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EDITORIAL NOTE

Welcome to the 2019 edition of the Former Pupils Magazine.

The past year has seen a period of settling in to the new school after the upheaval of the move in January 2018 to the Springham Campus. As with all new buildings there have been teething problems and a substantial snagging list but these are far outweighed by the state-of-the-art building and facilities both inside and outdoors. Staff and pupils are now comfortable with their new surroundings and the inconveniences of Springtown and Duncreggan are fading memories. Lord Lawrence on his lofty plinth flanked by the pillars from Duncreggan House is becoming part of the familiar landscape on the Limavady Road.

As the magazine went to print last year, we were able to report that arrangements for the Official Opening were underway and following some meticulous planning, Her Royal Highness, Princess Anne, performed this ceremony on 7 February. Full details of the planning process and the colour and spectacle of the event are recorded in articles and photographs in this edition.

Spring 2019 saw another official opening. The school archive was declared open by Jack Magill, former Headmaster, on the morning prior to the Spring Lunch and was attended by a large number of former pupils. Since its relocation to its new domain there have been many visitors, both individual and groups, and there have been talks delivered to a number of societies. We were delighted that Jack was able to return to perform the official opening since he was instrumental

in providing a space for an archive, initially in Dunseverick, and laid the plans for the great space in which the much expanded archive is now to be found. All visitors welcome!

The other significant ceremony during the year took place on 30 July when the US Navy veterans returned to mark their long association with the communications station on the site on which the school now stands. They had funded the refurbishment and relocation of the original flagpole and commissioned a memorial stone at its base to recount the details of their service in Londonderry. Details of this memorable and impressive ceremony are also included in this edition.

An outline of the events of the school year is given in the Prize Night speeches delivered by the Principal, Head Girl and Head Boy. Following a few years when there were significant changes in staffing with many long-serving staff taking retirement, there has been a period of little change as replacement staff have settled in. However one significant retirement did take place in August, that of Mr Graeme Mercer. Graeme had been a former pupil of the school and following the completion of his degree from Queen's University, Belfast, had returned to teach mathematics, becoming Head of Department to succeed Jack Bogle and latterly holding the post of Vice Principal. As his colleague for many years, I have always regarded him as a quiet, good-natured and most meticulous member of staff. He was a stabilising influence on other staff members and I do not recall ever seeing Graeme lose his temper no matter how trying the situation. He has always upheld the highest standards

of academia and in recent years has had responsibility for forward planning of budgets, curriculum and the timetable, all of which have now had to be redistributed as the post of second Vice Principal has been discontinued. We wish Graeme a long and happy retirement. He will, of course, be able to follow progress from his nearby home and receive updates from his wife, Alison, who continues to teach in the English Department.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Former Pupils Association in May the existing committee was re-elected with few changes while the outgoing Joint Presidents, Elisabeth Thompson and Jonathan Hegan handed over their chains of office to Harriet Love and Bob Elliott. Both sets of presidents have represented the school on numerous occasions and presided over a diverse range of social functions, and we are deeply grateful for all their work and support.

There will be the usual round of events in 2020 and these are recorded in the 'Dates for Your Diary' section of this edition. I would appeal for your continued support, not only for our home events, the Spring Lunch and Annual Dinner, but also for the Belfast and London reunions later this spring. Please try to encourage other former pupils if you live in the Greater Belfast or Greater London areas to come along and renew acquaintance with other past pupils on these most enjoyable occasions. Details of deadlines for registering your interest, final payment dates and methods of payment are all included within these pages. Our website and Face book also carry these details.

Our sections containing information on graduations, births, marriages and obituaries are as complete as we can make them but we do require your input for these and if you notice omissions please do inform us. The 'Notes and News' section relies heavily on information passed to us but we do endeavour to record anything we find in the media.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who have assisted me in the production of this magazine, our printers Iprint Design,

photographers, Martin McKeown and Keith Moore, and Mr Sean McMahon for his continuing meticulous efforts in proofing our final drafts. Once again, I could not undertake a production of this scale without the support and guidance of my Assistant Editor, Mildred Deans. Her efforts in planning, layout and content of the magazine are invaluable. We hope you enjoy reading it, either as a hard copy or online.

William M Lynn
Editor

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PRIZE-GIVING 2019

HEADMASTER'S SPEECH

Mr Chairman, governors, honoured guests, ladies and gentlemen and most importantly pupils past and present, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all here this evening to our annual prize distribution for the 2018-19 school year. As the Chairman has already said, our Guest of Honour this evening is Mr Richard McBride who is a Freeman of the Merchant Taylors' Company and is their representative on our Board of Governors. The fact that this is the first year that the Board of Governors has had a representative of the Company as a member is why I asked Richard to be our Guest of Honour this evening and I know that he is going to share with you some of the work of the Company and why the school's link with it should be of interest to our pupils moving forward.

Richard attended Foyle and Londonderry College from 1981 to 1988 and left, having achieved an A and 2Bs in Geography, German and History, to study Law at Trinity College, Dublin. Whilst at school Richard was an active member of the Debating Society eventually becoming its secretary and securing his school colours. He also achieved colours in music for playing clarinet in the school orchestra and for chess having won the chess cup and organised the Junior School Chess Club. But the fact in Richard's file that made me smile was that, whilst in Sixth Form, he appeared on Blockbusters presented by the wonderful Bob Holness – a programme that I loved to watch, even as a university student.

So, having heard briefly of what Richard took from the opportunities provided to him whilst at Foyle, let us take a few minutes to reflect on the achievements of the current crop of pupils and our Year 14 leavers. At GCSE the pass rate across all subjects was 92% with a third of grades being achieved at A* or A. This was pleasing given the changes in the grading system this year designed to reduce the number of top grades. Overall over 90% of our pupils achieved seven or more GCSEs at Grades A*-C including Maths or English – the school's best performance for some five years. Of particular note was the performance of Katie House who achieved 11A*. Also worthy of mention are Zara Glenn, Abdelrahman Bedair, John Fulton, Chloe McCarter, Tyler Dunn, Tom McLaughlin, Kieran Duffy and Nicole Simpson who each achieved at least 10A* or A grades.

At AS-Level I must single out the achievement of Luca Ward who gained five A grades including one in Further Maths which was achieved through studying outside school with former Head of Maths, Mr Jack Bogle. Ellie Goodman, Nicole Maloney and Adam Moore each achieved four A Grades whilst



Olivia Allen, Kyle Curry, Ellis Hastings-Gallagher, Breanna Hunter, Ellie Smith, Hannah Wasson and Alex Dougherty each achieved three top grades. All these students are to be commended for their commitment and dedication to their studies.

As always it is good to see those who have just completed Year 14 joining us this evening. It is an indication of their connection with the school that they have chosen to be here and I am delighted to welcome them for what really will be their final Foyle College event. This group of young people will always have a special place in my affections as we joined Foyle College together in September 2012 and it has been a pleasure watching them grow over the last seven years into the fine individuals that they have become. This year's cohort achieved an A-Level pass rate of almost 100% with 65% achieving the equivalent of three C grades or better. Now I accept that this figure is below the Northern Ireland average but is that a measure that should really matter? Here's what I think is much more important. Last year in June there were 90 pupils in Year 14. Of those 84 applied to university before Christmas; 67 gained admission for September 2019 to either their first or second choice universities; five had decided to take a gap year before going to university; one had decided to go straight into employment; three decided to take up a Higher Level Apprenticeship and seven opted for a course (including Foundation Degrees) in Further Education. That is what matters – what pupils end up doing at the end of seven

years at secondary school not the percentage A*-C that they get. There is little point in attending an exam factory where you achieve straight As but then fail to stand on your own two feet and drop out of university because the level of support that you have come to require is no longer present.

Our top performer this year was Emma Ball who achieved three A*s and an A. Grace Hand, Emily Nicholl, Jodi Desmond, Andrew Hume, James McLaughlin, Kimberley Pentland, Cain Wallace, Andrew Hamilton, Daniel Kane and Andrew Smyth are all worthy of individual mention having achieved at least three A Grades. I always like to make the point that the recognition of those that I have named this evening is not intended to diminish the individual achievements of any of those who are here this evening or, indeed, of any pupil of the school. Foyle College is about fostering opportunities for all our young learners to excel on a personal level and that is what each of our leavers, and many of those who are still at school, have done and continue to do in their own way. I wish our leavers the best of luck as they begin the next phase of their lives and hope that they will keep in touch and let us know how they are getting on in the future.

I hope that Richard will forgive me for this next section as I mean no disrespect to his achievements both at Foyle and Trinity. Some of you may have picked up on the grades that Richard achieved in his A-Levels, an A and two Bs, much better than my own BCE, but at the end of the 1980s and into the 1990s those were the grades that were required to gain places at the likes of Trinity or Oxford or Cambridge – grades that nowadays wouldn't have a chance of a place at such august institutions or even Russell Group universities such as Queen's which I attended. There are those who would argue that this is due to grade inflation and that A-Levels are now much easier than they used to be. I completely disagree with such statements and get angry each August as the press do their utmost to devalue the achievements of young people across the United Kingdom. Would I want to be doing A-Levels again – absolutely not. I am in awe of the work that our pupils, and their teachers, are required to put in to prepare for the exams; no longer is it sufficient to learn and regurgitate facts; they must be able to analyse, to apply knowledge, to provide historical context for novels, to have an in-depth knowledge of a 100-year period of history, to assess and evaluate, to argue and discuss. The pressure on both pupils and staff is unrelenting; from the beginning of Year 11 right through to the end of Year 14 they are required to give 100% effort 100% of the time. And some people wonder why we have a mental health crisis in our young people and in the teaching profession – it's simple, that level of commitment is unsustainable for many. What has happened to schooldays being the best days of your life? What happened to teachers who were able to go off on a tangent for a period or for a week because their class found something exciting and interesting and stimulating? What happened to taking a subject for enjoyment rather than whether it was required for a university application?

Why are schools actively discouraging pupils from returning after GCSEs or AS Levels in case it hurts their statistics? Yes, the accountability agenda, driven by a Programme for Government formulated by our non-existent Assembly and enforced by ETI inspectors who claim to be data informed rather than data-driven, is improving educational outcomes for some but at what cost to many pupils and teachers?

The aim of our school is to help pupils to grow academically, athletically and artistically both as individuals and within teams. I believe that I have shown already this evening that Foyle College can, and does, compete with the very best in terms of the academic excellence that our pupils are able to attain but I also believe that what happens outside the classroom is equally, if not more, important in terms of the overall development of each individual pupil.

I will now invite our Head Boy and Head Girl to report to you on a number of areas of school life and especially those in which they have direct involvement. These two young people embody all that is best in our pupils as they have seized the opportunities presented to them throughout their time at Foyle College and I would encourage pupils of all ages to follow their example. I will now hand you over to our Head Girl, Ellie Goodman, who will be followed by the Head Boy, Michael Hatrick.

These reports follow this speech

Michael and Ellie have provided us with just a snapshot of the variety of activities that go on at Foyle College on a daily basis. The success of individual pupils depends on the commitment and determination that they bring to the classroom, the sports field or to the stage but it is also dependent on the contribution of the whole staff, both teachers and support staff, who provide the opportunities for our young people and for that I thank them. Thank you for your kind attention this evening and I hope that you'll agree with me that Foyle continues to stand for Fostering Opportunities for Young Learners to Excel.

PRIZE-GIVING 2019

HEAD GIRLS' SPEECH

Although the purpose of tonight is to applaud success inside the classroom, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge success outside the classroom. It is important to note that a combination of academic and extracurricular activities is crucial to a fulfilling, enjoyable time here at Foyle College.

The 1st XI hockey team had an encouraging start to the season, defeating Raphoe, Wellington College and Royal School Dungannon to earn a place in the quarter finals of the Super League. Despite this positive start, the team experienced what was described perfectly by Ms Eakin as a 'mid-season slump'. Led by captain, Grace Hand, we had a strong end to the season with a series of wins and a very competitive race for the top goal scorer award – the result of which was a tie between Beth O'Neill and Emma Johnston. As usual, the most enjoyable match of the season was the Boys vs Girls match in which the girls came out on top with a clear victory despite the boys' aggressively competitive performance and some impressive play from Keelin Coyle and Ultan Clancy.

The 2nd XI, captained by Jodie Riddles, defeated Grosvenor at home in penalties to progress to the quarter finals of the McDowell Plate. They, along with the firsts travelled to Edinburgh in March where a combined team faced the strong George Watson School, amongst lots of sightseeing of course.

This year, our sporting successes extended to the athletics field, with our school bringing home seven medals at the District C athletics competition. This saw Callum Spain progress to the Ulster Schools finals where he achieved a bronze medal in discus, qualifying for the All-Ireland finals.

I could not conclude a report

on sporting successes without mentioning Ebony Leckey's footballing achievements this year. Ebony was selected to represent Northern Ireland U19s, travelling to Cyprus, Norway, Scotland and England to play international matches. We wish Ebony all the best in her football career and selection for future matches.

December saw the production of Sister Act under the excellent direction of Miss Barr, Mrs O'Somachain and Mr Keown. The cast, lead by Amy Kilgore as Deloris, ranged from Year 8 to Year 14, and together gave an outstanding performance, reflecting the many hours of hard work spent rehearsing by both the teachers and the pupils.

Year 12 pupil Annie Clarke went above and beyond this year with poetry. Annie's poem, I Am From, was one of four poems chosen from across the UK to be animated and broadcast on Sky Arts. This also earned her a trip to London to see the animation of her own poem and various art festivals across the city.

Annie is not the only one who bagged a trip to London this year. Lewis Logan and Ebony Leckey also travelled to meet the Merchant Taylors, founders of our school and attended a speech by the mayor of the city of London.

The Health Committee were busy again this year with their biggest event being Mental Health Awareness week. The group, with help from Mrs Knox, organised a school mood walk, a homework free evening, extended lunch times and a coffee morning for the staff to raise money for the cause.

This year was a first for Scripture Union with an overnight trip to the Exodus Centre in Coleraine where they thoroughly enjoyed all the activities. Throughout the year,



the group benefited from links with local churches and youth groups and welcomed many guest speakers in their weekly Wednesday sessions.

Once again, without fail, Mrs Hannaway, with help from Mrs Buchanan and Mrs Feeny, took numerous groups of pupils to the Sperrin Mountains to complete their Duke of Edinburgh Award. Despite the adverse weather conditions, 67 completed their Bronze, 37 their silver and 25 their Gold. These numbers are a credit to the time and effort dedicated to the scheme by Mrs Hannaway and her team.

Amongst those groups and clubs that participate annually, there was a new hobby introduced in the school this year. Mr Moorcroft along with a small team of Year 8s and 9s, took up beekeeping. With regular inspections, the team collected honey in May and were able to watch at the end of term as the bees replaced their queen, laid their eggs and produced more honey.

As you can see, none of these many activities would be available to us without the dedicated teachers and staff members we have at Foyle College. For that I would like to thank them for the opportunities they have presented myself and my peers with over my last six years at Foyle College.

To conclude, Albert Einstein once said, "education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school". I for one will most certainly remember the most important lessons I have been taught outside the classroom.

Ellie Goodman

PRIZE-GIVING 2019

HEAD BOY'S SPEECH

Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Tonight we are celebrating the academic achievements of our prize-winners, however, this is only a small part of success at Foyle. In this short speech I will give you a brief overview of some of the many activities and events that have taken place throughout the past school year.

In Rugby, the senior squad had a challenging season in relation to low playing numbers due to injuries and unavailability of players. However, credit must go to the players as they were determined to give it their best. This year the 1st XV, captained by Andrew Miller, travelled to Lurgan College in the Schools Cup. A poor first half performance left us 10-0 down at half time. Despite continuously putting pressure on the Lurgan defence throughout the second half the 10-0 deficit was a stretch too far for Foyle making the final score 13-8 to Lurgan. The 1st XV then entered the Schools' Trophy Competition where an impressive display saw them brush aside Banbridge Academy 43-10 in the quarter finals before losing to Dromore High school in the semi-finals in a hard fought match played in less than ideal weather conditions.

Last season also saw the introduction of Paul O'Kane as director of rugby in the school which has been a big step forward for Foyle rugby and is hopefully what Foyle needs to try and mount a charge into the later rounds of the Schools Cup as he will continue to work with all the teams throughout the school in the coming years.

In cricket the 1st XI captained by Cameron Knight enjoyed an impressive cup run, beating Grosvenor Grammar and Wallace High School but unfortunately never really got going in the semi finals and lost out to a strong Methody side. The U15 cricket team

also managed to reach the semi-finals of the U15 Schools Cup. There was also some individual success in cricket with 1st XI captain Cameron Knight being selected for Ulster Schools for a tour to Scotland, and Alana Dalzell securing a place in the Ireland ladies U19 squad.

The Cross Country team trained under the expert guidance of experienced runner Mark Connolly. This year the district Cross Country Championships were held at Thornhill College. Foyle were represented in most age categories. There were a few runners who were unlucky to just miss out on qualifying; however, Foyle had one pupil, Ella Hughes, who successfully qualified for the Ulster Cross Country Championships.

Moving away from sport and on to cadets. The Foyle College Combined Cadet Force was as popular as ever. Now in the second full year at the new school, the cadets have been really getting to grips with the facilities our new building has to offer, allowing them to participate in more top-quality lessons. The army section enjoyed a successful trip to Ballykinler for the annual Cadet GP Rifle Competition. The team finished second in the Urban Contact match and John Fulton secured an individual gold medal. In December 2018 John, along with Clarke Lindsay and Andrew Pollock, participated in the Local Hero Project where they managed to come out on top.

Foyle pupils enjoyed various trips throughout the year. There was a creative arts trip to London where pupils participated in a debate in the Supreme Court. There was also a trip in which 94 geography, history or RE students flew to Italy to enjoy exploring Rome and Sorrento for what was an exhausting, action-packed and rewarding four days.



Moving on to public speaking, I can report that Tegan Nesbitt showed her talent for public speaking by winning several competitions throughout the year including Soroptimists Northern Ireland, Knights of St Columb's and the Conaghan Cup at the Feis. Tegan also recently presented a TED talk at Stormont on turning your fears into your strengths.

Now as I reach the end of my speech. I want to say it is an honour to represent the school as head boy tonight. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at the school for their time and dedication as without them, none of what I mentioned earlier would be possible. Now to my fellow pupils, I leave you with this quote from Thomas Edison, 'if we all did the things we are capable of, we would literally astound ourselves'.

Michael Hatrick

PRIZE-GIVING 2019

GUEST OF HONOUR'S SPEECH

Principal, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Firstly, Mr Allen, thank you very much for having invited me to speak this evening. I am certain that when I was 12 years old and attending my first Foyle College prize distribution in the Guildhall I never imagined that I would be the guest of honour in the future or in such a fantastic new school building.

When I started thinking about what to say in this speech, I thought that some anecdotes from my time at Foyle College in the 1980s would strike the right chord. Perhaps mentioning the time when, in the First Form, I was yelled at by Mr Fulton (my English teacher and helping with Games that afternoon) to, in his words, "Get off the crease, boy!" as I walked, unknowingly, across the cricket pitch to the pavilion. Or maybe talking about captaining the school debating team to victory over St Columba's College in the final of the Colmcille Debating Society Senior Schools Cup, after thrashing Thornhill College in the semi-final. However, as Mr Allen had asked me to speak about the Merchant Taylors' Company, those anecdotes will have to wait for another day.

Wondering what to cover as regards the Merchant Taylors, I spoke to Peter Magill, past Master of the Merchant Taylors' Company, to ensure that I did not duplicate anything he had said when he had spoken at the Former Pupils' Dinner in honour of the 400th anniversary of the founding of the School. Peter told me he had two versions of his speech, one short and one long. Upon asking what those were, he said the short version was "Thank you" and the long version was "Thank you very much". Given the lack of detail in those speeches, I thought a slightly longer (but not too

long) speech would probably be more appropriate than either of Peter's versions.

Of course the School has strong links with the Merchant Taylors' Company, tracing its origins to the foundation of the Free School in 1617 by Mathias Springham, Master of the Merchant Taylors' Company at the time. Most recently the Company donated the funds for the new Merchant Taylors' Music Suite here in the new school building. However, what is the Merchant Taylors' Company? Who are its members? What does it do?

By 1617 the Merchant Taylors' Company had already been in existence for nearly 300 years, having been established by Royal Charter in 1327. Originally one of the 12 principal City of London companies or guilds, it was a trade body for tailors and linen-armourers. Membership enabling trade within the City of London without fees or tariffs was thus highly sought after, as even 700 years ago no-one liked to have to pay taxes.... The trade of tailor is, of course, pretty obvious, but what are or more correctly, were linen-armourers? Linen-armor was a kind of soft armour that could be worn alone or with other types of armour and manufacturing it was a highly specialised and lucrative trade, not least because of the Hundred Years War and the Wars of the Roses. By the early 17th Century the Company had largely become a fraternal institution comprised of merchants and professionals and this continues to be the case today. The Company will be celebrating its 700th anniversary in less than nine years' time in 2027 and I am sure Foyle College will have a valuable part to play in that.



Richard McBride

Rather than now plough through an exhaustive history of the Company, I shall look at some numbers which reveal a bit of its history: 6, 7 and 30. I am sure many of you will be familiar with the expression "to be at sixes and sevens", which is defined by the Oxford English Dictionary as meaning a state of confusion or disagreement. This expression arose from a dispute in the 15th century between the Merchant Taylors' Company and another of the 12 City of London companies, the Skinners' Company, as to which company had received its charter first. Each company claimed it ranked sixth and not seventh in the order of priority of the 12 City of London companies. This may not sound very important to 21st century ears, but in the Middle Ages questions of priority and precedence were very important indeed. The situation often got heated, with, for example, Henry Clough, a member of the Merchant Taylors' Company, being sent to prison for uttering "dishonest words about the craft of Skinners" and the Lord Mayor's River Procession being marred by violence between the boat crews of the two companies. An ingenious solution was found in 1484 by Robert Billesden, the Lord Mayor of London; each company was to take precedence over the other in alternate years and relations have been cordial ever since! To this day the Merchant Taylors' Company and the Skinners' Company alternate between seventh and sixth, switching position every Easter and the numbers 6 and 7 even

feature on the Merchant Taylors' tie, as you might be able to see.

Some of you may have heard the Bank of England referred to as the "Old Lady of Threadneedle Street", Threadneedle Street in the City of London being the site of the Bank of England since 1694. However, that street gets its name from the Merchant Taylors' Company whose Hall has occupied No 30 Threadneedle Street since at least 1347, nearly 350 years before the Bank of England.

The current Hall of the Company still has parts dating from the 14th Century, such as the Crypt. The kitchen, the oldest still in use in the City, dates from the 15th Century - although the cooking equipment and methods are very much 21st Century. The Hall in its present form today has been built and rebuilt over centuries - sometimes because of necessity, such as the Great Fire of London in 1666 and the Blitz of 1940 and sometimes because of taste. For example, the King's Gallery which looks down on the Great Hall was built in 1607 so that King James I could dine alone, separate to those below him. In fact the first Royal dinner hosted by the Company at which the King's Gallery was used was, in large part, paid for by Mathias Springham.

The Hall hosts many Company functions as well as functions for other organisations and commercial companies. One of these is the Doctors' Dinner in December of each year, which is attended by representatives of each school the Company is associated with, including Foyle College. This dinner has its origin in the requirement that both the masters and the boys of the first Merchant Taylors' School should be examined each year by senior members of the Company with the advice of learned men; this examination day soon came to be known as doctors' day with the first record of the doctors' day dinner from 1564. If any pupils or staff are visiting London the Company would



Joint Presidents Bob Elliott and Harriet Love with Guest of Honour Richard McBride

be delighted for them to visit the Hall and to see it for themselves, so please do contact the Company through the Principal.

A very large part of the Company's activities today is its involvement with the ten schools associated with the Company across the United Kingdom - Foyle College itself and schools in London, Cheshire, Liverpool, Oxfordshire and Wolverhampton. There are many ways for the schools to interact via the Company, from the annual photography competition to the joint schools concerts. If any pupil or anyone else here this evening has a suggestion for an inter-schools activity, please do let me know through the Principal.

Today the Company consists of about 1,000 members, both men and women, who are mainly professionals or business people. These members are grouped into three categories: Freeman, Liverymen and Members of Court presided over by the Master. Membership is through three methods: Patrimony, Redemption and Servitude. Patrimony requires



Richard McBride presents The Dr Kanchan Chada Bursary for Medicine to Emma Ball with Gavin Killeen, Chair of Governors

that one of your parents was a member of the Company at the time of your birth. Redemption is not widely used and the Company would want to be satisfied that a candidate would bring valuable qualities to the Company. Servitude is an Apprenticeship scheme available to anyone under the age of 25. So perhaps we have some potential Apprentices here this evening?

What else does the Company do? Well it provides funds to a number of different charities and individuals each year. This can range from two-years' funding to a charity or a one off scholarship to an individual. The Company provides housing for pensioners by way of almshouses in south London, something it has done since 1413. Conscious of its tailoring roots, the Company is nowadays actively involved in supporting the tailoring industry, for example by the Golden Shears competition.

Like many institutions, the Company has a Latin motto, the usual English translation of which is "In harmony small things grow". But what does



Prize Winners Tegan Nesbitt (Public Speaking) Emma Johnston (Duke of Edinburgh's Award) Andrew Hawthorne (Cadets)

that mean? It struck me that two explanations of this had been given to me by my time at Foyle College and since I have been a member of the Merchant Taylors' Company.

Taking the Merchant Taylors' Company first. For some advice as to what to speak about this evening, I also asked the Clerk to the Company, Rear Admiral John Clink. Thinking he would provide some suitably profound thoughts from his time in the Royal Navy. In fact he suggested I share with you his thoughts on bed-making... His advice? Make your bed, every morning - pillow plumped, corners of the bed straight, duvet, absolutely smooth. He asked, does that seem odd? He explained that it is the first task of the day; it sets you up for the second task and the third and the next one. It makes you feel good; proud that you have done something yourself. Also if you have a really bad day, there is nothing better than getting back to a well-made bed. So, if you want to change the world, start your day by making your bed.

In a way, this links in with advice I was given during my time at Foyle College by my Geography teacher, Mrs Sturgeon. She took a moment from her teaching to emphasise to us that our academic work at school would be the foundation for everything in the future. She was correct and I congratulate all of you who have been awarded prizes for your achievements - you are building sure foundations for further success in the future.

In closing, as this evening is not solely about winning prizes, I would encourage all of you to grasp the great opportunities you have been given and enjoy your time in school and beyond in further education and the world of work. Be confident, but not arrogant, in your own ability, find something amazing about everyone else and be supportive of others. Finally, in the words of Peter Magill, thank you very much.



Richard McBride presents The Lawrence Medal to William Watson and the MacKillop Medal to Emma Ball with Gavin Killeen



Richard McBride presents The Lawrence Sword to Amy Kilgore with Gavin Killeen



Sports Prize Winners Cameron Knight, Grace Hand and Keelin Coyle



William Lynn presents The Geology Bursary to Kimberley Pentland with her Parents and Geology Teacher, Nicole Sloane

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LEAVERS' DESTINATIONS 2019

TERTIARY EDUCATION, COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND THE PROFESSIONS

Pupils are proceeding to Degree Courses as follows:

Aston University, Birmingham
Josh Varghese John

Belfast Metropolitan College
Aine Donaghy

Bristol University of the West of England
Asha Hughes

Edge Hill University
Megan Strain, Zoe Gregg

Harper Adams University
Matthew McCrea

Heriot-Watt University
Tom Adair, William Watson

Keele University
Holly Byrom

Letterkenny Institute of Technology
Leonhard Thomasius

Liverpool Hope University
Matthew Dingley

Liverpool John Moore University
Zara Anderson, Megan Cairns, Eoghan Cusack, Alastair Doherty, Leah McGrory Weger, Kerrie McMullan, Holly Walker

Manchester Metropolitan University
Mollie Collishaw-Lock, Molly Hanna, Gregg Montgomery (deferred for 1 year)

Northumbria University
Caitlin Canning, Jack Kelly, Leanne Ramsey

North West Regional College
Connor Ferguson, Leon Gale, Daniel Jones, Abbey Kinsella, Jonathan McKean, Harry Nutkins, Ben Spratt, Sean Temple, Cain Wallace

Queen's University, Belfast
Emma Ball, George Chambers, Ultan Clancy, Keelin Coyle, Scott Devenney, Andrew Hawthorne, Chloe Jackson, Anna Maria McCafferty, Laura Miller, Curtis Montgomery, Emily Nicholl, Jodie Riddles

Solent University
Alishia Hoyle

Stranmillis University College
Jade Hawe, Emma Johnston

The University of Brighton
Anna Nawn

University of Chichester
Charlotte Davis

University of Central Lancashire
Rebecca Taggart

University of Dundee
Amy Kilgore

University of East Anglia
Ashlea Harkin

The University of Edinburgh
Hollie Craig, Libby Kirk, Andrew Smyth

University of Glasgow
Grace Hand, Daniel Kane, Dane McClements, Jack McGarrigle, Kimberley Pentland, Opala Siddique

University of Leeds
James McLaughlin

The University of Liverpool
Jade Thompson

University of Salford
Mandeep Haair

University of St Andrews
Jodi Desmond

University of South Wales
Andrew Miller (deferred for 1 year)

University of Strathclyde
Amber Hamilton, Rebekah Thompson

University of Sunderland
Sophie Young

Ulster University
Rejoice Abraham, Holly Buchanan, Rebecca Campbell, Jack Chambers, Alana Dalzell, Joshua Ferris, Ryan Johnston, Ethan Kilpatrick, David Miller

Apprenticeship
Andrew Hamilton, Andrew Hume

Employment
John Chambers

Gap Year
Alison Adair, Caitlin Berry, Joseph Bradley, Tom McFarland, Lucy O'Hara, Emerald Wright

GRADUATIONS 2019

Queen's University Belfast

Rossa Johnston
Hannah McGarrigle
Adam Greer
Benn Henderson
Amy Austin
Jane Downey
Peter McKeown
Don Leckey
Ryan McIntosh
Hannah Ruddy
Wasi Qureshi
Chloe Henry
Callum Harrison
Victoria Colhoun
Lydia Rankin
Callum McDonnell
James Neilly
John Neilly
Laura McElhinney
Ruth Allen
Lee Brady
Lucy Hamilton
Alexandra Dougherty

Stranmillis College
Lauren Smyth
Matthew Orr

Ulster University
Caolan Brolly
Jonathan Burnside
Gillian Channing

Rory Cooke
Kathy Crown
Sophie Curry
Adam Dickson
Sara Douglas
Andrew Hetherington
Ryan Marshall

Andrew Martin
Leah McDaid
Holly Monaghan

Lauren Olphert
Jack Spence
Simon Stevenson
Stephen Walker

BSc(s) Human Biology
BSc(S) Biomedical Science
MEng (UM) Chemical Engineering
BEng(S) Computer Science
BDS (S) Dentistry
BDS (S) Dentistry
BSc (MM) Economics with Spanish
BSc (S) Economics
BEng (S) Electrical & Electron
BSc (S) Planning Environ Dev
BSc(S) Actuarial & Rsk Mg
BSc (S) Finance w Yr in Indust
BA (S) Film Studies
BSc (S) Geography
BSc (S) Geography
BA (JS) History and Politics
BA (S) History
MB (S) Medicine
BEng (S) Mechanical Engineering
MPharm (UM) Pharmacy
MPharm (UM) Pharmacy
MPharm (UM) Pharmacy
BSc (S) Psychology

BA (O) Ordinary
BSc(S) Health Phy Activ& Sport

BSc Hons Cinematic Arts FT
BEng Hons Mech & Manuf Eng FT
BSc Hons Biomed Sci DPP FT

MSc Management PT
BSc Hons Occupat Therpy 3yr FT
BSc Hons Psychology FT
BSc Hons Nursing Adult FT
BSc Hons Optometry FT
BSc Hons Geography DPP FT
BSc Hons Comp Science FT

BEng Hons Renew Energy Eng DPP FT
BSc Hons Geog with Int Dev FT
BA Hons App Lan & Tra Fr & Ge FT

BSc Hons Computer Sc FT
BSc Hons Geography FT
MSc Geog Info Sys (GIS) DL FT
BSc Hons Busn Econ with Marketing FT

Second Class Honours First Division
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First Class Honours
Pass
Pass
First Class Honours
Second Class Honours First Division
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First Class Honours
Pass
Second Class Honours Second Division
First Class Honours
Second Class Honours First Division
Second Class Honours First Division
Second Class Honours First Division
First Class Honours
Pass
Second Class Honours First Division

Second Class Honours Upper Division
First Honours and Commendation
Second Class Honours Upper Division & Commendation
Pass with Commendation
Second Class Honours Upper Division
First Class Honours
First Class Honours
First Class Honours
Second Class Honours Upper Division
Second Class Honours Upper Division & Commendation
First Class Honours & Distinction
First Class Honours & Commendation
Second Class Honours Upper Division & Commendation
First Class Honours & Distinction
Second Class Honours Upper Division
Pass
Second Class Honours Upper Division

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REPORTS OF THE YEAR'S EVENTS



FORMAL OPENING OF THE SCHOOL

7 FEBRUARY 2019

For all of us lucky enough to be present at the Official Opening of Foyle College by HRH The Princess Royal on Thursday, 7 February 2019, I am sure you agree that it was a very memorable occasion. Of course, these events just don't happen out of the blue and require a great deal of planning and coordination. This short article will just give a feel for what all that planning entailed and who was responsible for what. Apologies up front if anybody is missed out of the list below so as a catch-all in the words of a very senior General, 'to all those that have done well, well done, and to those that haven't done well, and you know who you are, well done anyway!'

- Agreeing the outline and format of the visit with the Royal Household and the NIO - Patrick and Gavin.
- Agreeing the wording and production of the Opening Plaque with the Royal Household and the NIO - Patrick and Gavin.
- Sterling work on the guest list - Mildred and William.
- Controlling the Master Guest List in terms of replies - Jenny.
- Day-to-day liaison with a multitude of outside agencies - Neil.
- Liaising with Ebrington Primary School - Neil.
- Managing the Fire Alarm System during the Visit - Neil, Clive and Graeme.
- Briefing notes for the guests

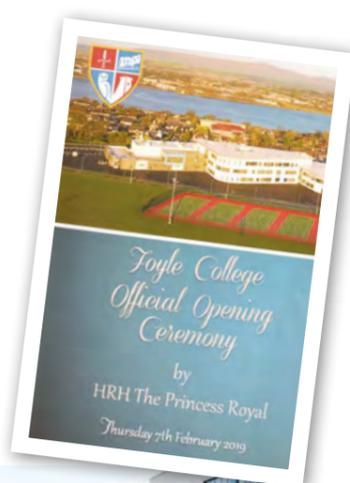
- complete with parking plan - Neil.
- Production and distribution of briefing notes and car passes - Jenny.
- Planning all the internal moving parts within the School - Peter (hope headache has now subsided!)
- Planning and liaison with the PSNI over the searching and security required for the event - Neil, Clive and Graeme - at least we now know where all the keys are in the School!
- For masterminding the walk through, talk through with the Royal Household and the NIO - Patrick and Gavin.
- For pulling together the media plan - Patrick, Gavin and Neil with Wendy doing great work on the day in shepherding the Press - no easy task!
- For the complex catering required on the day, to include the specific requests of the Royal Household - Joss and her excellent catering team.
- Flowers - Susan.
- Guard of Honour - Gibby and his CCF Contingent.
- That the School premises and grounds looked so well on the day - Chris and Noel, Clive and Graeme and all the support staff.
- To all members of the planning team that had to deal with a "visit within a visit" on the day - there is an old adage that there can be only one "main effort!" (I rest my case!)
- To all members of the School

Community who met HRH The Princess Royal on the tour of the School, to many to mention by name but what a huge credit to the School. (Special mention to the Archives Team - it is the FC FPA Magazine after all!)

- To everybody that was waiting in the gym for so long - a huge thank you for your patience, I hope you agree it was worth the wait!
- To the Choir - need I say more!
- To Joseph Hamilton for his sterling work on the live stream of the tour of the school to the audience waiting in the gym.

That all this happened without any major hiccups and that school life and the essentials of teaching over 850 pupils continued as normal (for the most part) speaks volumes of the outstanding teamwork of all involved. For my part I was very proud to help in some little way. A huge thank you to all!

Donald Bigger



Cadets awaiting arrival



Princess Royal greeted by Angela Garvey Lord Lieutenant of City



Arrival in the rain



Meeting Chair of Governors Gavin Killeen



Meeting Principal Patrick Allen



Meeting Head Boy William Watson



Meeting Head Girl Emma Ball



Meeting Robert Montgomery, School Archivist



Meeting Mildred Deans



Robert introducing Jim Goodman



Talking with the Archive Team



Meeting Ken Gamble



Princess Royal inspects items from the Archive



Robert shows an early volume



Talking to the Ancillary Staff Jocelyn Graeme, Clive, Wendy & Jenny



Talking to the Canteen Staff



Meeting the Canteen Staff



Meeting Jocelyn



Talking to the Music Staff



Introducing Robert Goodman



Meeting the Music Staff Brenda, Emma & Robert



Talking to The Gillespie Brothers



Meeting Stephen & David Gillespie



Meeting the Ancillary Staff Jenny, Wendy, Clive and Graeme



Geology specimens viewed through the microscope



Discussing display of Spitfire Gun



Visit to the Geology Dept



Meeting the Environmental Group



With Sarah Guthrie in Geology



Introduced to Jack Magill



Talking to Jack and Robin



With Robin & Lynn Young



Introducing John Black



Meeting Joan Stewart & Ruth McCaul



Jonathan Introduced with local politicians looking on



Meeting Joint Presidents Elisabeth & Jonathan



Kerry Eakin Introducing PE Staff & Hockey Captains



Ingrid Hannaway introduces Duke of Edinburgh Awards pupils



Talking to Duke of Edinburgh's Award Pupils



Meeting Head of Computing, Siobhan McLaughlin



Visit to Technology



Discussing Technology display



Princess Royal with Patrick Allen



School Choir performing



Signing Visitors Book



Talking with the Archive Team



Gift presentation by Head Girl and Boy



Unveiling Plaque

FCFPA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10 MAY 2019

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Vote of Thanks

To all those that have done well, well done; to those that have not done well and you know who you are, well done anyway! Apologies if I have missed anyone out.

- To our Joint Presidents for an extremely busy year supporting and representing the association at a myriad of events throughout Ireland and beyond and for being regular attendees at committee meetings, thus keeping me on the straight and narrow and allowing me to shoot down the good-idea fairy when necessary.
- To William and Mildred for editing another excellent Former Pupils Magazine.
- To all the team in the Archives for making it what it is today – the envy of schools throughout Ireland and indeed the UK – special mention to Robert Montgomery and Jim Goodman.

COLOURS AWARDS



Grace Hand receives the Old Girls' Cup for Hockey



Alex Dougherty receiving The Chittick Cup for Hockey from the Elisabeth and Jonathan



The Huey Salver for Rugby presented to Keelin Coyle



Holly Callen receives the Rosaleen McKinney Rose Bowl from Elisabeth and Jonathan



Leonhard Thomasius is presented with The Chess Trophy

To all on the committee for their hard work. Special mention to:

- Neil for keeping on the straight and narrow when it comes to money.
- Gail and Flo for correcting my feeble attempts at Record of Decisions.
- Louis for his help in bringing the association's social media presence at least up until the end of the 20th Century if not screaming and kicking into the 21st Century.
- Louis and Nicky for their musical support at events.
- Jos for agreeing to join our merry band!
- Finally, to William, frankly without his advice, help, support and workload this association would not exist.

Events

The following events were run throughout the year:

- Summer BBQ/Old Boys Cricket Match 22 June 2018 – Old Boys won the cricket. BBQ was run in conjunction with the FC PTFA. Sadly, numbers were low.
- Annual Dinner, City Hotel, 21 September 2018.
- Armistice Service 2018, the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War, a moving ceremony held in the Assembly Hall with the re-dedication of the School War Memorials.
- Sister Act drinks reception in the Governors Suite, 5 December 2018. The FCFPA will continue to run this event in support of the school's musical production every other year.
- Old Girls Hockey Match, December 2018, the Old Girls beat the School 4-0 in a most enjoyable match.
- Belfast Lunch, Royal Belfast Golf Club, 23 February 2019. Great venue and a very enjoyable event. Need to increase numbers.
- Spring Luncheon, Bishop's Gate Hotel, 23 March 2019. The jewel in the crown of the events calendar. Great venue, hotel staff treat us very well and the event is always well attended. Need to try and break the 100-attendee mark and to encourage some more of the FCFPA diaspora on the mainland to attend. Coupled with official opening of the School Archives and an opportunity to tour the new school. Should continue the Archives and School Tour theme in future years.
- London Dinner, Farmers' Club, Whitehall, 5 April 2019. Great venue, enjoyable evening, need to increase numbers especially from our London and South East members – this is in hand.

Future Events

- FCFPA vs School 1st XI cricket match – Friday 21 June, start 1530 hrs.
- FCFPA Londonderry Formal Dinner, City Hotel, Friday 20th September at 1930 hrs.
- Mulled Wine and Carols in the School Archives, Thursday 19 December, further details to follow.

Mission Statement

The Association has three aims:

- **Connecting with the Past** – keeping you connected to your 'alma mater' principally through our web page on

the School Web Site, our Face Book page and the Former Pupils Magazine.

- **Supporting the Present** – providing support to the current school community through fund raising, provision of financial support (where appropriate) from the President's Fund and advice and assistance on an ad hoc basis.
- **Building for the Future** – providing advice and support in the long-term development of the School and the wider school community; there are currently four members of the FC FPA Committee who are on the Board of Governors for the School.

New Initiatives

- Briefing to the Sixth Form in September by Chairman and Louis.
- Voluntary £25 subscription – Standing Order forms are available.
- Official opening of the School Archive on Saturday 23rd March and its continued development. If you haven't you should visit – pictures and your report. Challenges will be with funding and younger archivists, particularly someone with an interest in the history of the LHS and all its antecedents.
- Better social media presence on Facebook and the School Web Site, but we must continue to develop this.
- Established a 'battle rhythm' so that we can plan events and publish dates in a timely manner.

Challenges

- Attracting younger members (30 and 40-year olds) to become active members in the FCFPA, remember all are automatically members.
- Relevance to the current and future school community – this will mainly be through funding.
- Cost – running the Archives costs money, our social events run either at cost or a minimal profit. We have no major income stream.

Way Forward – Joint Presidents' Challenge

- Building up an 'FCFPA Fund' of at least £50K that is available for the school to bid for support for sport and extra-curricular activities, examples could include:
 - * Support to fund a Director of Rugby Post.
 - * Support to fund development of hockey in the school.
 - * Support to overseas tours.
 - * Support with funding for school productions with music, costumes and sets.
 - * Support the development of the school infrastructure.
- This would require a targeted appeal and then TOR for the fund and a committee to agree on allocation of funds – very simply it could be based on the FCFPA Presidents' Fund TOR and indeed could subsume this?
- All to encourage active participation in the Association – we are all recruiters!

Donald Bigger

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

FOYLE COLLEGE FORMER PUPILS ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019
Foyle College Former Pupils Association

Income & Expenditure Account For the Year Ended 31 March 2019

	Year Ended 31 March 2019	Year Ended 31 March 2018
INCOME		
Magazine Donations	1,050.00	-
Magazine sales	612.00	1,000.00
Magazine adverts	1,090.00	1,000.00
Annual Dinner – Note 1	2,075.00	7,790.00
London Dinner	0.00	6,320.00
Spring Lunch – Note 1	2,500.00	2,700.00
Belfast Lunch – Note 1	790.00	-
Wine & cheese surplus	460.00	882.00
Shop trading account – Note 2	52.44	403.34
Donations	350.00	-
Portrait Restoration	2,115.00	-
School Show excess	51.50	-
BBQ	275.00	-
Deposit Interest	40.49	21.96
	11,461.43	19,736.30
EXPENDITURE		
Magazine	2,285.00	1,914.00
Calligraphy	45.00	52.50
Annual Dinner – Note 1	1,988.70	8,885.46
Spring Lunch – Note 1	2,252.00	2,472.50
Belfast Lunch	650.00	-
London Dinner	0.00	5,543.81
Functions Expenditure	324.00	-
Photography	335.00	50.00
Postage	35.63	24.00
Bank fees	71.33	93.04
Portrait Restoration	2,115.00	-
Paypal charges	0.00	9.24
President's Fund	0.00	500.00
	-10,101.66	-19,544.73
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,359.77	191.57

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Foyle College Former Pupils Association

Balance Sheet As at 31 March 2019

	31 March 2019	31 March 2018
Current Assets		
Ulster Bank Limited	7,495.14	8,143.30
Progressive Building Society – President's Fund	8,637.75	8,597.26
Paypal	695.58	695.58
Sundry debtors	89.99	89.99
Payments in advance	3,450.00	0.00
Stock	5,400.36	5,648.92
	25,768.82	23,175.05
Current Liabilities		
Cash received in advance	-6,650.00	-4,430.00
Guildhall – venue hire	0.00	-986.00
	6,650.00	-5,416.00
Net Current Assets	19,118.82	17,759.05
Represented By:		
Balance b/f	17,759.05	17,567.48
Net movement	1,359.77	191.57
	19,118.82	17,759.05

Treasurer's Report

I have pleasure in presenting the above Income & Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 March 2019.

Neil Stewart – (Hon Treasurer) – Neil Stewart

Auditors' Report

We have examined the above accounts as at 31 March 2019, along with the respective receipts, vouchers and bank statements, and hereby certify them to be correct.

Signed: (Hon Auditors)

B Peoples: Brian V. Peoples
R Young: Robin J. B. Young

Note 1 – Functions Income & Expenditure

Annual Dinner 2018

Income		
Receipts		2,075.00

Less Expenditure

City Hotel	1,928.70	
Menu Cards	60.00	(1,988.70)
Surplus		86.30

Belfast 2019

Income		
Receipts		790.00

Less Expenditure

The Royal Belfast Golf Club	650.00	(650.00)
Surplus		140.00

Spring Lunch 2018

Income		
Receipts		2,500.00

Less Expenditure

Bishops Gate Hotel		-2,252.00
Surplus		248.00

Note 2 – Shop Trading Account

Turnover		301.00
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Less: Cost of Sales

Opening Stock	5,648.92	
Purchases	<u>0.00</u>	
	5,648.92	

Less: Closing Stock	-5,400.36	248.56
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Surplus		52.44
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OFFICERS MAY 2019-MAY 2020

Presidents	Mrs Harriet Love	Mr Bob Elliott
Vice Presidents	Dr Anne Price-Owen	Mr Chris Henderson
Chairperson	Mr Donald Bigger	
Vice-Chairperson	Mrs Laura Hegarty	
Hon Secretary	Mrs Gail Atkinson	
Hon Treasurer	Mr Neil Stewart	

Members of Executive Committee		
Mrs Isabel McNally	Mr Colin Jeffrey	Mrs Cathy Arthur

Mr Louis Fields	Mr Nicky Morton	Mr Paul Curtis
Miss Ann Watson	Mrs Jocelyn Scott	Mr Brian Adair
Mr William Lynn	Mr Marshall Kilgore	

Hon Auditors Mr Robin Young and Mr Brian Peoples



Past President, Elisabeth with President Harriet



President Bob with Past President Jonathan

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VICE-PRESIDENT'S PROFILE

Dr Anne Price-Owen

Having been born about four minutes before my twin sister Molly, guaranteed that for the first twenty-five years of my life I was very seldom, if ever, lonely, and assured of a socially adjusted life-style. Owing to our father's occupation (he was a pilot), we travelled around a bit as a family, so that I have vivid memories of a variety of places where we lived, including Castlederg, Holywood Co. Down and Cornwall. Life was bliss. However, Daddy's fatal flying accident brought this idyll to a harsh conclusion, so Mummy scooped up her daughters and brought us to Londonderry to join her parents. Her desire for us to be brought up in a loving, caring and Christian home where we were cherished, supported and disciplined in equal measure, could hardly have been closer to her ideal home for us.

Accordingly, from the age of six, we were Derry girls, who were educated initially in the preparatory department of Londonderry High School, before transferring to the big school with its grand buildings supplemented by nissen huts! This was, after all, a time of rationing following the end of World War II, and there were not many luxuries to be had. However, the generous, verdant grounds approached by an avenue of alternating horse chestnut and lime trees, hosted ample playing fields set in the ambience of a luscious parkland.

My schooldays were wonderful! I made loads of friends, and have remained in contact with many of them to this day. Latterly, English, History and Art were my favourite subjects at school. This is unsurprising given that I grew up in

a household where the word and its illustration was taken for granted, so that there was an emphasis on the literary and visual arts. My grandfather ran a newspaper and printing works, and he often brought work home with him for editing. This was a task he apportioned to my twin and me, so that correct grammar, spelling and punctuation were second nature to us. The images which appealed to us were not simply landscapes and portraits hanging on our home's walls, but also the Old Masters whose works illustrated the lavish art books that graced our copious bookshelves. Being a twin, we could buy books together, and our purchases swelled our home library, and my appetite for the arts. With this kind of training, we readily contributed to Gateway, the school magazine, which we published for several years. Accordingly, there was no opposition to my decision to apply for art school after satisfactorily completing A-levels. Hence the Belfast College of Art prepared me for an artistic career in teaching art and design. My first job was in the Methodist College, Belfast.

There, the craic was as they say mighty! The art department was very strong, and many of our pupils triumphed in art. I also encountered the design group Kinney Dobson, and joined their team which specialised in design and mural making. I made mosaic and ceramic murals, many of which depicted Irish themes and myths, and enjoyed the creative atmosphere of the studios.

By 1984 I needed a change: I was in the most comfortable rut in the world, and wanted a challenge. I discovered a little Arts university at Lampeter, in the middle of Wales,



and pursued an MA in the 'Word and the Visual Imagination'. Books and pictures being right up my street, I then enrolled on doctoral research which concerned the interrelationship of image and text in the work of the painter-poet David Jones (1895-1974). His paintings were inspirational, but it is as a poet for which he gained his global reputation as an original and innovative writer in the Modernist style. I loved virtually every minute I spent researching his life and work, and in completing my PhD, I inaugurated The David Jones Society. For some twenty years I organised academic conferences and seminars in the UK, Europe and the USA, in order to promote this extraordinary artist-poet. His written work, dense and very complex, is a demonstration of his unique vision and mind, often demanding, but very rewarding. Indeed, I continue to study his works, and have published books and articles on him, while also contributing to a number of publications about other artists and writers.

A number of these publications resulted from my academic achievements when I joined Swansea College of Art & Design, an adjunct of the University of Wales, Trinity Saint David, in

1994. My responsibilities included coordinating the postgraduate students who were researching masters degrees and doctoral theses. Throughout my career I was also keen to make artworks. Owing

to writing and publishing, my visual art has perhaps suffered in quantity, but I can still claim that I never send bought cards; whether birthday, thank-you, or for Christmas. I always make my own!

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VICE-PRESIDENT'S PROFILE

CHRIS HENDERSON LIB

I walked through the entrance of the Lawrence Hill school building for the first time in September 1964. I recall that was Stan Huey's first day as well, teaching at Foyle College, gleaming white Volkswagen (BIH, obscure Co. Donegal registration number). I thought things can only get better!!

Reflecting upon the transition from the Model School, it appeared seamless as I was going to experience a spread of subjects that I would now encounter as opposed to the more rigid regime of Arithmetic and English at primary school level. Needless to say I failed the 11+ but got the review system and I quickly moved into the A stream at Foyle. Mr Huey's Latin lessons in the Nissan huts did the trick -amo, amas, amat, amanus, amatis, amant!!

I am the younger son of Bob and Iris Henderson, and brother of Brian. Both my father and brother attended Foyle College so that with hindsight settled me well into the modus operandi of the school. It also helped that I lived in Clarence Avenue, the former Christ Church Rectory, given the period, probably not a good turn of phrase, but only 'a stones throw away' from Foyle!

My academic achievements did not match my ambitions as I should have been more diligent in the classroom but activities on the rugby field diverted much of my attention. I feel very fortunate and proud to have been made Captain of the schools 1stXV and Head of Lawrence House.

I have many fond memories of the Foyle masters. In one instance Eddie Bigger called me aside at break time on a Monday morning to say the Ulster Schools selectors were looking at me as a potential No 8, but I thought I knew better -

blind side wing forward. Hence Mr Bigger was correct as no trial was forthcoming. I am also indebted to Messrs Bogle and Gillanders without whose mathematical knowledge my professional career would not have progressed to the level it did.

I left Northern Ireland in 1972 to work in Essex to undertake manual labouring for the summer months. The plan was to go to Holland and then to Brazil and work on the oil rigs. To cut a long story short, I came home for a weekend and never left the Province as City of Derry needed a wing forward due to rugby injuries.

Ulster Bank beckoned and I commenced work, first in Dungannon and then in several branches in the North West. In 1980 I was transferred to Waring Street, Belfast (now the Merchant Hotel) where I worked in the bank's Regional Office/Risk Management Department which oversaw the entire Northern Ireland branch network. I spent 20 years working in Belfast which included a period of secondment to Ulster Investment Bank where I was part of a team that managed many of the multi-national businesses operating in Northern Ireland. I was subsequently the contact point for the European Investment Bank Interest Rate Loan Subsidy Scheme which Ulster Bank administered on behalf of the clearing banks in Northern Ireland. This assignment brought me into regular contact with European Civil Servants as well as National Westminster Bank/Ulster Bank Boards of Directors.

In 1998 I uprooted my family from Lisburn to head up the Coleraine and Derry/Londonderry Business Centres. Subsequently I undertook other executive roles both in Belfast and Dublin. The fundamentals of organisation were instilled in me by Foyle College, Ulster Bank



softened the rough edges during the formative period of my 38 year career!

I have been very fortunate to travel quite extensively as I am married to Becky, a native of Kansas. We met at Kansas University, Lawrence, in 1981 and after 36 years living in Northern Ireland she received her Irish Naturalisation last year. Due to Becky's family connections in Washington DC we were fortunate to attend the Obama Inauguration in 2009 as well as some of the associated events.

In terms of my family we have been blessed with three sons; Mark is a doctor and lives in Glasgow, Craig lives in Coleraine and works for Danske Bank and Adam works for the Compass Group also in Coleraine.

Post retirement I do some consultancy work having been a past Council Member of Londonderry Chamber of Commerce and a former director of the Causeway Enterprise Agency. I was 10 years on the Board of the Cedar Trust Foundation and I am an ambassador for Action Medical Research.

It is an immense honour and privilege to be appointed Vice President of Foyle College Former Pupils Association and I look forward to undertaking the duties and responsibilities in 2019/20.



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FOYLE COLLEGE FORMER PUPILS ASSOCIATION

Belfast Lunch

ROYAL BELFAST GOLF CLUB
SAT 22ND FEBRUARY 2020
1.00PM

WHERE: ROYAL BELFAST GOLF CLUB
TIME: 12.30PM FOR 1.00PM LUNCH
COST: £30 INCLUDES 3 COURSE MEAL + TEA/COFFEE + WINE
DRESS: SMART CASUAL
PAYMENT: BY 8TH FEBRUARY



FOYLE COLLEGE SPRING CONCERT

Celebrating the centenary of Percy French's death in 1920

Thursday 12th March
7.30pm
Foyle College




Foyle College Former Pupils Association

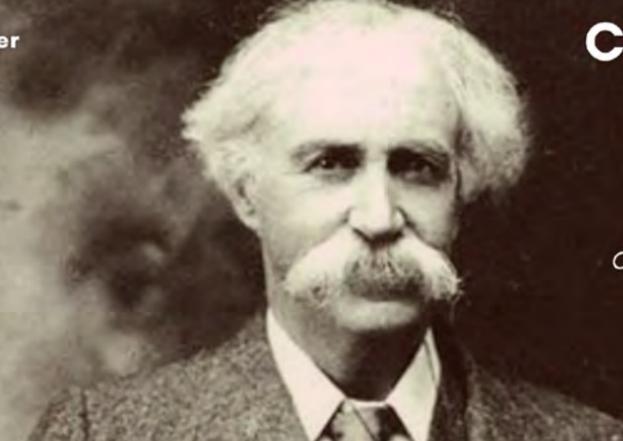


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Saturday 4th April
Foyle College



FOYLE COLLEGE FORMER PUPILS ASSOCIATION

Spring Lunch

BISHOP'S GATE HOTEL
SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2020
1.00PM

WHERE: BISHOP'S GATE HOTEL, L'DERRY
TIME: 12.30PM FOR 1.00PM LUNCH
COST: £30 INCLUDES 3 COURSE MEAL + TEA/COFFEE + WINE
DRESS: SMART CASUAL
PAYMENT: BY 7TH MARCH

Includes visit to the school archives. Get in touch with us for more details



FOYLE COLLEGE FORMER PUPILS ASSOCIATION

London Dinner

THE FARMER'S CLUB
FRIDAY 24TH APRIL 2020
7.30PM

WHERE: THE FARMER'S CLUB, LONDON
TIME: 7.00PM DRINKS RECEPTION, 7.30PM DINNER
COST: £105 PP - INCLUDES 3 COURSE MEAL + WINE + DRINKS RECEPTION + TEA/COFFEE/PORT
DRESS: LOUNGE SUIT
PAYMENT: AS SOON AS POSSIBLE



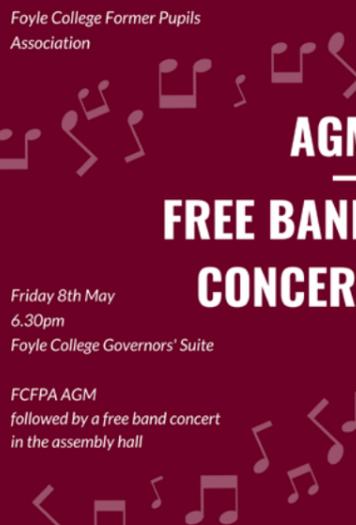
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AGM

FREE BAND CONCERT

Friday 8th May
6.30pm
Foyle College Governors' Suite

FCFPA AGM followed by a free band concert in the assembly hall



FOYLE COLLEGE FORMER PUPILS ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL DINNER
FRIDAY 25th SEPTEMBER



LOCATION: BISHOP'S GATE HOTEL
TIME: 7.00PM DRINKS RECEPTION, 7.30PM DINNER
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EVENTS FOR THE COMING YEAR
Foyle College Former Pupils Association

BELFAST LUNCH
Royal Belfast Golf Club
22nd Feb 2020 | 1.00pm

SPRING CONCERT
Foyle College Assembly Hall
12th Mar 2020 | 7.30pm

SPRING LUNCHEON
Bishop's Gate Hotel
21st Mar 2020 | 1.00pm

LONDON DINNER
The Farmers' Club
24th Apr 2020 | 7.30pm

AGM, FREE BAND CONCERT
Foyle College Governors' Suite
8th May 2020 | 6.30pm

ANNUAL DINNER
Bishop's Gate Hotel
25th Sept 2020 | 7.30pm



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FOYLE COLLEGE FORMER PUPILS ASSOCIATION

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FCFPA LONDON DINNER • £105
24 APR 2020 • 7.30PM • FARMER'S CLUB LONDON

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS AND GATHERINGS DURING 2019

BELFAST LUNCH - 23 FEBRUARY 2019

A very pleasant luncheon was held in the Royal Belfast Golf Club, a venue which was secured by our Joint President, Jonathan Hegan, who welcomed the 26 members attending and invited Reverend Dr Bert Tosh to say Grace.

Following a most appetising meal Jonathan congratulated the golf club staff on the standard of catering and expressed appreciation for the welcome the assembled party had received. He then called on speakers, William Lynn and Donald Bigger, to report on aspects of the school.

As Chair of House and Estates Committee, William outlined the difficulties in maintaining security at the two former buildings, Duncreggan and Springtown, including those created by vandalism, clearing the two sites and disposing of the huge amount of furniture and equipment left behind. He also described something of the process of transferring the buildings to their new ownerships at the end of 2018 and the valuations recouped for their sale.

Moving on to the new building which has just completed its first year of occupation, he spoke of its facilities and the running costs involved, many aspects of which continue to present challenges for the Bursar and the Finance governors. Main sources of revenue were coming from leasing of sports and other facilities to community bodies at weekends and evenings, together with revenue from the school's catering which was transferred to the school's control from the Western Board.

Donald Bigger then spoke about the archive facility and invited members to come and see it at their first opportunity. He gave an overview of the spectrum of artefacts and records held in the archive and the continuing research being carried out. He told the assembled company of his own particular interest which is researching those former pupils killed during World War 1, and detailed some sobering examples of their service records.

Joint President, Elisabeth Thompson, brought proceedings to a close. She spoke of her recent attendance at the Official Opening of the school by the Princess Royal and thanked Jonathan for providing the members with such a wonderful venue for a most enjoyable lunch.

W M Lynn



Joint presidents and members at the Belfast Lunch in the Royal Belfast Golf Club.

BELFAST OLD GIRLS' BRANCH



Elisabeth Thompson, Jonathan Hegan and Princess Anne
In February, our President, Elisabeth Thompson, had the honour of meeting Princess Anne when she was visiting the school.



Phyllis Logan and Meriel McVeigh
In March, a group of us from the Belfast and Coleraine branches attended the Spring Lunch at the Bishop's Gate Hotel in Londonderry.



In June we held our Afternoon Tea at Dunadry Hotel. We were pleased to welcome our new President, Harriet Love.



In May a group of us attended the Coleraine lunch.



Olivia Lyttle, Elizabeth Briggs, Meriel McVeigh, Margaret Giboney, Vivien Stewart, Ann Dawson, Margaret Earl, Gertrude Aiken, Phyllis Logan, Margaret Harbison, Joan Milliken, Harriet Love, Anne Price-Owen, Elisabeth Thompson

In October we held our Annual Lunch at the Stormont Hotel which was attended by Harriet and the Vice President, Anne Price-Owen.

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GREETINGS TO ALL FROM THE COLERAINE BRANCH

We in Coleraine were saddened in March to learn of the sudden death of Kathleen Stewart née Hatrick. Kathleen had been a very faithful member of Londonderry High School OGA for many years and attended many of the functions in Londonderry, Belfast and Coleraine. We will miss her very much. A number of the Coleraine Branch attended her funeral and thanksgiving service in Portstewart Presbyterian Church on 19 March. You will find an obituary written by Kathleen's daughter in this magazine.

Doreen Chipperfield née Crawford, died on 3 February and Yvonne Nimmons née Wilson, died on 18 April. We again were saddened to learn of these deaths.

On 21 May we had our Annual Lunch in the Lodge Hotel, Coleraine. On that occasion we were delighted to have members from the Belfast Branch and also our President, Elisabeth Thompson, dining with us. Everyone enjoyed a lovely meal followed by a time of renewing friendships.

In November we will have our Annual Get-together. We are hoping for a good number of Coleraine ladies in attendance.

Coleraine Branch members enjoyed meeting other Old Girls and Former pupils when they attended functions in Londonderry, Belfast and London during the year.

We wish all Old Girls and Former Pupils every blessing for 2020.

Margaret Wilson née Lindsay,
Chairperson
Rosaleen Ramsey née McClements,
Honorary Secretary



OFFICIAL OPENING OF FOYLE COLLEGE ARCHIVE

23 MARCH 2019

Although the school moved into its new building on Springham Campus in January 2018, the area designated for the archive was not vacated by the builders until June of that year and they left behind a stark area of concrete block walls, concrete floors and ceilings with basic lights and no form of decoration. During the summer months, the agreed budget of £6,000 was spent on suspended ceilings, light fittings, a toilet facility, carpeting and flooring, and finally, painting. By the end of September it was possible to start unpacking the huge archive collection brought from Duncreggan along with appropriate storage including filing cabinets, display cases and shelving units many of which had been discarded in the two old buildings as they were replaced by new furnishings and fittings in keeping with the new build.

The team of Robert Montgomery, Ken Gamble, Sean McMahon, Mildred Deans and myself were joined by Jim Goodman, Donald Bigger and Susan Thomas. Although my involvement was mainly directed towards having the furnishings we required moved from Springtown and Duncreggan, courtesy of Clive and Graeme, others, principally Jim and Robert, sorted and filed away materials. Susan assisted immensely with the hanging of pictures including those of former Past Presidents of both male and female associations, famous Old Boys, display cases with arrangements of Londonderry High School artefacts and other items. Soon the archive room took shape with the old boardroom table from Duncreggan and the maroon chairs from Springtown boardroom forming an impressive centrepiece (the original LHS dining table, chairs and sideboard are now housed in the Deanery of St Columb's Cathedral).

The new school was officially opened by the Princess Royal, Princess Anne, on 7 February, and during her visit she was able to view a selection of items from the archive and meet the archivists, but a separate Official Opening of the archive suite had always been planned. It was decided to invite Jack Magill, former Headmaster, to perform this



task, as he had facilitated the setting aside of a separate room for the school's archive in Dunseverick House and he was instrumental in having a specified archive area designed into the new school plans. Archivists were pleased when he accepted this invitation.

On the morning of the opening, planned to precede the Spring Luncheon in Bishop's Gate Hotel, 40 to 50 former pupils and staff arrived to have coffee and look around before proceedings began. I welcomed all present, especially Jack who had travelled from Cambridge for the occasion. I gave a brief outline of how the archive came into being with a collection of materials accumulated over the centuries and the origin of our present excellent facility, and invited Jack to perform the opening of the archive.



Delving into the School Archive



Discussing the archive items



View of the Archive Room

He spoke of his pride in being associated with the school and the part he had played in the founding and promotion of the archive. He paid tribute to men such as Will Ferguson and Alan Roberts who were responsible for amassing the bulk of the collection and to the work of the archive team in sorting and displaying those early historical records. He then unveiled a plaque to mark the occasion and I presented him with a small token of our appreciation.

The present Principal, Patrick Allen, welcomed those present and paid tribute to his predecessor for his efforts in the planning of the new build. He then unveiled the Henry Lawrence portrait which had just been returned to the

school after a £2,000 restoration paid for by the generous donations of former pupils. The occasion provided an opportunity for those present to view the restored painting in its impressive frame at close quarters. It has now been hung in its lofty position in the agora outside the Assembly Hall. While some of those attending went on to the hotel for lunch, others took the opportunity for a guided tour of the school.

The archive is open for visitors and researchers by appointment with one of the archive team or by contacting the Principal's PA, Mrs Jenny Galbraith, by telephoning 02871269321.

W M Lynn



Joy Coskery Roger & Elisabeth Thompson and Jonathan Hegan



Marshall Kilgore



Donald Bigger with Phyllis Logan



Jack Magill with Neil Stewart



Jack Magill with William Lynn



Amanda and Rhonda with Jim and daughter Lesley



Lynn & Robin Young with Patrick Allen



Former Pupils at Archive Opening



Section of the audience



William Lynn addressing guests in the Archive



Jack Magill addressing the Guests



Guests listen to speeches



Jack unveils a plaque to mark the occasion



Elma Lynn with Mildred Deans



Patrick with the restored portrait



Congratulations



Jack signing the Visitors Book with Mildred



Elisabeth & Jonathan with the portrait



William & Jonathan with the portrait



Patrick Allen



Patrick addressing the guests

SPRING LUNCH

23 MARCH 2019

By popular demand Bishop's Gate Hotel was again the venue for this event. With its most pleasant ambience the hotel offers a function room suited to the numbers usually attending and, of course, excellent food and service. This year 82 members attended and following refreshments in the bar and foyer of the hotel they proceeded to the function room on the first floor to be seated according to the plan provided.

Jonathan Hegan, Joint President, welcomed all present and invited Judge David Turner to say Grace. Once again, an excellent dinner was served after which Elisabeth Thompson, Joint President and a former teacher of Classics, decided to test our memories of time spent in Latin classes all those years ago. The phrases sounded familiar but could we give the translations?? When the 'tests' had been collected from each table it was deemed appropriate that the archivists table was the winner being awarded with a set of coasters bearing latin inscriptions which now grace the table in the reception room in the archive.

With formalities over and most members departing at around 3.30 pm a few tables remained including one made up mostly of members of 'The Mood Swings' a group of ladies, all former pupils of the school. Never shy of showing off their vocal talents they entertained and amused the remaining company with renderings of well-known songs, rounding off what was altogether a most enjoyable event. We look forward to returning to this lovely venue again next year.

W M Lynn



Laura & Cathy



Ann & Elma



Marshall & Alison with Jack Magill



Millicent & Elma



Brian, William & John



Donald, David & Jim



Austin, Cynthia & Elizabeth



John, Lindsay, Ken, Robert & Brian



Ken, William & Monty



Ian & Ken



Robbie Scott and John Black



Fiona, Peter & Jocelyn



David and Jim

LONDON REUNION AND DINNER

5 APRIL 2019

There was considerable doubt that this event would take place at all this year as numbers indicating their intention to attend were small and there had been a large number of apologies, mostly from people heading abroad for an early Easter break so perhaps it was not the most suitable date – something to be checked out in advance of future events.

The Farmers' Club, Whitehall, was again the venue and it has proved an excellent choice for a function of our size. It has a terrace overlooking Victoria Gardens, the embankment and the Thames, a cosy bar and library and an excellent dining room. It also offers accommodation at most reasonable rates for those who want to stay overnight or for a few days. Initially the club has insisted on a minimum number of 60 but when it looked unlikely that this could be achieved they offered a smaller room that would accommodate 30 diners. The number fluctuated between 25 and 30 but finally settled at 26 which was a disappointing attendance from those living in the London area.

In spite of the small attendance it turned out to be a most enjoyable evening. Guests arrived at 7.00 pm and were treated to a drinks reception which was to be held on the outer terrace but a cold wind drove them indoors. In the dining room the assembled company was seated at three large round dining tables and Elisabeth Thompson, Joint President, welcomed those present and invited Judge David Turner to say Grace. Following a very pleasant meal, Jonathan introduced two speakers, Patrick Allen, Principal, and Donald Bigger, Chair of the Former Pupils Association.

Patrick outlined the trials and tribulations of the school's transition, the arduous route to the final build, the complexities of the move and an overview of their first year in the new school. He paid a warm tribute to the staff, both academic and ancillary, without whose efforts the whole process would never have run so smoothly. For the pupils leaving behind Springtown and Duncreggan at Christmas 2017 and arriving in their new school on 8 January 2018 it was an easy transition and most would have been totally unaware of the mammoth effort that gone into this process.

Donald Bigger, who has recently retired from a career in the army, told his listeners about the Former Pupils Association and the archive facility. He highlighted the necessity for both of these to be self funded and independent of the school's budget especially considering the financial constraints currently imposed on education. He drew members' attention to the donation/standing order forms which he hoped they would subscribe towards, giving the association a much needed income.

Donald's main interest is in military history and having joined the school's archive team he is currently researching careers and untimely deaths of so many former pupils involved in the First World War illustrating his findings with the story of one such soldier.

Jonathan brought proceedings to a close and appealed to the younger London members attending the function to spread the word in the city and surrounding area so that next year a viable number might be reached. Former pupils, Padraig Moore, Dawn Coulter, Tim McKean



Rosie and Elma

and Lea Milligan were present and promised that they would promote the event among their friends for next year.

Thanks are due to Lowry Cunningham who, once again as a member of the club, made it possible for us to have this impressive venue and for all his efforts in arranging menus and accommodation. We are also grateful to our Chair of Governors, Gavin Killeen, who provided sponsorship for the drinks reception.

W M Lynn



Jonathan with two of his sons



Elma with Hal and Dawn Cruttenden



Jean & David Turner, Elma & Hal



Tim & Rhona with Jean



Jack with Patrick & Michelle



Bob & Lowry with guests



Bob and Lowry with Lea Milligan



Padraig, Gail, Donald & Elisabeth

LHSOGA LONDON LUNCH

13 APRIL 2019

Twenty-seven Old Girls attended another excellent luncheon at the Crowne Plaza, Gloucester Road. Our numbers were lower than expected with last minute cancellations due to illness.

The restaurant was looking very festive with a table for photo albums and the Foyle Book on display. Copies of the FCFPA magazine were also for sale. We had two long photographs of pupils taken in 1954 and 1961 which caused some merriment from those present. The restaurant staff were also fascinated by our school photos!

Elisabeth Thompson, this year's Joint President, entertained us with her talk. She brought to the luncheon an old homework book which revived memories of long homework hours, in my case hunched over Latin and French, and the obligatory apron which many of us made and painstakingly embroidered in J1. She encouraged us to visit the school archives if we were ever in Northern Ireland.

On closing, Elisabeth quoted the second verse of Danny Boy to remind us not to forget our school days and to be sure to visit the new school if we were in Derry:

*But come ye back when summer's
in the meadow,
Or when the valley's hushed and
white with snow,
It's I'll be there in sunshine or in
shadow,
Oh Danny boy, oh Danny boy, I love
you so.*

Our next luncheon will be at the same venue on Saturday 25 April 2020, as advertised on the FCFPA website.

Ruth Edwards née Lelievre



LHSOGA LONDON



ANNUAL LUNCH

Saturday 25th April 2020

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London SW7 4ER

Contact: Ruth Edwards at
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or
Kanchu McAllister at 02392264560

CLASS OF '88 REUNION

It was on Saturday 25 May 2019 that 27 past pupils from the class of '88 gathered together. This was billed as the "before turning 50" reunion and turned out to be an amazing day blessed with good weather. Some of us had not seen each other at all since leaving school and were thrilled to catch up and rekindle friendships after such a long time. Others had remained firm friends over the years. Some had travelled quite a distance to be present while others living in the city had shorter journeys!

It had been suggested that a tour of the new Foyle buildings would be both appropriate and fascinating.

Those of us who turned up in the afternoon were treated to a walk around the stunning new school. We were all blown away by the facilities and layout and perhaps wished we could be back there studying again! We were most grateful to Mr William Lynn who so generously gave of his time to show us around and explained carefully all about what proved to be a massive project. Foyle will now surely continue to provide a wonderful education to generations long into the future. A particular highlight was time spent in the Archives Room where we all had memories jogged with some incredible pictures and memorabilia.

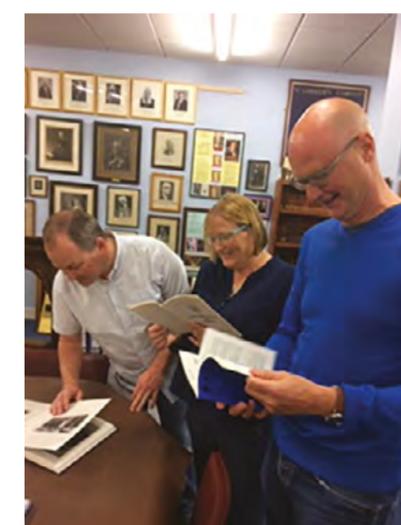
After meeting in the City Hotel, everyone then walked across the Peace Bridge for dinner in the Walled City Brewery. This was where a few more joined us and it took an age even to get our meals ordered as folk were so engaged and engrossed in moving around the room chatting and renewing acquaintances.

Many thanks to Claire Davies née Thompson, and Gillian Winter née Irwin, for so superbly planning and coordinating the day.

Timothy Howe



Class of '88 visiting The Walled City Brewery and the School Archive



DEDICATION OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY HISTORICAL MEMORIAL SPRINGHAM CAMPUS, FOYLE COLLEGE - 30 JULY 2019

When the United States Naval Communication Station on the Limavady Road closed on 30 September 1977 after 35 years, the site was taken over for a number of years, including the period of 'The Troubles', by the Ministry of Defence. In the last decade the land changed hands when the Department of Education purchased it as a site for the new Foyle College building to enable the relocation of the school from the two campuses at Duncreggan and Springtown, and its co-location with Ebrington Primary and Nursery Schools.

From 2010 onwards the site was gradually cleared including the demolition of the Samson Hall so when the US Navy's Alumni Association visited the city in 2011, they were sad to see the scale of demolition but pleased to see that the imposing flagpole remained standing. They were therefore delighted when the former Headmaster, Jack Magill, affirmed that the school would be pleased to retain the flagpole when it moved to the navy's former base.

During the past year negotiations have taken place between the president of the alumni association and Neil Stewart, the school's bursar, during which it was agreed that the US Naval Association would fund the removal, refurbishment and relocation of the flagpole to a site in front of the school and that a stone monument bearing the history of the US Naval Communications Station on the site would be erected at the base of the flagpole. Their President, James Sullivan, explained, "The importance of the flagpole to our membership cannot be overstated. For many of those who visited that day, it was

a deeply emotional experience to see their old US navy base's flagpole still standing. This is completely understandable as each sailor who proudly served there continues to cherish many wonderful memories of their Londonderry service - not only of the base but of the city and its citizens as well."

The logistics of the refurbishment and re-erection of the flagpole created a mammoth task which was undertaken by Fleming Steel of St Johnston, Co Donegal. The cast iron pole, almost 50 metres in height required large lifting and transporting machines. The pole was re-roped and the brass mechanism at the top fully restored, and a concrete base was constructed on its new site. A granite monument created by a firm of stonemasons from Limavady was erected close to this base - the photograph below displays the wording on the monument.

On a sunny morning in July this year the school hosted a most impressive ceremony of dedication of the flagpole and the flags at the Springham Campus. Over 120 US Navy veterans and their families attended with invited guests including the US Consul General, Elizabeth Kennedy Trudeau, the Mayor, Councillor Michaela Boyle, Roisin Doherty from the Tower Museum, The Honourable The Irish Society and representatives of the school. Archdeacon Robert Miller delivered the invocation and the company which had gathered in the Assembly Hall were told the story of the base, the artefact and the flags.

During the ceremony everyone moved outside around the flagpole where the US flag was hoisted to

the musical strains of the American national anthem. It was then drawn down and ceremonially folded. Pupils from the school's Combined Cadet Force stood to attention with the veterans during the ceremony.

Returning to the Assembly Hall there was a presentation of gifts and two American flags were handed over, the first of which was presented to Roisin Doherty to be held in the Tower Museum thereby retaining the connection between the American base and the city. The second flag had an interesting story. It was the flag which was flown the day President John F Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas - 22 November 1963. It had never been flown since that date until it was hoisted as part of this ceremony and it was presented to the school archive on the understanding that it would be flown here on 22 November and 4 July each year in future. The Naval Veterans Association had also kindly commissioned a new school flag which has duly flown on a number of occasions including the day of the Official Opening.

The ceremony closed with the presentation of gifts to members of the school and a generous cheque to cover all expenses including an excellent buffet in the school's canteen area at the conclusion of the day's proceedings.

W M Lynn



James Sullivan addresses the Guests



Raising the flag on 22nd November 2019, marking the assassination of President Kennedy



Mayor Michaela Boyd & Consul General Elizabeth Kennedy Trudeau with Navy Veterans James Sullivan, John Reigle, Ted Nevels, Frank Elstrom, Denis Kolodziej



School's Combined Cadets attending the Ceremony



Mayor, Consul General and Chair of Governors



Unfurling The Colours



Unveiling the Memorial Stone



Bursar Neil Stewart with Dennis Kolodziej Navy Veterans Treasurer



Joint Presidents and the Principal enjoying the speeches



US Naval Memorial



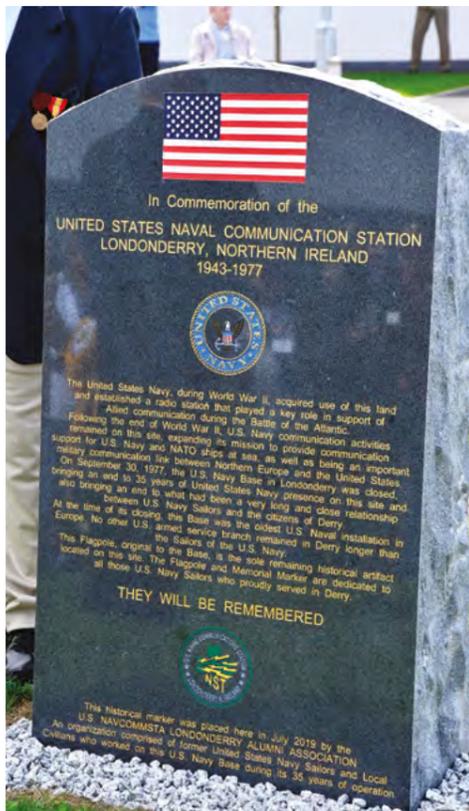
Veterans and Guests at the Ceremony



Foyle's Combined Cadets



Hoisting the Stars and Stripes



The Memorial Stone placed at the base of the Flagpole



Veterans in the audience



Archdeacon Robert Miller delivers The Invocation



Veterans folding the flag



Veterans and Wives during the playing of The U S National Anthem



Veterans salute the Colours



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ANNUAL DINNER

20 SEPTEMBER 2019

The FCFPA Annual Dinner was held at our usual venue in the City Hotel with a total of 49 members and guests from other associations attending. Our official guests from Portora Royal School, Belfast Royal Academy, Dungannon Royal School, Royal and Prior School Raphoe, Royal Belfast Academical Institution, St Columb's College and Methodist College joined our Principal, Head Boy and Head Girl to be welcomed by this year's Joint Presidents, Harriet Love and Bob Elliott. Following a drinks reception and photo call, members and their guests were seated.

Harriet extended her welcome to our guests and read a list of members who had passed away since our last dinner in September 2018. There was a minute's silence after which Rev Dr Bert Tosh said Grace and a very fine meal was served.

Bereavements since last Former Pupils Dinner 21 September 2018:

2017		
Robert (Bobby) Cairns		decd 9 November
2018		
William Niven McCleery		decd 4 October
William (Billy) Boggs		decd 28 October
William Howard Burton		decd 29 October
Adrian (Ian) Kennedy		decd 7 November
(Mrs Valerie Gillespie		decd 15 November)
Robert (Bertie) Bredin		decd 6 December
2019		
David Jervois Thetford Gilliland		decd 4 February
Rev John Joseph Fielding		decd 11 February
Thomas Ronald (Ronnie) Brown		decd 14 February
Joan Barbara Doherty née Page		decd 17 March
Olga Bailey née Duncan		decd 12 April
Kathleen Elizabeth (Betty) Crowe née Duncan		decd 27 April
Cecil Cowan Adams		decd 17 May
John Edgar Bigger		decd 18 May
Albert Trueman (Bertie) Adams		decd 21 June
William John (Billy) Carruthers		decd 16 August
John Frederick McNamee		decd August

Following the meal the "Toast to the School" was delivered by Vice President of the association, Chris Henderson, who reminisced about his time at Foyle and the impact it had on his career.

In his response to the toast, Principal, Patrick Allen, gave a detailed account of the past school year in which he paid a glowing tribute to Graeme Mercer who has recently retired from his post as Vice Principal. Graeme was a former pupil and a member, and later Head of the Mathematics Department, so has a long-standing association with school.

During the interval the company was entertained by two talented former pupils, Louis Fields and Nicky Morton. Having completed their Masters in Music last year they have now embarked on an exciting venture opening their St Columb's School of Music located in Cathedral House in St Columb's Court. They offer tuition in piano, organ, violin, clarinet, flute and voice as well as music theory. We wish them every success in this venture. The boys played an intricate piano duet, much appreciated by all, as was the singalong to Loch Lomond and Molly Malone which followed.

The "Toast to our Guests" was delivered by Joint President, Bob Elliott, who recalled earlier associations with many of the schools represented at the dinner.

The response on behalf of the guests was delivered by Mrs Sylvia Allen-Hamilton representing Royal and Prior School Raphoe. This was especially appropriate as Bob's father, Jack Elliott, had been a former pupil of the Raphoe school and had a long association with the school in his later years.

Sylvia recalled how Jack Elliott has contributed to the sporting life of the school and to many social events run by the Former Pupils Association in later years. He was a Past President of their association in 1980-81 and a cup to be presented for the top sports person each year is still awarded annually on Prize Night. On behalf of the guests she thanked our presidents and members for their hospitality on the evening.

To conclude the evening Joint President, Harriet Love, thanked the hotel staff, the musicians and the dinner convenor for a most enjoyable event. She then called on Stan Huey to take to the piano and lead the company in singing the school song. When formal proceedings closed there was time for members to socialise.

W M Lynn



Joint Presidents with Official Guests



Joint Presidents with Principal, Head Boy, Head Girl and Chair of Governors



Jonathan Hegan accepts Past Presidents' Jewel from Bob Elliott with William Lynn & Chris Henderson, Vice President



Joint Presidents with Past Presidents

ARMISTICE DAY 2019

Armistice Day was marked by the school on Monday 11 November. The senior pupils, staff, former pupils and governors attended the commemoration ceremony at 11am. The Former Pupils' Association was represented by the Joint Presidents, Harriet Love and Bob Elliott, who laid a wreath on the WW1 memorial whilst the Head Girl and Boy laid a wreath on the WW2 memorial.

The religious part of the service was conducted by the clerical governors, Archdeacon Robert Miller and Reverend Stuart McCrea.

Members of the Combined Cadet Force gave a most interesting presentation featuring Laura Gailey - the only woman named on the Diamond War Memorial in the City, and a former pupil of Victoria High School. It is proposed that a small separate plaque will be erected between the two existing memorials in the assembly hall to mark her contribution.



Head Boy and Head Girl at WW2 Memorial Board



Archdeacon Robert Miller addressing Assembly



Reverend Stuart McCrea addressing Assembly



Joint Presidents



Senior Boys tell the Story of Laura Gailey, the only women named on the Diamond War Memorial and a Former Pupil of Victoria High School.



The Laying of Wreaths



Platform Party before Armistice Day Service



Presidents Bob & Harriet with Michael Hatrick & Ellie Goodman

LOCAL HEROES

The Diamond War Memorial – Londonderry
755 local heroes commemorated

Only 1 female

LAURA MARION GAILEY

Voluntary Aid Detachment – Red Cross
Rank: Equivalent to Officer

LAURA'S BACKGROUND

- Born in Londonderry, Northern Ireland on the 8th November 1886.
- Daughter of William Gailey and Margaret Elizabeth Gailey.
- Attended Victoria High School, which later amalgamated with Londonderry High School to form today's Foyle College.
- Laura's father owned a stationary shop in Waterloo place, Londonderry



LAURA MARION GAILEY
"SKIPPED AND DANCED AND THERE WAS A BROWN VELVET LIVELINESS THAT MADE ME THINK OF GOATS AND PANSIES SOMEHOW COMBINED." *Kathleen Coyle*



SERVICE

- Laura volunteered in June 1915, joining the Donegal/Londonderry Commission of the St John's Ambulance Service.
- More than 90,000 volunteers, three quarters of whom were women, joined the Voluntary Aid Detachment (VAD) to work in auxiliary hospitals at home and overseas.

Laura's Service During WW1

- Deployed to the First Western Military Hospital, Fazakerley in Liverpool.
- Laura was "Well regarded for her gentle disposition" and delivered dedicated, compassionate and skilled humanitarian service at a time of national crisis just as so many other women did" - Mehzebin Adam of the British Red Cross Heritage team.

Did we learn from Laura's death?

- Revolutionary changes to how infection is controlled.
- Blood transfusion and blood banks introduced in the field.
- The "Thomas" splint was developed
- Better casualty clearing stations with surgeons closer to the front line.

Laura Gailey – an inspiration

- Courage to leave loved ones behind
- Courage to put her own life in danger to help others
- Courage replicated by millions during WW1
- Remember their heroism
- Remember their suffering
- Remember their sacrifice

Laura Gailey 1887 - 1917

- Laura Marion Gailey unfortunately, never made it home. Holding a rank equivalent to an officer, by King's Regulations she was buried with full military honours on 29 March 1917 with 200 nurses present to pay their respects."
- Although her rank afforded her a military burial, it was not for another 100 years that her grave would be marked with a headstone.
- Purchased with funds raised by the ladies of the Mountjoy Orange Lodge, the headstone was erected on 21 March 2017 at her final resting place in Liverpool, just days from the centenary of Miss Gailey's death.

NOTICES (BIRTHS/MARRIAGES)

BIRTHS

To Andrew & Lorraine Glenn née Dougherty a son - Odhran Andrew, born 6 November in Mater Hospital, Belfast - a brother for Lughan.

To Lee & Emma Armstrong née Thatcher twins - Harry George and Jack Alexander born 20 November 2019. Grandad delighted!!!

MARRIAGES



30 March 2019
Sara Lynn to Sean Keyes.

Corinn, Sarah & Sara

Emma, Mari & Sarah

The wedding took place in the Rosapenna Hotel, Downings, Co Donegal.



9 April 2019
Aine Sneddon to Nathan Love.



13 July 2019
Robert Lynn to Tessa Gallagher. The wedding took place in Holy Trinity Church, Dunfanaghy, Co Donegal.



14 September 2019
Heather McGee to Lee Brettell. Wedding Ceremony and Reception held at Drenagh Estate, Limavady and the couple honeymooned in Greece.



3 October 2019
Helen McCarter to Philip Clyde. The wedding took place at Harvey's Point Hotel, Donegal. The honeymoon was spent in Mexico.

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NOTES & NEWS

Trevor Barr lives and works in Warwick. In April this year he brought Village Voices, a choir which he directs, to First Derry Presbyterian Church to present a concert in support of the North West Cancer Centre.

Reverend Nigel Cairns, Curate-assistant in the Parishes of Glendermott and Newbuildings, has been appointed Rector of St Augustine's Church, Londonderry.

Brian Dougherty was appointed Chairman of North West Cricket Union in April this year. Brian currently serves on the school's Board of Governors.

Lauren Duncan has been appointed organist in St Augustine's Church and to teach music in a school in Omagh.

We congratulate **Ebrington Primary School Choir** who won the Junior Section of this year's BBC Choir of the Year. Congratulations also to former Foyle pupils, **Rachel Stone** who conducted the choir and **Lesley Ann Campbell** who was their accompanist.

Reverend Canon Malcolm Ferry who was a member of the school's Board of Governors, has moved to Portstewart following his appointment as Rector of the Parish of Agherton. We send him and his wife, Carol, our good wishes. Their family, James, Sarah and Rebekah have all attend Foyle. **Archdeacon Robert Miller** has replaced Malcolm on the school's Board of Governors.

Brian Guthrie was appointed Principal of Ebrington Primary School in September 2018.

Christine Hamilton finished her PhD in Geography in Liverpool John Moores University in May this year. Her studies focussed on reconstructing past changes in sea level and costal evolution to enhance understanding of what may happen in future. Christine has recently begun working with the Environment Agency within flood risk management.

James Huey, whose Walled City Brewery won Best Gastro Pub in Ulster Regional Awards for the 2019 Irish Restaurant Awards, has been appointed Chairman of the newly formed LegenDerry Food and Drink Network set up by Derry City and Strabane Council. The network comprises 15 local representatives from across the food and drink sector working in collaboration to showcase the positive work being done within the local food industry. His restaurant manager, Stephanie Bradley, won Best

Restaurant Manager in the Ulster Regional Awards for the 2019 Irish Restaurant Awards.

Simon Hunter has been awarded an MBE for services to Business and the Economy. Simon is Chief Executive Officer of Hunter Apparel Solutions Limited. He is a third generation CEO of the award-winning shirt company which has been in operation since 1936.

"If Stones Could Speak" - Items and photographs from the school featured prominently in this photograph exhibition in St Columba's Cathedral during June and July this year.

Marshall Kilgore has been awarded an MBE He received his honour from Prince William at Buckingham Palace on 26 November 2019.



Joseph Leighton continues to enjoy success in the musical field. This year he took part in primary school workshops entitled "Live Music Now" in conjunction with the City of Derry Jazz Festival. Joseph demonstrated his guitar expertise in Newbuildings Primary School.



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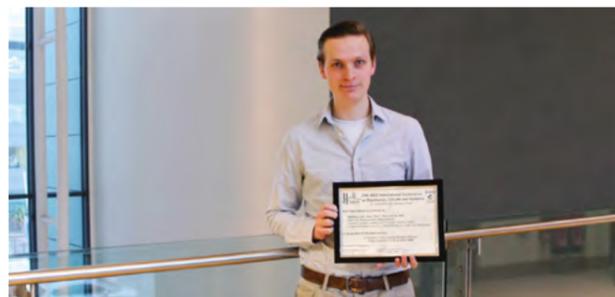
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Matthew Love, a second year PhD student at the Centre for Wireless Innovation at Queen's University, Belfast, has been awarded the prestigious "Best Paper" Award at the 25th IEEE International Conference on Electronics Circuits and Systems (ICECS) for his work entitled 'A Compact 5 GHz Lumped-Element Wilkinson Power Combiner on 28nm Bulk CMOS', and received a grant which will aid in continuing his research in this field.



ICECS is an annual international conference dedicated to circuits and systems. The event took place in Bordeaux, France, this year, and covers a vast range of topics from digital, analog and RF circuit design to neural networks and signal processing. It attracted a record breaking number of submissions from all over the world (397 papers) with each paper subjected to over 3.3 reviews on average and the acceptance rate of 49.6%.

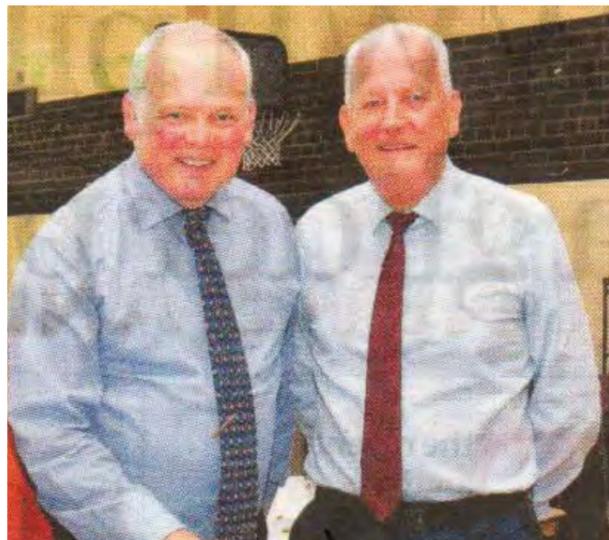
Matthew commented: "I'm very happy to receive this award for my work which was carried out alongside the engineers at Catena in the Netherlands. This outcome would not have been possible without the support and guidance from my supervisor, Dr Mury Thian. Our research provides a simple and novel solution to reduce the size of magnetic coils in power combining circuits. Magnetic coils in integrated circuits are typically very large and significantly increase the cost of manufacturing. Our work will prove useful for both researchers in academia and engineers in industry."

Martin Mace has been awarded a BEM for services to sport and the community in NI. He taught in Belmont House School for 39 years, 32 of those as Vice Principal. He has been heavily involved in all forms of sport and outdoor activities for most his life. Among these are Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, City of Derry Life-saving Club and Contingent Commander of the new Combined Cadet Force in Foyle for 15 years. He represented NI at Small Bore Rifle Shooting from 1966 until 1995 competing in three Commonwealth Games and Two European Championships. He has coached NI and GB national teams both of which achieved considerable success.

Professor Robert (Roy) McClelland OBE received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Royal College of Psychiatrists (RCPsych) annual awards ceremony in London on Friday, 8 November 2019. As Professor of Mental Health at Queen's University School of Medicine, he was responsible for Northern Ireland's undergraduate teaching in psychiatry and was greatly involved in postgraduate psychiatry training. A consultant psychiatrist at Belfast City Hospital, he co-chaired the Bamford Review which has helped modernise mental health services in Northern Ireland by overhauling policy and service delivery. After the Good Friday agreement he was involved in the development of two major civil society ventures. He chaired the 'Healing and Remembering Initiative', addressing the legacy of individual and communal trauma and was a trustee of the Northern Ireland Centre for Trauma and Transformation, which provided psychotherapy for the victims of the IRA bombing in Omagh in 1998.

A champion of patient confidentiality Professor McClelland chairs Northern Ireland's Privacy Advisory Committee, nationally was chair of the College of Psychiatrists' Confidentiality Advisory Group and a member of the General Medical Council task group involved in updating its guidance to UK doctors. Internationally he was responsible for the development of European Standard in Confidentiality for which he was awarded the Geneva Prize for Human Rights in Psychiatry

William McElhinney retired from his post of Principal of Ashlea Primary School after 42 years in education, 28 of them spent at the school. He spent time teaching in the Model Primary School and Lisnagelvin Primary School and was Principal of Bready Primary School for a period of time prior to his appointment to Ashlea. Ashlea's Chair of Governors is **Lewis Lacey** who was formerly Vice Principal of the school and taught in school's history department. Photograph from Sentinel?



Jonathan McNee continues his interest in the excavation of planes which crashed in Donegal during World War II. He has again involved pupils from the school in his work and they have now retrieved parts of a P38 Lightning which crashed in Monaghan in 1942 and is known to have been flown by Second Lieutenant Milo Randall. Jonathan has commended the pupils for their interest and commitment to the project. He has also been in touch with Lieutenant Randall's family.

Dr Matt Nicholl is a Royal Astronomical Society Research Fellow at the University of Edinburgh. In April this year Matt commented in the local press that the recent photograph of a black hole in the centre of the Messier 87 galaxy, 517 quintillion kilometres from earth, had changed science. Photo?

The **Siege Museum** which hosted an exhibition on the history of Foyle College during our 400th Anniversary Year, was named as the finalist from the Derry City and Strabane District Council region as Northern Ireland's Best Small Visitor Attraction.

Desphal Panesar who was a pupil at Foyle until 1987 has become a barrister, and is to be appointed Queen's Counsel this year.

Craig Thompson is an online sensation known to his nearly six million YouTube subscribers as Mini Ladd. Craig started his YouTube channel in the summer of 2011 when he was at Foyle College. Although he now lives in the USA he returns home as often as possible. The stadium at City of Derry Rugby Club is named after him following a generous sponsorship deal with the club. Photograph Sentinel

We congratulate **Thornhill College** who won the Senior Section of the BBC Choir of the Year. **Louis Fields** and **Nicky Morton** were involved in the training of this choir and Louis accompanied them in their performance.





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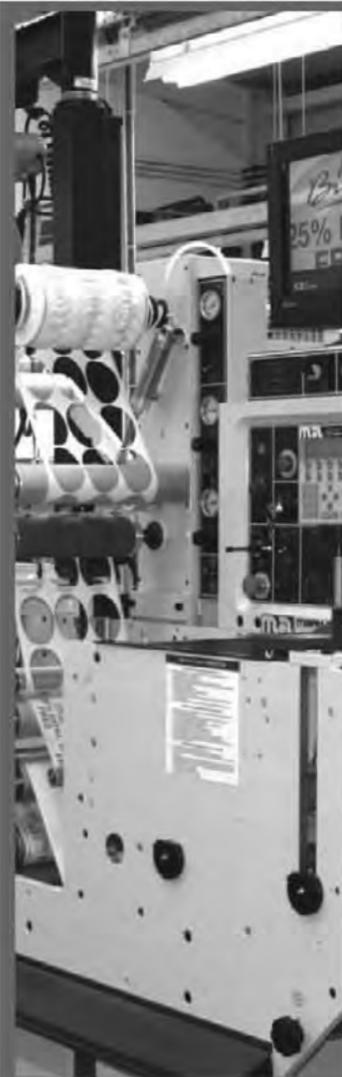
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OBITUARIES

Albert Trueman Adams

Bertie was the elder son of Albert John and Elizabeth (Lily) Adams of Marlborough Street and was born on 3 November 1918 shortly before the end of the Great War. Although there was no proverbial silver spoon in his mouth his mother had been presented with a fine silver tea-service upon her marriage in 1916 by her employers, Austins of the Diamond, and his father's aptitude for hard work in the grocery trade enabled the family to maintain a modestly civilised existence complete with housemaid (and in later years, a part-time gardener).

Bertie duly attended Foyle 1930-34 and in the summers there were enviable month-long holidays when the entire household would decamp to a house in Castlerock. Two American cousins joined them there in 1939 and only just managed to re-cross the Atlantic before such travel became altogether too hazardous.

After Foyle, Bertie embarked on a 45-year career with the Northern Bank as a clerk and later, manager. Early postings took him to Bray and to Grafton Street, Dublin, where in the 1940s at the end of each week he would send his laundry by train back to Londonderry where his parents' maid (Sarah) would attend to it over the weekend, a home-economics exercise now inconceivable, indeed impossible, with neither maids nor direct Dublin-bound trains! Bertie's willingness to serve where needed saw him in other branches from Donegal to County Down where, for example, he covered the Castlewellan bank manager's leave for several months. His last appointment was as Chief Cashier in Northern Bank's HQ in Donegal Square.

On retirement Bertie returned full-time to Marlborough Street, intending to garden and golf on home soil, but he was forced to leave in 1982 and settled instead at Carnalea. To everyone's surprise he married a former work colleague (Anne) when he was in his seventies. Anne helped him to remain in his new home, but increasing debility and blindness eventually necessitated transfer into a nursing home in the immediate locality. There, after ten or so years, Bertie celebrated his 100th birthday. He died on 21 June 2019 and was buried at Clandeboye. Bertie's brother, Cecil, had predeceased him by a month but he was survived by his wife, her family by an earlier marriage, and by his niece and nephew, Rosemary and Stuart Adams.

Obituary provided by Stuart Adams

Cecil Cowan Adams

Cecil Adams was born on 1 February 1920 to Albert John and Elizabeth (Lily) Adams who lived at 55 Marlborough Street (or 5 Marlborough Villas as it then was). He attended Foyle in the 1930s but (in his own words!) left 'as soon as possible' to join John R Hastings, Tea Merchants and Wholesale Grocers where his father was Managing Director. In due course, he became a director too.

Meanwhile, in 1948, he married Debra Donaghy and they settled at ... 71 Marlborough Street. In those close-knit community days there was often little inclination or need to move far. The family attended Great James' Street Presbyterian Church. For relaxation, Cecil played golf (mostly at Prehen where he was a captain in the 1960s) and enjoyed cards, particularly whist and poker. There would be weekend runs too,

in the car to Donegal or the north coast.

This pleasant and predictable existence was effectively ended by the 'Troubles'. The late '60s boycott of businesses deemed to be Protestant or Unionist forced Cecil's firm into liquidation; the Victorian premises in Foyle Street, which had stood since 1858, were shortly after fire-bombed, adding architectural and historical loss to the city, to the trauma of unemployment for the individual - but 'ne unquam cesseris'.

In 1971 Cecil moved to Lisburn to take up a comparatively lowly position with J & J Hazlett where perseverance and proven reliability were eventually rewarded with promotion to Company Buyer. Golfing in County Antrim was never quite the same as at Prehen but he developed an interest in gardening at his new home in Beechdene Park and he continued motoring up to the age of 93. Health problems, however, necessitated care home provision for his last three years.

Cecil died on 17 May 2019 in Lagan Valley Hospital aged 99. He is survived by his wife, Debra, his daughter, Rosemary (LHS 1961-8) and his son, Stuart (FC 1962-9), also, remarkably, by his brother, Bertie (Albert Truman Adams), another Foyle Old Boy, who celebrated his 100th birthday in Carnalea in November 2018.

Obituary provided by Stuart Adams

Helen Margaret Alexander 1932-2019

Helen was born on 22 August 1932 in India to Dr Hugh and Dorothy Alexander. When war started the family moved to Enniskillen from England. Helen went as a boarder

to Londonderry High School. School records indicate that she entered the school on 3 September 1947.

After Senior Certificate, she trained as a nurse in the Royal Victoria Hospital. She nursed in Sarawak for two years and after nursing in Belfast for a time, she went to nurse in Tanzania for two years. On returning to Northern Ireland she trained as a Health Visitor, working in Antrim and living in Doagh.

Later Helen trained as a Reflexologist. She was very generous with her time and used this qualification to relax cancer sufferers and mothers shortly to give birth. The next qualification Helen acquired was to teach Yoga. She was a dedicated teacher and held evening classes. Helen was a gifted artist and needlewoman.

She died peacefully at the home of her niece after a lengthy illness.

Obituary supplied by Millicent Welch

John Edgar Bigger
29 May 1931-18 May 2019



When I sat down with a blank piece of paper to write this address, first there was a feeling of sheer dread, then of utter panic – how will I fit everything in, what to leave out; and then I suppose a moment of enlightenment when I thought of what my dad would do. A man of few words but what he said was gold dust, he would be structured in what

he said – in a roundabout way! And there would be some humour! So here goes. Structure – a beginning, middle and an end. Theme – focus on what my dad loved in his life.

So, three themes then. The love of life that he has passed on to his children; his working life spent teaching at Foyle College and in his latter years his love of his four grandchildren.

Dad loved life. Sport and the great outdoors were just some of his passions whether as a founder member of the North West Mountaineering Club or on the rugby or cricket pitch playing for Trinity or Magee. He has passed this passion on to all three of us. He loved reading and the arts, the house was always full of books and mum and dad were always disappearing off to events whether it was the Late, Late Show in Dublin hosted by Gay Byrne or a concert at what was then called the New University of Ulster in Coleraine.

He could just about hold a tune, although his efforts with the Foyle Staff Val Doonican look-alike singers left all three children very much looking the other way and wishing the ground would swallow us up! His efforts were more front of house and I well remember sitting through the Londonderry Operatic Society production of Oklahoma being fed ice cream by a very nervous front of house manager to ensure that I behaved – maybe that is why I have a fondness for 1950s musicals and ice cream – more of this later! Mum and Dad were always entertaining and all three of us have fond memories of setting on the stairs in Caw Park hoping that Stan and Sylvia, Meg and Gordon, and Cecil and Wilma would leave some of the dessert for us!

He also loved to travel. All three of us remember boiling crabs in our holiday cottage in Greencastle in the 60s, trips down to Enniscorthy to see Mum's side of the family, Dad loved a bit of craic with Joe, Tom and Jim! Epic car journeys to France

for the summer holidays with many lively discussions over map reading – life before satnav, but I think that his favourite trip was out to Fiji with Mum and Siobhan. Richard and I were left to fend for ourselves – but that is another story completely!

Whatever we did he was always there to support us; Siobhan deciding to go on Operation Rayleigh, Richard with numerous lifts to Lough Ash to go fishing – so many trips that Dad eventually tried fishing himself and was hooked – pardon the pun. A theme throughout his life – quietly supporting the family in the background and stepping in when he needed to.

Dad joined the staff of Foyle College in September 1954 and he retired from that very same school in June 1991 after 37 year's service. A caring, conscientious, highly regarded teacher, probably quite strict in class (only Siobhan was taught by him so you will need to ask her – rumour is she never spoke one syllable in that class) yet ensuring that his pupils derived the maximum benefit from his classes.

From the outset Dad threw himself into the rigours of school life thriving in what we would now call extra-curricular activities. He was master-in-charge of rugby for 20 years with many of his protégés, including Ken Goodall, Albert Sherrard and Stanley Mitchell going on to play at higher levels. In 1958 he was denied the opportunity of taking his side to the Schools' Cup Final at Ravenhill when Annadale defeated Foyle by the narrowest of margins.

Always a keen scout, the youthful Mr Bigger became Assistant and eventually Group Scout Leader of the then thriving Twelfth Londonderry (Foyle College) Troop. He organised many popular camps and many former pupils still recall with pleasure their times in Torbay, Edinburgh, Norway, Austria and Switzerland. Indeed, ask his grandchildren how to fry an egg on concrete or say I love you in

Norwegian and I am sure that they will be able to oblige!

As a young teacher he was roped into the famous Gilbert and Sullivan productions of the mid fifties as stage manager to be followed by his two sons as members of the chorus in the 1979 production of HMS Pinafore and Siobhan tripping the boards in Calamity Jane.

When careers teaching developed in its own right, in the early Seventies, Dad found a niche that suited him perfectly. All three of us remember not seeing much of Dad in the latter part of the school summer holidays as he beavered away with all his university contacts ensuring his pupils obtained places on suitable courses. There are generations of Foyle pupils who have much to be thankful for in this degree – I know Richard, Siobhan and I are.

Last night I was thinking how to sum up his time at Foyle College when fate lent a hand. I happened to bump into one of Dad's former pupils in Eglinton and after passing on his condolences he shared a few thoughts on Dad as a teacher. He always remembered being read The Life of an Irish RM, complete with all the different accents, by my father, as a real treat and car lifts to rugby trials throughout the province with quiet words of encouragement at just the right moment – to Dad it was all about the pupils!

A regular member of the congregation here in All Saints' Clooney, for many years he put his maths-teacher training to good use working with the team that 'cooked the books' when counting the collection on the Monday morning.

In his latter years both mum and dad adored their grandchildren, Alastair, Sian, Bea and Amy. Dad always took a keen interest in where Ali and Sian were in the world and what they were up to. It was always interesting to watch the conversation as Grandad would quietly drop into the chat that he had been to that very same place only some 50 years

earlier! So, we asked Bea and Amy about their happiest memories of Grandad – teaching him how to Dab (demonstrate), doing crossword puzzles together, dad embracing technology (sort of!) and playing games on the iPad. For Eric it was how much he loved a 99 whipped ice cream – I told you we would get back to ice cream! For his children his quiet love and support throughout his life.

So, to finish, Dad died peacefully in his sleep at Longfield Care Home on Saturday, 18 May 2019. Beloved husband of the late Susan, loving father of Richard, Donald and Siobhan, dear brother of Lex and Eileen, dear father-in-law of Tricia and Eric, and a devoted grandfather of Alastair, Sian, Bea and Amy; teacher, mentor and friend to many, sadly missed but never forgotten
Funeral address supplied by Donald Bigger

Thomas Ronald Brown (Ronnie)



Ronnie was born on the 4 February 1926 in Dungiven to May and Thomas Brown, younger brother to Ernie. His mother had been a boarder at Victoria High School (the precursor to Londonderry High School which amalgamated with Foyle in 1976). At the age of seven, Ronnie moved to Derry with his family and attended Foyle Prep school and later Foyle College. He developed many friendships at the school as well as a passion for cricket where he made a

name for himself as a left arm, slow bowler, playing for 1st XI cricket team in 1943.

After leaving school he studied in Belfast for a year and then joined the Northern Bank in 1944 as a junior. He worked in the bank right up to his retirement having served in many branches throughout Ireland before ending up back home in Derry with his wife, Hilda, as a well-thought-of and respected Bank Manager.

Ronnie always kept up his connections and interest in Foyle. His four children, Moira, Peter, Julie and Caroline all attended as well as three of his grandchildren, Christopher, Victoria and Jasmine. Ronnie also served on the board of governors for a time.

He would always be interested in the newest edition of the Foyle College Former Pupils' Magazine and regularly attended the school musical productions. He attended events during the 400th anniversary year and enjoyed perusing A View the Foyle Commanding – A Portrait of Foyle College as well as Billy Platt's book on the History of Cricket at Foyle College.

Ronnie was very proud of his school. He was able to name all of the pupils in his prep school photograph and knew what they all had gone to do. In latter years Ronnie donated various items to the school archive team. He died on 14 February 2019 at the age of 93.

Obituary provided by his daughter, Julie.

IN SYMPATHY – Hilda Brown

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death last week of Hilda, Ronnie's much loved wife. To lose their mother and grandmother so soon after the loss of their father and grandfather must be very painful for the family. We extend our sincere sympathy to Moira, Peter, Julie and Caroline, the grandchildren and the wider family circle.

David Russell Craig

Russell was born on 2 July 1935 and entered Foyle in 1948. His three brothers, Ian, Derek and Alwyn followed and all four of them were at the school together in 1951-52. His sister Meriel attended the Londonderry High School from 1956 to 1963.

At school he appeared in a number of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas, taking the principal role of Colonel Calverley in *Patience*. His sporting activities at school were interrupted at age 15 when he developed osteomyelitis, then a serious disease. His leg was saved by treatment with penicillin which had been introduced during the 1940s. He spent six weeks in hospital, and was only able to take up sport again

towards the end of his time at the school. He would later play rugby for City of Derry 2nd and 1st XV's, during a year out of university, between degrees.

Out of school he developed his interest in music and sang both as a soloist and in choirs, at concerts and at music festivals. He maintained his interest in singing and was an active member of the Hertford Choral Society for many years before he died.

He had a passion for DIY around the house and for fixing cars and equipment, even when there was no apparent need. Probably this was done to satisfy his thirst for knowledge about how things were

put together and how they worked, and was an early indicator for his eventual choice of career.

He went to Liverpool University School of Architecture in 1953, finally graduating BArch in 1961. The course there normally took six years, consisting of a first degree, a year out in an architectural practice, followed by second degree. He spent a further year because a serious illness prevented him from taking one set of annual examinations.

From 1961 he worked in the Department of Architecture and Civic Design of the London County Council, which later became the Greater London Council. During that time, after additional study and practical experience, he obtained professional qualifications in architecture (RIBA) and in town planning (MRTPI).

In 1969 he joined Hertfordshire County Council, becoming Architect to the County Planning Office and in 1974 he became Head of the Design and Conservation Unit. Apart from normal planning activities, his unit supported the Hertfordshire Building Preservation Trust, which was engaged in preserving and restoring buildings of outstanding historic and architectural importance and helping to rescue buildings at risk.

In 1992, restructuring of local government resulted in devolution, from the county to district level, of most of the planning and conservation activities of his unit, threatening the continuation of valuable conservation work. He saved the day by arranging that he and his unit be seconded to the Hertfordshire Building Preservation Trust. He was then instrumental in founding BEAMS Ltd (Built Environment Advisory and Management Services) as the self-funded trading arm of the trust. It was set up specifically to assist and work with local authorities, architects, developers and private

owners for conservation of the built heritage and the design of new development. BEAMS continues today as the only known such organisation in the country.

During his time with the Trust and BEAMS, hundreds of old buildings were rescued and restored. He gained an encyclopaedic knowledge of buildings in Hertfordshire and was a tireless "after hours" speaker around the county to publicise and gain support for the conservation work. He was Managing Director of BEAMS from 1993 until his retirement in 2010. Because of his knowledge of Hertfordshire buildings he was retained as an advisor and worked with them on many projects until two years before his death.

In a tribute at his memorial service, Dorothy Abel Smith, chairman of the Hertfordshire Building Preservation Trust said:

"Russ was exceptional when weighing up opinions formed by others. He looked at all sides of an argument to seek out the very best for a building and its aesthetic setting. With patience, energy and drive he reached the right conclusions, rooted in scholarship, which were usually agreed by the local authority planners. He was a champion for modern architecture but also for the classic. He recognised the importance of detail which others were quick to dismiss. Hertfordshire had been privileged to know him and admire him for over 50 years. Without him, dozens of buildings could have been lost forever. If you seek his memorial, look around you."

He had a keen interest in the work of professional bodies and was at various times Chairman of Hertford Association of Architects, Chairman of RIBA Eastern England Branch, Vice Chairman of ARCUK (Architects Registration Council of the UK), and a Member of the CNAAs (Council for National Academic Awards) Architecture Board 1976-1980. He

served for a number of years on the RIBA Council. He was a Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects.

He was a contributor to many publications notably Pevsner's *Buildings of England*, Hertfordshire, and *JT Smith's English Houses 1200-1800: The Hertfordshire Evidence*.

He served as President of Foyle College Old Boys' Association in 1997-98.

In 1997, his wife Carol, whom he met at Liverpool University, and married in 1963, was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's disease. He cared for her at home, later with support from a live-in carer, as her mobility and health deteriorated. She passed away in April 2019.

Russell became ill just after Carol died and he passed away on 16 December 2019. He is survived by his three brothers and one sister, by his daughters, Mary Henn and Emma Craig, his son, David, and by 9 grandchildren. A Memorial Service was held in St Mary's Church, Hertingfordbury, on 7 January 2019, when the church was completely full.

Obituary provided by Alwyn Craig

Rev John J Fielding

John was the third of six sons born to George and Florence Fielding and he is survived by his brothers Aubrey and Maurice. He was born on 9 July 1929 and his early education was in Cathedral Primary School and Foyle College. He undertook a course at Magee College before attending Trinity College, Dublin, where he graduated with a BA in 1953. He gained his MA in 1958. He had a life-long interest in education and gained a Dip Ed from Queen's University Belfast in 1957.

John was a chorister in St Columb's Cathedral like his five brothers. His sport was hockey and he played

for one of the Cathedral teams and Magee when he was a student there. He was also a keen campanologist and rang regularly until his last illness.

John commenced his ministry as curate in St Luke's Belfast and also served in St Mary Magdalene's parish 1957-1960. During his time in Belfast he met and married his wife Claire Hassen. He is survived by his daughters; Anne and Hilary and his second wife Margaret Cosens.

The family moved to West Germany in 1961 where John served as chaplain at Windsor Boys' School. Returning to the UK he took up the post of chaplain at St Edward's School in Oxford which he held for four years. In 1973 he became Vicar of St Michael's Parish, Highgate, London. He served there until his retirement in 1995. He was involved in various committees in London and acted as vice-president of Highgate Cemetery until recent years. In retirement he continued to serve as a priest in the Diocese of Southwark until September 2018; the Bishop of Southwark thanked him at that time for "the years of faithful service you have given to God and his people with respect and admiration."

John died on 11 February 2019. At his funeral service in St John's Knutsford, the Dean of Windsor, David Conner, in a written tribute, spoke of John as a priest and his role as his mentor. He spoke of his hospitality, time shared, and his kindness. The Dean said that he could not claim to have lived up to the example that he set all those years ago, but, most certainly, he had not forgotten it. John's nephew Rev Canon Stephen Fielding gave the address at the funeral service.

Obituary supplied by Mrs Elizabeth Fielding

Elizabeth Jane Hawthorne née Aiken

Elizabeth was born on 16 August 1929 at Edymore, Strabane, Co Tyrone. She attended Groarty Primary School from the age of eight when her family moved to Coshquin Farm, Londonderry. She was one of nine children, two boys died young, she was the youngest and outlived all of them. Her brothers were David, Jimmy, Willie, Bertie, and Stewartie, who was her twin but predeceased her by 27 years. Margaret was her only sister. Elizabeth attended Londonderry High School from 1942 -6 and was in Northlands house. She still used her old school recipes, written all those years ago, in her school hard-backed red exercise book.

Family was a big part of Elizabeth's life and after marrying Alfie in 1952 she took a keen interest in local activities getting involved with cricket teas and bowls suppers. They had four children - Ann, Hazel, Barbara and David. When there was something needed and it didn't exist she helped to create it. She formed the Brownies at Killaloo School for the local girls and was Tawney Owl. She was a founder member of Drumahoe WI and a member for 50 years. She attained her Gold Medal for 10 skills and proudly displayed the framed certificate. She firmly believed her skills were taught at home and then developed at school and used frequently. She made dresses for the girls with smocking and knitted clothes for their dolls. She entered table-setting competitions with Mrs Deacon and they took it in turns to take their girls to swimming lessons. She was in the PWA and the bowling club at the Cumber Church.

When their children married, David took over the farm at Brackfield and the farmhouse. Alfie and Elizabeth moved into a bungalow they had built just a mile away at Burntollet. Then as grandchildren Perry, John and Sarah, Emma and Fiona and

Rachael and Clara arrived they were kept busy.

Elizabeth kept in touch with her close friends from school, going out for New Year was a special time for their group of friends and their husbands. After Alfie died in 2003 five of them met up once a month for lunch, which they did for 10 years. Elizabeth, Maud Bredin née Crocket, Etta Glenn née Edwards, Maureen Phillips née Greer and Morwenna Willoughby née Thompson. Elizabeth, Maud and Etta all reached that 90 milestone. Elizabeth managed to stay in her bungalow till September then moving to live with Ann, who is a retired nurse. All her family were around her for those last few days and she died on 6 November 2019 just before midnight.

Obituary provided by her daughter Hazel Thompson

John Frederick (Derek) McNamee
Derek was born on 23 June 1937 the second of three brothers, the oldest of whom, Cecil, predeceased him and the youngest, Basil. The family lived in Donemana and Derek attended Foyle College from 1949 to 1956, and was appointed prefect

in his final year. At school he was a keen sportsman playing for the 1st XI Cricket team from 1952 until 1955 and captaining the team in the 1954-55 season. He also played for the 1st XV rugby team in 1954-55.

Derek proceeded to Queen's University Belfast from which he graduated with a First Class Honours degree in Civil Engineering. He joined Charles Brand in England and during his time with that company he was involved with the construction of the Harland and Wolff Dry Dock and the Queen Elizabeth Bridge in Belfast. He subsequently moved to the Belfast Harbour Commissioners where he became Chief Engineer, retiring in 1997.

Derek married Eleanor Sturgeon on 20 March 1964 and they had a son, John, and a daughter, Denise. They lived in Cultra, Holywood, until 1998 when they moved to live on the outskirts of Cheltenham.

A talented sportsman, Derek played cricket for Donemana with his two brothers, Basil and Cecil, then for Queen's University, Belfast, winning the Senior League in 1959 along with brother Basil and finally for



NIFCC. He captained both Queens and North and played regularly at representative level for Ulster Town in the All-Ireland Guinness Cup. Derek was an excellent all-rounder and highly respected in cricketing circles. He was a member of Knock Golf Club and was renowned as a very long hitter of a golf ball, a talent he had already demonstrated with the cricket ball!

Derek's sporting talent extended also to rugby. He played for Queen's University, Belfast, London Irish and CIYMS. Capped eight times for Ulster, he played on the wing against a very strong Springboks team at Ravenhill in 1961 where he marked John Gainsford, one of the outstanding players in that South African team. Details of his eight Ulster Rugby Caps are set out below:

- Lancashire October 1960;
- Yorkshire October 1960;
- Munster November 1960;
- Connaught November 1960;
- Leinster December 1960;
- South Africa January 1961;
- Ulster XV v British Police XV September 1961;
- Lancashire October 1961.

Derek died at his home in Cheltenham on 28 July 2019 aged 82. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor, son, John, daughter, Denise, and grandchildren, Alexander and William.

Tribute provided by his wife

Mrs Mary Kathleen Stewart née Hatrick November 1927-March 2019

Thank you to Londonderry High School Old Girls Association for all the friendships and for all that you meant to our mother.

Kathleen Hatrick was born in 1927. Home was Creggan House on the Glen Road - a farm. Kathleen started in kindergarten and over the following six years was joined by her sisters - Margaret, Dorothy



LHS 2nd Hockey Team 1944-5
Back Row: V Carson, M Bell, O Hueston, C Boddie, J Galbraith, C Galbraith.
Front Row: J Steele, P Calderwood, K Hatrick, D Glass, H Maxwell.
(Vice-captain) (Captain)

and Anne. Jim, her older brother, went to Foyle. At Londonderry High School - learning, games (hockey and tennis), fun and friendships were made which lasted a life-time. Kathleen captained the Second XI Hockey Team. After leaving school she joined LHS Old Girls Association a link which lasted for the rest of her life.

Kathleen went from being 12 years of age to being 18 years of age during the years of World War 2 and often shared many memories of her mother helping at the soup-kitchen for the sailors calling at the port, of sailors who visited Creggan, the Belfast blitz being heard at home, of the black-outs, the night wardens, cycling to Bunrana and Fahan for a swim, and walking or cycling to and from LHS at Duncreggan from Creggan farm.

From school, Kathleen went to Queen's to study Chemistry. There she met many people who had served during the War and had of necessity needed to grow up fast. After Queen's she chose to follow her mother into teaching,

first at Enniskillen Collegiate, then Strathearn in Belfast and then after a break having family, she taught in Carolan Girls Grammar in Belfast until retirement.

Kathleen and Adam were married in First Derry Presbyterian Church in 1953 and moved to live in Ballygowan. She had three children, Roberta, Elizabeth and John. Kathleen loved children - her own children and grandchildren, nephews and nieces and the children she taught. After retirement it was not unusual for girls she had taught at Carolan to stop her in the street for a chat and to thank her for having taught them.

Kathleen loved having people back to the house. In Ballygowan it was an open manse. People could call at any time and would always be welcomed with a cup of tea and something to eat - usually home-baking. Kathleen led the Women's Guild in Ballygowan.

Kathleen was honoured to be President of Londonderry High School Old Girls Association in 1990-91 and greatly enjoyed her visit to the London group and the other groups.

Kathleen and Adam had just recently moved to Portstewart when Adam died 26 years ago. In retirement Kathleen enjoyed time with her family, friends and neighbours – LHS Old Girls Association, the Retired Teachers, Burnside Presbyterian Church and the Bowls, the University Students Group, the North Coast National Trust, theatre, coffee mornings, games and puzzles, but most of all meeting with people. Kathleen knew she was very fortunate to have good family, friends and neighbours, loved driving and was very willing to give people lifts. In her later years Kathleen's mobility was reduced and then her eye-sight deteriorated. She was able to be out and about until she became unwell in February 2019. Kathleen died suddenly in March 2019 after a short illness.

Thank you to Londonderry High School for all the opportunities you have given our mother over a lifetime, making a basis for an interesting life.

Tribute provided by Roberta, Elizabeth and John, October 2019

BEREAVEMENT NOTICES

Robert (Bobby) Cairns

Bob was born on 26 September 1950 and records show that he entered Foyle College in September 1962. He died on 9 November 2017. A service of thanks for his life was held on Saturday, 11 November, in Martyrs' Memorial Free Presbyterian Church, Ravenhill Road, Belfast and he was buried in Ballygowan Free Presbyterian Churchyard. He is survived by his wife Muriel, daughter, Helen and son in law Shane, and grandchildren Matthew and Abigail.

William John (Billy) Carruthers

Born on 26 March 1938, Billy attended Foyle College from 1949 until 1955. During his time there he took leading roles in at least six Gilbert and Sullivan operettas and he was elected prefect in his final year. Outside school he was a leading light in the Londonderry Musical Society for many years.

Billy died on 16 August 2019. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life was held in Drumachose Presbyterian Church on 19 August 2019. He is survived by his wife Mabel, his son Mark, his daughter, Rhonda, and his five grandchildren.

IN SYMPATHY

David Jervois Thetford Gilliland

David Gilliland whose home was at Brook Hall, Londonderry, was the school's solicitor for many years and his sound advice and wise counsel were of enormous benefit to the school on many occasions. David was the loving husband of Jennifer Johnston, father of Anne, Gail, Amanda, John and Philip, grandfather of Tanner, Fionn, Eylse, Meriel, Grace, Alexander, David, Caroline, Matthew, Rory, Conal, and Cara, stepfather of Patrick, Sarah, Lucy and Malachi. While he did not attend Foyle College, some of his grandchildren were pupils of the school. David died on 4 February 2019. He was cremated on Thursday 7 February at Lakelands Crematorium, Cavan, and a Memorial Celebration was held at Brook Hall on Saturday 16 March 2019.

Right Reverend Dr James Mehaffey

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Bishop Mehaffey on Monday evening, 6 January 2020. During his time as bishop here in Londonderry, Dr Mehaffey, whose wife, Thelma, attended Londonderry High School, served on the school's board of governors. When asked to write a foreword for our publication, A View the Foyle Commanding, he graciously agreed and spoke warmly of his association with the school and his admiration for its contribution to education in the city. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Thelma, his son and daughter, and the wider family circle.

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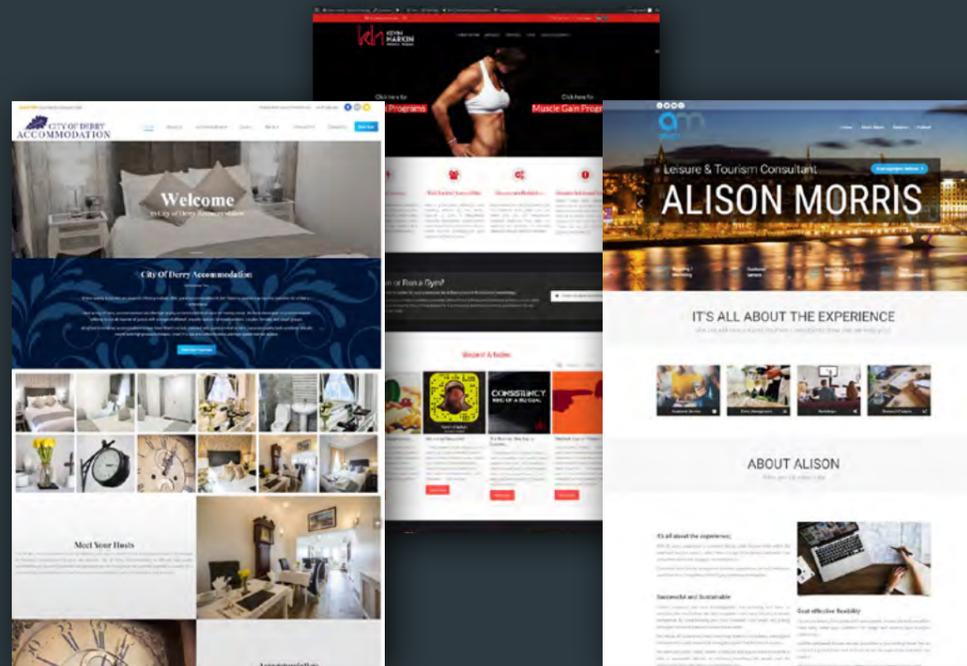
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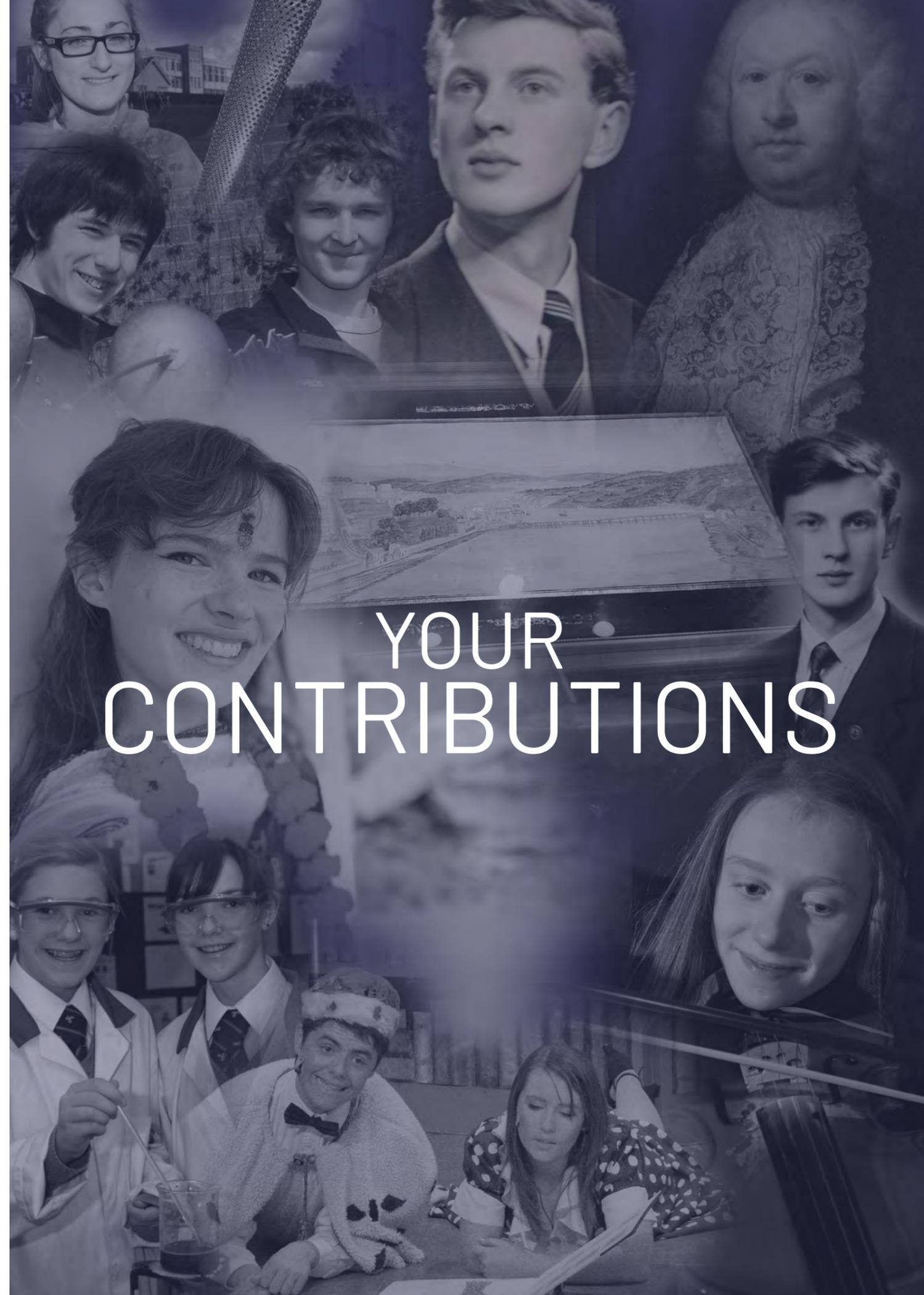


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Two former pupils of the school, Louis Fields and Nicky Morton, have opened a new school of music at Cathedral House, 1 St Columb's Court. The boys have been working informally since 2017-18 during the period when both were completing their M.Mus degrees at Ulster University, Magee Campus. Assisting with the Music Departments of Foyle College and Thornhill College as well as offering private tuition, has given them a good base to establish their own teaching premises which were kindly offered by St Columb's Cathedral.

Both Louis and Nicky have a long tradition and well established background in choral and organ music with both coming through the ranks of the cathedral choir. Nicky continues with this and is also now Assistant Organist and Choir Master working especially with the boy choristers. Louis continues to contribute to the choir when not involved in his occupation as Organist and Choir Master in Agherton Parish Church, Portstewart.

Their school offers an extensive programme of outreach and community work which aims to provide a dynamic and supportive environment to help young musicians discover their talents and flourish. With new facilities and a favourable location, talented instrumentalists, concerts and competitions, as well as musical ensembles, students have the opportunity to hone their skills and attain their full potential. The school also gives people of all ages a chance to find and explore this creativity and to improve in their own time whilst learning a valuable skill set which will aid them in future.



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PRESENTATION TO ST COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL

On 10 October 2019, Anne Price-Owen donated her 1820 watercolour of the first permanent bridge across the River Foyle to the Dean and Chapter of St Columb's Cathedral at a ceremony in the Chapter House where Dean Stewart graciously received it.

The bridge, which was a wooden structure, had opened for foot passengers in late 1790 and ran from Bridge Street to the Waterside near the foot of Fountain Hill. This bridge served the city until it was replaced in 1863 by the Carlisle Bridge.

Owned by Anne's grandfather, Robert Graham, a director of the Derry Standard, the watercolour was originally located in the Standard's office on Shipquay Street.

The first Foyle Bridge ~ C1790



Dr Robert Montgomery and William Lynn with Dr Anne Price-Owen presenting her watercolour to Dean Raymond Stewart.

LIEUTENANT ROBERT BOYD - FOYLE COLLEGE AND THE MALAGA CONNECTION

An article appeared recently in the Derry Journal and previously in 'The Roamer' column of the Londonderry Sentinel relating the story of Robert Boyd who was executed by firing squad in Spain following a failed uprising against the Spanish King Ferdinand VII. Although both articles indicate that he was born into a wealthy Londonderry family in 1805, neither refers to the fact that he attended Foyle College, then the Diocesan Free School, but his registration as a pupil there is held in the files of the school's archive.

Although only 26 years of age at the time of his execution in 1831, Robert Boyd is held in high regard by the people of Malaga as a libertarian and romantic hero. He served as a lieutenant in the Bengal Army of the East India Company but returned to Londonderry in 1829 and met General José Maria Torrijos who was raising money for a rebellion against King Ferdinand and his autocratic regime. In 1831 Boyd bought a ship and set sail to Malaga but shortly after landing he and his crew of 60 followers were rounded up by the king's troops and imprisoned. The British Consul, William Mark, made attempts to secure their release but was unsuccessful.

In a final letter from prison to his brother, Robert writes, "Ere this letter reaches you, I will be mouldering in my grave in a foreign land. The preparations for my death are going on rapidly around me." He was marched to the beach with 48 of his followers and executed by firing squad on 11 December 1831. At that time only Catholics could be buried in consecrated ground. Protestants were buried upright on the beach and left to the mercy of the waves. The consul, William Mark, bought an



The English Cemetery in Malaga

area of land on the hillside outside Malaga for use as a Protestant graveyard and Robert Boyd was one of the first to be buried there.

On a short holiday in Spain during September 2019 I took the opportunity of visiting the English Cemetery. The Cementerio Ingles de Malaga and the Anglican Church of St George in its grounds are quite fascinating. The cemetery holds some of the most impressive tombs and memorials, and information is available from a small map and guide which is given out at the gatehouse for your tour. The Anglican Church was the first of its kind in the Iberian Peninsula. Having got my bearings and using my guide map I soon located the memorial obelisk to Robert Boyd surrounded by the graves of those executed with him. His grave is in the inner walled cemetery and was the first to be located in this area. Each grave is surrounded by a low brick wall with a raised plaster/concrete

mound decorated with large sea shells, a reminder of the time when Protestants were buried on the beach. In the corner of this area, on a surrounding wall are two plaques. The original bears his name and 1805-1831, and below a more recent marble plaque placed to mark the visit of the Boyd family in 2004 which bears his name and 'Romantic Hero' or 'Héroe Romántico'. Other noteworthy people of the succeeding centuries have their memorials there including that of the British Consul, William Mark, one of the most impressive.

Boyd is remembered elsewhere in Malaga with a street in his name, "Calle Robert Boyd" and on a monument in one of the plazas which commemorates the "49 victims, who for their love of patriotic liberty, were sacrificed in this city." Here at home, a plaque in the entrance porch of St Augustine's Church on our city walls commemorates Robert Boyd, a man who made his mark during his short but eventful life. **W M Lynn**



Boyd grave marker



Boyd Monument



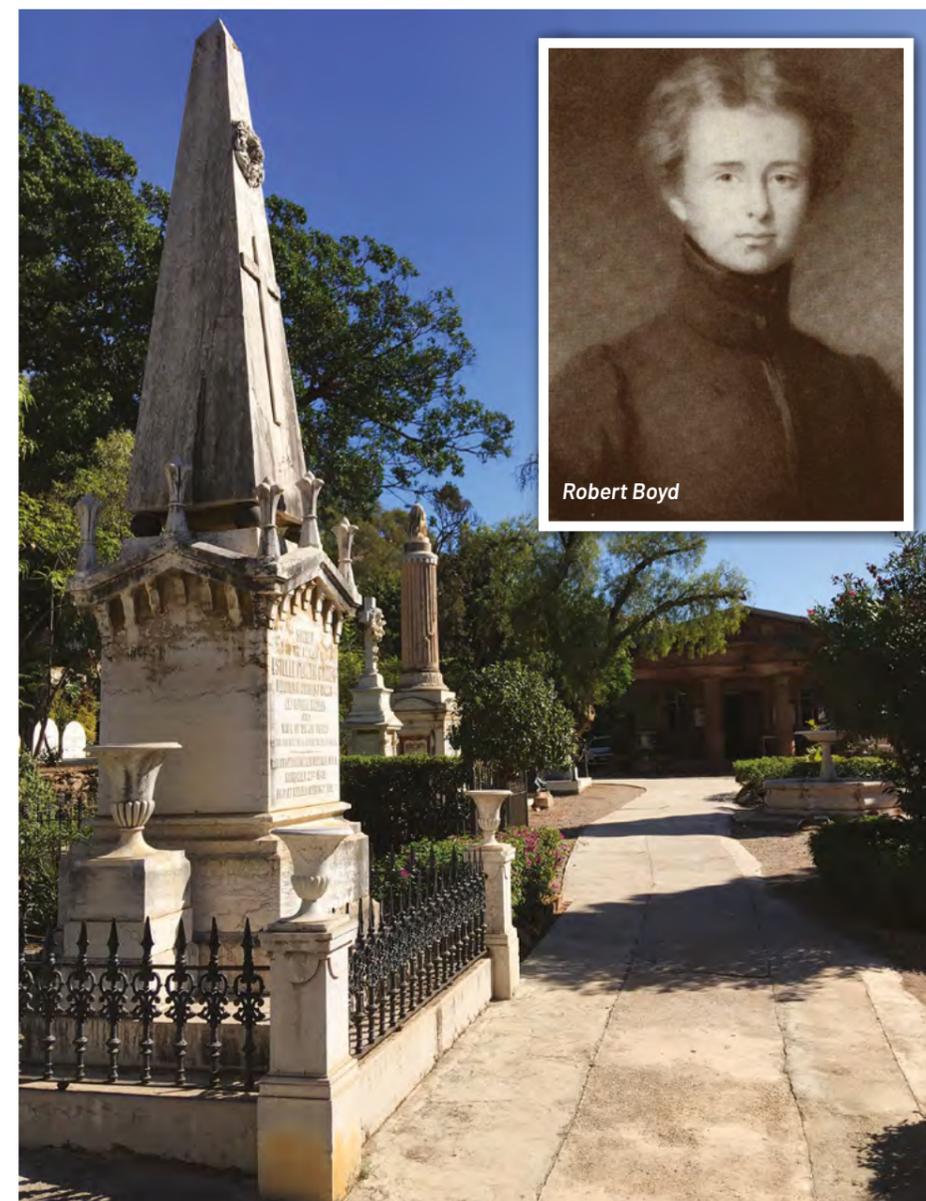
Shell covered Protestant graves



St George's Church, Malaga



Boyd Monument and graves of rebels



General view of the English Cemetery, Malaga



Robert Boyd

MARGARET COUSINS – IRISH AND INDIAN SUFFRAGETTE

Margaret (Gretta) Gillespie was born in 1878 in Bogle, County Roscommon, to a prosperous Methodist family. She was awarded a scholarship to Victoria High School where she spent four years. The school was then located at the top of Crawford Square and she was encouraged by Miss Margaret MacKillop, the forward-thinking headmistress, to specialise in music. Of her time in Victoria High School in a group of some 80 other girls she commented that, "Living with girls between fourteen and twenty knocked the corners off my priggish provincialism and developed my power of working in organised groupings of women."

Her musical talents developed and lead her to achieve a Bachelor of Music degree at Trinity College, Dublin. She met her future husband, James (Jim) Cousins, also studying in Dublin, in 1900 and after a long engagement they married in 1903 at Sandymount Methodist Church in the city. Both had a wide range of cultural, literary and artistic interests which they were free to develop in Dublin. Margaret became a founder member of the militant Irish Women's Franchise League in 1908 and became a delegate to the Parliament of Women in London in 1910. She joined Christabel and Sylvia Pankhurst and brought the latter to Derry where she addressed a 'Votes for Women' meeting in St Columb's Hall.

As the Suffragette Movement gathered pace and became more activist in nature she spent short spells in prison in both England and Ireland. She was jailed for one month in Tullamore for breaking windows in Dublin Castle and later that year spent a further six months in Holloway Prison for throwing pieces of broken flowerpots through



Dr Keith Munro with William Lynn, Jim Goodman and Robert Montgomery

the windows of Downing Street. Winston Churchill, then Home Secretary, ordered their arrest and instructed the police to rough the women up. There were short periods of hunger strike to draw attention to their cause.

In 1915 Margaret and her husband emigrated to India when they perceived that women in Ireland were unlikely to be granted the franchise. She became a founder member of the Indian Women's Association in 1917, was appointed headmistress of the National Girls' School at Bangalore and later in 1923, became the first woman magistrate ever appointed in the Indian subcontinent. She was a supporter of Mathatma Gandhi which again led to conflict with the British powers resulting in one year's imprisonment in Vallore Women's Jail.

Following an accident while out walking at Ghat View in 1943, her health, as well as that of her husband, James, deteriorated and she spent some time in hospital with restricted mobility and deteriorating eyesight, and she was forced to step back from public life. In 1950 she and her husband published a joint biography *We Two Together*, that told the story of two remarkable lives and of a

significant contribution to women's independence and to the freedom of their adopted country.

She predeceased James on 11 March 1954 in Chennai where she is buried. James died in Mandanapalle on 20 February 1956. Their contribution to women's suffrage and social progress in India, and the fact that they moved in influential circles with figures such as Ghandi, Nehru and the Mountbattens gave them a most significant role in all these areas and saw the creation of independent India and Pakistan in 1947. Their story is a fascinating one and is told in detail by Dr Keith Munro, a great-nephew of Margaret's. His book *Through the eyes of Margaret Cousins* gives an insight into a remarkable lady and we at Foyle College should be proud of her association with one of our earlier schools. She is undoubtedly one of the most significant, if not the most significant of our female alumni.

W M Lynn

Book details:

Through the eyes of Margaret Cousins, Irish and Indian Suffragette
By Dr Keith Munro, Published by Hive Studio Books (Derry)
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LETTER FROM BRIAN WILSON TO EDGAR BIGGER

Letter from Brian Wilson to Edgar Bigger 2 December 2011. This letter was found by Edgar's family who were clearing his house following his sad death earlier this year and they thought it might evoke memories in other former pupils.

Dear Edgar

It's hard not to address you as Mr Bigger even though it is 51 years since I left Foyle. You may be wondering why I am writing to you so perhaps I should explain. I was looking through holiday brochures for Switzerland and came across some holidays based in Kandersteg where we stayed as a scout troop in 1960. Memories of it and other camps came flooding back and I wish to share them with you just to let you know that your efforts and those of Leslie Smith were really worthwhile and meant a lot to me at the time and indeed in succeeding years. I wouldn't guarantee them to be in exact chronological order but some of them may ring a bell with you.

Edinburgh

At Bonally, Colinton. We went on the Laird's Loch boat out of Derry, I slept in a lifeboat. When we arrived in Glasgow there was no bus to meet us and while we waited we went to a greasy spoon dockside café and had a fried egg sandwich, which in itself was a novelty. Again, as someone from a family without a car, the journey by coach on the A8 to Edinburgh was a real joy. New with one daughter in Edinburgh and one in Hamilton I am fairly familiar with the A8 and M8! Do you remember the freezing cold plunge pool, just

a hole dug in the bed of a mountain stream? We went to a tattoo but it was at Holyrood House and not the Castle Esplanade as it is nowadays. I got separated from the main group and after being reunited we had to rush for the last train to Colinton. I recall you scolding me and saying that if we had needed to get taxis Norman McClure wouldn't be best pleased. That camp was also the year we were warned of a surprise visit by Wilfred Brennan who was NI Chief Commissioner. Our unwashed porridge Dixie went for a temporary holiday in the brambles.

Tollymore Park Newcastle

Torrential rain and thunder and lightning in the middle of the night which necessitated us digging relief trenches around the tents to let surface water away and avoid flooded tents. Climbing Slieve Donard and other peaks in the range including one leader free expedition which left us very late back at almost dusk, and caused some consternation. The very impressive entrance arch and fencing made by us of timber and a lot of square and diagonal lashings.

Torquay

Watcombe Beach, down the steps to the red clay/sand. I completed the swimming part of a badge by swimming the width of the bay. I remember well the seemingly long journey from Heysham port to Torquay and the fact that we had both breakfast and another meal on the train. It was the first time that we had encountered little individual glass pots of marmalade. Most of them came back home with us as souvenirs.

Downhill

Good weather, the close proximity

of a nearby Girl Guide camp. Being challenged for an overnight hike to reach Greencastle in Donegal. Expecting some sort of ferry at Magilligan and being disappointed. Our group, Alistair Kilgore, Derek Curtis, I think Derick McCandless and myself then deciding to hitch through Derry and only making as far as Limavady! Alastair Kilgore has some relations there and we slept in beds that night and I don't believe the whole story was ever revealed.

Norway

A full three weeks this time and a real experience. The horrendously rough outward crossing from Newcastle to Oslo via Kristiansand, when all the scouts were seasick except S.A.B. (Boyd) Jack, who went round emptying or replacing the sick containers attached to each bunk. The chalet type scout hut with bunk beds and a kitchen, the group photographs of nude boys and the sauna tents outside. The beautiful fjord or lake with rowing boats which we used without supervision. This probably would not be possible nowadays without certificates of competency etc. Oslo, where we saw the Kon Tiki raft or was it a replica? I know Thor Heyerdahl burnt one of his rafts as a protest but I don't think it was this one. We also went to Frogner Park with, to our eyes, erotic statues and sculptures or so it seemed at the time. We certainly had not seen anything like it in the UK.

The second segment of this camp was at Hallvardbo, a tented camp along a lake with glorious weather and many getting sunburnt. My lasting memory of this camp is Derek Curtis, David Kilgore, possibly Derick McCandless and myself doing an overnight hike. Imagine nowadays

being allowed at 15 years of age to head out with only a suggested route and a map, in a foreign country without a word of the language between us. Anyway we set off and walked for quite a while and then pitched our tents in a forest. We were just settling down when two or three nuns or Sisters of some sort came along and seemed anxious that we were camped there. They kept on saying "Slange, Slange" and when we looked it up in our pocket Norwegian dictionary it meant snake. To cut a long story short we were taken by them to some sort of orphanage or boarding school, had clean beds for the night and a breakfast in the morning. Needless to say the compulsory logbook we had to keep didn't mention this episode as the sleeping out, etc, was an important requirement.

Lastly I recall a much calmer boat journey home and Boyd Jack being dropped off on our journey from Newcastle port as we crossed the A1. He was hitching for a further holiday in either England or the continent.

Kandersteg in Switzerland, which prompted this letter.

My memory of this camp starts long before the actual journey. Do you recall taking myself and maybe another scout up to Belfast to Rigby Travel in Howard Street? My aunt worked for them and introduced us to Wesley Pentland who organised the travel itinerary. I also have a recollection of us all going that day to visit some relation of yours in County Down who had a horticultural business.

Our departure to Heysham or Liverpool was in doubt up until the last moment as there was a dock strike but we got away. We stayed overnight on Baden Powell House in East London and either going or coming home some of us went to Lord's cricket ground. The freedom you allowed us was terrific and very much appreciated. On the morning

we left London for Harwich to join the boat for the Hook of Holland. We had reserved seats from the main line station. We, (the scouts) were all there but no scout master! Apparently we left Baden Powell House not quite tidy and you felt it necessary to clear up after us and as a result we were late and missed the train. There was no problem as the trains ran frequently but we had to stand. I can still remember the train journey from the Hook of Holland to Basle or Berne in Switzerland through Holland and Germany. Perhaps I imagine it but I think we saw the twin spires of Cologne Cathedral on our journey. I also recall a stop somewhere in Holland where there was a buffet trolley on the platform, asking you if we could buy a 'weak Dutch beer', you said yes (we were senior scouts after all). Later on when you noticed a couple Amstel beer bottles you said, 'weak Dutch beer did you say?'

We changed trains either in Basle or Berne and us scouts were simply given the time of our connection and let loose. Again I cannot see that happening today. The other thing about our train journey I remember was that our luggage travelled separately and arrived at a siding in Kandersteg to be picked up. I know we stayed at what is now Kandersteg International Scout Centre and indeed that may have been its title back in 1960. I think we cooked for ourselves but in the kitchen. There was a little shop nearby it sold Apfelsaft and ring donuts. I remember trips to the Blue Lake, Interlaken, Grindenwald and Jungfrauoch, the long hikes over snow mountains and glaciers with crevasses, the return journeys being by train. How you organised that sort of thing I do not know.

While I was thinking back to my days in the scouts, two other events which had a profound influence on me were the two Easter weeks climbing in Donegal, one at Lough Easke and one at Dunlewy. I remember the

group meeting in your family home in Duncreggan Road to meet with Denis Helliwell to learn how to tie the tarbuck and other knots we would need for the rock climbing segment and to organise provisions. We must have been on climbing walks every day, even completing what became known as the Glover marathon from Muckish through to Errigal. Every time we take friends to Donegal I dine out on that memory. Even my three sons-in-law were impressed. It gave me a lifelong love of mountain walking and many pleasurable days have been spent in the Mourne, the Donegal mountains and the Sperrins, not to mention walking holidays in the Dales and the Lake District. The other event I remember is you dropping a group of us off at Butterlope near Plumbridge from where we did an overnight hike across the backbone of the Sperrins to be picked up somewhere near Moneyneany or Feeny on the Sunday. Boyd Jack and Biscuit McDaid are the only two of the group I definitely remember being there, but it probably included Derick McCandless and Derek Curtis as well.

I hope that my recollections have brought back some memories of your own. Regardless of that I hope you realise how big an influence on at least one young boy Foyle College Scout Troop had, and just how many experiences and happy memories flowed from it. I am sure you and Leslie Smith must have wondered at times if it was worth it or even appreciated by us. We probably never told you.

I'm sorry I didn't get the chance to speak to you at the Old Boys' Dinner this year but it was very busy and noisy before the meal, and our paths didn't cross afterwards. Please excuse the fact that this letter is typed, it is none the less personal for that, but believe me it is better than my handwriting. Incidentally I am forwarding the camp recollections part of this electronically to Derek

Curtis, Derick McCandless and Tom Gamble, all of whom I have been in touch with recently regarding their possible attendance at the Old Boys' Dinner. It may trigger some memories of their own.

Finally, I had no idea when I started this that so many memories would flood back. It has been a pleasant, not a wistful experience. I have

been blessed with many happy experiences here and abroad since my scout and schooldays but as you can tell I greatly value my associations with both Foyle and College and 12th Londonderry Scout Troop. They helped make me the person I am, with a set of standards and values that were not preached into me, rather learned by example from Nick Smith and yourself in the

scouts and teachers like George Gillanders and Stewart Connolly. I hope this finds you in good general health, you mentioned your problems with your knees when last we spoke some years ago. I hope that hasn't got much worse.

Yours gratefully
Brian Wilson

PRESENTATION OF THE J E BIGGER MEMORIAL BENCHES AND SCRUMMAGING MACHINE

Following the death of her brother, Mr J E Bigger, teacher at Foyle College from September 1954 until June 1991, his sister, Mrs Eileen Roulston, bequeathed a sum of money to the school in his memory.

As Edgar was such a great lover of sport and the great outdoors, and in consultation with both the Bigger and Roulston families, it was decided to use this sum to buy sports benches and a scrummaging machine for the school.

The benches, eight in total, and the scrummaging machine, complete with memorial plaques, were handed over to Mr Patrick Allen, Principal, and Mr Gavin Killeen, Chair of the Board of Governors, by the Bigger family on Tuesday, 5 November 2019.

Donald Bigger



With the new scrummaging machine.



Siobhan, Donald & Richard with Patrick and Gavin on one of the new benches.

THE PRESIDENTS' FUND

This fund was established in 1996 by Past President, Professor Roy McClelland, and the initial sum has been built upon over the years as later presidents have added to it. It was set up to assist pupils with extra-curricular ventures during their final years at school or, more especially, during a Gap Year before proceeding to university.

Some pupils have drawn on the fund to assist them on school tours where personal finance would not permit. Others have used it to allow them to embark on overseas travel as part of their further/higher studies or ventures such as Operation Raleigh which allows young people to work in developing countries and experience other cultures before embarking on their university studies.

This year the Awarding Committee was pleased to make a contribution towards the costs of a sixth form leaver, Laura Miller, as she embarked on an Operation Raleigh scheme to Nepal. The photograph below shows Laura being presented with a cheque from the fund in September and the in subsequent article and photographs, Laura provides an overview of her experiences in Nepal so far. We wish her well during her year out and look forward to hearing from her on her return.

WM Lynn



Laura is presented with her cheque by William



The end of school means lots of questions like, "What are you going to do? Where are you going to study? Etc." For me, I knew that I wasn't ready to go to university straight from school so I took a year out and researched the countless opportunities that this brings.

I looked into volunteering and found Raleigh International/ICS, a charity which works in Nepal and Tanzania. They focus on livelihoods and sanitation. I was placed on a livelihood project where we team-worked with the local community to build poly tunnels as this would help them to stabilise their income. We also taught the kids group about leadership skills and the importance of young people in society.

To be accepted I needed to commit to raising £800. Thanks to the generosity of the Foyle Former Pupils Presidents Fund, I was able to obtain this amount. Without their help I wouldn't have been able to travel to Nepal with Raleigh International and have the opportunity to work in a rural village in that country. Thank you.

Laura Miller



Laura (top left) with fellow volunteers in Nepal

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TREES AND SHRUBS AT THE NEW SCHOOL

When the school moved out of Springtown and Duncreggan, the groundsman and a few volunteers dug out and transplanted a range of shrubs and trees that it was felt could be relocated to the new campus at Limavady Road. Many of them have adapted, especially the azaleas, rhododendrons and some camellias, but some larger species did not take.



Apple trees

Holly

As well as the shrubs, a variety of tree seedlings were transferred, firstly to pots to allow them to adapt and, more recently, they have been transplanted to locations around the school grounds.

Robert Murtland and myself dug out seedlings of holly, chestnut, beech and the Cut Leaf Hornbeam with its spreading branches which dominated the front lawn at Duncreggan. This tree which featured in the Woodland Trust's Tree of the Year in 2018, has proved to be the largest of its species in the British Isles so it would be great to have some of these seedlings flourish at Springham Campus.

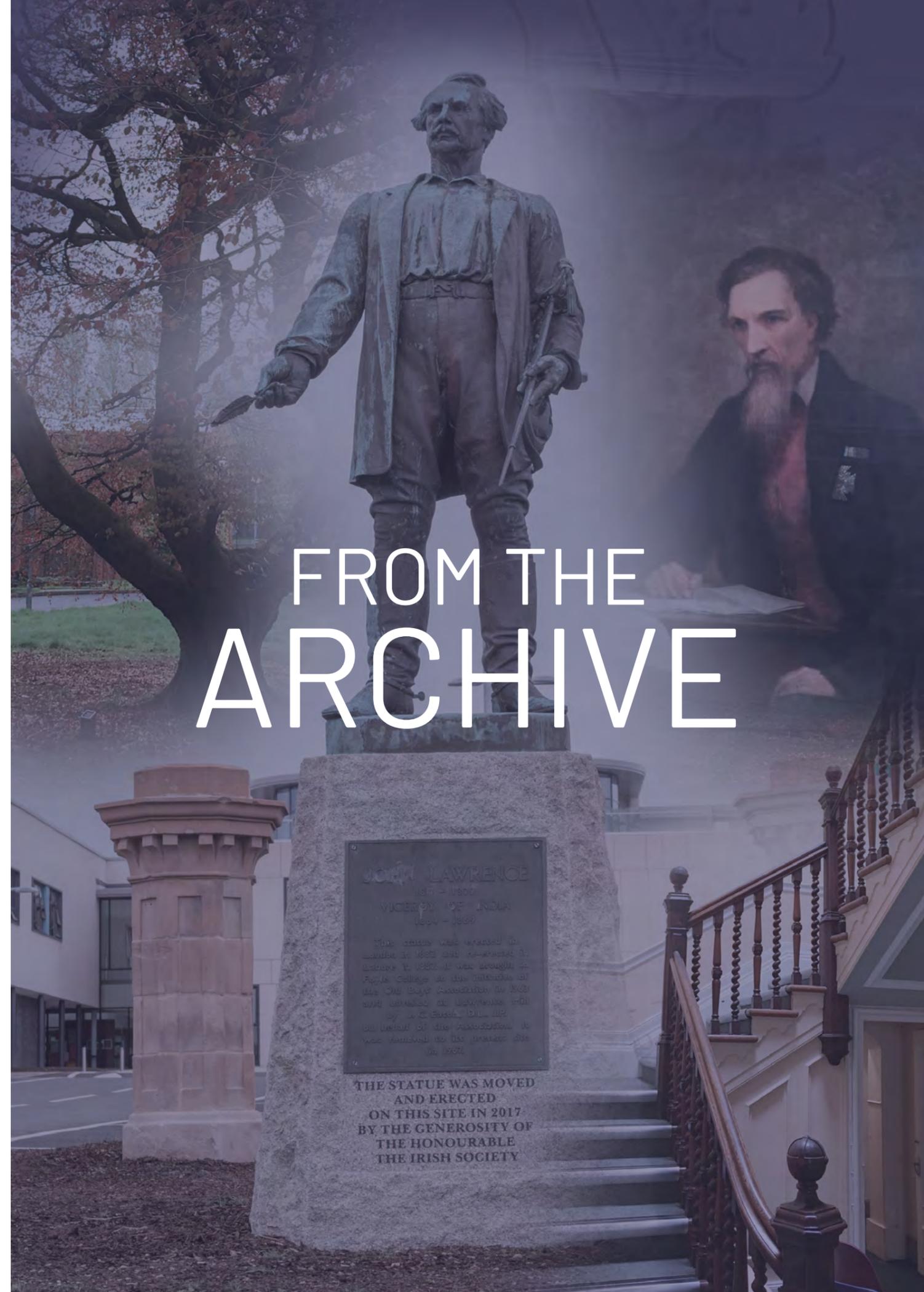
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Year 8 Environmental Group planting trees.



Robert Murtland



FROM THE
ARCHIVE

JOHN LAWRENCE
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This statue was erected in 1870 and re-erected in 1927. It was brought to Fahan College on the initiative of the Old Boys' Association in 1927 and removed to Duncreggan by W. C. Sweet, D.L., D.P. on behalf of the Association. It was removed to its present site in 1970.

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THE FOYLE ARCHIVE ESTABLISHED IN SPRINGHAM CAMPUS

In his editorial note William referred to the settling-in of staff and pupils to the impressive new school building, and so it has been with the archive. Since we finally took possession in September 2018 it has flourished and expanded until it is the envy of many other schools and organisations in the local area and further afield.

Under the direction of Dr Robert Montgomery, ably assisted by Ken Gamble and with interjections of wit and wisdom from Sean McMahon, much investigation and scrutiny of our innumerable books and artefacts has taken place, which informs and illustrates the many

facets of the school's long history. We have been in receipt of many donations of interesting books and other articles from past pupils to enhance our collection.

Jim Goodman has worked tirelessly to digitise hundreds of photographs which can be seen on our large screen, and has created albums to house and protect many of the old and more fragile photographs which graced the walls of Duncreggan and Springtown so that they too can be viewed by our many visitors.

A number of display units illustrating the lives of some of notable alumni have been created and some of

these can be taken up to the main school building for display on Open Evenings and other occasions during the school year.

The team has expanded too, with David Gallagher joining those mentioned above, and Donald, William and Mildred to contribute to the expansion of the archives contents.

The photographs below show some of the many visitors who have enjoyed spending time in this interesting and impressive facility during the past year.



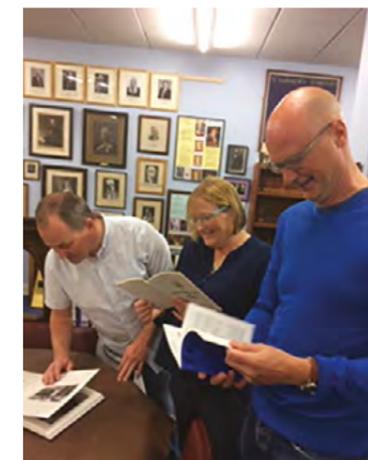
St Columb's Cathedral Mens' Society enjoy looking around in April.



Dr Marshall Eakin reminisces while daughter, Ruth renews old acquaintance with Jos McCaul.



Keith Munro displays his book about his ancestor Margaret Cousins



The Class of '88 visiting the Archive



The Class of '88 Reunion



A former pupil, Molly Menke, visited with her mum, dad, and little girls.





David Spence is a former pupil. In August he came with his wife, Jacqui, who surprised him with a copy of *A View the Foyle Commanding*, a present for his birthday and presented by William. David was charmed to find his cricketing successes recorded in the former pupils' magazines and in photographs.



In July, Lex and Eileen Roulston visited all the way from Florida with their son and daughter-in-law and Lex kindly donated a cheque to the archive.



PORTRAIT RESTORATION APPEAL 2018-19
LORD JOHN LAWRENCE 1811-79 | VICEROY OF INDIA 1864-69

Thank You!

Dear Former Pupil

When I appealed to former pupils for financial assistance with the restoration of the Lawrence portrait last year, I could not have foreseen the generous response which my request would provoke. As with all such endeavours this project has taken some time to complete and I now write to express my appreciation to those of you who contributed for your most generous donation to the restoration. I do not have postal addresses for all of you so I hope that those reading this letter will accept my personal and most sincere thanks for your support.

The portrait now hangs just to the left of the main entrance to the school Assembly Hall and is truly impressive in its setting in the agora. I am pleased to invite you to come in and view the finished portrait in all its glory if you have not already had that opportunity. Once again thank you for your most generous donation.

The response of former pupils such as yourself has also enabled us to plan for the restoration of other items including the portrait of Miss MacKillip, founder of the Londonderry High School, and this work will shortly be undertaken.

The school's archive is now well established in its suite of rooms in the new building. It is much admired and envied by the other schools in the city and continues to go from strength to strength. The archivists would be delighted to see you and show you the collection should you wish to visit. Arrangements can be made by contacting the Principal's PA, Mrs Jenny Galbraith, using the school's telephone number or email.

Again, many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely
William M Lynn
FCFPA



PRESENTATION OF PRICE-OWEN BOOK COLLECTION

On Monday, 19 August 2019 we welcomed Molly and Anne Price-Owen and Murray, Molly's husband, to the Archives. For Molly and Anne this was not only a homecoming but also an important occasion as they gave the school a major collection of books on the History of Art. Both were pupils of the LHS in the 1960's and went on to have distinguished careers, Molly at the BBC and Anne as an academic in the Art world at Swansea College of Art & Design, part of the University of Wales, Trinity Saint David.

Many will also remember their mother, Irene, who was the Bursar and Secretary to the Headmistress, and Board of Governors of the LHS from 1960, and later at the Foyle & Londonderry College. But this collection had been building over a few generations and the twins remember their grandfather, Robert Graham, a director of the Derry Standard, often soliciting their help when he brought home work that needed editing to correct grammar, spelling and punctuation. On the bookshelves at home could be found significant works including those of the Old Masters. So with these skills both girls readily contributed to the Gateway magazines and their artistic works can be seen today in the copies we hold in our archives.

Many of the great names of the art world are represented in this collection, eg Turner, Rodin, Freud, Leonardo, Goya, Degas and Matisse. It is truly a magnificent collection of both reference books and books published at the time of major exhibitions held mostly in the well known London museums. We are most grateful to Molly and Anne for this remarkable asset which is particularly prized coming from a



Murray, Anne & molly with the Archive Team



family with close links to our school over a number of generations.

NB. Molly was President of LHSOGA in 2008-9 and Anne is currently Joint Vice President of Foyle College Former Pupils Association and will take up her presidency in May 2020.



ARCHIVE PHOTOGRAPHS – AN APPEAL

The Archive Department of the school has an extensive collection of photographs which have been recorded in digital form and are available to members and friends of the school. The list includes, Rugby, Cricket, Hockey, Prefects, Principals, Chairs of the Board of Governors, Presidents of the FPA, OBA, OGA, Buildings and Furnishings, Famous Former Pupils, Drama and Music Productions and many other school activities. The earliest team photograph dates from 1878 (LAI Rugby).

However, there are significant gaps in our records and we would appeal to members to have a look in their attics etc for any of the missing materials listed below.

Londonderry High School	Hockey Photographs	1975 to 1958 1953 and 1952 1945 and 1942 1940 to 1937 1035 to 1933 1929, 1927, 1925
St. Lurach's or Victoria High School		1919, 1917 to 1911
Foyle College	Rugby Photographs	1975/76, 1962/63 1947/48, 1943/44 1926/27, 1916/17
Foyle College	Cricket Photographs	1990/91, 1986/87 1985/86, 1984/85 1977/78, 1966/67 1953/54, 1930/31 1926/27, 1922/23 1920/21, 1918/19 1916/17, 1914/15 1913/14, 1912/13

FOYLE COLLEGE FORMER PUPILS' MAGAZINE PRINTED COPY

This magazine is currently available on the school's website – simply click on the Former Pupils icon on the web page. In the editorial you will note that from this year it will be available principally on line and copies will only be provided and posted to those who return the mandate below. The increasing cost of publishing and postage has made this course of action essential. By filling in and returning the standing order mandate for £10 to be paid annually, a copy will be posted to you in future years and the editors will know how many copies to order from the publishers.

If you want to secure a copy in future, the mandate form below should be returned to (if you have already completed one of these and receive a copy of the magazine there is no need to complete another one. The standing order remains in place until you cancel it):-

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67 Limavady Road
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BT47 6LR



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- Shot Glass** £7.00
- Coin Card** £10.00

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (2018) SCHOOL ARCHIVES CONSENT FORM

Foyle College maintains an archive of files and documentation, which means it is the data controller for personal information about former pupils. The 2018 General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) have changed some of the legislation regarding keeping pupil records. However, there is a legitimate purpose for maintaining our archive: it can be defined as public interest.

A copy of the Privacy Notice regarding data held by the school is available on the FoyleNet website.

The Former Pupils' Association now requires your consent to maintain records pertaining to your time at the school. A file assigned to you will include your admission forms, reports, results of public exams and correspondence between the school and your parents/guardians. You may request access to this at any time.

Please complete the detail below:

Full Name: _____

Years Attended Foyle College: _____

Contact Address: _____

Contact Telephone Number: _____

Contact E-mail Address: _____

Preferred Contact Method: _____

Please sign and date below to confirm your consent for FC FPA to hold your school records:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

On completion of this form please return to the address below, marking your envelope 'FCFPA School Archives Consent Form'

FCFPA GDPR Consent Form, Foyle College, School Office, 67 Limavady Road, LONDONDERRY, BT47 6LR.

Archives and GDPR

In general, 'archiving' which complied with the 1998 Data Protection Act continues to be permitted under the new law.

There is a new explicit concept of 'archiving in the public interest' in article 89 of GDPR which means there is greater visibility for archiving in the new legislation. This covers the processing of personal data necessary to enable the identification, permanent preservation, management and, where appropriate, research and other uses of personal data in the general public interest.

What exactly is 'archiving purposes in the public interest'? Archiving in the public interest is processing to secure the permanent availability of recorded memory, in other words, evidence and information, for a wide range of current and potential future purposes, including:

- * enabling the discovery and availability of personal, community and corporate identity, memory and history;
- * enabling research and investigation of all kinds, from academic historical research or genealogical research;
- * enabling long-term accountability, such as public inquiries and other official investigations;
- * enabling educational use.

Foyle College will not share personal information with third parties for commercial purposes.

This information has been prepared using guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office and The National Archive, whose websites can be consulted for further guidance.

www.ico.org.uk
www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

FCFPA PRIVACY NOTICE

The categories of former pupil information that we process include:

- * personal identifiers and contacts (such as name, contact details and address)
- * personal information such as engagements, marriages, births – details sent by members
- * attendance (such as dates of school attendance)
- * assessment and attainment (such as examination results, third level courses enrolled for and any relevant results, prizes, bursaries or other academic awards)
- * achievement (such as sporting, musical, dramatic awards such as colours, honours for representing the school, province or country)
- * photographic images of individuals and groups of students

Why we collect and use former pupil information

We collect and use former pupil information, for the following purposes:

- a) to communicate with former pupils on matters relating to the school and its former pupils;
- b) to maintain a school archive in the public interest

Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the lawful bases we rely on for processing pupil information are:

- Article 85 – Processing and freedom of expression and information
- Article 89 – Data kept in the public interest (for historical purposes)

Collecting former pupil information
We collect former pupil information via registration as a member of the FCFPA, which is open to all school leavers and is collated via a membership form on which consent is given to hold the data. Members who joined the organisation prior to the requirement for consent will

indicate their consent via a reply slip in the Former Pupils' Magazine, either online or in writing.

This data is essential for the association's operational use.

Storing pupil data

We hold former pupil data securely in a locked archive or on password accessed computer files, such as address lists. None of this information will be shared with external organisations without your permission, with the exception of statutory bodies such as the PSNI.

Who we share pupil information with
We share information with:

- * members of the association, via reports in the magazine
- * authorised research bodies such as the Public Records Office for Northern Ireland
- * statutory bodies such as the PSNI, for example as part of an historical enquiry.

We do not share information about our former pupils with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, former pupils have the right to request access to information about them that we hold. To make a request for your personal information, contact the Former Pupils Association via: Foyle College, 67 Limavady Road, Londonderry BT47 6LR.

You also have the right:

- * to ask us for access to information about you that we hold
- * to have your personal data rectified, if it is inaccurate or incomplete
- * to request the deletion or removal of personal data where there is no

compelling reason for its continued processing

- * to restrict our processing of your personal data (i.e. permitting its storage but no further processing)
- * to object to direct marketing (including profiling) and processing for the purposes of scientific/historical research and statistics
- * not to be subject to decisions based purely on automated processing where it produces a legal or similarly significant effect on you

If you have a concern or complaint about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, you should raise your concern with us in the first instance or directly to the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

For further information on how to request access to personal information held centrally by DfE, please see the 'How Government uses your data' section of this notice.

Withdrawal of consent and the right to lodge a complaint

Where we are processing your personal data with your consent, you have the right to withdraw that consent. If you change your mind, or you are unhappy with our use of your personal data, please let us know by contacting the Former Pupils Association via the website: www.foylenet.org.uk

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact: the Former Pupils Association at Foyle College, 67 Limavady Road, Londonderry BT47 6LR.

The FCFPA's Data Protection Officer is: Donald Bigger.



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