



The Call Service Photograph Ian Geddes

Dress up in your best Bond outfits, start the Aston, and prepare for a glamorous evening of dinner and entertainment at our **James Bond 007 Night** on 22nd May at 7.00pm. There will be a sumptuous buffet, a quiz to test your knowledge of all things shaken, not stirred, a prize for the best Bond-style fancy dress, and a selection of casino tables where you can try your hand at Roulette and Black Jack with fun money to win prizes. **We've been expecting you, Mr Bond...**



The annual **ESU Scottish American Memorial Day Service** will take place on 31st May at 12 noon at **The Call Statue** in West Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh. It will be followed by a buffet lunch at 23 Atholl Crescent. Please book a place with the office. Lunch tickets £10.

On 24th April the **Semi-Finals and Final of The Scottish Schools Mace** took place at Edinburgh University. Competing in the **semi-finals** were the HS of Glasgow, St Joseph's HS, Douglas Academy, George Heriot's School, the HS of Dundee, Fettes College, Madras College, and Robert Gordon's College, debating the motion *THW Introduce Full Body Scanners To All Airports In The UK*. The judges commented on the high quality of the debates, and it was great to see so many young people debating the issues with such enthusiasm and skill.

In the **final** were George Heriot's School, the High School of Dundee, Madras College, and Robert Gordon's College. The motion was *THW Allow Prisoners The Right to Vote*. After two very lively debates this year's Scottish Mace Winners were the **High School of Dundee**.



ESU Jumble Sale

On 26th May we are holding a one-day **Outreach Debating Tournament** with Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park on the theme of Sir Walter Scott. Ten schools will take part in this event, which will be held at the National Park HQ in Balloch.



The **ESU Jumble Sale** in April raised £250! A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped! Look out for the next one...

ACDS General Election Hustings Photograph Ian Geddes



The ESU was packed for the **ACDS Hustings** followed by the screening of the Leaders' Debate. There were many questions from the audience to the four PPCs. The Guardian recorded the event for a podcast, and the BBC was also there to film it!

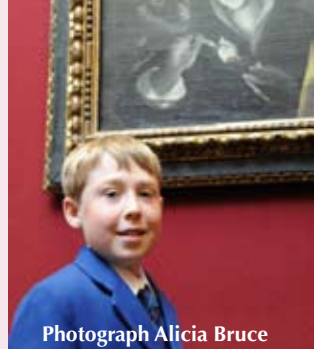
L-R: Cammy Day, Labour; George Kerevan, SNP; Barney Ross, ESU; Neil Hudson, Conservative; Fred Mackintosh, Liberal Democrat



ACDS Hustings Photograph Ian Geddes

The **Readings Day** for the **Inspired? Get writing!** competition took place at the Hawthornden Lecture Theatre at the National Gallery of Scotland on 22nd April. The winning entries were read alongside images of the works that inspired them. All the winners were thrilled to hear their work read aloud. The ESU runs a **monthly creative writing group** on the 1st Thursday of the month 6.00-8.30pm.

Jamie Arnaud, Winner Under-12



Photograph Alicia Bruce



## In focus...

**In April 2010 Ann Bradley, a lecturer in Administration and IT at Jewel & Esk College, was awarded the Ann Small Scholarship by the Edinburgh Branch to visit Fanshawe College in Canada where Ann Small taught for many years. Ann recounts her experiences...**

I was delighted to receive the Ann Small Scholarship to visit Fanshawe College in London, Ontario. I had never visited Canada before so was very excited to spend time in a new country and have the opportunity to see how another college operates.

After e-mailing to and fro with my contact Sheri in Fanshawe, I set off for Canada on 19th March to spend a week at the College. Having familiarised myself with London on the Saturday, and visited Toronto on Sunday, I took a short bus ride on Monday morning from my hotel to Fanshawe College.

My first impression of the College was that it was enormous. The college seemed to be a very large facility for a city with population of about 350,000. I was later to discover, however, that many of the students commuted from outlying towns and villages. Clear signposting, and with Sheri's directions to hand, I soon found myself at the staff base of the Institute of IT.

I was warmly greeted by Sheri and given a desk to use for the week. Within half an hour, I joined an interesting meeting about a forthcoming event, and thereafter, joined many classes and other meetings throughout the week. All the members of the team were extremely welcoming and genuinely interested in how we did things in Scotland. Interesting chats with the Computing professors showed me how far they have embraced technological advances in the delivery of their lessons. It was an unparalleled opportunity to share materials and ideas.

Whilst many things mirrored college life here in Edinburgh, there were differences, mainly due to the fee paying nature and also the grading system. Grades are very important to Canadian students and, presumably, employers. On my return home I have pondered the grading system and would hope that we, here at Jewel and Esk, could perhaps emulate this in some way to harness its motivational properties. I was, however, reassured to see that the lecturers at Fanshawe (called professors) used very similar teaching methods to myself.

In addition to my college experience, I was delighted to be invited to dinner by Wilma Gummow (President of the London branch of the ESU). Wilma picked me up from my hotel one evening, took me for a drive around the University of Western Ontario, which had some very impressive buildings, before taking me to her home. We were joined by 2 other members of the ESU, Lois and Susan. I had a lovely evening hearing all about life in London and the ESU.

The trip was all, and more than, I expected and I am very grateful to the ESU for giving me the opportunity.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### MAY

■ Saturday 15th May, 6.00pm  
**International Schools' Mace Final**  
University of Glasgow Chapel

■ Saturday 22nd May, 7.00pm  
**James Bond Casino Royale Evening**  
23 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh  
£15 dinner ticket in advance BYOB

■ Wednesday 26th May, 12 noon  
**Outreach Debating Tournament, Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park**  
*Sir Walter Scott*  
Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park HQ, Carrochan, Carrochan Road, Balloch G83 8EG 23  
Please call the office to book a ticket

■ Thursday 27th May, 7.00pm  
**ACDS European Movement in Scotland Debate**  
*Democratic Deficit in Europe*  
23 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh

■ Monday 31st May, 12.00 noon  
**Call Memorial Service**  
The Call Statue, West Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh  
**Followed by lunch at 23 Atholl Crescent, please book in advance**

### JUNE

■ All June 10.00am-5.00pm  
**In Geddes Photographic Exhibition**  
23 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh

■ Thursday 3rd June 6.00-8.30pm  
**Creative Writing Group**  
23 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh  
£3, free to ESU members

■ Friday 4th June  
10.00am-12.00pm  
**International Coffee Morning**  
23 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh, £2

■ Thursday 17th June, 7.00pm  
**Atholl Crescent Debating Society**  
23 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh

■ Monday 21st June TBC  
**HSBC Schools Public Speaking Final**  
City Chambers, Edinburgh

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