

# Whitehill F.P. Club Newsletter

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Dear FP Club Members,

Well it's 2022 and this year our F.P. Dinner Club celebrates 100 years since originally founded. The Whitehill Club pre-dates this, having been formed early in the first decade of the 20th century.

We had hoped to have a grand celebration to mark the century but with the ongoing Covid concerns we anticipate our get-together may remain on hold until autumn.

Please let us know your thoughts on this. Would you feel comfortable attending an informal lunch event this coming spring, or would you favour waiting until autumn?

Let us know by email and the committee can plan accordingly.

### Website

Our website continues to generate interest. We were contacted by Dr Iain McBriar, of Worcester, with some interesting information regarding the photograph below from the 1930's archive section of our website.

The gentleman wearing the bowler hat is Mr George McBriar, (Iain's grandfather), born August 1886 in Springburn, Glasgow, and a former pupil of Whitehill School. Assuming George attended in the late 1890's, this would make him the earliest known F.P. on our records. George went on to be a successful accountant, which perhaps explains him being present at a school prize giving event in 1936.



## **Alasdair Gray**

Take a look at <a href="www.thealasdairgrayarchive.org">www.thealasdairgrayarchive.org</a>, to see the work being done to promote the work of Alasdair Gray. The school has had a meeting with the organisers of the archive and it is hoped that the F.P. club can be involved in this important project. On the website, you can click on "Former Pupils", scroll down to Alasdair and click on "Alastair Gray at Whitehill".

### **Brian Manson**

Thanks to David Frame for informing us of the death of Brian Manson, one of his classmates in the 6/1 club. Our sympathies and condolences are passed on to his family and friends.



BRIAN DICKIE MANSON 18/11/1946—27/12/2021

# Alexandra Parade School, "qualifying class" of 1960.

No prizes, but we would like to put as many names to this rogues gallery as possible!! It is estimated that around 25% of the pupils shown would have moved on to Whitehill. Our President can be seen, second from the left on the back row.



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