



# The Hutchie Herald

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# Welcome from the Rector

In schools, spring term is an important time for taking stock and for looking ahead to next session. Although we are only halfway through the academic year the entrance tests take place this term and the season also brings other changes.

Spring is also the time when teaching staff announce their retirement or are offered promoted posts at other schools, and interviews for new staff are held. In both these aspects of school life Hutchesons' enjoys an enviable position. We continue to attract lots of prospective pupils each year and are forced to turn many away. However being a



successful school that people want their children to attend can make it disappointing for those families who do not win a place, and for those who do but are unable to take it up for financial reasons. Our bursary applications for S1 continue to increase, but the endowed money available to us to grant to them can only stretch so far. Some of the hardest conversations I have every year are with the families of children who have just missed out on a bursary – I am in the difficult position of wanting to agree that Hutchesons' is a great school and that their son or daughter would thrive here while being unable to help make it possible. The Annual Fund is a way that all members of our community can contribute and make a difference to this. I would urge you to give any amount you can to help extend the benefits of a Hutchie education to a larger group of intelligent children who deserve that chance.

I would hope current staff would agree that teaching here is something of a privilege and a pleasure. There are few schools with such a strong culture of hard work and such a widespread and genuine delight in learning amongst the pupils.

The school is incredibly well resourced; any doubts on that as far as Drama is concerned have been surely dispelled by the opening of the new building – a really first class environment dedicated solely to drama teaching – with studios that are high-tech and high quality, and which say a

great deal about excellence and ambition in that subject. To become a teacher here, you have to outperform a high quality field in your subject both in the classroom (through a lesson observation) and at interview. I am looking for people who are excellent at teaching, but perhaps more importantly have a love of their subject, and can show me that they are continuing to learn about it. I'm pleased to say that numbers applying for teaching posts

are very strong. Sadly, it seems we are fast becoming one of the few places where teachers can expect to teach Higher and Advanced Higher in the early stages of their career, or even at all. By retaining subject specialisms throughout the school we are able to make sure our subjects are taught by experts. By setting our pupil expectations high, we make sure that there are plenty of classes at Higher and beyond in all subjects. This means that when a new teaching appointment has to be made, I can be confident of finding someone good and of course, that is essential if the school is to continue to improve.

However, from time to time we lose someone in a way we really didn't want to. Our Librarian Jane Bulloch, who died shortly before Christmas after a lengthy illness, was an inspirational person who was responsible for the creation of the wonderful library at Beaton Road.

A full tribute to her will appear in this year's Hutchesonian, but her memory lingers on in the shared passion for books and for learning which underpins everything this school stands for, and which this magazine so vividly reflects.

Spring is always a bittersweet renewal of the values that bind our community together, but we look forward with confidence.

*Ken Greig*



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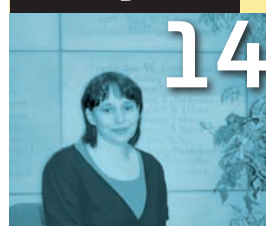
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# Secondary School News



We CAN do it!

Here S5 pupils Aniket Kumar & John MacFadyen share their fascinating work on the Solatomic satellite for entry into the CANSAT contest:

*“CANSAT is an annual competition from The European Space Agency with teams from all over Europe creating, designing and building a satellite that is then launched 1200m into the air and will record data during the descent. The only catch is that the satellite has to fit in a can.*

*With the simple goal of revolutionising the world and the intricate task of fitting this all into a small 330ml drinks can, we created Solatomic a revolutionary satellite that will measure carcinogenic UVA and UVB rays. With our tailor made software and hardware we will be able to translate the information from the satellite into the minimum strength sun screen required to protect and help prevent skin cancer.”*

**Pictured: The Solatomic Team**

Find out more about the project by visiting [www.solatomic.co.uk](http://www.solatomic.co.uk)



Minister of State inspired by pupils

Pupils from Hutchesons' j8 group gave a presentation to the Minister of State, Lord Howell, at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office on the 26th January. The unique opportunity was part of their prize in the nationwide Justice and Fairness competition.

The group exists to draw attention to global inequalities in health, wealth and education and to influence politicians and others with the power to address these issues. Lord Howell was impressed and described them as “terrific and inspiring.”

## CHARITY UPDATE: Spotlight on the Secondary School's fundraising activities.

Pupils of all ages at Beaton Road have been enthusiastically raising funds for this year's School charity Mary's Meals.

The S6 Charity Committee has been hard at work promoting the School charity Scarf, developed with and donated by clothing brand Trespass. There is still time to support this great idea by purchasing a £10 scarf at the School office. Matthew Henson, Sarah Cooper, Emma O'Rourke and Fraser McDougall are pictured here modelling their product.

The S3 Dance, organised by a pupil committee, was a great success with over 100 pupils in attendance. The evening, raised almost £120. Not to be outdone



Rachael Carson of S3, set up a Valentine raffle to benefit Mary's Meals and acquired some excellent prizes from big name companies - including an iPod Touch donated by Apple.

S1 pupils have also been busy raising funds for the charity and they held their own Bite-Size Burns Supper for Mary's Meals in January.

Worldwide it costs just £9.40 to feed a child for a year with Mary's Meals so every penny raised at the School will make a huge difference.

Read about the Primary School fundraising activities on pages 8-9 and discover more about Mary's Meals at [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)





## Calum Blair wins Young Drummer of the Year 2012

The Young Drummer of the Year Award aims to give the UK's young drumming talent a national and international platform to help them establish musical careers. The final was held in Leamington Spa on 5th February 2012. Calum Blair of S5 took the top prize from over 530 entries, the highest number of applicants to date.

Picture courtesy of the Awards.

[www.youngdrummeroftheyear.co.uk](http://www.youngdrummeroftheyear.co.uk)

## Pupils launch medical union

Usman Abdul-Quayum and Mazen Allam of S5 founded the Medical Union this session and the first meeting took place on the 8th February. Guest speaker, Dr Saket Priyadarshi, General Practitioner, addressed thirty pupils with a lecture entitled 'From Malaria to Methadone'. He shared his experiences as a practitioner in South Africa in the 1990s and as a GP in the East end of Glasgow. The second lecture in the series is planned for 21st March.



## Chemistry Masterclass at St Andrews

On 24th January 2012 two S5 pupils, Ciaran McLaughlin and Scott Young, were invited to attend a SCIS Schools' chemistry masterclass at the University of St Andrews.

The day started with a lecture by Professor Morris on the medical uses of zeolites. Pupils then carried out some organic synthesis of some known drug molecules. This was followed by hands on use of the analytical facilities at St Andrews.

Both pupils very much appreciated their time at the University.



## Award winning author shares spooky secrets

On Monday 6th February Beaton Road Library played host to the successful Young Adult writer Helen Grant whose debut novel 'The Vanishing of Katharina Linden' was shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Award in 2010 and won an ALA Alex Award in 2011. The author enthralled members of the Connections Book Club by sharing the search for inspiration behind her thriller novels, including her experiences climbing bell towers, researching witch trials and an eerie trip into the Paris catacombs. She also ran a ghost story workshop with S3 pupils and the best stories produced may even have the chance to appear on the author's own website!

*Pictured: Jack Henderson and Olivia Cowle of S2 enjoy meeting the author.*



## Hutchesons' goes global

Eilidh Naismith and Billy Davidson of S4 have won the National Steve Sinnott Award for Young Global Education Campaigners of the Year. They have just returned from a visit to Malawi where they discovered the difficulties faced by young people trying to access education. We look forward to updating you on their progress in the June edition of the Hutchie Herald.

Find out more at [www.sendmyfriend.org](http://www.sendmyfriend.org).

Picture credit: Miss Tomitaka



## KPMG success for S6 pupil

As well as five offers from top Scottish and English Universities, Callum Shields has received an offer to start his accountancy career straight from School. Callum has won a coveted place on the 6 year long KPMG School Leavers' Programme which offers work experience, a university degree and a professional accounting qualification, all fully funded by the international accountancy firm.



## NEW WAYS TO KEEP IN TOUCH: Here is an easy to follow guide on where to go to find out more.

### Website

[www.hutchesons.org](http://www.hutchesons.org)

The School website carries a wide range of stories about life at Hutchesons', small picture galleries and urgent School alerts. News and alerts are published on the homepage of the website; **current alerts** can be seen in red on the right hand side under the banner picture and above the news. Urgent alerts will be published as soon as information is available.

### RSS Feeds

A RSS feed containing news and alerts taken from the School website is available at [www.hutchesons.org/feed](http://www.hutchesons.org/feed)

An alert only feed can be accessed by clicking the '**subscribe to alerts**' link found above the news on the School homepage. Both RSS feeds can be subscribed to via Google and Yahoo mail.

### Twitter

[www.twitter.com/@hutchesons](http://www.twitter.com/@hutchesons)

The School also recently launched a Twitter page. Recent tweets can be viewed at any time but a Twitter account will be required to follow us and receive updates. To follow us on Twitter click the follow button on the link above.

### Facebook

[www.facebook.com/HutchesonsGrammar](http://www.facebook.com/HutchesonsGrammar)

News, photographs, messages and alerts can be found on the School Facebook page. The page can be read at any time



[www.hutchesons.org](http://www.hutchesons.org)

but an account will be required to 'like' us. Log into Facebook on the link above and click the Like button to subscribe to updates.

### Flickr and YouTube

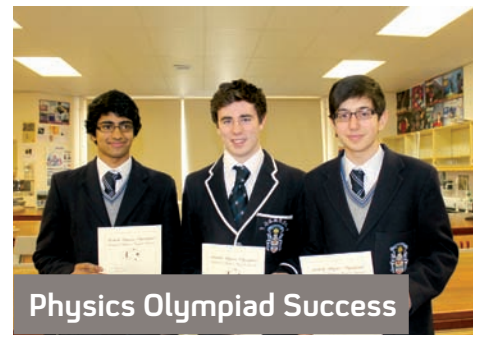
The School has also launched Flickr and YouTube sites for sharing large School galleries and videos; links can be found on the School website homepage. Recent updates include pictures from the Talent Show and Swimming Gala and a video of the P1 Ceilidh.

### On your phone

The links described above are freely available online and via 'smart' mobile phones but may require specific applications to access social media or subscribe to RSS feeds. Seek advice from your provider. All School social media sites are monitored for unsuitable content.

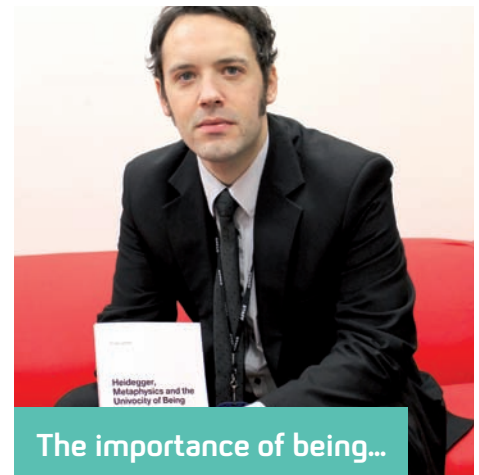
### Anything else...

A regular Hutchesons' eNewsletter is automatically sent to all parents on the school database and new Sport Results system has just been launched on the School website (see page 7 for more details). Former pupils and friends of the School can keep in touch using Hutchesons' Connect; find out more at <http://www.hutchesons.org/alumni>



### Physics Olympiad Success

Pranav Manoharan, Blair McCarte and Pavel Sharma of S5 have been awarded a silver medal in the Physics Olympiad practical project, a national competition which encourages pupils to extend their understanding of physics and gives them added motivation to excel in their studies. Silver is the highest prize issued. Gregory Clark and Calvin Shek of S6 received commendations for their projects.



### The importance of being...

Hutchesons' philosophy teacher Dr Philip Tonner's book "Heidegger, Metaphysics and the Unicity of Being" has been published in a new paperback edition for the Continuum Studies in Continental Philosophy collection.

Dr Tonner discusses the work of Martin Heidegger (1889–1976) in relation to the 'univocity of being' a fundamental concept in the work of John Duns Scotus, a Scottish philosopher from the High Middle Ages. The series is recognised for making a major contribution to philosophical research.

A version of this article can be viewed at [www.hutchesons.com/keepintouch](http://www.hutchesons.com/keepintouch)



### Gathering the Voices

Claire Singerman of Hutchesons' History department has been working with Angela Shapiro (C1974) from Glasgow Caledonian University on the **Gathering the Voices** initiative. This unique project records the inspirational testimonies of Holocaust survivors before and after the war, drawing together stories of those who arrived in Scotland, many as child refugees, and their engagement in the cultural, political and economic life here. Angela's husband Dr David Shapiro (C1971) a former Dux, was the son of Gretel Shapiro, whose story is on the web site. Claire's mother in-law, Auschwitz survivor Susan Singerman, pictured with her younger sister Marta, who was killed at the camp, has also left her testimony. Four of her grandchildren went to Hutchesons'.

**Gathering the Voices** has featured in the national press, on Radio Scotland and in a motion in the Scottish Parliament. The website will be added to the The European Holocaust Research Infrastructure which utilises a consortium of libraries, archives, museums and memorial sites and will feature in an edition of their magazine. Find out more at [www.gatheringthevoices.com](http://www.gatheringthevoices.com)



# Let's make Hutchie a Dear Greener Place

By Agnes Drysdale, Biology department.

As far as annual reviews are concerned, the Eco-Schools evaluation of 2011 was nothing short of remarkable. The sterling work carried out quietly in many corners of the school has resulted in a truly extraordinary approach to improving Hutchesons' eco-credentials.

Quietly, though, is not how we aim to continue. The ethos of Eco-schools is for the activities and changes to percolate through the entire school community. Inspired by the Rio Earth summit in 1992 and launched in 1994, Eco-Schools is an international initiative involving 3,700 schools in Scotland. The programme aims to encourage whole-school participation in environmental action and activities that reduce the school's carbon footprint. Eco-schools is also a recognised national award scheme and we aim to secure the highly sought after Green Flag to add to our Bronze and Silver awards.

Young people have a genuine interest in these issues and our pupils at Hutchesons' are no exception. Eco-Hutchie was launched in 2006 by Jim McDougall, Depute Rector, Cate Hamilton, formerly of the English department, and Agnes Drysdale, Biology department. A passionate group of pupils, previously involved in recycling as part of their service for the Duke of Edinburgh Award, were also keen to be involved.

The group, which included pupils from across the School, quickly decided upon a name, logo and motto and approached the daunting task of addressing the ten Eco-schools core topic areas - Litter, Waste Minimisation, Energy, Water, School Grounds, Health and Well-being, Transport, Biodiversity, Food and the Environment and Sustaining our World. Alastair MacMahon and Sandy Nimmo (C2011), plus Jenna Alexander (C2008), Robyn Catherwood and Sarah Thompson of S6 spearheaded recycling of waste paper.

The first of three successful fund-raising "Green Days" was also organised in December 2006, which involved a "green café",

supported by the school S6 Fair Trade group, and generated enough money to buy bins in order to extend the recycling initiative to include plastic.

In 2008, Green Day included the sale of items created in Form time by S2 Enterprise companies, directed to design, manufacture and market products using only recycled materials. With its timing shortly before Christmas, the event was both popular and profitable, and marked the end of a highly effective PSE project in sustainable business.

Elsewhere, under the guidance of Dr. McCarthy of the Biology department, part of the school grounds has been converted into a Conservation Area. This oasis for pupils and staff alike, with wooden mushrooms funded by a winning Biology project for the Crest Award, has really flourished over the last 6 years and offers a space for cross-curricular opportunities.

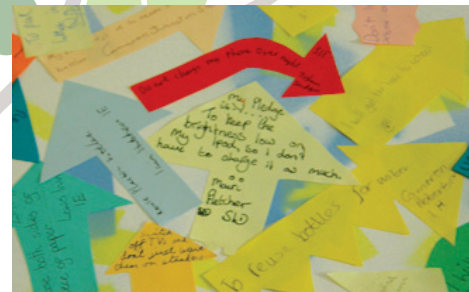
Most recently, the first truly whole-school initiative has been successfully completed. Visually brilliant, this collaboration between Dr McCarthy and Mrs Breckenridge, Head of Art and Design, has resulted in over 1,200 Eco-pledges (personal commitments to reducing our own carbon footprints) being made by every pupil and member of staff, teaching and support, at Beaton Road. Having attended the recent presentation, to encourage support staff to consider making an Eco-pledge, and despite having been involved in the initiative from the start, I couldn't help but be impressed by the sheer magnitude of the work being carried out at Hutchesons'. Recycling, the initial target, has been extremely successful. When compared to the same date in 2011, we have already recycled 155% more paper alone!



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S3 Biologists take part in an annual potato growing competition and the resulting harvest has been used to make soup for the school lunch.



Every pupil and member of staff, teaching and support, at Beaton Road has committed to their own personal Eco-pledge.



August 2011 saw the arrival of a group of highly enthusiastic S1 pupils and recycling plastic bottles has been their mission.



# Sports Update

## Results in Brief

### Swimming Gala Results

#### Junior Championships

GIRLS			BOYS		
1st	Jenny Anderson	S2	Aynslie Scott	S2	
2nd	Ailsa Ramage	S2	David Brown	S1	
3rd	Kate Paton	S1	Yevgeniy Hildebrandt	S2	

#### Senior Championships

GIRLS			BOYS		
1st	Chloe Wong	S3	Jonathon Wong	S5	
2nd	Holly Beth Gourlay	S4	Mazen Allam	S5	
3rd	Annabel Scott	S4	Murray Collins	S4	

### New Records

#### Senior Championships

<b>GIRLS</b>	50m Fly	Chloe Wong	35.51s	2012
<b>BOYS</b>	50m Breast	Jonathon Wong	34.76s	2012
	50m Free	Jonathon Wong	24.51s	2012
	50m Fly	Jonathon Wong	28.92s	2012

#### Junior Championships

<b>BOYS</b>	50m Fly	David Brown	35.48s	2012
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#### Primary House Championship

1st	Lochiel	130
2nd	Argyll	119
3rd	Stuart	116
4th	Montrose	103



### Glasgow Schools Secondary Cross Country

Team Gold	P7 Boys
Team 4th	P7 Girls
Team 4th	P6 Girls
Team 6th	P6 Boys
Individual Gold	Harry Nimmo and Josh Bicknell (P7)
Individual Silver	Finlay Mathers (P6)
Individual Bronze	Annie Gould (P7)



### Head Boy plays for Scotland

James Malcolm (S6) represented Scotland against Wales this March in Under 18's Rugby at Braidholm, GHA Rugby Club in Giffnock. James played a strong match as Loose Head Prop. It was an extremely close and competitive game which was won by Wales in the final minutes with a score of 19 – 12.



### New heights

The 28 strong S4-S6 Climbing group practise their sport every Wednesday afternoon at the Glasgow Climbing Centre, developing stamina, strength and balance.



### On the ball

On the 18th December 44 pupils, from S1-S5, visited the Etihad Stadium in Manchester and watched Manchester City beat Arsenal 1-0 in the Barclays Premier League.

### Sport goes online!

This March will see the launch of a new online Sport Fixtures and Results service featuring all the season's games, including individual team totals, which will be updated on a weekly basis. There will also be a new map with directions to the sport venues used or visited by the School.

Find out more at [www.hutchesons.org/teams](http://www.hutchesons.org/teams) or click on **Team Fixtures and Results** in the homepage quicklinks menu.



# A Look Inside the New Building

The building is glass fronted with a striking red seating area in the foyer and a recessed wall, which will be home to donors' tiles. These names and messages will remain throughout the history of the building, a legacy to inspire pupils both now and in generations to come.

There are three bright and airy studios with large upper windows to provide natural light and a bird's eye view of rehearsals. The space within the building is extremely flexible with the studios utilising specialist lighting rigs, retractable seating, sliding partitions and curtains to create areas for performance, practice and study.

Details of the opening will appear in the June edition of this magazine.

If you would like to be a Drama donor please contact Lorna Watt, Development Manager on **0141 433 4457** or email [wattl@hutchesons.org](mailto:wattl@hutchesons.org)



## S3 Drama Contest

The annual S3 Drama competition was held on Thursday the 1st of March.

The winners were:

Monologue: **Isla Lee**

Duologue: **William Byam-Shaw and Randy Sanza**

Group: **Emilie Naddell, Lucy Davidson, Melissa Rutnagur, Alex Pope, Hector Ritchie**

The award for overall outstanding performance went to **Melissa Rutnagur**.

The curtain will be officially raised on the new Drama Studio on the 24th of March and here we offer you a quick peek behind the scenes with these exclusive pictures.



## First Les Misérables rehearsal

Senior pupils returned to Hutchesons' early from exam leave to take part in the first rehearsal for the summer school production of Les Misérables.

More than 50 pupils from S4, S5 and S6 were keen to get their first taste of the new Drama building.

They were introduced to the project by Head of Drama Mrs Alderson who told the cast the show will be an ambitious project, but she felt sure they were up to the challenge.

The day started with pupils being put through their paces by the choreographer and was followed by workshops in preparation for audition.





# Something to talk about!



## Paris Conference

Seven Hutchesons' pupils, from S5 and S6, spent a weekend in Paris in February. They joined pupils from across the UK at an annual conference, aimed at Sixth Form pupils, entitled 'Your Future in Europe'. They enjoyed hearing from the BBC's Evan Davis, who spoke about the Eurozone crisis and a Question Time featuring MPs Simon Hughes, Esther McVey and Kate Green. They also managed to visit Montmartre, the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame and the Louvre.

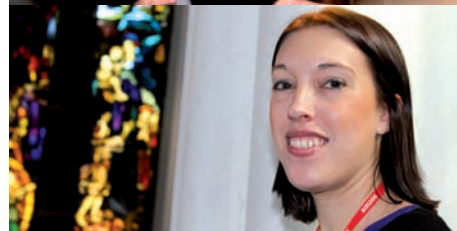
**Hutchesons' Grammar School Talking Points is a diverse S6 lecture series which is a unique platform to stimulate discussion and increase knowledge.**

This term has featured a number of interesting sessions including:

Professor John Briggs from The University of Glasgow Geography Department explained the pivotal 21st Century Challenges for Africa. He highlighted the future of rural agriculture, the necessity (or not?) of financial aid, and most importantly the tremendous impact of HIV/AIDS. Esteemed broadcaster Sally Magnusson visited the School to share the surprising hidden history and untapped potential of a much maligned substance: Urine. The talk was filled with historical research, personal anecdotes and stories of scientific advances. Pupils found her talk extremely entertaining and quite enlightening.

Dr Lydia Plath from The University of Glasgow revealed the ways that perception of race, itself a cultural construct with no scientific basis, continues to be a cause of discrimination in the fabric of American politics today.

*Pictured: from top; Sally Magnusson, Professor John Briggs and Dr Lydia Plath.*



Lara Gilmour and Lawrie Carlaw (S6) have been writing reviews of this year's Talking Points read more at: [www.hutchesons.org/talkingpoints](http://www.hutchesons.org/talkingpoints)

## 2012 EASTER HOCKEY COACHING CAMPS WITH SPIDER



SPIDER STIX JUNIOR (BEGINNERS)	SPIDER HOCKEY (BEGINNERS TO INTERMEDIATE)	SPIDER STARS ELITE (ADVANCED)
<b>Dates:</b> (Camp 1) 2nd - 5th April (Camp 2) 10th - 13th April	<b>Dates:</b> (Camp 1) 2nd - 5th April (Camp 2) 10th - 13th April	<b>Date:</b> 9th - 13th April
<b>Location:</b> Windyedge, The Glasgow Academy, Anniesland	<b>Location:</b> Windyedge, The Glasgow Academy, Anniesland	<b>Location:</b> Bellahouston Hockey Pitch, Palace of Art
<b>Age:</b> 4 - 7	<b>Age:</b> 6 - 18	<b>Age:</b> 12 - 18
<b>Time:</b> 10am - 1pm	<b>Time:</b> 10am - 4pm	<b>Time:</b> 10am - 3pm
<b>Cost:</b> £45	<b>Cost:</b> £85	<b>Cost:</b> £75

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# Transition to the Secondary School

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Next year's S1 will be made up of broadly equal numbers of pupils from Kingarth Street and from primary schools in and around Glasgow. The pupils will be introduced to the process of transition in early May to enable them to receive as much help and information as they require.

I went to visit P7D at Kingarth Street and spoke to four of our prospective S1 pupils Brianna Matheson, Cara Taggart, Jan King and Ben Bicknell. They were all very excited about the move to Beaton Road.

Brianna and Ben were looking forward to new subjects and teachers. Cara was excited to be moving to Secondary School and for Jan, it was to be in a different school from her little brother which appealed.

The pupils all agreed that Secondary School was a 'total mystery' and that finding their way around such a big school would be a challenge. They were confident, however, that with some good maps they would be ok!

To help get them orientated and learn about day to day life in Secondary School, all prospective S1 pupils will spend some time at Beaton Road during the summer term.

Pupils will spend a half day meeting new teachers and enjoying some lessons in subjects unfamiliar to them.

The children will also have the chance to ask the Year Tutor team questions about anything which is worrying them. Ben is already wondering about the length of the lunch queue and what is in the vending machines!

One of the most memorable and exciting times of any school pupil's life is the move from Primary School to Secondary School. Although this is some months away, plans are in place to ensure that the transition from P7 to S1 is as smooth as possible. Here Jane Thompson of the Pastoral Team explains more.

It was particularly encouraging that one of the things the pupils were looking forward to was being at the same school as friends who currently go to Primary elsewhere. The School is also committed to ensuring that these pupils find out and experience as much as they can about Hutchesons'.

They are invited to spend a day with us at Beaton Road to familiarise themselves with the layout of the school, meet some teachers and other pupils and generally get to know what their new environment is like.

They will have the chance to experience classes in science and languages as well as taking part in other activities to allow

them to make friends and meet children from other schools.

The School was keen to know how well the transition process is received and surveys were recently carried out among both P7 and S1 pupils. It was reassuring that current S1 pupils say that any concerns raised by the incoming P7 pupils are fully addressed by Pastoral staff at Beaton Road.

All the S1 pupils we spoke to, whether they had been in Kingarth Street or not, had found their transition to Beaton Road a very happy, enjoyable experience and it is to be hoped that the next cohort of S1 enjoy a similarly successful start to their Secondary career at Hutchesons'.

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# Primary School News



## Join the carnival!

The Modern Languages Assembly on the 8th of February brought an international feel to the Primary School. Pupils discovered the roots of the word 'carnival', saw traditional Venetian masks and enjoyed a carnival quiz which raised funds for Mary's Meals.



## Once upon a time at the Scottish Opera

This February pupils from Hutchesons' Grammar School have been performing in the Scottish Opera production of Hansel and Gretel in Glasgow and Edinburgh.

The pupils went through several auditions for their roles as the Gingerbread children. All at Kingarth Street were delighted to learn that of the 20 children on stage, 6 were from Hutchesons'.

Appearing were Suhit Amin and Olivia Campbell of P6, Annie Gould, Lewis Hamilton and Lewis McCann of P7 and Alexandra Pope of S3. They all enjoyed the experience and the Music Department at Kingarth Street is very proud of them!



## Mary's Meals dream teams

A kind-hearted group of P6 pupils launched a charity football cup for Mary's Meals.

The Charity Cup was the brain-child of Osama Bashir in P6B and forty pupils participated in a league over five weeks. It raised £40 – enough to provide 1,000 meals for children living in poverty.

P3 classes have also been hard at work collecting small change to help raise funds for the charity. They succeeded in filling a giant cola bottle with coins and the pupils were pleased to find that the total was £222.55!



## A reely good time!

The P1 classes enjoyed their very first ceilidh on the 26th January.

The children donned kilts, waistcoats and touches of tartan as they excitedly took to the floor to dance to traditional Scottish music.

They all enjoyed reciting poems, drumming rhythms and singing songs and they even danced a Highland fling.

View the video at [www.youtube.com/HutchesonsGrammar](http://www.youtube.com/HutchesonsGrammar)



## Scots music and verse contest

The Primary School was treated to a lively celebration of traditional music and poetry at the annual Scots Music and Verse Competition on Friday the 3rd of February. Pupils, both on stage and off, created a fantastic atmosphere and once again proved themselves a great credit to the School.

Callum Alexander (P6B) and Georgia Coyle (P4C) won in Scots Verse, Flora Ritchie (P7U) and Verity MacInnes (P7L) won in Scots Music and Annie Gould (P7M) won the Sheena Hamilton Award for Excellence in Scots Music and Verse.



## Pupils vote in book awards

Kingarth Street pupils have helped to choose the nation's favourite children's book. The Scottish Children's Book Awards are organised by the Scottish Book Trust which selects a shortlist and children all over the country vote for their favourite title. Primary 1, 2 and 3 classes read the Bookbug award books – aimed at children up to 7 years of age. They chose The Loon on the Moon by Chae Strathie and Emily Golden but nationally the final Award winner was Dear Vampa by Ross Collins. Look out for our feature on the School's activities for National Book Week in the June edition.



# Who's got the Hutchie factor?

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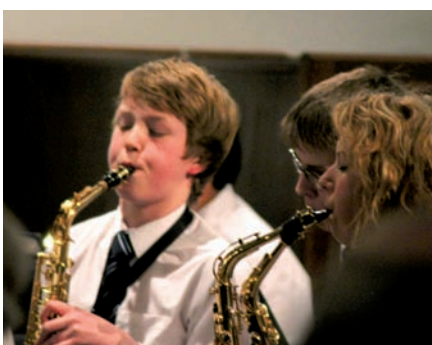
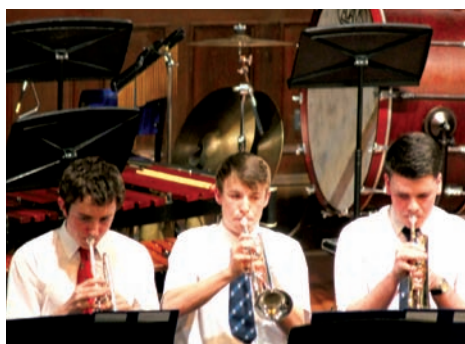
The School was delighted to welcome a special guest celebrity judge, Jai McDowell - winner of Britain's Got Talent 2011.

The night was presented by members of S6. The talented trio of Blake Sinclair, Laurie Anderson and Andrew Jeffrey kept the acts coming and provided plenty of laughs along the way while Connor Benson fearlessly joined the crowd as a roving reporter.

There were some amazing performances on show and judges Jai McDowell, Depute Rector Jim McDougall and Tony Begley of Mary's Meals were faced a difficult job. The winner was announced as Josh Lewis (S5) & The Big Band Sound and the runners up were Jodie Knight (S1) and Haris Haseeb, Andrew Hobson, David Hutchison (all S5) and Scott Meenan (S6) with the 'Art of Motion'.

Proceeds will be donated to Mary's Meals and a full gallery is available on the Hutchesons' Flickr.

The evening of 6 February saw the Assembly Hall erupt in a blaze of sound and light as Hutchie's finest from across the whole Secondary School took to the stage to battle it out and be named the winner of the 2012 Talent Contest.



## Wind and Jazz Concert

February's Wind & Jazz Concert in the Fotheringay Auditorium was a follow-up to December's choral and symphonic concert and a "dress rehearsal" for the young musicians touring Amsterdam the following week.

It opened with the Intermediate Wind Band and Jazz Band, in music as diverse as Bernstein's *West Side Story*, Errol Garner's timeless classic *Misty*, even the theme from *Family Guy*. The senior Concert Band closed the evening with "Highland Cathedral" featuring the Pipe Band's pipe major Matthew Henson. The Guitar Ensemble's "Stairway to Heaven" was a coolheaded take on the Led Zeppelin classic; the Flute Group's Bach was mellifluous; the new-look Ceilidh Band offered upbeat traditionalism and the Percussion Ensemble notched up the temperature with "Rock On", a piece written by percussion teacher and ensemble director Amy Sherry. As for the Jazz Collective this was structured, inspired and spontaneous – qualities that summed up the entire evening.





## Expert workshops encourage young artists



Jennifer Gann (S6) took part in a 'Miniature Portrait Workshop' at Kelvingrove on Sunday 15th January and worked with a local artist Jim Dick. Jenny said she had learnt new techniques of working with oil paints and intended to pursue the theme of portraiture in her portfolio for Art College. Earlier this session a group of S6 pupils accompanied Steve McQueen, visual artist and part-time art teacher at Hutchesons' on a one day printmaking workshop at the Glasgow Print Studio. Softground etching and aquatint techniques were used to generate a series of impressive prints. Rosie Munro enjoyed the experience saying that the skills learnt in development of final outcomes will also form part of her portfolio.

*Pictured: Artwork by Jennifer Gann, right, and Rosie Munro, above.*



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# Former Pupils News & Events

## Introducing ...

### Lorna Watt, Development Manager

#### What does a Development Manager do?

An important component of my job is building long-term relationships with current and former pupils, staff and parents. Essentially everyone who is part of the Hutchie family!

A lot of my work is centered around the various events the department is involved in, most recently the opening of the new drama building.

I'm also responsible for fundraising for the school's own charity – The Annual Fund.

The Annual Fund enables us to invest in our Bursary programme which awards places at Hutchesons' based on academic merit and financial need to pupils from less advantaged backgrounds. This is a founding principle of the ethos of our school. Unfortunately every year the Rector has to turn away around 40-50 talented pupils, as we can only fund so many bursary places. Therefore support of the Annual Fund is crucial in ensuring we can widen a Hutchie education to as many deserving pupils as possible.

We also have a legacy society. Everyone who has indicated their intention to leave a bequest to the School is invited to become a member of the 1641 Society and is invited to an annual lunch at the School.

#### Plans for the future?

I would like to see our supporters given an opportunity to be more involved with the School. Later this year, it will be the 10th anniversary of the Annual Fund. Hutchie is very lucky to have a large core of dedicated long-term supporters.



All of our supporters will be invited to a reception. It's important to have an opportunity to say thank you in person and showcase some of the talents of our pupils. I would like to recruit many more supporters to the Annual Fund! I'll also be developing sponsorship opportunities for companies as it is something we get a lot of enquiries about. I would like to build stronger career links between our former and current pupils and I'm also keen that former staff still feel part of the Hutchie family.

#### Do you donate to the Annual Fund?

Of course! I can't expect to ask others to when I don't myself. I appreciate that not everyone is in a situation where they can contribute financially but even small, regular gifts can make a big difference.

#### Who else works in the Development Office?

There is Maria Campbell, the Communications and Marketing Manager, who produces the Hutchie Herald you're reading now and looks after the School website. Louise Duncan is the Alumni and Development Co-ordinator, she manages the Alumni database and is involved in organising reunions and dealing with lots of enquiries from former pupils. We are a small and very busy team!

#### Describe a typical day in the office?

There isn't one! That's what I most enjoy about the job. I think a general misconception is that all we do is ask people for money. There is so much more to the job than that! In the space of one day I can be helping a pupil find a work

experience placement, arranging catering for an event, selling someone a Hutchie tie, talking to a bereaved relative on the phone or reuniting former classmates.

#### What were you doing before you came to Hutchie?

I worked in the Development Department of the National Library of Scotland in Edinburgh for 6 years. It was a huge privilege to work for a national collection and I have very fond memories. I don't miss the daily commute from Glasgow, though!

#### Had you worked in a school before?

My only experience was working as an English teacher in China during 2010. It was certainly a very challenging experience and one in which I hope has meant I can deal with unexpected and difficult situations! It also made me appreciate just how much preparation, teachers have to do!

#### What has most surprised you about the School?

That so much activity goes on beyond the classroom. Hutchie pupils are a very creative, active and enterprising bunch.

#### What do you most enjoy about your job?

The variety of the workload and getting to meet so many interesting people of all ages.

#### What three qualities do you need to work at Hutchie?

Patience, diplomacy and stamina!





## London Burns Supper 2012

Former pupils and friends of Hutchesons' came together at the Caledonian Club, in London, once again this January for the annual Burns Supper.

Sola Paterson-Marke (C2004) gave a warm welcome to all attendees, spanning the years from C1948-C2010. Harley Atkinson (C1957) gave an animated and amusing Address to the Haggis, followed by an outstanding Immortal Memory delivered by Fr Chris Trundle. Grace Ang-Lygate sang a moving version of Ye Banks and Braes and Rachel Connell (C2004) was Mistress of Ceremonies. The Toast to the Lassies was delivered in style by Calvin Graham (C2002) and Jayne Callum (C2004) provided a capable riposte. The evening ended with Auld Lang Syne and an impromptu rendition of the Hutchie song!

*Pictures from the Supper can be viewed on the Hutchesons' Flickr.*



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## A taste of New Zealand

On Wednesday 25 January the School was delighted to play host to former pupil Christine Kernohan née Nicol (C1967), owner of Gladstone Wines.

Christine explained the distinctive colours, tastes and aromas of her selection of wines and discussed her journey from the Hutchie gates to becoming one of the top women wine makers in New Zealand, developing her brand in the current difficult economic climate.

All agreed that it had been an enjoyable and informative event.



## St Andrews Dinner

Nearly 30 former pupils who are now studying at St Andrews came together to enjoy a Thai banquet at the popular Nahm-Jim restaurant in the town.

The Rector Dr Greig and Senior Depute Rector, Mike Martin, were accompanied by David Campbell, Depute Rector and Graham Broadhurst, Head of Modern Studies. Representing the Development Office were Lorna Watt, Development Manager and Louise Duncan, Alumni and Development Co-ordinator. Also attending the Dinner, were several former pupils whom are now on the teaching staff at St Andrews; Professor Helen Chambers (C1965), now Emeritus Professor of German, Professor Robert Crawford (C1977), Professor Keith Sillar (C1977) and Dr Rehema White (C1983).

Dr Greig passed on his best wishes from everyone at the School and hoped that the former pupils would stay in touch and let us know how their careers progressed.

## An Invitation to the Spring Supper

Join us on Friday the 20th April at Beaton Road at 7.30pm for an informal Spring Supper and a chance to meet old friends and teachers and tour the School. For information call the Development Office on **0141 433 4474** or the email names below.

Tickets are £20 and can be booked at [www.hutchesons.org/FPSpringSupper2012](http://www.hutchesons.org/FPSpringSupper2012)

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# Former Pupils News & Events



Memories of Hutchesons'

## Forthcoming Events: Kingarth Street Tea Party

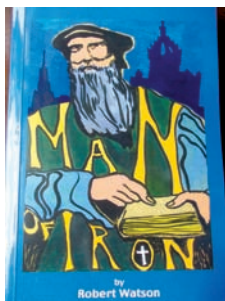
A Tea Party will be held at Kingarth Street on Saturday 12th May from 2pm until 4.30pm for all former pupils of Hutchesons' Girls Grammar School. There will be afternoon tea, memorabilia displays and entertainment by pupils.

Tickets for the event are £15 and can be purchased by completing a booking form, available from the Development Office, by phoning:

**0141 433 4474** or by emailing: **alumni@hutchesons.org**

## Man of Iron Book Launch

Robert Watson (C1958) very recently became the author and publisher of 'Man of Iron' detailing the fascinating life of John Knox, including his time as a galley slave and his dramatic interviews with Mary Queen of Scots.



It costs £13.95 plus postage from Elpis Productions, Robert Watson, Flat 4/3 Victoria Rd, Lenzie, G66 5AW. Call **0141 776 0115** for more details.



## Birthday Greetings to Oz

Noel McWhinnie (C1955) celebrated his 75th Birthday on Christmas Day 2011, surrounded by his friends and family. He lives in South Yarra, Australia.

When I was a pupil in class 2B in the 'old' Boys' school in Crown street, we learned quite a bit about aerodynamics, convection currents and the chemistry of combustion as we stood outside Mr. Howie's lab waiting for a 'double science' period to begin. There was a satisfying 'Bang' from within the lab and we trooped in to behold one of our more adventurous number, sitting inside the wreckage of a fume cupboard with a bemused look on his face, a smouldering Woodbine dangling between his fingers, and the gentle tinkle of bits of broken glass.

The fume cupboards operated on the principal of a convection current generated by a small gas jet in the top of the vent which led outside the school building, where the capricious aerodynamics of the Gorbals weather systems resulted in backdraughts which occasionally extinguished said gas jet.

The theory of the chemistry of combustion kicked in when our class-mate, who tended to push more boundaries than most of us did, climbed inside the fume cupboard and discovered some of the mysteries of critical gas/air ratios when he lit up his fag!

I recalled this incident when I came across an old, rather poor photograph of my father's science class taken in what looks like what we knew as 'Tubby' Mclennan's laboratory around 1921.

'Hutchie' then and later, was very much a classics orientated school and when my

Latin master, one 'Bob' Edie, found out I was intending to drop Latin to take Science and become an Engineer, he remonstrated in a robust manner: "You mean to say Dale you're abandoning Caesar's Gallic Wars to become a plumber?!" Examination of the photo reveals eighteen lads with the potential to become 'plumbers' rather than classicists.

When I left Latin and the 'Old' school behind and moved in 4B to the amazingly modern 'new' school at Crossmyloof, it was to discover that despite the wonderful facilities in the modern labs (including a new telephone!) On one memorable occasion we were being tutored on the, quite risky, production of nitrous oxide gas using ammonium nitrate. Mr Howie constructed a screen of glass panels around the flask to be heated and the water trough in which the gas jar was positioned. All went very well until the new telephone rang and Mr Howie put the Bunsen down and went to answer it then we saw with great fascination water beginning to creep back up the glass delivery tube towards the hot flask. Just as Mr Howie returned to the lab there was a glorious bang!

On reflection now, I suspect my science days at Hutchie surpassed in interest and excitement anything Mr Edie could have produced with the goings on in ancient Rome including the Gallic wars.

*Jake M Dale (C1962)*

## Forthcoming Events: Ladies and Gents Golf

The Gents 'Veritas' Trophy Golf Competition will be held at Portpatrick Dunskey Golf Club on Thursday 3rd May at 1pm. Competitors will enjoy lunch after the golf and prior to the presentation of the trophy. The cost of the day is shared equally and averages between £15 and £20 not including travel. Catering facilities are available for any early arrivals. New faces are very welcome so add the date to your diaries.

Contact *John Dickson (C1956)* on **johndickson@hotmail.co.uk** or **01776 810 720** by 26th April.

The Ladies' Golf Outing is at Strathaven Golf Club on Tuesday 11th September. For further information, please contact *Sallie Harkness née Moodie (C1956)* on **0141 639 1166** or email **sallieharkness@btinternet.com**



## 1960s & 70s

### Janice Thomas née Meredith, C1967

Janice has become Ladies Captain at the Sheffield Oaks Golf Club in Hampshire.

### Allan Struthers C1970

Professor Allan Struthers, of the University of Dundee Medical School and by honour at St Andrews University, became a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 2010 and a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences in 2011. Professor Struthers treats patients with Chronic Heart Failure at Ninewells Hospital in Dundee.



### Isobel Williams née Kirk C1975

Currently a senior teacher working in Hobart, Australia Isobel has been elected as National President of the Australian School Library Association (ASLA) a national authority and peak forum in the field of teacher librarianship and school library resource services.

## 1980s & 90s

### John Jennett C1982

John Jennet recently became Managing Director of Crieff Hydro, Scotland's oldest registered trading company which has 500 staff, over 200 bedrooms and 50 5\* lodges. John previously developed a successful hotel business. After selling out to a national chain he returned to University to study creative writing and won the Sceptre Prize for his, as yet unpublished, novel. He and his family live in Argyll.



### Rita Ahmad C1994

In December 2011, Rita was appointed to the Scottish Circle Committee for Oxfam, a new group dedicated to campaigning and fundraising for women's rights at home and abroad and hosting

a large event in Glasgow March 15th 2012 to raise money for Oxfam's 'We Can' campaign. Members of the Circle include former Lord Advocate Dame Elish Angiolini and Trespass clothing's Farah Khushi.

### Jeremiah Peschka C1996

Jeremiah Peschka is a founder and Managing Director at Brent Ozar PLF, LLC - a boutique consulting company established in 2012 specializing in databases, storage, and virtualization. He lives in Portland with 2 cats, a dog and a giant rabbit.



### Rachel Dobson C1996

Rachel Jane Dobson married Richard Edward Pointon, of Derbyshire, in a civil ceremony at Hassop Hall, Derbyshire on Friday 1st July 2011. Rachel is the Principal Optometrist at Specsavers in Sheffield and the couple are following the "good life" keeping chickens growing their own fruit and veg.

Rachel is a member of The Abbeydale Singers and is preparing for a tour of Seville. During March she will be appearing with Croft House Theatre Company as Sister Berthe in the Sound of Music at the Lyceum Theatre in Sheffield.

*Pictured: Michal Cowan née Toshner (C1996), Louise Bacon née Dobson (C1992), Rachel Dobson, David Dobson (C1964) and James Bacon (P4).*

### Simon Arthur Beal C1998

Simon Arthur Beal in continuing to carve out a strong reputation as a filmmaker and, on Saturday 18th February, his debut *Silver Tongues* was screened as part of this year's Glasgow Film Festival. The film won the Audience Award at Slamdance 2011, the Utah independent film festival, and is based on a short film with the same name made by him in 2007. Simon has previously directed the short film, *Rebel Song*, and is working on two further features, *Necropolis* and *Days of Revolt*.



### Fraser Gall C1998

Fraser was married to Lindsay Papworth (C1998) on 30th April, the day after Wills and Kate. The ceremony took place in Carmunnock Church followed by a reception at the Eglinton Arms in Eaglesham which was attended by 130 guests. They first met at school but the relationship took off at Paisley University where they were both studying marketing. His sister Alison Gall and Euan Cameron (both C2000) will wed in the Fotheringay Centre this May. Former pupil guests included father of the groom Ian Gall (C1968), Lindsay Papworth née Gall and John Papworth (C1958) and Marcus Rochlin (C1999).

## 2000s

### Kirsty Fraser (C2007)

Kirsty graduated from Edinburgh College of Art in 2011 with an honours degree in Jewellery & Silversmithing. Following this, she successfully secured an Artist in Residence post at Glasgow School of Art to further develop her jewellery design and making processes, whilst also teaching students. In 2010 she was chosen by the School to commission an annual music prize in remembrance of Jane Rae. The commission consists of a series of 10 silver pieces to be presented annually at the School's prize giving. Kirsty's work has been exhibited in Europe including at Inhorgenta, an international jewellery show in Munich. [www.kirstyfraser.com](http://www.kirstyfraser.com)



### Stephanie Legrand C2007

Stephanie graduated in June 2011 with a first class honours in International Business and Spanish from Edinburgh University and has recently accepted a role on Aldi's Area Manager Graduate Scheme in Chelmsford.



Thank you if you completed the Former Pupil Update Form. You can download one to update your own details at the Alumni page of the School website, link below. This is also the place to go to keep up with the latest former pupil news and events and sign up to the Hutchesons' Connect private social media site. [www.hutchesons.org/alumni](http://www.hutchesons.org/alumni)

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# Former Pupils In Memoriam

## Elnora Gilmour née Fordyce

Class of 1932, 1914-2011

Former staff member during the Second World War.

## Mrs Christine Howat

Class of 1940, 1921-2011

## Dr William F Cockburn

Class of 1941, 1923-2011

Full tribute to appear in the June Edition

## Miss Sheila Crawford

Class of 1941, 1923 - 2012

## Joan Davidson Linton née Young

Class of 1944, 1932 - 2011

## Mrs Joyce Coubrough née McCallum

Class of 1947, 1930 - 2011

Sister of Ian McCallum (C1953)

## Dr Agnes Walker née McDonald

Class of 1948, 1930-2011

Sister of Dr Rachel Douglas née McDonald (C1950)

## Margaret King née Ewing

Class of 1948, Died June 2011

## Alastair Macnab

Class of 1953, 1934-2011

## Mr Robert Leask

Class of 1958,  
1939 - 2011

## Duncan Neil MacGregor

Class of 1961, 1941  
-2012

Brother of Prof  
Kenneth MacGregor  
(C1964)



## Lesley O'Neill

Class of 1962, Died January 2011

## Staff Notices

### Jane Bulloch

1971-2011

Hutchesons' Grammar School Librarian.  
Tribute to appear in the 2012 Hutchesonian.

### Mrs Elizabeth Gidney

1915-2012

Former English Teacher, left 1962

## Lilian Links Shenkin

Class of 1936, 1918 - 2012

Lilian Links Shenkin, who has died aged 93, was a gifted and dedicated doctor whose professional skills, combined with a deep humanity, made her one of Glasgow's foremost general practitioners for nearly 50 years. She attended Hutchesons' Grammar School, demonstrating not only academic but also sporting excellence, playing for the 1st X1 hockey team. She left Glasgow University in 1936, graduating in 1942. During her time there, assiduous attention to studying did not prevent her from becoming involved in a number of causes including the students' union and women's rights. Wartime service was at St James' Hospital, London. In her first week, she was rostered to man the anti-aircraft guns on the hospital's roof.

Returning to Glasgow, she opened a surgery at 607 Pollokshaws Road, her medical home from 1947 until retirement in 1990. Her busy and demanding professional life was complemented and balanced by a 57-year marriage to lifelong partner, Dr Arthur Shenkin. She was intensely proud and supportive of her family and is survived by three daughters, Ethne, Judith and Jennifer, nine grandchildren (three of whom are doctors) and seven great-grandchildren.

*Extract courtesy of the Herald Newspaper.*

## Dr Thomas Gilfillan

Class of 1940,  
1922-2011

Tom Gilfillan was born 18.4.22 in Glasgow to working class parents. After attending Paisley Grammar School, the family moved to Glasgow and he got a scholarship to Hutchie, where again he continued to work hard. Dr Gilfillan was awarded a scholarship to Glasgow University and repeatedly said that his success in life was due to the help he had from the staff at Hutchie. After qualifying M.B.Ch.B. in 1945, he worked in various areas until he married his wife Eve in 1946. A few weeks later he was drafted into the R.A.M.C. and served in Palestine and Cyprus. His was demobbed in 1948 as a Major. After studying with Cecil Gray in Liverpool, he spent 3 years in Inverness, then took a post at Hull Royal Infirmary in 1953. He was appointed Consultant and stayed there until retirement in 1987. He leaves Eve a retired nursing sister, and 3 children all associated with medicine, 8 grandchildren, 2 studying medicine now, and one great-grandchild born 4 days after his funeral. He died from a cerebral haemorrhage after a fall, on 6th December.



## Jean F Smith

Class of 1949, 1931 - 2011

Jean Smith, who has died at the age of 80, was a journalist who worked in turn for the Glasgow Herald and the Scotsman. Born in Glasgow, she was educated at Hutchesons' Girls Grammar School and Glasgow University, where she graduated with an MA with Honours in History. Her first job was with The

Glasgow Herald, working initially in the editorial library before joining the reporters' room. She was one of the very few women reporters then employed in what was still largely a male-dominated world. Soon afterwards she transferred to the Herald's Edinburgh office, before finally settling with The Scotsman. Her name became familiar to readers as she wrote regularly for the feature pages. She enjoyed the opportunities which journalism afforded to travel and to write on subjects of special interest to her. She was a member of such varied groups as The Old Town Association, the Carlyle Society, and the Malt Whisky Society. She particularly enjoyed inviting friends to be her guest at one or other of the premises of the Malt Whisky Society. Her sudden death has come as a shock to family and friends in both cities. She is survived by her brother Richard and family.

*Extract Courtesy of the Herald Newspaper*

## Mary (Marette) Grewar

Class of 1952, 1934 - 2011

*Former Teacher*

Marette Grewar, who has died aged 77, was a teacher and natural history lover whose voluntary work helped to map out Bute's rural heritage. She taught at Uddingston Grammar School and Loudon Academy before moving to Hutchesons' Boys' Grammar, which all three of her sons attended, in 1977. She arrived as the first of her sons left and remained until retiring. By 1994 both she and her husband, Cargill, had retired and were looking forward to sharing more time together. Tragically, he died that December and Mrs Grewar found some comfort in returning to work as a market researcher.

Later she moved to Kilchattan Bay, Bute where she joined the Butheshire Natural History Society (BNHS) where she became an essential part of work on Scotland's Rural Past project for the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland. Described as compassionate, clever and determined, she was a modest woman who achieved a great deal more in her life than she was ever willing to acknowledge, fittingly illustrated by the tributes made by so many of her former pupils. She is survived by her sons Guy, Don and John.

*Extract courtesy of the Herald Newspaper*

## Melville Scott Cummock

Class of 1955, 1937-2011

Melville Cummock qualified and worked as a Chartered Accountant in Glasgow before emigrating to South Africa in 1969. He worked for Deloitte Plender in Port Elizabeth where he met his future wife Elsje, then moved to Capetown where they were married in 1972. After Sandra and John had been born, Melville came back with the family to the UK in the late 1970s when he worked in Liverpool





and Strathaven. In 1982 the family moved back to South Africa, first to work in Pretoria, then in 1985 to Swaziland where Melville took up the post of Secretary/Treasurer of the Swazi Sugar Corporation. After 13 years they moved to Cape Town where Melville enjoyed many years of semi-retirement, as well as being much involved with his church. He was a keen sportsman, and always retained a great love for Scotland, paying a number of visits back home over the years. On his last trip in 2010 one highlight was a visit to Hutchie where he much enjoyed being shown round the school. Melville, died in Cape Town on August 23rd after a short illness. 250 people came to his funeral – such was the regard with which he was held, an indication of his many friendships.

*By Blair Cummock (C1953)*



## Dr Douglas Bremner

Class of 1957, 1939-2011

*Deputy Lieutenant of Renfrewshire and medical practitioner;*

Dr Douglas Bremner, who has died aged 72, was an able and genial Glasgow doctor who devoted his life to medicine and public service. Pathologist, GP, full colonel in the Reserve Army Medical Services, Commandant-in-Chief of St Andrew's First Aid and senior medical referee for Glasgow City Council, he devoted his life to care and to the community in which he lived, as well as being a founder member and chief instructor of Battlefield Advanced Trauma Life Support – the course set up in 1988 to improve military trauma care – and now a mandatory course for all medics serving in war zones. In some four decades of service with the TA, he commanded 205 (Scottish) General Hospital for four years from 1979, and was deputy commander of Lowland Brigade until 1986.

Archibald Douglas Bremner was a big man with a big heart, whose bigness in everything – particularly fun, humour and love of family life – started from birth. He weighed in at birth in Dumbarton to parents Tom and Ethel at a whopping 10lb 7oz. A bright child, he excelled at Hutchesons' Boys' Grammar School in Glasgow, moving easily through graduation in medicine in 1964 from Glasgow University before taking up a teaching post in Kenya, teaching pathology at Kenyatta University in Nairobi. Before moving there, he met and married his wife Eleanor, a biochemist undertaking research at Yorkhill Hospital. Dr Bremner possessed that happy knack of apparently sailing through life with ease; behind his trademark humour and warmth, however, was an intelligent and articulate human being. Yet he surprised no-one in his considerable medical achievements,

becoming senior registrar in pathology in the Victoria Infirmary, pathologist at Hairmyres Hospital, and senior partner in his GP practice in Rutherglen, gaining further recognition through appointment as an honorary surgeon to the Queen.

From marriage, he became an adopted son of Renfrewshire, never moving from his beloved Newton Mearns except to enjoy Troon. His close involvement with the affairs of Renfrewshire led to his being appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for the county in 1993. He was passionate about life's blessings, cheerfully indulging a taste for good wine and classic cars. But these blessings came to him with a personal challenge, for he viewed it as his duty to care for those around him. He rigorously backed Eleanor in her work with Macmillan Cancer Support, and was a leading light in the campaign to give new purpose to the old St Andrew's Ambulance Association in a reborn role as St Andrew's First Aid. He was appointed Commandant-in-Chief in 2005. This personal campaign of care extended to his old school. Recognising the privilege of his own education, he determined that such benefits be made available to as many of the less privileged as possible.

Thus it was that he became first president of Hutchesons' 1641 Society, an association of former pupils pledged to encourage legacy-giving by promising to make over some of their own estates. His successor as president, Graham MacAllister, a former Hutchesons' senior depute and interim rector, remembers how Dr Bremner injected life into the nascent organisation: "He was outgoing, sociable and with a fund of stories, a true friend to his old school who would deal with matters with gravitas and dignity, but never pomposity." A natural leader, he strewed fairness, balance and geniality in his wake. Known variously as "The Doc", "Colonel", "Duggie", "Douglas" or even "Archibald" as a leg-pull, his greatest love – his wife and family apart – was to hold court, a large dram in his hand, enjoying the best of banter. It is an image recalled by the many whose lives he touched – a representation he relished, and which tended to obscure the reality of an able, ingenious and most professional medical and military man. He is survived by his wife Eleanor, children David, Susan and Jonathan, and seven grandchildren.

*By Gordon Casely,  
Courtesy of the Herald Newspaper*

## Gie-Ming Kuo

Class of 1988, 1970 – 2012

Gie started Hutchesons' in August 1984, Form 3B. She left after 6th year in June 1988. She died in New Zealand on 7th January 2012 at the age of 41 following complications in her treatment for Leukaemia. At School first impressions of Gie were of an elfin girl with black hair spiked high above her forehead and a good sense of humour. Quiet in company, she was determined and hard working, and did well academically. She was also a very accomplished pianist and violinist, and led the School Orchestra, striding confidently onto stage in front of a full assembly hall at Beaton



Road! After graduating from Stirling University in 1992, she taught piano and studied music therapy, later transferring to Occupational Therapy and worked in this role in London until 2003. With her family in Scotland, China, Singapore and California, it was not surprising that she decided to travel. In 2003 she went to New Zealand and quickly fell in love with the way of life, the landscape and the people. After a spell in Rotarua, she moved to Hamilton and worked for Waikato District Health Board. She was a caring Occupational Therapist respected by her colleagues who appreciated her dedication to make a positive difference to the lives of her patients. In her 30's Gie developed a deep Christian faith which helped her during her 7 year battle with Chronic Myeloid Leukaemia which she fought with courage. She worked to the very end with some of her colleagues unaware of her condition. She has inspired her family, friends, students and patients.

*By Mark McLintock (C1988) with thanks to Jo Maria Dorowking*

## Staff Notices

### James Ross

Died 2011

*Former Head of Geography, 1980-1993*

Principal Teacher of Geography James ('Jimmy') Ross came to Hutchesons' in 1980 after teaching in Dalziel High School, Bellshill Academy, and Jordanhill College of Education. In 1985 he became a valued Head of the Geography Department in Hutchesons' and remained so until he retired. A man of wide interests including golf and piano, he was a keen world traveller. Much of his retirement was spent with his wife Margret in Spain where he sadly passed away on the 14th December.

### Pat McCash

Died 2012

*Former Coach, 1996 – 2011*

It was with great sadness that we learned of the sudden death on January 16th of Mrs Patricia McCash, known affectionately simply as "Pat." A past supporter of the CREST national events she is best remembered as a much loved and highly regarded member of the School Bridge Club and coach at both campuses for more than 15 years, giving her time and expertise unstintingly. Generations of young players, many of whom now play for Scotland, experienced her gentle encouragement, incredible generosity of spirit, dedication and commitment.

She adored working with the youngsters who were like a second family and nothing was too much trouble whether coaching, transporting players to and from events or, of course, providing her famous baking! The "Devil's Chocolate Cake" she made regularly had the youngsters (and the adults) queuing up for seconds. We will miss her presence here greatly on so many fronts but her memory will be cherished every time the Bridge Club meets. Her name will appear on a tile in the new Drama Building as a token of our respect and fondness. We extend our sincere condolences to her sons, Hugh and Colin.

*By J DiMambro*





## Your perfect venue at Hutchesons'

### Special Occasions and Business Meetings

The stunning Fotheringhay centre offers unique opportunities for unforgettable events, bespoke receptions, services, weddings, christenings and graduations. The School has a suit of flexible modern meeting rooms that can cater for all sizes - from small groups to larger companies.

Call Irene Martin on **0141 433 4466** for an informal chat or email **martini@hutchesons.org** to arrange a tour of our facilities. More information can be found at **www.hutchesons.org/events**

## Forthcoming Alumni Events

### Friday 20th April

FP Spring Supper, Beaton Road

### Thursday 3rd May

Mens Golf Outing, Portpatrick Golf Club

### Saturday 12th May

Ladies Afternoon Tea, Kingarth Street

### Saturday 12th May

Mens Class 2b 1947/48 Reunion, Beaton Road  
Contact Burnett Chisholm at **jim.chisholm@btinternet.com**

### Saturday 19th May

Ladies Class of 1962 Reunion, Kingarth Street  
Contact Caryl Carr nee Macdonald at **carr.caryl@yahoo.co.uk**

### Saturday 19th May

Class of 1985 Reunion, Kebabish Original Restaurant  
Contact Nadeem Bhatti at **nads215@gmail.com**

### Tuesday 11th September

Ladies Golf Outing, Strathaven Golf Club

### Saturday 15th September

Class of 1987 Reunion, Beaton Road  
Contact Katie Campbell nee Evans at **Katie.braw@googlemail.com**

### Saturday 29th September

Mens Class of 1971 P5 1962 Reunion, Beaton Road Contact Peter Braham at **peterbraham53@yahoo.co.uk**

### Saturday 6th October

OSF 1946, Beaton Road  
Annual meeting of Old Sixth Form Class of 1946

For information about any of these dates or to organise a reunion or event contact Louise Duncan, Alumni and Development Co-ordinator on **0141 433 4474** or email **alumni@hutchesons.org**

## Dates for your diary

### Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th March

P7 Show at Kingarth Street "Shake, Rattle and Roll"

### Tuesday 17th April

Pupils return for Summer Term

### Tuesday 24th April

S2 Subject Choice Evening

### Wednesday 25th April

SQA Examinations begin

### Monday 30th April

S3 Examinations begin

### Thursday 3rd May

May Day Holiday

### Saturday 12th May

Former Pupils: Ladies' Afternoon Tea, Kingarth Street

### Wednesday 16th May

GCE A Level Examinations begin

### Monday 28 May

S3 Activities Week

### Wednesday 30 May

P1 Show for Parents, Kingarth Street

### Friday 1st and Monday 4th June

Half Term Holiday

### Tuesday 5th June

Queen's Jubilee Holiday

### Wednesday 6th June

Beaton Road: S1 New Parents' Evening

### Thursday 7th June

Kingarth Street: New Parents' Evening

### Saturday 9th June

Primary Sports Day, Beaton Road

### Monday 11th June

Senior School Athletics Finals & S1 Highland Games, Beaton Rd

### Thursday 14th June

Opening of Annual Art Show

### Saturday 16th June

1957 Group Uniform Sale

### Monday 18th – Thursday 21st June

Senior School Production – "Les Misérables"

### Wednesday 27th June

School closes at 12 noon

### Thursday 28th June

End of Session: Prizegiving

### Wednesday 29th August

Pupils return for Autumn Term

