



Morgan Academy F.P. Association



150th Anniversary
Lunch

A very warm welcome to Morgan Matters.

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Guests were piped in by Pipe
Major Potter



Ceremonial Ribbon cutting with top table guests, school
pupils and members of the MAFPA committee.



Lord Provost Ian Borthwick
addresses the guests



Tables were set beautifully in
the Morgan Colours



Guests were
entertained by the
talented school wind
band

and served by a friendly
and helpful group of pupils
who were unfazed by such
a large gathering of grey
haired, aged ex pupils. Well
done to you all!



Tayside Contracts provided a
wonderful lunch and service



Seated and ready for our lunch of Vegetable Broth, Chicken in Red Wine Sauce, Marmalade Sponge and Custard (No Lumps!) followed by Coffee and Tea and homemade shortbread. Superb!





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Chairman's Chunter

Rodger Brunton (Glamis 1963-68)



By the end of this year we'll need 150 years to recover!

Since the last Morgan Matters we have successfully launched the "Morgan History". Well done to the Committee sub group of Mo Beat, Dave McDougall and Craig Hopkins for all their hard work over the last 2 years in gathering all the information and photographs. Doug Laurie from Carnoustie (ex. D.C. Thomsons!) did a great job in putting it all together in an exciting colourful way and I enjoyed reading it again and again and again and still missed 3 typos! (actually, there were 4 proof readers and they all missed them, 2 of the readers were teachers, I can only assume we were all just engrossed in the content and the memories that were triggered).

Then came the Celebration Lunch in the School on Saturday 3rd February. What a fantastic experience! 120 FP's, teachers and friends of the School assembled, without the need of a bell ringing, to see and hear the School Wind Band, watch the Top Table and all their Chains make their way to the top of the Hall.

Many, many thanks to the Pupils who smilingly served our lunches, played their woodwinds and then stayed behind to show those FP's who wanted, their School. Thank you all for your help and for making Former Pupils relieved that the School they love is being carried forward by pupils of character, talent and commitment! The Association's next big 150th project is the Caird Hall Concert in September 2018. There will be the opportunity for FP's of all ages (and abilities) to take part in the Concert either singing or playing in a combined orchestra and choir, rehearse in the afternoon and perform at night. It will be more about the occasion than the absolute precision of the performance!

There will be an exciting and imaginative combination of talents from the ages. West End Stars, TV Personalities, Current Pupils, Local and Nationally based FP's showcasing their talent on screen and live on stage. How well we were taught to be able to entertain so well. Frances Irons (Glamis!) is our Impresario and pulling all her experience of Musical Theatre together to put on this essential diary entry. Keep it free and come along.

Onwards and upwards FP's all!

A few words from Helen Gray at the lunch

It is huge pleasure to stand here before you this afternoon and welcome you to Morgan Academy once more. I am sure you all have wonderful memories of being in the school and today has allowed you time to soak up the atmosphere again, rekindle old friendships and cement existing ones.

The school staff, pupils, parents and the community have a long -established relationship with the FP's association and it is fitting you celebrate here today in this building. I know for so many of you it is a major part of your lives and the support you give the school is appreciated. Your support allows pupils to access opportunities they may not otherwise get to experience and develop themselves as the future citizens and leaders of Dundee and Scotland.

It is wonderful that so many people want to give something back to their origins and support the young people of today.

Finally, I am sure, like me you want to take this opportunity to thank Tayside contracts especially our own school staff for the wonderful lunch provided today, the pupils for their excellent service and the FP Committee for the thought, preparation and organisation of today's celebration.

It has been a pleasure to be included and I hope our purposeful relationship with the FP's continues for many years to come. Enjoy the remainder of your day.





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Down Memory Lane

30th anniversary celebrations in 1993 of the Scottish Cup win at the DISC



Then some 20 years later...

photo taken in May 2013 at the Club's 50th anniversary dinner of that win.





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Treasurer's Report

Andy Joss (Glamis 1954 – 1967)



In terms of money coming in and going out, things are very quiet during this part of the year.

As the cut-off date for this issue of MM is 31/01/18, the 150th Anniversary Lunch has still to take place, so more about that in a later issue.

As your Treasurer looking forward to the new financial year that starts on 01/04/18, I have two concerns:

- Regarding the members who pay annual subscriptions (as opposed to Life Members), only 99 have renewed this financial year compared to 119 in 2016/17. That represents quite a reduction in members as well as income to the Association. If you would like to continue your membership of the Association, but omitted to renew your subscription for 2017/18, please get in touch.
- Of these members, 46 (virtually half) paid £5. The annual subscription was increased from £5 to £10 some years ago. I know this issue has been mentioned by my predecessor as well as by me, but as the potential sum at stake is quite large in the context of the Association, I make no apology for mentioning it again.

What I do know from my day to day professional life is many people don't seem to know the difference between a Standing Order and a Direct Debit. For anyone who doesn't know the difference:

- a S/O is something the payer sets up with their bank, and the payer controls the date of payment, the amount paid and when the payments stop.
- A D/D is a mandate signed in favour of the recipient, and the recipient controls everything.

The Association does not operate a D/D scheme; all recurring payments coming to us are under S/O, so it's the payer who needs to contact his/her bank to increase the amount of the annual payments, and not the Association that does this. I'm wondering if there are members who assume it's the Association who controls how much is paid each year rather than the member. As explained above, it's for the member to change the amount; not the Association.

All I can ask is for each of you who pays by S/O, to check with your bank how much you pay each year, and if appropriate, increase the amount to £10.

In case anyone 'gets the wrong end of the stick', the association doesn't just have 99 members. That's the total of the members who pay annual subs., so cross my radar. The association has many Life Members who no longer pay annual subs. These members are looked after by the Secretary (Mo Beat) and the Membership Secretary (Thelma Thornton).

Permanent notes:

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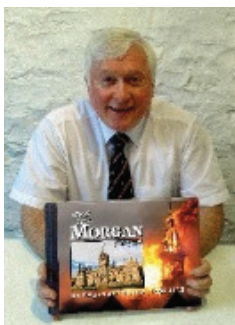
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An important date for your Diary

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

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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Head Teacher's Report

The school recently went through an inspection. The inspectors identified the following key strengths of the school:

- The effective leadership of the Head Teacher in communicating a fresh vision and direction for the school. She has a clear focus on raising aspirations and maximising each young person's potential.
- The commitment of staff to improving the learning experiences of young people through collaborative professional learning.

- The variety and quality of approaches that staff have developed to meet the needs of looked after young people. · The wide range of opportunities available to young people to achieve beyond the classroom.

All staff continue to work hard to provide the best opportunities for our young people and this is supported by the FP's who contribute their time, effort and funds to allow young people access to opportunities they may not otherwise be able to experience. Examples of this have been the Gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition and Ardeonaig leadership academy for S6 pupils. Both sets of pupils presented to the FP's highlighting the lessons learned and benefits gained from the experience. The school 150th Anniversary lunch will be hosted in the school and pupils as well as staff will be involved to support the FP's in their celebrations.

Helen Gray



Fifth and sixth year pupils were able to enjoy the St Andrews day Ceilidh at School on Thursday 30th November. The enjoyable night was organised by the sixth-year social committee, with various musical performances also entertaining the Ceilidh-goers, a great time was had by all!





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Modern Studies

Pupils from Modern Studies visited the Scottish Parliament on the 7th of December. Mr Thomson's class observed first minister's questions, before taking part in a Q&A session with Shona Robison the MSP for Dundee City East, Cabinet Secretary for Health & Sport in the Scottish Government.



Miss McKenzie's Travel and Tourism class enjoying their field trip to Edinburgh Castle. After a tour of the Castle pupils conducted questionnaires with tourists and then experienced the Christmas markets.

Congratulations Morgan Academy Cyclathon 2017 team, pupils and staff. The Team were awarded a trophy from Ian Balgowan of the Claverhouse Rotary Club for their amazing fundraising efforts.



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

