

Summer newsletter

Updates and news from our Watsonian community



Above: The London Watsonian Club's 111th annual dinner in April 2023. Further Branch highlights on page 2.

New Principal

Lisa Kerr has been appointed as the fifth Principal of George Watson's College to succeed Melvyn Roffe in August 2024. Lisa is a well-known and highly respected figure in Scottish education, having been Principal of Gordonstoun since 2017 where she has led a programme of capital investment, academic improvement and international development.



Come for a Coffee

Our Come for a Coffee mornings have been very popular. In April, Douglas Stewart (Class of 1944 and Past Watsonian Club President) cut the coronation cake for all to share. Drop in to the Pavilion at Myreside, 10.30-11.30 on the last Tuesday of the month to join us for a free cuppa, biscuits and a very warm welcome.

Branches highlights

Our Australia Victoria branch, led by Donald MacLaren (Class of 1961), enjoyed a summer BBQ in January, left.



Our Sydney Branch, led by Pat Stevenson (Class of 1969), enjoyed their Burns Supper in early February, with other Edinburgh Schools, right.

Perth Ladies branch, led by Helen Hanson (Class of 1966) held their annual lunch in April, below.



Our Belgian branch led by Andrew Brown (Class of 1963), enjoyed a dinner together, above and right.

Our Yorkshire branch appointed a new President, Martin Patterson (Class of 1970), in May, left.

The Border Watsonian Club celebrated 100 years at their event in June 2023, right



Sections highlights



The Watsonian Swimming Club held their 90th Birthday Anniversary Lunch on 23rd April 2023, welcoming 40 past and present members and guests. The Club is open to new members and anyone interested in joining should contact Rona Ferguson, Secretary, watsonianswimmingclub@outlook.com



Another successful spring concert in May for the Watsonian Community Choir, above, raising £300 for the George Watson's Family Foundation.



The Watsonian Rifle Club held their annual dinner and prizegiving recently in the Pavilion at Myreside, in June

Calling former members of the Watson's Scout Group

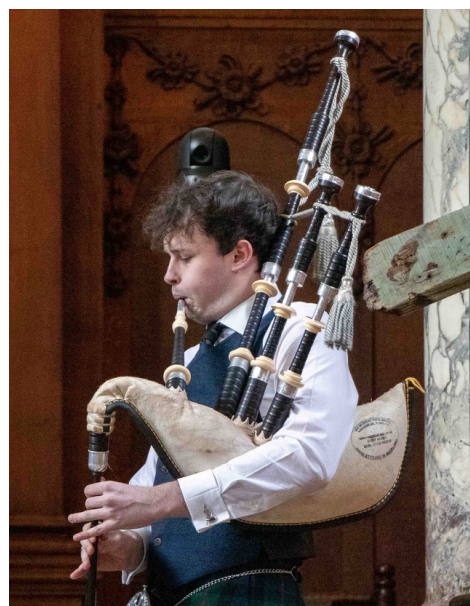
There is a 9th Scouts archive group which has collected a vast trove of records from throughout the 9th's long history, and has made it available online:

<http://archive.9thgwscouts.org.uk/> If you would like to add your name to the circulation list, please click the following link and follow the instructions:

<http://eepurl.com/gLBNQP>

If you were involved, in any way, in the Watson's Scout Group and have photographs or other items of interest which you are willing to pass on, please contact our Archive Master: amgwscouts@yahoo.com

Congratulations to Calum Rennie (Class of 2020), below, on winning the James Campbell Piping Competition at Pembroke College, University of Cambridge, where he's currently studying. His award was presented by another Watsonian, Lord Chris Smith (Class of 1969), Master of Pembroke College.



Hamish Turnbull (Class of 1979) and Charlie Ambrose (Class of 1975) were part of a team cycling from John O'Groats to Lands End for Parkinson's UK. Their support team included Gavin Hastings (Class of 1980) as they made a pit stop at the Pavilion at Myreside for lunch.

Congratulations



Congratulations to Lis Neubeck (Class of 1990), left, on her appointment as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh

Holiday reads

We've chosen 'As Lorikeets Fly' by Colin Robinson (Class of 1952) as our summer holiday read this year. If you'd like to add a book that you've authored to our Watsonian Bookshelf, please email us.



The Development Team are always happy to help with any queries. Please contact us on 0131 446 6008 or development@gwc.org.uk.