



Whitehill F.P. Club Newsletter.

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It is Spring again, the 6 Nations is over, Scotland did well and more importantly we have had a very successful 89th Annual Reunion Dinner on 10th March 2017.

The newsletter also features interesting pieces on the life of a 1930's former pupil, the current school pupils contribution to the celebration of St Mungo, and our ongoing investigations of the names of former pupils honoured on the school war memorial.

89th Annual Dinner

Our annual dinner held again at the Hallmark Hotel in Glasgow on Friday 10th March was very well attended by former pupils and their guests, past headteachers and present staff from the school. 10 current pupils including the head girl and boy, Taylor Hood and Himanchu Bhatt made up a table. This year we also welcomed members of the 6(1) group. In total we had 70 people attend to celebrate the event.

Bill Sang, president, proposed the toast to the school and presented an inscribed quaich to Robert Watt. Robert had been listed in 2013 to propose the toast but had been unable to attend due to ill health. We were all delighted to see Robert at this years dinner and to belatedly present the quaich to him.

Headteacher Pauline Swan introduced Taylor and Himanchu, both of whom spoke of their thoughts on school now that their time there was coming to a conclusion and they move on to the next stage in their lives. They spoke on teacher mentoring, support and care helping them to achieve their aims.

We held a very successful *silent* wine auction which raised a total of £215.06. Thanks to all who took part in this. The money raised goes to the school to help fund additional tuition,

Bill introduced our guest of honour, Dr James Macaulay. Jim, many will remember as a well liked teacher of history during the first half of the 1960's. He went on after Whitehill to study architecture and obtained his Phd. He has lectured at various colleges and at Glasgow School of Art and is an acknowledged authority on the work of Charles Rennie Mackintosh and medieval Scottish architecture. Several of his books were on display in the room. Jim maintained his contact with former pupils of Whitehill school through his presidency of the 6(1) club, now in existence for over 50 years. Bill presented the Achievement Award trophy and quaich to Dr. Macaulay.

James Macaulay gave a humorous reply, with anecdotes about teaching colleagues at the school during his years. This was particularly entertaining for those of us who had been through the school at that time.

The evening concluded when Bill Sang passed the president's badge to Robin Brunton.



Waverley Cameron, Whitehill School circa 1931.

Earlier in the year we received a communication from Professor Noel Cameron of Loughborough University, with the attached photograph of his father Waverley Cameron a pupil of Whitehill School during the 1930's posing with sports trophies. The watches on the table were for winning at sprints during Glasgow's Civic and Empire week in 1931, and the trophy is the Willis Cup, awarded for the first time in 1930 to Waverley, as Whitehill Junior Sports Champion. Note the double breasted blazer!! The Willis Trophy is still on show in the trophy cabinet in the school.



The second photograph shows Waverley as a Squadron Leader after WW2 in Burma where with the RAF Regiment he led a group with the difficult duty of clearing out Japanese POW camps. He held the following medals, the Burma Star, the 1939-45 Star, Defence Medal and the War Medal.

Thanks to Elaine & Ron Fernand for their research and to Noel Cameron for his initial contact.

Feast of St Mungo.

On 13th January a group of Whitehill School pupils laid a bouquet of flowers at the tomb of St Mungo in Glasgow Cathedral, together with pupils of St.Mungo's School. This was part of the week long celebration held annually at the cathedral. The flowers were provided by the FP club and the event was attended by several members of the committee. Good to see close ties between St Mungo's and Whitehill School.



Whitehill School War Memorial.

Richard Bell has been in touch with an organisation, The Scottish Military Research Group, who have carried out an investigation into the majority of the names of the service personnel listed on the school war memorial. They have prepared over 200 pages of reports on individuals for both WW1 and WW2. We will meet with them soon to decide how best to collate the information and present it. We will put some of the research on the website, but given that 2018 will mark 100 years since the Armistice we will work on a more appropriate presentation.

Note for your diary: The Autumn Lunch will be held on Thursday, 26th October, at the Hallmark Hotel in Glasgow.

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