had been a brilliant holiday!

Special thanks should go to the teachers, Mr Spowart, Mr Nichol, Mrs Fletcher and Mrs MacLeod who were great fun and who must have posed for at least a hundred photos throughout the week, and to everyone at the *Scuola Italiana Sci* for helping to make the trip so much fun.

Kirsty Dewar F3



## Out And About

### BIG BAND CONCERT

At 6.20pm on Tuesday 22 April we assembled in the school playground and piled into the school minibus. Mr Melville was to drive us to Perth City Halls with Mrs Crammond and Mrs Magill accompanying us.

The concert began with everyone rising for a quick burst of the National Anthem. Two marches followed setting the tone for an evening of superb playing by the Band. It certainly gives our school bands standards to aspire to! *Gabriel's Oboe* was the next item, impressing the oboist in our midst.

The conductor then introduced a group of singers - Pat Hartley and Friends. They entertained us with excerpts from *The Pirates of Penzance* including a very fast rendition of *The Modern Major General*. To end an exciting first half, the Band took centre stage again for a tribute to the late Frank Sinatra.

All of the music was performed brilliantly and by the time the last piece, *A Life on the Ocean Wave* was performed, everyone felt they had definitely had their money's worth. We went home tired but happy. I would thoroughly recommend this concert to anyone!



Catherine Jung L7



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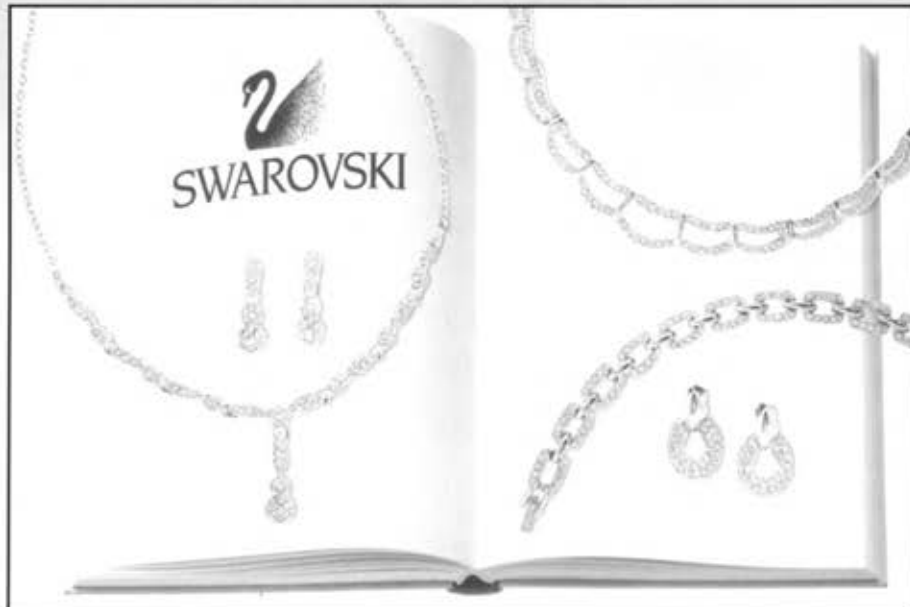
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# Creativity Corner

LID wrote this poem together:

## A Summer Garden

Summer is..  
playing in the garden,  
swimming outside,  
splashing in a pool,  
diving in the water.

Summer is..  
jumping off the bouncy castle,  
climbing trees and  
watering flowers.

Summer is..  
watching butterflies,  
making a daisy chain,  
painting fences,  
the drr of the lawn mower.

## Here are some of LI's thoughts about: Family

I have two sisters Lucy and Caroline. I like my sisters very much. They make up games to play with me.

*Sophie Taylor LI*

My dad got a new car. It is a nice Lexiz. It is silver with black seats.

*Fraser Sinclair LI*

My daddy works on a roller. He rolls the roads. He wars a blake yonaform.

*Ross Tolland LI*

I have a new home. My mum wanted the house. She got it and I am mooving on Thursday.

*Robyn Stewart LI*

## Leisure

I like to play football I play in my garden with my dad.

*Alexander Dessain LI*

I like to swim in the water. I like the deep bit.

*Kieran Kavi LI*

I like to go to the bowling alley. You have to knock the pins down.

*Benjamin Flack LI*

## People who help us at school

The cleaner comes when we are gone. She claens the carpet.

*Kathryn McIntosh LI*

The nurse helped me when I bumped my head.

*Leanne Forbes LI*

The dinner ladies serve us lunch. I love sponge cake and custard the best.

*Anna Mackenzie LI*

The janitor cleans the stairs if they are dirty.

*Fraser Jamieson-Moodie LI*

## A Puppet Show

I got to hold the puppets I liked the pelican.

*Amy Clark LI*

I luvd the which and the fish and I luvd Sparkle.

*Hannah Henderson LI*

Ones a pon a time there was a witch and she was bad and capched the pirates and Sparkle the dragon to, but Peter saved them and Sparkle.

*Kirsty Mitchell LI*

## Careers

When I grow up I want to be a diver. I want to dive for raser-fish or sea-shells.

*Heather Pringle LI*

When I grow up I want to be a vet. I want to look after animals. I will make them better.

*Emma Pattullo LI*

When I grow up I want to be an artist. I want to paint flowers.

*Roseanna Morgan LI*

## Creativity Corner

## L2

**Rain**

On a rainy day I feel happy because I love to splash in the puddles. I like to hear the rain pattering against the windows, see rain falling. Rain makes me wet. I hate to stay indoors. I love to run in the rain. I take my umbrella.

*Jennifer Lothian L2*

**Letter to Santa**

Dear Santa

I hope you are not too busy in Santa Claus Land. I hope the elves are helping you to make and wrap the toys. For Christmas I would like a piano and a Barbie rucksack please. I will put out my stocking at the foot of my bed beside the chair. I hope Rudolph is well and that he enjoys the carrot that I will leave out for him. Good luck on Christmas Eve.

*Beth Spowart L2*

**Autumn**

Squirrels gather nuts to munch in colder days  
Farmers harvest the fields of swaying corn  
Days are cold  
It is dark earlier  
Autumn trees give red apples

*Rebecca Bramhall L2*

**Winter**

Sparkling snowflakes fall  
Chilly winds roar  
Shining icicles glisten  
Twinkling ice shines

*Lauren Cosgrove L2*

**Sunrise**

I like the sunrise  
The best. This is  
The time of day  
That the birds  
Are singing. I like  
The sunrise because  
This is when I  
Go to school  
When the sun rises  
I can see the  
Lovely silhouettes of  
Trees. The colours  
Are shades of  
Red, yellow, orange  
And brown

*Gordon Russell L2*

**A Spell**

One green frog  
Two sticky tails  
Three spotty dogs  
Four black bats  
Five purple cats  
Six white legs  
Mix together  
Shake and stir  
Flash and bang  
Here is a witch's  
brew for you!

*Saeed Asif L2*

**A Recipe for happy classroom fairy cakes**

Ingredients:

6 walls of art  
100 grams of rules  
1 spoon of treacle  
2 times-tables posters  
19 pencils  
3 eggs

Method

Boil the eggs and chop the pencils. Peel the eggs and mash. Quarter the posters. Mix the pencils, eggs, posters and walls together. Fold in treacle. Lastly add the rules and cook at gas mark 10 for an hour. When brown and crisp leave to cool. Eat with cream. Enjoy!

*Iain Kennedy L3*

**What is black?**

Black is a bat flying through a night sky  
It is the TV going on and off  
Black is a pair of sunglasses flashing at the sun  
It is a blackberry splattered on the ground  
Black is a blackboard going up and down  
It is a black and blue bruise on my knee  
Black is a leather jacket

*Calum Brownlee L3*

**Fireworks**

Fabulous colours flicker in the night air  
Inky black sky with red smears  
Red rockets rushing through the air  
Exotic orange exploding in the black sky  
Whooshing and whirling rockets rushing up into the air  
Over my head fireworks sparkle  
Rainbow colours, red, blue and orange  
Keep safe, spinners are dangerous  
Stars twinkle in the night air, Catherine wheels are zooming by.

*Sarah Low L3*

## L3

# L4

## Memories

I remember feeling really sad when:  
 My dog Toffee died because I used to cuddle up to her when I was sad.  
 And when my grandad died I was very sad because he used to take me hill-walking.

I remember being very excited when:  
 I got a huge present for my birthday because it was the one from mum and dad.  
 And when we were going on holiday to Aviemore

I remember being very happy when:  
 I was watching Thomas the Tank Engine because I liked to see how fast the trains would go.  
 And when I won the gold medal for the egg and spoon race in L2

I remember feeling guilty when:  
 I tested my mum's scissors on the curtains and cut them  
 And when I broke the frisbee on the wall because the wind caught it and pushed it when I threw it up in the air.

Scott McIntosh L4

## Memories

I remember having the giggles when:  
 We went to Alton Towers and we went on the River Rapids. Everyone on the ride got soaked except my dad. Also when my friend and I were playing in the garden. The paddling pool was still full from the day before and my friend tripped over a ball and fell in. Splash!

I remember feeling really embarrassed when:  
 I was a Coochiecoo in the school play last year and I forgot my lines. And when my mum made me wear a dress to a wedding and my dad took a photo. I hate dresses, especially when they are pink. Yuck!

I remember feeling really fed up when:  
 I was on my way to school and the car broke down. We had to walk. I had to walk back home again after school because dad had taken the car to the garage. When I got home we found out that my dad had just forgotten to take off the hand brake. Oops!

Eilidh Firth L4





HANNAH SNELL, F5



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KIRSTY WILSON, F6



FRANCESCA HOWARD, F5

## Creativity Corner

## L5

**Miss Winter**

Miss Winter passed on her sledge  
Over the icy snow  
Nobody saw her coming  
Nobody saw her go

I plucked up all my courage  
And followed her frozen tracks  
I followed the huskies' paws  
Which she kept in many packs

I followed her to Antarctica  
To her silver igloo cold  
This where she lives  
Or so I am told

I crept up to the window  
And asked for her address  
She looked up and stared at me  
She was angry, I could guess!

I turned on my heels and ran  
As fast as fast could be  
But I wasn't scared of course  
I was only late for tea

*Douglas Dorward L5*

**Bonfire Night**

Everything was still and dark  
When suddenly there was a spark  
The wind was blowing, the bonfire glowing  
Then the fireworks started flowing

Fireworks flying everywhere  
Jumping, crackling right through the air  
But if you go near please beware  
They'll jump out and give you a scare

The sky is full of exciting colours  
So bright like the summer flowers  
Families enjoy the spectacular sight  
A great celebration of a wonderful night

*Oliver Alexander L5*

**Bonfire Night**

The silent midnight sky is calm till the fireworks emerge.  
The rockets streak into a curtain of black,  
Then erupt into a fountain of colours,  
They fall like raindrops onto the amazed children's hands.  
The Catherine wheels spit a kaleidoscope of colour  
Into the light of the rocket's spray  
While the guy slowly disappears  
Into a heap of burning ashes.

*Sukhdeep Gill L5*

## L6

**The Buzzard**

Stuck in a concrete and metal cage  
Unable to exercise my wings  
Forbidden to hunt  
All my energy contained inside me  
Cornered  
Banned from using my beak and talons  
Prohibited from hunting rabbits  
Melancholy feelings  
Dismal eyes

Freedom  
To be in control  
Free to roam  
Liberated from the zoo  
Permitted to fly  
No obstructions  
Unhampered by people  
Unconstrained by bars  
Allowed to hunt  
Free from the confines of a cage

*Lachlan Young L6*

**The Polar Bear**

Cheerless, miserable  
Trapped in a cage,  
No love enclosed inside my heart,  
Just anger and hatred.  
Pacing up and down  
Thinking about nothing  
Licking my thick white fur  
Upset and dejected  
With nothing to do but growl at passers-by  
Just brown and black in my dead eyes  
With not a sparkle at all  
I don't have any friends to play with  
I feel isolated and lonely  
But most of all trapped!

In my own world  
In my dreams  
I'm free again  
Content and glad to be free  
To play with my friends  
I can hunt for my own food  
Fend for myself  
Dive and swim with other polar bears  
But it's only a dream  
It will be over soon  
And once again I shall be  
Trapped

*Lewis McNicol L6*

## Creativity Corner

L7

**Storm**

Wind sliding round the boat,  
Sea crashing beside the rocks,  
I bend down down,  
Water lashing on my face,  
Waves swirling  
Shaking the boat  
The boat sliding everywhere  
Suddenly  
A deathly hush

*Pamela Reid L7***Yellow**

Yellow is the radiant sun  
The amber beaming from a traffic light  
Yellow is the colour of the first flowers of spring  
But also the tawny leaves of autumn  
Yellow has a tangy, acidic flavour, like the juice of a lemon  
It has a clear, runny texture like that of golden honey  
The colour reminds me of a tropical, sandy beach  
And of hay bales, lying in the sunshine  
Yellow is the colour of butter and cheese  
And the creamy yolk of a fried egg  
It is a canary singing its heart out  
And the golden flower of a crocus  
Yellow is a clear, ringing sound like a bell tolling in a church tower

*Catherine Jung L7***Green**

Green is a meadow  
With a bubbling stream,  
Fresh, spirited, vibrant  
Like a spring garden after a shower of rain  
Green is an evil monster inside you  
Bursting out when jealousy seizes  
Making you act in a selfish way  
The crisp taste of a lettuce  
The flavour of parsley too  
Wild and boundless, fresh  
Overwhelming is green  
Freshly cut grass  
And the faint smell of foliage  
Gives me the feeling that summer surrounds us  
Yet, green can be deep and rich  
Just like the swirl of a velvet cloak  
And the soft spongy moss  
That grows near the marsh  
Fresh spinach soup is the taste  
Of dark green  
Free, wild, deep and  
Rich  
Bright when young, deep when old

*Costanza Dessain L7***Rock Climb***Margaret Niven L7***Red**

Red is a bold and rich colour  
It is the first colour of the rainbow  
It is scattered in a field of poppies  
Red smells of a rose  
Or of a ripe and fresh strawberry  
It sparkles on a chain of rubies  
Red sounds like the crackling of a fire  
Red sends thoughts of anger  
When you are cross  
It also sends messages of love  
Especially on St Valentine's Day  
Red stands out in a beautiful sunset  
Red is the colour that rules all

*Farjana Chowdhury L7***Blue**

Blue is the colour of Winter  
Cold as cold can be  
Blue is the colour of the sky  
And the colour of the sea  
Blue is the sound of the saxophone  
In a lonely room  
Blue is Lupin and Larkspur  
In full bloom  
Blue is night  
All dark and creepy  
People going to bed  
All tired and sleepy  
Blue is regal  
The colour of Kings  
Blue is bluebirds  
When they sing  
Silvery blue  
Is the colour of scales  
Trout and salmon skin  
And some types of whales  
Blue is the colour of shadow  
And the colour of knights  
Blue is the colour your eye goes  
If you get punched in a fight  
Blue is the best colour of all

*Alistair Bowie L7*



# **Kevin Scott**

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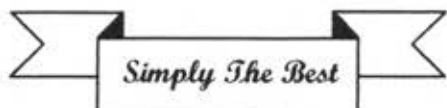
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# Creativity Corner

# FI

## Another world...

Crashing against a brick wall,  
My head throbs and my throat tears,  
the sound I utter is unearthly and scared!  
I gasp for breath and awaken.

Away the dream drifts,  
On a cloud up above.  
I lie back on my pillow and sigh;  
The day has begun and the night is far.

I am floating not on a cloud  
But an eagle flying up high,  
And suddenly I fall like a feather,  
Back to the real world, and I wake.

*Jenni Kilgallon FI*

## The Ballad of Johnny McPhee

Johnny McPhee came to Bonnie Dundee,  
The home of his Mum and Dad.  
He was born and bred in the Southern Med,  
Where he was always a happy lad.

While his Dad sought out loot in the city of jute,  
Young Johnny was sent to school.  
So to Dundee High with a coke and a pie,  
He went with his book and his rule.

But strange things were done by the new Form one,  
Thought Johnny as he watched them play.  
He sat on grey stone chilled to the bone,  
Wondering why go out on this day?

For the wind blew through his blazer blue,  
And the puddles solid froze.  
So he asked them out loud with a bearing proud,  
Why be numb from your nose to your toes?

You could sit indoors on the wooden floors  
And be warm like we were in the South.  
So they took him into the heat of the gym  
And told him to shut his mouth.

"It's particularly apt that you'll have to adapt,  
To our style in the far North East.  
If you don't change your ways and wrap up on cold days,  
You'll catch double pneumonia at least."

So young Johnny took heed of these words at great speed  
And said "Cold is a state of mind."  
If I'm active a bit and really get fit,  
I could well leave the South behind."

*Ruari Scullion FI*

## The Earl of Edinburgh

The Earl of Edinburgh was a handsome chap  
Quite often seen with a maid on his lap.  
Out walking one day up the North Western way  
He spied a young lass putting flowers in a glass

But she was a witch with evil in mind  
To make the good Earl leave this life behind  
She hatched a plan to get her way  
They'd go pick mushrooms one fine day  
A tasty meal she then would cook  
From a recipe in her fat spell book.

At the grand table they both took a seat  
She then served the mushroom mixed in with meat  
One bite he did take and then he fell  
His stomach churning in a fiery hell.

He lay there unconscious, as if asleep  
Into the underworld his soul did leap.  
His body dissolved in a steaming heap  
All seeming to show that life is so cheap.

For months and months they did search  
But never again was he seen on his perch.  
This tale goes to show,  
That you should never trust anyone you don't truly know.

*Rory Baxter FI*

## The Witches Brew

Away in a wood  
In a distant land  
By a caldron  
Three witches stand

There they think of a wicked plan  
To capture the King in the dead of the night  
A wicked potion they did brew  
To drain the King of all his might

They wait until the darkness falls  
And take off on their broomsticks  
When into the castle they do fly  
To feed the King the deadly mix

The King is weak on his knees he falls  
Everything has gone as planned  
The Kingdom now belongs to them  
As well as all the land

*Jennifer Lamb FI*

## Creativity Corner

## F2

## AUTUMN V WINTER

Autumn and winter stand back to back  
 "Five steps forward, then turn and draw  
 One...two...three...four...five!"  
 Winter turns first and throws a snowball at Autumn  
 Autumn is knocked out and falls down  
 But wait, What is this ?  
 Autumn is back on his feet and this time he tries to blow  
 Winter away in a tornado of leaves.  
 But Winter is too strong and hurls a huge snowball  
 At Autumn, who is struck down like a bowling pin.  
 Autumn bounces back once again and has recuperated  
 He throws a bucket of leaves at Winter with great force  
 Winter might be out this time!  
 But Winter is one step ahead of Autumn and creates  
 A snowstorm and the leaves are defeated once again!  
 This time Autumn is really angry and charges like  
 A bull in a ring.  
 But Winter has covered the ground with ice, and  
 Alas! Autumn slips up and falls backwards. What a sight!  
 One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven, Eight, Nine, Ten!  
 "And Autumn is out! Winter is the winner!"

*Joanne McGlashan F2*

## The Annual War

The Bonfire raged in all its fury,  
 Like a gateway to hell,  
 The guy, on top, consumed,  
 By the cancerous hunger of the fire,  
 On his way to the Underworld.  
 Again.  
 His execution is here  
 Again.  
 The sparks, like souls of sinners,  
 Trying to escape from the wrath of the Devil  
 Whilst the gates of Hell are open.  
 But their attempts fail and they return  
 To their eternal sentence.  
 The fireworks, like Satan's workers.  
 Trying to get up to the Kingdom of God.  
 But they explode as they hit the  
 Reinforced floor of Heaven.  
 The souls of the Holy dead are safe.  
 The fireflies in children's hands,  
 For fun.  
 The missile sent from Hell to Heaven.  
 With deadly intent.  
 Satan wants a game of soldiers,  
 But God doesn't want to play.

*Sandy Easton F2*

## Telescope

Through my telescope I can see a wood  
 In the wood I can see some bushes  
 In the bushes I can see an animal  
 A badger maybe - but then it stands up  
 It is a man, I can see him now.  
 As I look closer I see him turn towards me.  
 In his hands I see a gun.  
 In the gun I see a magazine  
 I see his hand move forward to the safety catch,  
 His finger slip onto the trigger.  
 I see no more.

*Patrick Pitcaithly F2*

## Devilfire

For weeks now it had grown,  
 Getting bigger limb on limb.  
 Both in its outward appearance  
 And the devil within. Now

Crowned with a horror,  
 Of old clothes and straw  
 With bright gimlets for eyes  
 And a wide, gaping maw

The tentative spark.  
 The devil released.  
 His anger, his greed, starts feasting  
 His feast. Of old wood and branches,

Of rubbish, of junk, now  
 Consumed by his mighty and terrible jaws.  
 Burn up! Burn up! The flames reach the sky,  
 Piercing its belly like terrible claws.

In the heart of a monster  
 Big, black-like death, driven back by the devil.  
 His terrible breath eating on in the night, what more can he take  
 His hunger to satisfy, his thirst to slake.

He consumes all and everything in the end,  
 Then shrivels up and dies,  
 His blackened ashes dead and cold  
 Mocked by the overcast skies.

*Gavin Illsley F2*

## Nothing

No friends  
 No family  
 No money  
 No life  
 No children  
 No partner  
 No happiness  
 No strife  
 No air  
 No sun  
 No wind  
 No rain  
 No hot  
 No cold  
 No snow  
 No pain  
 No love  
 No warmth  
 No caring  
 No heart  
 No food  
 No drink  
 No soul  
 No start  
 NOTHING!

*Janette Van Der Ham F2*

**Winner of The Old Boys Club Prize  
for Creative Writing in Forms 1 - 3.**

**JUST A CAT**

He was just a cat, whose uncouth farm-bred ways  
And tubby bustling form won him no praise  
Among his family. Yet at night,  
Transformed, he prowled with keen unblinking sight  
A graceful creature in the pale moon's rays  
He was just a cat.

With tail held high and whiskers proudly set  
Tormenting a mouse with no sign of regret  
Or curled in sleep, with lazy, rumbling purr  
Flickering firelight patterning velvet fur  
Together in silent friendship, I would forget  
He was just a cat.

He didn't feel a thing - so I was told  
Whilst kneeling on the road, numb and cold  
Stroking his fur, still warm, in grief-filled daze  
Trying to remind myself through tear-filled haze  
As visions from my mind unfold  
He was just a cat.

*Emma - Jane Parlour F3*

**ALONE**

The sky darkened and the thunder rumbled in the distance. Many storms had passed over him in the past four days. None of them had managed to dislodge the large boulder that balanced precariously above his head. His head. Nothing seemed to belong to him any more, except the pain in his legs. That belonged to him; it was his alone. Nobody could change that. Nobody could help him. Nobody could know how he was hurting. Nobody could feel his pain. Nobody knew where he was so nobody could find him and rescue him. He was on his own. He had nothing but the clothes he wore and a compass which was no use to him since the pain in his legs was so overwhelming that he could not move.

The storm was moving closer; he could sense it. It was an unruly beast, reaching forward its ugly tentacles of lightning, heaving and snorting out blasts of thunder, knotting his insides and deafening his ears with its hollow, bellowing roar reverberating around the valley.

Every detail in his life now seemed important, his memories of his former fiancée. How lovely she had been. She could have brought him happiness. He despised himself now for having valued his career more than he valued her. Money ruled his life. The thought of the assets eaten up by future children had terrified him. He could still remember the selfish words he had uttered to her all those years ago, "Please, make it easy for me. Children are not what I want. I am not sure if I even want a marriage; or a partner. Look after number one Annie. You'll go a long way. Every day I wonder if we can..." He had no chance to finish, she was out of the room within ten seconds of him starting his little speech. She was gone; out of his life, forever.

He looked at the rock that was poised above his head. It was not a very interesting rock, no nooks and crannies pockmarking the surface, nor any grey-green glove of moss spreading its lichen fingers across its impermeable exterior. It was a boulder smooth and regular, like his predictable life, although it was not as alone as him since there were many large stones on this craggy mountain. His existence, however, was sad. Many years ago he had a few specific companions through work, trade and Annie, his love. When he lost Annie his life was unliveable. He had no drive to live, work or even enough energy to die. All his friends through Annie were lost. His only remaining social contact was his business partner, Alan.

Alan was made of money with his fast cars, designer labels and unnecessary facial plastic surgery. He spent his money on vanity, splendour and the hope of being noticed. His women, although there were many, never stayed long; usually it was only a night or two before the novelty of Alan's charm and quick wit wore off. Alan said life was cars, bars and women. He followed Alan.

For a while he modelled himself on Alan. Fast cars and long nights in the pub had appealed to him, but soon he had lost his contact with Alan because they quarrelled over a business deal. Friends and making money didn't mix, he found, so he decided to opt for the latter. He had become a workaholic living only for the routine that his employment demanded of him so this was the first holiday away from his desk in two years - a luxury hotel in the Swiss Alps. He was occupying a single room as he had no-one to accompany him. If only he had a companion he would not be in this predicament, if only he hadn't fallen off the slippery rock while taking a picture with his new, expensive, weatherproof camera.

The deep elephant grey clouds threatened him, looming over his insignificant body. They sent down a few drops of rain like warrior scouts reconnoitering the battlefield. A drop fell on his cashmere scarf and merged in with the fibres, becoming part of it. Another drop fell on his windproof, designer, Gore-Tex jacket. It lay like oil on water, not blending like on the scarf. This second drop was like him as he did not mix with other people, but stayed an outsider, always alone.

He shivered... it was so cold. He felt the tiredness begin to pull him down. He knew that he shouldn't fall asleep. Sleep meant certain death. He tried to focus on the thought of Annie's face. The sapphire eyes twinkling, her silky hair falling over her rosy pink cheeks. His eyelids began to droop... her moist, glossy lips. He struggled to keep himself awake... her perfect skin... he relaxed. His eyes closed peacefully... darkness.

The sky had darkened further and the thunder was no longer rumbling in the distance, but was crashing out its anger directly overhead.

*Lynsey-Anne Marwick F3*

## Creativity Corner

## F3

**The Star**

Piercing the dark sky  
Pinprick of intensity  
It spreads its long beams  
Highlighting the distant world  
Which looks back into the night  
But only sees a star

*Kirsty Dewar F3*

**Leaf**

Very thin and frail  
Slowly floating to the ground  
Swaying left and right  
From its branch up in the sky  
On its endless journey down

*Irene Wang F3*

**Floating**

Lying on water,  
Arms stretched wide and toes pointed,  
The cool sensation  
Held between air and water,  
Drifting slowly and relaxed

*Jennie Levison F3*

**Lonely**

Bewildered, alone  
She sits quietly thinking  
Memories long gone  
Of strength, ability, love  
Shattered by the power of age

*Clare Wilkie F3*

**Laughter**

The rippling tickling  
Spontaneous bubbles flow  
Vivacious outburst  
Releasing an outward glow  
Swirls of joy, unleashing spirits

*Paramita Karim F3*

**Cheap Grammar Checker**

I has a grammar checker  
For word processor my  
And all the words what type I in  
Is checked when it go by  
If I right a word in write  
It doesn't say nothing  
But when it sees one it don't like  
The checker does its thing  
Just last week I written  
A friend an email long  
When to me straight back he typed  
He says it come out wrong  
Threw the thing I run this poem  
I'm sure you are glad quite  
I the syntax know is good  
My checker says it's write

*Gavin Cameron-Cruickshank F3*

**"Lucky Jim"**

The spotlight glared down fiercely, severing the bright circle of light with long thin shadows. The first figure silhouetted on the stage sat bolt upright, her head seemed out of proportion to her body and her pointed stiletto heels projected from her feet like claws. Her "shades of honey" hair formed a stiff wave that stank of hairspray mingled with imitation perfume. The aggressive tapping of her talon-like nails pounded through the air like a drumroll. She stifled a yawn and squinted at the man seated opposite her.

Abraham James could feel her stare boring into him and he shifted uncomfortably. All day people had been staring at him and each had looked singularly unimpressed. This television host, whatever her name was, seemed no exception. Glancing shiftilly at her he noted the sneering upper lip and slightly wrinkled nose. But then again, why should she be impressed? He had always been a small man and appeared to have shrivelled up since his retirement. His greying hair stuck up in tufts at the back of his head though it was slightly matted now by the sweat pouring from his brow. His fingernails were neatly clipped too short for him to bite so instead his hands writhed nervously on his lap. A wave of sickness surged over him.

It had been a ridiculous idea in the first place, his wife had thought of it. Bemoaning the smallness of his military pension and craving the climate and intrigue of foreign shores she had brightly suggested going on television. Horrified by images of her giggling hysterically or bursting into tears Abraham had stoutly volunteered. As he sat in his chair now, perspiring heavily, while his stomach lurched violently like a hungry animal, he could taste his salty yet bittersweet regret.

A booming voice from behind him began to count backwards silencing the gentle murmur of the audience. 10, 9, 8, he wiped his perspiring brow, smearing thick orange foundation across his sleeve. 7, 6, 5 the hostess stopped her relentless drumming and contorted her face into a smile, 4, 3, 2 the world around blurred into slow motion and haziness, 1, ACTION. Music pounded from behind him and clapping thundered out from the audience. As the spotlight beamed on Abraham the haziness seemed to lift from him like a veil. The cameras were on him, the audience gazed at him with breathless anticipation, people all over the country hurrying about their mundane lives with the television blaring, could see him. He was the centre of attention and confidence washed over him drowning his nerves, sickness and self-doubt.

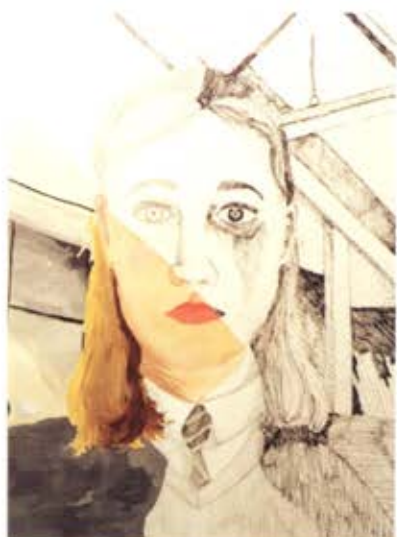
It was a simple game that had survived ruthless cuts and rescheduling because of this simplicity. The contestants' only tasks were to randomly guess numbers and then decide whether to keep their new found wealth or gamble, potentially doubling the prize or losing it all. Abraham twitched in his chair not out of nervousness but out of pure, adrenaline packed excitement. His tufts of hair stood on end and he waved his orange-stained cuff wildly above his head as he shouted number after number. The smile of a man fifty years younger lit up his face and his eyes burned with thrill and greed. An amazing feeling of power overtook him throwing him back into memories of 50 years before. As a reckless and handsome air pilot he had not been restricted by swollen joints or a crippled left hand. He had been fearless, pushing himself to the limits yet always succeeding. Nicknamed "Lucky Jim" he had been respected, admired, idolised even. It was not Abraham James a 69-year-old pensioner from Surrey who sat perspiring and salivating at the mouth, it was "Lucky Jim" the unstoppable gambler, risk-taker extraordinaire. The small neon numbers lit up in front of him, £100, £200, £400, £800. It was a huge amount of money. Perched on the edge of her seat in the front row Mrs. James allowed her eyes to shut and her head to fill with images of the Caribbean and tumble dryers. The amount crept over the £5000 mark. Mrs. James sighed contentedly "Just stop now" she thought. Abraham James' voice scraped through the air like nails on a blackboard. "I'll play on" he declared. "Lucky Jim" was on a winning streak, it would be foolish to waste this luck. Once again he was in the cockpit, his senses sharpened, his heart pounding. Suddenly, there was a deafening crash, a blaze of light filled the sky and he tumbled down into unknown darkness. "I'm sorry" a female voice hissed in his ear "Your number hasn't come up. Never mind you've been a wonderful contestant. Have you enjoyed yourself?"

Empty, defeated, grey eyes stared back at her. The eyes spoke of a crippled left hand, the inability to fly again and a bare navy pocket where a medal should have been.

*Kirsty Dewar F3*



LAURA GEDDES, F1



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ABOVE: MAIRI MISKELL, F1

BELOW: KATRINA WIGZELL, F1



ALISON ROBERTSON, F2

## Creativity Corner

F4

**MEMORIES**

Our memories are card-indexes consulted,  
And then put back in a haphazard manner,  
They lie there.

An intricate labyrinth of sadness and joy;  
All that you have seen and done.  
Never forgotten, but merely dormant,  
Until triggered by a distortion of the same.  
Only then are they unleashed,  
Bringing a reminiscent avalanche of thought, but still  
They lie there.

Our lives are like a chess match,  
Our situations influenced by our actions before.  
Never forgotten,  
They lie there.

Life is short - our youth is full of exhilaration,  
Which dies down as we age,  
And all we have are memories; our life  
From cradle to grave  
We remember what we did, what we should have done,  
Floating in a vast sea of remembrance,  
All that we have passed.  
Whether it be dream or nightmare,  
We won't lose them,  
They live on,  
They will lie there.

*Naveed Asif F4*

**ODD MAN OUT**

It was a strange one, all right. The Boxer Case I mean. Oh, I'm sorry, I haven't introduced myself. My name is Detective Inspector William Apperton, attached to the Tamgate Police Department, and the Boxer Case was one which I'm slightly embarrassed to say, I worked on from start to finish.

The case concerned the Boxer Security Company, a local firm that provides security vans and the like to the public sector. I'm told it can be quite a nice little earner, but that's by the by. Anyway, the company had been given the job of transporting some £100,000 worth of small old notes to the nearby incinerator at Wayrest, and the delivery was to be made on the 28th of November. The job was, for them, nothing out of the ordinary. However a gang of local crooks had other ideas. Three men held up the truck midway and got away with nearly three quarters of the money which, due to an administrative error, had not been marked before the journey. There were two Boxer employees in the van, but only the driver, a man by the name of Jim Sandy, got a good look at the men. The details are unimportant, but let it suffice to say that two of the thieves were caught, but refused to reveal the identity of their colleague. Fortunately though, from Sandy's description of the events, we managed to work out that the third was one Adam Hillet, a local who usually had a hand in that sort of operation. All we needed was for Sandy to pick Hillet out of an identity parade and we would have had him, as the saying goes, "banged to rights". Allow me to take you back to that day and show you, first hand, what happened.

"He still says he's innocent, Sir," Sgt. Collier called to me from the door of the interview room.

"Yeah, well, what did you expect?" I said to him as he drew nearer.

"They always are. We'll see how innocent he is when Sandy picks him out of the line up. Erm, how is Sandy, anyway?"

"He's fine. WPC Rich is with him now. Apparently, he's not frightened at all."

"Yeah, well, I know I'd be in his place. With the reputation Hillet has, I mean."

This was true - Hillet had dabbled in more than his fair share of witness intimidation in the past. Still, we had to pin our hopes for a conviction on Sandy's testimony, so as far as possible we tried not to think about that.

"Are we ready to start, Mike?" I called over my shoulder to DC Woodlands.

"Yeah. Hillet's number 2," he replied. "Right you bring the guys in, and I'll go and brief Sandy".  
"Guv".

Sandy was sitting on a sofa with WPC Rich when I entered. I sat down opposite him and leaned forward.

"You okay?" I asked him softly.

"Yeah. I'm, er, ready as I'll ever be". I had no reason to doubt this - after all, he had agreed to take part in the parade in the first place, and it is rare for anyone to back out at that stage. Still, I find that a word or two of encouragement never hurts.

"Good man", I nodded to him.

"Now, when you get in there I want you to study each man carefully, and when you're sure you know who it was that held up the van, I want you to tell WPC Rich here".

"Okay" came his assured reply.

"By the way, the men are behind a one-way glass screen, so the man won't be able to see you. You'll be perfectly safe".

"I'm ready".

"Good. Mike?" I called out the door.  
"Yeah Guv, they're ready".

We all progressed out the door and Sandy studied each of the men in turn, all of whom were shifting rather uneasily.

"Do you want them to say

anything?" I enquired after a pause. "No, it's okay, I'm pretty sure". He turned to WPC Rich. "Number 5", he said, with a confident nod of his head.

We all tried not to let the disappointment show on our faces. "Thank you, Mr. Sandy. You've been very helpful". I tried to be as stoical as possible about it, even though I could feel that awful sinking feeling in the pit of my stomach.

"Was 5 the right one?" he asked me.

"I'm afraid I'm unable to reveal that" I said stiffly. Well, I couldn't. If I'd let him know he hadn't picked out our suspect, it could have jeopardised any other lines of enquiry we might have turned up.

"Sorry, I should have guessed. So, if you don't need me for anything else?" He raised his eyebrows questioningly.

"Er, no, no. That's okay". Sandy left.

"Damn, I shouted once he and the men had gone, and banged my fist off the desk.

"It's okay, Sir said Sgt. Collier, who had entered the room having just heard what had happened.

"Lambert's just said that Govan's willing to co-operate". Govan was one of the two other criminals, and Lambert was his solicitor. I whipped round, with my eyes wide and face drained of colour.

"What's the matter, Sir?"

"Don't you see what this means, Frank? Lambert's gotten wind of the line up and wants to see how much we know. If we go crawling to him now, he'll see how little we've got". Sgt. Collier looked a little sheepish.

I took a deep breath and continued. "Just how much have you already given away?"

"Nothing yet, Sir".

"Well, that's a relief. I've got an idea. If we go in now and tell Govan that Sandy's fingered Hillet, he may just cough. It's not much, but it's the best plan we have".

"You what?" said Govan after I spoke to him. "What's Hillet got to do with this?"

I cursed inwardly. The only thing I could think of was that Lambert

must have warned him this might happen. Still, I decided to carry on - after all, we had nothing to lose at this stage.

"Don't play dumb with me, Govan. You know as well as I do that this won't wash. We've got Hillet and there's nothing you can do about it." "Hillet didn't do nothing. He weren't there".

"What the hell are you talking about, man?" My temper really did flare at his persistence with what I saw as some cynical game to confuse us further.

"Look, right? This is kosher, okay? My brief tells me that if I tells you who it was what done it with us, I'd look good in court. So I thinks, why not? Hugh's never done anything for me, so why should I.."

"Hugh?"

"Yeah, Gavin Hugh. He was the one that done the job with us, not Hillet".

"But what about the line up? I thought..."

"Line up? I don't know nothing about no line up".

As it turned out Govan was telling the truth. Gavin Hugh was a petty criminal who before then had never tried anything bigger than shoplifting. We picked him up about an hour afterwards, and he confessed to everything on the spot. However, the strangest part is that we had already had him in custody earlier that day, but nobody had noticed. You see Hugh was in the identity parade. His number was 5.

*David Bean F4*

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## Creativity Corner

## F5

## SACRED

I dream  
Of a young girl drowning  
My hands clutching  
At her white gossamer dress  
As the river continues its course  
She slips through my fingers  
Drifting downstream  
Like a withering lily.

I awaké  
From my cocoon of sanctuary  
Like an empty shell  
In an alien aura of confusion  
Knowledge suffuses me  
And serves to steady this fragile being  
Yet the weight of the truth  
Bruises the soles of my feet.

I drift  
Along these glacial waters  
Yearning for those warmer days  
That never existed  
Wasting my youth  
Chasing profane mirages  
With a mind like calm puddles  
Waiting to be disturbed.

I wish  
I could purchase the past  
As beauty expires in my mind  
Narcissus succumbs to time  
Which cannot be ensnared  
The current persists  
While the young woman inside me  
Laments her imminent end.

Anthea Chan F5

## Or One For the Road

She will be hit by a bus today.  
But first she will tumble out of bed  
to the sound of showers and toast.  
Her tumbling will be in time to the  
music through the wall and the last  
moments of Tosca's death will be  
something ordered and deep in the  
light, heady rush of faces leering in  
mirrors and frantic sandwich-  
making, more haste, less cheese.

She is unlikely to notice the  
stamping and snorting of squabbling  
siblings. Full of blood they fight for  
possession of the butter. I need it  
more. He snatched it. I had it first, I  
was just taking back what is mine.  
So said Serbia.

Beyond the window the sun will  
slide blue shadows across the  
garden and she won't notice them  
and so will never see, the first  
snowdrop, green and white  
gleaming above the black earth. It  
will be like a dream she had a long  
time ago, but of course she won't  
realise that.

Instead she will sit next to her  
father at the table, probably to his  
right. Between them a shaft of dusty  
sunlight will splash a pool of  
brilliance around the coffee stains.

The faint silver around his temples  
which has been there for years has  
spread somehow and become  
endemic, but she is unlikely to  
notice that either.

And they will love each other, but  
not out loud so the silence will thud  
between them slow and heavy and  
they will begin to breathe in time  
until she laughs at a joke and asks  
for the marmalade. Mucilaginous  
and bitter, the taste will stay in her  
mouth and on her plate as it is  
thrown into a dishwasher that  
doesn't wash. "Margaret darling, we  
really should do something about  
that machine." And because she will  
know he really means you should  
do something about that machine  
she will add it to her list of things to  
get fixed along with the garage door,  
Michael's glasses and the family cat,  
in large letters so it's closer to being  
done and tucked for convenience  
under one of the photos on the  
mantelpiece. Pictures of growing  
children as diplomas of

motherhood or a reminder of what  
they look like.

And now she is nearly ready, but not  
literally. She must still leave the  
kitchen, catching her sleeve against a  
globule of butter left in blinded  
carelessness by Michael, translucent  
and bulbous like a blister until her  
cuff neatly takes off the head.

It will be somewhere between  
picking up her bus pass (by which  
she will later be identified) and  
making her lunch that she will read  
about the bombing in Ireland. The  
news will seem to make her shorter  
and she will look at the picture of  
the boy lying on the ground  
amongst rubble and grease and  
vomit, his spine neatly cracked in  
two. As she looks into the bone-  
crunching shadows she will try to  
picture Gerry Adams in order to  
hate him properly, but she will only  
be able to see her dentist. Bovine  
and brute, he too has a beard, but  
fewer teeth. And she will know deep  
within herself that neither is really  
evil and that forgetting to wear  
sunscreen or a childhood spanking,  
or being left to sleep in the wrong  
position as a baby are really to  
blame. But she will still think about  
it as she walks outside to where the  
last of the night is being washed  
away by small town drizzle. And she  
will regret it as she walks out of her  
gate, past the bloodless stump of a  
diseased sycamore.

And maybe it will be because she is  
still crying inside herself that she  
won't see it coming. Or maybe it  
will be because Mrs Urquhart lost  
her bus pass at the stop before the  
library that the number 26  
Downfield will roar gently into her  
road, ten minutes late, just as she  
drops from the curb.

And she won't shout or cry or get  
out of the way in time.

It's so sudden it takes a while to  
hurt, but although she can still feel  
her past rolling away behind her, she  
can no longer hear her future  
coming.

I told you she would be hit by a bus  
today.

Fiona Dewar F5

**The Spinning Top**

Round and round in a spin I started out a-wondering  
 Beneath a new and foreboding sky  
 Stamping violently a path in the long, spiky grass  
 Where the stems were bleeding and bruised  
 Round and round because I could not stop  
 My own child-like curiosities and infatuations blindfolded me  
 To stop would bring down a terrible vengeance  
 So I went on, an anonymous word-spinner in the spikes  
 Which almost enveloped me  
 As the fireflies danced and the sun beat down in disapproval  
 Constantly praying that life might reveal itself at the most enigmatic of moments  
 I couldn't fathom anything finally, not love, not joy, the truth.  
 Rising high, high above, then  
 Nothing

My naive zeal captured the light, refined it and gave it back in silver incandescence  
 I lay cocooned in escapism  
 The conscious world, a distant memory  
 Silent screams echoing through my head,  
 Suspended by the frustration and the muted anger  
 Consumed by the unknown I floated above morning dew that dripped with danger  
 It was the root connection and it connected with me  
 Pure sublimation: slow addiction,  
 Intoxicated, I kept spinning round and round

Authority mocking me from behind and chattering like an ape on my shoulder  
 They cursed in a flood of obscene invective,  
 Rolling over and around me like the hot white water splashing down from the sudden  
 eruption of a distant geyser.  
 Unfamiliar with the world in which I lived in, I was marooned in the ceaselessly dissolving present  
 Dissolved from both childhood fantasies and adult aspirations  
 Condemned to a constant state of dread,  
 I became an audience fit only for one-line jokes  
 All of the knowing had been worthless  
 Ignorance had been bliss  
 An ever-present reality was pulling.  
 High on life?  
 I wish I was

*Jemma Neville F5*

**Epitaph**

"Dedicated to June by Joseph who always sat beside her"  
 That was their message;  
 It still stands there in that park,  
 On the weathered wooden bench,  
 Under the old oak tree.

Yet, to me, it is more.  
 It is a piece of their life,  
 A small glimpse into their love.  
 One feels loss in his losing her,  
 Yet joy in him ever finding her.  
 It shows love can be forever,  
 Not ever changing,  
 Like the leaves on the oak above.  
 Hope is found in this message,  
 Like reflections of life in a stream,  
 It is the memory of their devotion.  
 Which is something they will always have,  
 Not something that can ever be lost.

I go there now and sit in the shade,  
 Hoping, wishing, praying and knowing,  
 That they are together.

*David Farry F5*



EILIDH GREIG, F3



MOBEEN AZHAR SONIA ANGUS IAIN GREIG, F1



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STUART LINDSAY, F3



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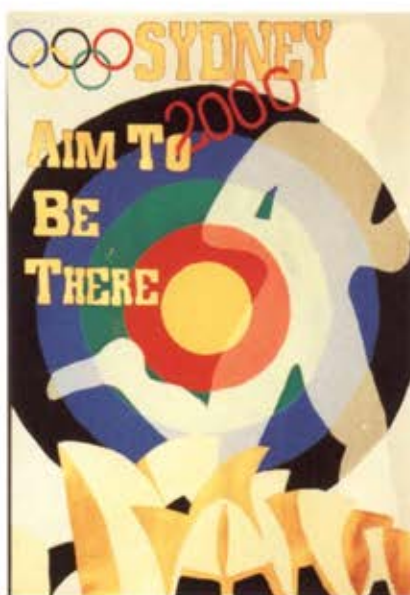
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## Creativity Corner

## F6

## Winner of The Block Prize for Creative Writing -

## The Ante-Room

The stage is almost bare, containing only two low chairs and a coffee table with a bell and a folder on it. At the back, closer to the left than to the right, there is a high doorway with some thick wooden doors. Throughout, there should be a kind of mistiness about the stage. Seated on the chair facing left is the ARBITER VIRTUTIS, (A) in monk's garb. He speaks with the accent of a German army-officer. The DECEASED (D) enters.

A *ringing bell* Enter!  
**Enter the Deceased, a youngish man of about 35. He is smartly dressed in expensive, casual clothes.**

D Euh, is this heaven? Did I make it?

A This is Admissions, please sit down.

D *grinning softly* Oh, thanks.

A "He lived his life and died happy". Your epitaph.

D *much moved* Wot? Who thought that up? Why...!

A You aren't making things much easier for me.

D *cowed* Sorry. Please go on.

A Well, it's important one's life you know. Not the deciding factor, but...

D I'll tell you about my life. Look, guv...

A "Sir" will suffice.

D Okay, Sir Well, I was brought up right and proper. Got taught to work hard at school and be independent. Look after Number One, you know.

A Your parents didn't teach you to be kind, polite, to think of others, to do the right? Were you brought up to be religious? Were you given any moral code?

D *Uncomfortable, but thoughtful* I was told to do my best and I could do as I liked as long as I didn't harm other people. I never smoked for instance.

A Very laudable. So you lived by that law? What did you do next? What kind of job did you do? Did you help people at all?

D I took a degree in "Gamesology"...

A *looking at notes, somewhat puzzled* It says here that you were intelligent.

D No, it's a really great degree, honestly! Don't you realise that some of the best universities in America do it? I think that it's great that people who aren't academically-gifted, but are still clever, can get to college. **A sighs, giving him up as a fool.**

*forcefully* At any rate I got a job, more than those scroungers on the schemes, anyway. Can you imagine how much money they siphoned off from me in taxes? Just sitting about doing nothing, hanging about the house looking after their seven children! Surely you agree that's monstrous! Isn't it a sin to have children if you can't afford them?

A My son, below you lie fire and brimstone. Over in that direction *gestures right* is the waiting room. Purgatory.

For those who have a longing for God, who regret their many sins. It is the great bathtub, the spiral staircase with souls waiting for the prayers of the living and the Grace of God. *Severely* And up there is the needle's eye that you cannot even see! *Almost slyly* When you said "Poor Mary", what did you really mean?

**We can sense the pallor of his face in this voice**

D Mary?!

A *brandishing file* I'm inviting you to tell me the story in your own words. *leaning forward* I'm trying to help you here.

D Very well. It all started after I'd left Uni' and found myself a job. I took to hanging around a singles bar. It was called "The Sure Thing".

A *glancing at file.* That just about seems to sum up its atmosphere.

D I was a bit lonely you know, moving to a strange town, difficult, demanding job. *lamely* I had nothing else to do.

A Yes.

D She was sitting on her own in a corner one night. I assumed that she was there to meet someone. By midnight I'd realised that her date obviously wasn't going

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to turn up and so, I think, had she.

- A So, like the White Knight you stepped in?
- D Yeah, that's it. I went up to her, offered to buy her a drink. She accepted. We got talking, *pauses* Mary was always a, a strange girl you know. She'd been to a religious school, that's what ruined her I expect.
- A *drawing himself* up You yourself would hold a stronger hand if you had been properly taught.
- D Yes, I know that. But she was, is, odd. So unlike other people. For instance, one time when I took her out to the cinema, she refused point-blank to see the film I'd chosen. Said it was too violent. Yet, about a week later, I was taking her out to dinner and she turned up dressed to the nines. She seemed very inviting. You know how it is.
- A I'm afraid my calling means that I don't.
- D Oh, euh, yes. Of course. What I'm trying to say is that she, euh, gyrated between frigidity and um, contentment I suppose. She was out for commitment. That's not odd in itself but when she and I seemed too close, she would always try to maintain a certain distance. It was like she was too scared to jump the gap. I got rather impatient with her one day. I'd arranged to meet her outside this church. She'd said she'd got to go to, confession is it? I'd said that she could tell me any of her problems. She'd said, no, confession was something different. To cut a long story short, we quarrelled and I was in a foul mood. I told her to come round to my house that night or we'd split up. When I woke up, she'd gone. I did feel rather ashamed and didn't call her for a week. I thought we were finished but in the end she phoned me.
- A And how did you feel? *Brings out a pen and takes notes*
- D I was furious! How was I supposed to understand that she couldn't use birth control? Don't you see that anyone in my position would have written her off as some kind of lunatic? I thought, why didn't she take precautions? - she'd more to lose than I did! I told her to meet me at the "Sure Thing", but then I chickened out, I didn't want her that much, and I got in my car and drove north.
- A In other words, having got her pregnant, you decided to abdicate responsibility and abandon her. And the next ten years? Were you happy with yourself? Did you make any kind of atonement to her?
- D *warily* No. No, I didn't. I hung round taking what job I could, looking round for someone else. It was as though she'd cursed me. After a year I'd started to think about settling down. But all the girls that I met that I liked, rejected me. After a couple of years I couldn't even get the ugly ones. I became a wreck, completely miserable. And then doctors told me I had cancer.
- A *soothingly* Yes. Not the most pleasant way to come.
- D It's all over now, thank God. Both my parents were dead and it seemed like the end of the world. *Pensively* Well, I suppose it was for me. *Brightening* Incidentally, where are they?
- A That I cannot tell you. You may meet them or you may not. I cannot even say that I hope you do, for I don't know where they are. All you can do is pray for them, if you can, and wait and see.
- D *seeing his own situation, lets out a sigh* Life is hard.
- A Death is easy. You just pass through an admissions system. If Life were easy why would there be a Heaven? You cannot have Heaven on Earth. How could you prove yourself? And how could the earth be like heaven when it is a mere shadow of it? Come, is there anything to your credit that you haven't told me about?
- D *sighs resignedly, almost contentedly* Not really. *hesitantly* When I was in hospital. Mary came to see me. She brought me some grapes and sat beside me for a while. She was quiet. I felt she was actually sorry for me, which I, you know, really admired her for. I don't think she ever gave up on me, poor woman. I always thought she was foolish that way, but, euh, when she leaned over me and promised to bring the child over to see me the next week, well, that did it for me. *Pauses* I died the next day.
- A *closing the file* You have lived and died. **D makes to speak**

## Creativity Corner

## F6

**but is silenced** No, remain silent.  
It is not for you to say how you die.  
You are not white, but you might  
not be too black. *glances at watch* I  
am going now, to Communications.  
By now your last rites, prayers,  
whatever, will have processed and  
we shall know. **Exit Arbiter.**

D *bitterly*

Not so long ago I was born,  
To a world all modern and fine,  
'Post-Christian', 'Post-Industrial',  
And told to believe it was mine.

Out into the world went I,  
Flower of a gilded youth,  
"Go, conquer the world" they said,  
Middle-aged, secure and douce.

Stuffed full of money we were,  
And told to 'Do Our Own Thing',  
Deprived of nothing but the law,  
Lacking only a sense of sin.

You cannot fight modernity,  
The point is it's here to stay.  
Yet, are we a neanderthal off-shoot  
Will the world turn another way?

*becoming gradually more and  
more fearful. Runs hither and  
thither about the stage.*

Around me fall fires of torment,  
To scorch and burn my heart.  
A lantern of darkness casts a  
Sharpened beam for a dart

*all goes dark*

To pierce the shadows of light  
And slowly drain my soul.  
And I'll be claimed for a goat,  
Become a mere yawning hole.

Oh, why did I not pray more  
Than when I was on my death-bed?  
I repent! I repent! Oh, Lord,  
Forgive! To you I bow my head!

*kneels*

**We see the doors at the back creak  
open and a half light comes. The  
Deceased scampers through them  
with a whimper. The scene is  
motionless for about ten seconds,  
then, the doors slide shut. The  
lights slowly fade.**

Henry Harding F6

## Enclosure

Wrapped tightly, warm but still a prison,  
Thrown into an unending black chasm.  
Protected from harm but falling hard  
Emotions raging, aiming outward,  
To an unseen force, deep with love.  
Perhaps a protector sent from above?  
Changing mind to align with the other,  
An everlasting love, like that of a mother.  
Holding tightly to what it adores,  
Nothing so strong has been felt before.  
Release not considered, escape denied,  
By invisible ropes are totally tied.  
Since love was so strong and delicately held  
Senses are sharpened and tranquillity smelled.  
Peace to both, now become one  
A love shared by no other, bettered by none.

Jill Connell F6

## THE STALKER

As a locum in popular demand, Martin Blake always had a number of hospitals to pick from when deciding where he would next like to work. His current choice was Newberry Hospital, a large modern building situated on the outskirts of the city. It had a reputation for being an excellent training hospital with newly-qualified medical staff, so was therefore popular with Martin Blake.

At 40 years old, Martin had retained his youthful good looks and although unmarried, he had no trouble finding attractive partners from among the trainee doctors. Martin had dated many girls much younger than himself but none of them had persuaded him to settle down, in fact the more young girls he met, the more determined he was to carry on with his present lifestyle.

Martin had been at the new hospital only three days but already he had marked out his new partner Marie, a young doctor who was completing her practical work in surgery before qualifying the following term. He had done his usual research and having chatted to his colleagues determined where she lived.

That night, he waited in his car outside until she emerged from the swing doors at the front of the hospital. Untying her hair from the regulation plait, she strode across the car park until she reached her car. Martin smiled to himself as she unlocked her car and reversing out of his place he started to follow her. It was quite late and she was obviously going straight home after a long shift that day. Martin settled into fourth gear and took the ring road. He wanted to get to her street before she did so that he could have a good view of her entrance.

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He parked his car opposite the door to the apartment building and sat back to wait. When she finally arrived, he slowly lowered his newspaper to get a better view. Watching her type in the keypad code, he memorised the number for future use. Having completed his first series of investigations he returned to his own flat.

The next day, when he knew she was working a double shift at the hospital, he left and went to her flat. Typing the code into the main entrance door, he entered and climbed the stairs to the second floor. Some checking on the hospital computer files had confirmed not only where she lived but had given her personal details as well. Using a copy of her key that he had taken from her purse he entered her flat. It was obvious that she was not sharing with anyone and this would make his task much easier although sometimes the challenge gave him an extra kick. He looked through her drawers and in all her cupboards: part of his enjoyment came from getting to know the person without having ever spoken to them. He began to get impatient and decided that tomorrow was going to be introduction time.

He had planned it so that it was her turn to assist in one of the minor operations he was performing that day. When she entered, he gave what he hoped was an inviting smile and beckoned her over for a brief discussion of the operation they were about to perform. She responded to his mild flirting and he decided to make a move. After the operation was over he congratulated her on her performance in the theatre and invited her to join him for a drink in the nearby bar where he would hopefully bowl her over with his charm. He could never fail to be amazed at what a little charm would do. Being a conscientious student, giving her compliments on her performance in the theatre was the best thing anyone could have said to her and it was not hard to persuade her to meet him later in the week for a repeat performance. Marie seemed to like him and he felt that he would not be acting too hastily by asking her out to dinner.

That week passed quickly and Martin continued his close observation of her. His surveillance was not only a caution but a build-up to the event. The preparation and examination of her

routine was almost as enjoyable as the act itself, especially when she was so naïve.

The big night finally arrived and Martin started preparing two hours before. He picked up his surgeon's bag and carefully laid down his instruments on the draining board. One by one he picked up each instrument and polished it until it gleamed. Each instrument held memories for him of a particular occasion, and he treasured his tools. Wrapping each instrument up like it was going to catch a chill, he lovingly placed them back in their pouch and zipped the bag up. Having prepared his tools, he now had time to pamper himself. He had to be irresistible so he had started by buying the perfect outfit. An inspection of her wardrobe had shown that she liked designer clothes and favoured clean-cut designs. Looking at the labels told him exactly where to shop and that morning he had purchased an entire outfit according to what he knew she liked. He admired himself in the mirror and hoped that his charm would do the rest.

Taking his bag with him he left his flat and drove to the restaurant where he was to meet her. Looking around him, he admired the decor and the subtle colours used to create the romantic atmosphere. He had of course chosen the restaurant for this reason.

On her arrival he ushered her to the candlelit table for two tucked away in a corner in the back of the restaurant. One look at her and he could tell she was impressed. He smiled and started to lay on the charm.

The meal was a success and he offered her a lift home. She accepted and upon arriving, invited him in for coffee. Everything was going smoothly, but there was just one thing bothering him - there was something familiar about her but he could not put his finger on it so he decided just to enjoy the rest of the evening.

Entering the flat, she poured him a Martini and excused herself as she needed a shower. He asked if she was not having a drink and she replied only if he would pour her one. She flashed him a smile before closing the door to the bathroom. He waited a couple of minutes until he heard the blast of water from the shower then he poured

her a drink and poured a small packet of white powder into it. He had added enough to kill an elephant so she stood no chance. He put on some soft music and sank into the sofa to enjoy the wait.

He could not believe how easily she had succumbed to him and he started to grin. It was then that he realised that something was wrong. His face had gone numb and there was a tingling sensation starting to work its way all over his body. He tried to lift his arm off the armrest to touch his face and couldn't. He heard the bathroom door behind him open and he tried to turn his head to see her but he couldn't move an inch. Paralysed he sat stiffly on the sofa. He could hear Marie walking behind him but he couldn't see her. She stood in front of him holding, to his horror, his instrument bag.

"Did you think I had drunk so much that I wouldn't notice you slipping this bag up here? Didn't you recognise me? Everyone used to say the family resemblance was particularly strong between her and me. But I am insulted: I thought she meant more to you than that".

Slowly unzipping the bag, she drew each instrument out and naming it, laid it down on the rug before her.

"This is a beautiful selection of instruments. As a doctor I will be privileged to use them".

Leaning closer she whispered to him.

"After all you intended them to be used tonight. Why else would you have brought them to my flat? You killed my sister and no-one believed me, but that doesn't matter now because what I am going to do to you is far more fitting than a life-sentence in prison".

Holding a particularly lethal looking knife in front of his face, it was her turn to smile. The light caught on the cold steel, wickedly glinting.

"You said you thought my work with the scalpel was particularly good so now I hope you will be able to appreciate it to its full extent. Of course you always killed your victims first but I think that the use of paralytics has made a refreshing change - don't you?"

*Rachael Hawson - F6*



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