

THE HUTCHIE HERALD

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RECTOR'S WELCOME

The start of the new year brings with it a new term and I can't quite believe we are in January. There are many things to look forward to but what can I tell you about the school year so far.

We began the new school session in August to hear of the success of the Senior Pupils in the SQA examinations. Over 70% of all S5 Higher grades were As, a new high-water mark. 130 pupils moved on from S6 to exciting adventures at universities up and down the country to study a wide range of courses at excellent institutions. Academic focus, success, ambition, and a strong work ethic, remains at the heart of a creative, curious, and compassionate Hutchesonian.

S3 took a trip to the Battlefields in Belgium and Northern France; the school Model UN group attended conferences in Arnhem (Netherlands), Cheadle Hulme and St Leonards; our school choir (70 strong) performed in churches and venues in Leipzig, and appeared on German TV. There have been trips to Greenock Prison and the UK Parliament by Modern Studies pupils and field trips for Advanced Higher Geography and Biology pupils. In the Primary we have had visits to Whitelee Windfarm, the P3 Roman Show, Junior School Concert, and the P1 Nativity!

In September the school came together for a special fund-raising weekend in support of two charities that are close to our heart, The Doing it for Daniel Foundation and Cure Leukaemia. More on this follows but we were delighted at the response and the support from pupils, parents and friends in raising awareness and almost £38,000 for such important and worthy causes.

Music has shone through this term with the outstanding Senior and Junior concerts and the tour to Germany. A chance meeting led to a visit from the composer, Philip Stopford, whose piece Ave Verum was performed by the choir at our Remembrance Day Service. He led a Masterclass with the Choir guiding them through his thoughts upon composing the piece which added a little bit of sparkle and brought out an extra special performance from the pupils. It was a joy to observe and experience.

Finally on Music, our Pipe Band is growing both in number and in confidence. Thanks to Mr Nevans (pipes) and Mr Esler (Drums) we really do have an impressive group making a wonderful sound with pupils from P4 right through to S6 working together in 'harmony'. It has brought a challenge as we need to update our drums. A big thank you to the donation from the 1957 Group who provided £8,000 from their funds which has enabled the purchase of a full set of snare drums. We opened up a dedicated fund page with an aim to raise a further £8,000 to add the tenor and bass drum needed to complete the set. We were incredibly grateful to the generosity of a donor, who shall remain anonymous, for matching the target donation to help us complete the set.

For sport, this has been a bit of a building year for many teams – a development opportunity. Through the term the teams are coming together, learning to work together, gaining fitness and strength, confidence and ability. Our U16 Rugby team, though, have had a very good season so far. Having only just missed out in the Cup, they took the Shield Event by storm. Defeating a strong side from Dollar saw them meet Strathallan in the semi-final. This was played at the Hive stadium in Edinburgh on a 'crisp' (really chilly) evening under floodlights. A very well-executed match by Hutchie with a great whole team performance saw us run out 36-5 winners. The Final against Fettes College had just as much stamina, with the team uniting to win 35-22. A fantastic team performance and great turnout of support from pupils, staff, parents and former pupils.

At the same time, our S3 Boys Tennis team were competing in the GB National U14 Tennis Cup in Bolton, as winners of GB North, we were up against University College London, Millfield Prep, and King Edwards School Birmingham. Over the course of the weekend the round robin tournament saw us lose to Millfield, beat King Edwards, draw with UCS and lose a couple of tie-break Shootouts, to earn the bronze medal and third for Great Britain.

This term we also saw the return of the Hutchie Ball for parents and friends. Brilliantly organised as a social fund-raising evening, around 240 of us had a fun evening at the Grand Central Hotel in town and raised £36,000 to be split between the Bursary Fund and the 1957 Group. A huge thanks to the tireless team for pulling the whole thing together.

There is so much going on in school and too many successes to tell but suffice to say that the school is in fine spirit. Long may that continue. I hope you enjoy reading all about it.

Mike Martin
Rector



LIV 4 DANIEL FUNDRAISER

To mark Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in September, we were proud to host the 'Liv4Daniel 13 for 13' fundraising weekend, to raise awareness of childhood cancer and the lack of funding for DIPG Brain Tumours and Childhood Leukaemia. The three-day event, organised by two Hutchie parents, Allan Dickson, and Brian Caplan, was a huge success thanks to the combined efforts of the extended Hutchie Community.

We raised almost £38,000 across the weekend and couldn't have done it without the generosity and kindness of our Hutchie community.

The 13 for 13 was significant because 13 children a day are diagnosed with cancer in the UK, and from getting back on the running track after many years, to overcoming punctures and taking on some of Glasgow's toughest inclines, over 400 pupils, staff, parents, and alumni took part. Covering an impressive total distance of 3,223km through various swimming, running, walking, cycling, and rowing challenges, everyone went that extra mile. The school office ladies even succeeded in a 13-minute silence, and Brian and Allan covered an amazing 130km each day alone.

Allan Dickson and Brian Caplan said;

"A massive, heartfelt thank you for all your support, effort, commitment, and participation in making the inaugural 'Liv 4 Daniel 13 for 13' event such a great success. To date, you have helped us raise almost £38,000 by doing your 13!! Incredible, just incredible. These funds will go a long way in supporting the incredible work of both charities working with children and families dealing with a cancer diagnosis."

Only 2% of all funding goes towards dedicated Childhood Cancer Research, and we hosted the event as this is a subject close to our hearts. Allan's daughter, Liv (S4), recently completed more than two years of gruelling treatment for Leukaemia. Brian's son Daniel was diagnosed with a DIPG tumour while in 5th year at Hutchie. DIPG is a terminal brain cancer and tragically Daniel died in November 2020 just seven months after his diagnosis. All money raised across the weekend was equally split between Doing it for Daniel Foundation, the charity set up by Brian and Alison Caplan, and Cure Leukaemia, the charity Liv and Allan work closely with and the school's current charity partner.



FUNDRAISING UPDATE

We are honoured and delighted to share that our pupils received Cure Leukaemia's Young Fundraiser of the Year Award at the Cure Leukaemia 2023 Christmas Award Ceremony.

Current pupil Liv (S4), who won this award in 2022, has been an advocate and role model to all after taking on many fundraising initiatives whilst battling Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia. She has inspired the Hutchie community, whose fundraising efforts and generosity have shown no bounds to raise an incredible amount for our school charity. Thank you to everyone who has donated their time and money, and who continues to help us raise awareness and much-needed funds.

The Winter Fair was a special event in December as pupils showed a great deal of initiative and school spirit in working hard to contribute to its success. From pupil-run businesses to pupil-run charity fundraisers, there was a terrific array of products available, complemented by the local businesses who set up stalls to sell their merchandise.

Staff talent was also in evidence through some beautiful craftwork and hand-made products. We had live music on the piano, the pupil-run café did a booming business, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The event raised over £2,000 for Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS) and £1,700 for Cure Leukaemia in the Secondary School. Many thanks to the parents and pupils who gave the event their support.



THE HUTCHIE BALL

THE HUTCHIE BALL MADE A WELCOME RETURN, THIS YEAR TAKING PLACE AT GLASGOW'S ICONIC GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL.

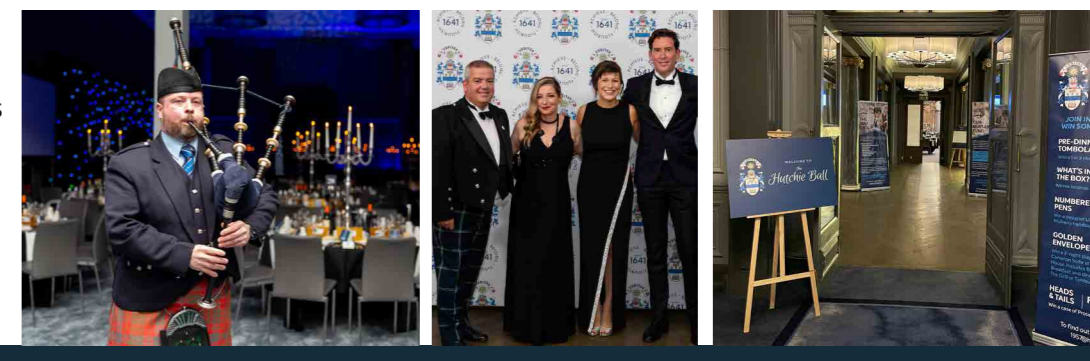
It was an unforgettable night which brought together over 240 Hutchie parents, staff, former pupils, and governors, and marked the first Hutchie fundraising dinner dance since 2019, making it even more special.

As well as being a great opportunity for members of the extended school community to socialise and have some fun, the event also raised a fantastic £36,000, with every penny going towards the Hutchie Bursary Fund and the 1957 Group's fundraising for school projects.

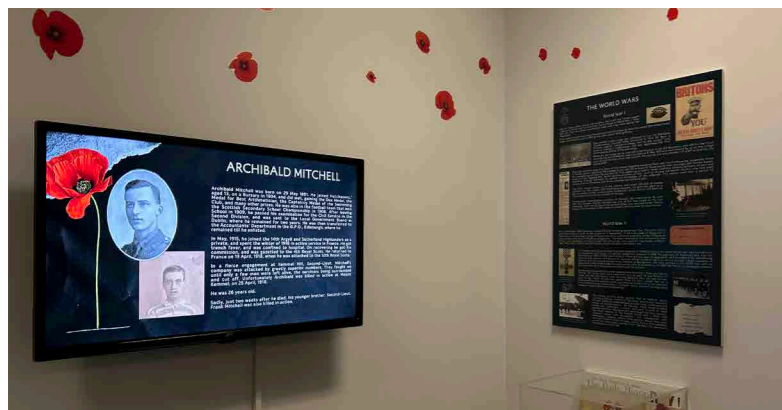
There was no shortage of entertainment, with games such as tombola, heads or tails and 'what's in the box'. Prizes included a diamond bracelet, a Lily Mulberry handbag and a 2-night stay at Cameron House. New this year was the silent auction which raised a considerable amount, both on the night and in the lead up to the event. Those who were feeling brave had their portraits drawn by the Kilted Caricaturist and the music continued with 6-piece band, Fiore, who had everyone on the dancefloor.

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of this incredible evening, in particular the organising committee and special thanks also to everyone who supported The Hutchie Ball and in particular our headline sponsors:

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REMEMBRANCE SERVICES



SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES WERE HELD TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED AND SACRIFICED.


Primary House Captains led the assembly at Kingarth Street with readings about the Korean War, and why it is known as the Forgotten War. Educating our junior pupils with key facts as why we mark the beginning of the war since no peace treaty was ever signed, and giving pupils time to answer questions.

The school choir sang a beautiful rendition of Fields of Gold before our House Captains spoke about service. Telling the story of RAF Pilot, Trevor Edwards, and First Aid Nursing Yeomanry, Florence Wolfe, pupils shared how those in service need to be courageous and selfless. The final reading, Ava's Poppy by Marcus Pfister, gently told the lifecycle of a flower and was a fitting introduction to our pupils bringing forward their year group poppy wreaths. These beautiful designs were created in class earlier in the week and as pupils laid them at the front of the hall, the choir sang Child of Peace to conclude the assembly before they made their way back to classrooms to reflect on what they had learned.

At our Secondary School our Head Girl and Head Boy, Beth and Henry, and our Depute Head Girl and Depute Head Boy, Diya, and Ansh, gave readings that reflected on the first anniversary of the Armistice that came into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Over 140 men from the school community sadly lost their lives during the 'Great War', and readings reflected on some of our Hutchesonians, William Tait Craig, Hutchesons' Teacher, Alexander Gray and James Spiers, former pupils, and the school's Cadet Corp with their affiliation to the 7th Battalion Scottish Rifles.

The new archive and museum space within The Buchan Room at Beaton Road has over 30 former pupils featured on the screen. Reading each file takes 1 minute therefore would take over half an hour to read them all, but if we featured all the former pupils who died in WW1 and WW2, then it would take over 6 hours to read through. We continue to research our former pupils to share their stories, but William Tait Craig and Alexander Gray are featured in the museum space. William died on 21 September 1918 and Alexander died on 25 October 1918, both in battle, aged 36 and 22 years old respectively. A sobering thought for our pupils to reflect on.

Our school choir also performed the hymn Eternal Father Strong to Save by William Whiting as well as Locus Iste by Anton Bruckner, followed by words of Remembrance from our Rector, Mr Martin. To mark the end of the assembly, pupils



ALEXANDER GRAY

Alexander Gray was born in Cambuslang on 1 December 1895. His parents, Alexander and Isabella Gray sent him, and his older brother John, to Hutchesons' in 1907.

On leaving school in 1912, Alexander worked first with an accountant, and was then a clerk in the Glasgow Herald newspaper office. He kept himself fit - he enjoyed swimming, and playing football, tennis, and golf.

Alexander answered the call for volunteers less than a month after World War I broke out. He joined the Queen's Own Royal Glasgow Yeomanry (which later became the 18th Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry) and went with them to France in August 1915. During the next three years, Alexander fought in numerous battles on the Western Front, starting with the Battle of Loos a month after he got to France.


On 25 October 1918, Alexander's battalion was fighting at Ooteghem, following the Battle of Courtaul. He was a stretcher bearer for his company and while tending a wounded soldier a shell exploded nearby. Alexander threw himself on top of the soldier to protect him from the blast; the soldier survived, but Alexander was killed. His commanding officer, who had recommended him for officer training, said that he was a favourite with everyone and "on all occasions he carried out his dangerous duties in attending to the wounded most nobly and unselfishly". He died, 16 days before the armistice brought the fighting to an end.

Alexander was 22 years old.

pupils and staff took part in a procession passed the school War Memorial, led by our senior prefects who laid the wreaths.

A two-minute silence was held at both schools as a mark of respect to remember those who have fallen, ending with pipes playing followed by The Last Post.

"When you go home, tell them of us and say For your tomorrow, we gave our today".



WILLIAM TAIT CRAIG (Teacher)

John Maxwell Edmonds

William Tait Craig was born on 20 June 1882 in Ayrshire to George Craig, lighthouse keeper and Elizabeth Tait. He enjoyed country sports, fishing, bird-nesting, boating and scrambles over the cliffs. He was educated at Lossiemouth Public School and later graduated with an M.A. in 1905 from Aberdeen University. He taught first at Newbattle Public School and then at Carlisle High School. Afterwards he was appointed Mathematics master at Hutchesons'.

In September 1914, William enlisted in the Cameron Highlanders and, in April 1915, he received a commission in the 1st Scottish Rifles, with whom he served in France for three years. In 1917 he was mentioned in despatches for the gallant capture of an enemy trench. He fell at Villiers Guislain on 21 September 1918 while leading his men to the attack in the face of severe machine gun fire. His last words were reported to be "Lead on! Good luck to you boys!"

William Craig had not been long on the staff before the outbreak of War, but his quiet, unassuming manner made him a favourite with both pupils and his colleagues.

He was 36 years old.

WWI BATTLEFIELDS

IN THE OCTOBER BREAK, THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT TOOK NEARLY 80 PUPILS TO VISIT THE BATTLEFIELDS ON THE FORMER WESTERN FRONT OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR.

In an immersive experience, pupils learnt about the conditions for Allied and German soldiers. Visiting significant sites in the Somme, France to appreciate the challenges faced by both sides and to learn more about the efforts to break through the deadlock of trench warfare.

In Belgium, pupils visited key cemeteries and discovered the different ways different nationalities remembered their war dead. A wreath was laid at the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres on behalf of the entire school community. In connection with the trip, the History Department ran photography and reflective writing competitions.

The photography competition was won by Leo (S3), whose image of a calm, misty morning offered a stark juxtaposition to the experiences of those involved in the war. Emma (S3) won the reflective writing competition with a thoughtful piece about how the trip put into perspective things we complain about today. Congratulations to both competition winners for finding a different way to sum up what gave all the pupils, and the staff that accompanied them, much to ponder.

Our Trip to Belgium, Their 'Trip' to Belgium By Emma Macleod

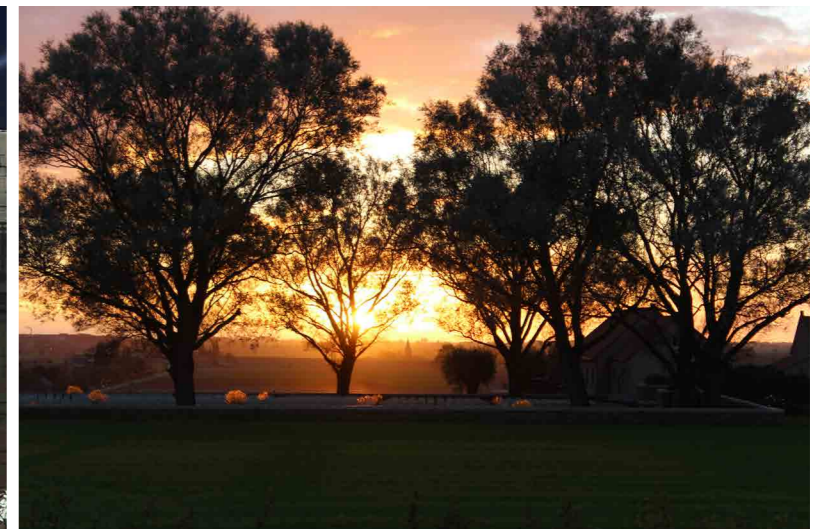
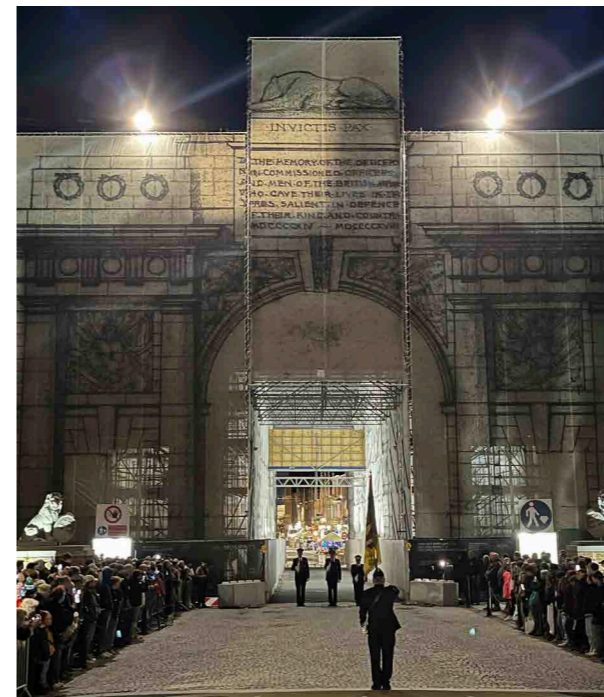
October 2023, laughing, smiling, immature teens coming from home and seeing the hills we can roll down, the fields we can race across in the mud while laughing. The warm bus where we can complain about how cold it was outside, to our happy friend in the puffer jacket and the hot meals we enjoy before we go to our comfy beds and gossip with our friends, having fun, enjoying the holidays, and resenting the thought of going back to school.

I then imagined myself, as a young soldier, perhaps just a few years older than me in July 1916: laughing, smiling, immature coming from home, excited, hopeful and brave. Suddenly seeing the hills that will shield me from bullets, the fields I must race across in the mud while seeing my friends collapse from enemy bullets and the food that we must gulp down while fearing the shells that drop around us in our miserable, damp, home. Here there is no warm bus, comfy beds or friends who will always stay with us. The friends I have known since childhood are now perched inside our dugout silent, shaking, and dead inside. I begin to wish I was back at school (yes, the one where we were ridiculed constantly by our peers and beaten by our teachers at the slightest misdemeanour) even that seems so far from reach.

I imagine opening my pouch and staring at my hard dog biscuit, in the beginning I was brave, fierce, determined and felt indestructible but with a whole load of water, death and fear I'm now a fragile mush that no one cares for, who could be killed easily and just as easily forgotten. Maybe it is better to be dead than survive one more day here because even if I make it home, life will never be the same, I've seen too much and have been through too much to be able to live happily again. No longer the immature teenager that had come to this place, but a representation of the devastating effects of war.

When we return to 2023, we must think - is a long coach journey, an overpriced ferry latte or a forgotten phone charger really that big of a deal? Have they ever been our biggest problems? Because at the end of the day we came back to our families safe and sound, filled with laughter, memories, and tummies full of sweets. Whereas many young men only a century prior came on their 'trip' full of valour and pride for their country only to never return home and spend the rest of eternity in a foreign land where they may only be 'known unto god' or recognised simply as a 'soldier of the great war.'

With just a moments reflection and remembrance then I understand how to view things with perspective.



PRIMARY NEWS

PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS GATHERED AT H@PP FOR OUR INAUGURAL CLAN GATHERING. Starting the day off with a true Scottish welcome, pupils arrived to the sound of the bagpipes playing proudly and they gathered in their four House colours to kick-off the first ever Clan Gathering.

Enjoying activities such as; Haggis Hurling, Welly Wanging, Caber Tossing, Archery, Highland Dancing, Tug of War, Nerf Gun Range, Sock Battling, and Defending the Sword, to name but a few, even Rector, Mr Martin, joined the Tug of War to a triumphant cheer. It was a great opportunity for the pupils to meet and mix with different children within their houses and feel a sense of belonging, both for our current and new pupils.

To his surprise, there was even a joyful rendition of Happy Birthday from the whole school for Mr Cornfoot, our Head of Primary School & Depute Rector, along with a cake to celebrate his special 'big' birthday.

The day started with everyone proudly marching behind their House flag and ended with a full school dance off!



P3 ROMAN SHOW

Our Primary 3 pupils performed their Roman show to celebrate their learning throughout last term. Sharing exciting facts through song, pupils performed incredibly well and could even count to 10 in Latin! Classrooms were transformed into a museum, and parents and carers were invited back to see artwork up close and a range of Roman artefacts. Staying true to their character and still in costume, pupils then enjoyed a banqueting lunch fit for a... well, Roman!



HALLOWEEN

In October, 232 Primary 1 - 7 pupils attended Halloween discos at Kingarth Street. It was a spooktacular affair, with our in-house DJ on the decks, some serious moves on the dancefloor and so many incredible costumes making it a huge success. All money raised went to help the 1957 Group's fundraising target for this years school projects.



P6 VICTORIAN DAY



P6 pupils enjoyed participating in different activities transporting them back to Victorian times. Pupils were challenged when creating a 'Zoetrope' (a popular Victorian toy), had fun with parlour games that included charades and Pass the Slipper, as well as being put through their paces when re-enacting the 'Step in Time' dance from the original Mary. It was a thoroughly fun and interesting way to end their learning of Victorians.

P1 NATIVITY

The P1 Nativity is one of the festive highlights across December, signalling the start of the Christmas season. It is always such a magical time of year and our P1 pupils brought so much pride as they confidently sang, acted, danced and wriggled their socks off to their "Wriggly Nativity" - one of the many catchy tunes that stuck in everyone's heads for the rest of the day!



SECONDARY NEWS

PHYSICS & TECHNOLOGY DESIGN COMPETITION

Our Physics and Technology Departments teamed up to run a design challenge for our budding Engineers and Physicists. With a brief to create an invention following the theme "Save the World", our pupils set to work.

By providing background research, using diagrams, and giving details about how their invention worked, pupils excelled and made it a difficult decision to crown a winner. Congratulations to our joint winners, Krisha (S3) and Christian (S5) for their Hydrogen Cars and Sustainable Intensive Farming designs, with their work now displayed in the science corridor.



ART STUDIO OPEN EVENING

The Annual Art Open Studios event was a great success with pupils in S4, S5 and S6 working on their practical portfolios, allowing parents and families to see the quality of work produced at National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher levels.

The pupil café provided refreshments, Molten - our S4 Enterprise Group, were selling their seasonal candles, and the Greenpower F24 Challenge group also had an impressive range of laser-cut wood decorations to purchase. It was a fantastic opportunity for parents/carers to gain an insight into the range of expressive work generated by pupils across different SQA levels.



S1 MICROCLIMATE STUDY

Since the start of term, our S1 geographers have been busy studying Weather and Climate, learning about factors affecting microclimates and the different instruments used to measure elements of the weather. In September, they were tasked with the challenge of investigating Hutchie's microclimate. They started by setting up hypotheses to predict where they thought the warmest and coldest areas would be around the school grounds.

Using a range of instruments from anemometers and thermometers to hygrometers and cloud identification charts, they successfully collected data to then collate their results and write up a short evaluation of the methods and analyse their findings. Pupils enjoyed exploring the school grounds and conducting the experiment and it was wonderful to see them have so much fun and putting their newly-found knowledge and skills into practice - a splendid example of kinaesthetic learning.



MODEL UN

GEORGE WATSON'S COLLEGE

Twelve keen MUNers attended a one-day conference at George Watson's College in November. Many were beginners and showed considerable poise under pressure, as they debated resolutions regarding tension in the Far East, the use of uranium depleted shells, and human rights in the Middle East. Hutchie represented the countries of Russia, Ukraine, and Brazil. Special congratulations to our stand-out delegate, Maryam (S5), who was awarded Best Delegate for her contributions to the Human Rights Committee.



ARNHEM, NETHERLANDS

Sixteen of our S5 and S6 pupils, accompanied by Mrs Keddie and Mrs Stewart, travelled to the Netherlands to participate in the Model UN International Conference at the Lorentz Lyceum in Arnhem. This year's theme was "finding equality in a polarised world", and our pupils represented France, Malaysia, and Norway on Committees including Human Rights, Historical Security Council, Economic and Social Council and the Commission on the Status of Women.

Pupils engaged in lively debate in their committees and saw plenary sessions, where committees were combined, and some external visits took place. The closing ceremony gave the opportunity for Chairs to comment on their committees and issue awards. Congratulations to James (S5), who won Best Delegate in the General Assembly 3 Committee, representing the UK.



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT

TAN DUN'S BUDDHA PASSIONS

S4 pupil, Rachael, was selected to be part of a small group from the RSNO Youth Chorus, where she was required to learn parts of Tan Dun's Buddha Passion which is in Chinese and Sanskrit. Rachael was selected not only for her excellent voice but also because she has an ear for the detail of language, and she practiced diligently, attending rehearsals in June, July and August. The performance itself was the highly prestigious opening concert of the Edinburgh International Festival, attended by HRH Prince Edward, and under its new director, Nicola Benedetti.

Tan Dun himself was the conductor and Rachael was honoured to meet him. The RSNO, the Edinburgh Festival Chorus and the Youth Chorus were joined on stage by several Chinese performers. The sold out event was very well received, with reviews from the Telegraph and the Guardian to name a few.

POWERLIFTING

S5's Zoha competed in the Scottish Powerlifting Junior and Sub-Junior Championships in September and won gold. Zoha came first in her weight class and age category to become Scottish Sub-Junior Under 47kg Champion.

Powerlifting is a sport where competitors display their strength in the 'big three' lifts: squat, bench, and deadlift, and Zoha managed to squat 65.5kg, bench 35kg and deadlift an amazing 110.5kg (approximately 2.4x her own body weight!). She attained Scottish Sub-Junior records in squat for 63kg and the 110.5kg deadlift, although a competitor in her weight class broke Zoha's squat record in the third round of lifting.

Zoha had only started training 7 months ago and has been passionate in her pursuit ever since and this was her first official competition, making her achievement even more special.



ICE SKATING

Jessica (P7) had a busy October break competing in under 13s ice skating competitions across the UK. She placed first in the Aberdeen Open along with setting a new PB score, with Sheffield quickly following where she won British Ice Skating Young Stars. Through these achievements and her dedication, Jessica will now move to a higher level which involve tackling more difficult jumps and spins.

KICKBOXING

Kenzo (S1) was selected to represent Team GB Kickboxing in the Istanbul WAKO European Kickboxing Championships last year. Beating Hungary, Italy, and Bulgaria, Kenzo won his division 42kg Point Fighting category and secured another win in the team category to ultimately become WAKO European Champions. Kenzo commits to training 6 days a week around his studies and travels down south most months to compete in Kickboxing competitions. His goal is to qualify at the British Championships next month which will see him represent Team GB at the WAKO Worlds in Budapest later this year.



ARKWRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

Three S5 pupils, Ailsa, Zac and Charlotte, have been selected for a prestigious Arkwright Engineering Scholarship, and join a list of over 30 Hutchesonians who have been awarded the scholarship. "The Arkwright Engineering Scholarship Programme inspires the best and brightest to pursue their dreams of changing the world through engineering", and each successful candidate must complete a personal engineering project, aptitude exam and interview. Successful pupils from around the UK are awarded scholarships funded by commercial companies, universities, charitable trusts and personal donors. In addition to financial support for the winning students and their schools, Arkwright scholars benefit from work experience and mentoring opportunities. Mr McCormick, Head of Technology, said; "Hutchesons' has a long history of nurturing talented pupils who go on to study engineering at university. I am delighted that three of our young engineers have been identified as potential future leaders in the sector."

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KARATE

Shenaya (S1) was graded to brown belt two tags in her recent karate grading. This is a major achievement for Shenaya who commits to training three times a week and means that next year she will be a black belt. An incredible achievement both physically and mentally.



TENNIS

Our U14 Tennis Team made up of Lucas (S2), Scott (S2), Cameron (S3), and Dhruv (S3) travelled to Bolton to compete in the LTA Youth National Finals in December. After qualifying through their wins at Regional, Scottish, and North British levels, the team played terrifically to secure third place in Great Britain out of 600 schools that entered.

SKIING

Two Primary School ski teams headed to Glasgow Ski & Snowboard Centre in October for the Autumn Dual Slalom Series 2023. With a mixture of new and experienced racers, teams were made up of Maggie (P7), Isla (P7), Finlay (P5), Yousuf (P7), Hamish (P5), George (P5), Ruaridh (P5) and Rudy (P5).

After some very close races, the Hutchie A Team made it into the final and a nail-biting race ended in victory with first place.



MUSIC NEWS

SENIOR CHOIR VISIT LEIPZIG

During the October break, the Senior Choir embarked on a tour to Germany. Staying in Leipzig, and led by their brilliant guide Johan, pupils and staff were given the incredible opportunity of singing in concerts and services in a wide variety of impressive churches, such as the Thomaskirche, Bach's church.

As well as this, the senior choir participated in the prayers for peace service in the Nikolaikirche, a weekly tradition dating back to the Cold War commemorating the demonstrations protesting Soviet occupation of Germany. With the Choir, Chamber Choir and Boys Choir singing for a crowd of over 1,800 people, it was a truly special experience, and one that will surely be remembered.

On top of their experience performing, pupils also had many opportunities to explore Leipzig and other towns nearby, as well as being given freedom to wander and shop during lunch breaks, and partaking in social events such as our choir quiz. Touring the Semperoper, the opera house in Dresden, they were also guided round the picturesque town of Erfurt. A further notable highlight was the visit to, and impromptu performance in, the Monument to the Battle of the Nations. An impressive structure with over 500 stairs, and a twelve second echo in the main room, which created a magical effect as they sang.

This tour was an amazing experience for all involved, and the memories of the wonderful performances will be cherished for a long time to come.



PHILIP STOPFORD

We had the honour to welcome composer Philip Stopford into school in November, who offered to run a Masterclass with our Chamber Choir. Philip is renowned for his beautiful choral music, particularly for his piece "Ave Verum", which was sung at our Senior Remembrance Day service and on the recent Leipzig tour as part of the Prayers for Peace service.

Our Chamber Choir had the opportunity to sing this piece again with tutelage from Philip and sit in on a Q&A session during his visit. It was a most insightful and inspiring session.



A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

Our annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols took place at the end of December and it was a wonderful way to wrap up a busy end of term and get ready for the Christmas festivities. Held in St Margaret's Church in Newlands, the traditional service included readings and carols sung by our Senior School Choirs, and was filled with warmth and unity. Almost £600 was raised for the school and church charities.



SPORTS NEWS

RUGBY

After a large turnover of players from last year's team it has been a challenging season for the 1st XV. The season started with difficulty naming a set team due to a number of injuries, therefore it was hard for the players to build on-field relationships, especially with players changing positions each week. There were a few disappointing results and performances over the course of the first few weeks, but those who were playing showed resilience, determination, and commitment, and as injuries eased, performances improved.

A focus on team performance development as well as individual improvement ensued and week on week, the boys continued to make small gains in each area of the game which led to some excellent performances against Dollar 2nd XV, Marr, and Lomond to name a few. At the start of the season, S6 pupils James, Alexander, and Josh, put in some outstanding performances. The return to fitness of Glasgow and the West Academy players Logan T. (S5) and Logan S. (S5) gave the team a real boost, particularly Logan T.'s all action display at Hooker. Another massive boost for the team has been the return to full fitness of Captain Campbell (S6). His ability to get the team moving forward through his powerful ball carrying, alongside his defensive capabilities has made a huge difference. Logan S. and Campbell both represented the Glasgow Caley U18s at the Merchiston Tournament and Logan T. playing in the FOSROC 4s competition representing Glasgow. Campbell will be hoping to push for Scotland U18s selection this year.

The U16s team were unlucky with their draw in the Scottish Cup meeting, narrowly losing to a strong Stewarts Melville College team. However, this did give the opportunity for a run in the 2nd tier of competition, the Scottish Shield. A convincing win at Glenalmond led to a quarter-final match up in Dollar and after a tight game the boys came out on top winning 37-29 to set up a semi-final against Strathallan. After two postponed games, an outstanding performance set up the final against Fettes College. With over 70 pupils, staff, parents, and former pupils attending the final in the Hive stadium, the support was out in force and so were the boys. Playing against a well-drilled Fettes, the team played hard to unite with exceptional control and strength, giving everything to reign supreme. Moments of individual brilliance but a fantastic team performance to secure the Shield Cup title with a score of 35-22.



BOYS' HOCKEY

With a large number of the 1st and 2nd XI departing to University, this year has been a rest year for the senior Boys' Hockey teams with many younger S4 and fresher S5 players coming into the team this year. S4's Nicholas and Myles, and S5's Christopher and Rohan deserve a special mention for their performances this year. The 1st XI played a good number of matches and made strong progress as the season got under way. In the Cup, the team came together and their steely resilience shone through, with their penalty winning away-match at Robert Gordons' College being the true example of this. A semi-final this year awaits at home against Edinburgh Academy.

GIRLS' HOCKEY

This season there have been a number of changes in players and trialling a variety of formations and tactics. The team have grown in confidence and learned a huge amount from the first game of the season against Dollar. They have shown resilience and a determination to grow and develop as a team, improving game after game. Having very narrowly suffered defeat on running penalties twice this season, this demonstrates the difficult and close-score matches with not much separating the teams. The defensive backline has soaked up large amounts of pressure with Zoe (S5) consistently pulling off fantastic saves to drive the team forward. She has been the most consistent player so far and always has a smile on her face no matter the situation, a tremendous trait to have in any sport.

Our midfield unit have been working very hard demonstrating high levels of stamina and willpower to keep going and always make themselves available for passes. This allows our forwards to use their speed and agility to frighten the best teams in the west, creating goal-scoring opportunities and forcing excellent saves. Progression and the will to strive for better is what our Captain, Miranda (S6) models in every game. Her level headedness and relentless work rate are the attributes which shows how she can continue to lead by example on and off the pitch. There are lots to look forward to in the 2nd half of the season this year.

INTERNATIONAL CALL UPS

Across the summer, two senior pupils, Alex (S6) and Robbie (C2023) were selected to represent Team Scotland at the Commonwealth Youth Games in Trinidad and Tobago, competing in the Triathlon and Rugby 7s. Alex won two silver medals, one in the Men's Individual Triathlon and the second as part of the Mixed Relay team - the first time the triathlon has featured at the Commonwealth Youth Games. At the same time, the Rugby 7s squad progressed all the way to the final to secure a gold medal. In doing so, they made history by becoming the first ever Scottish Rugby team to win a team medal at the Commonwealth and Commonwealth Youth Games.

These incredible wins come off the back of multiple sporting successes that the school have achieved over the summer months. Two former pupils, Owen Gould (C2022) and Nikhil Koteeswaran (C2022), were selected to represent Scotland Men's U19 cricket team in their World Cup Europe Qualifier against the Netherlands and qualified for this year's competition in Sri Lanka. Three former pupils, Jack Nairn (C2023), Jamie Green (C2023) and Johnny Bradley (C2023) were selected for Scotland's U18 Boys in the EuroHockey Championships in Germany in July, with the team finishing sixth overall. Our pupils were also in action at the European Youth Olympic Festival in Maribor, where Coco (S4) represented Team GB in swimming to bring home a bronze medal in the 200m Butterfly. Coco was one of 3,000 athletes from 48 countries competing at the event and one of just 39 athletes representing Team GB. Coco was part of the 16-strong swimming team and to be selected for such a high-profile event was a fantastic achievement and one well-deserved given Coco's commitment to and passion for swimming.

These incredible achievements not only demonstrate exceptional athletic skills but also highlight the hard work and commitment our pupils put into their everyday lives at Hutchesons'. Co-curricular activities - be it sport, music or more - are a huge part of school life and how pupils balance it around their studies.

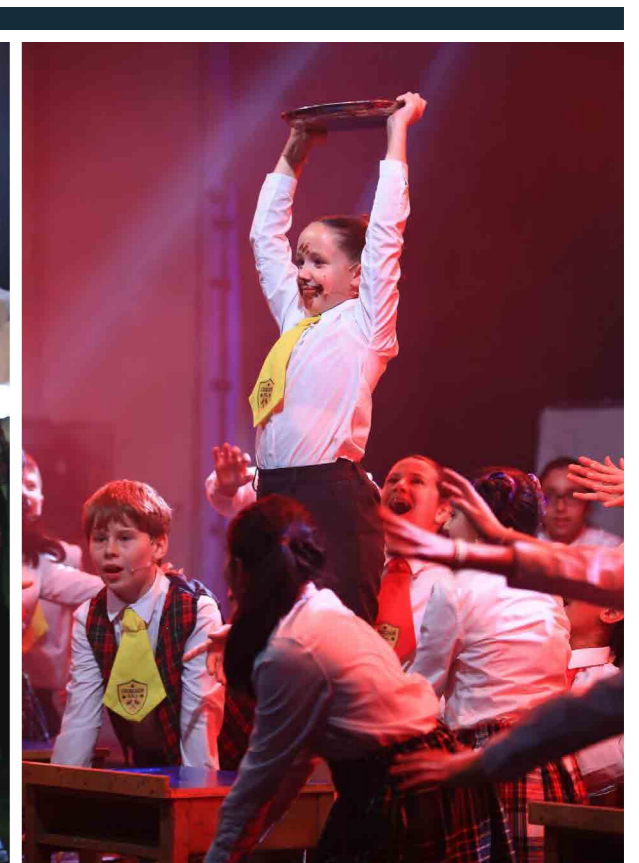


L-R: Robbie (C2023), Coco (S4) and Alex (S6) inspired our Primary School pupils at a special assembly to talk about their sporting success.

DRAMA NEWS

Our Junior S1/S2 Drama Club took to the stage at the end of term to perform Matilda The Musical JR, which was adapted from the full-length musical based on the book by Roald Dahl, featured a book by Dennis Kelly with music and lyrics by Tim Minchin. There was so much excitement, talent, and confidence on stage, and our talented performers smashed it. Three sold-out performances, two casts, one stage crew, and a lot of hard work to pull out an incredible show - we are so proud of our Junior performers.

Many of our pupils perform outside of school as well. Emma (S1) who was one of the lead roles in Matilda, is playing the part of Artful Dodger in Vivace Theatre School's production of Oliver this month. In addition, she is also rehearsing for The Sound of Music with Ayr Amateur Opera Company and will be playing Brigitta at the end of February. Lori (S2) is part of the Glasgow School of Ballet and the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (RCS). Lori also played a key role in the Matilda Junior show before Christmas. Euan (S1) plays the violin and piano in South Lanarkshire Orchestral Society. Kyle (S5) is part of RCS Student Ambassador for RCS Juniors. Over the Christmas season he played Sebastian in their winter show which is an adaptation of Shakespeare's "Twelfth night" called the Yellow Club as it was set in a Mediterranean beach club. The BBC Songs of Praise which aired on Christmas Eve featured readings from many of our pupils and involved the Hutchesons' Choral Society. If you missed it, it is still available on BBC iPlayer. These talented pupils continue to inspire and help our junior pupils pull together spectacular performances like Matilda.



SCHOOL ARCHIVES

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN SCHOOLS

THE BUCHAN ROOM MUSEUM

At the beginning of November, we opened the Buchan Room Archive and Museum space. The Buchan Room, situated next to the reception, is where visitors to the school wait to be met by a member of staff. The space has seating for visitors, towards the back, in a more private area, but it now boasts an archive and museum area so that visitors to the school can learn about the school's history while they wait. Featuring over 100 items from the school archive, it also has museum boards dotted around the room, each recounting a unique aspect of the school's history, from its uniform and coat of arms, sporting history, as well as the stories of its past pupils, staff and rectors, amongst much more. There is also a 'World Wars' section where the names and stories of over 30 former pupils who lost their lives during the wars are rotated on a screen, whilst a small display area shows items from the school's activities during World Wars I and II.

The room is called the 'Buchan Room' after former pupil, John Buchan, and he is also remembered within the museum space with a section about his life and a small display showing his time at the school and his many visits as a former pupil, including his Leavers' Certificates. There is also an old desk from Crown Street which will contain memories of past pupils for visitors to browse through, and coming soon there will be an iPad station connected to the school's digital archive showing all the old school magazines from 1914 - 1969, that are fully searchable.

This area is a great resource for pupils who can use it for their History course work as well as inspiration for their Art, Drama and English projects. It is a great introduction to the school for all our visitors and prospective parents and allows us to show the school's long and varied history, of which we are so proud.

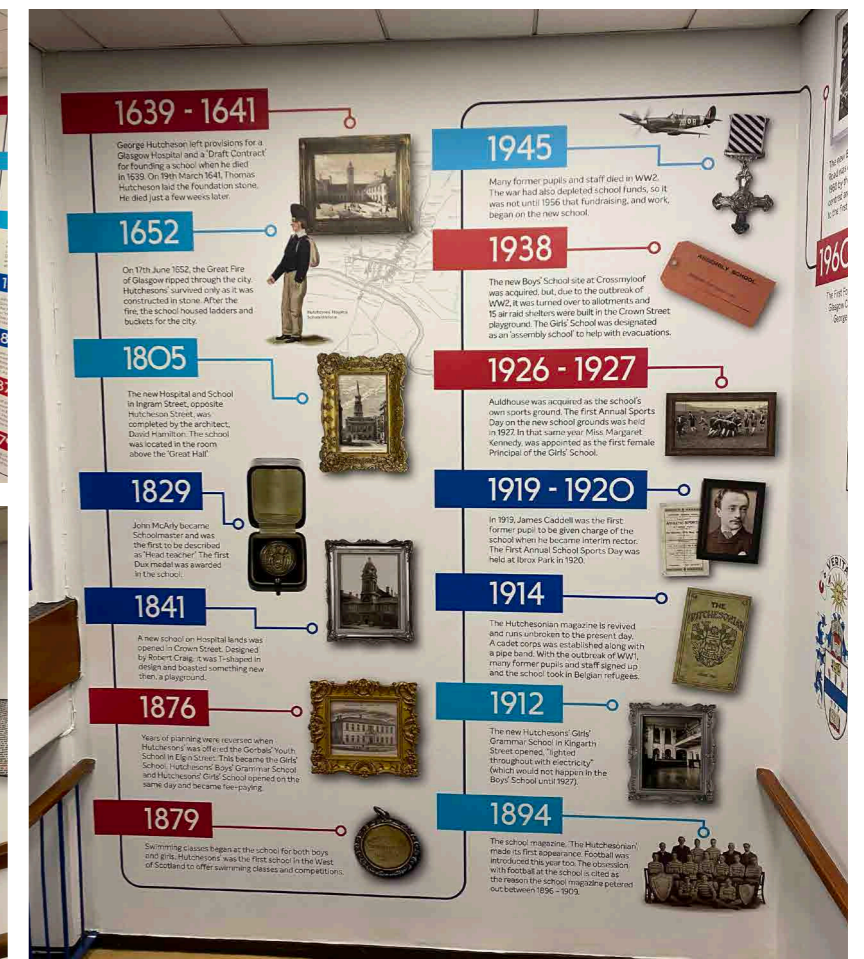
Former pupils are always welcome back to the school to visit this space as well as see the new timeline wall vinyl. A visitors' book allows former pupils to leave a memory about their time at school.

If you have an item to donate to the school archive, or have an enquiry about the school's history, please get in touch with the school Archivist, Julie Devenney, at archives@hutchesons.org.

TIMELINE WALL VINYL

After the September break, the pupils returned to school to something a bit different - a new wall vinyl featuring a timeline of the school's history. Situated in the stairwell leading up to the library (what was the old gym hall) the wall vinyl is in a great position to teach pupils, staff and visitors, about the long history of the school starting in 1639 with the death of one of the founders, George Hutcheson, right up to the present day when the school was recently granted supporters on its coat of arms - the first school in Scotland to be given this honour.

The wall vinyl features images, drawings and items from the school archive, to help tell the story of its beginnings as 'Hutchesons' Hospital' and features images of the past schools, rugby teams, the first Hutchesonian magazine and much more. Both pupils and staff greeted the new wall vinyl with much interest and we hope to be able to invite former pupils back to the school soon to see it too. Our hope is that all P7 pupils who visit the school for their P7 to S1 transition will be able to understand the long history and traditions of the school that they are coming to and will foster more school spirit and a feeling of belonging, helping them to 'Belong, Flourish and Achieve' at the school.



YOUR ARCHIVE NEEDS YOU!

Would you be interested in volunteering in the school archive? We have a great group of volunteers who meet every Wednesday 10:30 - 12:30, doing a range of different activities from research and box listing to conservation and cataloguing. Everyone looks at a subject that interests them and we are a very friendly, chatty group who would love to see more members join! Think you might be interested? Get in touch by email to archives@hutchesons.org.

FORMER PUPIL NEWS

KEN BRUCE MBE C1970

Ken Bruce has been an active campaigner for various autism charities and was recognised in the King's Birthday Honours in June, being made an MBE for his services to radio, autism awareness and to charity. Ken released his autobiography in 2009 where he detailed his experience of raising his autistic son Murray with his wife Kerith and last year he appeared in a BBC documentary with Chris Packham, Inside Our Autistic Minds.

Ken said *"It was a complete surprise to be nominated and I'm delighted the citation was for autism awareness, a subject close to my heart, as well as for my radio work."*

Ken has worked in radio for over 45 years and is one of the nation's much-loved DJs, attracting over 8 million weekly listeners to his shows during his career. In early 2023, Ken moved to Greatest Hits Radio, taking his iconic PopMaster quiz with him. He has already boosted their listening figures, where he is found at his new time slot from 10am weekday mornings. The station also launched a new digital station, Ken Bruce's Secret 60s, in August 2023, making the move a first of its kind.

RACHEL HANRETTY C2007

As Barbie fever reached an all-time high, even Hutchie couldn't resist the pink in the summer, with Former Pupil Rachel Hanretty enlisted to make hundreds of macarons for the highly anticipated Barbie movie.

Rachel, founder of Mademoiselle Macaron, was delighted when she received the call to head to Barbie Land. Rachel fell in love with macarons while on a visit to Paris for her 18th birthday and during her year living in France for university, she attended a cookery school to learn how to make them. The idea for the company first arose whilst she was at university, and it was in 2013 that she decided to make macarons full-time. Rachel opened her shop and café in May 2014. The business may have grown but Mademoiselle Macaron still strives to capture that special first taste of a macaron Rachel experienced on the Champs-Élysées for all her customers.

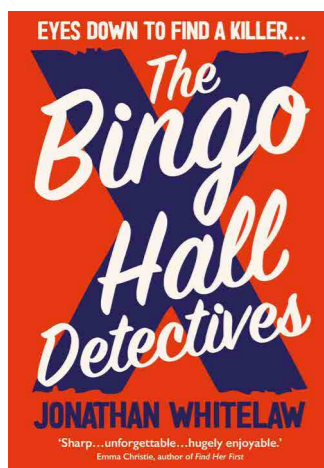
LAUREN LYLE C2011

Congratulations to Lauren who won two awards at the recent BAFTA Scotland Awards 2023 in November. The awards, for Actress Television and the Audience Award for favourite Scot on Screen, celebrated her performance in Karen Pirie, the ITV crime drama, adapted from Val McDermid's novel, The Distant Echo. The Audience Award (in partnership with Screen Scotland) is the only category whose winner is voted for by members of the public.

Lauren has appeared in several theatre and TV productions since commencing her professional acting career in 2014, including Arthur Miller's The Crucible, at the Old Vic Theatre in London's West End, and TV dramas Outlander and Vigil.

Lauren said *"I'm thrilled with my awards, and it was a brilliant night of Scottish talent. I fondly remember the encouragement of my Drama Teacher Ms Meek."*

JONATHAN WHITELAW C2004



In July, Jonathan's novel "The Bingo Hall Detectives" scooped the Lakeland Fiction Book of the Year prize. The awards celebrate top-quality writing inspired by the Lake District, Cumbria. Over the past 40 years, this prestigious annual competition has seen authors create a huge catalogue of books covering a range of subjects. Jonathan's books are cosy crime, set in and around Penrith and his latest book sees an amateur detective son and mother-in-law duo, on the heels of the killer of a member of the local bingo club.

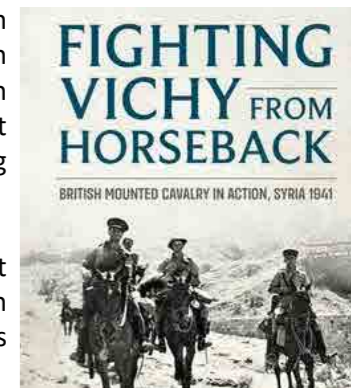
Jonathan said *"It's a very special part of the world for me and my family and I was delighted to grab the gong."*

The last year has been busier than ever for Jonathan, and he is delighted to now be writing full time. His latest book was released in May from HarperCollins and the next one is due for an early 2024 release.

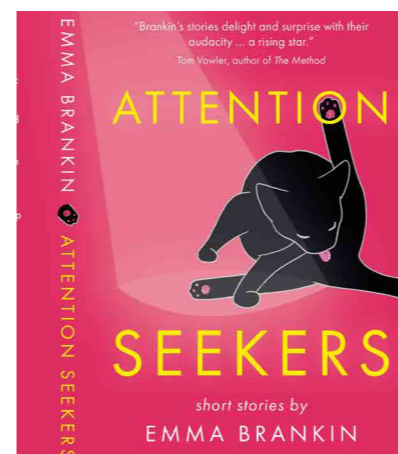
JONATHAN WASHINGTON C1999

In 2023, Jonathan published his debut military history book, Fighting Vichy From Horseback: British Mounted Cavalry in Action, Syria 1941. After leaving School, Jonathan read history at St Andrews University before working in publishing in Edinburgh and Beirut. He then moved to Warwickshire with his wife, where he went into teaching for 12 years. He now works in early careers. Jonathan has a MSc in Publishing from Edinburgh Napier University.

The book follows the British 1st Cavalry Division in the WWII which was almost exclusively made up of yeomanry horsemen from Britain's Territorial Army. The division was never intended to fight. However, in May 1941, the horsemen find themselves advancing into Syria on Operation "Exporter".

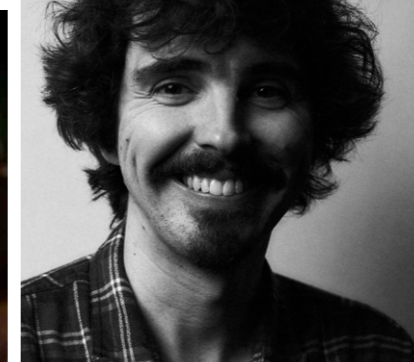
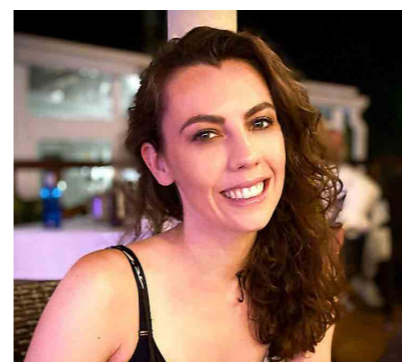


EMMA BRANKIN C2006



2023 also saw FP Emma Brankin publish her debut book, Attention Seekers, which is a collection of short stories inspired by her former career. On leaving school, Emma studied Drama before working as a general news reporter. After a few years she started specialising as an entertainment's journalist, interviewing celebrities and covering everything from the Oscars, gallery launches to soap awards.

She is now a Drama Teacher, with a Masters in Creative Writing and Education from Goldsmiths College, University of London. Attention Seekers was shortlisted for the Eyelands International Short Fiction prize, the Bridport Prize's Short Story Contest and appeared in the prestigious Wigleaf Top 50. In 2021, she won the Short Story contests for Fugue Fiction, To Hull and Back and Superlative. Other stories have appeared in publications such as Narrative Magazine, SmokeLong Quarterly and X-R-A-Y Literary Magazine.



FORMER PUPIL SPOTLIGHT - GORDON CASELY C1961

Gordon Casely KStJ, C1961 a proud veteran of Hutchie in Crown Street, is a freelance journalist, heraldist, piper, Doric enthusiast, Burns speaker, hillwalker, husband, father and grandfather, and whose enjoyment of working life has covered posts from Scotland to London.

A keen heraldist, he loves nothing better than advising companies, councils and people on how to gain coats-of-arms. Nothing better that is, except where place names are concerned. He's a lifetime student of place names, learning about them, examining their context in the landscape, and what they tell of us and our national story.

For 25 years until age 63, he competed in veteran athletics, running in 37 marathons from New York to New Zealand. In 1991 in London age 48, he completed his first and only sub-3-hour marathon. The same year, he gained international colours representing Scotland at the European Veterans Athletics Championships in Denmark - at which he won silver in the 100m and 400m. As press officer for eight years for the Commonwealth Games Council for Scotland, he arranged media coverage for Scotland's Commonwealth Games teams in Edinburgh (1986) and Auckland (1990).

He's a lifetime cyclist, awheel in every continent except Antarctica, clocking 187,000 miles so far. He gained his first bike aged five... and very soon hopes to be able to dispense with the stabilisers.

He became involved in 1974 with the Lonach Highland Society in West Aberdeenshire, and has taken part every year in their annual march round the glens there. For his work with Lonach, he is an honorary vice-president. In a lifetime voluntary commitment to the Order of St John in Scotland, he is now a Knight of St John.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

I didn't go to university until age 67, and when I did, I continued the development of a lifetime interest in place names studying for an MLitt in ethnology and folklore at Aberdeen University.

Academia behind me, I delved into place names of childhood, one of which is Crossmyloof. "As sure as this cross lies in my loof (hand), I will be victorious": so said Queen Mary Stuart before what became the battle of Langside on Thursday 13 May 1568. To back up what is a wonderful myth, there's an upright hand with a cross on it shown above the main door of the Corona Bar at the junction of Pollokshaws Road and Langside Avenue.

It's really too bad when facts get in the way of a good story. But the facts in this case show Crossmyloof to be a place name of completely Gaelic origin, and many centuries older than the Royal utterance by Mary, Queen of Scots.

The real story emerges thanks to Glasgow's Gaelic Place-Names (2023) by Mull native and Glasgow University graduate Alasdair Whyte. Dr Whyte writes that Crossmyloof originates from the Gaelic Crois MoLiubha, with a likely meaning as "cross or crossing of (St) MoLiubha". The first syllable is the common honorific "mo", and as in so many cases, this prefix tends to obscure the true name of this saint. A patron saint for Hutchie? St Moliubha may be just the person.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL HUTCHIE

The site on which the school is built has a minor sporting history. Until 1955, what is now the area of the dining hall has been a cycle speedway track – and for this information, Gordon is being indebted to a former pupil of Glasgow High.

Those of a certain age well remember when the area covered by the school used to be gardens run by Hutchesontown Allotment Holders Association, itself an evident Hutchie connection. In late 1955, young Hutchesonians saw the first bulldozer scrape out the foundations for what became the primary department.

Behind that, towards the flats of Fotheringay Road, was a cycle speedway track. Dick Barrie, ex-High School and historian of all matters cycle speedway, writes that he raced on the Crossmyloof track frequently, and well recalls the sad evening in 1955 when the red blaize track hosted the final match before being bulldozed into history.

Crossmyloof cycle speedway track existed for seven years from 1948, and in its time was a busy place, with several clubs using it as their home track. They included the Renfrewshire side Bishopton Buffaloes, Crossmyloof Giants, Paisley Aces, Charing Cross Rangers and Dick's own team Craigton Eagles.

ABERDEEN REUNION LUNCH

Three octogenarian FP's long resident in Aberdeen met up for a reunion lunch in November. Left to right, they are Dr Graeme Roberts, former vice-principal, Aberdeen University (C1960); Dr Gordon Williamson, dentist (C1958); and journalist Gordon Casely (C1961).



The sole requirement for their meetings is that each arrives with some item of Hutchesoniana. On this occasion, the surprise of the trio was Gordon Williamson, who not only produced his Hutchie cap, but that the cap still fits him!

A RIGHT ROYAL PRESENTATION

Gordon was presented with the Coronation Medal personally by the King at a ceremony in October at Balmoral Castle.

Gordon was one of a 24-strong detachment of Lonach Highlanders who, with the Atholl Highlanders, paraded for the Honours of Scotland event in Edinburgh on July 5. The ceremony at Balmoral took place in bright sunshine in front of the castle, with the King presenting each medal, having a word with the recipient, and concluding with a handshake.

Gordon, now 80 and still a daily cyclist, said: "Beyond the honour of being presented to His Majesty, there was the entirely new experience of having to stand to attention for 70 minutes until the ceremony was concluded and we marched off".

News of the event was carried in the Court Circular published in The Times and Daily Telegraph next day.

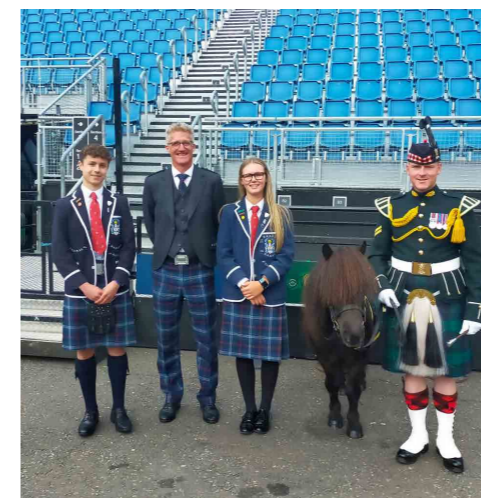


THE KING & HUTCHIE

Strong Hutchie representation was a hallmark of the Honours of Scotland ceremony during the King's visit to Edinburgh in July.

The King was presented with the Honours of Scotland (crown, sceptre and sword) in a solemn ceremony in the High Kirk of St Giles. Among the great and the good invited for the event were former Rector Mr Colin Gambles and Class of 2023 Head Boy Jamie Davidson and Head Girl Jessica Molloy. They made many friends among distinguished guests, with the school tartan sported by all three attracted many favourable comments.

Outside the kirk in a very different role was Gordon, on parade with a detachment of the 200-year-old Lonach Highlanders from Strathdon in Aberdeenshire. Fully armed with their traditional ceremonial pikes, Gordon and his colleagues were on duty as guard of honour.



FORMER PUPIL REUNIONS

LADIES C1958 & C1963 - C1968

We were delighted to attend and meet some of our Former Pupils at their class reunions; the Ladies' C1958 reunion at Sherbrooke and the Ladies' C1963 - C1968 reunion at Kingarth Street.

The Ladies' Class of 1958 reunion lunch took place at Sherbrooke Castle on Friday 15th September where they enjoyed entertainment by Miles (S4) and April (S2), and a school update from our Rector, Mr Martin, and Depute Rector of Ethos, Mr Dunlop. It was a delightful afternoon full of laughter and memories, and the ladies plan to meet again at the 150th Anniversary of Girls' attending the school, when celebrations take place in 2026.

Ladies from Classes 1963 - 1968 also attended a reunion, this time at Kingarth Street on Saturday 30th September. Our prefects provided a tour of the school, while Vincent (S6) entertained on the piano before lunch. Mr Martin and Mr Dunlop once again joined the ladies, and Anne Lindsay (C1965), who organized the reunion, even orchestrated a rendition of the Hutchesons' Girls' Grammar School song.

Our Former Pupils from across the years all enjoyed catching up and happily reminiscing about their time at school, while also enjoying the musical entertainment by our talented pupils. Many of the ladies have stayed in touch over the years, and remained great friends, reminding them that Hutchie not only provided a wonderful education and start in life, but that they were joining part of a wider Hutchie family.

Photos L-R: Class of 1958 and Classes 1963 - 1968



FP LADIES GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual ladies golf outing was held at the Ladies Club, Troon in October and attended by 16 ladies. They were fortunate with the weather and delighted that all four games got round 18 holes more or less dry - but certainly windswept. This was followed by a delicious lunch in the clubhouse.

Runners Up this year were Elizabeth Goodwin (C1981) and Valerie Crawford (C1978). The winners of the Trophy were Deborah Lochhead and Fiona Frier (C1980).

Everyone had a most enjoyable day and special thanks go to Sallie Harkness née Moodie (C1956) who has organised the outing the last few years. This was her final year organising the event and she thanked everyone for their support. Sallie added "I have enjoyed arranging the annual golf outing very much but it's time for me to hand over".

If you are interested in playing in next year's event, please email alumni@hutchesons.org.



MEN'S C1965 REUNION

Twelve members of the Class of 1965 met in November for a reunion lunch at Miller & Carter in Edinburgh. They had a most convivial afternoon and have already provisionally scheduled the next get-together for 14th November 2024 in Glasgow. If you belong to the Class of 1965 and would like to attend the next gathering, please email the Development Office at alumni@hutchesons.org for more information.

Pictured L - R: Ian Walter, John Pate, Jack Silverstone, Mike Redwood, Robin Cuthbertson, Phil Leckie, Ian Gray, Colin Thomson, Mike Williamson, and Les Verth. (Also present but not pictured Allan Gibson and Hamish Whyte).



TORONTO 20TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

This special event in October was organized very kindly by Cristina Ronald in her fine home and appropriately it marked the 20th anniversary of Iain Ronald along with Cristina founding The Canadian Bursary Fund which through the generosity of the Ronalds, along with the annual contributions of many FPs in Canada, has supported fully the education of more than 6 able young people through Secondary Education at Hutchesons'.

Former Senior Depute and Interim Rector Graham MacAllister C1962 attended. In an informal question and answer session, he explained briefly the departure of Rector Colin Gambles which had caused sadness in Canada for Colin had visited twice and was strongly supportive of Canadian generosity. Appreciation was expressed for Colin's many significant achievements for Hutchesons'.

Further, Graham reported that the School had settled well under Rector, Mike Martin, former Senior Depute since 2008, who will hold post until the appointment and arrival of a new Rector. Everyone appreciated hearing that Hutchesons' was moving forward strongly and with continued success.

This was a valuable and happy occasion and Graham expressed Hutchie's admiration and appreciation for all the friendship, kindness and generosity received from a very special group of FPs in Canada.



Would you like to arrange a reunion? Or simply share your news? We love to hear how our pupils are doing after Hutchie, please keep in touch with our Alumni Officer at alumni@hutchesons.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **FP Coffee Morning** - Last Thursday of every month, 10.30am - 12.30pm, H@PP.
All FP's are welcome to join us on the last Thursday of each month for tea/coffee and a catch up at the School's new sports grounds just off Hags Road. Stay for as little or as long as you wish, enjoying good company and discussions of Hutchie past and present. We look forward to seeing you there.
- **HGSPA Quiz Night** - Thursday 22nd February, Beaton Road Assembly Hall.
- **Class of 2001, 2002, 2003 & 2004 Reunion** - Saturday 27th April 2024, Beaton Road.
Join us for an informal afternoon catching up with old classmates, chatting to some current and former teachers and seeing everything that has changed around school since you were last there. Tickets are £20 and can be purchased at www.trybooking.co.uk/CNDG
- **1957 Group Golf Day** - Friday 10th May, Whitecraigs Golf Club.
- **Oral History Workshop** - Tuesday 11th June, Beaton Road.
- **Ladies C1974 Reunion** - Saturday 14th September; Kingarth Street.

1957 GROUP GOLF DAY

The annual 1957 Group Golf Day is being held on Friday 10th May at Whitecraigs Golf Club. It's a fantastic opportunity for parents, staff members, former pupils and friends of Hutchie to come together for a great day out, and to raise money towards the 1957 Group's fundraising goal for the school year.

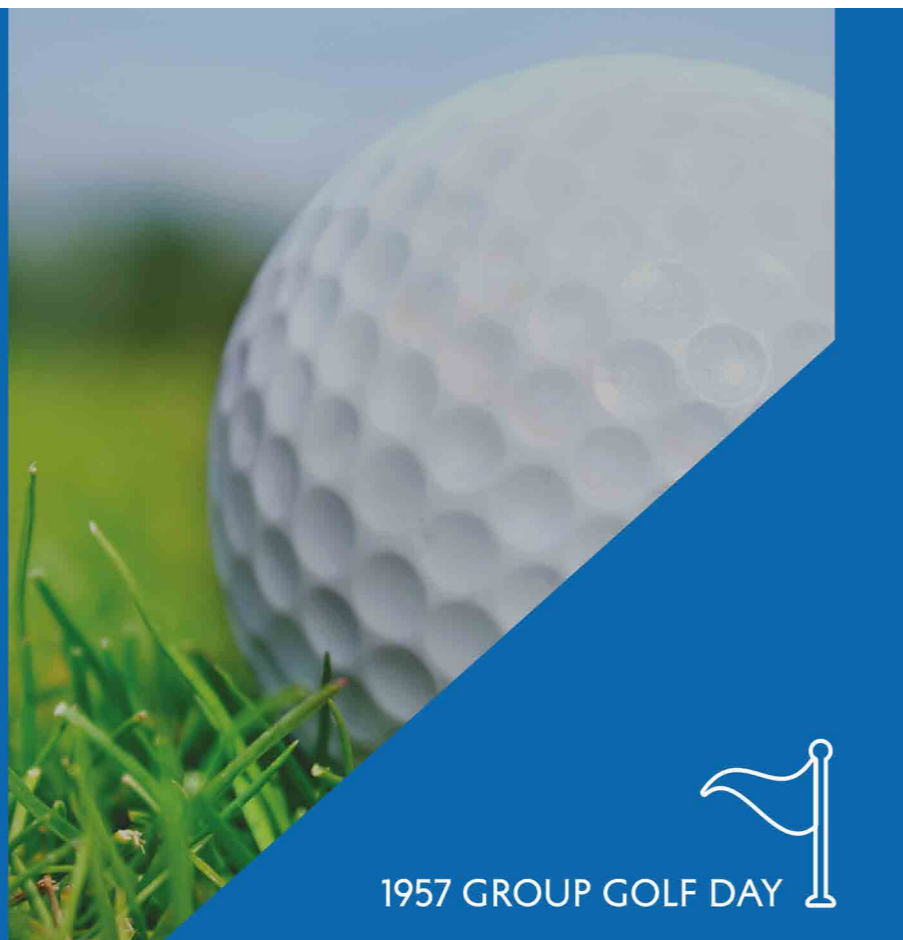
If you would like to pre-register your interest or help with sponsorship or prize donation, please email golf@hutchesons.org.

SAVE THE DATE

The Annual 1957 Group Golf Day at Whitecraigs Golf Club will take place on

FRIDAY 10TH MAY 2024

Further details to follow, however if you would like to pre-register or discuss sponsorship opportunities, please email golfday@hutchesons.org.



1957 GROUP GOLF DAY

WILLIE JAMIESON JUNIOR CURLERS FUND



In May 2023, a new fund to help support young curlers was set up in memory of William Jamieson C1975, who sadly died unexpectedly on Christmas Eve 2022. Willie was a keen curler at School, and pictured below with his teammates, Ken Horton (skip), Graeme Govan C1974 and Keith Douglas C1975, went on to win not only the school trophy but the Scottish Schools Trophy and the TB Murray Trophy (Scottish Junior).

Willie, Ken Horton C1975, Graeme Adam C1972 won many competitions throughout the seventies and eighties. However, their greatest achievement came in 1977 when, with teammate Richard Harding, they won the Scottish Championship, finished third in the World Championship in Sweden and second in the European in Norway.

After the players went their separate ways, Willie's team had many domestic successes and in the late 1980s/early 1990s he was one of the main commentators on televised curling. A memorial afternoon tea was held at Perth Ice Rink in Spring 2023 to celebrate his achievements and to launch

the fund in his name. Willie was passionate about helping young curlers who face often insurmountable difficulties in starting their curling careers.

For further information about the Fund, email the Secretary david.ramsay12@btinternet.com or treasurer kenhorton333@gmail.com.

Pictured: Willie, Graeme Govan, Ken Horton and Keith Douglas in the gym in Hutchie with all the trophies they won in season 1973 - 74. The big trophy in the middle is the TB Murray Trophy (Scottish Junior) where Willie and Ken were in the winning team. The Scottish Schools is the shield in front of Willie.



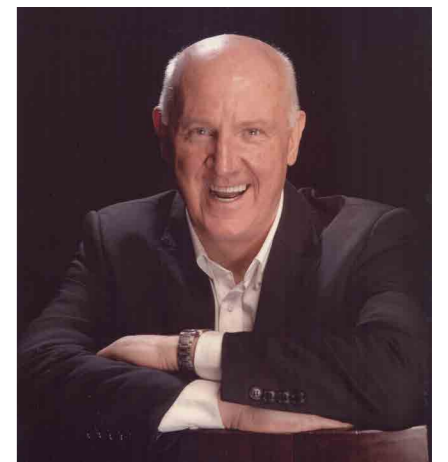
SANDY STRANG BOOK

We are still working on plans for a book of anecdotes and memories about Sandy Strang, Former Pupil, Teacher, and longstanding Depute Rector, who died in 2017.

It is hoped that this anthology will be a fine memorial to Sandy, but also that proceeds from sales of the book will go towards the Sandy Strang Bursary Fund, which was set up in his memory by Mary Fisher, and which is now worth over £150,000. Sandy himself won a bursary for Hutchesons' and was keen that the ethos of the Hutchesons brothers' original foundation, of providing a first-class education to pupils who could not afford to pay, should be maintained, and it is in this spirit that Mary made a very generous personal donation of £100,000, which goes a long way towards the foundation's target of £400,000.

Our sincere thanks to FPs who have already responded - we have some great anecdotes, some touching, some funny. If you have any memories of Sandy, humorous or serious, whether as a classroom teacher, Depute Rector or perhaps on the football pitch or cricket ground, or indeed any reflection on how he influenced you, please send them to sandystrang1memories@gmail.com. Please also include your name and class, eg "C1995", etc.

Likewise, if you would like to support the Bursary Fund, you can easily do this online at www.hutchesons.org/donate and tick the appropriate box.



IN MEMORIAM

FIONA MACPHAIL C1972

1954 - 2023

Passionate about education, the life and soul of the party, master storyteller, loyal and great friend.



Fiona was 'Hutchie' to her very core having started Primary 1 in 1959. Leaving in 1971 she embarked on a varied career that took her to international schools in Bonn and Cairo, a Master's degree at Strathclyde University and Head of Primary at both The Park and Laurel Park schools. She returned home to Hutchie as Depute Rector of the Upper School in 2001 and finally as Head of Primary in 2014. Fiona retired in 2019.

As a stickler for high standards and good manners, she always ensured her lessons included a huge dose of good fun. She wasn't above 'dancing on the table' when everyone in her 'beloved' maths set mastered a difficult concept. Fiona loved her school trips to Raasay, Newlands and her visit to Nitte in India. She often dined out on some of the adventures and potential 'mishaps'.

Never one to avoid a challenge, Fiona set up the Nursery in her final year at Hutchie. As with everything else she did, she researched and immersed herself in Early Years education to make sure the Nursery would provide a first class experience for Hutchie's youngest. She was delighted with the way the Nursery has grown and flourished. Always the professional, she dealt with children, parents and colleagues with the same understanding and confidentiality, often accompanied by her trademark humour.

Fiona had a wonderful sense of fun and was not averse to laughing at herself too. Following a 'Sale of Talents' event at the Primary School, she happily agreed to waitress in the evening for a group of Hutchie parents – all in aid of charity. At a Senior Management Team away day, her attempts at clay pigeon shooting nearly endangered a Ryanair flight from Prestwick. School assemblies, Kingarth Street staff murder games and nights out were never dull when Fiona was around.

Fiona had great plans for her retirement. World-wide travel was top of her list closely followed by supporting Aberdeen F.C. Her favourite way to relax was listening to the radio, especially long running favourites (The Archers and Desert Island Discs) as well as rewatching old films. Fiona was always interested in history, from school through to university, which led to a lifetime exploring her surroundings both at home and abroad. She was looking forward to settling down in her new home in Ayr and enjoying long walks on the nearby beach.

Sadly, this wasn't to happen. Covid arrived soon after Fiona retired followed swiftly by a diagnosis of oesophageal cancer. She faced a long illness with her usual resilience and stubborn independence. Never one to feel self-pity she kept her sense of humour to the very end. Friends and family were everything to Fiona and she is sadly missed. A wonderful person.

MARGARET ANDERSON C1949

1931 - 2023

Maggie Anderson was a true Hutchesonian. She was educated at Hutchesons' Girls' Grammar School, before studying at Glasgow University where she gained her degree in Agricultural Entomology. After her marriage she spent a number of years with her family in Aden, travelling widely in the Middle East. During this time, she taught in local schools and also appeared on Aden TV. On returning to Scotland, she came to Hutchesons' in the early '70s to teach Biology, retiring from this post in 1996. During this time, she also pioneered and developed a Health Education syllabus. An inspirational and sometimes outrageous teacher, Maggie knew her pupils well and was interested not just in how well they did in Biology but how they developed as people. Many of her pupils kept up with her after leaving school and she always enjoyed hearing about their lives.



In her retirement she continued for several years to teach English as a foreign language to small groups of pupils in the school. Her last few years saw her battling with Alzheimer's, but she always delighted in visits from former colleagues and pupils and was keen to hear news of the school. The school has lost a true friend.

DR LINDA MORPURGO NÉE BENZIE C1966

1948 - 2023

Linda Benzie grew up in Shawlands, the only daughter of Sam and Margaret. At Hutchie she excelled, winning numerous prizes including the Dux medal.

After graduating with 1st class degree in Greek and English from Glasgow, she moved to London where she met her husband, Mark Morpurgo. Following a PhD from the Shakespeare Institute and work for a new Shakespeare series, Linda continued her career as an English teacher in various schools, ending with a long spell at Christ's Hospital, Horsham.

With her usual gusto she took on a myriad of extra-curricular activities: Squash and Tennis Coach, running the Debating Society, and school librarian.

Following another house move and career change, she worked in Financial Services, setting up her own small firm of Independent Financial Advisors on return to her beloved Glasgow.

With "spare" energy, she developed a passionate interest in Scottish Traditional Music and joined Glasgow Fiddle Workshop. Not content with just playing, she joined their committee, soon becoming their chairperson, and helped forge their partnership with Stow College. Following a move to Lochgoilhead, she founded a new Fiddle Workshop and arranged a regular residential Fèis with the unusual inclusion of outdoor and sea-based activities. The Workshop won national "Community Project of the Year" awards, including one from the Carnegie Trust.

Linda and Mark enjoyed sailing exploring their beloved Greek Islands and the Turkish coast, and the Western Isles. In retirement she also revived her love of drawing and painting. Despite all these careers, and passionate hobbies, Linda was as happy as anywhere in the company of family or friends.

Linda is survived by her husband, Mark; two sons: Stewart (with Tricia) and Geoffrey (with Anna); four granddaughters; and lots of friends and acquaintances whose lives she enriched.

(An abridged version. Full obituary is available on request by email at alumni@hutchesons.org.)



J CLARK SMITH C1951

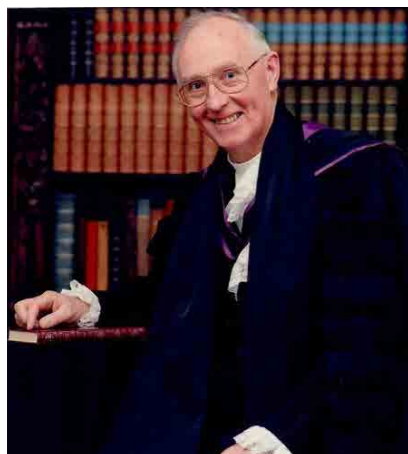
1933 - 2023

Clark was born on April 12th 1933 in Glasgow, the younger brother of Lindsay. Both attended Hutchie, and Clark was Dux in 1950. At university he edited the Glasgow University Magazine in 1953 - 54.

Clark took a law degree and then did two years' National Service in the RASC (Royal Army Service Corps). After the usual square-bashing in Aldershot, he was posted to Army Legal Aid in London. Clark met Rita in Edinburgh, playing badminton, and they married on 2nd October 1964. Their first child Kenneth came along in 1965, David arriving in 1969.

Clark had, like his father, gone into advertising, working for the same agency Maxwell Nicholls & Partners. In the early '70s he joined an Edinburgh agency, R&W Advertising, and in 1977 he formed a new agency, Hay Smith Advertising, where he remained for the rest of his working life. The family enjoyed many holidays around the UK, favourites including Yorkshire and the Lake District, and when Kenneth and David learned languages at school they ventured out to France, Austria and Switzerland.

Clark was always creative, coming up with cartoons, song lyrics and several paintings which graced the walls of the family home. Rita passed away in November 2018. Clark was looked after at home by live-in carers, but as his health declined he moved to Thorburn Manor Nursing Home, which had cared for Rita in her last months. Clark passed away peacefully on 13th September 2023, almost exactly five months after his 90th birthday in April.



THE VERY REV. DR HUGH R WYLLIE C1952

1934 - 2023

Hugh Rutherford Wyllie was born on 11th October 1934. He enjoyed his time at Hutchie before entering the Union Bank of Scotland where he obtained his MCIBS, achieving the highest result in the country.

National Service in the RAF interrupted his banking career. He was demobbed a few days earlier than his plane crew. The plane was called out once more but went down with all crew on board. This was a significant loss to Hugh and he dedicated his life to the service of others. He studied at the University of Glasgow, winning prizes in almost all of his classes, but despite these academic strengths, Hugh was foremost a parish minister. In each of his charges, Dunbeth, Cathcart South and Hamilton Old, his preaching deliberately connected to his parishioners and he was known for his pastoral care.

Hugh was minister of Hamilton Old Parish Church from 1981 until his retirement. During this time, he was made an Honorary Freeman of Hamilton District in recognition of services to the community. For the national Church, he held office as Convenor of the General Assembly Stewardship and Budget Committee and Stewardship and Finance Board. He was convenor of the Assembly Council before his role as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland (1992-93). Following retirement, he continued on a number of church boards and was also Vice Chairman of NHS Lanarkshire. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity by the University of Aberdeen.

Despite an illustrious career, for Hugh, his family was his most precious legacy and their needs were his most pressing priority. Hugh died on 31 October 2023 and is survived by his wife, Eileen; his daughters, Hazel and Helen and his four grandchildren.



JOYCE R BERTRAM NÉE HUTCHISON C1950

1930 - 2023

Having had a fulfilling life, 'Hutchie-Girl' Joyce passed away aged 93 in Buchholz (near Hamburg) in Germany. As daughter of former Headmaster of Hutchesons' Boys' Grammar School, John M. Hutchison, she was brought up with an education minded, cosmopolitan and pacifistic attitude. She was a shining example of an open minded true European, Christian and intelligent woman, without borders in her head. Joyce had a loving and caring character, standing for equality and living it. She loved music, traveling and enjoying walking in nature, sport, her various activities and work for different church groups.

Of course she became a teacher herself, e.g. for German and French language. During her teaching training period in Freiburg (Germany) in 1955 she got to know the love of her life, Walter Bertram. In 1959 she got married to Walter, moved to Hamburg in Germany and in 1961/1964 her two sons, Hartmut and Harald were born.

Especially 1988 and 1989 were challenging years for her family as Walter died of cancer far too early. A year later her father died. With the help of her friends she recovered from her loss and redesigned her life full of activities. From year 2000 on she enjoyed being a grandmother for Raymond and Colin.

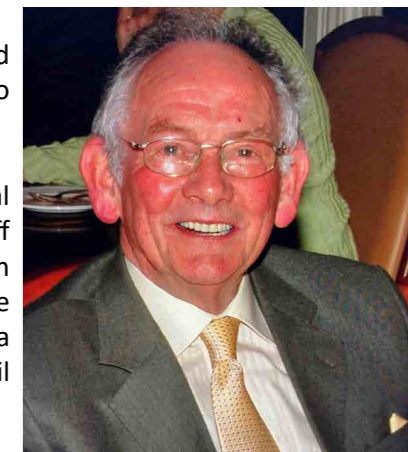
She held strong bonds to her family in Scotland and her friends from school all her life. Being a 'Hutchie-Girl' is for lifetime she used to say. The final years turned out to be challenging once again as the formerly known perfect physical condition faded away and the head stopped working partly. So her death finally was a salvation having had a long and good life.

The well attended funeral ceremony was framed by the sounds of Scottish bagpipe music such as 'Highland Cathedral' and 'Amazing Grace' guiding her back home to her roots in Scotland.

BILL CARSWELL C1943

1929 - 2023

William Steven Carswell, "Bill" was brought up in Giffnock and attended Hutchesons' Boys' Grammar School from 1940 until 1947. After school he went to Glasgow University graduating in 1950 with an MA and in 1952 with an LLB.



Following an apprenticeship with McGrigor Donald (now part of the international firm Pinsent Mason) he qualified as a solicitor in 1953. He then joined the staff of Dunbarton County Council as a legal assistant in the County Clerk's staff and in 1956 he moved to a similar post in Stirling County Council until 1959, before accepting an invitation to return to the staff of McGrigor Donald, becoming a Partner the following year and thereafter enjoying 29 years in the firm until his retirement in 1989.

He was a General Trustee of the Church of Scotland for 30 years, becoming Vice Chairman from 1993-98 and then Chairman from 1999-2003. Other charities and community groups he helped with were; Glasgow City Mission (supporting the homeless in Glasgow), Medical Ethics Committee of the Victoria Infirmary (advising on the ethical issues around patient care), Ferguson Bequest (providing grants to maintain church buildings), Association for the Relief of Incurables (supporting those in poverty and from incurable diseases) and Eastwood Abbyfield Society (providers of retirement living). He was also the external examiner of conveyancing for Glasgow University.

Hobbies included supporting Queen's Park Football Club since he was a boy (becoming a Life Member in his later years), walking dogs for most of his life and golf (he was a playing member at Pollok Golf Club for over 40 years and more recently became a non-playing member).

He is survived by his wife Jean, sons Andy and Doug, five grandchildren (of whom Jill and Steven are recent FP's themselves) and one great grandson.

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* Full obituary may follow in the next edition.

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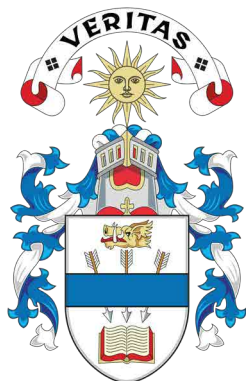
Our February Holiday Club will be running from Monday 12th - Friday 16th February and is packed with activities to make sure the break is active and full of fun for the kids.

From sharing the love with special Valentine's arts and crafts on Monday, to "Taskmaster takes on Gladiator" on Tuesday with a special team day chock full of speed, strength, stamina and skill challenges. Wednesday is fancy dress where we'll be enjoying circus crafts and treats before attending the 3pm performance of Circus Vegas at Silverburn.

On Thursday Captain America and Wonder Woman will go head to head in our very own Superhero escape rooms. Children will enjoy games like Pass the Kryptonite and Ant Man Antics, and on Friday we will finish the week of with a special Friday Frenzy packed with our children's top activity suggestions including Karaoke, Football training, Chocolate games and more!

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