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Lord Fraser to highlight Red Lichties' impact on the world

Next time you lick a stamp or switch on a light, consider - it all began in Arbroath! This will be the contention of former Lord Advocate, Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, QC when he makes the case at Angus College (Tuesday 25 March) for the significant contribution that the people of Arbroath have made to the rest of the world.

David Dunbar Buick, the founder of one of the mightiest car companies the world has ever known, was born in Arbroath. William Small, a son of the manse at Carmyllie, played a major part in the great American Declaration of Independence and, Lord Fraser will argue, Roger Federer would still be herding cattle in the Alps, had it not been for Alexander Shanks from Arbroath. Lord Fraser's free public talk, to which all are welcome, is part of the RSE@Arbroath programme which was formally launched on Monday 25 February at Angus College.

The Arbroath project has developed activities with and for young people, and the wider public, and includes the arts and humanities as well as science and technology based subjects. Classes and workshops have been arranged for both Primary and Secondary school students and a series of both school and public lectures on interdisciplinary topics has also been organised.

Notes for Editors

About Lord Fraser

Peter Fraser represented Arbroath for 8 years in the House of Commons and he is now in the House of Lords. He was Solicitor-General for Scotland, Lord Advocate, Minister of State at the Scottish Office and Minister for Energy. He was Hon. President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitration, Chairman of the Statutory Committee of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society and a Bencher at Lincoln's Inn, London. He lives in Carmyllie where his three children were educated.

About RSE@Arbroath

The themes for the year include:

Identity and the people of Arbroath (January to March 2008)

Wealth creation in Arbroath (March to June 2008)

The Arts in Arbroath (June to August 2008)

Places in Arbroath (August to December 2008)

The Arbroath Project will be used as a pilot for the RSE Education team to roll out similar regional ventures in communities throughout Scotland in the future.

Participants in the events should leave with:

- a greater understanding of the Burgh's past and present life not only in relation to Angus and Scotland but also internationally
- a greater appreciation of belonging to an area rich in cultural and human resources
- a sound and informed basis from which to address issues related to future development and continuing prosperity

Further Public Lectures

Wednesday 21 May 2008. Arbroath High School. 7pm

Blurring the boundaries - from classical to contemporary music. What are the similarities and differences between contemporary and classical approaches to music creation?

Principal John Wallace OBE FRSE, Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama

Wednesday 10 December 2008. Arbroath High School. 7pm.

RSE Christmas Public Lecture - Science and Arbroath in the 21st Century

Professor Anne Glover FRSE, Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland

Recent Lectures

26 February 2008. Arbroath High School. 6pm

The Commandos from Arbroath – famous campaigns – past, current and future missions.

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