

London Daniel Stewart's & Melville College Club – Report for 2019

The London Club is in good heart with 56 members and continues to provide a contact point for former pupils who have been relocated south from Scotland, 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 Friday 29th March this year, at the Caledonian Club when 47 members and guests gathered to hear former pupil Wing Commander Ian Cumming talk on the work of Erskine, the military charity of which he is Chief Executive. Mrs Moule joined us for the first time and spoke together with Ross Johnston, the Head Boy.

Throughout the year there is a regular and informal Club gathering on **the first Wednesday of each month**, at **The Clachan**, an aptly named 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.

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 7.30 pm we move on for a light meal usually to the upstairs restaurant of the pub.

FP's visiting the South-East would be most welcome at The Clachan on any first Wednesday and similarly an invitation is extended to all FP 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 27th March 2020** when our President, Derek Serafini looks forward to welcoming a good number of attendees. For anyone wishing to plan further ahead the Dinner date in 2021 has been booked as Friday 19th Mach 2021. Please contact the Secretary - Tom Scrimgeour for further details by email on TomScrimgeour@aol.com or by phoning on 01206 574797 or 07767 392423.