

Shirley Duncan

Interview for the RHS Club website

1. When did you start at RHS?
 - a. 2013
2. What had you done prior?
 - a. After bringing up my family, I decided to undertake tertiary education by seeking to gain an accounts qualification. I started at Stevenson College in 1999, followed by Napier University, and gained my BA Accounts in 2004 (*sadly no graduation photo*)
 - b. I then worked in a doctor's surgery for a year, and decided that seeking to gain promotion to business manager was not for me.
 - c. I took a clerical post at Firhill High in 2005, and stayed there until 2013, when the Admin. post at RHS came available (I'm first shown in the 2013-2014 Annual Report)
3. What were your responsibilities at RHS?
 - a. School Fund – all non-Governmental money
 - b. Imprest (petty cash)
 - c. Ordering
 - d. Per Capita budget
 - e. Prize Giving accounting
 - f. In charge of office staff (*a fantastic bunch who do all that's required of them and then much more...*)
4. What have been your best achievements?
 - a. The Prize Giving accounting and management, working with the school historian
 - b. Presenting the prizes at the 2023 Prize giving (*Photo below*)
5. And what have been the low spots?
 - a. Stopping school uniform
6. Family (including piper father – his photo has pride of place in the office just behind Shirley's desk)
 - a. Hubby David, Kenny, Stephanie and David junior (plus four grandchildren)
 - b. Father **Walter George Leslie Grant** was Senior Drum Major of the Scottish Regiments
7. What are your thoughts about the historical and archival importance of the school?
 - a. It's so important to maintain the history and traditions of one of Scotland's most famous schools, and I don't feel that adequate attention is paid to them (aside the efforts of the historian)
8. What's next?
 - a. A week in Orlando, followed by a cruise from Port Canaveral, destination the Bahamas!
 - b. Any other big events this year? I'll keep you posted.
9. Other questions?
 - a. Not at the moment, although I am looking forward to my leaving party on Thursday 28th March



2015 RHS Club Dinner - *Le fabuleux le personnel de l'école*



2019 RHS Club Dinner table - Shirley with John Stables and staff



2019 Dynamic Earth - Shirley manning the ticket desk



2019 Dynamic Earth - Shirley with design icons (*Duff and Rapson*)



2019 Dynamic Earth - Shirley with Paul Chambers



2023 – Shirley presenting prizes at the Prize Giving