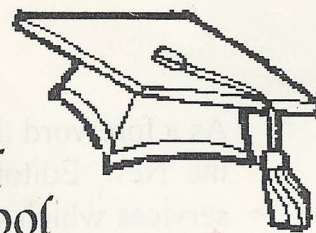




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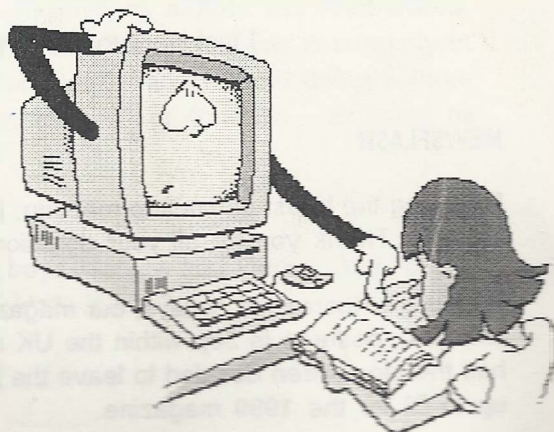


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Foreword

As a foreword the Committee are pleased to welcome Maree Thompson as the New Editor. Maree, although living in Edinburgh, volunteered her services which we were delighted to accept.

Thanks are due to all who made the last publication possible, since the retirement of Ian Smith. Thanks are also due to Betty Grant for organising the very successful Biennial Dinner in the Coppice Hotel when a presentation was made to Ian Smith to mark all his hard work for the magazine for many years.

From the interest shown by the return slips, it is clear that there is still a need for an F.P/Old Guard Magazine. Happy reading.

Margaret Masson

How to know when you are getting old

Everything hurts - what doesn't hurt doesn't work.
The gleam in your eye is the sun shining on your bi-focals.
You feel like the "morning after", but you haven't been anywhere.
Your "black book" contains only names ending in MD.
You get winded playing cards.
You join a health club, but don't go.
A dripping tap causes an uncontrollable urge.
You have all the answers but no-one asks you the question.
You look forward to a dull evening.
You need glasses to find your glasses.
You turn out the light for economy instead of romance.
You sit in a rocking chair and can't make it go.
Your knees buckle but your belt won't.
Your back goes out more than you do.
You put your bra on back to front and it fits better.
Your house is too big and your medicine cupboard is not big enough.
You sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there.
Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles.

I just want to live long enough to be a problem to my kids.

NEWSFLASH

Following the latest committee meeting, £500 has been donated to the School for Prizes and Library. Thank you for all your donations which have helped to facilitate this.

Because of increased outlays, our magazine now costs 86p to produce (mostly photocopying charges), postage is 38p within the UK and varies from 75p to £1.61 for addresses abroad. It has therefore been decided to leave the price of the magazine at £1 this year, but to put the price up to £2 for the 1999 magazine.

Finally, Mrs Margaret Masson has kindly agreed to be Secretary for 1998. The information slip can be found on the back page of the magazine.

Mrs Evelyn Allan (Geddes) nothing to report

Mrs T D Allan (Mona McLean)

Just glad to be alive and fit to enjoy holidays in Nethy

Dr James Allan

On the slippery slope down to senility! I would like to meet again, if possible, octogenarians, Rita Mackay, Ella Wood, Betty Mutch et al. Get in touch.

Mrs Claire Alonge (McCann)

Our latest edition was born on November 4th 1996 weighing 8lb 4oz. Her name is Sade (like the singer). It's a Nigerian name, like her Dad. We have two children now and I should return to work by the summer.

Mrs F.E. Anfield (Winnie Shaw)

Alan and his wife produced our first grandson in 1994 and we celebrated our Golden Wedding in 1995. My other son gained his BA from the Open University and works with the fire brigade.

Mr Frederick James Anfield BA

I'm currently a station officer with the Northampton Fire Service. My BA was received from the Open University.

Mrs Ella Angus (Ella Wood)

Nothing to report

Mrs E Atkins (Eunice Allan)

Enjoying our new, but rather old, house. Sam is now walking/running and enjoying the freedom of the garden.

Mrs Wendy Atkinson (Shand)

Back to work now. I'm a Sales Manager for Aberdeen Journals Ltd.

Mrs Adrian Banks (Lorna Stephen)

I have paid several visits to Grantown this year because my mother has been unwell. Lindsey was over from Australia too. My younger daughter Madeleine is currently in Australia for a year, worked in Sydney for three months and is now doing a three month tour of the country, with a friend whom she met in America - en route to Australia.

Mrs Susan Bettoli (Grant)

Nothing exciting - just busy bringing up my two boys Mathew and Daniel. And hoping to win the lottery!

Craig Beveridge

It was like going back to school last year. For a month I had to do a second navigation course, and passed successfully. This year I'm back in the German Alps with the Army skiing. Winning the individual slalom and Giant slalom. I have just returned to Marchwood from a week up on Cairngorm, competing in the army championships. Again winning in RLC and in the RLC winning team.

Gillian Beveridge

I'm doing an HNC in Social Care at Jewel and Esk Valley College in Edinburgh. My placement during the week is at Clanalva House, Biggar working with autistic children which is very challenging. But Edinburgh by night is pretty cool!

Mrs L.D. Pamela Braid (Gibson)

Nothing to report

Mrs Evelyn Brazendale (McMurray)

I'm an R.G.N working in the Accident and Emergency Department at Yeovil District Hospital.

Mrs M Brocklehurst (Margaret McWilliam)

Nothing of great interest to report. The young members of the family are all doing nicely at school and university. We enjoy their success and consider ourselves lucky to have the good health to do so!

Mrs Jill Bruton (Lennon)

I got married in Barbados on 7 November 1996 to Adam Bruton, after a very swift romance (engaged within a month of meeting and married a year to the day of the engagement!) Adam is a local government officer working for Sutton Council in Surrey, so commutes a fair distance to work from Essex. I am still at Albany Street Police Station, but after ten years of doing shift work I opted to be a Community Police officer in October with the responsibility for a particular area of Camden (Somers Town - where the unfortunate Richard Everitt was stabbed to death.) It's rewarding and a change from the pace of life on shift work.

My brother, Robin, is working for Balfour Beatty in Jakarta as an accountant and spends his time off in Thailand, playing golf! My other brother Greig is working on his PhD at Dundee's Ninewells Hospital, having successfully passed his Masters in immunology last summer.

Mrs E C Butler-Lee (Emily Campbell)

Nothing to report

Douglas Carse

Nothing much to report. Children (Elaine and Gillian) are currently progressing through Primary School, P4 and P2. I'm still employed by Tarmac Construction and currently in charge of a major refurbishment of South Queensferry High School.

Mrs Richard J Chapman (Elizabeth McDonald)

Nothing to report

Mrs R John Chapman (Irene Edwards)

Nothing to report

Mrs A Clark (Alison Ronaldson)

Nothing to report

Janet Clark (Barclay)

Nothing to report

Mark M Clark

Life has changed! Andrew Jamie Clark arrived on June 30 1996. It's entertaining to say the least.

Wilma Cowan (Irvine)

I'm pleased to see the magazine back in print. Good luck in your efforts to keep it going. I took early retirement from my job with Prudential last year and after 14 years I thought I might get bored at home all day. How wrong I was! The days aren't long enough to fit in all I want to do - gardening, walking, swimming, keep fit, American Line Dancing, the list goes on...We are also awaiting the birth of our seventh grandchild in May. Whoever said retirement meant taking things easy? I will say that I find it very enjoyable!

Mrs George A Craig (Dorothy Calder)

Enjoying retirement back in Grantown. I have a new grandson too, born on the fourth of August 1996.

Mrs Murray Crichton (Lorna Forbes)

I returned to being a full time student in October 1996, at Glasgow Bible College. Both children are now settled at school and enjoying sports and music activities. Please note I am no longer a computer secretary at Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

Mrs E Margaret Cropp (Templeton)

Hoping to visit Scotland during April.

Margaret K. E. Cruickshank

Nothing to report

Kirsteen Cumming

I'm a Speech and Language Therapy Manager for Perth and Kinross NHS Healthcare Trust.

Raymond Wm Davidson

Retired, but not from golf. I'm visiting Valdarama in September for the Ryder Cup.
(Wife's going too)

George A Dixon

Nothing to report

William Dobson

Now joined the massed throngs on the daily commute to London. I'm working for the Ministry of Defence.

Fiona Donn

I still continue to enjoy patchwork and quilting activities and am looking forward to visiting The Quilt Fair in Edinburgh. Stitching is so relaxing after a busy day in the classroom.

Mrs Janet Edmunds-Jones (Dixon)

I continue as a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Health and Social Care within the University of the West of England, Bristol. I very much enjoy the magazine and pass it on to Louise in Glasgow and Lesley in Cirencester.

Clive Elrick

I'm still a Driving Instructor - greying - slowly but surely!

Nigel Elrick

I am now working in Kent, in charge of a Nursing Home for the elderly and continue to enjoy my job here. I was sorry to lose my mother in January who was matron of "Speyside House" in Grantown for many years. Certainly she will be a great loss to me and my twin Clive.

Margaret E Ewen (Betty Robertson)

I visited Iceland. Fascinating country.

Mrs Amanda Farquhar

Continuing as a Practice Nurse at Oldmeldrum and I've just taken up a post as Bank Community Midwife in Ellon.

Mrs I Findlay (Shirley Masson)

Nothing to report

Mrs Jane A Forsyth (Nancy Gray)

Quieting down? Not me. Apart from gardening, SNP-ing for the election and raising funds for various charities. I'm also helping with the special 700th commemoration this year of the raising of the standard of revolt at the beginning of the Scottish war of independence by young Andre de Moray at his father's castle here in Avoch on Ormond Hill. Who says the North didn't do anything - we started it!

Mrs William J Fraser (Elspeth Mitchell)

Nothing to report

James Fraser

Electrician with Brown Electrical, Grantown. Apprenticeship completed.

Robin U Fraser

Enjoying retirement. Hoping to visit Grantown in 1997 and have a round of golf in Grantown and "the Boat" plus a bit of walking around Glenmore. Provided the weather is reasonable and my legs keep going!

Shona Fraser

At the moment I'm doing Nursing in London

Valerie Fraser (Grant)

Nothing to report

James Gordon

I am delighted to announce the birth of my son, Neil Robert Gordon on the 19th of June 1996.

Donald Grant

The highlight of the year had to be a four month posting to the offices of our parent company - "Panasonic" in Osaka, Japan. A fascinating country and an "interesting" cuisine!

Fiona M Grant

Now an Ophthalmic Nurse Practitioner in clinics at the Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. It's Regular hours and weekends off. Bliss. Feels normal!

Graham Grant

Christopher is now 4, and will be starting school in the summer. Margaret is almost 2. Mummy and Daddy are physical and emotional wrecks. My course in Maritime Law is completed and I was awarded Distinction. To College in Southampton this summer for British Port Industry Training. Work is still busy, with an extra 150 tankers and 31 cruise liners it's truly the "Riviera" of Easter Ross.

Mrs John Grant (Mary Elizabeth Templeton)

I enjoy the frequent visits to all the family and especially to visit the three grandchildren in Inch.

Shelagh M Grant

Still enjoying the interesting and varied life with British Midland

Mrs Gordon Greenlees (Sally Grant)

Still working at Grantown Police Station after 17 years.

Mrs Vincent Greenwood (Mary Winchester)

Nothing to report

Donald Gunn

Hope you soon get a complete team in place and progress onwards and upwards. Best wishes to you all. Keep up the good work.

Mrs Ronald A Harris (Kathleen Dunn)

Still teaching in Brechin at Maisondieu Primary School. My daughter, Jill, is 14 in April and is choosing subjects for her Standard Grades. It seems, and is, a long time since I made choices for my 'O' Levels! How time flies.

Elaine Henderson (Davidson)

My husband Sam is still working in Edinburgh. The children Carrie (12), David (10) are both at Glasgow Academy. I am about to - hopefully - rejoin the teaching profession at primary level after an absence of 4 years.

Gillian Henderson

Both children are now at school. I visited Nethy in January 1997 to relieve Dr. Lindsay from his cooking for Dr. Janet with her fractured leg. Husband Richard continues to travel overseas on any excuse to give lectures in ecology.

Mrs I. M Hepburn (Rita Mackay)

Nothing to report

Mrs Malcolm Higgins (Pam MacPherson)

Still plodding on; son Graham is nearing completion of his PhD in Chemistry and job hunting. Daughter Caroline hoping to start studying for a degree in science in the Autumn. I wish you all success with this venture.

Mrs Fiona Hunter (Henderson)

I am still involved with the Children's Hospice Association Scotland and would be grateful to hear from anyone, anywhere who could support this cause. I am also working as a counsellor in Edinburgh and kept busy with two children: Rachel (12) and Michael (11).

D. M. Marr Illingworth

No real news. I hope to visit Grantown this summer.

Edward Illingworth

Nothing to report

John Irvine

Nothing to report

Rodena J Kelman

In 1996 I learned to Scuba Dive so I took myself off to Australia for some practice and had a fabulous time. I would recommend the sport and country to all. I'm now attending Kingston University, part-time studying for a Diploma in Management Studies which takes care of all spare time. The plus side is that it keeps me out of the shops!

Grace Kirk

A thank you to all those who made the 1996 magazine possible and to Mr Ian Smith who has kept the far flung FP's splendidly in touch over the years past.

William Ledingham

Nothing to report

Archie M S Liggat

Enjoying quiet living in St Andrews and the challenge of Airline Operations with Air 2000. My wife Liz is supply teaching and kids Catriona and Kirsty are very active in school and nursery clubs.

Mrs John Lilley (Jane MacAulay)

My son Andrew(13) hopes to visit Stauanger this summer with Aberdeen Music Centre Senior Concert Band, he plays the trombone. My daughter Alison (11) is working her way through various grades with Cello and Highland Dancing.

Helen Loftus

I am still working at the General Hospital, I have been unwell for the past year but things are better now. I now have my own flat in Eastbourne and have just finished two courses - "Handling Aggression in the Workplace" and a "Supervisors" course.

Douglas Low

I am a visiting academic at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California. Otherwise, I am a research assistant at the Scott Polar Research Institute.

Karen Low

Nothing new to report this year. Still working at Jungfrauoch, the highest restaurant in Europe at 1333ft. I haven't been home since May 96 so hope to manage a visit to Grantown in spring or summer this year.

Mrs Jean Lugg (Burgess)

Sadly living a quiet life and still attending Glasgow's extra mural classes. I belong to various club and societies. I had visits from the family and New Zealand friends. I'm expecting Americans this year, if they can find Stranraer! My young friends here see that I miss nothing.

Simon MacAulay

As assistant general secretary for the EIS, my main responsibility at the moment is making sure that education has a high profile in the run up to the general election.

Donald McBeath

We received a lovely little piece from Mr McBeath that goes something like this:

Climb every mountain
Jump every burn
Take a thrombosis
Land in an urn...

Thoughts from the Professor of English at Edinburgh University

Mrs Elizabeth M McClelland (Lawrence)

Enjoyed my chat with Judy Mitchell last September. I met her sister-in-law Ann Hair (another GGS former pupil) on board the "Waverly" last summer.

Alison McConachie (Grant) R.G.N

These days are spent ferrying children back and forward to various evening activities.

Gordon McConachie

Bsc Agricultural Economics, Diploma in Surveying - Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

Evan MacDonald

I obtained an honours in mathematics part III at Cambridge last year. I started my PhD at the Imperial College, London last October studying Statistical Field Theory.

James MacDonald

Nothing of great interest has happened this year. My grand-daughter is off to university to study Law and German, but otherwise time passed very quickly as it does when you are retired.

Rhona MacDonald

The nursing training is going well, and I'm enjoying life in Glasgow.

Susan McDonald (Low)

Latest (and last!) member of the family arrived on 3 October 1996 - Stuart - brother to Kirsty and Callum. We moved house the same month and soon I'll have to return to work with the Lothian and Borders Police.

Ian MacGillivray

Nothing to report

Annette McGregor (Hogg)

I'm now coaching and swimming for Kinross Otters Swimming Club. I participated in Splash 1997 raising over £130 for CHAS. My daughter Eilidh is in her final year of primary school. She is going on the school trip to Holland and to Music Camp in May. My son is playing mini rugby - future star perhaps, he also enjoys playing football at St Johnstone's ground in Perth, although he supports a different team.

Rev. John McInnes

I was ordained a priest in St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh on June 26 1996 and graduated Bachelor of Divinity (B.D) from the Pontifical University of Maynooth, Ireland in November. Presently, I am serving as assistant priest in this busy town parish and gaining valuable experience in various pastoral areas including hospital and school chaplaincy. I would welcome contact from anyone in the area (Falkirk) and especially of the 1966 leavers.

Mrs Iris McIntosh (Forbes)

Compliments to those who put together the magazine received around New Year under rather difficult circumstances - GGS Former Pupils obviously in all parts of the world. I'm personally looking forward to visiting the Grand Canyon this summer if all goes well.

Lorna McIntosh

I emigrated to Australia last year and I am now living and working as a chef.

Donald B. McIntyre

Still enjoying work on the development of an executable mathematical notation, which I used for the analysis of bagpipe acoustics! Perth Civic Trust keeps me busy too, it's my last year as chairman.

Ranald C. McIntyre

Still helping with the internet provider at Grangemouth with my old firm of Accident Assessors, in the mornings and most afternoons. I still appreciate the magazine news of other FP's and all the work that keeps us up to date. (e-mail address ranald.mcintyre@a/mac.co.uk)

T. D. McIntosh

Nothing to report

Dr. A S MacKenzie

I am to retire from being Area Medical Advisor to the Benefits Agency on the 30th April 1997 but I intend to continue doing part-time medical work. I am still active on the Business Committee of Aberdeen University, but I have given up the presidency of the Alumni association.

Mrs Jessie M. MacKenzie (Campbell)

At 90 my memory and writing is a problem, sorry nothing to report.

Keith McKerron

Nothing to report

Mrs E MacIntosh

Nothing to report

Mrs Betty McIver (McBeath)

It has been an uneventful year apart from a few health hiccups. I enjoyed another winter in the sun and look forward to the next. Isabelle (MacCallum) was able to attend and enjoy her **great grand-daughters** wedding. She herself was married on the same date 53 years ago in Inverallan Parish Church.

Isobel A. McLean

Nothing new to report

Dianne Macleman (Duncan)

Still working for spouse, the girls are still driving me insane, but life goes on...

Alistair McLeod

Nothing to report

Mrs Donald A. McLeod (Elizabeth MacGregor)

Nothing to report

Peter S MacPherson

Nothing to report

Alan McTaggart

News from my small patch down under is of successfully negotiating mid life crises. And now having 8 grandchildren - 4 of my own and 4 inherited, when I married Desma in July 1996. With luck I will pass through Grantown in 97 on holiday after the Rotary convention in Glasgow. Who knows who one might meet! Life after 50 is good. Cheers.

Ian D. Masson

I am working as a Nissan Technician in Forres. I'm looking forward to going to South Africa with the Atholl Highlanders Pipe Band.

Mrs Margaret Masson (Stuart)

Secretary. I am involved with the local branch of Arthritis Care and running the F.P's Swimming Club.

T. Jennie E. Mathieson

I'm doing a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Human Resource Management, with a possible change to single honours in Psychology.

J Wishart Milne

My son Graham is still Assistant Rector at Elgin Academy, and my grandson Ross is at Aberdeen University in his second year of Msc Engineering. I am working hard for the defeat of Bill Walker MP at the forthcoming election. It should be an SNP gain.

Denise Mitchell (Grant)

I retired from Tayside Police in January 1997, on medical grounds.

Mrs Douglas A Mitchell (Jan Templeton)

Nothing to report

Michael Moir

1997 will be a big year for Hong Kong, but I remain positive on the future and plan to remain here.

Jeannette I Munro

Nothing to report

Ian D Munro

I'm a Sales Manager for Tennent Caledonian Breweries. Keep drinking the lager folks!

Michael A. Munro

I remarried to Roslyn Meek, a registered osteopath, on November 22 1996. There is a new edition to the Munro family Sam Ross Munro (born 14/5/95) a brother for the other two sons Andrew(16) and Nicholas(13). Andrew is about to sit highers and pondering following in Dad's footsteps. My father Sam Munro will be 82 in April and is in a nursing home in Hamilton. He is physically still going strong. My sister Pat is still in New Zealand.

Mrs Dorothy O'Connor

This past year we have had visits from three Grantown Grammar FP's. In May we had Margaret (Templeton) Webb and her sister Rona Bushell whom I had not seen since she left Grantown over 45 years ago. Then in September we had a visit from Anne (Hair) Kleiser and her husband Ron. We really enjoyed all of them although we wished their time with us had been longer. I am still very much involved with my duties as Chaplain of the U.S.A branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Seattle.

Sheena Ogilvie

I've now retired from my job as a teacher at Abernethy School.

Margaret A. S. Ollason (Grant)

Nothing to report

Isobel Orford (Calder)

No interesting news as such at this time. I just wish all of you the best for 1997.

Miss Jean Paterson

In March 1996 I had the pleasure of lunch at Hyde Park Hotel, London with Mr. & Mrs Walmsley. (Ella Slater) She and I spent a happy time reminiscing, and me telling her of the class of '45 reunion at the last FP's dinner, which unfortunately, she could not attend. I am sad to report that (though not an FP club member) Eileen Smit (Mustard) died in February this year. In late 1996 my sister, brother-in-law and I met up in Edinburgh, with Angus McIntosh, his wife and his sister, Diana Jakema (Ladysturn). We traversed in memory the area around Dulnain Bridge, particularly the Skye Road.

Walter Ross

I'm still the Chief Officer for the Royal Parks Constabulary.

Alison Scott (Stuart)

I retired in February 1997 after 14 years as a Nurse Manager at Chalmers Hospital Banff.

Elise Selman (Kirk)

I have recently enjoyed some island holidays with my husband Geoffrey. June 1997 Isles of Scilly: June 1997 Isle of Man. October 1997 we will be cruising in the Greek Islands. Where to next summer? We're going to a wedding in the Lincolnshire Wolds. I always wanted to see where King John lost his baggage in the Wash. I'm *sure* Morrison told me all about that in 1939!

Mrs Connie Shaw (Gordon)

I had a lovely letter from Mrs Frank Squires with whom I have corresponded since leaving Grantown. At 95 she is really marvellous, and takes such an interest in all FP's. I would like to wish Mr and Mrs Smith a long and happy retirement. Best wishes to all FP's.

Mrs Margaret Shiach (Smith)

Nothing to report

Ian Smith

We received a short note from Ian Smith.

I would be grateful if you could find a corner somewhere in the magazine for a brief expression to the members of my gratitude for all the trouble so many people have taken to mark my retirement. Iris and I were quite overwhelmed both by the generous gifts we received and by the two functions arranged for us. We are absolutely delighted with the inscribed salver which has pride of place on the living room wall. It, together with our new video equipment, serves as a constant reminder of what a great privilege it has been to be associated with this marvellous body of people that is the F.P.s. I look forward to receiving the magazine.

Janette Smith (MacDonald)

I was promoted again in September and I'm now Deputy Head of year 10 - just 350 pupils. Our school has just been OFSTED inspected - what a nightmare! Thank goodness it's another 4 years until we have to go through it again. Stewart is still involved in Rugby and comes home with a new batch of stud injuries each week. Jenna is busy with the school musical. Calum is still a pest and continues to drive us up the wall. Mum was down a Christmas and enjoyed herself until she had to go home with a very nasty cold. I was home at half-term supposedly to do some walking and skiing, but the rain was falling horizontally so we could hardly get out of the door!

John G. F. Smith

We (Kareen and I) are delighted to announce the arrival of Iona on Valentines Day 1997. Holly, our eldest is finding this somewhat difficult to come to terms with. I have also given birth. To a new company, based in Stirling, called Vibration Technology Ltd. We are one of only 20 companies in Scotland to receive a prestigious SMART Award, which we received from Michael Forsyth, at a prize-giving in Edinburgh Castle. All that remains now is to raise a rather large sum to fund product development. So I'm talking to all the Edinburgh "Fat Cats" or Venture Capitalists to try and persuade them to part with their cash!

Sheila M. G. Smith

Nothing to report

Mrs P Spalding (Isobel M. Gumm)

Thank you to the new committee for working so hard to produce the magazine this year. We look forward to the Biennial dinner, meeting old friends again, and seeing Ian receiving his well deserved presentation.

Mrs Isa Squires (Moyes)

I'm almost 96 - not much news. I'm now in a nursing home after breaking a hip. I enjoy reading the FP's magazine. A happy retirement to Mr Smith and good luck to his successor. I have happy memories of life in Grantown Grammar School. since the days of Rector MacLennan - I've been writing my autobiography since 1901 - some job. Regards to my students who still remember me. My son John works in Hydrolics at the Aerospace Centre.

Mrs Barbara J. Storey (Smith)

I cannot believe it is time to fill in this form again! The years go past faster than ever. I am approaching the big '40', quicker than I would like. Family life is always very hectic. Catriona's social calendar surpasses that of her parents - always busy with school dance and music production and Guide activities. Mike and I just provide the taxi service!

Thomas B. Stuart

No news of any significance

Mrs Elspit Sutherland (McIntosh)

Thank you to everyone for keeping the magazine going. It is a good way of keeping in touch, and all the hard work is much appreciated. Apart from suffering from the flu we are all well. My new grand-daughter Catherine arrived in September.

Maree Thompson

I'm still living in Edinburgh, avoiding coming home, making sure I have too much to do and making sure I have very little time to do it in. Aside from my course - Social Science at the moment, (I'm changing again) I'm still running the Napier Drama Society, we're becoming quite well known. So much so that Edinburgh University Theatre Company are ripping off our last production, some call it flattery. You can catch us at Riddles Court in the third week of the Edinburgh Festival this year! I love my little bar job in the Merky Hearts Social Club - I'm a Jambo now. (That was a joke) It keeps me busy. And I'm now your new editor too.

Diane Thomson (Hamilton)

I have one son, Craig aged 8 years. Unfortunately I am divorced from his father but I am now engaged again.

Mrs T. S. B. Thomson (Vera Mortimer)

Not much to report, but I do look forward to the occasional visit to Grantown. Sadly, there are not very many of my contemporaries to be seen. The GGS magazine and "Strathy" keep me in touch.

Hugh R Tulloch

Was pleased to hear from John Wright (also in Ontario) that he too is computer hooked. The escalator of leapfrogging software and hardware is maddening but enjoyable. It keeps the old red fluid running through the pipes. Hildegard, however, abstains.

Seonaid Mairi Vickerman (Grant)

My thanks to Mr Smith for all his hard work which was much appreciated. Good luck to new team. I hope that I may be able to help when I retire.

Jane Wallace

After 8 years I am still working for Scotsman Publications. Although I live and work in Glasgow I spend most of my time between Edinburgh and Boat-of-Garten, socialising and trying to improve my golf.

Mrs Ella Walmsley (Slater)

I was delighted to meet Margaret Ross in London. She has done a great job in contacting the class of 1945. I will sadly miss Eileen Mustard (Mrs J Smith) who was at school during the war years. We had always kept in touch and each year in October I would visit Eileen in her delightful cottage beside the Don. Eileen had a successful hip operation in November and phoned me before I had my knee operation in January. It was a terrible shock to learn that Eileen had died after a short illness in February. Happy memories to remind me of the past.

Jay Ward

Now aged 50, at last I'm growing up! Minor details such as pensions, savings and retirement are no longer minor. Middle child, Mark, is now engaged to marry in April 1998. Daughters are still available so could this be circulated to all FP's male, single and under 65!

M. J. Webb (Margaret Janet Templeton)

Went to Seattle in May for 4 weeks. Met up with Dorothy and Johnnie O'Connor enjoyed a day out with them. Was taken to Las Vegas for three nights, had a go on the machines and won. We took a trip to the Hoover Dam it was 100° one day and back to 60° the next. I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Sheina M Weston (Donaldson)

We now have 2 grandchildren. Timir who is 3 and Maya who was born in May 1996. Unfortunately they live quite far away from us, in London, so we cannot see as much of them as we would like. Our second son, Brian is getting married in July.

Mrs Marjory White (Mackintosh)

Nothing to report

Michael Wood

As of June 1994 I was appointed head of Design and Technology Department at Lochgelly High School In Fife. My wife Jessie and Three children Michael(13), Jamie(11) and Lisa(7) are all well and in good health.

Patrick Wood

Nothing to report

a most successful career as a professional, mainly at Selsdon Park in Surrey. In 1989 they returned to Grantown and an extremely active semi-retirement, flinging themselves enthusiastically into a remarkable variety of local activities. Their firm support for the Church led to their simultaneous ordination as elders in 1991, the first time in the history of Inverallan Church that a married couple had both been approached to undertake such duties. Judy returned to teaching in her old school, first as a supply teacher in the Mathematics Dept., then as Learning Support Teacher, a task for which her positive and optimistic outlook and sympathetic approach made her particularly suitable. She was also ready to put her outstanding musical talents to use in the school, at the church organ, with the Grantown Singers and with any other group which needed help. During their years of "exile" in the south Judy and Bill always kept faithfully in touch with our Club and supported our activities, so it was natural that they should be invited to join the F.P. Committee on their return to Grantown. Their practical help and advice in this capacity was greatly appreciated. Our sincerest sympathy goes out to Bill, and to their son Stuart and daughter Anne, also to Judy's mother, and brothers John and Neil, and sisters Lillian and Alison, in their great loss.

SYMPATHETIC MENTION

We extend sincerest sympathy on behalf of the Clubs to the following members who have suffered bereavement since our last issue:

to **TIM POTT** who lost his brother Christopher; a Royal Navy Commander, in tragic circumstances.

to **MRS. F. McGREGOR (FIONA GRANT)** whose father died at Mullingaroch in April 1996 after a long illness.

to **STANLEY WRIGHT** whose father Jimmie (late of 33 The Square) died in Bicester in December 1996.

to **JOHN CUMMING** whose sister Mrs. Colclough died in January 1997 not long after coming to live in Grantown.

to the **ELRICK** twins, **CLIVE** and **NIGEL**, whose adoptive mother, Miss Catherine Elrick, for many years the matron of Speyside House when it was a Childrens Home, died in January 1997.

to **MRS ELIZABETH MAIN** and Family on the loss of Jimmy, a dear Brother and Uncle, who died in February 1997.

to **GEORGE FINDLAY** and Family on the death, also in February, of his brother Ernie. Ernie died in Raigmore from the after-effects of a car accident. The large attendance at his funeral bore witness to the esteem in which Ernie was held for the courage with which he bore his physical handicaps.

to **ELSIE KEITH** on the loss of her sister Margaret, who died in March in Strathmiglo in her 92nd year.

Our sincere apology for failing to note the death in 1995 of MRS EILEEN JAMIE (EILEEN CALDER) who sadly lost a bravely fought battle against cancer. We remember her in school as a willing learner with a ready smile, we remember her as a happy young wife and an enthusiastic young Mum, and we remember her as a conscientious F.P. Club member who sometimes undertook to keep us up to date on the doings of all the Calder family. She is sadly missed. We send our belated condolences to her husband and children, to her Mum and Dad, Mr. and Mrs Sandy Calder, and to her brother Alasdair who now live in Inverness.

Since Maree finished the editing job in June, there have been one or two new additions to the Club and the odd late reply slip received.

KATHARINE LAING (TEMPLETON) RGN SCM Community midwifery sister, Eastern General Hospital, Edinburgh, apologises for a late reply.

NEIL McTAGGART is thriving, but has no excuse for his disgracefully late reply apart from a general dislocation caused by his Minister's retreat!

IAIN AND JOAN SMITH (FRASER) very much enjoyed the dinner in March and catching up with old friends. They send very many thanks to those whose hard work made it such a success and also send apologies for being so very late with their reply slip (July!).

ELLA WALMSLEY (SLATER) apologises sincerely for her late reply, saying that she had put the form away safely and found it several months later! Ella was pleased to read that Ian Smith was so well remembered by the FPs as he had done such a grand job for so many years. And she congratulates the Committee on their success in getting the Magazine on its feet again.

ADA WILSON (IMRAY) realised her form was long overdue, but reports no change, still teaching in Poland and enjoying it.

NEW MEMBERS:-

EMMA IRVINE (1991-97) Lower Craigvarren, Advie - no details of chosen career yet.

GEMMA McLEOD (1991-97) Monadhliath, Old Spey Bridge, Grantown, hopes to complete a four year course in Nursing at Queen Margaret College.

GRANT WALLACE (1991-97) Beannach, Spey Avenue, Boat of Garten, was a full-time bar man for the summer, but joined the Royal Marine Commandos at Officer level in October.

And finally, thanks once again go to Ian Smith for the Obituary and to Rona Milne in the school for photocopying the magazine, etc.

And for the 'young' ones - GGSFP Christmas Disco, Waterford, Monday 29 December 1997.

Send in your information slip for 1997 and make it as interesting as possible so that the poor Editor does not have to edit "Nothing to report". Everyone ought to find something to say - about your career, retirement, children, hobbies, interests, holidays, famous people you have met, unusual Christmas presents, etc - the list is endless. For example, last Christmas I received a voucher for a gliding lesson at Glen Feshie and it has only taken me eleven months to pluck up the courage (and find the time) to arrange this. So wish me luck for this weekend and all the best for 1998. Oh, and I almost forgot,

Peter Henderson wants a **BIG HELLO**. Will that do?

Daphne Ritchie, November 1997

Former Pupils' and Old Guards' Clubs Biennial Dinner
22/3/1997

Mr Ian Smith	Mrs Iris Smith	Mr Malcolm MacLennan
Mrs Daphne Ritchie		Miss Betty Mutch

Mrs Marion Stuart	Miss Jean Paterson	Mrs Patricia Ross
Miss Sheila Smith		Mrs Margaret Ewen

Mr and Mrs John Grant
Mr and Mrs William Templeton

Mrs Evelyne Allan	Mrs Margaret Ross
Miss Vera Campbell	Miss Margaret Jack

Mr and Mrs David Ross
Mr and Mrs George Illingworth
Mr and Mrs Edward Illingworth
Mr and Mrs Keith McKerron

Mr and Mrs Peter Spalding
Miss Jessie Ronaldson
Mr Donald Gunn

Mrs Margaret Masson	Mrs Dorothy Bruce
Mrs Jean Hogg	Miss Sheena Ogilvie

Mr and Mrs Martin Grant
Mr and Mrs Donald Main

Mr and Mrs Bill Fraser
Mr and Mrs Iain Smith
Mr and Mrs Roy Weston

Mr Ernie Oakes	Mrs Amelia Oakes
Mrs Irene Chapman	Mrs Connie Shaw

Mr and Mrs Raymond Davidson
Mr and Mrs Duncan Dick



We needed something to fill a page, so here is the seating plan from the Dinner in March and also the photo of Miss Jean Paterson presenting Ian Smith with his silver salver to mark the occasion of his retiral after 22 years as secretary of the Clubs. Also pictured is Mrs Iris Smith who spent many hours typing up the magazines.