



Morgan Academy F.P. Association



A very warm welcome to Morgan Matters.



Chairman's Chunter

Rodger Brunton (Glamis) 1963-68



The worst thing about being the Chairman of Morgan FP Association is that you are made aware every so often of how quickly time passes. Over the last month or so I've attended funerals and Prizegiving's, Burns Suppers and Committee Meetings all of which have at their centre, our School.

It seems no time at all since we were walking in lines for Hockey or Rugby at Forfar Road, being reminded to moderate the lunge across Cleppie Road or the Kingsway. Mind you there was a decent amount of time between cars and lorries in those days it seemed.

School Teacher notables, Darroch, Blyth no longer with us and as I write this Chairman's message I'm still sad at the news that Alec Gouick has made his last trip to the Rugby Club. Alec served on the Morgan Committee since its re-invigoration and was single handily responsible for the first 20 or so editions of Morgan Matters. His pawky wit brightened up many a dinner and bus trip. Thanks Alec.

Time passing is a warning as well as an ingredient in memories and September 23rd, 2018 is approaching on the horizon! It's been fantastic to see the response to the Concert in the Caird Hall. Frances Irons has been drawing on all her contacts to put together a Variety Show par excellence in conjunction with Richard Waghorn. Heartening to see the talent list coming together from all over the UK to take part in the Sunday Extravaganza. More singers and musicians are welcome though as we really want the School Song to be heard at the top of Reform Street!

The new Book of Remembrance handover is also falling into place with Stuart, David and Mike grafting away to do its presentation to the School justice with bands and the Armed Services represented at the handover in the School on Friday 9th November 2018. Watch this space for more information in due course.

The Committee of the Association work hard on your behalf and it's been a privilege to have been Chairman in this special year of our 150th Anniversary. It's been poignant to see passings but heartening to see that the School remains well thought of and dear to so many that enjoyed their years of education here.

Onwards and upwards fellow FP's.





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Craig Millar



**Stephanie
McGregor**



Dave Webster



Hilton McRae



Be Charlotte



Asif Khan

The MORGAN
A Celebration of 150 Years

Morgan Academy's 150th anniversary in 2018 will be celebrated at Dundee's Caird Hall with a grand concert on Sunday 23rd September when well known former pupils from the world of music and theatre will return to perform in their home city.

The life and work of other renowned FP's from entertainment, sport and academia will also be featured. The evening will be compered by former pupil Craig Millar of STV.

A grand finale featuring a massed choir and orchestra of present and former pupils will bring the evening to a resounding climax! This promises to be an entertaining evening for all members of the public but especially for present and former pupils and friends of the school.

The Morgan - A Celebration of 150 Years
is a unique event which should not be missed!

23rd September 2018
CAIRD HALL, DUNDEE 7.30pm

Tickets, Adults £15 School Pupils £10
Tickets available from - Dundee City Box Office, 16 City Square, Dundee DD1 3BG
Hours - Monday to Thursday 9.30 - 5 pm, Friday 9 - 5 pm, Saturday 9.30 - 5 pm.
Tel: 01382 434940. www.dundeebox.co.uk

**An important date for your Diary. Our 150th concert in
the Caird Hall on the 23rd September 2018**

**To be a part of this special evening by singing in the
choir, playing with the orchestra or just buying
tickets, please contact Frances Irons on**

francesirons@btinternet.com or on Mobile -

07711614323





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Sadly, several staff and former pupils have passed away recently:

Staff -



Evelyn Allan former Physical Education and Guidance teacher passed away suddenly on 23 December 2017

Isabella Darroch former music teacher in her 100th year passed away peacefully at home on 24 January 2018

Robert 'Bob' Blyth former Technical teacher aged 91 passed suddenly but peacefully on 14 March 2018. He was a talented goalkeeper, playing for a number of Junior clubs and had trials for Dundee United and Hearts. He was involved in the Dundee Schools football.

Pupils -

Kenneth Gilroy aged 90 former Royal Marine Commando and architect with Hugh Martin & Partners of Dundee & Edinburgh

Jimmy Toner aged 68 former Principal Teacher of Music at Whitfield H.S. (now Braeview Academy) passed away in February 2018. He was heavily involved in all aspects of music in Dundee, in addition to organising school concerts he had a principal part in Tayside Opera's Cavalleria Rusticana and was musical director of Gilbert & Sullivan productions in aid of Unicorn Preservation Society. He conducted the Dundee Instrumental Band, was founder member of Sweeny Toddlers barbershop group and was involved in Sounds Spectacular in the Whitehall Theatre.

Robert "Bob" Barnett aged 82 former owner of Barnett's Motor Group with 11 dealerships in Dundee passed away in February 2018.

Dr Douglas Landsman aged 88 passed away peacefully at home in Connecticut USA on 10 January 2018. He studied chemistry at St. Andrews and worked at the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment at Aldermaston before moving to Canada then USA where he worked in the development of fuel cells for the Space Program.

Alex Gouick aged 74 passed away 21st April 2018. Former president and captain of Morgan Rugby Club. He was an architect in Dundee and he was founder member of the Reconstituted Morgan F.P Association. He was responsible for the original Morgan Matters.





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Down Memory Lane



Football Team - Forestry Camp, Aberfoyle, 1954

**Morgan Academy Football
Team. Taken at the Forestry
Camp, Aberfoyle, 1954**

75th Anniversary of the Hockey club in the Royal Hotel, Dundee.



6th Year 1977 – 1978





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Treasurer's Report Andy Joss (Glamis 1854- 1967)



Picking up from my comments in the last edition of MM and the surface mail letters that went out at the end of February, quite a few members who paid £5 last Spring, paid £10 this year. Thanks to them. Quite a few members have now given me emails addresses. Once again, thanks. However, quite a few members still paid £5 this year and have not given me email addresses. To these members, future editions of MM will be put on the website and can be seen from there, but they will no longer be posted out. As an organisation, we can't continue with the situation whereby the costs of printing and posting out the quarterly editions of the Newsletter exceeds what some members are paying in annual subscriptions.

The 150th Anniversary Lunch took place on Saturday 03 February 2018. While it had been hoped the lunch would generate a modest surplus to bolster our funds, it resulted in a loss of £146. This was due to the caterer charging more than had been predicted when the tickets were priced, due to them having to pay staff overtime rates to work on a Saturday. This was unfortunate, but a 'good day was had by all', with only a tiny dent in the Associations' funds. Unfortunate, but not major.

Elsewhere you'll find details of the 150th Anniversary concert in September. It's vital we sell as many tickets for this as possible. We need it to generate a surplus, so that there is an overall surplus from the two 150th anniversary events.

Sales of History of Morgan are jogging along, but we still need to sell another 140 copies before the costs of producing the book are covered. Once the 141st copy is sold, additional revenues will bolster our funds.

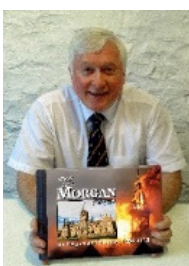
Just a couple of weeks ago, we received a charitable donation of £4,000 towards the cost of producing the replacement Book of Remembrance. That money will be held in 'suspense', as it can only be used to cover the costs of producing the book.

At last week's Committee meeting, it was agreed to make a £2,000 grant to the School Fund to cover various projects. As the Association's recurring income from annual subscriptions is now only around £500, most of that grant has come from our reserves. The view of your Committee is, the primary object of the Association is to assist the school with ongoing projects, so even if it results in our reserves being depleted, applications for grants from the school must be considered on their merits.

My email address is – andy-joss.mafpa@hotmail.com

For on-line payments, the bank details are –

Sort Code 80-05-80 and Account No. 00119888



The Morgan

An excellent book full of photographs, facts and figures all about our famous school. Buy your copy now, call Rodger on **01241 858153** or pay Straight to the Bank . Details as above(**Please include your name and the word "BOOK" in the reference box**) **BIC - BOFSGB21373**



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The filming for the Peer Mediation short films took place last week with Sarah Welsh from Scottish Mediation. The pupils were superb and approached the task very seriously. Harris Amin did a great job directing the films and he is going to edit them. Once this has happened, they will be used on the Scottish Mediation website and a new Mediation app which is being launched. Well done to Claire Lang for making this happen for the pupils.

Maggie's Penguin

The Art department took delivery of our baby(4ft) penguin last week which will be part of the Maggie's Schools penguin parade in Dundee this summer, and we are already asking pupils in S1 to hand in designs and ideas to decorate it to the department. The Art department are hoping to collect images and ideas that represent every culture, nationality, religion and group that make up Morgan Academy, and put them together to create a final design, which we hope staff and pupils will all help decorate over the next two months. Just now we need ideas from staff, verbal or on a note, or email, so that we can best represent every area of the school community. Please let us know what you think should be included in the design and if you are interested in helping paint the sculpture.



Interact Swimarathon

Well done to all involved as they raised approximately £400.42 and managed to complete 57 lengths in 25 minutes. Thank you to all who sponsored them and donated.

News from the Music Department.

Music Week took place on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st March in the Caird Hall. As always, the evening was full of wonderful entertainment provided by the young people of Dundee. Many of our musicians took part in both evenings. In addition, our Spring Concert was held in school on the evening of Tuesday 27th March.





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Well done to all who took part in the Dundee Schools Cross Country Event. Pictured are some of the medalists. Especially well done to Cieran Hunter who won the S1 race and is now Dundee Champion.



S1 Boys Team, Bronze Medalists



Cieran Hunter
Dundee School's
Champion



S5/6 Boys Team, Bronze Medalists

Modern Studies had a visit from, professor of Geography from NOVA College in Alexandria, Virginia to speak to the Higher pupils about the impact of rapid industrialisation on the landscape of China on Thursday. This continues our link up with NOVA College and D&A College and we are the only school in Dundee who has maintained this link every year.



Staff and pupils involved in the Equalities / LGBT+ groups worked very hard over two days last week, under the watchful eye of Miss Karhula, baking rainbow styled cakes. These were on sale to celebrate Equalities for all. Well done to all involved and who supported this.

Burgess Prize

Molly Dickson read her work beautifully after receiving her prize at the Burgess Writing competition.



If you know of someone who is a Morgan F.P. but isn't a member of the FP association, please feel free to forward this newsletter to them and if they join, they can receive their own quarterly newsletter. We welcome new members and it's easy to join.

£10 is all it takes, **membership forms on the website**

<http://morganacademyfp.com>



Go to the website
and click on this box



If you have any items for the newsletter please email them to me, Fiona Joss,
(Glamis 1972 – 1978) at fiona-joss@hotmail.co.uk

