

## London Daniel Stewart's & Melville College Club – Report for 2017

The London Club continues to provide a home from home to former pupils who have been relocated away from Edinburgh, as it has done, in various guises, for over one hundred years. The principal social event of the year is the Annual Dinner, which was held on 31<sup>st</sup> March this year, at the Caledonian Club when 40 members and guests gathered to hear Professor Robin Grimes, Chief Scientific Advisor to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office as our guest speaker.

The President from 201 – 2018 is Dr Alastair Cormack, a Stewart's FP who is the Van Derck Frechette Professor of Ceramics at Alfred University. New York State. Located at a world transport hub the Club attracts a number of FPs living overseas and we also have members resident in Switzerland, France and Spain as well as across South East England.

Throughout the year there is an informal gathering held monthly. This takes place on **the first Wednesday of each month**, at **The Clachan**, a pub in Kingly Street, close to Oxford Circus in the centre of the city. This occasion provides a forum for local members to remain in touch with their friends and colleagues, and an opportunity for newcomers to the area to meet for a drink and a chat with colleagues with the common heritage of their school days at Stewart's Melville, Daniel Stewart's, or Melville College. Please note that with effect from **6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 these gatherings are moving to the First Tuesday of each month** but venue etc shall remain the same.

The pattern of these evenings is to meet from 6.15/30 pm at a reserved table at the rear of the pub, often on the raised mezzanine section and around 7.45 / 8.00 pm we move on for a light meal usually to the upstairs restaurant of the pub.

Any FP's visiting the South-East would be most welcome at The Clachan on any first Wednesday until January (or Tuesday thereafter) and similarly an invitation is extended to all Club members to make a Spring trip south to attend the Club Annual Dinner at The Caledonian Club, Halkin Street (near Hyde park Corner) on **Friday 23 March 2018**. Please contact the Secretary - Tom Scrimgeour for further details by email on [TomScrimgeour@aol.com](mailto:TomScrimgeour@aol.com) or by phoning on 01206 574797.