**RSD FPA Annual Dinner 2019 – 60 Year Reunion**

Members of the **1959 1st XV**, who reached the final of the Schools Cup, attended the Annual FPA Dinner to celebrate the **60th Anniversary** of that memorable day. They were joined by five 1959 leavers from the Royal School and five 1959 leavers from the former High School who were marking their 60th anniversary of leaving the Royal/High School.

Eleven members of the team were among the group attending the reunion. **Robin Donaldson** (poor health) and **John Kane** (in America at the time of the reunion) were unable to attend and sadly **Dougie Booth** and **Derek Hazelton** had passed away.

The twenty-one strong group met in Classroom K9 for a pre-dinner reception and an early start to the reminiscing and posing for the attached photos to record the occasion. Some photos from the Tyrone Courier and Dungannon Herald are also included.

**Derek Meldrum**, **Captain of the 1st XV**, welcomed everyone including some who had travelled from New Zealand, South Africa, Donegal, Kendal and Oxford to be at the Reunion. He had a special welcome for the girls who had been cheer-leaders at the Final.

**Wesley McCamley** conveyed apologies and good wishes from several others who for health and other reasons were not able to attend. This included members who had attended the 50th Anniversary; **Bill Moore, Alex Kennedy and John Hazelton** – health issues and **Robin Stewart** – deceased. **Ian Winters** and **Ivan Wells** had also passed away in recent years and sadly, news came through later that **Dawson Long** that had passed away on 5th April. **Dale Nesbitt** attended the reception but was unable to stay for the dinner.

**Ten members of the team stayed overnight at the Cohannon Inn** and continued the reminiscing over breakfast. They agreed to have another reunion in the not too distant future.

The group are grateful to **Estelle Patterson (Dinner Secretary)** for facilitating the reception and **Willie John McKenzie (also a former pupil)** for coming along to take some photographs.