



Newsletter.



1963-64 Primary 2 line-up with Miss Stewart (thanks to Peter Norman)

Back Row: Richard Thompson, Laurence MacKay, Geoffrey Waterston, Stephen Briggs, Gregor Mair, Graham Waddle, Douglas MacGregor, Christopher Smythees

Middle Row: Stewart Duncan, Gavin MacKinley, Simon Scott, Iain Henderson, Duncan Spiers, Richard Henderson, Peter Norman, Barry Weston, Iain Johnston

Front Row: Iain Law, Jim Rankin, Matthew MacKenzie, Steven Newman, Colin Bryson, Iain Ferguson, George Finlayson, Douglas Murray



Introduction and Welcome

Welcome to the Winter 2023 edition of the Melville College Trust letter.

Hopefully this year ahead will be a much less turbulent one, to allow the Trust's investments to grow again. Last year the Trust like all Charities saw a reduction in its investment portfolio. It is

our investments which allow the Trust to give substantial sums to the Erskine Stewarts Melville Schools, mainly in Bursaries.

The Trust enjoys good relations with the School and I have been pleased to spend time with the new Principal and Bursar. It's fair to say they have had a baptism >>

>> of fire through Covid and now have to deal with inflation, in energy costs in particular. I am pleased to say that despite these tribulations, the School still produces pupils of which we would all be proud of.

On the social side the Trust held

a very successful Reunion on 4th November at Inverleith, guest of honour was Doreen Morgan wife of the late Dougie Morgan. Doreen unveiled a plaque renaming the downstairs hall "the Dougie Morgan Room". We are now looking to put some of

Dougie's memorabilia on display at Inverleith, including a British Lions Number 9 jersey worn against the All Blacks in 1977.

Best wishes for 2023.

Stephen L L Paterson

Chair, Melville College Trust

If you are receiving our Newsletter for the 1st time, we hope you enjoy the various updates and our look back into the Melville College archives. If you missed any of the earlier editions they are on our website – there is a link to these at the end of the Newsletter. This edition is again issued in both email and printed format.

Thanks to everyone who got in touch following our last issue. Another good response of archive material has come forward. As always do keep sending us anything you have. Please do get in touch with us.

We have a lot of information and features to share with you, including:

- **Melville College Trust Update**
- **School Clubs Supported by the Melville College Trust**
- **Melville College FP Reunion – Friday 4th November 2022**
- **Photos from the Melville College archives**
- **How to Donate and Gift Aid**

The Melville College Trust is an Independent Trust set up in its current format in 1976 and registered as a Charity under OSCR (The Scottish Charity Regulator). Its origins lie in a number of related schemes which were set up after the two World Wars to establish and maintain a war memorial, provide bursary support for families of those FPs of the Edinburgh Institution and Melville College killed or badly injured in the wars and to provide funds to purchase land for playing fields and a house for school boarders. Over the years, additional generous funding has come from legacies left by Former Pupils.

The main purpose of the Melville College Trust is to promote the advancement of education through the provision of school bursaries and grants to perpetuate the memory of those Former Pupils who lost their lives during the two World Wars.

How to Donate and Gift Aid

The Melville College Trust has now formally registered to use the Government Gift Aid Scheme. As a Charity all donations we receive can now be enhanced by a further 25%.

The defibrillator and the digitising of the 'red book' are both good examples of how donations to the Trust can be made in support of specific projects or pieces of work. Of course we are also delighted to receive non-specific or general donations to support the work of the Trust. We are all volunteers and we keep any costs to a minimum, so that all donations and legacies go directly towards the work that the Trust carries out.

Donors just need to complete the appropriate Gift Aid form when making a contribution. Do get in touch with us for further assistance.

You can make a one-off donation, a regular monthly or annual donation (via Standing Order) and can opt to choose to support defined or capital projects, bursaries, clubs and societies or simply let the Trust allocate as required.

Full details are available on our website:

<https://melvillecollegetrust.uk/>

including Gift Aid forms for single or multiple donations.

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Melville Trust Update

The Annual General Meeting of the Melville College Trust was held in November 2022. Some of the highlights from the Annual Report are as follows:

- During the School Year (2021/2022), the Trust provided £230,000 in bursaries to the Erskine Stewart's Melville Schools which has enabled 22 pupils (11 boys & 11 girls) to enjoy the excellent facilities and education available.
- The Trust also donated £10,000 to a diverse number of School projects which covered in more detail later in this Newsletter.
- Post covid our Investments although suffering from the current market volatility are holding up well.
- A reunion of Melville College former pupils organised by the Trust was held on the 4th November. The highlight being the naming of the downstairs lounge at Inverleith as the Dougie Morgan Room.
- Malcolm MacColl and Steven Newlands stepped down from their roles on the Investment Committee and both were thanked for their contributions to this Committee.

Stephen Paterson continues as Chair of the Trust for 2022/2023 and two new Governors Claire Cunningham and Jill Johnston were elected.

The Trust continues to be managed by 2 Committees –

Chair Committee – Stephen Paterson (Chair), Tommy Bryson Christine Collingwood, Victor Coltherd, Malcolm MacColl, Andy Scott, Steven Newlands, Claire Cunningham, Jill Johnston and Janet Hamblin.

Investment Committee – Tommy Bryson (Chair), Jill Johnston and Nick Kordowski

School Projects Supported by the Trust in 2021-22



Primary 6 and 7 Gardening and Eco Club, Junior School

Purchased storage containers as well as practical items such as compost, seeds and containers.

There are now 16 Gardeners in the club who have a hands-on approach to developing the new Garden, giving them a sense of ownership and pupil voice. The club has strong links to sustainability, and in the long-term hope to develop the new garden area to the point where all children in the school can benefit from it. The Club has planted and grown vegetables, as well as using recyclable materials to garden in an environmentally friendly way.

Orienteering Club

The batteries purchased with the grant from the Melville College Trust has allowed the Orienteering Club to welcome more pupils as well as take part in the Primary 4 Activity Week, the CCF summer camp, Duke of Edinburgh map reading skills sessions and some MES PE lessons.

The batteries, as well as other equipment purchased through previous grants, was put to the test at Carbisdale for an orienteering project.





Combined Cadet Force

The CCF were able to purchase two computers with the grant awarded by the Melville College Trust. These are high-spec computers allows CCF cadets to use VR headsets as well as ancillaries including joysticks and rudder pedals to get the most from the flight simulation software. This is important to the CCF cadets as there are less and less opportunities for Air Experience Flying nowadays.

Over 80 RAF Section cadets are now benefitting from the computers which are used for normal training after school with the simulators available at

lunchtimes. It is the plan that the laptop simulator could be taken to Easter and RAF summer camps which are attended by 40 cadets each.

History Café, Stewart's Melville College

The Melville College Trust provided funds to buy a domed Coleman Event Shelter. Covid mitigations moved us to look for alternative opportunities for hosting our History Café events, every other Thursday lunchtime. Last session an outdoor classroom was created under the trees by the S6 Centre. Utilising a gazebo, firepit, various rugs, blankets and groundsheets to create a super space to congregate in the fresh air. The Coleman Event Shelter, was central to many of these sessions and able to fit up to 60 pupils under that alone. Speakers hosted sessions on the Navajo radio operators on Iwo Jima, the Auxiliary secret army of WW2, and the History of the RAF.



The Christmas Truce Experience, held on the penultimate day of term in December by the War Memorial, has become a strong tradition over the last 10 years and brings together most of the school to sing carols and listen to readings. The Event Shelter is going to be crucial in running this powerful event.

Wood Turning Club, Stewart's Melville College

The club are delighted with the grant from the Melville College Trust and the two lathes were installed on 27 October 2022. The Product Design department are excited for the arrival of the lathes and the additional benefits they will bring to the club.

Playground Equipment for Primary 4, Junior School

The Melville College Trust has provided funds for Primary 4 to purchase some colourful new play equipment in our Queensway House playground. It has been very exciting to have some new toys which each of the children can share and have enormous fun with. The chalkboards are particularly popular, and the badminton rackets are used daily by our budding sports stars! Playtime is of enormous importance to the children, and these additional toys keep them happy and smiling at breaktimes.

Melville College FP Reunion 2022

On Friday 4th November we held another Melville College Reunion. Around 120 attended providing plenty opportunity for us to reminisce about our Melville College days and what we have been doing since we left, in a few cases that was more than 70 years ago!

The event also celebrated the life of Dougie Morgan with the downstairs function room at the Inverleith clubhouse being named the Dougie Morgan Room, with the simple inscription – Dougie Morgan, Melville College FP, Scotland, British Lion. We were delighted that Doreen Morgan and their extended families were able to attend our event. Before Doreen unveiled the plaque we were well entertained by speeches from Jim Calder, Graham Shiel and Jim Cowper recalling Douglas's life at School and his Rugby career with Stewart's Melville and Scotland.

The Trust, with the agreement of the School, is now preparing a cabinet next to the function room entrance to display some of Douglas's sporting memorabilia.



Doreen Morgan unveils the plaque



Doreen Morgan with Stephen Paterson,
Chair Melville College Trust



Melville College and Dougie Morgan
memorabilia on display at the re-union



Some of the attendees at the Melville College Re-union:



Ted Bowen, Ian & Marilyn Gibb, Bill Percy, Bob Young



Richard Ellis, Mike Hunter, Eric Lauritsen, Donald Muirhead, Bill Wallace



Ronald Cargill, Dudley Gibb, Ken Richards, Marilyn & Ian Gibb, Mike & Jenny Wheeler

School Remembrance Ceremony

After the restrictions of the last 2 years, it was good to see the Annual School Remembrance again being well attended by many former pupils on the morning of the 11th November 2022 at Stewart's Melville College on Queensferry Road.

After the main ceremony above, Stephen Paterson current Chair of the Melville College Trust was able to lay a wreath at the Edinburgh Institution / Melville College War Memorials which are located in the School Library. Stephen was accompanied by Anthony Simpson (ESMS Principal) and Alasdair Seale (Chair of the ESMS School Governors)



Couple of photos from the Douglas Morgan memorabilia:

Edinburgh Institution Cricket 1st XI 1939



Back row: REW Lawson, DN Cotton, GP Cochrane, A Baker, W Ogilvy

Middle row: DW Waugh, GS Morgan*, J Henderson Esq, ANM Leslie (Captain), AS Ogilvy, CHM Walker

Front row: JW Duff, TL Henderson (Scorer)

* George Morgan is Douglas Morgan's father

Edinburgh Institution Rugby 1st XI 1939-40



Back row: IM Fyfe, JDD Brown, AC Baker, RR Graham, IM Garrioch, AG Stirling, DH Morgan*, RAS Wright

Middle row: W Henderson, DW Waugh, J Henderson Esq, JAF Gibb (Captain), W Ogilvy

Front row: AR Rodger, JH Stevenson

* Douglas Morgan (who was killed on active service in 1943) is Douglas Morgan's uncle.

Thanks to Bobby Clark for a couple of unusual items!



1956 ASHTRAY

Now slightly cracked, no doubt a result of the weight of cigarettes it suffered whilst in use at Ferryfield.



CAR BADGE

Year not known.

Thanks to Bill Wallace for sourcing
this photo from "THE WALK"



Photo taken circa November 1960

Left to right: Charlie Gilchrist, Eric Lauritsen, Neill Doran, ???, Jim Foster, ???

(Those confirmed in the photo are convinced that Jim Foster is the one with the OXO box under his arm, but Jim was at the reunion and wasn't sure that it was him!). Can anyone confirm the missing names?? Do please let us know.

Thanks to Laurie Brown
for photos from 1960



Back row: Laurie Brown. tbc, tbc, Brian Smellie, Brian Plunket, John Coutts, Peter Moulin

Middle row: Douglas Wright, Derek Stevenson, tbc, Frances Welland, Mike Turnbull, Jeff Ure

Seated: Gary Patterson, Ian Gibb, David Crook, Raymond Adams, Graeme Hume, Michael Walls, Robert Carroll, Alan Lockerbie, Alasdair Walls

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Newsletters: Missed any of our previous issues, then go to our website and catch up <https://melvillecollegetrust.uk/newsletters/>

Twitter: Follow us on Twitter (get the news as it happens) - we follow all the various FP Clubs and School Twitter accounts, so plenty news of the ESMS family just a few clicks away - https://twitter.com/melville_trust



Left to right: Roger Strachan, John Coutts, Mike Peckitt, Brian Smellie, Perer Moulin, Rev. Alec McQueen, David Graham, Raymond Adams, Alan Lockerbie, Graeme Hume, Frazer Madder, Jeff Ure.



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- do keep sending us the archives.

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