



Whitehill F.P. Club Newsletter.

December 2013

Autumn Lunch

We enjoyed our Autumn lunch, at the Menzies Hotel in Glasgow on Wednesday 13th November. The primary objective for the event was to help raise funds for the October 2014 expedition by 16 current students to Malawi as part of the “World Challenge” programme. Louise Connor, headteacher, and Lorraine Dougan who will lead the group both attended accompanied by two of the students who will take part. The students spoke to the gathering explaining their objectives and expectations both for themselves and for the children in Malawi.

After the lunch, a wine auction was held in addition to the raffle. One of the committee had donated a selection of six bottles of wine sourced during his recent visit to France. The total sum raised, from the auction and raffle, was £320 which was passed to Louise to add to the fund. A separate contribution from FP club funds was also presented.



The 2014 Commonwealth Games is approaching fast. We have proposed one student who will take part in the Malawi Challenge, as a Queens Baton Bearer, when the baton reaches Glasgow. More news on this in a later newsletter.

Spring Dinner.

2014 also marks the 100th anniversary of the start of World War 1, and we plan to commemorate this at our Annual Dinner in March 2014. The Whitehill Former Pupils club was founded just after W.W.1, to allow those who came through it to establish a record of colleagues and former pupils who did not return. You will all remember the Memorial Plaque in the school listing the former pupils who fell.

This year, we have a 'captain of industry' as speaker and recipient of the lifetime achievement award. Please look out for the invitation and support this event.

Members E-mail addresses:

We now have some 80 names and email addresses for communication with FP's. E-mailing invitations and communications to members, saves on paper and the huge cost of postage. If you have contact with other FP's and they are not on the email list. Please have them make contact with me as follows: whitehillfp@btinternet.com

Membership Cards.

To help maintain the club and allow us to expand activities, you will have seen the request for a £5 annual membership fee. Those members who have made this commitment, received their 'cards' at the lunch. Our secretary will be sending out cards to others who have paid, but were unable to attend the lunch.

Did you know:

Buffalo Bill and Annie Oakley camped on the Whitehill School site in 1891 when they brought the Wild West show to Glasgow. The show ran for 3 months in Dennistoun. There is a statue of Buffalo Bill on his bucking bronco, just about where the janitor's (Caretaker) house stood and a plaque commemorates the event.



Note:

We welcome any input from members of the club, to include in future newsletters, for example, information on the whereabouts of former pupils, particularly those now overseas, a what career did you follow section, items of news concerning FP's and so on.

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“ A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all”