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MAKING YOUR MARK

What sort of impression did you make at school?



Rev Alan D McDonald, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, made his mark at the Commemoration Service in October

Editorial

We all leave a mark. Whether we like it or not, whether we mean to or not – it's part of the human condition.

You can't do so much as pick up a wineglass without making a unique and intricately-sculpted fingerprint. And, as devotees of CSI know and some criminals find out too late, we recklessly leave bits of our DNA lying about all over the place...

And so it is with schools. Everyone who has ever entered the hallowed portals of Glasgow Academy/

Westbourne from the day the doors opened in 1846 until two minutes ago – be they the longest-lived teacher or the youngest pupil – has made a subtle but important contribution to its history.

Peter Brodie, our Rector, is four-and-a-half terms into making his mark on The Academy. In his first column in this magazine, he shares his view of some of the important changes he has seen in that brief time. Donald MacLean, who left in 1943, certainly left his mark on the BBC and EMI. On pages 13 and 14, he tells us what he has done in the 64 years since leaving school. The work of Westbourne FP Professor Elizabeth Treasure (see page 15) has made its mark on the world of dentistry and benefited all of us as a result. Jim Jope, who is remembered on page 17, taught Maths at The Academy for 27 years. His recent death brought a flood of e-mails from grateful pupils who remembered his happy eccentricities.

And, of course, A.A. the boy who carved his initials on the wall of room K in 1948 – sixty years ago – was making his mark too...

And that's what this magazine is about. We want *Etcetera* to celebrate the uniqueness that is you. We want to see your fingerprints all over it. So get reading – and get writing!

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It's how we communicate best!**

Keeping in touch

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The view from the top

The Academy is moving forward in very exciting ways. Those donning hard hats have already enjoyed the magnificent views from our new Prep School on the bank of the Kelvin. We believe our new school will provide the best 21st-century learning environment for young children in Scotland. We will have it up and running in 2008 and are looking forward to it giving us larger classrooms with bright natural light. There will be open activity areas outside classrooms where children can enjoy a wide range of creative and enterprising experiences. The school is naturally ventilated and very energy efficient. State-of-the-art IT facilities will be built-in and the building's construction will make it fully adaptable to the changes that the 21st century will bring. It will free up space in Colebrooke terrace for us to improve the facilities of the Senior School.

Mr Tony Brooke has been appointed to be Head of the Prep School, following the retirement of Helen Fortune this coming summer. It will be Tony's third headship: he is currently Head of Sutton Valence Prep School in Kent, where he has overseen impressive improvement and expansion. A trained and practising Independent School Inspector as well as a Council member of the Incorporated Association of Prep Schools and a member of Kent County Cricket Club, he and his wife Harriet have four children, the younger of which will be attending The Glasgow Academy.

I am passionate about developing the initiative, responsibility and potential of our young people. We have enjoyed major sporting successes over the last year, and are very proud to be associated with our Academicals, including Laura Bartlett, who left us only last summer, playing a key role in Great Britain's Gold medal for



Looking to the future: Peter Brodie, the Rector and Gordon Jack (right), Chairman of Governors with George Mackie (centre) of Robertson's Construction.

Women's under-20 hockey at the Australian Youth Olympics, and John Beattie scoring for Scotland. But music, drama and the intellectual and cultural life of the school are developing apace too. Nearly 70 of our musicians have just returned from a highly successful tour of Belgium, including our burgeoning Pipe Band, whilst in addition to the normal school plays, musicals and pantos, we have had pupils directing outstanding productions of *Animal Farm*, *The Sound of Music* and *The Odd Couple*, with more to come next term.

Helping young people believe that they can achieve good and great things has been at the heart of our new Personal Support system. Every child in the Senior School now has a tutor, a dedicated member of staff with whom they meet daily and who should stay

with them through their time at The Academy. Both pupil and tutor belong to one of our four Houses, whose activities have expanded enormously to include debating, singing and the possibility of winning House points for virtually any good activity. The teachers who are Heads of House and their pupil House Captains now play a major role in the pastoral life of The Academy, developing a much greater sense of belonging and shared enterprise.

These are dynamic times for The Academy. We are experiencing great demand for places at all levels and the future looks very bright. We face it with confidence. In building for the future, we seek also to keep faith with our past. It has been a delight to meet so many Academicals over the last year and I look forward very much to opportunities to hear more of our shared past and tell you more of our present and future. You will always be most welcome at The Academy.

Peter Brodie

Little boys have been making marks in wood since time immemorial – or, in the case of Glasgow Academy, 1690.

Retrospective Detentions

Somebody glancing at the cover of this magazine must know who A.A. is (or was) who in 1948 carved his initials for posterity (or whoever else was interested) in room K. What about J+K+ in 1956, and who was the mysterious Third Man (or boy) who failed to show up?

Coming ever closer to the present day, do we know the identity of GE who was so bold as to gouge his initials in room G on the ground floor?

To claim your retrospective detention – or to ‘grass’ on one of your friends, write to exrel@tga.org.uk or phone 0141 342 5494.

Confession is good for the soul, boys! They’ll thank you for it in the end...



Marks of a different kind

Visitors to last June’s Summer Evening on the Terrace will be in no doubt that The Academy has produced some seriously talented young artists. To celebrate that talent, we’re planning a Glasgow Academy Art Calendar for 2008. Our promise is that it will be lavishly illustrated, professionally produced and reasonably priced. We can even produce a special edition to advertise your business, should you want it. More details next time...

We hope to hold another event for former pupils this summer and are finalising details as we go to press.

Sophie with flowers by Naomi Archibald (2006)

THE ACCIE WHO BURNED UP STAMFORD BRIDGE

Even Jose Mourinho would have been impressed by the performance of one of Glasgow Accies' finest when a certain Robert Summers Stronach (born in Partick in 1882) won the British 120 yards Hurdles Championship at Stamford Bridge in 1905.

Stronach was one of that rare breed who represented their country at more than one sport. Playing as a flank-forward, he was capped as a teenager for Scotland at rugby on five occasions between 1901 and 1905, the last being a win over England at Richmond. However, it was at athletics that he really made history, winning the British 120 yards Hurdles title three years in a row from 1904 to 1906.

In 1905, the British Championships took place at Stamford Bridge, now the home of Chelsea FC. It was officially opened in 1877 and, for the first 28 years of its existence, it was used almost exclusively by

the London Athletic Club as an arena for athletics meetings and not at all for football. In 1904, the ground was acquired by Gus Mears and his brother, J T Mears, who had previously acquired additional adjacent land. The Mears family remained the owners of the ground (and subsequently the Club) until the 1970s. Stronach could even have retained the title in 1907, but fell at the last hurdle though he managed to pick himself up and take third.

In July 1905, he set a Scottish record of 15.8 seconds on grass and over wooden hurdles at Ibrox – a record that was to stand for forty-three years.

He had first come to prominence in 1900 by winning the Scottish 120 yards Hurdles title and finishing second in the International match against Ireland at Cliftonville. From that point, Stronach was undefeated in Scottish and international competitions and, with the exception of 1902 and 1903, he

won the Scottish title every year up to 1907 and he also won the International event against Ireland on each occasion. He improved the Championship record to 16.0 seconds in 1905. To get some measure of these performances, this time was identical to the winning time in the Olympic 110 metres hurdles at St Louis in 1904.

He did not compete after 1907 and emigrated to Canada in 1908 to pursue a career in civil engineering.

Stronach, however, was not the first Glasgow Accie to win the Scottish Hurdles title. That honour fell to Norman Augustus (Ginger) Macleod born at Duns in 1870 who attended the Academy from 1880-1884. Macleod took the Championship in 1892. He was a superb all-round athlete excelling at rugby and cricket and he also won the Scottish 100 yards title in 1890.

Hugh Barrow (1962)





36 x 50 = a good excuse for a party!

What better way to celebrate your 50th year than to gather school friends together and have some fun? Our Westbourne School Reunion at 50 on 16 September 2006 attracted 36 ex-pupils from all over the UK and Europe. Hilton Park Golf Club in Milngavie was a beautiful setting for a hugely enjoyable evening.

Carole Hill, Lesley Scott, Joan Paton, Valerie Strang and Alison Christie (Committee)

Calcutta Cup competition winner...

Hard question, that one about the Calcutta Cup; it tested even Hugh Barrow, the Club archivist. The winner was ten-year-old Hamish Rankin of Trans 4 at a well-known West End school. Well done, Hamish - arguably our youngest reader and indisputably our youngest competitor. Anyway, to the victor the spoils - which in this case is a size 4 rugby ball, to help Hamish get ready for his move up to the Senior School in August.



Meet one of our Governors

Marion Brodie has been a Governor of the GAWMT for the past three



Hamish's entry:

The Calcutta Cup was first presented in 1879. Since then 13 Glasgow Academicals have had their hands on the cup as winners.

They are: 1983 JR Beattie, 1892 JB Brown, 1912 J Dobson, 1938 PL Duff, 1926 JC Dykes, 1935 JE Forrest, 1904 WM Milne, 1925 JB Nelson, 1926 WM Simmers, 1907 T Sloan, 1905 RS Stronach, 1925 H Waddell and 1882 WA Walls.

Hamish Rankin (Trans 4)

Editor's note - not exactly the same list as ours, but pretty close.

years. A pupil of Westbourne School for Girls from 1974 to 1979, Marion went on to study design and graduated with honours from Glasgow School of Art in 1984. She now runs Brodie Label Services Ltd, a company specialising in the design, manufacture and supply of quality self-adhesive labels and other printed products.

Brodie Label Services was established thirty years ago by Marion's husband and co-director, Tom. Marion has three girls currently at The Academy and she says of the school:

'Cumulatively, my girls have had an astonishing 28 years of education at The Academy and, in all that time, there has never been a single day when they have been anything other than very happy to head out to school in the morning. They have, indeed, been fortunate to have been taught by some truly inspirational teachers who have captured their imaginations and encouraged them to rise successfully to new challenges. I have made some good decisions in my life - and some bad ones - but numbered amongst the best of them is choosing The Academy for my children's education. For my part, I am flattered and honoured - and not a little surprised - to be on the Board of such a great school.'



ACADEMICALS ETC

Editorial

The first issue of *Etcetera* was a surprise and a success. How do I know? Because not a single Academical reacted to a major change in communication between the Club and its members. It must be alright since nobody complained! The suggestion that we may start a letters column has not been implemented in this edition, but I would be happy to make space in future issues if the need arises. Seriously, it would be good to hear from someone about the content, style, timing etc of this august organ. How much of it gets read? Will it encourage members to keep in touch and keep the Club's database up to date? Would you pass it on to a 'lost' contemporary? The most faithful current contributor is the Club archivist in the form of the ubiquitous Hugh Barrow who, at the merest whisper, can produce something relevant from the past - and pictures too! Other contributions are welcome and should be sent to the External Relations office at the School. (Please see the contact details at the front of this magazine.)

The Club and the School continue to work together to improve the links between former pupils, parents and the current school community. This may involve careers counselling, for instance. If you have any thoughts on what would be useful, or what you could contribute, please let us know. In the meantime, this joint production is a visible sign of the link in place and developing.

Neil MacLean

President's Letter

IT SEEMS LIKE no time at all since I last wrote six months ago. I have thoroughly enjoyed the honour of being President throughout my term of office.

The 124th Annual Dinner was held in the Cargill Hall on Friday 17 November 2006. The event overall was a successful one. The principal speaker was Professor Niall Ferguson, who is Professor of History at University of Harvard, and an Academical. The Rector gave the reply and was followed by Mr Kenneth Russell and Mrs Gillian Burt. Thank you to all of them for making the evening so enjoyable.

We had a fine day on Boxing Day. The lunch organised by Alasdair Graham was well-attended and an exciting match between Glasgow Accies and the Exiles ensued, the 'home' team clinching victory with a fine drop goal by young Andrew Lundie in the last few minutes.

The Clubhouse and Bar continue to develop under the able Stewardship of Ken Barron. Indeed, he organised a Burns Night on 26 January. Approximately 70 people attended and, because of its success, another one is being planned for next year. I should also mention that there is another 'Music Night', similar to last year, being arranged at the Clubhouse on Friday 11 May.



The London Section Dinner took place at the Caledonian Club on Friday 2 February on the eve of the England v Scotland rugby international. John Beattie, who gave a witty and amusing talk on some of his rugby experiences, was the main speaker. A great night was had by all 81 who attended.

The relationship between the Club and School continues to develop and flourish. I am greatly indebted for all the help especially from the Chairman of the Governors, the Rector, Dr Bill Kerr and Mr Malcolm McNaught.

I would like to thank the members of the Academical Board and particularly my Vice-President, Wallace Mitchell, who have been such a great support throughout the year. I wish Wallace all the very best for when he takes over as President in June.

George McLaren
March 2007

Men's Hockey

THE 1st XI started the season with the major disadvantage of sustaining a lot of injuries. This seriously affected league performance, but they have battled on with the assistance of younger members of the squad. These newly-blooded youngsters, along with some new players, have added strength to the team - all we need now is lady luck to smile on us and some wins will happen in the second half of the season.

In contrast, the 2nd XI is on a winning streak which should result in promotion at the end of the season. Again new members have settled in well to create an effective team and many can expect to be promoted to the first team for next year.

New members are still needed. If you are interested, please come along to training on a Tuesday evening or contact John Roche - 07884 361845; Alan Taylor 07900 681071 or Mark Cameron 07867 545417.

Editor's Assortment...

Cameron MacGregor is not just one of the rugby section's most loyal fans he is also a bright guy. By my reckoning he has won the 'Wee Stinker' Crossword in The Herald at least four times in the last year!

Niall Campbell could never resist getting under the skin of authority, particularly on the rugby field when he upset pretty nearly every referee he ever came across (including a well known Sheriff Principal). Nice to know he hasn't changed and is lining up for a swipe at Historic Scotland who threaten to derail his plan to restore Rowallan Old Castle.

Can an Accie get his hands on the Ryder Cup? He can indeed if he is prepared to take on the Captaincy of Pollok Golf Club. The new Captain is **Gavin Smith**, late of the front row and numerous Glasgow Surveying businesses, and it came about at a dinner for the elite of the golf world. Pictures are available but space is tight...

He used to be content with scoring the odd try, backing the odd horse and buying some (very) odd green jackets. Look at **Martin Lightbody** now as does the deal of the century and ends up sharing £37million whilst retaining 30% of the family business and keeping a job. The best wingers are those that can see the line clearly from a long way out.

In case it is forgotten in the flurry of 'Murray Mania', Glasgow Accies has its own tennis pro in the form of **Alan Mackin** who has risen to 270 in the ATP rankings - and he is only 25!

In the sporting context, **Douglas Lockhart** continues to set records. He must be by far the most capped Academical EVER, and he has not stopped yet. He has, however, set a new record for Scottish Cricket when he took six catches in a single Innings against UAE: congratulations. A major prize could be forthcoming if anyone, whose name does not begin with 'L', could record exactly how many caps he actually has.

One of the community's business high flyers, **Ian Russell**, late CEO of Scottish Power, is not inclined to take it easy like so many Accies of his age and has taken on a portfolio of eight part-time jobs to keep him off the golf course - maybe not so stupid!

The Club is indeed lucky to have the services of **Kenneth Shand** as Secretary to the Board. According to his own PR, 2006 was a very busy year for all involved in deal-making in Scotland. As head of Corporate for Maclay, Murray and Spens he should know.

The Club Treasurer is of course **John Mason** (the younger!). Life is so easy for him he gives press interviews and discloses his secrets... such as the fact he wishes he was a professional golfer and not an accountant, and that his autobiography, if it found a publisher, would be entitled 'At last, it all adds up!'

Sir Alan Kerr continues to get nearer and nearer the Annual Dinner - but missed it again. This time, despite a prompting from Brian Gibson, he had a speaking engagement in Spain that night. Brian does not give up, so I am sure we will see him soon!

The death of **Robin Brechin** was a tragedy with a silver lining. Brother **Michael**, who - like Robin - scoured Anniesland as a flanker, developed leukaemia and has been saved by the bone marrow of his dead brother which was donated before the accident that killed Robin. Life goes on.

There is no mistaking that time passes quickly! It does not seem long ago that **Robin Hopkins** and **David Kernahan** were struggling through an Architecture degree together whilst entertaining the crowds at Anniesland of a Saturday - now they are 60 years old! They have arranged to have a joint celebration in Tutakaka in New Zealand, which is at least a home fixture for David. Robin will complete his round-the-world tour by beating (he hopes) Geoff Grier at golf in Singapore!

POSTSCRIPT it may interest our readers to know that the plea for a piano for Anniesland was answered promptly and the instrument has been in place for a few months now! To celebrate the new equipment, Alasdair Graham (who else?) is organising a second 'Musical Evening' on Friday 11 May 2007 in the pavilion. The first Musical Evening was an overwhelming success and included such items as diverse as an operatic soprano, and John R Beattie and his rock band. Robin Hopkins will again arrange the programme and the tickets at £15 will include a buffet dinner. Apply early to Alasdair Graham on 0141 616 4056

Competition Time

The winning caption for the picture in the last edition [submitted by Royal rather than e-mail] is:



It's a pity none of us did Latin at School. I'm clueless!

The winner can collect his prize one lunch time.

200 Club Winners

The winners of the three monthly draws are as follows

November		
1st	Dr G Kay of Canada	£70
2nd	Dr G Kay of Canada	£35
December		
1st	Mr Murray Nelson	£500
2nd	Mr Ian G Neilson	£70
January		
1st	Mrs Elizabeth Graham	£70
2nd	Sir Matt Goodwin	£35

If you are upset your name is not amongst the above, maybe you have not bought a ticket! This can be remedied by contacting Alasdair Graham on 0141 616 4056.

Annual Dinner

Friday 17 November was a day to remember!

It was the day when one of the most-recognised men in the western hemisphere came back to his roots to speak to his fellow Academicals. President George MacLaren had taken the brave decision to change the date of the Dinner to accommodate the diary of Professor Niall Fergusson and it was well worth it.

As ever, the evening starts well with a glass of wine provided and a hall full of faces which are recognisable, and some even friendly. The meal starts on time and the service is slick and efficient. The result is that we are fed and watered in good time and the President introduces his top table right on schedule.

Niall Fergusson rises to his feet and the entire company is entranced as he

demonstrates so clearly why he has become such a renowned communicator. He mixes facts, opinions and whimsy in equal portions; some of his old teachers at the school would be purring, some others not so! What was very clear was the value that he places on the experiences he had at The Glasgow Academy. What was also clear to many was the incredible youthfulness of the man, both physical and mental.

The President and Rector delivered their brief 'state of the Union' bits effectively and then it was the turn of a past Headmistress, in the form of Mrs Gillian Burt of Craigholme School, to reply on behalf of the guests. Mrs Burt was more than capable of sharing the platform with Professor Fergusson and greatly amused the audience whilst sticking to her theme. In all, it was a well-balanced evening and it was rounded off by Vice President Wallace Mitchell who gave a good account of himself, which promises well for the 2008 Dinner!

The formal part of the evening was completed on time and the most important part remained – catching up with those faces you have not seen since last year – or even longer!

The 2006 was the best-supported for many years; let's do better in 2007.

The date is Friday 9 November: get it in the diary NOW.



During his speech at the Academicals' Dinner, Niall Ferguson paid tribute to a number of his former teachers. Here he is pictured with two of them – Miss McNeill (Margaret Tindall), left, taught him in P3.1 and Miss Crawford (Enid Mitchell) taught him in P2X.



Only in New Zealand...

John McFarlane (1956) sent us this photograph of his best man Norman Jack (1957) who has been living in Auckland for many years. Even though they might not recognize Norman after all this time, Norman's many rugby-playing friends at the Academy will recognise the Ranfurly Shield - a trophy much sought after in New Zealand Rugby. John hasn't seen the need to explain what he's doing holding the trophy at a wedding, but perhaps in New Zealand no explanation is necessary!

Who's next?

The answer is **Wally Mitchell!**



Possessing a familiar surname in Academical circles, Wally is now taking on the Presidency of the Club for the 2007/8 period.

Wally is the fourth son of the famous Rob Mitchell, who died at the age of 47 whilst Secretary of the

Rugby Club. His mother, Belle, ran the parents' dance in the Cargill Hall for many years, and in so doing raised many thousands of pounds for the School.

Wally was at the Academy from 1957 to 1969 and starred at many things, mainly in a sporting context! He played in the 1st XV for three years and got his colours in Rugby, Cricket and Athletics. He was House Captain of Morrison, and has the unusual distinction of being made a School Prefect... Twice!

Wally became a regular in the Accie 1st XV for eight years and covered more positions than Chris Paterson! The only positions for which he was NOT selected were prop, lock, No 8 and stand off. With this flexibility, he was a regular in the lower teams for many years and still finds himself close to the action on a Saturday. For years now, he has been the 'dogsbody and touch judge for the 1st XV' both home and away. In his typical way, Wally finds this role 'frustrating often; enjoyable always'.

The Mitchell boys have put a lot into the Glasgow Academical Club over the years. Eldest brother, the late Robin, was a stalwart of Anniesland in his time and was the keeper of the Academical Cloth when he ran the family tailoring business. The odd, and I mean odd, old blazer that still comes out to Anniesland is a testament to the quality – if not the taste – of the man. Bruce Mitchell also covered the grass at Anniesland and served the Club as Treasurer for four years. The one that got away is Graeme who, having mastered back-row play at Anniesland, went to New Zealand to count beans and has been the Club representative there for 25 years at least.

Wallace is the youngest of the brothers and we are fortunate that someone with his talents and background has agreed to take on the role of President. We know from the way he does things that his year will be a success. Please give him your support.

Glasgow Academical Club

London Section

The London Section has worked with Malcolm McNaught at the School in updating membership records and, as a result, a large number of London area-based Accies have been contacted for potential membership of the Section. There would appear to be well over 350 Accies on our list, but I am sure there are many more for whom we have no details. If anyone reading this magazine is aware of an Accie in the London area, please send me their details.

Our Annual Dinner was held in the Caledonian Club on the eve of the Calcutta Cup match. Some 81 members attended a very enjoyable evening. The London Section was pleased to welcome Mr Peter Brodie, who was making his eagerly-anticipated debut at our dinner, and he did not disappoint us with an interesting update on the School's activities. Dr George McLaren, as President of the Glasgow Academical Club, also received a warm welcome and he provided an account of what was occurring within the Glasgow Academical Club. Our other guest was Mr John Beattie, who kept everyone amused with his rugby anecdotes weaved into an altogether humorous speech.

The London Section hopes to field two teams in the London Scottish Schools' Golf Day to be held on June 19 2007 at Denham Golf Club. Anyone interested should communicate with me.

In July, the London Section will host a dinner for the School shooting team, during their annual visit to Bisley. All Accies are encouraged to attend this dinner, which will be held at Bisley, and at which the shooting team awards will be handed out. Please let me know if you are interested in attending this event.

My thanks to the Editor for providing this space for the London Section to advertise its existence/activities. We extend a warm welcome to all Accies visiting or emigrating to the London area.

David W. Hall

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When Jonathan Davies was unable to speak at last year's London Accies dinner, his shoes were more than adequately filled by the huge boots of Martin Bayfield, the former England and British Lions lock forward. At 6 feet 10 inches, Martin is able to fill the shoes of most people. In fact he arrived after a day's filming of the latest Harry Potter movie – in which he plays Hagrid's body and stunt double! Even John Deans, esteemed President of the London Accies, was put in the shade by his towering presence. For the record, not only is he very tall – he's also a very entertaining after-dinner speaker.

John M Crombie was a pupil at Glasgow Academy during the war years. Despite The Academy's best efforts, he managed to become a doctor and has recently retired after 35 years as a General Practitioner in Australia. He has many memories of school during these uncertain times, and of the men (and occasionally women) who taught him. Here is just one:

Wullie Tait – war hero first class

In the Second World War 1939-1945, we lost some of our best teachers who left to serve their country. Mr Orr, our arts master, was one of the first to go. We did, however, retain our Physics master, Wullie Tait. To do his bit for the war, Wullie joined the Clyde River Patrol, which roamed over

the Clyde every night guarding against German submarines and fifth columnists.

Willie Tait had a broad Glasgow accent, and a nasal voice which we boys found irresistible to imitate. One morning in *The Glasgow Herald* it was reported that a naval officer's cap, bearing

the name 'William Tait' on the inside, had been found washed up at Renfrew Ferry. There was no trace of the owner and it was feared he had been drowned. A pall of gloom fell over the school that day. However next day up turned Willie, and all was well. Great rejoicing!

That same day in the physics laboratory a pupil was to fill a beaker with water from one of those tall curved taps. The boy turned on the wrong tap and a jet of water shot horizontally across the laboratory. 'Jesus Christ, boy' yells Wullie 'whit are ye doin'?' Willie tore round to the far end of the chest-high jet and, bearing its full force, he walked along it and, dripping wet, turned it off! Admonishing the boy, our hero mopped up the mess and we carried on. It took more than a jet of cold water to faze The Clyde River Patrol...

John M Crombie (1946)



Class of 1946

Forever friends: (left to right) Alastair Chalmers, Ronald Aitchison, John Crombie and Bruce Bennett taken in 1947 when John was on army leave.



Class of 1984

Forever friends: (left to right) Andrew Briggs, Ainsley Mann, Ali George, Alex Gray at Ali's wedding in Franschoek SA in May 2006.



Warmest congratulations to Ken Waine (Academy staff 1958-88) and his wife, Elspeth on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in February.

Calling all Nonagenarians!

Dr Ian Hodge (1934), who reached the age of 90 in January, would like to make contact with any of his old school friends. He can be contacted at 2 West Forth Street, Cellardyke, Anstruther, Fife KY10 3HL

Stephanie and Colin name the day...

One day last summer, two former Arthur House Captains, two former Prefects, a former 1st XI Hockey captain and a 1st XV Rugby player became engaged to be married. Sounds like a lot of people will be going to the altar? Well it's actually only two: between them, **Stephanie Wright** (2002) and **Colin Hutton** (2002) fit all of these descriptions and – on 28 June 2006 – they were engaged.

Having graduated with an Honours LLB last year, Stephanie is currently at Aberdeen University completing her Diploma in legal practice. Meanwhile Colin is doing a postgraduate journalism course at the Scottish Centre for Journalism Studies, having graduated from Aberdeen with an MA (Honours) in Politics and Sociology last year.

We wish them both every happiness in the future.



Niccolo carries off a PhD

Fencing champion and Olympic torchbearer **Niccolo Capanni** (1989) has graduated with a PhD from Robert Gordon's University.

A lecturer and researcher at Robert Gordon University school of computing, Niccolo has a string of fencing successes including as captain of the Scottish Universities Fencing Team.

In 2004, he was selected to run with the Olympic torch as he was believed to embody the Olympic values of uniting his community through sport, culture and education while inspiring others through participation and leadership.

What's a nice boy like you...?



Patrons of Jellyhill in Hyndland may be surprised to see the smiling face of **Gordon Mackay** (1984) – better known for making tackles than making waffles – behind the counter. How, we wondered, did a nice boy like him end up running a place like this? 'After a stint of playing professional rugby in France, it changed my views on what I was going to return to do when I had finished my rugby career. With the luxury of the cafe lifestyle especially in France's gastronomic capital, Lyon, I thought it would be nice to replicate "the idea" back home. Having been a West End boy most of my life, I thought that a cafe/bar might work and would be accepted in and around the Hyndland area (if premises were available) as there are certainly many local people who were crying out for this kind of culture. The rest, as they say, is History. (Many thanks to Ronnie Woods!)

Donald MacLean: this is my life...



A few people seem to cram more than one lifetime's worth of achievement into one life. One such is **Donald MacLean** (1943), whose memoirs will be published later this year. Here he gives *Etcetera* readers an exclusive sneak preview.

My Aberdonian grandfather, Chief Engineer of a huge foundry in Durham, enthused me with wireless technology, which was the cutting-edge of science in the thirties. Then one of my 'Highers' was Music. So I wrote to the BBC asking if I could work for them after the war.

I volunteered to fly Sunderland flying-boats and completed initial training but then the RAF needed no more pilots, so I opted for the new technical corps, REME, and spent the rest of the war training maintenance engineers for long-range radio stations. Because this included secret cipher systems, when the war ended my release was repeatedly deferred, and ten years later I was recalled to command the army's Press Communications unit in the 1956 Suez invasion (which I judged to be as misguided as a more recent Mid-East adventure and for similar reasons). The BBC took me on as an 'effects

assistant' (coconut-shell 'hooves' etc) at 27/6d per week ... and 29 years later I was a member of senior management at Broadcasting House in London. If that was a ladder, I missed none of the rungs, but was lucky enough to spend little time on each. They included being Britain's youngest Producer (of the UK's earliest radio serial *The McFlannels* from Glasgow) and directing some *Saturday Night Theatre* broadcasts, like Buchan's Richard Hannay stories, that fellow-Accies may recall (if, like me, they are now well into adolescence).

Still in my early twenties, I was recruited by radio's entertainment division in London. I told my new bosses I'd been a founder-member of Scotland's first Jazz Club (meeting in Cuthbertson's music shop in Sauchiehall Street) and persuaded them to give me a weekly jazz slot on the Light Programme - which is how some of the great names of that genre in the UK and US became my friends.

I transferred to TV to produce some of the pioneering programmes before pre-recording was possible. *Dixon of Dock Green* started each episode with scenery stacked in timely order at each end of the studio and we zig-zagged the cameras in a carefully-planned sequence. The scenery you had just quit was shifted the requisite number of places back (as in a deck of cards) ready for its next appearance. I think you can visualise the hair-raising situations that arose when scenes were slotted in the wrong order! Or when a cumbersome camera ground to a standstill and, instead of showing viewers Jack Warner mounting his bicycle, gave them a close-up of its own wheels gridlocked by heavy lighting cables on the floor.

The *Come Dancing* series went on the air with the firm assurance of our engineers that, notwithstanding the miracles they regularly achieved, it remained impossible to put two locations, hundreds of miles apart, simultaneously in view. In the control vehicle outside the Hammersmith Palais I moved the two 'faders' with a silent prayer... and several million viewers had no notion that yet another 'impossible' step had been taken

toward the wizardry that is nowadays routine.

I proposed to my erstwhile colleagues in Radio some ideas about what would now be called the 'logistics' of programme production and found myself with overall responsibility for the rapidly-expanding output of popular music (nicely timed for the era of the Beatles and Rolling Stones). Subsequently I was given responsibility also for all the BBC's orchestras - one thousand staff musicians throughout the UK with their support staff and music libraries.

After almost 30 years, I decided that the next interesting challenges were going to be elsewhere and I left the BBC to enrol as a student in the Management College of Westminster University. It was refreshing to be a student again, albeit a 'mature' one in my late forties, but two things happened to cut short this phase of my life.

During our third term, a case study presented by a McKinsey consultant featured the production system of the BBC's Morning Music programming - 15 hours of output per week managed by one producer. The consultant praised the revolutionary system devised by a Donald MacLean - and there was a brief pause before the penny dropped. I felt like a spy whose cover was blown. Lecturers started asking me to validate what they were teaching and the Principal invited me to join his staff, none of which was what I had in mind.

Britain's major corporation on the world stage was EMI - dominant in Films, Television, Theatres, Hotels, Music and advanced technology. The aforementioned TV cameras had borne the EMI logo, as did the world's first body-scanners, and I'd been to their music studios in Abbey Road with the Beatles, and had directed scenes in their Elstree film studios.

The group's visionary chairman, Peter Laister, a fellow private pilot, invited me to join them to create 'new-media' businesses on a global scale. This was exactly what I'd had in mind.

Thirteen years of intense work and travel followed, with the creation of 32

new enterprises worldwide and three national institutions (which flourish today, listing me as President and Founder).

One Christmas I overheard a rather dislikeable neighbour remark to my wife that I led a comfortable life, 'going off to work in the back of a Jaguar'. My wife's smiling response was 'Yes, and hopefully he will be comfortable in the plane for the next 13 hours while he digests several hundred documents, and then at a crucial meeting on which the future livelihood of many good people will depend, and probably also on the flight back, from which the car will bring him home at dawn the day after tomorrow.' I wouldn't have exchanged my role with anyone, but 'comfortable' is not the first adjective that comes to mind.

I had met Margaret Thorburn, an exceptional pianist, at Queen Margaret Drive (the BBC studios a few blocks west of Colebrooke Street) and we had by now been married for almost 30 years, when she was found to be terminally ill. I decided to share with her whatever time she might have left and so tendered my resignation as a Managing Director.

Shrewd Mr Laister rejected it, told me to work from home and promoted me to Deputy Chairman with responsibility for long-term strategy and inter-industry matters. Seven years later when Margaret died I had met a number of interesting new challenges including the creation of the three national organisations of the film, video and software industries.

Living on my own, I was nagged about my poor diet by friends, and particularly by the nice young p.a. whom I had annexed from the office of BBC Chairman Lord Hill. Ann, it happened, was a graduate of the Cordon Bleu school as well as secretarial college. After little more than a year, we married. As I write this we have happily celebrated our 24th anniversary and following a triple by-pass op my diet is again being managed with an expert (and frustratingly strict) hand.

One of my most testing roles was during that sad period of Margaret's decline. Prime Minister John Major created a Council of the Information Industries and I found myself chairman of 34 very opinionated characters meeting in the Cabinet Office. I suggested it would be difficult for so many bosses to work together and proposed that we continue only if we could agree some purposeful objectives within three weeks. Three years later only the newspaper industry had opted out, the Law of Copyright had been updated with two Bills nursed through both Houses of Parliament, and censorship of films, television and video had been replaced by the Classification system which is now standard - giving us as consumers the responsibility, and the means, to make our own decisions.

We replaced this unwieldy Council with a small monitoring group of legal experts who still meet regularly and report to the bodies which represent the information industries - which earn a very large and increasing share of Britain's GDP.

At this stage I received a letter from a very senior civil servant saying how much he had relished working with me and offering his congratulations on my well-earned knighthood. It transpired that a barrister-MP had sponsored my nomination (or whatever the process is called) but had then voted against a Government Bill and in consequence had his proposal cancelled at the last moment. I told the embarrassed letter-writer that I valued his sentiments and had shredded his kind missive.

Which prompts me to introduce another, interwoven, thread of my story. It concerns my oldest friend - we recently celebrated our coincident 80th birthdays. We had sat together, aged 4 and terrified, on our first day at Bootham School and have been chums ever since. When I came to the Academy he went to Oundle. When I went to the Scottish Academy of Music he went to Oxford. I joined the Beeb, he became Professor of Physics at Magdalen. I joined EMI and he joined ICI, also to support the Chairman in creating new businesses

worldwide. We have no hobbies in common, but share the same feelings on social topics and world affairs.

I was struck by my friend's lifestyle while an academic - it seemed to me challenging and fulfilling, and free of some of the more bruising aspects of business. So that when my annual seminars (about future technologies) at a major Californian university began to attract a global audience and they offered me the chairmanship of their communications faculty this was the first diversion which seriously tempted me, but in the end I declined.

When I had businesses in California I brought back one of the first Apple computers and have been addicted ever since. *Flight Simulator* is a remarkably satisfactory replacement for the real thing, software called *Cakewalk* has enabled me to create a hundred 'arrangements' of favourite tunes, and a program called *ShareScope* empowers the hour I spend every evening managing my investments. (Though it was mostly luck that enabled me to win a national competition and become 'Private Investor of the Year'.)

My function of creating new businesses for EMI pitched me into a rather central role in the notorious battle between the two domestic video formats. It was our decision to adopt VHS that decided the matter. In those seminars in the seventies I focused particularly on 'videodiscs' which, now known as 'CD' and 'DVD', have materialised exactly as I envisaged. (I predicted also that most 'moving-parts' media will in turn be superseded by solid-state memory.)

And so, rather to my surprise, I find myself an old fogey, retired for 20 years and loving it. Ann and I, and our two Golden Retrievers, have a new home, in our nice Chilterns village, and are currently sharing it with builders and other experts implementing the many developments we have planned. Lord Reith, creator of the BBC and fellow Academic, once fixed me with his daunting gaze and said 'Seek challenges beyond the ordinary - you may find extraordinary fulfilment.' I believe I have ... and I do.

www.maclean.org/donald_profile.htm

People in the news...

Top Academic Award for former Westbourne girl

The British dental profession has presented its top award to **Professor Elizabeth Treasure** (1975), Dean of the School of Dentistry at Cardiff University.

Professor Treasure (*nee* Maclaurin) – a former pupil of both Westbourne School and Atholl – was given the British Dental Association’s John Tomes Medal for outstanding service to the profession. The award recognises her use of science to influence some of the

most important oral health issues in Britain. Her work on water fluoridation has been highly-influential in securing recent law changes giving health authorities the final say over adding fluoride to water supplies.

BDA Executive Chair Dr Suzie Sanderson said Professor Treasure’s work had earned respect across Europe. Professor Treasure sat on the EU expert group on children’s toothpaste and was responsible for the Manual of European



Dentistry, describing practice across the union. She acted as scientific advisor to the Department of Health’s dental division and chaired a

recent review of the dental health workforce in Wales.

Dr Sanderson added: ‘As an educator and an academic colleague, Elizabeth is known for her approachability and enthusiasm. She has shown, through her own example, how research and academic endeavour can make a real difference.’

We congratulate Professor Treasure warmly on this very well-deserved award for her work in a highly-specialised field.

Poison-eating plants?

Although one of The Academy’s most recent leavers, **Ying Qin** (2006) has already been in the headlines as the joint winner of the Gold CREST Award for the best school science and technology project for 2006. Along with her lab partner from The High School of Glasgow (who says we can’t put old rivalries aside?), Ying studied proteins in plants under the auspices of the Nuffield Bursary Scheme. Their project was concerned with the effects of plant secondary metabolites on various chemical pollutants.

Ying commented, ‘Although many people might consider the work that Kirsteen and I were doing as rather dull, the potential benefits are enormous. We need to find other ways of dealing with toxic waste rather than just burying it in landfill sites. The team we were working with has already begun to apply our research adding various metabolites to contaminated soil. We don’t yet know the outcome, but we’re excited by the possibilities.’

Ying took up her place at New Hall, Cambridge in October and is loving Cambridge life. ‘It’s hard work, but I thoroughly enjoy it,’ she said at the end of her first term.

Ross has designs on success

Ross Weir (2000) is a modest young man with big ideas in his head. He studied art in his sixth year at The Academy before going on to product design engineering at Glasgow School of Art. There he first came to prominence with his award-winning design for a revolutionary cooled compression sleeve to aid the recovery of Olympic athletes. With that invention he won a prize of £5000 in the RSA Design Directions award scheme in 2004 and it so impressed the judges that a working prototype was used in the promotion of the UK in the successful London 2012 campaign.

After successfully completing a Masters in Design Management and Manufacture at Cambridge, Ross entered the world of paid employment last year. As an engineer with a strong design bias, it is perhaps natural that Ross should be drawn to work for James Dyson – another engineer with the same tendency. Although Ross seems content for now in helping to develop the now-famous Dyson range, one can perhaps tell that he will eventually want to work on his own inventions. Inventions that may one day make the name of Ross Weir as well-known as that of James Dyson.



People in the news...

Tennis is Gary's business

On leaving The Academy, **Gary Thomson** (2002) was awarded a Tennis Scholarship to study at Stirling University. Ever since he has very successfully combined the academic and sporting sides of his life. In 2006 he graduated in Business/Marketing, and is now studying for a Masters in Banking and Finance.

Gary reports that his tennis has been quite successful too. Urged to elaborate, he says: 'During my time here I have had success in the form of winning the British universities doubles title, Scottish cup team title, British universities team title, as well as smaller individual tournaments. I have, however, managed to pick up a world ranking of 1244 by reaching the final of a \$15000 ranking event in Edinburgh. I am currently still playing and trying to improve on this, and hopefully will succeed in the near future.'



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John Beattie – Scottish Internationalist!

It may have been a long time coming, but at last Glasgow Academy can say that **John Beattie** (1975) was not the last former pupil to play for Scotland. Yes, there's a brand new name on that particular roll of honour. And his name? Yes, you've guessed it: **John Beattie** (2004)!

John took his chance brilliantly in the match against Romania, scoring a try

within minutes of his first sortie on the Murrayfield turf, before injury in the next game has ruled him out of contention for selection at the moment.

So now the answer to that particular Trivial Pursuit question is not John Beattie in 1987, but John Beattie in 2006. And we're extremely proud of both of them!



Laura's last-minute wonder

Many congratulations to **Laura Bartlett** (2006) whose hockey prowess goes from strength to strength. As has been proved many times, her ability to turn a goal-scoring opportunity into a goal – particularly in the dying minutes of a match – is one of her greatest assets.

Most recently – and most famously – she saw her opportunity and took it in the semi-final of the Youth Olympics in Australia, scoring the winning goal that secured a place in the final and ultimately the Gold medal for the Great Britain Under-20 women's team.

We know that it won't be last of Laura's last-minute winners!



Top-selling album

In the last edition we mentioned the debut album *Sandy Meldrum – Scottish Piano Fusion*. Its sales boosted no doubt by *Etcetera* readers, his album reached No 1 in the Scottish Music Charts in the middle of October. **Sandy Meldrum** (1999) was also nominated for Scotland's Best Up and Coming Artist of the Year – a great achievement.

James Weir Jope

26 January 1925 – 7 February 2007

Jim retired from The Glasgow Academy in 1985 at the age of 60 because, as he said with typical frankness, he wanted to make the most of his time left and he was concerned at the decline of his former colleagues who had retired at 65. As expected, he and his wife Sheena made the most of their well-deserved freedom and continued to enjoy their holidays, particularly the cruises to exotic parts. Jim was an expert in relaxation, and he constantly extolled the merits of the swimming-pool and several bottles of San Miguel! In fact, his advice to me when I was about to take a school trip to Crete was to ‘avoid that place Knossos because it’s too dashed bus’.

Jim returned annually to the Gavel Club where, as he always had done since he began the Club in 1960, he listened to the speakers with enthusiasm and gentle criticism. We soon reached a point where no pupil remembered him as a teacher at school, but they all respected his presence and behaved accordingly. Indeed, it is a measure of the affection in which he was held by former pupils that they remember him not only as a teacher of Mathematics and Public Speaking, but also as the master in charge of detention! Rare is the person who can combine effectively the qualities of strict discipline and good humour. Pupils were left in no doubt about the former when they were invited to ‘step forward to be biffed’, and the latter has provided so many happy reminiscences and a fund of stories.

Although Jim never complained, fate could have been kinder to him: he endured the discomfort and pain associated with Parkinson’s disease, yet until a few months ago he was still determined, with the aid of a ‘3-



wheeled contraption’, to ‘take a walk round the block’. The most bitter blow was dealt to his wife Sheena, who was diagnosed with motor-neurone disease and died a little over two years ago. He never really accepted that she was gone.

Jim (his preferred name rather than Jimmy, although he never corrected anyone!) would, I think, be amused to know that the nicknames he gave to people have survived him. Pupils, obviously, and colleagues, and even his next door neighbour have received sobriquets, and many of the recipients are still unaware: ‘King Eddie’, is a former member of staff and ‘Rupert of Hentzau’ is still in the school! And pity the ex-pupil who performed surprisingly well in a maths test and ever after was known as ‘Flash-in-the-pan’. All who ever met Jim will have their own special memory of him and we are all privileged to have had as a colleague or teacher a man of such individuality and inimitability.

Hail and farewell, Jim.

Vic Hadcroft

Death notices and Obituaries

James Dugald Scott Henderson (1948)

(Lt/Col Retd) died July 2006

James Jope

(Academy staff 1958–1985)

On 7 February, 2007 Jim Jope, teacher of Mathematics at Glasgow Academy.

John Ross McCracken (1967)

In the Western Infirmary on 13 January 2007 after a short illness. (John was one of four brothers. David, Andrew, John and Kenneth attended The Academy between 1952 and 1969.)

Alexander George Russell (1970)

At the Marie Curie Hospice, Hunters Hill, Glasgow, on 12 December 2006, Sandy Russell LLB, procurator depute at Hamilton, qualified solicitor advocate.

James Steel Scott (1941)

On September 17 2006, James Scott, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Leeds.

Tom B Sloan (1931)

At The Willows Nursing Home, Cheshire on 20 February 2007. Tom attended The Academy between 1923 and 1931, leaving for Merchiston Castle School. From there he returned to Glasgow, studying Medicine at the University until 1942.

Without his final Medicine Degree, (but having gained a fiancée, to whom he was married for 50 years) he joined the Royal Armoured Corps. With them he served in tank squadrons from Normandy through Belgium and Holland to Germany. Gaining a Diploma in Personnel Management at the LSE, he then enjoyed a 26-year career in that profession.

In his retirement he enjoyed seeing his six grandchildren grow up and start their careers. After the war he always lived south of the border, but he never lost touch with his Glasgow roots.

Hugh Boyd Young (1955)

Died October 2006

Marriages

Suzanne Davies (2003) to Ian MacPherson at Bearsden Baptist Church on Friday 25 August 2006.

Scott Jamieson (2002) to Judith Mary Macpherson Burke on 17 July 2006 in Dundee Parish Church St Mary's.

(Scott will graduate this year as a doctor working for the Royal Navy and Judith is a primary teacher.)

Joanne Fleming (1999) to Edward Turner at Chryston Parish Church on Saturday 9 September 2006

Births

Ben Bannatyne (1988)
On May 21 2006 in Warsaw to Ben and Magdalena, a son, Samuel James.

Robin Duff (1990)
My wife Elsa gave birth to our baby boy William Robert James Duff on March 1 2006 at the Queen Mother's, Glasgow. William is the second in our brood, as Annabel Easton was born in Dubai in 2001. We had recently returned from spending the last 10 years abroad (I was working as a PR company director in Seattle, latterly

Dubai. I am now running PR and Marketing for Cairn Properties in Glasgow.) I was at the Academy from 1977 to 1990.

Rory Day (1984)

Rory Day and his wife Tiziana are very pleased to announce their first child a baby girl, Rosie Caterina Day, born in Amsterdam on 19 September 2006. Picture below.

Julian Castle (1993)

To Julian and Naomi a son, Jack Noah Castle, born on 28 October 2006. He is named after Julian's grandfather Noel Jack Castle who also attended Glasgow Academy.

Martin Franks (1992)

Jenna Louise Franks was born 5 August 2006. Daughter of Martin (at GA 1986-92) and Christine Franks.

Anu Gopinathan (1990)

To Lyall and Anu Thompson a son, Orlando on 24 January 2007. A brother for Imogen and Cordelia.

Alex Gray (1984) and his wife Fern wish to announce the arrival of their first daughter, Isla, on 27 October 2006. Despite being a heavily expectant father, Alex managed to cycle around Taiwan in October and raised \$30,000 for Make A Wish Foundation – a

cancer charity. He'd like to give fair warning that he is planning to cycle across Canada at some point before the end of 2010 and aims to improve on this total

Engagements

Peter Blair (2001)
to Philippa Wise. Peter is currently teaching English at Malvern College, Worcestershire, where he coaches debating and rugby and is a CCF Officer.

Kirsten Howie (1999)
to Andrew Marriott on 1 December 2006. The wedding is scheduled for 20 October this year.

Richard Lyle (1993)
to Nicola Rutherford. The wedding takes place this September in Edinburgh.

Graduations

Jack Latimer (2002)
Gained a Bachelor of Arts, Second Class Honours (upper Division) from King's College, London in Classics with Film Studies. He is now living and working in London.



In your own words...



Stuart M Grant (1986)

I left Colebrooke Terrace in June 1986 after having spent nine happy years at The Academy. On the sound advice of Mr Carruthers I, along with several other young Academicals, then headed to the University of St Andrews. Four years of hard study, hard rugby and hard socialising later, I left the East Neuk and joined The Jardine Matheson Group in Hong Kong. After ten fulfilling years in the Far East with Jardines, my wife Antonia (from Sydney, Australia) and I moved to New York. Antonia worked as a banker on Wall Street as I put myself through a Masters degree at New York University. In 2000 we decided to continue our nomadic travels and moved to London where I now work as a Managing Director for a US private equity firm, The Blackstone Group. In August 2006 we were delighted to welcome our first child, Serena Elizabeth, into our lives (photo attached). Life has not been the same since! Best wishes to the class of '86.

Beth Hind (nee Morrison) (1991)

I was a pupil at Westbourne School for Girls for about three or four years. Then my family and I moved to sunny South Africa where we have been living for the past 12 or so years. South Africa is a beautiful place to live even though it has lots of problems. In middle of 2003 I was offered the position of Branch Manager's secretary for a company called King and Sons. On 16 December 2003 I got married to a lovely man called Stuart Hind. It is so wonderful to be married and God has blessed us so much. I am now 30 years old and I have grown in confidence and my faith in God has

grown deeper. In my spare time I help run the youth group at my church. Stuart works for an organisation called CBMC which stands for Called in Business to Minster Christ and we have had the great good fortune of visiting some wonderful places.

Leonard Tam (1993)

After disembarking on the runway of Luxembourg airport with a half-full suitcase, a taxi voucher and a couple of travellers' cheques, have spent the last seven years here working and paying the bills in a foreign currency. Currently assigned to an American Fund Management company. All the years spent traipsing through *Tricolore* appear to have just about paid off, as a majority of office dialogue takes place in a French dialect.



Andrew Hosie

(1996) Risk Consultant with Marsh Canada Ltd., Toronto, Canada. Rugby referee, occasional scholar and lapsed

teetotaler, Andrew travelled to Canada in 2001 to pursue his fledgling 15 year Rugby career in order to keep fit for the 2001-2002 season with Hillhead/Jordanhill RFC. Determining that the 100 degree summer weather was better than the horizontal rain oft faced in Glasgow, Andrew deliberately misplaced his passport and accepted a position with Marsh Canada. 18 months in Montreal exposed his poor studies in French (let alone proper English!) and a move to Toronto followed, where he has remained since 2003, thoroughly enjoying his role with Marsh. He does, however, miss Barr's Red Kola, Pizza and Sausage Suppers, the majority of bars on Byres Road and Mr Kipling's exceedingly good cakes! Andrew invites friends, alumni and current students to contact him using details below.

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moving up, moving on...

Ben Bannatyne (1988)

Ben has been appointed Central European Managing Director for Jones, Lang, LaSalle, the leading global Real Estate company in charge of Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic. Further information can be found at www.joneslanglasalle.com

Kate Christie (2004)

Kate is currently working in London with a charity called FAITH to Faith which helps predominantly black single mothers in South London with the aim of setting up businesses to help them come off benefits. 'I was inspired to do it by my gap year working with the poor in Uganda,' said Kate. 'It can be quite tough, but I see God at work every day and it's given me a new take on what life's all about.'

Adrian Loudon (1988)

Adrian has successfully steered and managed his family business, Scotch Frost of Glasgow Ltd, for the last 17 years. Turnover for 2006 was £46 million and in 2007 is expected to hit £50m. Currently in the middle of an acquisition in London, the company continues to go from strength to strength with more acquisitions planned in the near future. The company imports foodstuffs from all over the world whilst using Scottish produce where available. Along with his brother and sister, Adrian runs the company from its Head Office in Uddingston.

Gordon MacSween (1984)

I was a pupil at The Academy from Primary 1 through to Sixth Year from 1972 to 1984 and, having studied engineering and later business, have been a General Manager in manufacturing companies in the UK and abroad for the last five years. In March I will be moving to Chelmsford with my family, which should by then include a third child (an Essex girl?!), to take up a position as Division Director with E2V Technologies Ltd. E2V designs and manufactures various hi-tech products for imaging and sensing for everything from medical to aerospace.

