

HARRIS ACADEMY FORMER PUPILS' ASSOCIATION



FROM THE PRESIDENT - AUTUMN 2014 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Members

It is once again time to send you a newsletter to keep you up to date with what has been happening throughout the year.

I am writing to you as the new President who took over the position at the A.G.M. earlier this year. I wish to take this opportunity to thank John Baxter for all the work he undertook so conscientiously during his term of office as President. Fortunately he remains a loyal and active member of Council and is currently Vice President of the Association.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the following new members: - Sandra Mulford, Morag Niven and Kate McIntosh.

On a less happy note, it is with sadness that I intimate the deaths of several Members since the last Newsletter, namely: - Audrey Brown (Dyer), James Proctor, Moira Stalker (Edwards), John Speed, William Japp (died November 2012), Mildred Mottashaw (Esplin), Ella Christie (Thomson), and Helen Kippen. Most were active in the Association and would be well-known for their attendance at lunches, Burns Suppers, and other events. All will be sadly missed. Helen Kippen was an Honorary Vice President and was a former Teacher and Guide Leader at Harris. She had been a very active member of the Association and was always ready to offer help and advice. To the families and friends of these past Members we extend our condolences. If there are any omissions from the above list I offer my sincere apologies.

In November, 2013 a short Armistice Ceremony was held at the School in Lawton Road. Gordon Laird, a former President and currently an Honorary Vice President laid the wreath on behalf of the Association. It was a moving experience and it is hoped that more Former Pupils will be

able to attend the Ceremony this year at 10.30am on 11th November in the Lawton Road building.

A Carol Concert was held in Dundee West Church in December 2014 and, as ever, the pupils showed a wonderful variety of musical talent and contributed to a most memorable evening.

Our lunches have been happy occasions despite a reduction in numbers of those attending. They give Members the chance to meet old friends and to catch up on news. In January 2014 we departed from our traditional Burns Supper and held a Burns Evening entitled "Burns With A Drop of Scotch", which was enjoyed by all those who attended.

A successful Wine and Cheese Evening was held in the building at Lawton Road in June 2014. This enabled Members to see the building, to learn about the new Perth Road building, and to enjoy being entertained by musical interludes provided by Present Pupils. It was a very relaxing evening and it gave those attending the opportunity to mingle and chat with each other.

St Peter`s and Paul`s Church was the venue for the annual Prize Giving. Although space was at a premium several Former Pupils attended this ceremony. As ever, it gave an insight into the many varied activities - both academic and otherwise - in which the pupils had participated and in which they had excelled.

The building in Perth Road is "mushrooming" and it is amazing to see how much progress has been made already. I understand that it is well ahead of schedule - which is also good news.

We hope to see you at future events and hope you can encourage your friends to come along too.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Dorothy S. Drummond
President