

HARRIS ACADEMY FORMER PUPILS' ASSOCIATION



Annual General Meeting

Monday 20 April 2015 at 7pm

Harris Academy, Lawton Road, Dundee

MINUTES

Members Present:-

Honorary President:- Rosemary Matheson-Dear

Honorary Vice-Presidents:- Margaret D Fraser; Joyce Wood

Office Bearers:- Dorothy Drummond (President); John Baxter (Vice-President); David J Wallace (Association Secretary); Isobel Colligan (Social Secretary); Freida Soutar (Treasurer)

Members of Council:- Sylvia Alexander; Janice Oram; Anne Simmers; Fiona Smart; James Thewliss (Head Teacher)

Ordinary Members:- David Gauld; Marion Milne; Pat Nicoll

1. Welcome

The President welcomed those present and noted that the necessary *quorum* of 12 had been reached.

2. Apologies

The Association Secretary stated that apologies had been received from the following:-

David Bertie; Ian C Colligan; James Elder; Grace Henderson (Macfarlane); Margaret Mill; Michael Mulford; Doreen Strachan (Stalker); Mary Train (Laskie); Joan Yeaman; Dr William Yeaman; Margaret Westley (Alexander).

3. Minutes of Annual General Meeting on 21 April 2014 & Matters Arising

3.1. The Vice President moved approval of the Minutes and was seconded by Janice Oram. Carried.

3.2. There were no matters arising from these Minutes

4. Reports

4.1. President (per Report attached)

4.1.1. The President commented on the following year's events as follows:-

4.1.1.1. Quarterly Lunches (2 June, 2014, 1 September 2014, 1 December 2014, 2 March 2015)

4.1.1.2. Wine & Cheese Evening (19 June 2014)

4.1.1.3. School Prizegiving Ceremony (27 June 2014)

4.1.1.4. Armistice Ceremony & Lunch (11 November 2014)

4.1.1.5. Christmas Fair Stall (6 December 2014)

4.1.1.6. School Carol Concerts (22 & 23 December 2014)

4.1.1.7. Burns Evening (26 January 2015)

4.1.2. The President welcomed 6 New Members (correcting the Report):-

4.1.2.1. Mrs Jean E Duncan (McLellan), Dundee (School 1951-1957 - Forres)

4.1.2.2. Dr Ian William Lawrence, Shrewsbury (School 1943-1956 - Kinloch)

4.1.2.3. Kate McIntosh, Dundee (School 2007-13 – Forres)

4.1.2.4. Miss Annie M I McLellan, Dundee (1948-1953 - Forres) and her sister

4.1.2.5. Mrs Sandra Mulford (Fuller), Cupar (School 1958-62 – Birnam)

- 4.1.2.6. Morag Niven, Dundee (School 1963-69 – Forres)
- 4.1.3. Former Members – the President regretted to announce the deaths of several Members:-
 - 4.1.3.1. John Speed (21 April 2014)
 - 4.1.3.2. Iain Macadam (17 May 2014 - intimated 1 November 2014)
 - 4.1.3.3. Mrs Mildred Mottashaw (9 July 2014)
 - 4.1.3.4. Mrs Ella Christie (28 July 2014) - husband Bill Christie died recently
 - 4.1.3.5. Helen Kippen (11 August 2014) (former Honorary Vice President)
 - 4.1.3.6. Mrs Winifred Nicoll (21 December 2014)
 - 4.1.3.7. Mrs Mabel Cruickshank (24 December 2014) (former Honorary Vice President)
 - 4.1.3.8. Robert Nairn (15 January 2015 - intimated 17 April 2015))
 - 4.1.3.9. Mrs Sonia Fodor (15 March 2015)
- 4.1.4. Former Non-Members connected to School - – the President regretted to announce other deaths
 - 4.1.4.1. John D Milne (July 2014): BBC Scotland
 - 4.1.4.2. Consuelo Stewart (10 December 2014): former Languages Assistant: widow of Former Pupil Donald Stewart, former PT Music
 - 4.1.4.3. James Macrae (December 2014): former PT History 1963-1970
 - 4.1.4.4. Andrew Anderson Beck (14 April 2015); former Languages Teacher

4.2. Association Secretary

The Association Secretary commented on the following matters, which are all more detailed in his Report attached:-

- 4.2.1. Membership
- 4.2.2. Past Events
- 4.2.3. New Harris Academy
- 4.2.4. FP Website
- 4.2.5. Future Events

The Vice President took up the point the Association Secretary had made about the drain on expense caused by needless postings. He enquired about the situation whereby, as he understood it, forms were sent to people some time ago with the *caveat* that it would be assumed that Members who did not return them did not wish further communications. The Social Secretary, who was Secretary at the time, said that was not quite correct and that she would have been reluctant to lose Members. She said she had certainly conducted a cull on Lunch Members.

4.3. Social Secretary

The Social Secretary, who retired at this Meeting, commented on the following matters, which are all more detailed in her Report attached:-

- 4.3.1. Quarterly Lunches (2 June, 2014, 1 September 2014, 1 December 2014, 2 March 2015)
- 4.3.2. Wine & Cheese Evening (19 June 2014)
- 4.3.3. Christmas Fair Stall (6 December 2014)
- 4.3.4. Burns Evening (26 January 2015)

The President thanked Isobel Colligan for her Report and acknowledged the letter of thanks which Isobel had sent after receiving the bouquet of flowers from the Association at the March 2015 Lunch, the last event she organised as Social Secretary. The President wished to record her own thanks and those of the Association for all the sterling work Isobel had carried out as Social Secretary and before that as Secretary which included Association duties as well as social events. Sometimes people do not realise just how much work and preparation are necessary for the successful outcome of events. The President thanked Isobel most sincerely for all she had done and hoped that she would be able to spend more time with her family. The Association looked forward to her continuing as a Member of Council, where, hopefully, she would enjoy a more relaxed role.

4.4. Treasurer

The Treasurer presented her Report in terms of the attached Account for the year 2014-15. It shows a Bank Balance at 31 March 2015 as £3,155.01 but the Association Secretary's expenses of £188 had since been paid and the annual contribution to the School for printing etc was still to be paid.

This annual contribution to the School for printing etc was proposed at £100 by the Vice President and seconded by Anne Simmers

Fiona Smart confirmed she would continue to be Examiner of Accounts

4.5. Webmaster

The Webmaster Report, which is attached, was presented by David J Wallace, one of the two Webmasters. The other Webmaster, Ian C Colligan, had intimated his wish not to continue in the post and David Wallace thanked him for all his personal support, suggestions, and direction, for which he was grateful.

4.6. Head Teacher

4.6.1. Retiral of James (Jim) Thewliss

The President announced that it was with regret and some surprise that the Association learned that James (Jim) Thewliss was to retire from the post of Head Teacher of Harris Academy at the end of the current Session/beginning of next Session. The Association, and probably Jim too, had hoped that he would still be in post to see the new building established. Jim had attended Council Meetings regularly and had always been most supportive of the Association. Despite not being a Former Pupil he had encouraged the interests of the Association within the School and had been ready to help the Association on any way possible. The Association would certainly miss him but it wished him well in his future post as General Secretary of the Head Teachers of Scotland Association and hoped it would be a challenging but enjoyable experience.

John Baxter, as Vice President and former President, associated himself with these remarks

4.6.2. New School

The Head Teacher expressed his thanks for these remarks. It became his plan to be Head Teacher of the School until it moved to the new building. He was never to be the Head Teacher of the School in the new building but originally thought he would still be in post in June or August 2016 when he would move aside and someone else would take his place. However, two things happened at once – (1) as planning for the move back proceeded he realised it would be unfair to expect someone to suddenly take over his plans for a new building and its development and running and (2) the opportunity arose to apply for previously mentioned new post. In that he was successful and he will officially retire in August 2016. The School was in a considerable state of flux at the moment but all the arrangements for removals and set up had gone very well. The examination results in the past year were excellent and, if anything, better than in the previous years, and the way they had set up the Curriculum for Excellence – an enormous task – and ensured a continuation of the process of learning, had worked well. Everyone was happy with the way the School was functioning in the temporary accommodation. The major challenge now was to amalgamate two Schools and a considerable amount of work fell to be done for that, there being around 400 Menzieshill High School pupils to bring into the Harris population. The new building was now 2 ½ months ahead of schedule. It had to be described as very impressive inside. He had never seen a school building like it. He thought they might obtain access around the end of January 2016 which would enable them to take time to resettle in Perth Road. One serious matter was the provision of ICT equipment as an aid to learning. They were resistant to the transfer of such equipment presently in house, especially because it does not travel well due to its delicate nature, and this was being argued at the Project Board. He concluded on a personal basis by thanking the Association for the support he had been given during the period of his office.

The Members present expressed their appreciation of the Head Teacher with a hearty round of applause. In reply to the President the Head Teacher confirmed that the existing colour of the stonework was the finished colour and one very impressive aspect of it was the Entrance. The internal Entrance will be the original 1931 Building Entrance.

In reply to the Vice President the Head Teacher clarified his remarks, stating that there was no merger between Harris Academy and Menzieshill High School, which was being closed, and pupils there were being given the first option to move to Harris Academy, so there will be no change of name or anything that is Harris Academy.

He added that the new building was designed to hold 1200 pupils and it was reckoned that by the time Menzieshill High School pupils joined there would be a complement of 1350, but there would be 5 extra classrooms over what was originally planned.

4.7. Ian C Colligan

Information was provided on the following matters per the Report attached:-

4.7.1. Publication Committee

4.7.2. New School Project Board and FP Artefact

Some discussion took place about the design and costings of materials for the Artefact.

5. Membership & Events Fees

5.1. These fees require to be fixed at each AGM:-

5.1.1. Ordinary Life Membership (at present £20)

5.1.2. Associate Life Membership (at present £20)

That both fees remain the same was proposed by the President and seconded by the Vice President. Carried.

5.2. These charges are usually discussed at AGM:-

5.2.1. Lunches (at present £16)

5.2.2. Burns Supper (at present £20)

That both charges remain the same was proposed by the President and seconded by the Vice President. Carried.

The President mentioned that Monday 25 January 2016 had been chosen as the date for the Burns Supper because of the significance of that date and because it would have been more expensive to hold it on the preceding Friday (as previously suggested) by £1 per head.

6. Election of Office Bearers

6.1. President: Presently Dorothy Drummond who was prepared to continue
Proposed by Joyce Wood and seconded by the Vice President. Carried.

6.2. Vice President: Presently John Baxter who was prepared to continue
Proposed by Freida Soutar and seconded by Sylvia Alexander. Carried.

6.3. Association Secretary: Presently David Wallace who was prepared to continue
Proposed by Isobel Colligan and seconded by Joyce Wood. Carried.

6.4. Social Secretary: Presently Isobel Colligan who had intimated her retiral.
No-one was prepared to be considered for the post and it would remain vacant meantime.

6.5. Treasurer: Presently Freida Soutar who was prepared to continue
Proposed by the President and seconded by Anne Simmers. Carried.

6.6. Webmaster: Presently Ian Colligan and David Wallace jointly. Ian Colligan wished to retire. David Wallace was prepared to continue.

Proposed by the President and seconded by Sylvia Alexander. Carried.

The Vice President added the Association's thanks to David Wallace's son, Andrew J Wallace, for his work on the web site

6.7. Members of Council (the Constitution provides for a maximum of 10 Ordinary Members):

The existing complement and appointments were as follows:-

Sylvia Alexander who was prepared to continue.

Proposed by David Wallace and seconded by the Vice President. Carried.

Fay Burke who wished to retire.

James Elder who required to retire due to medical problems.

Janice Oram who wished to retire.

The President thanked the last three for their contribution and she hoped that James Elder's health would improve.

Anne Simmers who was prepared to continue.

Proposed by Joyce Wood and seconded by Isobel Colligan. Carried..

Fiona Smart who was prepared to continue.

Proposed by the president and seconded by Margaret Fraser. Carried.

Shelly Findlater (co-opted Member) who was prepared to continue.

Unanimously agreed that the existing arrangement should continue.

David Bertie (co-opted Member) who was prepared to continue.

Proposed for full Membership of Council by Freida Soutar and seconded by David Wallace who stated that he had email confirmation from David Bertie of his preparedness to accept such position. Carried.

David Gauld was proposed by the President as a new Member of Council and seconded by Fay Burke. Carried.

Isobel Colligan being no longer Social Secretary and therefore *ex officio* a Member of Council was proposed for Membership of Council by the Vice President and seconded by Sylvia Alexander. Carried
Ian Colligan, being no longer joint Webmaster and therefore *ex officio* a Member of Council was proposed for Membership of Council by the Vice President and seconded by Sylvia Alexander. Carried

7. AOCB

- 7.1.** The President thanked the Vice President for his efforts and success with publication of articles in the Courier
- 7.2.** Janice Oram asked that her name be removed from the Lunch intimations list as she can obtain information from a friend.
- 7.3.** Fiona Smart mentioned that David Stibbles, Honorary Vice President, had just undergone by-pass surgery on his heart and was now home recovering. Rosemary Matheson-Dear will send a suitable greetings card.

8. Conclusion

The Vice President proposed a Vote of Thanks to the Chair

Report by the President/

President`s Report – A.G.M. 20th April, 2015

Despite experiencing difficulty in attracting new members the Association has enjoyed quite a good year. Our lunches have been happy occasions and although numbers have been lower than in some previous years members have had the chance to meet with and chat to friends.

A successful Wine and Cheese Evening was held at Lawton Road in June and this proved to be a pleasant and relaxed “Get Together”.

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

For the second year a short Armistice Ceremony was held in the Lawton Road building and a number of Association members were present. Again this was a moving experience and our Honorary President, Mrs Rosemary Matheson – Dear, laid the wreath on behalf of the Association.

The School held a Christmas Fair in December and thanks go to members of the Association who manned a stall at it. This was an opportunity for us to give ourselves a bit of publicity and let the Association be “seen” by current pupils.

The Carol Concert held in Dundee West Church was attended by some Former Pupils. Once again, the pupils showed a wonderful variety of musical talent and contributed to a memorable evening. A less formal carol concert was held in School on the following morning.

Our Burns` Night in January, a departure from the `normal` Burns` Supper, was a pleasant evening which, I think, was enjoyed by all those who were present.

As our Social Secretary will be reporting on many of the aforementioned events, I have tried to keep my comments about them brief.

It is with pleasure that I can announce new members:-Dr Ian Lawrence, Miss Annie McLellan and her sister Mrs Jean Duncan. We welcome them and look forward to seeing them at future events.

On a more sombre note I regret to intimate the deaths of quite a number of former members.

John Speed, Iain Macadam, Mrs Mildred Mottashaw, Mrs Ella Christie, Miss Helen Kippen, Mrs Winifred Nicoll, Mrs Mabel Cruickshank, Robert Nairn and Mrs Sonia Fodor.

Many members of the Association attended several of the funerals. Most of the deceased were stalwarts of the Association. They were often seen at lunches and other events. Helen Kippen, as well as being a former pupil went on to teach at Harris –as did Winnie Nicoll. Helen and Mabel Cruickshank were also former Honorary Vice Presidents of the Association. Both were very active in the Association and were always ready to offer advice to others. They will all be greatly missed.

During the year we have also lost some others who were not members but who had associations with the school. John Milne (of B.B.C.), Consuelo Stewart (former Languages Assistant and Widow of Former Pupil Donald Stewart,

former Head of Music ., James Macrae former Head of History and Andrew Beck a former Languages Teacher.

I wish to thank all the Office Bearers and Council members for all their help and support during my year as President. In particular , I'd like to express my gratitude to David Wallace, our Secretary, who has kept me right about procedures and ensured that I didn't deviate from the right path.

HARRIS ACADEMY FP ASSOCIATION



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9. MEMBERSHIP

1.1. Existing Membership at this date

The registered Membership is 359 but this cannot be guaranteed to be correct. There are cases where Members are suspected to have died but we have not been informed. Others have gone missing through unanticipated change of address.

Of these 359 Members, 179 receive information by email, but 105 receive it by post. The remaining 76 either do not wish communications or are "missing".

135 Members originally indicated they wished information about Lunches. 88 Members receive this information by email. 47 Members are supposed to receive it by post but I understand the Social Secretary restricted the postal, if not also the email, list because of continuous non-attendance.

Postal deliveries are a constant drain on finances. I would point out that updated information is always available on the web site. It is appreciated that not everyone has an internet connection, but perhaps those so disadvantaged could rely on information from friends who are online.

1.2. "Missing" Members

**** = returned without Royal Mail sticker**

GA = Gone Away

NK = Not Known

Prior to October 2014

GA Miss M Maddrick 6 Holly Street Jarrow County Durham NE32 5HZ

NK Robert Martin 47A Albert Street Tayport Fife DD6 9AT

** Heather Murray 18 Inchyra Place Dundee DD3 9QX **

NK Malcolm D Starling 16 Roundhouse Drive Parry Huntingdon Cambridgeshire PE18 0DJ

NK Mrs Margot Baird Flat 307 Carlyle Court 173 Comely Bank Road Edinburgh EH4 5DE

GA Mrs Dorothy Pomfret 16 Manogarth, Ricall, York YO19 6QX

October 2014

GA Donald Jack 70 St Magdallene's Linlithgow West Lothian EH49 6AQ

March 2015

GA Mrs Mary A Boyd Thyree Gables 37 Adelaide Place Dundee DD3 6LE

If anyone knows anything about these Members, please contact me.

1.3. New Members

We welcome three new Members, namely:-

Mrs Jean E Duncan (McLellan), Dundee (School 1951-1957 - Forres)

Dr Ian William Lawrence, Shrewsbury (School 1943-1956 - Kinloch)

Miss Kate McIntosh, Dundee (School 2007-13 - Forres)

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Mrs Sandra Mulford (Fuller), Cupar (School 1958-62 - Birnam)

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1.5. Intimations

Will Members please remember to advise me, as Association Secretary, about any sort of event affecting any Member, particularly hospitalisation or death, so that appropriate action may be taken.

1. PAST EVENTS

I merely list these for record purposes because they are being given more detailed treatment by the President and the Social Secretary:-

Quarterly Lunches (2 June, 2014, 1 September 2014, 1 December 2014, 2 March 2015)

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2. NEW HARRIS ACADEMY

The Head Teacher regularly attends Council Meetings *ex officio*, for which the Association is grateful, and he always updates Council on progress and developments. Ian Colligan continues as the FP Member of the Project Board. The Head Teacher will address the meeting on the latest position.

3. FP WEBSITE

The FP website at www.harrisfps.co.uk steadily attracts visitors. A separate Report is submitted by the Webmaster.

1. FUTURE EVENTS

1.6. Lunches

Invercarse Hotel

1 June 2015: 7 September 2015: 7 December 2015: 7 March 2016

1.7. School Armistice Ceremony

Arrangements will be intimated later.

1.8. School Carol Concerts

Arrangements will be intimated later.

1.9. Burns Evening 25 January 2016

This will follow the traditional pattern

In concluding this Report I must express my thanks for the assistance and support rendered by the other Office Holders in the Association, and also the Head Teacher and his Administration Staff, especially Jillian Carroll.

Report by the Social Secretary/



Harris Academy F.P. Association

Report by the Social Secretary to the Annual General Meeting

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I would like to present my final report as Social Secretary to this AGM.

First of all I would like to thank the President, Dorothy Drummond and all members of Council for their support during my time in office. Particular thanks must go to Ian Colligan, Sylvia Alexander and David Wallace for their help in organizing the various events.

Thanks also go to Mr Thewliss (Head Teacher), the School office and janitorial staff, Ms Shelley Findlater, her staff and pupils in the music department, the School Captains (both past and present) and many other pupils who gave up their time to come along to entertain us at various social events. Finally I would like to express my thanks to the management and staff of the Invercarse Hotel for their excellent service.

Quarterly lunches

The lunches have been held in the Invercarse Hotel, Perth Road on the first Mondays in June, September and December 2014 and March 2015 at a cost of £16.00 per head. The number of attendees remains in the 40s. Several lunches have been held in one of the suites upstairs and a lift was available for those who needed it. This seems to have been quite successful particularly in the colder winter months.

Cheese and Wine Evening

This was held in the School on Thursday 19th June 2014 with tickets priced at £5.00 per head. This was a very relaxed evening with time for chat with old friends and was attended by 71 FPs and friends. We were delighted to welcome a number of FPs who do not normally attend our social events. Once again the current school population provided our entertainment. There was a film of the flythrough of the new building and a DVD made by some of the junior pupils before the closure of the old school.

School Christmas Fair Stall

The FP Association Council took the decision to take a stall priced at £10.00 at the Parent/Teacher Council Christmas Fair on 6th December. We sold tea towels, badges and a Dundee street quiz compiled by Ian Colligan. Although we did not make much of a profit we achieved our main objective which was to raise the profile of the FP Association.

Burns Evening

Once again the 2015 Burns Evening was held in the Invercarse Hotel. Miss Dorothy Drummond, FP Association President, presided over the evening. Ruaraidh Proctor was our piper for the evening and Mr Jim Lockhart addressed the haggis. Mrs Sylvia Alexander said the Selkirk Grace before we enjoyed an excellent meal. Our entertainment for the evening was provided by a group of very talented school pupils, Mr Michael Mulford, a fellow FP, the Dundee branch of the Scottish Country Dance Society and Mr Ian Colligan, who stepped in at the last minute for Mr John Baxter who was unexpectedly taken ill. The entertainment concluded with a short quiz about the Bard. Mr James Thewliss gave the vote of

thanks, Miss Dorothy Drummond toasted the School and the evening concluded with “The Harris Holiday Song” and “Auld Lang Syne”.

Although there were one or two hiccups along the way, on the whole everyone seemed to have had an enjoyable evening.

Isobel Colligan, Social Secretary, April 2015

Report by the Treasurer/

**HARRIS ACADEMY FORMER PUPILS' ASSOCIATION
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR FROM 1 APRIL 2014 TO 31 MARCH 2015**

Receipts		Expenditure	
Bank balance at 31 March 2014	2697.57		
Membership Subscriptions	120.00	Earl Haig Poppy Appeal	53.52
Quarterly Lunches Invercarse Hotel	2677.00	Invercarse Hotel Lunches	2460.00
Sale of F.P. Badges, T Towels & Notelets	196.00	Purchase F.P. Badges	261.60
Quiz	53.00	Social Secretary Expenses	91.82
Burns Evening Tickets	1500.00	Burns Evening	1378.00
Cheese & Wine Evening	460.12	Cheese & Wine Evening	243.21
Donation	4.00	Miscellaneous	64.53
		Bank balance at 31 March 2015	3155.01
Total	7707.69	Total	7707.69

Examined and found correct Fiona Smart Date 13th April 2015

Report by the Webmaster/

HARRIS ACADEMY FP ASSOCIATION



Report by the Webmaster to the Annual General Meeting Monday 21 April 2014 at 7pm

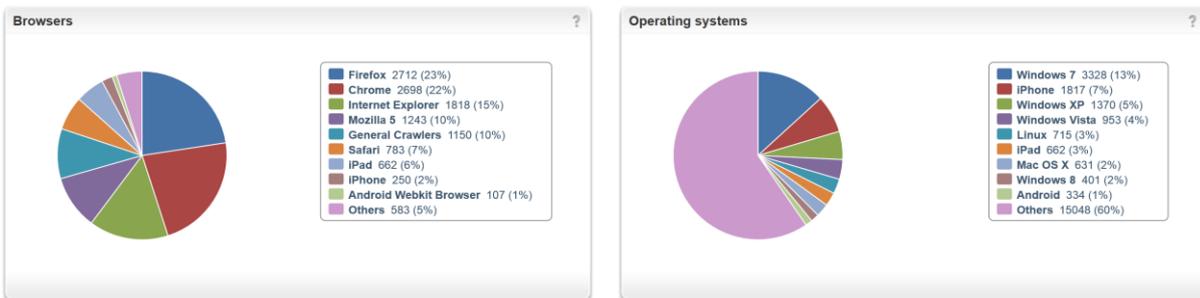
Website statistics for www.harrisfps.co.uk

Visitor summary



Traffic analysis of the last 12 months shows that the number of visitors to the site is steadily increasing, with a peak in traffic in early December. Unfortunately, accurate information regarding the originating country of site visitors is not currently available, but further processing can be done on the website logs to derive this.

Browsers/Operating Systems



Firefox/Chrome and Internet Explorer on the Windows platform appear to be the most popular browsers, but notice that a significant proportion of traffic is from iPhone and iPad users. The site was recently re-written to make it “responsive”, i.e. the appearance of page content dynamically adapts to the size of the device being used. This ensures that visitors to the site who are using mobile devices can do so with no legibility or usability problems, which in turn greatly reduces the chances of them navigating off the site.

Popular Pages

The most popular pages in the site over the previous 12 months are the Gallery and Notices. Since the site was rewritten, other pages are now starting to appear in the index; Memory Lane and Notable Former Pupils are popular.

Search Engines

The majority of visitors to the site are still arriving via a direct link, or by typing in the harrisfp.co.uk web address in their browser. Only 3% of site visitors are arriving via search engine, which is disappointingly low and suggests that much could be done in terms of Search Engine Optimisation to drive more traffic to the site. For those using a search engine to find the site, the most common terms used are unsurprisingly as follows:

Search term	Number	%
harris	163	23.52%
academy	146	21.07%
dundee	116	16.74%
former	35	5.05%
pupils	34	4.91%
reunion	9	1.30%
photos	7	1.01%
association	6	0.87%
school	6	0.87%
stibbles	5	0.72%
fps	3	0.43%
mirskidok.ru	3	0.43%
stewart	3	0.43%
jonathan	3	0.43%
harrisfrugby	3	0.43%
hockey	3	0.43%
mackie	3	0.43%
rugby	3	0.43%
george	3	0.43%

Whilst the first 5 or so terms are expected, it should be noted that visitors are arriving at the site whilst looking for content which doesn't feature to any great extent in the site such as FP rugby, hockey, Mr Stibbles... Perhaps these are possibilities for additional content, although there are links to the Hockey Club and Rugby Club web sites.

Harris Academy FP Association AGM 20.04.2015

Commemorative Matters

When it was publicly announced that the Harris Academy was to be replaced with a new building the FP Council gave some thought to a means of marking this significant phase in the history of the School. It was decided that two projects would be pursued and for each a small sub-committee was established.

1. Harris Histories: this project would be the production of a publication using the substantial volume of material contained within the School Magazines published over the years. The sub-committee in this case comprises Sylvia Alexander, John Baxter, Ian Colligan (chair), Mabel Cruickshank and David Wallace. It was stressed from the outset that there was no formulaic structure involved but each member was allocated one thematic area for research. Circumstances, including the illness and ultimately the sad death of Mabel, have dictated a relatively slow progress. Nevertheless work is ongoing and appreciation should be recorded for all the efforts to date. We would take this opportunity of inviting members who might have an interest in becoming involved in this project to contact Ian Colligan.
2. Ornamental Artefact: this project was concerned with the provision by the FP Association of a tangible aesthetic artefact to mark the partnership of the Association with the School. This sub-committee comprises the President(ex officio), initially John Baxter and now Dorothy Drummond, Rosemary Matheson-Dear, Isobel Colligan and latterly Ian Colligan in his role as Harris Project Board representative of the Association. Following a few telephone calls and a meeting with the architects and project personnel, consensus was reached on a design derived from the School badge, created by Rosemary Matheson-Dear. The artefact will occupy a prominent position in the public area within the School. The architects were requested to explore possible costings. Meantime the building constructors have given external artwork a higher priority. However they have given us their assurance that the project is still current and have given a cost order of magnitude of £5,000. It is anticipated that in a few months a clearer picture will emerge.

Ian C. Colligan
Member of Association Council
April 2015