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Salbete

January 1983

IV – Asfour, Z.(R), Avern, N. R.(N), Fisher, P. W.(R), Maclean, S. M.(N).

III – Dunlop, K. W.(L), Fawcus, A. S.(R), Lumsden, A. M.(L), Toner, I. M.(R).

II – Cassidy, S.(Ri).

I – Haslam, R. G.(Ri).

April 1983

III – McKenzie-Smith, Jane(W), Thomson, W. R.(R).

II – Blanshard, W. L.(Ri), Piper, G. W.(Ri).

III – Adam, G. M.(L), Addison, D. B.(F), Briggs, C. M.(F), Brown, D. S.(F), Calder, Mhairi L.(W), Channell, B. P.(S), Clark, D. J.(N), De longh, Nicola, H.(W), Clyde, E.(R), Fehilly, C. M.(F), Fleming, Wendy A.(W), Geddes, S. W.(N), Gordon, M. R. M.(S), Gritten, Marion J.(W), Hamilton, A. R.(R), Harrison, R. D.(L), Hatfield, R. A.(L), Heggie, Sharon M.(W), Hegney, Tara A. M.(W), James, M. K.(R), Kelly, S. I.(L), Logan, C. J.(F), Logan, M. R.(S), Mactaggart, W. J.(L), Marshall, J. W. M.(N), Mitchell, C. D.(L), Nabulsi, J. A.(N), Pattinson, C.(N), Rea, J. W. S.(L), Russell, K. J.(L), Scott, L. H. M.(R), Whitley, H. J. M.(F), Zaid, T. Z.(N).

September 1983

UVI – Bouchard, J.(F), Chisolm, Lindsey(W), Niven, Gillian M.(W), Whitelaw, D. E.(F).

LVI – Bamford, Jenny D.(W), Belch, Kirsten F.(W), Crowe, Carroll.(W), Fraser, Janet(W), Gadie, P. A.(S), Gilchrist, G. A. J.(S), Lambie, Sarah(W), Macdonald, Katie F.(W), McLaurin, Suzanne M.(W), McIntyre, Fiona E.(W).

V – Clunie, I. S. R.(L), Dewar, P. J.(S), Kelly, I. C.(L), Macnee, S. D.(R), Nabulsi, M. Y.(R).

IV – Clark, Pamela, J.(W), Cornish, Vivien C.(W), Corbett, Nicola L.(W), Dickens, J. A.(L), Donaldson, N. S.(R), Ismail, Roxanne(W), Wotherspoon, E. Rosalyn(W).

Riley

II – Churchill, C. S., Clement, J. M., Forster, M. A., Kelly, B. G., Moss, N. D., Mosseri, J. R., Paterson, D. P., Riddoch, D. H., Smith, Joanne, Thompson, N. S. A., Van Beusekom, J. C. M., Wallace, G. J., Wilkinson, A. M. D.

I – Adrian, D. E., Blanche, H. A. D., Brodie, Amy E., Bruce, Helen M., Clark, I. A., Clement, M. J., Davidson, A. G., Docherty, Pamela C., Gault, D., Gibb, S. R., Gritten, D. J., Housion-Craufurd, S. D., Johnson, A. G., Jones, G. H., Kennedy, K. S., Lagerborg, P. G., Laing, J. D. A., Legge, M. T., McBain, J. M., Mackinlay, Mary H., Milroy, A. J., Mitchell, J. F., Monroe, S. D., Parker, J. S., Reekie, Elizabeth C., Riddoch, Gillian E., Robertson, K. J., Spinner, A. C., Stevenson, Suzanne, Taylor, Jane R. L., Thomson, G. J. S., Thorburn, D. G., Williamson, B. E., Wilson, I. J., Wilson, S. J.

SCHOOL AUTHORITY

Head of School:	M. J. de G. Allingham
Head of Freeland:	G. E. McClung
Head of Leburn:	F. S. Cozier
Head of Nicol:	C. R. Churchill
Head of Ruthven:	J. N. Fairbairn
Head of Simpson:	R. W. N. Kilpatrick
Head of Woodlands:	C. M. Mowat then T. J. Bruce-Jones
School Prefects:	G. S. B. Corbett, M. J. Dobbie, G. J. Fairweather, P. J. McKee, S. M. Montgomery-Smith, R. Suri, B. D. Waller. J. N. Beckman, R. C. Beveridge, F. W. Fyfe, N. H. McKee, R. A. M. Sinclair.

SPEECH DAY PRIZE-WINNERS

The Smith Cup for the Captain of School:	M. J. de G. Allingham	Wilfred Hoare Senior Reading Prize:	R. C. Beveridge
The Houston Prize:	R. W. N. Kilpatrick and G. S. B. Corbett	David Bogie Prize for Economics:	S. M. Montgomery-Smith
Dux:	B. Guthrie	English:	G. E. McClung
William Tattersall Art Prize:	M. L. Cooper	Geography:	G. F. Montgomery
Patrick Grandison Prize for Strings:	N. Thaw	Modern Languages:	F. E. MacLachlan
Robert Barr Memorial Prize for Music:	E. J. Lawson	Mathematics:	R. Suri
Richard Moffat History Prize:	G. E. McClung	Physics:	R. Suri
		Chemistry:	J. E. Paton
		Biology:	A. Huddleston
		Art:	S. K. M. Robertson

THE NIGHTMARE – OR RUNNING A FÊTE

'The tents are on fire!' I yelled waking up with a start and sitting up in bed.

'Look, do you know what time it is? It's four in the morning and it's pouring with rain, so that will put them out – and anyway Bob Wilson isn't bringing them until tomorrow!' My wife soothed my fears away.

I must have gone back to sleep for I started dreaming yet again about the Founder's Day/Speech Day Fête, due to take place on Saturday 4th June. A target of £10,000! And in my dream it was something like this.

Tom McCaskie was there splattering through the rain in his wellies painting everything in sight. Trevor Goody and teams of boys were heaving on wet ropes hoping desperately that Mr Keatings had delivered all the right bits to make up marquees. Duncan Langlands was sailing away over the trees clutching a fistful of hydrogen balloons. Another 'splash' and Nick Du Boulay was in the water again while two Browns stood there smiling, one collecting in the money and the other nimbly kicking the catch with his foot to send the victim into their devilish ducking-pond. Both of them were eyeing Robert Proctor standing nearby in his dinner-jacket and Long John Gilks.

Here are Mr and Mrs Burnet ready to present the prizes; she has an enormous pair of scissors in her hand, but is there a ribbon to cut? The Headmaster has saved the day, he has produced a bright blue ribbon from his pocket.

Roley Fraser is auctioning pictures and salmon, whisky and cakes, and now he is taking bids for the Chapel.



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Mrs Fulton and the Governors' wives are arriving with carloads of presents for the Tombola and it is all being piled into the Headmaster's kitchen and is overflowing into the passages. Never mind, I'm having smoked salmon for lunch! The Masters' wives are very busy sticking price tags onto one another.

'Volunteers' from IVa French are stuffing raffle tickets into envelopes and Mrs Ramsay wants another hundred raffle-books – but there aren't any, because Bob Wilson has taken them all to Canada and used them for confetti at his wedding.

The Boys' and Girls' Committee is drinking beer in the Library, the Masters' Wives and Stallholders' Committee is drinking wine in Coven Trees. A ton of sugar has been delivered for Sister's tablet, and two wonderful cakes, one yellow and one blue have appeared by magic.

I've bought £5 of tickets at the bottle-stall and I'm the ONLY person in the whole afternoon who has won nothing!!

Craig Young has gone on fire at the barbecue. Tom Lawrence and Mark Turnbull have turned into one giant chapatti. Lucky the St Andrew's Ambulance are there. Tut! David Dinsmore and Tim Reid have dropped Mr Law's boater into the ice-cream cart.

Duncan Langlands has returned to earth and is piling Riley boys into a car. Mr Verden-Anderson is driving off Big Acre, every golf-ball going straight into an egg-cup on the pond.

Will Brian Raine and his bow-tied lads sell ALL that beer? (Some Old Strathallians and parents are very generously trying to help him!) Have you seen Mr Barron's Highland Regalia? When are the puppets?

But watch now – here comes Woodlands fashion-show wearing what they have bought from the Beckman/McClung Boutique. All the rest of Woodlands are in that ducking-pond except a few hugging teddies won on Mrs Brewster's tombola.

The stallholders are slaving away selling books, plants, antiques, soft-goods, cakes, histories of the School, mysterious things from abroad and things called 'bits and pieces.'

'Have a boat-ride! Have a pony-ride! Play a game on a computer! Pretend you are a Marine!'

But if this torrential rain goes on, there can't be a fête. It has rained for a month. Ed McDonald's worst fears have been realised – all the cars have sunk without trace into the mud. No hope of cricket or hockey.

'Carry it all across to the Sports Hall.' No, stop! Bob Wilson must have come back from his honeymoon, for he is announcing the raffle winners, holding an enormous rabbit under his arm.

The Bursar and his Accountant are striding up to me waving the accounts in their hands. I have got to pay up the final figure at the end – the Fête is a loss!

'Oh no it isn't!' said Sandy Dow the Treasurer, popping out of the Headmaster's Study. 'I've got piles of money in here. Look, the thermometer says so.'

'Then let's all go off to California for a gigantic party with Tim Hudson.' I was suggesting, when the Fire Alarm went off.

'Look, the tents are on fire!' I yelled.

I woke up and switched off my alarm-clock.

'Oh, what a lovely morning – the sun is shining! The fête can go on after all.'

It was all over. O and A levels and the end of term were all safely past. It was the summer holidays. The phone rang. I put my iced Pimms slowly down on the grass and climbed out of my deck-chair.

'It'll be someone asking us to a barbecue, I expect,' I muttered as I went inside to answer it.

'Hello!' I said hopefully.

'Hello, this is the Second Master from Rannoch School speaking. Excuse me for bothering you in the holidays, but we're having a Fête next summer, and I gather you are an expert . . .'

T.C.G.F

Main Raffle winners were:

£500 – G. Lunan, Scone.

£250 – J. Morton, Kirkcaldy.

£100 – I. Russell, Pitlochry.

£50 – A. Bayne, Kinross.

The School's sincerest thanks go to all who helped raise the wonderful total of over £12,600 to provide for the multi-gym and new stage-lighting, whether through their generous donations or practical hard work. We were particularly grateful to parents who sent goods from abroad, and of course to all those who were present on the day, either organising the running of the Fête or supporting it with their presence and sense of good fun.

FÊTE – 4th JUNE 1983
FINAL STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE

	<i>Gross Income</i>	<i>Stock & Expenses</i>	<i>Net Income</i>	
Fête Stalls				
Raffle	4375.09	287.52	4087.57	
Auction	1248.00	42.00	1206.00	
Tombola	1226.60	—	1226.60	
Fashion	923.00	—	923.00	
Bar	1531.47	1462.88	68.59	
Bottle Stall	559.21	25.00	534.21	
Cake 'n Candy	440.00	—	440.00	
Crafts, etc.	417.79	63.49	354.30	
Books	187.76	—	187.76	
Antiques	651.95	100.00	551.95	
Bits & Pieces	486.36	—	486.36	
Plants & Produce	387.29	15.46	371.83	
Side Shows	344.25	20.00	324.25	
Appeal Tent	229.00	81.00	148.00	
Ice Creams	259.57	196.75	62.82	
Barbeque	471.49	216.26	255.23	
Abroad	294.27	—	294.27	
Piping	21.86	—	21.86	
Miscellaneous	108.20	—	108.20	
				11652.80
Donations				1198.03
Sponsored Run				871.53
Bank Interest received				185.13
				<u>13907.49</u>
Overheads				
Public Address System Hire	51.75			
Stationery	86.47			
Printing – Leaflets	119.91			
Colour Film	6.25			
Puppet Show	10.00			
Book Tokens – Bank Girls	15.00			
St Andrews Ambulance Assoc.	25.00			
W.R.V.S.	60.00			
Council Licences	22.50			
Cost of Police Attendance	40.53			
			437.41	
Raffle Prizes				
Cash Prize	500.00			
Cash Prize	250.00			
Cash Prize	100.00			
Less Donation	50.00			
			50.00	
Cash Prize			50.00	
Wine Prize taken as cheque & an old boy's tie			26.00	
			876.00	
Less refund on Wine			30.00	
			<u>846.00</u>	
				1283.41
				<u>£12624.08</u>





FREELAND HOUSE

It was an anxious start to the year, with a new house-master in the formidable shape of Mr Robert Proctor, and a new house tutor in Mr Charles Court. However, both were quickly accepted to the house, which, under a bunch of enthusiastic prefects, soon began to function effectively. True, the toasters continued to break, as did an extraordinary number of snooker cues, but this is normal and to be expected. Major steps were taken in the dorms, where the mould on the walls was painted over, and unbelievably, carpets were fitted. They are still as cold and inhospitable as ever, but it's the thought that counts!

As is usual for house reports, they should chronicle all the sporting achievements (or lack of them!) of the year, so here goes! Honours in winter sports were confined to ski-ing, where Andrew Crawford skilfully captained the house to victory over a strong Ruthven challenge, (ably supported by Kyle Smith). However the house rugby team should not be forgotten. Drawn against Simpson, potentially the strongest side, Grant Corbett (who successfully captained the school side through one of their best seasons) led us to a replay, which went to extra time before we were finally beaten. It was an admirable performance, and credit must go to the hooking skills of Brodie Sheperd, the speed and tackling ability of Fred Stroyan, and the strength and brain power of Steve Leckie! We also retain a share in the sevens cup (through its cancellation due to bad weather) but Mr Barratt will be sorry to hear that we lost the cross-country trophy after holding it for three years.

In the summer we were slightly more successful. Our sailors, under 'Mojo' Hamilton and Doug Kane, were once again victorious, while great ability was shown in the winning of the tennis cup. Under the captancy of Brodie Sheperd the talents of players such as Dave Stirling and Vince Hughes reached full fruition. The golf

team, consisting of James Beckman, Grant Corbett and Gilbert McClung, put in a creditable performance, and surprisingly won the cup, though as a result of the disqualification of Ruthven. In the house cricket team, which was beaten by the eventual winners, Simpson, it was not the old hands who shone through, but the less expected youngsters, such as Jamie Chapman and Charlie Temple. All credit to their dogged resistance in the face of Allingham's bowling.

Enough of sport though! A little work does go on in the house, honestly, though the Corbetts and Leckies of this world might hide this fact. On speech day Gilbert McClung won two academic prizes, while Grant Corbett won a share of the all-round merit prize. On a cultural level, it was sad not to have the entertainment of the music competition, since it is always very popular, and I'm sure there would have been no shortage of volunteers, even though there was an obvious lack of musical talent in the house.

On the whole, then, a good year, with plenty to look back on. Another achievement of note was that Freeland seemed to be the most popular house with the girls of Woodlands. Above all, credit should go to Gavin Fairweather (and wife) for dedication above and beyond the call of duty. Their corner of the 'Cock and Bull' will never be the same without them. — EDITOR'S NOTE: his effort was exceeded only by Gilbert McClung himself! All the events of the year were supervised, with great anxiety I have no doubt, by Mr Proctor and Mr Court and I hope they both enjoyed their first year in their respective positions. I would like to wish all the leavers luck, and all the stayers even more luck! Everyone will miss the humour of Femi Ayantuga, the docility of Steve Leckie, the antics of Doug and Mojo, the 'hairiness' of Simon Murray, and the other little characteristics of those too numerous to be mentioned. My apologies to those I have neglected to mention.

Head of House: G. E. McClung

Deputy Head of House: G. J. Fairweather

School Prefect: G. S. B. Corbett

House Prefects:

J. N. Beckman

B. A. Sheperd

A. J. M. Crawford

M. R. C. Stroyan

A. B. Dow

G. M. Brown

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No matter how long one thinks about different ways of presenting the annual summary of events and achievements the end result is always a fairly predictable mixture of bits and pieces. To get out of the rut is not easy and I do not intend to try this year!

It was not our year for claiming any of the big academic prizes, but the third form certainly gained their fair share of set prizes and distinctions, whilst Richard McAlister and Jamie Pratt kept the fourth form flag flying on the work front. We did not win any 'majors' on the games fields either, but the redoubtable hockey league squad clinched the Cup for the second year in succession, and the indoor hockey 'five' gave Simpson a good run for their money in the final of that competition – two of the 'five,' Jo Jarlow and Ewan McIntosh went on to play for the School 1st XI later on. Squash, like hockey, is a game which we seem to find easier than some of the others at the moment, and the Juniors won the Cup in convincing style. Another notable team performance, though not a winning one was that of the senior rugby XV against Nicol – everyone played with great spirit and purpose and it was a close run affair against a much more fancied side. The cross-country, athletics, ski-ing and swimming teams all gave good accounts of themselves as well. Keith Dunlop is to be congratulated on winning the Junior Victor Ludorum on Sports Day, and Ken Orr and Richard McAlister on winning the Middle and Junior cross-country races respectively. Barry Hedges thought the shelf was getting rather bare last year and has kindly presented a Cup which will be awarded annually to the Junior who is deemed to have contributed most to the House.

The long awaited improvements of the dorms. and strip rooms were completed over the school year and Summer holidays – the Lower Common Room had a facelift too, thanks in the main to the attentions of the House painters Fran Cozier, Les Beech and Craig Allardyce, all of whom put in a lot of hours turning the rather cold grey walls into a brighter and friendlier cream colour. The partitioning of the dorms., and the individual bed lights provided for the Prefects and each member of the Senior dorms., have proved very popular. We lost our Junior dorm. to Nicol but gained a new one which was created from the ski store and notice board area, and very nice it is too. Leburnites of old will find it difficult to imagine that the wash corridor as they knew it is now the main school board area with entry through a smart new door on the Lawn side. The wash rooms are now located where the music practice rooms were. The fact that the whole dorm. block is now a self contained unit with only a few Nicol 'outsiders' inside it, makes for a much more convenient and satisfactory arrangement than existed before. The atmosphere in the House has been good overall in spite of the activities of a small minority of tedious and devious individuals. Regrettably, the lack of regard for personal belongings, and other people's, is still much in evidence and this extends to House property as well. Also the acceptance of mess and litter never ceases and one shudders to think what some mothers have to contend with at home! Fortunately, life is not without its funny side and I can recall many amusing moments and incidents over the year. The one which stands out in particular concerns the occasion of an away dancing fixture at Kilgraston. During a routine check of smoking zones one of our bright sparks was discovered supporting himself on two wooden beams five feet off the ground. When asked what he was doing in this somewhat unconventional position he replied 'Nothing sir!'

That just about ties it up for another year. My thanks go to Fran Cozier and an interesting bunch of Prefects, for the help they gave me over the year. Best wishes to you all in the future – just one thing though, what happened to all House Games reports and results? Mr Dharsi, after a spell of four years as a part-time House Tutor, is leaving the School and heading for pastures new. We thank him for his help and wish him well in the future. Mr Glimm came to my rescue when I was needing some additional assistance in the House and I am very grateful to him for all he has done. My thanks also to Mrs Robertson who once again done her best to keep everything ship-shape.

Head of House: F. S. Cozier
 Deputy Head of House: M. J. Dobbie
 Prefects: L. J. Beech, A. D. H. Cameron
 K. J. Jarlow, A. M. Randell,
 G. Verden-Anderson,
 G. T. W. Sedgwick
 House Colours: F. S. Cozier, M. J. Dobbie,
 A. D. H. Cameron, L. J. Beech,
 K. J. Jarlow, A. M. Randell,
 G. T. W. Sedgwick, P. H. Tyser

Captains:
 Rugby M. J. Dobbie Swimming F. S. Cozier
 Cricket G. W. A. Truter Squash D. E. Uprichard
 Hockey K. J. Jarlow Sailing A. D. H. Cameron
 Athletics F. S. Cozier Ski-ing G. Verden-Anderson
 Cross-Country G. T. W. Sedgwick Golf G. J. Lawson
 Shooting K. J. Jarlow Tennis R. J. Beech



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Feeling Old Mother Hubbardish, I entered the Common Room uneasily at the end of term but was pleasantly surprised. Amongst the uncontested cups lingering from last year, Richard Knox and Graeme McLay's drumming trophies and the Victor Ludorum bowl, won so convincingly by Neil McKee, you could find the odd team award.

Led by excellent performances from Peter Scott, Robbie Galloway and Ian Harley we swept the board in cross-country, possibly a unique achievement. Both levels of shooting were also won and a spirited display in the final game secured the Junior League rugby. The skills of Willie MacDonald and Andrew Wallace and some mathematical arrangement gave us half a sailing cup. But 'that,' as John once said, 'was that.'

With six 1st XV players we expected to clinch the house cup. After a stuttering win over Leburn we faced Simpson in the final. We hibernated in the icy blast for the first half, found ourselves 18 – 0 down and then ran into some sort of form. But even the elimination of the redoubtable 'M' could not produce enough points. The hockey final was one of the few weather victims in a good winter. Even after our indoor defeat we had high hopes for six played for the XI and Freeland had been trounced in the semi-final. It got worse in the cricket season – an abject batting performance against Freeland removed us quickly, and, although the Junior team reached the final, it was no match for the powerful Ruthven side. A wet May didn't help our athletics standards effort and, although we led the others, we were so far behind Ruthven it didn't seem much of an achievement. Good runs by Alistair Wood, Alan Macintyre, Andrew Ogilvie and the junior relay team weren't enough to bring us near a win on Sports Day.

If it wasn't a year for teams there were nevertheless some fine individual feats. Neil McKee, Crawford Churchill and Walter MacDonald all played for the President's XV, Neil going on to three full international caps. Graeme Robertson is, as I write, playing for the Scottish U16 cricket side.

On our own patch Willie MacDonald and Ian Harley captained sailing and cross-country respectively and with typical Celtic enthusiasm. Walter MacDonald developed well as one of Barnes' jerks; while George Stevenson's cuisine ensured that David Smith didn't. Andrew Tench bowled his heart out in his first season in the XI.

Academically there have also been some bright moments. In the first term Peter McKee was awarded a pre-exam place at Downing College. Others are already in training for next year's entry. Robin Sinclair had the best 'O' level results and was closely followed by McKee minor. Peter Hsu and Andrew Beath were top of their forms. There is, however, a long tail, partly self-induced, on which the authorities will have to work next year.

There was a goodly batch of Nicol thespians. Richard Knox carried off a major part in 'The Recruiting Officer' with great gusto, and was well supported by a rustic Willie MacDonald and Alistair Irvine. Others did their stuff backstage. The art of Tony Russell, Neil Pratt, Robin Sinclair and Peter Hsu adorned the Dining Hall. Robin designed the Christmas card and Tony's work invaded the sacred library complex. There were more musicians this year and a better class of audio output from the studies, but, mercifully, we were spared the annual public test and humiliation.

Friday afternoons produced several key men. Tony Russell eschewed his artistic temperament to organise a ruthless band of Marines, Brian Waller did much the same in Army section and George Stevenson ran some amiable RN parades. Daniel Hsu's quiet, committed work for the Social Services was much appreciated. Iain Macleod, Colin Ellis and Karl Johnson rode the high seas at various times, and Robin Sinclair and Alistair Wood got VIP treatment from the MoD and taxpayer.

Those mentioned are but tips of icebergs for many have contributed in less tangible ways. Apart from the aromas of crushed biscuit and brewing room wall Nicol has another atmosphere all of its own. It has been a year of cheerful co-operation. Boys would not be 'men' without a few incidents but generally there has been mutual respect and tolerance. Much of the credit goes to a good bunch of prefects ably led by 'schoolies' Crawford Churchill and Brian Waller. Their example has been excellent and their commitment to the school unswerving. To them and all the other leavers I wish a happy and successful future.

Finally thanks go to Peter Gilks who joined us as House Tutor. His enthusiasm and support have been invaluable (and he lives at just a nice distance for early morning parades).

Head of House: C. R. Churchill

School Prefects: B. D. Waller, N. H. McKee,
R. A. M. Sinclair

House Prefects: R. A. Bain, J. W. Galloway,
I. J. G. Harley, D. F. Smith,
G. W. Stevenson, A. L. V. Russell,
A. E. J. Wood

Captains:

Rugby	C. R. Churchill	Squash	N. H. McKee
Hockey	C. R. Churchill	Ski-ing	A. L. V. Russell
Cricket	N. H. McKee	Golf	G. W. Stevenson
Cross-		Tennis	B. D. Waller
Country	I. J. G. Harley	Sailing	W. M. Mac-
Athletics	I. J. G. Harley		Donald
Swimming	R. A. Bain	Shooting	J. W. Galloway

J.N.F.



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The atmosphere and co-operation within the house continues to be a source of great enjoyment to me. Perhaps symptomatic of this was the effort made by Kevin McLachlan and Graeme Montgomery and their helpers to decorate the House at Christmas. This good spirit and co-operation held true to the end of the year with a tremendous all round effort to retain both the Rowan Cup for standards and the Athletics Cup. The latter was in doubt right up to the final relay which made it an exciting climax to the year. Congratulations must go to David Davidson for winning the Middle Victor Ludorum and to Scott Callander, John Barrowman, Mitchell Steel, Andrew Phillip, Jamie Fairbairn and Jonathan Christie for excellent individual performances.

The Swimming Cup was also retained thanks to Matt Alberti and his Ruthven Dolphins, with Scott Petrie gaining a new school record. The Juniors this year excelled themselves by winning both the Rugby and Cricket cups. The teams being captained by Richard Reah and Ross McCulloch respectively. In both competitions the teams proved to be formidable units with a lot of points being scored in rugby and with Richard Reah gaining his first 100 in the semi-final of the cricket. Nigel McLachlan, Andrew McLellan, Ross McCulloch and John Peterson all gave excellent performance in both all-round commitment by a wide variety of games players.

James Gilyead has joined his brother Robin in the House and on the ski-slopes. It may well be that in the near future they will have to take out a correspondence course while they commute between Forgandenny, Aviemore and the Continent. Robin won the Perthshire Schools and the Duncan Cup and James won the Welsh Junior Championship. Michael Evans-Pratt won the school Junior individual Squash competition. Will Guy did well at his age to win the Tay-side schools trophy and against strong competition won the school stroke play. We did not win the golf trophy? On the artistic side Graeme Montgomery deserves special mention for coming second in the Young Photographer of the Year and Adrian Pratt took a leading part in the school play 'The Recruiting Officer.'

I am indebted to Jamie Fairbairn as Head of House who if it was possible, seemed to grow in stature throughout the year, and Rahul Suri, as Deputy, who kept a firm grip on routine matters within the house. Their assistance and co-operation along with other prefects: H. W. McCall-Smith; M. W. Alberti; J. M. T. Barrowman; A. J. H. Pratt; G. F. Montgomery. Summer appointments: D. W. Davidson; G. V. F. Clayton; B. S. McCall-Smith; D. A. Biggart; D. I. Knight was invaluable in running the House.

Last but not least I would like officially to welcome David Barnes as House Tutor. It does not seem like a year ago that I was wishing Neil Johnson all the best and it only seems like yesterday that David joined me on the Narbonne trip. It is testimony to his contribution and effort that he made himself very much at home and part of the scene in such a short time. Incidentally, the Raine-Barnes combination continues the excellent tradition of the North of England rule of Ruthven. All right!!

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5/1	" To Twenty five pounds	COY.	M	25	-	57
16-1	" To Ten Pounds	COY.	all	10	-	67
10/2	" To Ten Pounds	COY.	all	10	-	77
21/2	" To Four Pounds	AN	R	4	-	81
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'TO SLEEP! PERCHANCE, TO DREAM; AY THERE'S THE
M6; FOR IN THAT SLEEP OF DEATH WHAT DREAMS
MAY COME, WHEN WE HAVE SHUFFLED OFF THIS
MORTAL COIL MUST GIVE US A PAUSE: –'

Rowan Atkinson was Shakespeare in unlikely ways and therefore your humble correspondent thought it legitimate to adapt the bard for his own purposes. Therefore let us muse over the Simpson leavers for 1983, ten even fifty years on. There will sporting successes, Peter Gibb having won the bronze in the 1982 Olympic Marathon is now training for even better things in 1986. Mike Allingham, having become Strathallan's first test cricketer, particularly successful season against the New Zealanders in 1983. Others will have to turn to business. Stuart Penny having abandoned the sick, is an established member of the gambling industry as a Casino watcher never twitching a muscle standing inscrutable doing nothing, night after night, unmoved by the occasional visit from the Elliot-Thomson fraud squad. Russ Kilpatrick after coming to terms with his alarm clock, is using his ready wit as a presenter on breakfast television. Perhaps one of his guests will be chairman of the H.M.C. for 1983, David Pighills. Neil Batey's cheerful face will be looking out from your morning paper, advertising the joys of the R.A.F.

Looking on to 2033, there is plenty of scope in politics. Presidents Ford, Carter and Reagan have made the occasional unfortunate gaff. Think what Peter Bullard will do as Prime Minister. The Simpson leavers of 1983 may not astonish the examiners with their brilliance, but they are certainly an interesting, varied and entertaining lot.

Returning to the present, it has been a good year for Simpson. The arrangement whereby Michael Allingham took on the task of Captain of School, while Russell Kilpatrick was head of house, worked very well, and they were ably backed by an excellent bunch of prefects. The house team won both the Rugby and Cricket Cups, after some anxious moments. Kilpatrick bowled Kyle

Smith in the final, and Allingham stumped Ford, were cause for astonishment to all concerned. We also won the indoor hockey cup, and with a considerable amount of divine intervention managed to share the hockey cup. There was talent in depth. As many as 8 played for the 1st XV and 6 for the cricket XI.

Outstanding individual performances were numerous. Mike Allingham had 4 games for the Scottish Schools XV, and has been picked for the U19 cricket XI and in the H.M.C. schools trials at Eastbourne – a rare honour for any Scotsman. He also found time to make 6 centuries and 25 half centuries for the 1st XI over 4 years. Russell Kilpatrick played for the probables in the Scottish Schools rugby trials, and having made over 1000 runs for the 1st XI played for the Wayfarer-schools, as did Jeremy Garnett at U16 level. Alistair Huddleston won the biology prize. Gavin Pettinger gained a distinction in his grade 4 on the oboe. Peter Gibb won the school cross-country. Rufus Logan completed his Duke of Edinburgh gold award programme. Jim McLaren showed that the influence of Auchtermuchty's Jimmy Shand is not yet dead with some memorable performance on the accordeon. Others lower down the house did well, and their turn will come.

Simpsonites still have the facility for making sofas collapse, windows shatter, or merely fall out, strip to ignore pegs and accede to gravity, and toasters to fuse. Therefore our thanks go to all who have cleaned, mended, repaired and restored, clothing, the strip rooms, the dormitories, and particularly the old study Block.

My personal thanks go not only to the aforementioned, but to Mr and Mrs Langlands, and all the prefects for making the house run so smoothly, and making it such a pleasant year. Also Rodney Martin for supervising my counting of change on fete day. This term's leavers will all be most welcome visitors.

Simpson Authority –

School Prefects: M. J. de G. Allingham, R. W. N.
Kilpatrick, F. W. Fyfe

House Prefects: R. L. Martin, P. W. Y. Bullard,
C. J. Menzies, S. Penny,
N. R. Batey, P. R. Gibb,
A. J. Huddleston, M. Drummond,
T. W. Johnston

House Colours: M. J. de G. Allingham, R. W. N.
Kilpatrick, R. L. Martin, P. R. Gibb,
S. Penny, A. P. S. Caush, N. R. Batey,
M. Drummond, P. W. Y. Bullard,
F. W. Fyfe, N. D. Kilpatrick

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Woodlands

This year started with an influx of over forty new girl boarders, and Woodlands doubled in size overnight with the opening of the West Wing. For the first few days the ground floor was a flood of tears as the Riley girls realised the permanency of their predicament, while nannies flew from room to room with hankies in one hand and sweets in the other. However, the term soon settled down and the new girls began to make their mark.

With Woodlands now the largest House in the School, authority was needed, and Carolyn Mowat, Teresa Bruce Jones and Sarah Montgomery-Smith became the first girl prefects to grace High Table; they were supported by a bevy of house prefects.

The first term flew past with faulty locks and fire alarms, and a frequent sight was the hurried exit of girls in dressing-gowns, or people pining at windows waiting to be rescued by Mr Williams or a joiner.

Nightlife at Strathallan took on a new aspect as Woodlands opened its doors for a very successful house-warming disco, and all the girls joined in to transform the foyer and common room into a suitable venue.

The feminist movement won two battles: one, a convincing defeat in the debate that 'a woman's place is in the home,' the other in gaining almost the same privileges for girls as for boy prefects.

On the games field the girls made a considerable improvement with several successful fixtures. Hockey and squash were the main sports of the winter terms. The second term was as busy as the first with cross-country and ski-ing coming into their own. The girls' cross-country record was smashed by Amy McDonald who finished well ahead of the field. The ski-ing team, while not shining in the house competition, managed to come second in the Perthshire Schools, which 'qualified' them for the Scottish Schools competition.

Woodlands tried in several of the inter-house competitions, coming fourth in the sailing due to the brave efforts of Sue Robertson, Kate Scanlan, Cindy Cooper and Maggie Hamilton, although they did get rather wet. We were soundly beaten by Freeland in the hockey and tennis. We were not yet allowed to compete in the athletics standards as standards for girls had not been fixed, but we hope we will be given the chance to compete next year. As it was, we had our own inter-wing competition, duly won by the West Wing.

When not on the sports field the girls played an active part in school life: debating, drama, music, art, taking the morning service in Chapel, and in social service work on Fridays. In addition, a large number actively participated in the fête, both before and during, and a lot of people again got very wet.

In between times some work was done, and we had a good share of school prizes: Fiona MacLachlan (Modern Languages); Sarah Montgomery-Smith (Economics); Jan Paton (Chemistry); Sue Robertson and Cindy Cooper (Art); Rachel Beveridge (Reading); Nicola Thaw (Music). Carolyn Mowat gained a scholarship to Newnham College, Cambridge, to study Medicine.

After four years girls are gradually gaining equal status at Strathallan, the active role they play in school life contributing to their acceptance.

T.J.B.J. & S.M.M.S.

In writing about this first year of a full-strength Woodlands the authors have omitted some important points. First the part played by the prefects has been enormous. They have been far harder worked than many of the boys give them credit for, and they have been very efficient. The example set first by Carolyn Mowat and then by Teresa Bruce Jones has been outstanding. Incidentally, Carolyn's Open Award was the only major award in science given by Newnham this year.

Secondly, there has been a very warm and friendly atmosphere in the House. No girl, whether ill or homesick, has lacked real care and constructive help from her friends. As one would expect in a group of this size, we have our share of slackers, shirkers and column-dodgers, but there has been a lot of hard work, and a lot of happy laughter.

D.A.R.W.

Head of House: Carolyn Mowat (Autumn Term)
Teresa Bruce Jones (Spring and Summer Terms)

School Prefects: Sarah Montgomery-Smith
Rachel Beveridge (Summer Term)

House Prefects: Karen Skea, Jacqueline Brown,
Sarah Coyle, Debbie Kerr,
Linda-Jane McMillan, Lucinda Cooper
Janice Paton, Gillian MacDonald,
Fiona MacLachlan

Captains etc.:
Hockey Teresa Bruce Jones
Squash Rachel Beveridge
Tennis Karen Skea
Ski-ing Sarah Montgomery-Smith
Music Sarah Coyle

RILEY

After such a successful 1981-82, it was not to be expected that the following year could match its predecessor, and this expectation was duly fulfilled. There was some excellent work done by the top half of Form I; both the hockey and cricket teams showed considerable improvement over the course of the seasons, with the bowling of Mark Bargon arguably the sporting highlight of the year; there were many good achievements in what are often thought of as minor matters, such as table-tennis, in which Iain Steel reached the semi-finals of the Scottish Prep Schools Competition, gardening, music and art; and there was a good deal of sensible co-operation and assistance from a number of pupils. The arrival of girls, working in Forms I and II, but living in Woodlands, was not a complete success, but posed far fewer problems than some pessimists predicted. The tone of the year as a whole, however, can be summed up by a simple statistic: in 7 previous years the snooker table was responsibly cared for by the boys that there had only been one accidental rip: after a month of the autumn term last year it had to be withdrawn from communal use because the cloth was already virtually unplayable and the cues unusable. In view of this, it would be more tactful for me to comment predominantly on the changes in accommodation and on the future in general.

The summer of 1982 brought two major alterations. In the Common Room area Mr Barker's rooms were brought into the Riley complex, with his sitting-room becoming the Riley TV room, his bedroom the Riley library and his bathroom new lavatories for Riley. The previous Riley TV room became part of the extension of the model room area, and there is still a plan to use that area for a model railway. This alteration was a major success. The other reconstruction involved the refurbishing of Drumfin and Islay dormitories into a new wash-room, complete with smart new showers, the original intention of having baths apparently proving impractical. In the spring of 1983 work started on the new tennis courts. While this is certain to prove a considerable asset to the school, the construction work involved brought about the virtual destruction of the 'B' game cricket pitch and necessitated doubling up on the paddock square throughout the summer, with the inevitable result that 'B' game have had far less coaching than usual.

As to our future, girls will be living in Riley from September onwards. Big Dorm will be their dormitory, and the tutor's rooms adjacent to it (Mr Hewson's old rooms) will become their shower and recreation area. To accommodate an extra dormitory, a floor is to be built above the bootroom and a dormitory to be created on a new first floor there. Hamilton House will be enlarged by having the wall knocked down and altogether the new Riley will look and feel very different. It is, therefore, obviously a good time to hand over to a new team.

To finish on a personal note, I have thoroughly enjoyed almost all my time at Riley, both as House Tutor and Housemaster, and would like to express my thanks here to all Matrons, Tutors and Sports Coaches who have assisted over the years, as well as to all Dorm Heads who have given full support and co-operation and, above all, my wife. I would like, also, to wish Alastair and Carol Thomson the very best for what will be a very arduous, but rewarding, task.

M.J.E.W.

RILEY RESULTS

RUGBY

Oct. 2	v. Belmont House (H)	Lost 8 – 34
Oct. 9	v. Fettes Junior School (A)	Lost 0 – 44
Oct. 12	v. Craigclowan (H)	Won 12 – 8
Oct. 16	v. Belhaven (H)	Lost 8 – 12
Oct. 23	v. Lomond (A)	Lost 12 – 24
Nov. 6	v. Croftinloan (A)	Lost 0 – 52
Nov. 9	v. Ardvreck (A)	Lost 4 – 26
Nov. 13	v. Beaconsgrange (H)	Won 24 – 8
Nov. 20	v. New Park (A)	Lost 0 – 48

HOCKEY

Feb. 22	v. Craigclowan (H)	Won 2 – 1
Feb. 26	v. Fettes Junior School (A)	Lost 0 – 4
Mar. 5	v. Croftinloan (H)	Won 2 – 1
Mar. 9	Prep. Schools Hockey Day: Eliminated Round 1	
Mar. 12	v. Clifton Hall (A)	Lost 0 – 5

CRICKET

May 14	v. Belhaven (H)	Drawn
June 11	v. Lathallan (A)	Lost by 4 wkts.
June 16	v. Fettes Junior School (A)	Lost by 7 wkts.
June 21	v. New Park (H)	Won by 34 runs
June 25	v. Fathens (H)	Won by 8 runs
June 28	v. Ardvreck (A)	Won by 61 runs
2nd XI		
June 21	v. New Park (A)	Lost by 5 wkts.
June 28	v. Ardvreck (A)	Lost by 4 wkts.

ATHLETICS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Time/ Distance
100m Boys	Neish	Cowie	Duff	13.5"
100m Girls	Fraser	Gray	Niven	15.3"
200m Boys	Neish	Cowie	Browne	29.2"
200m Girls	Fraser	Niven	Robertson	33.0"
400m Boys	Neish	Guy	Tether	68.2"
400m Girls	Fraser	Niven	Beath	83.1"
800m Boys	Neish	Lawrence	Harris	2'39.1"
800m Girls	Niven	Ellis	Robertson	3'39.0"
1500m Boys	Cassidy	Tether	Bargon	23m90
Cricket Ball Girls	Robertson	Keith	Ellis	1m24
High Jump Boys	Cassidy	Duff	Grant	1m15
High Jump Girls	Keith	Burton & Ellis	—	3m92
Long Jump Boys	Browne	Crawford	Cowie	2m94
Long Jump Girls	Beath	Gray	Ellis	
Relay 4x100m Boys	Islay	Glencoe	Drumfin	
Victor Ludorum: S. Neish				
Victrix Ludorum: J. M. Fraser				

Chapel Notes



DL

The present incumbent of the Chaplain's Stall wears two hats as he writes these *Notes*. They are penned in the name of his predecessor, John Murdoch (whom we wish well, both he and his family, as they resume a tour of Army Chaplaincy), and in his own right but after only one term at Strathallan.

I am grateful to both John Murdoch and to Alan Reid

(now at Aberdeen University) for their copious notes which have helped me ease my way in to life in Perthshire.

I came with two distinct disadvantages. The first – that I arrived the day before term started. The second – that an inaccurate reputation preceded me, gleaned from two local Lancashire newspapers. Only time will tell how inaccurate they were!

It was a touching stroke of good luck which led to the second preacher of the term being the familiar face of Alan Reid. In 1982 the Preaching List included the Revds. David Bowker, David Millar, Richard Gorrie (Scripture Union), Peter Thomson, Uist Macdonald (to whom a special word of thanks should go for his help during the interregnum following Alan Reid's departure), the Very Rev. Dean Irvine, David Ogston, Norman Drummond, Fergus McLachlan (the Parish Minister), Tom Cuthell and the Rt. Rev. Michael Hare Duke, as well as the Headmaster, Pupils and Chaplain.

In my first term I inherited John Murdoch's list of Preachers, and that included Jock Stein, Philip Crosfield (Provost of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh), Richard Gorrie, Brother Peter, S.S.F., Howard Haslett, Ladd Fagerson and myself. It was of particular joy for me to ask to preach in my stead on Remembrance Sunday, the Very Rev. Dr. Ronnie Selby Wright, a dear friend both of the School and of its Chaplain. It was most moving to follow the solitary piper out of the Chapel across to the Main Building where, with the strains of the *Flowers of the Forest* dying away, the wreaths were laid at the War Memorial in the presence of the Headmaster, Dr. Wright, The President of the Strathallian Club and the School Captain, after which I offered a brief prayer of remembrance.

The offering that day which excelled the usual paltry average of £30, was taken to the BLESMA home at Crieff where the three-figure sum will be well used in providing additional comforts for the recently disabled ex-servicemen and their families who are given a week's holiday in our area. The pupils who came with me to present the cheque were given an interesting tour of the home by its Superintendent.

During 1982 the usual joint Confirmation Service was held and the following candidates (the largest number in the present Chaplain's history) were confirmed:

Church of Scotland: Keith Harry Adamson, Robert James

George Bainbridge, Roderick David Baird, Christopher James Lingard Bond, Jennifer Gillian Browne, Angus Carrick-Buchanan, Margaret Ludinda Cooper, James Gordon Cumming, Gillian McArthur Currie, Robin Derek Dawson, James Cleyton Downie, Findlay Grant Fyfe, John Robert Galloway, Peter Robert Gibb, Grant Hamilton, Margaret Grant Hamilton, Douglas Fraser Hannah, John Alastair Irvine, Deborah Ann Kerr, Elspeth Suzanne Mearns, Steven Mitchell, Fiona Elizabeth McLachlan, Andrew Robin MacLellan, David Clive MacTaggart, Bryce Stewart McCall-Smith, Angus John George McCulloch, Ross Sanderson Bruce McCulloch, Neil Howard McKee, Alison McKenzie-Walker, Philippa Kathleen McMurray, Andrew Stephen Ogilvie, Jocelyne Elizabeth Raitt, Angus Colin Robertson, Susan Katherine Margaret Robertson, Henry Shanks, Robin Alistair MacDonald Sinclair, Colin Wilfred Douglas Walker, Alisdair Edward James Wood, Claire Irene Elizabeth Young.

Episcopal Church in Scotland: Russell W. N. Kilpatrick, Linda-Jane McMillan, David D. Stirling, Nigel D. Kilpatrick, Jeremy M. Garnett, George I. D. Forbes-Leith, Katherine L. Streule, Bola Ayantuga, Tanya T. Harrod. At this Service the Bishop of St. Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, preached and the Very Rev. Dean Irvine presented his last clutch of Strathallan confirmands before he retired. His early morning Communion addresses will be sorely missed in the Chapel. We wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

In addition there were two marriages solemnised during 1983 and two baptisms.

Week in and week out, sometimes not noticed because they are always there, but contributing a great deal to the look of the Chapel, are the flowers. A word of thanks to Annabel Fairbairn and her team of helpers, both female and male, must be recorded. So also must thanks be recorded for the diligent, careful and loving preparation for the celebrations of the Communion according to the rites of the Episcopal Church made by Philip Hewson.

Discerning readers of *The Strathallian* will have noticed that I began where my predecessors usually finished. This was quite deliberate. I took up where they left off.

I was glad to begin alongside my colleague, the Rev. Fergus Harris, Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Perth. Very quickly we have learned that we are thinking along the same lines which dare to transgress denominational boundaries. 'Educare' is a 'leading out'. The Chapel and all that happens inside will fail if it does not touch or even approach the life of the School outside Chapel Services, and its failure will be even more devastating if it does not prepare the pupils for life in the world where so many are impatient about the Church's preoccupation with navel-gazing and propping up its tottering institutional walls. One marked token of the breaking-down of the boundaries has been the introduction of the *Strathallan Order for the Celebration of the Holy Communion*, first used on St. Andrew's Day at which there were 60 pupils present and which was the responsibility of Freeland House who provided Lectors, Stewards and 'Elders'. This order of service falls within the tradition of the Church of Scotland's *Book of Common Order* (1979) as well as the worship advances currently being made by the Joint Liturgical Group (an interdenominational group) and involves a great deal of congregational participation. It was again used for the Midnight Candlelit Celebration on Christmas Eve where there were over 90 people present, many from Forgandenny village. I hope that as well as Communion Services being held in the Chapel more frequently than in the past, they will be welcomed in a more informal atmosphere in the Common-Rooms of the Houses. The most pleasing element of this new service is that my Episcopal colleague feels more than happy in using it when he presides at this, the greatest of all services.

This 'ecumenical' slant was also detected at the Carol Service held for the handicapped of the area and for the Dunbarney and District Old Age Pensioners' Association, in that a Church of Scotland minister, a Roman Catholic priest, a nun and a minister of the United Reformed Church were among the lectors. This service was the traditional and much-loved Nine Lessons and Carols with the Choirs of Strathallan and Kilgraston combining forces.

Life in a Christian Community sheltering under the wings of a School misses out some of the 'high Points'

of the Christian year – Christmas, Easter and so on. This year's School Carol Services took the form of an Advent Carol Service in candlelight. Above the Sanctuary hung the Advent Wreath, one candle lit each Sunday of Advent, and dominating the whole Chapel, as the photograph illustrates, was Torquil MacLeod's *Nativity*, startling in its simplicity. Somehow, one of my tasks here is to prepare the pupils to celebrate these 'high points' in their local churches during School holidays. One particular 'high point' was the preparations made at almost a moment's notice for Harvest Thanksgiving by the ladies of Woodlands who decorated the Chapel tellingly with berries and grasses from the hedgerows around the School. Craig Young (Catering Manager) baked loaves for the Communion Table and the traditional Harvest hymns were lustily sung.

Previous editions of *The Strathallian* make mention of the singing in the Chapel. It is still worthy of note, yet not without difficulties. A new Chaplain and a fairly new Director of Music have not always been aware of tunes which are familiar. They are, however, both convinced of the necessity of using the hymn book to the full, thereby reflecting the Christian Year in song. It is a source of great encouragement to have in Nicholas Reed a Director of Music both competent and sensitive to School and Chaplain. His lively approach to Chapel music fired the Chaplain's courage to teach the School some unaccompanied choral responses. More will follow!

I had thought that moving to a School Chaplaincy after eight years in Parish work would prove vastly different. That is not quite the case pastorally. The same problems of a personal nature exist in a school as in a parish. The only difference is that they are perhaps more intense. Having inherited a 'Manse' which still houses the ghosts of its temporary inhabitants before they moved into Woodlands, quite a number of pupils have taken the opportunity of being welcomed into my home, complete with Scottish Deerhound, to talk things over. Of that I was glad. The nature of the beast, being both schoolmaster and Chaplain has caused no problems as to identity, and so it has been easy for pupils to share, in confidence, the things which are important to them.

If I were asked 'What are your aims as Chaplain?' I would say, 'To show that the worship of the God and Father of Jesus Christ should and can be lively, exciting,

dignified and yet with humour.' When the whole School is gathered in the Chapel for the formal Sunday services, this is not without difficulty. Space and seating within the building are of a premium. On occasion it has been far from comfortable, and has sometimes necessitated the unfortunate practice of pupils having to leave before a service actually begins. Without major capital expense there appears to be no solution. It is an unhappy situation. However, on the positive side, I should say that looking to the future, I hope that more colour can be introduced to the worship. God has given us eyes as well as minds, and the former as well as the more sterile latter must be part of the worshipping community. It is not just the educational sphere that uses visual-aids.

In the coming term there will be as Preachers, two Chaplains to Her Majesty the Queen, three former Moderators of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and three Ministers of Cathedral Churches in Scotland. A veritable ecclesiastical galaxy!

I have been grateful for the support given to this 'new boy' by the Headmaster, masters and particularly housemasters. I hope that I am never the recipient of a similar letter as the one addressed to Dean Inge of St. Paul's which said: 'I am praying for your death. I have been very successful in two other instances'.

T.G.L.

Public school chaplaincy for young Minister

Assistant Minister at Morecambe's United Reformed Christ Church, Broadway, the Rev. T. Graeme Longmuir is leaving on September 7 to become Chaplain and Head of Divinity at Strathallan School, Perthshire.

Strathallan School, numbering over 500 boys and 100 girls, was founded in 1912 at Bridge of Allan but moved in 1920 to its present location, formerly the residence of the Ruthven family. It is one of Scotland's foremost public schools.

Mr. Longmuir trained as a schoolmaster at St. Martin's College, Lancaster, where he gained his Bachelor of Education degree in 1973. He then went to Oxford where he trained for the Ministry of the United Reformed Church, gaining the degree Bachelor of Arts in 1975.

While at Oxford he was responsible for invitations to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, Lord Soper, Archbishops Appleton and Ramsey, amongst other



The Rev. Graeme Longmuir.

famous clergymen to preach in his college chapel.

Mr. Longmuir was ordained and inducted as Assistant Minister of Christ Church, in June 1976, and became Collegiate Minister in 1981, having received his Master of Arts degree from Oxford in 1979.

While in Morecambe he has held various church appointments including vice-

chairman of the District Council; secretary of the North-Western Province's Youth Committee and Church and Society Committee and has four times been delegate to the United Reformed Church's General Assembly.

In the town he has, at various times, been a governor of Morecambe High School, chairman of the Christian Aid Committee, Chaplain to the Sea Cadets, and chairman of the North Lancs and Borders Branch of the RSPCA.

He has been involved in four television appearances, the latest being the ITV service from Christ Church last Sunday.

He has written extensively for *Trout and Salmon*, *Expository Times* and *Liturgical Review*.

Mr. Longmuir is a member of the Iona Community, an ecumenical community of men and women centred around the historic Abbey Church on the Island of Iona in Scotland, and has recently returned from a visit to the ecumenical community at Taizé in France which is playing an important role in the lives of thousands of young people throughout the world.

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ROGUES GALLERY



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STAFF NOTES

During the last three years, the total school numbers have grown a little; they are now regularly over 400, of whom approximately 70 are girls. This increase in the overall size of the School, the build up of the girls' house and the ever increasing demands to provide more have inevitably led to the redeployment of the present staff and the need for additional staff. Thus, of the new staff coming to the school in September, 1983 some are extra to the previous complement, some are replacements for those who have left and others are part-time to help with various 'bulges' which have arisen with the inevitable fluctuation in numbers, when there is a free choice of subjects in the sixth form. Now for the merry-go-round.

After eight years in this very demanding position, Mr Wareham retired as Housemaster of Riley. He and his wife Joan will look back to their time in Riley with many happy memories. I shall never quite understand how they managed to start so many boys so successfully on their way up the school with so little fuss and so little help, and in conditions which were not always what they might have been. The modernisation programme only began a year ago and had not quite been completed for the arrival of Mr and Mrs Thomson. Mr and Mrs Thomson, together with their baby son and ball retrieving dog, moved into Riley in the middle of August, in the middle of chaos and the endless stream of new parents wishing to meet them prior to the start of term. Mr Thomson teaches English and History and his wife, Carol, has taken over special responsibility for the Junior Girls, who now live in Riley.

Another important internal shuffle involved Mr Pedgrift relinquishing the Geography Department and rearranging his teaching time-table in order to give more attention to Careers. Mr Wands, with wife and three children, has come from Merchiston to take over the Department and seemingly to do a host of other things, including rugby, cricket and shooting. Mr Jones had left this Department earlier in the year to take up a position in a Sixth Form College. Mr Colley, who is a graduate in Geography and Economics was able to start a term early in the summer and thus by September had settled in so well that he was helping with Riley, games, C.C.F. and getting married.

Mr Law, after three years in the North, felt it time to move South to Monkton Combe. As well as teaching Maths and Physics, Mr Law was Riley Tutor, helped with games in all seasons, was an active member of the Scripture Union and spent many a long hour looking after School shooting. He is replaced in the Maths Department by Mr Ralfs, an experienced Schoolmaster, who with

wife and family, recently returned from abroad. They may find the climate rather cold but Mr Ralfs is certainly prepared to brave it in all weathers and help with a full games programme and Riley.

We were all sorry that Mr Murdoch resigned as School Chaplain, after one year, to return to the Army. In this short time, Mr Murdoch seemed to enter into every aspect of School life. A Chaplain's commitment to the chapel is taken for granted; speaking in debates, playing rugby against the School, coaching rugby, playing squash and tennis, looking after the Social Service and teaching, certainly are not. Mr and Mrs Murdoch, and three children, are replaced by Mr Graeme Longmuir and an Irish Deerhound. Mr Longmuir has come to us from the United Reform Church in Morecambe and teaches English and History.

We were also sorry that with the reorganisation of other responsibilities in the school, Mr Dharsi had to leave at the end of the summer term. His ability on the cricket field and his unobtrusive long hours spent in the squash courts will be greatly missed.

Mr Forster and family have joined us from Hymers School, Hull. Mr Forster replaces his fellow Yorkshireman, Mr Johnston, who left in Summer, 1982, as Head of the English Department and with more people taking English in the Sixth Form he has a challenging future ahead.

Mr Auster has filled the vacancy in the Music Department and provided us with the bonus of help with rugby and cricket and a wife who teaches mathematics and the clarinet.

Mr Meadows may be last but at 6'7" in height certainly not least, has come directly from Cambridge to give additional help on the science side, as well as with Rugby and Leburn.

To all those who left the School during last year, we say 'thank you' and 'good wishes for the future,' to all those who have joined the School we say 'welcome' and 'good luck.'

To all those who were, and indeed still are, involved with the School temporarily Dr Baxter, Mrs Hendry, Mrs Guest, Mr McIntosh, Mr Richardson, Mrs Reid and Dr Sutton. We are grateful for your help.

These notes would not be complete without mention of Miss Taylor's retirement; Mary Taylor was my secretary for the past eight years and only those closely connected with the office will ever know the extent of her devotion to the school and the special friendship afforded to me and, dare I say it – my dogs!

C.D.P.

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There are three things I would single out for special mention this year because it shows that there is still plenty of enthusiasm in the C.C.F., not only amongst the boys, but amongst the officers.

As this was a reporting year, we were able to dispense with the usual G. I. Day panoply and, in its place, we held a weekend exercise involving two nights away and more than 100 troops in the field. Admittedly it was a shattering experience for most of us but nevertheless it was greatly enjoyed and there were absolutely no complaints, at least not from anybody actually taking part.

This was the first time that we have ever held such a large-scale exercise and, it goes without saying, that it took a great deal of planning and organisation. Full credit must go to the officers who were responsible, Lt. Cdr. C. N. Walker, Lt. K. O. F. Glimm and Lt. C. N. Court.

The East of Scotland Pipe Band Competition is always one of the highlights of the year for the Pipe Band and although we have been taking part in this competition for more than 20 years we have never won it, at least, not until 1983. This year it was held at Glenalmond and it's quite impossible to describe that sense of pride and achievement that we all felt when it was announced that Strathallan had won the competition for 1983.

It must have been particularly gratifying for the piping and drumming instructors, Bert Barron, Dave and 'Rusty' Clarke, who have worked together as a team to train the band to this high standard. Finally, I would record special thanks to Mr D. B. Henderson, the master in overall charge of the Pipe Band for more than twenty years and responsible for organising training and uniforms. Without his interest, enthusiasm and loyal support over many years the Band could never have achieved so much.

It says a lot for the enthusiasm of the officers of the C.C.F. that, during the Summer holiday, eight officers attended various camps and courses totalling approximately seventeen weeks in time. Their courses include

Army camp, Naval acquaint, sailing, gliding, Fleet Tender on the Clyde, HGV driving course. I'm quite sure that the benefits of taking part in regular training of this nature are eventually passed onto the cadets and I am very grateful to all the officers who gave up a portion, sometimes quite a large portion, of their summer holiday to undergoing some sort of C.C.F. training.

During the year, flying officer K. B. Jones resigned his commission on taking up a appointment at a sixth form college and Lt. A. W. Law has transferred to the C.C.F. Monckton Combe School. I would like to thank both of these officers for their help in the C.C.F. at Strathallan and wish them all success in their new appointments.

We are very fortunate in that Mr W. A. Colley is joining the Army Section and is going to take over the signals and Mr F. N. Reed is also shortly to be commissioned into the Army with special responsibility for the motorcycle section.

Pilot officer C. H. Ross has recently been commissioned into the RAF VR (T) and has completed gliding courses at RAF Newton. It looks as if the Primary Glider will, once again, be taking to the air. He is also interested in radio-controlled aircraft and this seems to be an activity rapidly gaining in popularity.

This has really been an excellent year for the C.C.F. and perhaps it is a good time for the contingent Commander to resign and make way for younger blood. This I will certainly do once the C.C.F. is up to full Officer strength and I can feel assured on the responsibilities that go with the job. It is not the most popular of School activities but, at the present time, when jobs are scarce and more and more people are considering the Services as a career the opportunities offered in the C.C.F. are attracting more interest. I am glad to say that boys at Strathallan are appreciating this and taking full advantage of it.

P.A.B.



The year started off as usual, with the problems of 'kitting out' the new recruits and getting them 'ship-shape' on the parade-ground. This wasn't helped by a shortage of webbing and an almost complete lack of ability to keep in step while marching. However improvement was rapid thanks to the drill training of Cox. Stevenson. P.O. McKee also expanded the new recruits' field of knowledge with a series of lectures on navigation.

Despite having no General Inspection Day this year, there were several visits and inspections by ranking officers, all of whom were most impressed with the standard of the turnout and discipline in the section. These visitors included Lt. Cdr. Brydon, Staff Officer at HMS CAMPERDOWN, who inspected the Naval Section Guard at Easter; and retiring assistant Naval member J.C.E., Lt. Cdr. Plummer, who inspected the section in the summer and was presented with a painting (painted by Lt. Cdr. MacLeod) of Lt. Cdr. Plummer's first ship, HMS AURORA.

During the course of the year there were, as usual, numerous camps and courses: weekends at sea off the East coast in HMS CUXTON, a minesweeper operating from HMS CAMPERDOWN in Dundee; in the Easter and Summer holidays, air-acquaintance course at HMS DAEDULUS; submarine acquaintance at HMS DOLPHIN; range-firing at HMS COCHRANE. P.O.'s Wood and Sinclair also attended the National C.C.F. Air Day at Portland at Easter, flying down from Prestwick in Sea

Hérons, and then in the Sea King and Wessex Helicopters. 500 Naval cadets were present, and an impressive show of aeronautical skills and fire-fighting techniques was put on for their benefit, as well as a short trip in a hovercraft.

On Field Day in the summer, a three-day field exercise was held on the grounds of an Old Strathallian, Bill Lindsay, near Coupar Angus. A base camp was set up on the Saturday afternoon by R.N. and R.A.F. sections, who were to defend it against the R. M. and Army Battlecraft Sections, who had been dropped at a distance from the camp, and were to use their considerable(!) map-reading talents to find it and knock out the 'radar station.' The R.N. and R.A.F. were patrolling the surrounding territory vigilantly, and did so all day Sunday and Sunday night. However, the attackers had got lost, and didn't appear until dawn on Monday, by which time they had walked . . . miles and were in no fit state to attack. They did, however, capture a radio set, which the defenders had been using for communication with sentries, as well as its operators, who hobbled down the hill from the sentry post with hands and feet tied (which was a comical sight at 5 o'clock in the morning!). The fieldcraft experience of Mr Colley was invaluable to the defending sections.

In April a new 32 foot cutter was obtained from MOD to add to the sections 'floating stock.' Lt. Cdr. Walker and his 'Special Boat Section' kindly took on the responsibility of repairing and maintaining it.

During the year much help was given by HMS CAMPERDOWN at Dundee, thanks to their new staff officer Lt. Cdr. Loudon, including the sea weekends on HMS CUXTON; and also, as always, from FCPO Curle, to whom we are eternally grateful for assistance with training and his ever present joviality! Thanks also to Lt. Clayton and Sub. Lt. Goody for their valued contributions to the Section.

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G. V. F. Clayton

Unicorn Division Coxswain:

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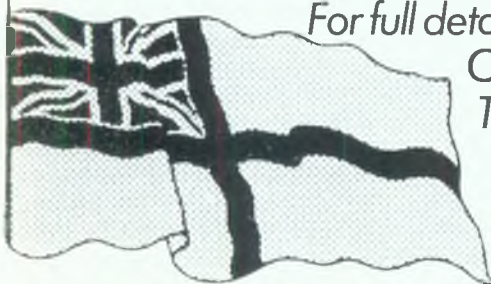
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In the circuit, the undercarriage of his aircraft was selected 'down' but the nosewheel remained in the 'up' position, even when the emergency 'down' selection was made. He reduced the fuel load to 600 lbs remaining, and carried out a braking stop vertical landing to a 70 ft square MEXE pad, resulting in minimal damage to the aircraft, which was subsequently able to return to service shortly after the incident.

Sub Lieutenant McLAREN displayed outstanding airmanship and flying skill during this most difficult recovery. In doing so he prevented serious damage to the aircraft.

Considering his limited flying experience and that this was the first time an emergency of this nature had been encountered in SEA HARRIER operations, I commend him for the high standard of flying skill which he displayed.



ARMY SECTION

Last time I wrote about camp at Cultybraggan, the first remark (and presumably my most lasting impression) concerned the rain pouring down. This year a certain amount of precipitation might even have been welcomed – when there is an official military warning of the risk of heatstroke, it must be fairly warm, and certain people discovered to their cost that the exposure of skin accustomed to normal Scottish summers to the solar intensity of this year was a hazardous procedure. Fortunately, a fair amount of the training seemed to involve contact, voluntary or otherwise, with water – in or out of canoes, assault boats or rafts – and a camp site by Loch Lubnaig was an excellent idea (or was until the midges took up residence). Even in the heat, most of the party was bullied or cajoled to the summit of Beinn Ghlas – I think they felt some sense of achievement, for their spirits were much higher on the way down! Overall, it was a cheerful camp – while the weather was obviously a factor, the willingness of all present to make the most of the opportunities offered helped considerably and was a good omen for the future of the section.

Earlier in the year we had had two field days. The first was a traditional October day, with a traditional Barry Buddon programme including two bodies falling in the assault course water first thing in the morning and one other breaking a wrist. The summer one was more ambitious, with an inter-section weekend exercise for many of the seniors, who came back cold, wet, exhausted and saying they'd enjoyed it; the recruits plus some remaining seniors took part in a competition based on school – while there was plenty of enthusiasm and effort in the 'march and shoot' in the morning, the lack of responsibility of certain seniors ruined the afternoon's orienteering.

Let that be my only note of criticism, for over the year the general impression has been of the good work done by all the NCO's, particularly Sgts Fairbairn, Jarlow, Bain and Shepherd and Cpl Penny. It was a pleasure to welcome Mr Court to the section – he has revitalised the Fieldcraft training – and Mr Colley has been doing valuable work picking up the pieces of the Signals Section. Mr Law left us at the end of the summer term – at a time when the section was very short of officers, he was always willing to help where needed, particularly with shooting and recruits. He has our best wishes as he goes to his new appointment.

A.M.P.

RAF SECTION

Field Day in November meant going in the various directions of Prestwick, Kinloss, Portmoak and Leuchars. At Prestwick, we were given a very interesting insight into Air Traffic Control both throughout Scotland and out into the North Atlantic. Fortunately the cadets were not given the opportunity to operate the system – there could well have been one or two excursions into Russian air space! The visit was concluded at HMS GANNET with its Sea King helicopters and the topical experiences of Naval personnel recently returned from the Falkland Islands. The trip to Kinloss involved a long coach journey and an overnight stay but was made extremely worthwhile by the quality of a full day's programme on this very active operational station. Nearly all of the cadets who went to the Scottish Gliding Union at Portmoak managed to get off the ground with the aid of an aerotow and thoroughly enjoyed what for most of them was their first taste of gliding. Our parent RAF Station at Leuchars hosted 25 cadets with seven of them spending the whole day with the RAF Regiment and being absolutely full of it when they came back. They had obviously enjoyed the very robust activities but the hoped for follow-up of Regiment training has not yet materialised.

The news that the Annual Camp at Easter was to be at RAF Hereford conjured up thoughts of flying filing cabinets and unidentified flying gateaux. As things turned out, it was quite the opposite and as one cadet put it: 'a great time was had by all.' The programme was described as demanding (perhaps not surprisingly since it had been drawn up by the Station Warrant Officer) and the activities strenuous, but the cadets appeared to revel in it. The activities included swimming proficiency with all cadets receiving the certificate, an eight-hour orienteering exercise, an exercise in leadership and initiative training and many hours of drill in preparation for the inter-flight competition. The competition was in fact won by the flight of David Mackie competing against flights from other schools. However, the highlights for most came on the last day when a Scout helicopter was brought in and provided an unforgettable experience in the form of a flight. For others, the experience of going to breakfast with the eyes and weapons of the SAS trained on them will remain long in their memory.

With no General Inspection this year, another Field Day was planned during the Summer Term. The Scottish Gliding Union was again a venue for some of the cadets

but most were involved in a weekend exercise with the RN, RM and Army Sections. The taste of something really different really whetted their appetites and appeared to have the approval if a large number of 'crabs.'

Shortage of manpower has been the main stumbling block in the attempt to provide as wide a variety of RAF-related training as possible, although other factors have also played their part. The weather has been very much against us on the days when we were earmarked for Chipmunk flying at RAF Turnhouse, a source of disappointment for many cadets. On the whole, the cadet NCO's have been rather disappointing and have failed to maintain the impetus which had been achieved during the previous year. Incidentally, I hear that Graham Archer is piling up the hours in a Bulldog with the University Air Squadron at Turnhouse.

Our Liaison NCO from RAF Turnhouse, Flight Sergeant Tony Gray, has again served us well; I would like to thank him, the Contingent Commander and the OC RN Section for the help which they have given to the RAF Section during the past year.

A.L.K.D.

ROYAL MARINES DETACHMENT

Our training in 1982/83 was geared towards the three main events in our calendar: the Tay Exercise, the Bradfield RM Competition and Field Day.

Tayex was primarily a Navy exercise, involving a crossing of the river near Inchyra and the setting up of a 'Radar Station' in the hills beyond Kinfauns. The Marines came into their own by providing a small raiding party which had to locate the Navy Camp and, if possible, disrupt the peaceful routine. Despite claims and counter-claims as to who had actually won the game the over-all result was favourable. We managed to put various training aspects into practice and can look back with some satisfaction at our night-navigation skills.

The remainder of the Winter Term followed the usual pattern of outdoor activities, ranging from work on the assault course to orienteering exercises in the hills. A group of eight Marines went to Bradfield College to represent us in the annual RM Proficiency Competition. Nine teams were tested in their skills at orienteering, bivouacing, shooting and drill and had to show ingenuity and determination in an improvised river-crossing and a run over an exceptionally fine assault course.

Despite impressive individual achievements and much commented-upon team work our chaps were robbed of the trophy. However they returned determined to do better next year.

The combined services Field Day exercise at the beginning of the Summer Term was bedevilled by the question of permission to use certain areas of hill country south of Dunkeld. In the end a compromise solution emerged and the exercise took place between Amulree and Dundee; the apparent gap was bridged by a fair amount of yomping and by Mr Walker who kindly agreed to ferrying troops in the Land Rover.

A slight navigational error (somebody had rashly entrusted the 'Sarge' with a compass) added some 10 miles to the trek and we all lost out on our beauty sleep as a result of this. The next day took us into the target area in Haliburton Forest, where a large group of RN and RAF personnel had set up their base camp. A lively game of hide-and-seek ensued, punctuated by occasional clashes and thunderflashes. In the summing up we all agreed: Let's do this sort of thing again!

Looking back on the year I should like to add that it has been very encouraging to observe the positive attitude and the enthusiasm with which even the most unattractive tasks were tackled and to watch the team spirit which helped to make the work enjoyable and rewarding.

Our thanks must go to all who helped us so unselfishly; the co-operation from the other sections, particularly the Army Battlecraft group, has been of tremendous value. We should also like to express our gratitude to Lts. Benbow and Gidney and their assistants, as well as to the gentlemen from RMR Glasgow who visited us on several occasions in order to help with the training.

K.O.F.G.



SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT – 1983

This year has been both a busy and a successful one for the Social Service group. We have paid weekly visits to Almondbank House in Perth on Friday afternoons, where we have got to know the residents very well. I think in the end Daniel Hsu did make up for the loss of dear Simon Phillips! We were also invited to a traditional Burns' Night Supper which was enjoyed by all. A special thanks to the two Pipers who joined us. Several times during the year we entertained the Almondbank residents

here in Woodlands, and we thank the Pipes and Drums for their playing for them. All the residents and staff attended the Annual Christmas Carol Service held in the School Chapel.

On several Fridays we were joined by musicians and singers including several members of Staff who participated wholeheartedly in concerts, which had a Scottish or modern theme to them. Similarly concerts were performed for the elderly patients at Bridge of Earn Hospital, especially during the Christmas period. Thanks go to Mr Reed, Mr Young, Mr MacLeod, Mr Lyzowi, Jim McLaren (Jimmy The Squeeze), Karen Smith, Karen Donnelly, Lisa McGlashan, Dominik Diamond, Angus McDonald, Sarah Montgomery-Smith, Simon Billington, Lucy Crispin and Jo Fagg for their musical contributions. It is sometimes difficult for performers to know how greatly their efforts are appreciated at the Hospital, and we can only judge from the thanks we receive. There is always an enthusiastic reception for music at Almondbank.

One of the most interesting questions arising from our programme this year was posed by a visit to Strathcarron Hospice in Denny, during the Summer Term. Earlier on in the year the Reverend Tom Scott had spoken to the School one Sunday about the work he and others are doing in the Hospice near Stirling. A Hospice is not only a medical institution but also a place where the terminally ill are able to come to terms with their situation, enjoy their last few weeks or days of life and most important of all it is a place where they can die with dignity.

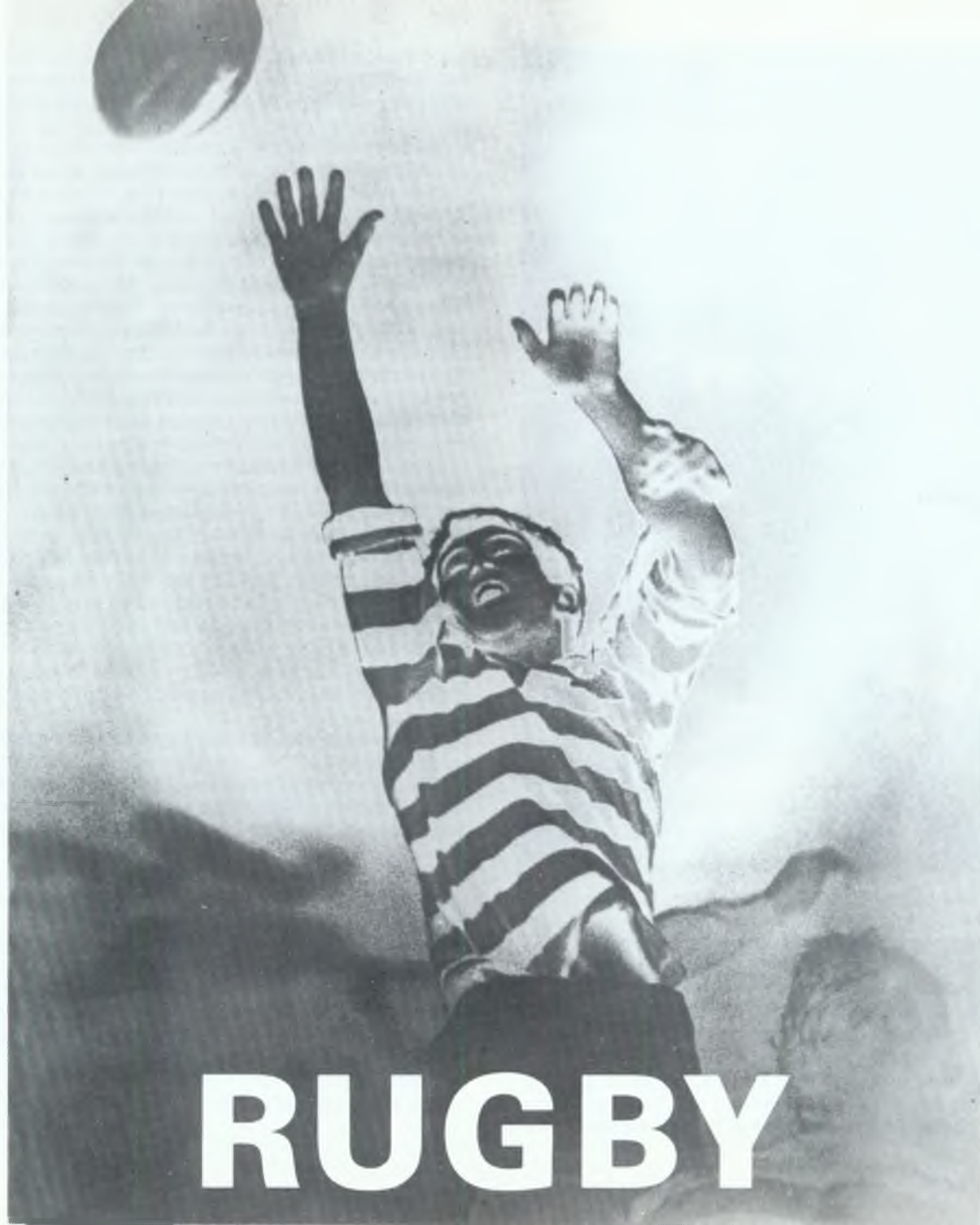
For some of us the visit was disturbing and rather upsetting and all of us left the Hospice with something to think about and remember. The element of depression was far outweighed by the knowledge that Mr Scott and his staff are giving happiness and comfort to all their patients.

All that remains for me to do is to thank Mr Fairbairn for all the work that he has contributed to the Social Service Group and also Mr Murdoch, who accompanied us on several of our visits. Thanks too to Mr Eric Smith who has acted as driver on some occasions.

Unfortunately many of us had to say Good-Bye to Almondbank when Mrs Anderson was absent, and we thank her for her kindness and never-failing warm welcome, and wish her a speedy recovery.

Finally, I hope that next year will prove as successful as the one that has just ended.

M. Lucinda Cooper.



RUGBY

This has been one of our best seasons for some years and, in terms of representative honours, perhaps our best ever. Not only did Mike Allingham and Neil McKee represent Scotland in all their international matches but Russell Kilpatrick and Crawford Churchill got Scottish schoolboy trials and all four, plus Walter MacDonald played for the President's XV. Unfortunately, Grant Corbett, the captain, was over the age limit otherwise his name would have been added to the above list.

The season started in grand style with a tour to Narbonne where we won all three games beating Sigeon 15-14, Cazouls 12-6, and Montpellier 13-10. The manner in which these games were won, with two memorable tries which would have graced Rugby Special, was indicative of the open style of rugby and support play that was to be a feature of the school matches. In addition, the atmosphere and commitment was already apparent. The tour also provided a good introduction to Strathallan for David Barnes, a new member of staff and the coaching team.

The Old Boys were the first side to experience an impressive display of handling and support play in a crushing 59-3 victory. A video taken of the game showed the quality of the handling on that day, with 9 tries in all being scored and Grant Corbett amassing 31 points (2 tries, 7 conversions and 3 penalties). Although we won the next three games against Perth academy (29-3); Rannoch (26-0) and Keil (23-4) in none of them did we dominate the way we ought to have done. The size and inexperience of the forwards was a limiting factor and the discipline was not quite right.

Our first big match against Fettes provided a thrilling encounter. Despite being heavily outweighed up front our forwards stuck to the task courageously and Andrew Crawford did an excellent job controlling the Fettes captain and international No. 8. Two silly penalties gave Fettes an early lead but we retaliated strongly and with our mid-field defence (Mike Allingham, Grant Corbett, Russell Kilpatrick and Crawford Churchill) in devastating tackling form the opposition backs made very little of their plentiful supply of ball. A drop goal by Martin Drummond was some compensation for the pressure. In the second half a penalty by Grant Corbett and an excellent try by Ali Caush put us ahead 10-6. In the dying seconds a penalty under our posts was used quickly and intelligently by Fettes to score in the corner. It would have been a travesty of justice if the conversion had gone over – fortunately it did not!

The game against Glenalmond was played in appalling

conditions and we did not adapt well enough. Their pack seemed to be hungry for the ball and we were not. In addition, basic defensive errors made that we gave away easy points. Fortunately we were able to pick ourselves up from this setback and produced an excellent performance against Loretto and yet another big pack! At 8-3 down we were obviously not commanding the game but by no means struggling and it was at this point that the forwards responded to the challenge. A brilliant try by Neil McKee who was put away by Russell Kilpatrick was converted to bring the score to 9-8 and a break by Mike Allingham and good handling by the backs resulted in another try by Martin Drummond. At 13-8 we had to withstand a tremendous onslaught by Paddy Stevenson's forwards; it was a great tribute to the team as a whole that we did not give way. A great way to end the first half of term!

The first game of the second half against Merchiston eventually went our way 10-6 with a try by Russell Kilpatrick and two penalties by Grant Corbett but we did not win in grand style. Perhaps this was why the Edinburgh Academy game was, to quote our secretary, 'an unprecedented disaster.' Injuries and sickness, however, did not help with $\frac{2}{3}$ of the front row having to be replaced at the eleventh hour. It was a most uncomfortable baptism for Brodie Sheperd and Dave Smith against a big and extremely well motivated Edinburgh pack. We were starved of possession and whenever we did get the ball it was on the retreat and our backs were constantly harassed by a good back row.

Despite the appalling conditions at Crieff we managed to get our act together once again. Our backs achieved some remarkable handling considering the conditions and the slippery ball, and Mike Allingham one of his more authoritative games, scoring two tries with Nigel Kilpatrick and Martin Drummond getting one each. Grant Corbett converted two of the tries to bring the final score against Morrison's to 20-3. With the vice-captain and pack leader Peter McKee encouraging and brow-beating the forwards we were able to dominate in the set play and the loose.

It had been pleasing once again to see the way the team had responded to defeat and the forwards now seemed to get the bit firmly between their teeth and Gordonstoun and Stewart's-Melville suffered as a result of the greater maturity of the pack. The front row, Willy MacDonald, Duncan Biggart and Tom Johnston, seemed to be enjoying themselves immensely; Walter MacDonald and George Stevenson were forces to be reckoned with



in the line-outs and in the loose and the back row of Nigel Kilpatrick, Peter McKee and Peter Bullard were getting through a tremendous amount of work; Peter McKee had perhaps his best two games of the season against these teams.

Grant Corbett opened the scoring against Gordonstoun with a weaving run which seemed to mesmerise the opposition. Excellent rucking and driving produced the ball continuously in one phase and resulted in the ball being transferred through many hands from right to left with Mike Allingham somehow appearing on the wing to go round and score. Nigel Kilpatrick once again appeared in the right place to score yet another try. Grant completed the total of 22-0 with two conversions and two penalties.

Although the 19-6 scoreline against Stewart's-Melville suggests an easy game it took us some time to get to grips with this side. A penalty by Grant Corbett and a typical Holmes try from Mike Allingham converted by Grant were our only points in the first half. Ali Caush scored an amazing try in the second half when he ran through half the opposition; having almost stopped at one stage to scream for support. Excellent play by Crawford Churchill which epitomised his whole unselfish approach throughout the season resulted in a try by Neil McKee on the wing.

Sadly we could not continue our winning streak against Kelvinside. We did not take advantage of superior possession in the first half and then frustration set in. Added to this the opposition had a psychopath in the second row who should not have been allowed on the field. He succeeded in badly injuring two of our players. Bad tackling and indecisive marking presented them with two soft tries and that was that!

It was perhaps fitting, therefore, that we beat Glasgow Academy 25-0 with some first class rugby in the last game of the season. The first score came as follows: from a line-out on their 22 Walter MacDonald plucked the ball beautifully out of the air for the fourth time in succession and fed Mike who broke and linked with Crawford Churchill who in turn timed his pass to perfection to put Ali Caush clear on the wing. The second try came from a perfect example of counter attacking by the full-back, Gilbert McClung; Crawford and Ali with the latter passing to Grant Corbett for what must certainly have been one of the best tries of the season. Somehow our ubiquitous captain turned up on the wing for the next try, the spadework having been done by Crawford Churchill and Mike Allingham. The only try in the second half was another classic. From a scrum in our own half, Grant switched blind, dummied past the cover and gave

Martin Drummond the chance to stretch his legs. Martin swerved in-field and linked up with Nigel Kilpatrick about 40 metres on. Nigel then flicked the ball on to Crawford who ran round the last defender to score under the posts. The pack had another good day providing a good and plentiful supply of ball.

1st XV colours were awarded to:

P. J. McKee, R. W. N. Kilpatrick, M. J. De G. Allingham, C. R. Churchill.

½ colours were awarded to:

N. H. McKee, A. P. S. Caush, P. W. Bullard.

B.R.

RUGBY RESULTS

1st XV

v. Perth Academy	Won	29 - 3
v. Rannoch	Won	26 - 0
v. Keil	Won	23 - 4
v. Fettes	Draw	10 - 10
v. Glenalmond	Lost	0 - 13
v. Loretto	Won	13 - 8
v. Merchiston	Won	10 - 6
v. Edinburgh Academy	Lost	0 - 23
v. Morrison's Academy	Won	20 - 3
v. Gordonstoun	Won	22 - 0
v. Stewart's Melville	Won	19 - 6
v. Kelvinside Academy	Lost	0 - 12
v. Glasgow Academy	Won	25 - 0

Club match

v. Old Strathallians	Won	59 - 3
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Schools: Played 13; Won 9; Drawn 1; Lost 3

Points for: 203; points against: 88

All matches: Played 14; Won 10; Drawn 1; Lost 3

Points for: 256; points against: 91.

2nd XV

v. Q.V.S. 1st XV	Won	12 - 0
v. Fettes	Lost	0 - 21
v. Glenalmond	Lost	6 - 13
v. Loretto	Drawn	4 - 4
v. Merchiston	Won	22 - 0
v. Edinburgh Academy	Won	9 - 7
v. Morrison's Academy	Won	3 - 0
v. Stewart's Melville	Won	4 - 0
v. Kelvinside Academy	Lost	0 - 7
v. Glasgow Academy	Won	32 - 0
v. Perthshire Colts	Won	22 - 10

Played 11; Won 7; Drawn 1; Lost 3

Points for: 114; points against: 62.

3rd XV

v. Perth Academy	Won	36-4
v. Rannoch 2nd XV	Won	15-4
v. Keil 2nd XV	Won	56-0
v. Fettes	Won	3-0
v. Glenalmond	Lost	4-14
v. Glenalmond U.16	Lost	0-29
v. Loretto	Lost	4-9
v. Merchiston	Lost	6-14
v. Edinburgh Academy	Won	6-0
v. Stewart's Melville	Lost	10-12
v. Kelvinside Academy	Lost	0-3

Played 11; Won 5; Lost 6

Points for: 140; points against: 89.

4th XV

v. Rannoch	Won	38-6
v. Q.V.S. 2nd XV	Won	56-0
v. Fettes U.16	Lost	9-16
v. Glenalmond	Won	10-0
v. Loretto	Won	36-0
v. Merchiston	Lost	3-7
v. Edinburgh Academy	Won	15-0
v. Gordonstoun	Won	30-0
v. Kelvinside Academy	Won	20-0

Played 9; Won 7; Lost 2

Points for: 217; points against: 29.

5th XV

v. Rannoch	Won	33-3
v. Fettes U.16B	Won	28-0
v. Glenalmond	Won	8-3
v. Glenalmond U.16B	Lost	10-20
v. Loretto	Won	24-3
v. Merchiston	Lost	0-12
v. Edinburgh Academy	Won	8-4
v. Gordonstoun	Won	24-0
v. Kelvinside Academy	Won	42-0

Played 9; Won 7; Lost 2

Points for: 177; points against: 45.

6th XV

v. Fettes	Lost	0-4
v. Glenalmond	Won	6-0
v. Loretto	Won	58-0
v. Merchiston	Won	50-0
v. Edinburgh Academy	Won	17-4

Played 5; Won 4; Lost 1

Points for: 131; points against: 8.

U.15 'A' XV

v. Rannoch	Won	60-0
v. Perth Academy	Won	24-8
v. Fettes	Won	15-4
v. Glenalmond	Won	23-0
v. Loretto	Won	16-0
v. Merchiston	Won	26-0
v. Edinburgh Academy	Won	25-9
v. Q.V.S.	Lost	6-18
v. Morrison's Academy	Won	48-0
v. Glasgow Academy	Won	6-4

Played 10; Won 9; Lost 1

Points for: 249; points against: 43.

U.15 'B' XV

v. Fettes	Won	36-15
v. Glenalmond	Lost	0-9
v. Loretto	Lost	0-14
v. Merchiston	Lost	8-14
v. Edinburgh Academy	Lost	0-24
v. Glenalmond	Lost	0-10
v. Glasgow Academy	Lost	3-23

Played 7; Won 1; Lost 6

Points for: 47; points against: 106.

U.15 'C' XV

v. Glenalmond	Drawn	12-12
v. Merchiston	Won	52-0
v. Glenalmond	Won	38-0

Played 3; Won 2; Drawn 1

Points for: 98; points against: 12.

U.14 'A' XV

v. Rannoch	Won	48-0
v. Perth Academy	Lost	4-28
v. Fettes	Lost	0-20
v. Glenalmond	Drawn	10-10
v. Loretto	Lost	4-20
v. Merchiston	Lost	4-8
v. Edinburgh Academy	Lost	4-16
v. Q.V.S.	Won	42-0
v. Morrison's Academy	Won	20-0

Played 9; Won 3; Drawn 1; Lost 5

Points for: 132; points against: 102.



U.14 'B' XV

v. Fettes
v. Glenalmond
v. Loretto
v. Merchiston
v. Glenalmond

Won	20-4
Won	12-4
Lost	3-13
Won	11-0
Won	14-0

Played 5; Won 4; Lost 1

Points for: 60; points against: 25.

U.14 'C' XV

v. Glenalmond
v. Glenalmond

Lost	0-48
Lost	0-38

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HOCKEY

There was an encouraging surge of interest in indoor hockey amongst juniors, and a team was developed in the autumn term. Its skills proved too strong for the girls, nearly surprised a senior side, but paled when faced with a wily old staff team.

Meanwhile the senior house competition was in full swing and it was good to see Leburn emerge from the doldrums and reach the final, even if they were soundly beaten by the powerful Simpson side. Hopes were high for the Schools National competition on the first Sunday of the Easter term, but, as so often, we were unable to sustain form throughout games. Allingham's accurate short corners never quite compensated for missed open play chances. Kincorth, last year's winners were our first opponents, and, although we began well, we couldn't match their experience. A draw and three wins followed,

results not quite good enough for a semi-final place, but which qualify for next year's tournament. Back at home Perth High School and Stewart's Melville joined us for an exciting triangular. Stewart's Melville just pipped us in the opening game to win the evening but we had a satisfying win over Perth. Glenalmond also came for another enjoyable evening. Allingham, Corbett, Churchill, McIntosh and Kilpatrick joined with players from there and Fettes to produce a team for the Inter-District competition.

The outdoor season started in fine style with a resounding 1st XI victory over Perth Academy, but we had to face Loretto without a flu-bound Allingham. We conceded a quick goal, but by half-time our superior stick-work was showing and we were in front. Play became scrappy in the second half with too much bunching in

midfield, but we were well worth another goal supplied by a powerful short corner from Kilpatrick. Fettes away proved a tougher proposition. Their forwards were fast and aggressive and, with big hitting from the back, always looked dangerous. They took the lead but we attacked strongly and got a stroke – duly missed! A good cross from the right finally got behind them and the score was levelled. The second half was even more furious but we retained our composure and Corbett slipped in the winner.

Our northern tour was not a success. The travelling was tiring and three games in two days was too much. We were also handicapped by the absence from the last two games of Allingham and McKee away at international rugby training. As usual Gordonstoun were fast and strong. Their attacks were invariably down the middle but stopping errors gave them a two goal lead. Kilpatrick with a stroke and McKee with a delicate flick brought us back into the match, but Gordonstoun scored each time they had a chance, while we missed many opportunities. The fast concrete at Seafield was an unfamiliar surface and Robert Gordons used it well, with a fine display of co-ordinated hockey. Our midfield was often caught out of position and the full backs were constantly under pressure. A goal near the end saved our face a little but we were never really in the match. Tired after this fast game, we hung on grimly in the afternoon game with Aberdeen Grammar to be all square at half-time, but collapsed totally after the break when only some brave keeping by Wood kept the score down to five.

Back at home a sound win over Harris Academy set the scene for our best Scottish performance on the magnificent rubber surface in Edinburgh against Stewart's Melville. With excellent interpassing and particularly good attacking from the wings we dominated the game. With confidence in the run of the ball control was good and we were able to play attractive hockey. Corbett finished well to get a hat trick and almost all the other forwards scored.

As always the Oxford Festival was hugely enjoyable. The quality of the hockey and social life ran neck and neck but we came through the rum punch barrier to produce one of our best series of results. Starting on a low key against a skilful Repton side we improved greatly on the hard surface to lead Aldenham by two goals with minutes to go, only to see the lead slip away. We played with more assurance against Kings Canterbury and were well worth our good win. The best game was with St. Edmunds Canterbury on a superb grass pitch. The battle ebbed and flowed, both sides showing excellent skills.

A beautifully disguised reverse pass from Clayton gave Corbett the winning goal. Millfield were feared but soon flustered by our determined tackling. They over-elaborated and our more direct style exposed their defence. There were several golden opportunities to win but a draw was a satisfying result.

1983 saw a vintage crop of games players at Strathallan and it was perhaps disappointing that the hockey results were not better. At times in practice some players seemed to have their minds on the next rugby session. The conflict with sevens is having a bad effect on school hockey.

Understandably Allingham never found his best form until Oxford. He lacked the sharpness of last year and was too often caught in possession. Churchill tackled and ran well but didn't have the delicate touch when needed. The most consistent performer was McIntosh. He is still short of pace but his passing and stopping were immaculate. Behind this midfield trio Fairbairn played with increased authority after an uncertain start, while McCall-Smith was assured in the tackle but slow to turn when beaten. Goalkeeper Wood concentrated well and let in few 'softies,' even if his reflexes at close quarters were a little slow. As the most experienced forward Corbett worked tirelessly yet still contrived to miss too often. The powerful Kilpatrick was effective against weak defences but his close skills were not good enough. He looked better the further he moved back! The other striker, McKee was fast and direct but also short on technique. Lagerborg's speed on the right wing was invaluable but he too must work on close control in the winter. In contrast left wing Jarlow was very skilful and flourished on the best surfaces. He would have enjoyed Oxford. Super-sub Bain played with great heart and, at Oxford, Clayton and Russell increased their confidence.

The 2nd XI was not as strong this year but there were some fine prospects in the Senior Colts. This side scored freely, especially through Reah, and won with ease against everyone except Aberdeen Grammar School 2nd XI. The Junior Colts were less impressive but their results were not bad. All the young players will profit from the new hard surface which will come into operation next year. There will be far more opportunity to work on the basic skills in the winter term.

It was good to see so much enthusiasm among junior and prep schools for hockey. Two new schools came into the fold for our Festival. After an afternoon of intense rivalry Clifton Hall became the new holders of the trophy.

My thanks go to all colleagues who helped on this afternoon and who worked so hard during the rest of the hectic season. To Mrs Clayton for turning out the 1st XI so immaculately and to Mr MacDonald who put up so cheerfully with my unreasonable demands for pitches on fast-wearing and poorly-drained grass.

J.N.F.

Results

1st XI

v. Perth Academy	Won	6-0
v. Loretto	Won	3-1
v. Fettes	Won	2-1
v. Gordonstoun	Lost	2-4
v. Robert Gordons College	Lost	1-3
v. Aberdeen Grammar School	Lost	0-5
v. Harris Academy	Won	3-0
v. Stewart's Melville College	Won	7-2

Oxford Festival

v. Repton	Lost	0-3
v. Aldenham	Drawn	3-3
v. Kings Canterbury	Won	3-1
v. St. Edmunds Canterbury	Won	2-1
v. Millfield	Drawn	1-1



2nd XI

v. Loretto	Drawn	4-4
v. George Watsons 1st XI	Drawn	2-2
v. Fettes	Lost	0-8
v. Forfar H.C.	Lost	2-4
v. Harris Academy	Won	4-0

3rd XI

v. Loretto	Won	5-3
v. Fettes	Won	4-1

4th XI

v. Loretto	Won	3-1
v. Fettes	Lost	2-3

Senior Colts 'A' XI

v. Perth Academy	Won	6-0
v. Loretto	Won	4-2
v. Fettes	Won	4-2
v. Gordonstoun	Won	6-3
v. Robert Gordons College	Won	3-0
v. Aberdeen Grammar School 2nd	Lost	1-2
v. Stewart's Melville College	Won	15-0

Senior Colts 'B' XI

v. Loretto	Won	5-1
v. Fettes	Won	3-2

Junior Colts 'A' XI

v. Perth Academy	Drawn	2-2
v. Loretto	Drawn	0-0
v. Fettes	Won	2-1
v. Stewart's Melville College	Won	11-0

Junior Colts 'B' XI

v. Loretto	Won	3-2
v. Fettes	Lost	1-3
v. Lathallan	Drawn	2-2

Overall Record

Won 24; Drawn 7; Lost 9.
Goals for 135; Goals against 76.
Cancelled 5.

House Matches

Outdoor

1st Round

Freeland 11	Woodlands 0
Ruthven 1	Simpson 1 (Simpson won on strokes)

Semi-finals

Nicol 6	Freeland 0
Leburn 0	Simpson 1

Final

Cancelled due to bad weather.

Indoor

Simpson beat Leburn in the final.

Teams

1st XI

M. J. de G. Allingham* (Capt.), J. N. Fairbairn* (Sec.), G. S. B. Corbett*, R. W. N. Kilpatrick*, C. R. Churchill*, K. J. Jarlow, E. McIntosh, A. E. J. Wood, B. S. McCall-Smith, A. I. L. Lagerborg, R. A. Bain, G. V. F. Clayton, A. L. V. Russell, N. H. McKee.

*Colours.

2nd XI

D. W. Brown (Capt.), R. A. Bain, G. V. F. Clayton, A. L. V. Russell, R. S. Hamilton, J. A. Clarke, R. D. Baird, M. D. Murphy, M. Drummond, D. E. Uprichard, J. M. T. Barrowman, D. S. Callander, A. P. S. Caush, K. Adamson.

Senior Colts XI

J. M. Garnett (Capt.), G. S. R. Robertson, J. W. G. Pater-son, R. S. B. McCulloch, S. Oliver, A. J. McAlister, A. R. Maclellan, J. C. McKenzie, R. E. M. Reah, N. A. MacLach-lan, D. A. Lawson, S. Duncan.

Junior Colts XI

D. S. Aitken (Capt.), D. W. Dinsmore, C. N. E. Temple, A. E. Murton, R. A. Ford, G. J. M. Clark, A. A. Beath, R. M. Adam, A. G. A. Bullard, P. D. Rochow, N. A. Mearns, R. A. L. McAlister, P. C. Brown, K. D. Smith.

GIRLS HOCKEY

With the increase in the number of girls in Woodlands, it has become possible to form several girl hockey teams. These teams had many fixtures both home and away.

In the Winter Term, the 1st XI had a very good start to the season only losing one match. However in the Spring Term the team was plagued with injuries and the results were not so good.

The 2nd XI played three matches but found the competition rather strong. The U.15 XI played five matches and improved steadily towards the end of the season. The Riley team, which included all the Riley girls, made a good start to the season by beating Craigclowan.

This year Woodlands entered the Inter-house hockey competition and were drawn against Freeland who soundly beat us 11 – 0. At the end of the Spring Term we played a fun match against a team of staff who also beat us 3 – 0.

For the first time girls hockey half-colours were awarded to: T. BruceJones, R. Beveridge, L-J. McMillan, G. MacDonald and T. Maxwell. Of the 14 1st XI matches played 5 were won, 4 were drawn and 5 lost.

Results

Winter

v. Perth Academy 2nd XI (H)	Won	1 – 0
v. St. George's 'A' XI (A)	Lost	0 – 3
v. Fettes 1st XI (H)	Won	2 – 1
v. Morrison's 2nd XI (H)	Won	3 – 0
v. Loretto 1st XI (H)	Won	1 – 0
v. Dollar 2nd XI	Drawn	1 – 1
v. Kilgraston 'A' XI (H)	Won	2-0

Spring

v. Fettes 1st XI (A)	Drawn	1 – 1
v. St. George's 2nd XI	Lost	0 – 1
v. Kilgraston 1st XI	Lost	1 – 2
v. Perth Academy 2nd XI	Drawn	2 – 2
v. Morrison's 2nd XI	Lost	0 – 3
v. St Columba's 1st XI (H)	Drawn	1 – 1
v. Loretto 1st XI (A)	Lost	0 – 2

T. B-J.

SKIING



MASSED TEAMS FOR THE PERTHSHIRE SCHOOLS

As usual the season kicked off with the British Schools Artificial Slope Championship. Having qualified our talented young artificial team showed that Strath. wasn't just another Public school. We came in first non-Edinburgh school providing an excellent start to the season. The team was captained by Kyle Smith with Robin and James Gilyead and Ken Smith. It can now only be hoped that the same team can better last year's performance this year.

Abroad, and, Ron Duncan once again put up a magnificent show in the British Open Championship – first in the Downhill and 4th in the Slalom gave him the winning time for the combined result. Well done Ron!!!!

The house race was run on a good firm base of snow

behind the bus park. There were of course no uplift facilities in the remote spot which was greeted with little enthusiasm. However the course was excellently set by J.F.C. On the whole the race ran smoothly with Freeland taking the house cup and Robin Gilyead taking the Duncan Trophy for the fastest time – 2/100ths of a second faster than his closest rival.

Several members of the club raced regularly on the circuit. James Gilyead coming in first in the Welsh Juniors was very good and let's hope that he will produce a few more in the years that he has left in Strath.

The Perthshire schools was a great disappointment. Not only was the entry bad but the ski-ing followed suit.

The course was an open slalom run on soft snow in bad visibility.

The Open 'A' team came second to Glenalmond with Andrew Crawford coming in third. Gavin Verden-Anderson 11th and Guarin Clayton 15th. The 'B' team came 6th Grant Corbett coming 12th. The 'C' team came in finally at 7th.

The promising-looking under 16's 'A' was expected to do well but unfortunately due to Ken Smith's heroics on a jump the team was left with a cripple as one of their prime members. But despite the handicap the team came second to Glenalmond with Robin 1st, Rowly 2nd and Andrew Ogilvie 8th. The 'B' team put up a reasonable show but only managed 6th place.

The under 14 team was weak from the start but however its one strong racer James came a good third. Unfortunately not enough for the team to gain a good place. The girls did very well in coming in 2nd. This is the best they have ever done, let's hope that it can continue. Sarah Montgomery-Smith had the best time coming 4th so whatever she claimed was wrong with her it can't have been too bad.

The Army Ski Association race in which our C.C.F. team races each year was held on the West Wall. As usual the Cairngorms provided strong winds and hard snow for the race. Our team came 2nd again to Glenalmond. In the individual results Robin did extremely well coming 7th.

The Scottish Schools Minors was a disappointing event the team coming 16th. However James did have a reasonable run coming 8th.

The Scottish Schools itself was run on a wet heavy snow with a firm base. The weather was fine except for the odd flurry of snow. The school came 3rd which is the best we have done for some time. Andrew came 12th and first in Strath. to win the Butchart tankard.

The girls team for the event was a disaster only one of the members, Amy MacDonald, completing the course.

The conclusion of the season was the first British Schools held on snow. The prize for this race was presented by J.F.C. so all effort was put into winning it for him. But for some unknown reason (probably because they are better than us) St. George's, a girls school! managed to win it. However we came a good third. All the team producing good times.

In all the season has been a great success and excellent fun which is what it is all about. It can now only be hoped that next season is at least as good and preferably even better than this one.

A.J.M.C.



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CROSS COUNTRY

The season began with the yearly inter-house fixture which was run on a windy snow-showered day. The races were run in great spirit. Nicol taking the trophy with outstanding performances. They won each age group, which no master can remember happening in their time at Strathallan.

Unfortunately the school team didn't look too promising, with only nine people opting to participate in the demanding sport. To select three teams of six from nine people is a difficult chore, one which could not have been possible without the help of several 'outsiders' namely: Gavin Fairweather, Pete Caush, Graeme McLay and 'Flash' Dunlop. The season was however still a disastrous one, but some notable performances were not scarce. Peter Gibb, Ian Harley, Stewart Dow and Gordon Sedgwick all put in tremendous efforts for the Senior Team, and Rob Galloway and James Barrack running well for the Middles. Good Juniors were difficult to find, with masters reluctant to release their Hockey players to run. We didn't win a fixture.

The Scottish Schools Fixture was run on the breezy Ayrshire Coast: Gibb (55), Harley (81), Galloway (99).

Peter Gibb won the trophy race.

Finally thanks to Mr Gilks for the assistance in training.
I.J.G.Harley (Capt.).

SQUASH

To put it rather mildly, this season was not too successful! The team was young and inexperienced with little practice behind them. Having played only three of our away games in the Dundee and district league, and losing most of our home matches, it was not surprising that we ended up bottom of the league.

Our three inter-school matches were not too brilliant either, we lost to Glenalmond, both away, and home, with G. Lawson and G. Corbett winning away, and G. Lawson and D. Uprichard, the only successful ones at home. Our performance against Gordonstoun was much in the same vein with A. McAlister and G. Corbett being our only winners.

Two matches against Edinburgh Sports Club were arranged during the year, which proved to be rather farcical for the Senior end of the team, but gave the juniors a chance to get some early experience, with C. Henderson, looking a promising player.

The House Matches saw the senior cup go to Simpson in a competition, that at times, could have been anyone's. The Leburn juniors seemed to dominate the junior side of the school, winning 5 – 0 in the final against Freeland.

The Senior individual cup, proved to be a close run affair, especially in the final, between G. Lawson and G. Corbett. It was eventually won by G. Corbett 3 – 2, after the players had to abandon the court for 1½ hours due

to a power cut. M. Evans-Pratt won the junior cup in fine style.

Finally I would like to thank Mr Dharsi for his contribution to the sport at Strath., and Mr Addison for sparing many of his Tuesday evenings to give us many a fine demonstration of how the game should be played. I break-off, then, after what might be called a 'warm up year' with better hopes for the oncoming season.

D.E.U. (Capt.)

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL 1983

There was only one School match this season and that was against our near rivals from Glenalmond. The team was depleted from the start as the Upper 6th and 5th form couldn't play as a result of exams. The new stars however put up a good performance in the rain and on a Glenalmond pitch which resembled a mud bath, gained a creditable 1-1 draw. This season saw the emergence of a House Competition. There were two mini leagues of three with the winners going to the final whilst second places fought it out for the third place play-off. In group 'A' of this six-a-side competition a strong Leburn team beat Nicol 2-0 despite missing a penalty. Freeland then played Nicol and won 3-1 with the goals shared by that impressive striking partnership of Grant and Gavin Corbett. In the final match of Group 'A' Freeland scored a good early goal and the defence stood firm to withstand Leburn pressure and to see Freeland win by 1-0. In group 'B' the much fancied Simpson side played to form and beat a plucky Ruthven team 2-1. Then the shock of the day, Simpson were crushed 3-1 by an impressive and tough masters' team. In the final match Ruthven again put up a brave and determined effort and lost 1-0. Simpson, demoralised, conceded 3rd place to Leburn, and on a hot afternoon the final was played, having played football all morning. As corners counted in the event of a draw, Freeland won by 5 corners to 1. The match was tough but exciting. The masters were impressive in defence – N. Du Boulay thwarted the Corbett 2 with great saves on many occasions whilst B. Raine and P. Gilkes were tough defenders. The speed of W. Colley and D. Barnes often troubled a well marshalled Freeland defence of S. Murray, G. J. Fairweather, and S. Oliver, but Freeland held out to win a good competition. All teams played well and enjoyed the day and the two finalists must be congratulated and the brave Ruthven team for putting up good performances. Thanks go to Mr Gilkes for organising the School Match and an enjoyable competition.

G. J. Fairweather.

YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

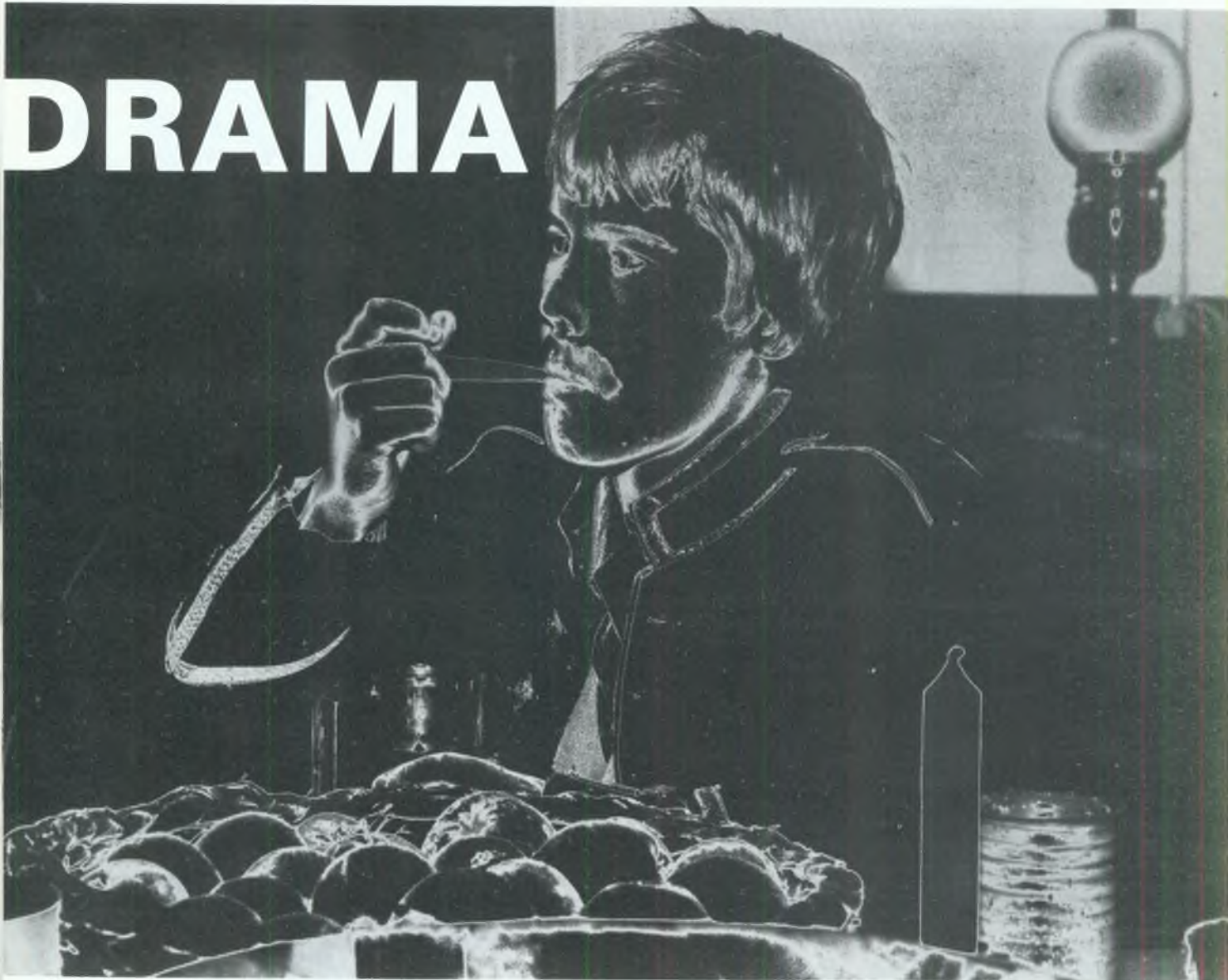
This has been a mixed year for the YFC. Mr Fairbairn took over as Master-in-charge from Mr Ford at the start of the year, and together with Robin Kingan organised visits and lectures. In the first term we had visits to the Golden Wonder Crisp factory at Broxburn, Fenton's Potatoes and Marshall's Chunky Chicks. These visits were well attended by members, who seemed to enjoy them.

In the Easter term the YFC suffered a great loss by the sad death of Robin Kingan. It was he who had organised all the films and lectures for the next two terms and so I had an easy job in taking over from him. During the Easter term we had a lecture from Mr Bruce Jones on Forestry, and one from Dr Gerald Hill on Computing in the Farming Industry. I should like to thank these gentlemen for giving us such interesting lectures. Attendances in general for film meetings seemed to be falling off.

In the Summer term there were two Farm Visits. The first was to Mr Adam's farm at Newhouse of Glamis, and the second to Mr Niven's farm. We are very grateful to both families for their generosity. The only other visit was to the Royal Highland Show, which was well attended as usual.

J. McLaren.

DRAMA



GFM

One of the pleasures of being a new English teacher at Strathallan was to discover the proximity of a surprising number of theatres which are putting on a consistently high standard of productions. Most noteworthy of them all is the nearest, Perth Theatre. This attractive small theatre was refurbished recently and now enjoys considerable popularity in the district due to the strength of the acting, inventiveness of direction and excellence of the stage design, lighting and costumes. Saturday matinees are offered at very reasonable concession prices and the first trip I arranged was to *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. I was dubious about whether this novel, which was made into such a good film with Jack Nicholson, could adapt as well in the confines of a stage, but, due to the skilful acting and wonderfully evocative set, the play was extremely effective.

Soon Saturday matinees at Perth Theatre became a regular event and last season we saw *Cider with Rosie*, *Major Barbara*, *Good*, and *Red Rose for Ransom*. All these productions kept up the high standard we came to look forward to from Perth Theatre and the latter production *Red Roses for Ransom*, was distinguished by having one of our own pupils, Dominik Diamond, in a leading role. This coming season, commencing with *The Importance of Being Ernest*, will see us supporting Perth Theatre as enthusiastically as ever.

The MacRobert Centre at Stirling is within an hour's drive and offers special events which cater for the requirements of school pupils. I took my A Level class to see the Russian film of *King Lear*, which they were studying. The fifth form saw a production of *Romeo and Juliet* and the cast of the lower school play were fortunate enough to see the Medieval Players, a touring group which show a better example of first-class acting than any other I know. I hope some of the pupils who enjoyed these fine performers will find the experience helpful in their work on our play this term which is also medieval – *Everyman*.

In a desperate attempt to engender some enthusiasm for theatre in my philistine lower sixth Highers class, I took them to see Alan Ayckbourn's *Relatively Speaking*, some of them actually condescended to smile! This term trips have been arranged to *Macbeth*, *Jamie the Saxt*, and *Accidental Death of an Anarchist* at the MacRobert which plays host to some very good touring groups.

This is becoming increasing the trend with provincial theatres. Many of the productions which tour have first made a name for themselves at the Edinburgh Festival.

A Higher group studying the First World War poets saw *Not About Horses*, the play figuring Robert Owen and Siegfried Sassoon, which was such a hit at the '82 Festival.

This was in the modern and luxurious Dundee Repertory Theatre, where we also saw 7.84's revival of Ena Lamont Stewart's play *Men Should Weep*, set in the Glasgow slums of the 1930's. An impeccably directed production with the most atmospheric set I have ever seen. Dundee also has the Bonar Hall Theatre where we saw Triad Alliance's *Hamlet*, and have booked for Wildcat's *Welcome to Paradise*, a rock-musical about the Highland Clearances!

The most attractive theatre of all is, of course, Pitlochry, where *The Admirable Crichton* and *Twelfth Night* have been much enjoyed this season. A moving presentation of *The Diary of Anne Frank* made my first acquaintance with The Byre Theatre in St. Andrews, one that I look forward to renewing. Nor is Edinburgh too far to go for an evening at the theatre, especially since the Royal Lyceum started a scheme offering school pupils tickets for 50p! Minibus trips have been made to see Shaw's *Heartbreak House* and Brecht's *Antigone*.

Lastly, I mustn't omit our own humble efforts. The lower school play last year was *The Three Wayfarers*, adapted from a short story by Thomas Hardy. And some of those hardy characters who performed so gamely in that play have come forward for another dose of punishment in *Everyman*, at present in preparation. 'Why can't we do a modern play, Miss?', 'But don't you see, the theme of *Everyman* is modern.' (Just that the language is incomprehensible!).

A lot of effort by all involved went into producing *The Recruiting Officer*. I hadn't thought I would ever suffer from insomnia 'till we started rehearsing that play, but when we discovered at the dress rehearsal that it was taking 4 hours from start to – well, not even to finish, we couldn't stay up **that** late, I went home in a cold sweat and started cutting ruthlessly. Luckily a whole sub-plot could be lifted out with no harm except to the characters who'd learnt their parts for nothing. They were saddened but understanding, and gave up their lines gracefully. We got the play down to a more manageable length, though perhaps not short enough for some people! Soon we'll have new lights and sound and blackout curtains on the stage and in the theatre, and then it really will be all systems go!

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THE THREE WAYFARERS







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Roundup

The scale of activity and the standard of public performances given by the Music department is invariably dependent on a handful of senior musicians, ably supported by a team of younger players learning the ropes. Over the past twelve months, we have enjoyed the considerable musicianship of a group of senior players, who have been not only the inspiration for some ambitious programmes, but also have themselves given some superb performances.

All our musicians have had a very busy and most varied performing schedule during the year. They have given concerts or sung Services in many different venues including Gleneagles Hotel, for the Conference of Rotary International, and Grantully Castle, Aberfeldy, for a musical evening with our most generous patrons and hosts, Mr & Mrs Henry Steuart Fotheringham. The Early Music Consort gave a concert at Croftinloan School, and together with the Choir and Orchestra and the Choir of Cargilfield School, gave a concert before singing Choral Evensong in Cargilfield's own Chapel before a large congregation of staff, pupils and parents.

Activities on such a scale should not suggest that home audiences have been ignored. From the Headmaster's Musick to the Last-night-of-the-Proms style Christmas concert, audiences have experienced performances of a standard of excellence rarely attained from so many relatively inexperienced players. To single out individual players from such a mass is extremely difficult, but mention should be made of the most musical playing of Lucy Crispin (Recorder) and Euan Lawson (Oboe) heard at a good many of the concerts during the year.

We have helped such local societies and hospital patients such as the Perth Multiple Sclerosis Society and Bridge of Earn Hospital, where programmes were offered on a regular basis throughout the Lent term to the long-stay patients. The one most responsible for exciting our largely octogenarian audience was a programme of Scottish music given by Craig Young (Bass), Angus Macdonald (Fiddle) and Jim McLaren (Accordion), a combination which has since enlivened many a concert at Strathallan.

The wealth of music rehearsed and performed could not possibly be staged without an active band of musicians practising away at home, and the year has seen yet another increase in the number of musicians battling to find practice-rooms about the School.

The Chapel Choir has grown steadily both in numbers and expertise, and the now familiar sight of row upon row of choristers rising in harmony to sing anthems of considerable complexity is commonplace. The Carol Service was a most successful blend of Mediaeval carols from the Choir and the traditional settings for the congregation, whose singing has again been the cause for much praise from the pulpit from visiting preachers. As a token of thanks and gratitude for services rendered, the Choir and Orchestra were entertained to a Mediaeval banquet in the Dining-room, itself a veritable tour de force both gastronomically and musically, and much appreciated by all.

The activity of the department is due in large part to the encouragement and help from the team of visiting musicians, who weekly brave the elements, and also to the sheer hard work done by the individuals. The rewards are obvious enough in themselves, but an increasing flow of Associated Board successes confirms this greater application, and of the many good passes, Gavin Pettinger deserves mention for a good Distinction in Grade 4 Oboe.

Perth Festival of the Arts

Lunchtime Concert, St. John's Kirk, 27th May 1983

This concert, part of a series given by the schools in Perth and District, continues to be a high-point in our musical year. As the programme suggests, it provided no mean musical offering to a very full St. John's Kirk.

This year it proved a fitting climax to the musical careers of James Fairbairn, Johan Jarlow and Stewart Dow, names which have appeared regularly in these columns over the years. The stimulus and confidence a public performance in a building such as St. John's gives the musicians is most noticeable, and the resulting achievement of all concerned on this occasion was certainly not missed by the appreciative audience.

The **Patrick Grandison** prize for strings was awarded to Nicola Thaw (Cello) for her carefully prepared and polished performance of Bruch's *Kol Nidrei*.

The **Robert Barr Memorial Prize** for music was awarded to Euan Lawson (Oboe) for his excellent performance of the *Oboe Sonata* by Poulenc and his outstanding contribution to the year's music-making.

Headmaster's Musick, 6th November.

Orchestra: Symphony No. 4, William Boyce.

Madrigal Group Liebeslieder Waltzes,
Johannes Brahms.

Oboe Quarter by Mozart, Euan Lawson, Angus Macdonald, Simon Billington, Rachel Beveridge.

Early Music Consort, Renaissance Dance Music.

Ballet & Scena from *Ballo del Ingrate*,
Claudio Monteverdi.

Concerto for four French Horns by Heinrich Hubler,
Stewart Dow, Joanna Fagg, Stewart Benzie,
Nicholas Reed.

Perth Festival Lunchtime Concert.

Crowne Imperiall, William Walton.

Concerto for two Flutes, Joseph Haydn,
James Fairbairn and Johan Jarlow (Flutes).

Sonata in F for Horn and Piano, L. v Beethoven,
Stewart Dow (Horn).

Early Music Consort: Elizabethan Music for
Recorders and Guitars.

Introduction, Theme and Variations, J. N. Hummel,
Euan Lawson (Oboe).

Chapel Choir, *I Was Glad*, Sir Hubert Parry.

PIPES AND DRUMS REPORT 1983



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As usual our opening gambit was St. Andrews' Night and with all last year's members back the band gave a first class performance. On to the Blackford Games, and after an exhausting parade through the streets another much appreciated rendition, in fact good performances were now becoming the norm. In the West of Scotland Band Competition the band came 3rd. Ken Orr and James Downie coming 1st and 2nd in the Junior Individual Drumming, and Richard Knox was placed 1st in the Senior Individual Drumming. Three top places from four entrants is no mean feat. In the East of Scotland Competition held at Glenalmond, and for the first time in the band's history we were placed 1st. The result was well deserved and we owe our success to the excellent piping tuition of Bert Barron, and the new style of drumming ably taught by Dave and Rusty Clark, not to mention the hard work put in by the boys themselves. In the individual piping Michael Bullard came 2nd, Stephen Leckie 3rd and Duncan Biggart 5th out of 24 entries. In appearance and drill the band was placed 5th out of 8.

At the end of the summer term we lost Stephen Leckie, Colin Menzies and Anthony Randell. They will be a great loss to the band next year, and we thank them for their services and hope they continue to pipe.

School Competition. Results:

Junior Piping	1st	L. W. Watson.
	2nd	D. J. C. Gillespie.
Senior Piping	1st	M. J. A. Bullard.
	2nd	D. A. Biggart.
	3rd	G. K. S. Leckie.
Pipe-Major Barron Cup for Pibroch	1st	D. A. Biggart.
	2nd	M. J. A. Bullard.
	3rd	G. K. S. Leckie.
Junior Drumming	1st	G. D. McLay.
	2nd	R. A. Jones (Riley).
Senior Drumming	1st	R. K. Knox.
	2nd	G. M. Brown.

D.B.H.





DL

With so many talented players, a good season for the First Eleven was to be expected. It was a good season but not quite as good as it might have been. The lack of experienced bowling to back up Mike Allingham made it very difficult to bowl out oppositions that, only too often, were primarily interested in not losing. The batting of the side was strong enough to deter the interesting declaration.

After a fairly easy victory over Crieff, the side suffered its only loss of the season against quite a strong St. Andrews University XI. In the pouring rain and in spite

of the muttering of the umpires, the university side chased and deservedly reached a fair declaration target.

The next match demonstrated the dangers of having too strong a side. Against Merchiston, Strathallan scored 209 – 4 declared with Mike Allingham scoring a century. Merchiston made 71 – 9 in 46 overs. The proceedings of the late afternoon only being enlivened by a dropped caught and bowled chance by 'M.' A horrified silence followed; only to be broken by half-stifled snorts of laughter from Messrs Kilpatrick and Corbett at slip.

A dull draw against Fettes was next in which our bowling weakness was clearly demonstrated. Grant Corbett scored a good half-century at the beginning of a profitable patch of runs. Russell Kilpatrick dominated our innings against Loretto with a superb century. After scoring 214 – 4 dec., Strathallan bowled Loretto out for 116, Mike Allingham and Andrew Tench sharing the bulk of the wickets.

After half term an interesting draw was had against the XL Club and a fascinating one against Edinburgh Academy. The Academy bowling and Strathallan's batting in the morning provided marvellous cricket. Mike Allingham's century was a masterpiece, matched only by Klube's bowling. Russell Kilpatrick savaged the Dollar attack for a century out of 211 – 2 dec. and Mike Allingham took 7 – 23 out of their total of 47. The Occasionals match, another win for the school, provided the most improbable scorer's entry of the season, if not of the decade: –

'Allingham stumped Ford bowled Hamilton.'

Once again and once more due largely to Mike Beale's shrewd captaincy, the MCC game provided a great contest. Sporting four Scottish caps. MCC declared at 235 – 9 with John Pawson gaining a well deserved 3 wickets and Chris Warner scoring a superb century. The School responded with 223 – 9 with a good half-century from 'M' and a magnificent 118 from Neil McKee. Fortunately he had the steadying influence of Andrew Tench to prevent him from trying to score 13 off the last ball. In a rare flash of sanity he settled for 6.

For once we batted well against Glenalmond with 'M' (again) scoring a century. We declared at 230 – 4 but could not break through the Glenalmond batting. The match petered out in a draw.

Cold statistics are rather pointless. For that reason and because of the sheer tediousness of the thing I have not provided the detailed results of all the sides. Suffice it to say that the First XI had five batsmen – Mike Allingham, Grant Corbett, Neil McKee, Russell Kilpatrick and Gilbert McClung who averaged over 40. Unfortunately we did not have the bowling to back this up. Encouragingly, however, Andrew Tench and John Pawson showed great promise for the future and surely Greg Truter cannot have another unlucky season? Others who played an important part and who have not been mentioned so far are Jeremy Garnett, the best keeper the school has had in a long time; Stuart Hamilton, potentially a very good bat but not the fastest mover in the world; Peter Bullard,

who did a great deal to raise the spirits of his own side and to bewilder the opposition; Ewen McIntosh, who combined brilliance in the field in stopping the hard hit drive with a degree of uncertainty in catching the spooned shot. To all of these players I owe my gratitude; not just because of their playing ability but of their determination to enjoy the game.

To Jock Taylor I owe an enormous debt of gratitude. In the most unpleasant weather and in the most comprehensive gear, he umpired to a standard that few boys will experience again.

The Second XI had another rather mixed season produced some of the best cricket for years at that level. With few real stars, the team had a fine spirit and there will be several in real contention for First XI places next year. Those most likely to succeed will be the real triers rather than the talented part-timers. Fortunately there are very few of the latter.

The Third and Fourth XIs played some remarkable cricket and some extraordinary people played. Who can ever forget the Caush run-up?

The Colts showed a lot of promise. Graeme Robertson has real class as a batsman and John Pawson forced his way into the First XI. The spirit of the side was tremendous and several came through very well against a touring side Richard Reah's half-century that day demonstrated the value of determination. John Paterson, Ken Smith, Ross McCulloch and Nigel McLachlan all made valuable contributions. Few of the side do not have the potential to be good First XI players.

The Junior Colts, short on natural talent, had a disappointing season. Nevertheless, judging by the House matches and by winter nets (by that you can tell how prompt my report is!) there are players who may yet reach a high standard.

My thanks go to all those 'Members of Staff' who help so enthusiastically with the cricket; to Mr Young and the kitchen staff who provide by far the best cricket lunches on the circuit and who cope with last minute changes with truly amazing good humour; to Ed MacDonald and his ground staff who let us play in any weather and clear up the mess afterwards without a grumble (at least, none I can hear). While such help is available and there such ability and enthusiasm coming up through the school, there is little worry about the future. I have heard it said that without this year's stars we will not be a force to be reckoned with. We shall see.

R.J.W.P.

SCOTLAND, THEIR SCOTLAND – THE OCCASIONALS v THE GRANNIES

It was a pleasure to welcome the Grannies, a touring side from Sussex, back to Strathallan. Those with long memories will need no reminding of a glorious afternoon, when the rhododendrons looked their best, when Colin Addison achieved his maiden century, and when yours truly declared so generously that the Grannies won with half an hour to spare. Therefore, their arrival accompanied by glorious sunshine, in a summer in which the mere mention of cricket was enough to induce a downpour, came as a most pleasant surprise.

The Occasionals won the toss and batted. The only hint of things to come, arrived with the unwonted reticence of Proctor to allow drinks to appear. The Occasionals declared at 188-4, thanks to an excellent innings of 73 by Neil McKee and more suitable sedate contributions from his geriatric colleagues.

The Grannies faced a very fair target, but that illustrious, well-known, and wily Economist Williams, showed that he is every bit as dangerous operating down Scout Hill, as Willis is from the Kirkstall Lane end, by reducing the Grannies to 39-4. However, a combination of excellent batting by Neil Cranston, and deviously inviting captaincy left our visitors coasting to victory at 162-5: but could the ageing Grannies tail still waggle? Wickets started to fall. A skier went up to mid-wicket equidistant between Peter Hamilton and wicket keeper Ford. Both were far too experienced to try and catch it, and both had very good excuses. It was left to John Pawson, who bowled an excellent spell, to run 40 yards, dive full length, and just fail to make the catch. In the meantime wickets had fallen at regular intervals: two runs required, three wickets to fall, but Cranston was on the nervous 99's. John Pawson from the top end tested him with a long hop. Those who have played on the Garden Lawn will know the difficulties of fielding on the School side, facing a setting sun and a dark background. McKee proved it was his day by plucking a head-high exocet from the sky one-handed, while shielding his eyes with the other. Still two runs to win, and skipper Robert Proctor bravely retained the ball himself. The first ball went for a single. Guest Star, Martin Drummond, played the next two, but a healthy heave at the third proved his downfall as he failed to make contact . . . One run to win, one wicket to fall. The Grannies' last man, 'Imran,'

was a most charming illegal immigrant, whom our opponent had discovered in the Taj Mahal the previous evening, but whose cricketing pedigree was uncertain.

Imran struck his first ball straight to McKee and yelled something which sounded like 'yes,' and hared down the wicket. His partner, like a true Englishman, said 'no,' and did not move. Imran's gym shoes were not up to the occasion, and he fell over in the middle of the wicket. The McKee throw was a little wild and John Ford had to use his full reach to catch it. Unfortunately he turned with the alacrity of a mammoth and a sprawling Imran just regained his ground.

Proctor was unmoved by the excitement and with no sign of nerve or fuss spreadeagled Imran's stumps with the last ball of the over. Match tied.

It had proved an exciting and memorable game, and at last a start to the summer. We await future visits eagerly. Also our thanks go to the girls of Woodlands who provided an excellent tea after much experimentation, and the barbecue experts for supper.

OCCASIONALS' RESULTS 1983

- 29/5 Occasionals v Cupar – Drawn.
Occasionals 130 for 9 dec. (Allingham 51).
Cupar 100 for 9 (Truter 3 – 52).
- 19/6 Occasionals v Grannies – Tied.
Occasionals 188 – 4 dec. (McKee 73,
Langlands 45, Du Boulay 32, Addison 30*).
Grannies 188 (Proctor 4 – 28, Williams 3 – 7,
Pawson 3 – 31).
- 30/5 Occasionals v Dundee University Staff – Drawn.
Occasionals 182 – 7 dec. (Truter 50*, Hamilton 37,
Proctor 35*, G. V. F. Clayton 35).
Dundee Staff 181 – 9 (Williams 3 – 33).
- 2/7 Occasionals v The School – Lost by 68 runs.
The School 186 – 6 (Hamilton 4 – 56).
Occasionals 118.

- TOUR –
- 18/7 v Bow House – Lost by 147 runs.
Bow House 241 – 9 dec. (Hamilton 3 – 43).
Occasionals 94 (Corbett 57).
- 19/7 v Old Cliftonians – Drawn.
Old Cliftonians 284 – 5 dec.
Occasionals 214 – 9 (Corbett 78, Du Boulay 31).
- 20/7 v Corsham – Drawn.
Corsham 200 – 6 (Allingham 3 – 58).
Occasionals 194 – 6 (Corbett 80, Chapman 51).
- 22/7 v Dorset Rangers – Lost by 4 wks.
Occasionals 251 – 4 (Allingham 100*,
F. McClung 52).
Dorset Rangers 292 – 6 (Settles 4 – 88).
- 23/7 v Denstone Wanderers – Won by 5 wks.
Denstone 228 – 9 dec. (Proctor 7 – 79).
Occasionals 229 – 5 (Corbett 75, Du Boulay 73).
N.T.H.DuB.

THE OCCASIONALS TOUR 1983

The 1983 tour began with a new base at Queen Camel, and a new first fixture at Sherborne. Within minutes Grant Corbett found himself at home in a telephone box. At one stage we were due to have 18 players on tour, but the usual variety of problems quickly reduced the party to manageable proportions. It was a pleasure to welcome Tim Hudson, hot from Hollywood, and his own private all-star XI in Cheshire, and the return of Graham Searle, Peter Hamilton, Ross Settles and Fraser McClung.

The first game at Sherborne is best forgotten. Our opponents rattled up 140 in the first hour, and the batting failed with exception of the invigorated Corbett.

We returned to Clifton with some trepidation, to discover that our tormentor-in-chief, Mr Trembath, had ruled himself out by over-celebrating at a party. He proved less of a threat in a plaster cast. The Cliftonians put up a large score, but we lost no face in our innings and kept chasing the target until we were nine down, mainly thanks to another fine innings by Grant Corbett.

We have had some rather dull games at Corsham, mainly through some over-cautious declarations, but this year was to be the exception. This was Chapman's

match. Not only did he bowl a good line and length but he got the opportunity to open the batting. Jamie had had a quiet time up to this point, and Robert Proctor, hoping to keep him happy offered him three pints if he made 5 and a large gin for every run over 50. After a nervous start, the man of the moment struck 22 off four balls and duly reached a rapid 50. A wiser head might have grafted away for the rest of the match at the prospect of a gin lake, but alas Jamie succumbed to the impetuosity of youth. After this we fell a little behind the clock and eventually finished 7 runs short. It was also good to welcome back Mike Allingham after his successes at Eastbourne, even though the main subject of interest was the Beckman party.

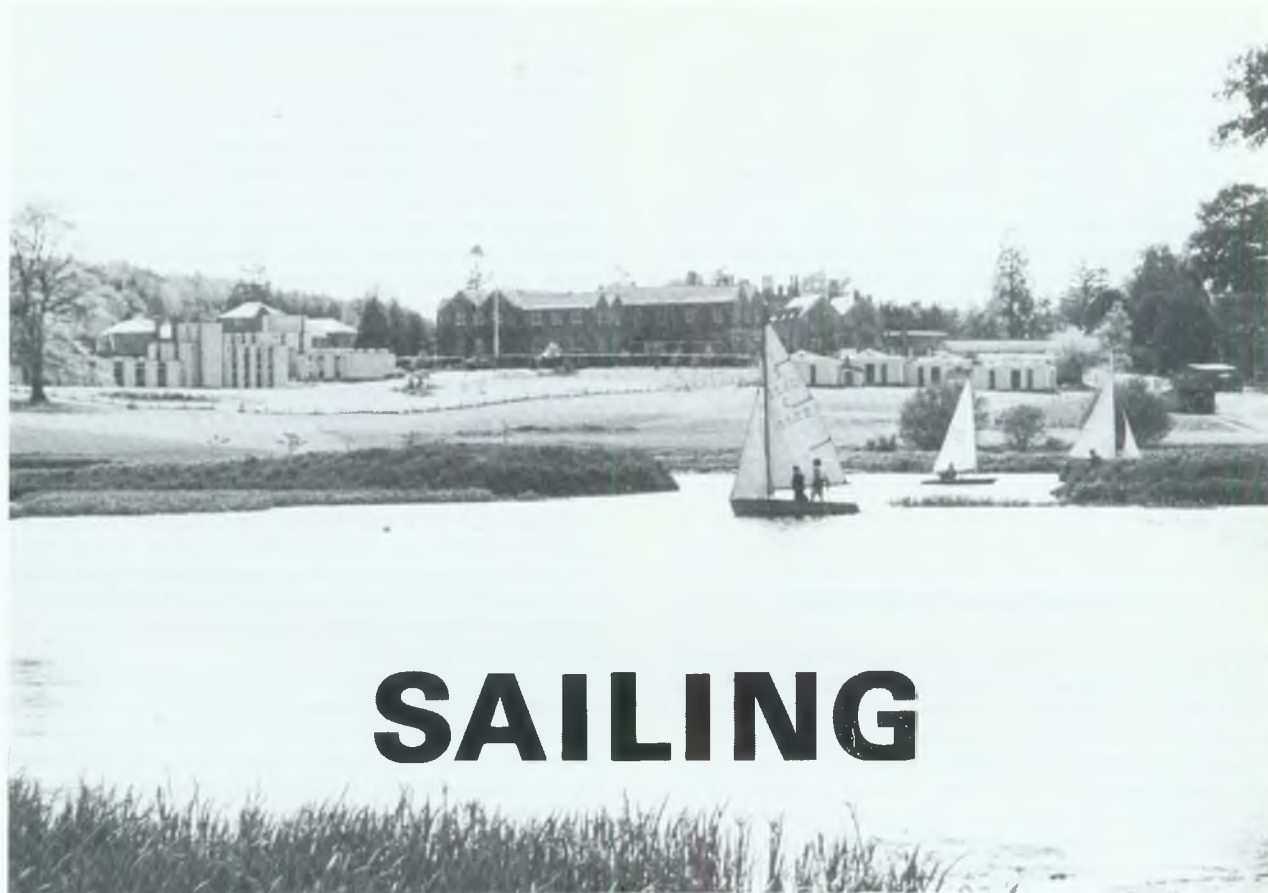
On Thursday, the mid-Somerset XI failed to materialise, and the party split three ways: to the cinema, to the golf course and to Weymouth beach. The latter certainly discovered the art of dirty French cricket.

On Friday, we travelled to Milton Abbey, which looked magnificent. We batted first, and Fraser McClung contributed a cheerful half-century, while Mike Allingham proved his class by making a hundred while playing below his best. The Dorset Rangers reached our total, but somehow never really threatened until they actually reached the target.

The final match is traditionally against the Denstone Wanderers, who are invariably tough opponents, and we wanted revenge for last year's debacle. The wicket at Wellington looked grassy and underprepared, while the sky threatened rain. It proved to play all right and the rain kept off. Denstone managed 229 for 9 despite the wise old head of Proctor who took 7 wickets. We started well, Corbett and Du Boulay putting on 154 for the first wicket. Then disaster struck, with 5 wickets falling for 12 runs, but two little cameo innings from Robert Proctor and Gilbert McClung saw us through.

An excellent tour, played in a heatwave had ended on a high note, and virtually everyone had made a major contribution either on or off the field. Martin Drummond bowled without luck and must have prayed for the odd catch to be taken. Robert Proctor kept cursing that he had not played Chapman in the first XI, and because he found every traffic jam in the South-West, Peter Bullard kept us amused with his own inimitable brand of humour. Greg Truter's vow of chastity was seriously threatened, while Tim Hudson introduced the Tequila cult.

N.T.H.DuB.



The season started with last year's captain retiring honorably, and a young lower sixth took his place who soon put to rest any doubts about whether he would take a place in the team. After several Club races at the beginning of the season the team to challenge Glenalmond was chosen. Willy MacDonald, Mojo Hamilton and Doug Gillespie who suddenly appeared out of nowhere the week before the race. The competition was inexperienced, therefore we didn't require our skills of team tactics, our worries were with our boats. Glenalmond's captain spent the whole of the first race stuck in the reeds. Needless to say, we took first, second and third in both races.

Merchiston was our second match, the competition sufficiently out of touch to allow Mojo and Willy to gang up on Doug Gillespie. Again we took first, second and third places.

Dollar was next, again we luckily had the home advantage, although the Dollar team had one useful sailor who practised at Loch Ore – we were worried – but we still felt a psyche-up wasn't necessary. Dollar were the first team that season to be over the start line less than a minute late. But Mojo had the situation under control; he covered the Dollar captain all the way to the Club House (and still came first). That gave us a clear lead after the

first race (first, second and fifth). The second race went more smoothly; we took first, third and fifth, winning the second race as well.

Unfortunately, our only away fixture against Loretto on the sea was cancelled, but it meant we went unbeaten.

The Loch Ore Regatta gave some of us an enjoyable day out. Some interesting competition was supplied by the Dollar coach.

Unfortunately, after winning the first race, the captain had the wrong lunch, and Groovey found other attractions on the beach which kept his mind off the second race. The captain only squeezed a fourth, with Andrew Wallace winning the second race and taking the overall first.

The Loch Earn Scottish Schools Enterprise Competition was attended by two Strathallan boats. Willy McDonald and Rich Knox took two fifths and Doug Gillespie with Andrew Wallace a third and a sixth, coming sixth and fourth overall respectively.

The House sailing was due to be close between Nicol and Freeland. The girls who were intent on winning produced a better team than Ruthven who were unable to put out a team at all.

Freeland, after coming second in the first race, protested to the committee, which consisted of T.S.G. who couldn't see his watch and so started the race early and agreed to a re-run – which produced the same result.

- 1st Nicol.
- 2nd Freeland.
- 3rd Simpson.
- 4th Woodlands.

The second race went predictably:

- 1st Freeland.
- 2nd Nicol.
- 3rd Simpson.
- 4th Woodlands.

Which meant that Nicol and Freeland drew for the second year. The Girls were the only team to demonstrate the skill of capsizing which they did twice.

M. J. Hamilton and G. F. Montgomery won the Loch Ore Spring series with Willy MacDonald and Rich. Knox coming second.

Thanks must be given to the staff for the essential organisation and co-operation which led to such an enjoyable season.

M. J. Hamilton was awarded his colours.

W.M.MacD.

SUMMER HOCKEY

It is ironic that whilst the lasting memory of Summer 1983 will be of a heat wave I have to report that no fewer than three matches had to be cancelled because of the rain. I thought the all-weather pitch was chiefly for winter use!

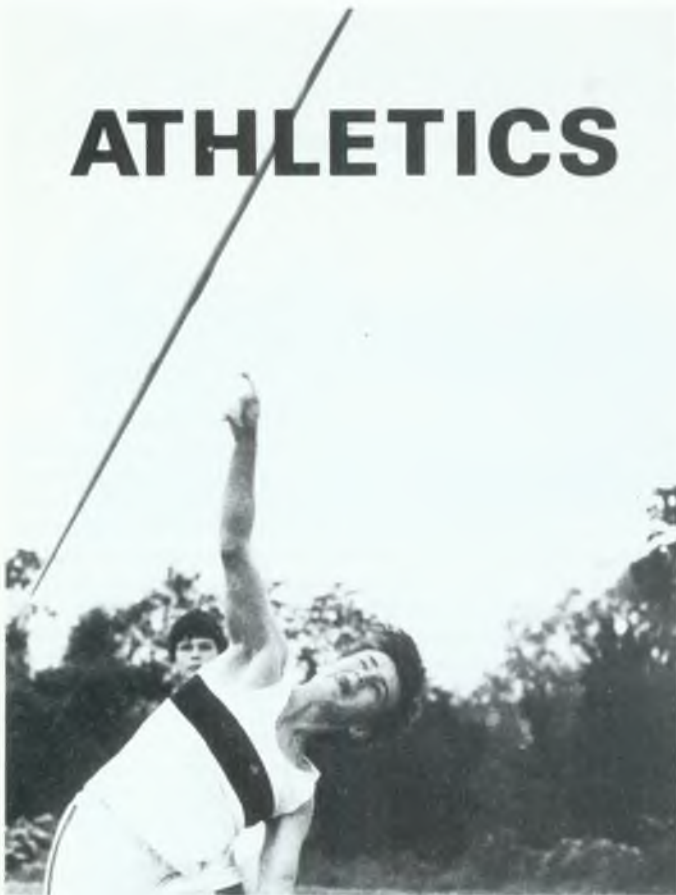
Perhaps in view of later results it should have continued raining. To avoid another cancellation we travelled to Fettes who put four past us before the defence managed to sort itself out. Although we came back strongly and retrieved two goals, time ran out. Rannoch came and beat us comfortably by playing the ball out to fast-running wings whose subsequent centres caused havoc. Eventually some sort of cohesion came to the side, and we managed to draw with Grange (whose ranks included two pressed men from our second XI). As they were also umpireless, a number of decisions were given from a range of at least 50 yards – it was to the credit of both sides that no more than eyebrows were raised at some judgements! At least we contrived our first victory of the season, against Edinburgh Academy, only to be brought down to earth again by the inevitable lesson from the Barbarians.

In terms of results, then, it was not a good season, and yet the spirit of the team, ably led by Jamie Fairbairn, was always good. Most of the side will be re-appearing next season, and I hope that the experience gained this summer will enable them to form the nucleus of a team with more successes to show for their labours.

1st XI from: J. N. Fairbairn, R. A. Bain, D. W. Brown, C. R. Churchill, G. Hamilton, K. J. Jarlow, D. I. Knight, D. A. Lawson, A. J. McAlister, B. S. McCall-Smith, J. C. McKenzie, A. L. V. Russell.

A.M.P.

ATHLETICS



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The 1983 season was due to open with a home match against Edinburgh Academy, but the track was left waterlogged by the summer rains. In fact, the rain was to affect four matches in different ways.

The first match was for a senior team away at Loretto and the conditions were wet and windy which prevented good times on the track. A. P. S. Caush won the 100m and G. J. Fairweather won both the 400m and 800m convincingly, which continued throughout the season. In the high jump M. Turnbull and N. S. Callander both dominated and came 1st equal, and an impressive performance saw the middle relay team win by beating both

Strathallan and Loretto's seniors. The season had got off to a good start and we won by nine points.

The rain continued and the venue for the Fettes match was changed away; we weren't looking forward to their cinder track with tight bends. G. J. Fairweather and J. M. T. Barrowman again came 1st and 2nd in the senior 800m. P. R. Gibb on his debut for the team justified his selection by winning the 1500m in 4 minutes 34 seconds. These were the only highlights in the senior's performance as they lost by 21 points. It was left to the middles to try and save the day in the overall fixture. D. W. Davidson had a superb day where he came 1st in the 100m in 11.4 seconds; discus and shot putt with 11.34m; and his victories in these were by large margins. He was ably supported by N. D. Kilpatrick who was 2nd in the 100m, 1st in the 400m in 56 seconds and 1st in the long jump with a jump of 5.86m. With the overall score tied we had to win the relays. However, we dropped the baton twice and just lost the match. It was the closest match between us for a couple of years and certainly we nearly ended our 7-year run without a win against Fettes.

The Glenalmond fixture was a victim of the weather, and Merchiston claimed they couldn't travel to Perth twice a week and also couldn't put up a team!! On yet another wet day we faced Rannoch at home. The seniors on the track were impressive. A. P. S. Caush and N. H. McKee were 1st and 2nd in both 100m and 200m. Fairweather and Barrowman again finished 1st and 2nd in the 400m and 800m, and Uprichard won the 1500m in an exciting finish. In the field events our only victories came in the discus and javelin. D. W. Davidson again produced an impressive display to win the 100m, 200m, discus and shot putt with ease. In the 800m P. D. S. Caush, and in the 1500m J. R. Galloway and S. J. Duncan (the = 1st), all won comfortably. At the end of the day Rannoch faced a long trip home after a 40 points defeat.

Although the 1983 season was marred by the weather, the team members weren't disheartened and showed determination throughout. Full Colours went to G. J. Fairweather, N. S. Callander, J. M. T. Barrowman who ran consistently well in the 400m and 800m, Ali Caush who was a good all-rounder and finally Dave Davidson who excelled in the sprinting and field events, and didn't suffer a defeat all season. Nigel Kilpatrick in his first season was impressive on track and field and deserved his half colours. Special mention and thanks go to Mr Henderson for all his dedication and organisation throughout the season, and his able and keen body of helpers: Mr Raine, Mr Barnes, Mr Ralphs and Mr Gilks, who put us through

the paces and made sure we were match-fit. Thanks to them and all the team for an enjoyable, but wet, season.

G. J. Fairweather.

ATHLETICS (SCOTTISH SCHOOLS)

Individual Championships: Scotstoun 11th June 1983.

Relay Championships: Pitreavie 18th June 1983.

This year we only had four competitors in the individual championships. Nigel Kilpatrick was below his best in the long jump and came 10th. In the under-17 100m Nigel was joined by Dave Davidson, and Kilpatrick finished 5th in a close heat with a time of 11.8 seconds. Davidson finished 2nd in his heat, 11.7 seconds. He ran a slower semi-final in 11.8 seconds but still finished 2nd. In the final he finished 4th in 11.5 seconds and gained the badge standard. In the under-19 100m Ali Caush ran well against stiff opposition and finished 4th in his heat and failed to qualify. Mitchell Steel threw below his best on the day in the javelin and finished 6th.

In the under-19 relays the seniors finished 4th in their heat with a time of 46.2 seconds. A bad changeover early on hindered the smooth running of the quartet and they were unlucky not to reach the final. The middles relay team of A. Lagerborg, S. Cozier, N. Kilpatrick and D. Davidson brought home the medals. They ran an excellent heat and finished first in 46 seconds and all gained the Scottish Schools Badge. In the semi-final we came a slow second to Edinburgh Academy as a result of a bad changeover. The lads sorted out the problem with a quick practice. In the final Lagerborg and Cozier had a slow changeover, but two smooth changeovers after that and some inspired running by Kilpatrick and Davidson brought home the silver medals in 46.2 seconds. Hutchesons were the winners in 45.4 and they were an excellently drilled and fast quartet.

GIRL'S ATHLETICS

Despite a cold and wet start to the summer season the girls got down to a term of vigorous training. Three teams were entered for the Scottish Schoolgirls' Relays. Girls trained hard for this event and best performances were achieved.

For the first time, a senior team travelled to Fettes, while the juniors had an exciting match at home against Kilgraston. Both teams were successful.

A light-hearted mixed match with the boys was enjoyed by all girls who took part.

Kate Streule was awarded half colours for her excellent performances in the sprints and the long jump.

Tessa Houison-Craufurd also maintained a high level of performance in all events throughout the term.

Many thanks to Mr Henderson for his help and patience. Thanks also to the members of staff involved in timing, measuring and scoring.

Results (7 events):

Senior Girls v. Fettes	Won 43 – 34
Junior Girls v. Kilgraston	Won 40 – 37



SPORTS DAY RESULTS

<i>Event</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Time/Distance</i>
100m	Jun.Girls	Houison-Craufurd	McClung	Streule, E.	13.6"
100m	Sen.Girls	Streule, K.	Binnie	Paterson	13.0"
100m	Junior	Dunlop (L)	McIntyre (N)	Christie (R)	12.8"
100m	Middle	Davidson (R)	Kilpatrick (S)	Cozier (L)	11.5"
100m	Senior	McKee (N)	Wood (N)	Thomson (S)	
200m	Jun.Girls	Houison-Craufurd	McClung	Streule, E.	29.2"
200m	Sen.Girls	Streule, K.	Montgomery-Smith	Binnie	29.0"
200m	Junior	Dunlop (L)	McIntyre (N)	Christie (R)	27.0"
200m	Middle	Davidson (R)	Cozier (L)	Ogilvie (N)	24.4"
200m	Senior	McKee (N)	Wood (N)	Caush (S)	23.6"
400m	Jun.Girls	Houison-Craufurd	Lawson	McClung	68.5"
400m	Sen.Girls	Streule, K.	McMillan	Scanlan	68.0"
400m	Junior	Dunlop (L)	Robertson (S)	McLay (N)	60.3"
400m	Middle	Kilpatrick (S)	Adamson (R)	Tether (S)	55.2"
400m	Senior	McKee (N)	Fairweather (F)	Allingham (S)	52.5"
800m	Jun.Girls	Lawson	Barr	Streule, E.	3'06.6"
800m	Sen.Girls	McMillan	Maxwell	McDonald	2'51.3"
800m	Junior	Robertson (S)	Dinsmore (L)	McLay (N)	2'21.3"
800m	Middle	Kilpatrick (S)	Caush (L)	Galloway (N)	2'11.4"
800m	Senior	Fairweather (F)	Barrowman (R)	Uprichard (L)	2'03.7"
1500m	Junior	Dinsmore (L)	Robertson (S)	Scott (N)	5'05.5"
1500m	Middle	Caush (L)	Duncan (L)	Galloway (N)	4'42.0"
1500m	Senior	Barrowman (R)	Gibb (S)	Uprichard (L)	4'25.5"
High Jump	Jun.Girls	Orr	Rhodes	Wood	1m27
High Jump	Sen.Girls	Maxwell	Streule, K.	Smith	1m27
High Jump	Junior	Dunlop (L)	Beath (N) & Russell (N)		1m55
High Jump	Middle	Cuthbertson (N)	Robson (F)	Binnie (R)	1m69
High Jump	Senior	Callander (R)	Barrowman (R)	Turnbull (F)	1m63
Long Jump	Jun.Girls	Houison-Craufurd	Lawson	Burton	3m82
Long Jump	Sen.Girls	Streule, K.	Montgomery-Smith	Brown	4m38
Long Jump	Junior	Dunlop (L)	Christie (R)	McIntyre (N)	5m37
Long Jump	Middle	Gowrie (L)	Kilpatrick (S)	Robson (F)	5m21
Long Jump	Senior	McKee (N)	McClung (F)	Caush (S)	6m00
Discus	Junior	Smith (S)	Green, A. J. (L)	Drummond (S)	20m22
Discus	Middle	Davidson (R)	Cozier (L)	Gray (S)	37m54
Discus	Senior	Orr (L)	Fairbairn (R)	McCall-Smith (R)	28m20
Javelin	Junior	Stewart (S)	Lennox (R)	Smith (S)	24m93
Javelin	Middle	Bannerman (F)	McAlister (L)	Davidson (R)	38m24
Javelin	Senior	Allingham (S)	Steel (R)	Callander (R)	40m51
Shot	Jun.Girls	Orr	Houison-Craufurd	Thaw	6m57
Shot	Sen.Girls	Montgomery-Smith	Robertson	MacDonald	7m04
Shot	Junior	Smith (S)	Phillip (R)	Green (L)	9m31
Shot	Middle	Davidson (R)	Bannerman (F)	Cozier (L)	12m05
Shot	Senior	Callander (R)	Macdonald (N)	Orr (L)	10m82

Relay 4 x 100m Jun. Girls	East Wing	West Wing	57.1 "
Relay 4 x 100m Sen. Girls	West Wing	East Wing	56.1 "
Relay 4 x 100m Junior	Nicol	Leburn	Ruthven
Relay 4 x 100m Middle	Ruthven	Leburn	Simpson
Relay 4 x 100m Senior	Freeland	Simpson	Nicol
<i>Victores Ludorum:</i>	Junior: K. W. Dunlop	<i>Victorices Ludorum:</i>	Junior: T. E. Houison-Craufurd
	Middle: D. W. Davidson		Senior: K. L. Streule
	Senior: N. H. McKee		
	Rowan Cup for Standards:	Ruthven	
	Inter-House Competition:	Ruthven	

GOLF

This year, despite all pessimistic predictions of our predecessors, has turned out to be one of the most successful in the last ten years and great credit goes to the whole team.

The only blot of the season came in the last match, our 'friendly' against Glenalmond. We were once again white-washed 6-0 which was really an unfair reflection of our golf and reinforces the rightness of the decision to change the venue of the fixture in future years.

However, this was the team's only defeat in a highly successful season which began with a convincing 4½-1½ victory over Merchiston at Ladybank. The four man team played exceptionally well in the Perthshire-Kinross, remaining unbeaten and gaining the valuable scalp of Morrison's. We were second in our section and failed to qualify by the narrowest of margins.

There were many good individual performances and I would especially like to thank Grant Corbett for taking time off first XI cricket and putting in some remarkable performances of consistent golf in an undefeated season at number 1. Will Guy played very well at 1 and 2, winning the majority of his matches in fine style. He is certainly a player of great potential and well deserved his selection to the Perth-Kinross under-18 team at the age of 15. Mitch. Steele stood in for Corbett on a number of occasions and put in some useful performances at No. 2. (Athletics loss was golf's gain). The number 3 and 4 were the weak links of the team but they too produced some useful performances. James Beckman had difficulty

finding his form early on in the season but improved towards the end. George 'Bomber' Stevenson hit some of the longest drives in and out of Perthshire (one was reported to have been sighted over the North Sea) and produced some good performances.

In the end the team just failed to reach the final of the Perth-Kinross section, but with useful players such as Rich. McAlister and Ross McCulloch coming up the School it cannot be long before Strathallan lift the cup.

Last but by no means least, the team would like to thank Mr Addison for all his support and encouragement as well as the fish and chips! Without him the matches would not have been nearly as enjoyable.

League squad: G. S. B. Corbett, W. Guy, M. G. Steele, J. N. Beckman, G. W. Stevenson.

Also played: M. D. Murphy, G. J. Lawson.

League results:

Strath v. Crieff	Draw	2-2
Strath v. Auchterarder	Draw	2-2
Strath v. Kinross	Won	3-1
Strath v. Morrison's	Won	2½-1½
Strath v. Perth	Draw	2-2

Other Matches:

Strath v. Merchiston	Won	4½-1½
Strath v. Glenalmond	Lost	0-6

James Beckman.

SWIMMING

This year has been one which has seen the development of new core of swimmers, including W. Guy, M. L. B. Butler and B. S. Tether to the junior ranks. The team has been one which has changed from consisting of certain individuals to one of all-round strength. Also, the female figure has been amply represented in the team this year by Tracey Maxwell, Sarah Brown, Suzanne Rhodes and Ghilly Lawson, all of whom possess the ability to swim well yet lack any enthusiasm.

There were this season only two matches, one against St. Leonards and one against Glenalmond, which we narrowly lost by only three points. The return home match had to be cancelled because Glenalmond, and not Strathallan, could not raise a team.

The inter-house swimming was held on March 14th and 16th and showed yet again how dominant Ruthven are in this sport. The highlight of the competition came in the senior 100m free-style; Francis Cozier broke the old School record with a time of 59.45 seconds, only to have his own record beaten some three minutes later with a time of 59 seconds by Scott Petrie, a breathtaking feat! The competition also saw a Woodland's entry, which increased the crowd numbers, yet only turned out a team for the senior free-style relay, to everyone's dismay.

Senior results:	Backstroke	M. W. Alberti (R)
	Breaststroke	J. Hanson (L)
	Butterfly	N. Tether (S)
	Free-style	S. W. Petrie (R)
	Medley Relay	Ruthven
	Free-style Relay	Ruthven
Junior results:	Backstroke	A. Binnie (R)
	Breaststroke	W. Guy (R)
	Butterfly	L. W. Lawson (R)
	Free-style	W. Guy (R)
	Medley Relay	Ruthven
	Free-style Relay	Ruthven
	1st:	Ruthven 139 pts
	2nd:	Simpson 113 pts
	3rd:	Freeland 97 pts
	4th:	Leburn 96 pts
	5th:	Nicol 89 pts
	6th:	Woodlands 4 pts

The pool has had its ups and downs as usual, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Summer-ton on behalf of this year's swimmers for the many hours of care and hard work that she has put in trying to please both the Bursar and the actual swimmers. Also, I would like to thank Mr K. Glimm for the many hours that he has given to taking charge of the sport over my five years at Strathallan and for the work he has put in to keep the sport going. Through his enthusiasm and effort, perhaps swimming will one day flourish at Strathallan. I hand over the captaincy for next season to N. J. Tether and R. A. Bain, the vice-captaincy to S. W. Petrie, secure in the knowledge that the team is in very capable hands for the forthcoming year.

M. W. Alberti.

GIRLS' TENNIS REPORT 1983

Despite an inclement start to the season and an initial lack of tennis courts at the School the senior VI had a successful year. The results were as follows:

Strath	5 sets	Morrison's Academy	4
Strath	0 sets	Fettes	9
Strath	5 sets	Loretto	4
Strath	4 sets	St. George's	5
Strath	5 sets	Mary Erskine	4
Strath	5 sets	Loretto	4

Matches were close with the exception of the game v Fettes under somewhat less than ideal weather conditions. The final match v Loretto was the first match to be played on the new tennis courts and was the only home match of the season.

Particular thanks this year must go to Karen Skea who has been a most reliable captain. Her help has been greatly appreciated. The team was selected from:

K. Skea, D. Bullough, T. Maxwell, T. Bruce-Jones, L-J. Macmillan, S. Brown, G. Macdonald.

With three members of the team remaining and the improved tennis courts, next season is looking promising.

J.E.C.

TENNIS REPORT ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER EPISTLE

The tennis season started off on a bad note as the new tennis courts had not been completed. It turned out however, that it was well worth the waiting, as the new tennis courts are tremendous. Three had been completed by half term and the remainder were due to be finished during the summer holidays. Playing-wise, it had been a disaster of a year. The team was disappointed on a number of occasions due to members of the team having exams and replacements having to be made. The other factor was that even though we had practices at Bridge of Earn or Kilgraston courts, the team was not practised in doubles play, although the skill however was there. All of our matches were played away, and not always on the most favourable conditions due to summer showers. Two such occasions arose: Fettes, where it seemed we were playing on a mud-bath on the clay courts; and George Watson's, where it turned out to be swimming courts. The customary game with St. Leonards took place at the beginning of term with the usual gusto and enthusiasm. The results:

Strath v Morrison's Acad. – Lost 6 – 3.
Strath v Edinburgh Acad. – Cancelled (rain).
Strath v Fettes – Stopped half – way (rain).
Strath v Rannoch – Lost 6 – 3.
Strath v Merchiston – Lost 3 – 0.
Strath v Gordonstoun – Cancelled (rain).
Strath v Glenalmond – Lost 8 – 1.
Strath v Mary Erskine Girls – Won 5 – 4.
(Scottish Girls Champions).
Strath v Perth Acad. – Lost.
Strath v George Watson's – Lost 3 – 0.
Strath v Loretto – Cancelled.
Strath v Bridge of Earn – Won 11 – 5.
(Masters/Boys/Girls).
Strath v Masters.

The team consisted of: B. A. Sheperd (Capt), D. D. Stirling,
K. McLachlan, A. J. H. Pratt, J. G. Cumming, R. Skea.

Reserves:

M. W. King, A. B. Leitch, M. Drummond, A. P. S. Caush.
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DEBATING SOCIETY

This has been a particularly happy and successful one for the fledgling Debating Society. We have enjoyed a number of excellent, entertaining debates in the all new lecture theatre. Particular moments that spring to mind are Mike Allingham's brilliant and witty thesis on women and their relationship in the home, Grant Corbett's defence of Homosexual rights – relying particularly on Jewish history and what can only be termed as the sheer effrontery of members of the floor.

This year we all enjoyed a remarkable win over the St Leonards tribe in our only 'away' fixture, ousting them in a debate on censorship of the press in times of conflict.

All thanks must go to an able, energetic and at times highly amusing committee, particularly Gillian Currie for her work as secretary. All the speakers must also be commended for their high standards of their speeches and I can only say that we all hope that the society goes from strength to strength in the coming year.

The results this year state that this house believes

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| <i>: That organised religion is unnecessary</i> | <i>: That conscription should return</i> |
| <i>: That the woman's place is not in the home</i> | <i>: That the royal family should not be abolished; and</i> |
| <i>: That homosexuals should have better rights</i> | <i>: That censorship of the press in times of conflict is permissible.</i> |

Committee members: Chairman: J. N. Beckman.

Secretary: Gillian Currie.

Gilbert McClung.

Graeme Montgomery.

Angus Cameron.

Brian Waller.

George Stevenson.

Martin Drummond.

Neil McKee.

Cindy Cooper.

Sarah Montgomery-Smith.

J.N.B.

1983 SHOOTING

New inspiration from Mr Law stimulated the School to produce a team of eight to shoot against Glenalmond for the first time ever. The occasion was looked on with mixed feelings but on the day we nearly had the match wrapped up when our captain produced a disastrous card followed by another from Andrew Wallace, allowing them to win by one point.

Team against Glenalmond: J. W. Galloway, J. R. Galloway, A. D. Wallace, D. J. C. Gillespie, A. J. M. Crawford, J. C. C. Fuller, D. W. Brown, Margaret Hamilton.

As usual we had two senior teams for the B.S.S.R.A., and a junior team. However, for a change the 'B' team in the Autumn League managed to win. The junior team came 2nd, and the 'A' team 3rd.

'A' team: A. J. M. Crawford, J. C. C. Fuller, J. W. Galloway, R. B. Kingan.

'B' team: Margaret Hamilton, D. J. C. Gillespie, A. D. Wallace, K. J. Jarlow, G. T. W. Sedgwick.

Junior team: K. S. Johnson, D. R. Haddleton, J. R. Bell, C. H. Jones.

It is clear to see that the general standard has increased over the past year. There is much talent in the junior school which Mr Law is encouraging to the range cultivating a good firm base for future teams.

The House Competition was an excellent example of the high standard of shooting and of the youth of the shots. Nicol won with only one upper-sixth and the remainder fifth form and below. The Individual Cup was well won by captain-to-be J. R. Galloway who has showed dedication to the activity through the year.

Finally, many thanks to Mr Law for all his hard work. We are sorry to see him leave and wish him the best of luck in the future.

A.J.M.C.

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DECEMBER 1982

SCHOLARSHIP SIXTH

Cantley, Charlotte E. L. (W), *'Rivendell', Gannochy Road, Perth*. Came 1980³; LVI; Biology Project Prize; Cross-Country Captain; Science Librarian; Drama.

McKee, P. J. (N), *Killard, 25 New Forge Lane, Malone Road, Belfast*. Came 1977³; III; Head of School, Head of Nicol; Scholar; History and English Prizes; XV '80-'82 (colours); Basketball '80-'81; 3rd XI Cricket '81-'82; Reading Prize; Drama; Choirs; D. of E.; U/O CCF.

Mowat, Carolyn M (W), *Kinlochruel, by Colintrave, Argyll*. Came 1980³; School Prefect, Head of Woodlands; Open Award to Newnham College Cambridge; Biology and Biology Project Prizes; Shooting; Choirs and Orchestra.

V

Caban, M. A. (L), *P.O. Box 30131, Lusaka, Zambia*. Came 1979³; III; 3rd XV; LS RN.

Crooks, M. A. (L), *3 Mitchell Street, Dalkeith, Midlothian*. IV; 6th XV; Swimming; Cdt. RM.

Gill, G. K. A. (R), *Monaltrie, 14 Leighton Gardens, Ellon, Aberdeenshire AB4 9BH*. Came 1979³; III; 4th XV; Summer Hockey 2nd XI.

Johnston, K. M. (S), *The Latch, Ranfurly Place, Bridge of Weir, Renfrew, PA11 3DR*. Came 1977³; I; 4th XV; AB RN.

Morrison, S. J. (S). Came 1980³; IV.

Paterson, D. S. (R), *3 Bourtree Brae, Lower Largo, Fife*. Came 1980¹; III; 2nd XV; 3rd XI Hockey; 2nd XI Summer Hockey; AB RN.

MARCH 1983

LVI

Milne, Kelly (W), *14/16 Newmont Hill, Forfar, Angus*. Came 1981³; V; Girls Tennis.

Tyser, P. H. (L), *Chatto, Kelso, Roxburghshire*. Came 1980³; III; 6th XV; 2nd XI Cricket; Shooting (Jnr). LS RN.

Young, Claire I. E., *Morlich, 8 Brewster Drive, Forres, Morayshire*. Came 1982³; LVI.

IV

McFadzean, M. R. (L), *Upper Stepford, Stepford Road, Dumfries, DG2 0JP*. Came 1980³; II; Cdt. RAF.

III

Harrod, Tanya T. (W), *Dunbeath Hotel, Dunbeath, Caithness*. Came 1981³; II; Choir.

JULY 1983

UVI

Alberti, M. W. (R), *Broom House, Broomfallen Road, Scotby, nr. Carlisle, Cumbria*. Came 1978³; III; House Prefect; Captain of Swimming; Cpl. RM.

Ayantuga, O. (F), *c/o Senator Dr. F. Ayantuga, The Senate, National Assembly, Lagos, Nigeria*. Came 1981³; LVI.

Bain, R. A. (N), *158 Ashgrove Road West, Aberdeen, AB2 5BD*. Came 1979¹; III; House Prefect; Hockey XI, Summer Hockey XI; Capt. 3rd XV; Swimming '79-'83; Sgt. Army.

Barrowman, J. M. T. (R), *'Clarendon', East Lennox Drive, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire*. Came 1978³; III; House Prefect; Athletics '81-'83; 2nd XI Hockey; 3rd XV; Cross-Country; 4th XI Cricket. LS RN.

Batey, N. R. (S), *Tighnamara, East Mey, Caithness*. Came 1982³; UVI; House Prefect; 2nd XV; 3rd XI Cricket; Basketball; Flt. Sgt. RAF.

Beech, L. J. (L), *c/o The Salvage Association, PO Box 920, Kobe Port, Japan*. Came 1978³; III; House Prefect; 5th XV; Tennis. LS RN.

Brown, Jacqueline M. R. (W), *8 Birnam Crescent, Bearsden, Glasgow, G61 2AM*. Came 1981³; LVI; House Prefect; Girls Hockey XI.

Bruce, N. E. J. (F), *Blairhill, Rumbling Bridge, Kinross*. Came 1978³; III; House Prefect; 5th XV; 3rd XI Hockey; Cdt. Army.

Bruce-Jones, Teresa J. (W), *Camsie House, Charlestown, Dunfermline, KY11 3EE*. Came 1981³; LVI; Head of House, School Prefect; Captain of Girls Hockey; Tennis; Squash; Orchestra.

Bullard, P. W. Y. (S), *The Croft, Forgandenny, Perthshire*. Came 1980¹; IV; House Prefect; XV; XI; 3rd XI Hockey; Badminton. L/Cpl. Army.

Cameron, A. D. H. (L), *38 Chalton Road, Bridge of Allan, Stirlingshire*. Came 1976³; I; House Prefect; Scholar. Cpl. Army.

Churchill, C. R. (N), *1 Crawford Drive, Wallacestone, Falkirk*. Came 1976³; I; Head of Nicol, School Prefect; XV '81-'83; Hockey XI; Athletics; 2nd XI Cricket; Cpl. RAF.

Cooper, M. Lucinda (W), *66 Bonhard Road, Scone, Perth*. Came 1982³; UVI; House Prefect; William Tattersall Art Prize; Social Services.

Corbett, G. S. B. (F), *Muirfield Wood, Gullane, East Lothian*. Came 1979¹; III; School Prefect; Captain XV; XI '81-'83; Hockey XI; Cpl. Army.

Coyle, Sarah J. (W), *25 Priory Close, Hastings, East Sussex*. Came 1981³; LVI; House Prefect; Choir; Orchestra.

Cozier, F. S. (L), *Rua Sete de Setembro, 111, 21 °Andar, Rio de Janeiro, R.J. Brazil*. Came 1981¹; LVI; Head of Leburn, School Prefect; Swimming '81-'83; Athletics '81-'83; 3rd XV; LS RN.

Crawford, A. J. M. (F), *Wester Kinloch, Blairgowrie, Perthshire*. Came 1978³; III; House Prefect; XV; Captain of Ski-ing; Captain of Shooting; AB RN.

Dobbie, M. K. (L), *54 Petworth Court, Bath Road, Reading, Berks*. Came 1976¹; I; Deputy Head of Leburn, School Prefect; 2nd XV; Sgt. RAF.

Dow, A. S. (F), *Nether Pitcaithly, Bridge of Earn, Perth, PH2 9HA*. Came 1980³; V; House Prefect; Cross-Country '81-'83; Athletics '81-'82; 4th XV; Choir & Orchestra; Debating. L/Cpl. Army.

Fairbairn, J. N. (R), *Coven Trees, Forgandenny, Perth*. Came 1976³; I; Head of Ruthven, School Prefect; Hockey XI '82-'83; Captain Summer Hockey XI; 3rd XV; Choir & Orchestra; Robert Barr Memorial Prize for Music; Wing Cdr. Revue; Sgt. Army.

Fairweather, C. J. (F), *12 Langholm Gardens, Claypotts Road, Broughty Ferry, Dundee*. Came 1976³; I; Deputy Head of Freeland, School Prefect; Captain of Athletics; XV; 2nd XI Hockey; Athletics '79-'83; Cross-Country; Soccer; Cdt. RM.

Galloway, J. W. (N), *The Kaim, Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire*. Came 1978³; III; House Prefect; Captain of Shooting; D of E.

Gibb, P. R. (S), *16 Deveron Road, Turriff, AB5 7BB*. Came 1982³; UVI; House Prefect; Athletics; Cross-Country; Cdt. RAF.

Hamilton, M. J. (F), *PO Box 3402, Damman 31471, Saudi Arabia*. Came 1977³; II; House Prefect; Captain of Sailing '81-'83; Div. Cox'n RN.

Harley, I. J. G. (N), *'Stand Lodge', Malone Road, Belfast, BT9 5LJ*. Came 1978³; III; House Prefect; Sailing '80-'82; Cross-Country '80-'83 (Captain); 3rd XV; 3rd XI Cricket; D. of E. Gold; Cpl. Army.

Huddleston, A. J. (S), *Fernbank, Emma Terrace, Blairgowrie, Perth, PH10 6JA*. Came 1982³; UVI; House Prefect; Biology Prize; Chess; Cpl. Army.

Jarlow, K. J. (L), *'Tullicro', by Aberfeldy, Perthshire*. Came 1978³; III; House Prefect; Hockey XI; Summer Hockey XI; Shooting; Orchestra; Sgt. Army.

Kane, D. M. (F), *Flat 4a, Faraday House, Milestone 18 ½, Castle Park Road, New Territories, Hong Kong*. Came 1976³; I; Sailing; LS RN.

Kerr, Deborah A. (W), *Errolde, Bridge of Weir Road, Kilmacoll, Glasgow*. Came 1981³; LVI; House Prefect; Sailing '82; Girls Hockey XI.

Kilpatrick, R. W. N. (S), *6 St. George's Crescent, Carlisle*. Came 1976³; Head of Simpson, School Prefect; XV '81-'83; President's XV, Scottish Wayfarers; XI '81-'83; Hockey XI '81-'83; Houston Prize; L/Cpl. Army.

Leckie, G. K. S. (F), *Westerleigh, Crieff, Perthshire*. Came 1981³; LVI; Sailing; Squash; Piping Prizes; Cpl. RAF.

McCall-Smith, H. W. (R), *Adamston, Huntly, Aberdeenshire, AB5 6AL*. Came 1979¹; III; House Prefect; 2nd XV; Athletics '81-'83; 4th XI Hockey; PO RN.

Macdonald, Gillian M. H. (W), *Craigisla House, Kilry, Blairgowrie, Perthshire, PH11 8HW*. Came 1982³; UVI; House Prefect; Hockey; Tennis; Choir.

Mackay, Katriona S. (W), *Skitten Farm, Wick, Caithness*. Came 1982³; UVI.

MacLachlan, Fiona E. (W), *Strathisla, 28 Island Bank Road, Inverness*. Came 1982³; UVI; House Prefect; Hockey; Modern Languages Prize; Choir.

McLachlan, K. (R), *64a Castlemill Road, Ayr, Ayrshire*. Came 1975³; I; Sgt. RM.

McMillan, Linda-Jane (W), *Nirvana, Longhill Avenue, Ayr*. Came 1981³; LVI; House Prefect; Girls Hockey XI '81-'83 (Capt.).

Martin, R. L. (S), *'Pinfolds', New Road, Blackfield, Hampshire, SO4 1WA*. Came 1977¹; I; House Prefect; Sailing; 3rd XV; Strathallian Editorial Board; Div. Cox'n RN.

Menzies, C. J. (S), *Boreland Farm, Fearnan, by Aberfeldy, Perthshire*. Came 1978³; III; House Prefect; Hockey 2nd XI; 6th XV; Pipe Band.

Montgomery, G. F. (R), *Wyndene, Stagshaw Road, Corbridge, Northumberland*. Came 1975³; I; House Prefect; Sailing; Basketball (Capt.); 2nd XV; Strathallian Photographer & Editorial Board; Sgt. RM.

Montgomery-Smith, Sarah M. (W), *Broadfields, Drumbeg Loan, Killearn, by Glasgow*. Came 1981³; LVI; School Prefect; Hockey; Tennis; Ski-ing; Music Scholarship; David Bogie Prize for Economics; Choir & Orchestra.

Murray, S. C. (F), *4 Anson Avenue, Falkirk*. Came 1980³; V; 3rd XV; 4th XI; Drama; Debating; Cdt. Army.

Paton, Janice E. (W), *95 Milngavie Road, Bearsden, Glasgow, G61 2EL*. Came 1982³; UVI; House Prefect; Chemistry Prize; Girls Hockey XI.

Penny, S. (S), *45 Maitland Street, Dunfermline, Fife*. Came 1981³; V; House Prefect; 4th XI; 5th XV; Choir & Orchestra; Cpl. Army.

Pratt, A. J. H. (R), *Daldrishaig, Aberfoyle, Stirlingshire, FK8 3TR*. Came 1980³; V; House Prefect; 3rd XV; Basketball; Tennis; Cdt. RM.

Randell, A. M. (L), *'Craigard', 3 Stanley Crescent, Paisley, Renfrewshire, PA9 1DB*. Came 1978³; III; House Prefect; Head Librarian; Pipe Band.

Robertson, Susan K. M. (W), *Pitgarvie Farm, Laurencekirk, Kincardineshire*. Came 1982³; UVI; Art Prize; Hockey; Ski-ing.

Sedgwick, G. T. W. (L), *'Closeburn', 46 Lade Braes, St. Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DA*. Came 1978³; III; House Prefect; Cross-Country; Athletics; Shooting; Ski-ing; LS RN.

Shepherd, B. A. (F), *Monymusk, Lochside Road, Forfar*. Came 1978³; III; House Prefect; Tennis '81-'83 (Capt. '82-'83); 2nd XV (Capt.); 3rd XI (Capt.); Sgt. Army.

Skea, Karen (W), *62 Gardyne Street, Friockheim, Angus*. Came 1981³; LVI; House Prefect; Squash; Tennis (Captain).

Smith, F. D. (N), *Castlecraig, Carslogie Road, Cupar, Fife*. Came 1976³; I; House Prefect; 3rd XV; Summer Hockey 2nd XI; Sec. YFC. Cpl. Army.

Stevenson, G. W. (N), *c/o Continental Oil Company of Indonesia, PO Box 367, Jakarta, Indonesia*. Came 1978³; III; House Prefect; XV '81-'83; Golf '82-'83; Strathallian Editorial Board; Div. Cox'n RN.

Stroyan, M. R. C. (F), *16 Gamekeepers Road, Edinburgh, EH4 6LU*. Came 1978³; III; 3rd XV; Fishing; D. of E. Gold Award.

Suri, R. (R), *257b, Route d'Annecy, Croix-de-Rozen, Geneva, Switzerland*. Came 1978³; III; Deputy Head of Ruthven, School Prefect; 3rd XV; Mathematics and Physics Prizes; U/O CCF.

Verden-Anderson, G. D. (L), *Fairways, Leslie, Fife, KY6 3AF*. Came 1978³; III; House Prefect; Cross-Country; Ski-ing; Cdt. RAF.

Waller, B. D. (N), *Hopewood House, Edzell, Angus, DD9 7UB*. Came 1976³; I; School Prefect; 4th XV; Tennis; Revue; Cdt. Army.

LVI

Chapman, J. H. (F), *Femington Park, Low Main Street, Wishaw, ML2 7PL*. Came 1977³; I; House Prefect; 2nd XI, Occasionals XI; 6th XV; Cdt. RAF.

V

Caush, P. D. S. (L), *25 Queen's Road, Aberdeen*. Came 1980³; III; S. Colt's XV; Athletics; Cdt. RAF.

Duncan, S. J. (L), *c/o Scotland, 35 St. Mary's Road, Downfield, Dundee*. Came 1980³; III; Athletics; S. Colts XV; L/Cpl. RM.

Elworthy, Joanna E. (W), *Mavishall, Humbie, East Lothian, EH36 5PL*. Came 1982²; IV.

MacLeod, J. (N), *PO Box 25147, Awali, Bahrain, Arabian Gulf*. Came 1977³; I; Choir; LS RN.

Murphy, M. D. (F), *Hillhouse, 20 Donaldfield Road, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire*. Came 1980³; III; Golf; Cdt. Army.

Ogilvie, A. S. (N), *Barns of Craig, by Montrose, Angus*. Came 1980³; III; 2nd XV; 2nd XI; Choir; L/Cpl. Army.

Thomson, E. L. (S), *127 Machan Road, Larkhall, Lanarkshire, ML9 1HU*. Came 1982³; V; Athletics; 4th XV; Cdt. Army.

Walker, G. M. (F), *Shanwell House, Kinross, KY13 7RG*. Came 1980³; III; AB RN.

Watt, W. A. (S), *4a The Grove, Giffnock, Glasgow, G46 6RW*. Came 1980³; III; Junior Colts XV; Cdt. Army.

IV

Fisher, P. W. (R), *c/o Sirte Oil Co., Sirte Field, PO Box 385, Tripoli, Libya*. Came 1983³; IV; Basketball; Tennis; Cdt. RAF.

Raitt, Jocelyn E. (W), *Frankenslag 179, 2582 HL Den Haag, Netherlands*. Came 1981³; III; Choir.

Sutherland, A. (S), *2 Dunbar Street, Hopeman, Morayshire*. Came 1981³; III; Junior Colts XV and XI.

III

Barr, Susan M. (W), *Grindon, Berwick-on-Tweed, TD15 2NN*. Came 1982³; III.

II

Cassidy, S. (R), *c/o Underwater Eng. Dept., Brunei Shell Co. Ltd, Seria, Brunei, Borneo*. Came 1983¹; II.

Ellis, Isla M. (W), *PO Box 1165, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia*. Came 1982³; II; Choir.

Marshall, R. A. C. (Ri), *15 Eckerson Road, Harrington Park, NJ 07640, USA*. Came 1982¹; II.

I

Baggott, C. J. R. (Ri), *34 Main Street, Midcalder, W. Lothian*. Came 1982³; I.

Gray, Anne M. (W), *'Low Mye', Stoneykirk, Stranraer, Wigtownshire, DG9 9OU*. Came 1982³; I.

McFadzean, P. K. (Ri), *Upper Stepford, Stepford Road, Dumfries, DG2 OJP*. Came 1982³; I.

DECEMBER 1983

SCHOLARSHIP SIXTH

Allingham, M. J. de G. (S), *Craggie Farm, Nairn, IV12 5HY*. Came 1978³; III; Head of School; Captain of Cricket; Captain of Hockey; XV '80-'83, Scottish Schools XV; XI '79-83, Scottish Schools XI; Hockey XI '80-'82; Sgt. RAF.

Beckman, J. N. (F), *Flat K, 82 Portland Place, London, SW1*. Came 1978³; III; Head of Freeland, School Prefect; Captain of Golf; Debating; Cpl. RAF.

Beveridge, Rachel C. (W), *Woodside of Barra, Bourtie, Oldmeldrum, Aberdeenshire, AB5 OBH*. Came 1981³; LVI; Head of Woodlands, School Prefect; Girls Hockey XI '82-'83 (Capt.); Girls Squash (Capt.); Music Scholar; Wilfred Hoare Reading Prize; Choir & Orchestra.

Lawson, E. J. (R), *Trynlan, 3 St. Michael Drive, Helensburgh, G84 7SF*. Came 1982³; UVI; House Prefect; Robert Barr Memorial Prize for Music; Orchestra & Choir.

McClung, G. E. (F), *9 Wester Coats Gardens, Edinburgh, EH12 5LT*. Came 1978³; III; Head of School, School Prefect; XI '81-'83; XV '82-'83; History Prize; Orchestra; Debating; Flt. Sgt. RAF.

Pitman, Rebecca W. (W), *Derraig, Tobermory, Isle of Mull*. Came 1982³; UVI; House Prefect; Choir.

LVI

Crowe, Carol I. (W), *Colliston Inn, by Arbroath, Angus*. Came 1983³; LVI.

Wallace, A. D. (N), *Stonecarraig, Tighnabruach, Argyll*. Came 1981¹; III; Sailing '81-'83; Shooting '82-'83; Choir; 2nd Orchestra; LS RN.

Aiton, G. N. (S), *PO Box 442, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands*. Came 1980³; IV.

V

Ellis, C. N. M. (N), *PO Box 1165, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia*. Came 1979³; I; 3rd XI; 6th XV; LS RN.

Mactaggart, D. C. (L), *West Nisbet, Jedburgh, Roxburghshire, TD8 6T3*. Came 1981¹; III; Fishing; 'B' Shooting; 4th XI Hockey; AB RN.

Smith, S. N. (L), *Apartado No. 12, Huerta la Farraga, Cazorla, Jaen, Spain*. Came 1982³; V; Basketball; 3rd XI Hockey; AB RN.

Willis, M. P. B. (N), *Meadowcroft, Station Road, Great Ayton, Middlesborough*. Came 1980³; III; 6th XV; Cdt. RAF.

III

Aiton, B. G. (S), *PO Box 442, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands*. Came 1980³; I.

II

Forbes, J. D. (Ri), *Villa 81, Road E, Jebel Ai, Dubai*. Came 1982³; I.

ROBIN KINGAN

The School was shocked and saddened to hear of the death in December 1982 of Robin Kingan. Robin came to Nicol in September 1979 from Crawfordton House. He quickly became a respected, hard-working member of the community. His was a quiet, gentle nature not always suited to the hurly-burly of school life, but he found loyal friends for he was always tolerant, fair and generous. He greatly enjoyed the outdoor life and was at his happiest when helping on the home farm. His efficiency and expertise made him an excellent Secretary of the Strathallan Young Farmers Club. For this and his other loyal contributions he is greatly missed by all who knew him. Our deepest sympathy goes to his parents and family. His was a short, but fine life of which they may be proud.

Strathallian Club



THE PRESIDENT 1982/83

Donald Turner spent the years 1955-1962 in Riley then Ruthven Houses, representing the School at both cricket, as captain of various XI's, and hockey.

During his chartered accountancy apprenticeship which followed he played rugby for Kilmarnock until a bad knee injury caused him to switch to hockey, also for Kilmarnock.

Once qualified he spent two years in Paris with Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co. where he continued playing some hockey but also managed a rugby comeback as captain of the British RFC of Paris in 1968/69.

On his return to Scotland in 1969 he became a manager with Turner, Hutton & Lawson and Secretary of the Strathallian Club in which latter post he served nobly for ten years.

In 1971 he embarked upon two partnerships, one with Turner, Hutton & Lawson and the other when he married Trish. They have two children, Alastair and Kate.

Donald is a keen golfer, shot and angler who spends much of his leisure time on Arran.

When his practice merged with Arthur Young McClelland Moores & Co. in 1981 he became a partner in that firm specialising in the insolvency field, which specialisation he assures us has no relevance whatsoever to the close links he maintains with the School for whom his firm are auditors!

ANGLING CLUB

The fishing season of 1983 is the Angling Club's twenty-fifth season as a Club and the members had high hopes that the occasion might be marked by spectacular fishing returns which, at the mid-point of our season, have certainly been achieved.

David Vost was elected Captain for the year and Stuart Biggart Vice-Captain, and both have led by example. To date, this pair have taken 45 fish in Club outings. The Angling Club Party just after New Year was hosted by Willie and Cynthia Nairn, and very much enjoyed by those members attending. Also among the guests were two members of the Phoenix A.C. sizing up our fishing strengths for the year. The impression that Strathallan anglers are a convivial bunch when off the water was reinforced.

The serious fishing started with the Secretary, Jack Turner, appearing for the Club at the Secretaries outing from Portsonach on Loch Awe. Few fish were taken on a cold day, but our man did at least weigh in a fish this year.

The Club appeared on Loch Awe just after Easter in strength and the winner of the outing, and of the Archie Glen Trophy for the best basket, was Stuart Biggart with nine fish totalling 5lbs 1oz, all caught around the islands. Stuart also received a bottle of whisky for the best brown trout, while David Young received a whisky miniature for the smallest acceptable fish. Robin and Jack Turner were presented with mugs as 'Mug of the Day' for failing to catch anything while drifting 50 feet behind Stuart Biggart. Twenty-two fish in all were taken.

Five members and a guest took a Thursday outing to Cobbinshaw, where there is a six fish limit. Harry Allen, John Maguire, David Vost and David Biggart all reached the limit and started throwing back – commiserations to David Biggart who threw back his sixth fish and never caught another having only five at the weigh-in. Thirty-one fish in all were taken with Harry Allen weighing in at 4lbs 14ozs to win the outing and a bottle of wine.

The match at Lake of Menteith versus the Phoenix Angling Club brought out 18 members and one guest, to be greeted with the news that the Lake had been stocked two days previously, and the fish were still shoaling. The fishing manager said we could not fail to take less than

80 fish and the actual catch was a record 113 fish totalling 84lbs. Every member present caught fish and a crushing defeat was inflicted on the Phoenix. Stuart Biggart excelled to become 'Monk of the Day' with 18 fish totalling 13lbs 4ozs. Robin Nairn received a bottle of wine for the last fish of the day caught at 5.15 p.m.

A warmish Friday evening at the beginning of June produced nine members and four guests at Loch Fitty, which now imposes a six fish limit. By 10 p.m. the wind had dropped to nil and fish were showing all over the loch but generally refusing the flies cast over them. Thirty-nine fish made the weigh-in with Charlie Magee putting in nine weighing 8lbs 3ozs, closely followed by George Balfour with eight at 7lbs 12ozs. David Vost got a bottle of wine for the fish taken nearest to 9 p.m. at 9.04 p.m.

On the strength of last year's results in the Scottish Club Championships, the Club were invited to the Benson & Hedges Club Championship, fished on the Lake in early April. A team of Charlie Magee, David and Alastair Biggart, Lindsay Young and Jack Turner all caught fish, but with only two teams qualifying the weight was not enough to see us through.

David Biggart represented the Club in the National Championship, fished on Loch Leven. Together with 95% of those in the same heat, he failed to catch one of the few trout left in that loch.

In the Club Championship, our team of Charlie Magee, Robin Turner and Jack Turner, substituting for David Young, have just qualified for the semi-final. On a dour evening when only eight fish were taken, Jack had two of these, just enough for second place and to qualify for the next round.

At the Lake Competition against the Phoenix, David Biggart was rendered speechless when presented with a painting of the Lake, paid for by donations by members in recognition of his seven years as Secretary and his outstanding contribution to the Club's wellbeing. At the same time, there was revealed a large tankard, presented by David, to take the place of the Grosset Trophy, as the Club Championship Trophy.

With three outings to go, and a number of competitions still to be fished, the Club's twenty-fifth year looks set for a record.

STRATHALLIAN CURLING CLUB

Last season's report opened by listing great improvements in all directions. This season has shown a modest downward trend.

Results in purely numerical terms (last season in brackets): Played 29 (23); Won 12 (12); Lost 15 (7); Drawn 2 (2); Shots for 177 (191); against 210 (141). In addition three of the matches 'won' were by the default of our opponents in failing to appear in sufficient numbers. None of the matches lost were by this method.

The Club's main commitment again was in the Scottish Wanderer's League, involving eight F.P. clubs. This year the League was won by Kelvinside Academicals who won 11 out of their 14 games. One of their three defeats was at the hands of a Club rink skipped by Ian Turner.

This year the Club finished in 5th place, one point behind Sedburgh, last year's champions. Six games were won, 7 lost and 1 drawn. Two of the wins were walkovers from Merchiston who must have been convinced we were too strong to face.

Thirteen friendly matches were played, most of them against the same clubs as the previous season. Past results must have been kept in mind as we faced stronger teams with a none too surprising outcome.

Matches were played against Crouch & Hogg (twice); Clydesdale Bank (three games); Royal Bank of Scotland; Glasgow Junior Chamber of Commerce (twice); The Rolling Stones; Whitecraigs Lawn Tennis Club; Drystanes; The Glasgow Ski Club and Campbell Neill & Co. Drystanes are a new opponent this year as some seven members of the Club are also members of Drystanes. Care was taken by both secretaries to pick teams not involving joint members, but this was spoilt at the last moment by Jack Turner appearing as substitute skip.

Once again the Club entered a team for the Sandy Miller Knockout Trophy: this year Jack Turner, Alastair Pottie, Ronald Grant and John Fingland. The first round match was won 14-10 but we were put out in the second round 10-6, losing a 5 at the second last end on a very tricky sheet of ice.

The Archie Barr Trophy for a match between East and West Strathallians was not contested because of the lack of available ice at Perth at the time of the Club A.G.M. and Dinner in November.

This season commenced with two sheets of our ice allocation being used as practice and training sessions and this will be repeated next year.

The Club had eighteen regular members at the start of the season, and two occasional reserves. We lost the use of Howard Purdie, off to Jordan for three years, and during the season we also lost, temporarily, the skills of Douglas Lewis and Russell Johnston. We wish both of them full recoveries from their ailments and hope they will curl full-time next season. Neil Headrick joined our numbers to play lead halfway through the year.

With the training sessions and about the same number of friendly fixtures being arranged, the Club can cater for, and is pleased to get, new members. The season runs from mid-September through to mid-April and new faces are welcome at any time. The Secretary is still Jack Turner, 14 St. Vincent Place, Glasgow.

STRATHALLIAN GOLF CLUB

Queen Elizabeth Coronation Schools Trophy 1982

After having a successful run in this competition in 1981, we started this year's tournament feeling confident. I am pleased to say that our confidence was not misplaced and we again won three rounds, although this year, as we did not have a bye in the first round, this meant that we only reached the quarter-final. Our three victories were over Boroughmuir FP (2-1), Royal High School (2-1) and Glasgow Academicals (2-1). We lost to Hutchesons Grammar School FP's by 2½-½. Although Hutchesons had both Gordon Cosh and Paul McKellar in their team, we felt that we were quite capable of beating them – but we did not play well enough on the day. There is no team in this competition that we should fear and I hope one day to be able to report that we are the holders of the Trophy!

Autumn Meeting 1982

We returned to Prestwick on Sunday 3rd October for this year's outing and again the weather was sunny and warm with a seaside breeze. The morning round was played for the Guthrie Reid Salver and the Johnston Trophy – both of which were won by Hamish Dawson with Robin McGregor and Hamish McFarlane being joint second for the Salver.

Following a most enjoyable lunch, partners were drawn to play foursomes Stableford for the Bogie Trophy. Those well-known after-lunch golfers, Allan Cook and David Muir, proved to be more durable than the others and duly won the Cup.

It is intended that the 1983 outing will be the same weekend at Prestwick.

Grafton Morrish 1983

Owing to the difficulty experienced in raising a team for a Friday afternoon, and also our lack of any success in the past, we did not enter the Scottish Qualifying Section this year. However, we shall try again in 1984.

Queen Elizabeth Coronation Schools Trophy 1983

We again performed very creditably in this tournament despite the fact that half of the regular team were unavailable due to holidays. The missing three were Messrs. Moffat, Williamson and McInroy, so our team read: Ken Grant and Peter Hill; Ian Jones and Gordon Lowden; Allan Cook and Robin McGregor. After a bye in the first round we beat Old Novocastrians 3-0, Old Reptonians 2-1 to reach the last eight for the third year in succession: however, we were then beaten by Stewart's-Melville 2½-½. It should be mentioned that the only unbeaten pairing was that of Ian Jones and Gordon Lowden – who both clearly enjoyed renewing their old partnership.

Autumn Meeting 1983

As Prestwick was not available for our regular weekend, this year's meeting was held at the Ailsa Course, Turnberry. On a windy day with numerous rain squalls in the afternoon, eight players turned out. The Trophy winners on the day were:

Guthrie Reid Salver:	Donald Turner
Johnston Trophy:	Donald Turner
Bogie Trophy:	Hamish MacFarlane.

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NEWS OF OLD STRATHALLIANS

ALLISON, N. J. 1918/22

After careers in naval engineering in U.K. and India and in petroleum engineering in the Middle East and Canada, Norman spent his first 'retirement' acquiring a private pilot's licence before entering the Presbyterian Ministry in 1970. In 1982, having retired from the ministry he began a seventh career when he was elected Reeve (chief magistrate) of Amherst Island, Ontario.

ASHTON, T. C. 1963/68

was recently promoted Major and is now serving at HQ BAOR in Rheindahlen.

BALFOUR, A. G. 1962/69

is currently Principal Teacher of Music at Montrose Academy.

BENNETT, A. J. 1967/73

transferred from Esjberg, Denmark to Bergen, Norway operating on the Statfjord platforms.

BENZIES, D. P. 1970/75

has joined the family business who are the printers of the Strathallian!

CAMPBELL, A. D. K. 1955/59

was promoted Wing Commander in April and is now serving on the staff of Asst. Chief of Air Staff (Ops) at the Ministry of Defence.

CRABB, Sandra A. 1980/81

has completed two years of an accountancy degree course at Glasgow University.

CRAN, M. H. W. 1963/70

was the Commander of the Royal Scots Guard of Honour in the Military Tattoo at the 1983 Edinburgh Festival.

DOBBIE, G. 1975/80

is a police officer with the Lothian & Borders Force based in Edinburgh.

DOUGLAS, Susan T. 1979/80

graduated III in History & Politics at York University.

DOW, R. C. 1955/62

DRYSDALE, R. C. G. 1961/65

DRYSDALE, A. D. 1963/68

DRYSDALE, C. M. 1969/74

DUNCAN, R. J. 1973/80

FAIRBAIRN, A. C. 1973/80

FAWCETT, J. F. 1962/69

GALL, D. S. 1973/78

GALLOWAY, R. G. 1973/78

is President of the Northern Europe Division of Levi Strauss, based in London. He completed this year's London Marathon in 2hr. 22min. 54 sec. and would like to make contact with Strathallians in the London area.

is now Head of History at St. Peter's School, York.

an acknowledged and much consulted expert in Middle Eastern affairs is lecturing at the University of New Hampshire. He is co-author of a book soon to be published by OUP on the political geography of the Middle East.

after service as a Supply Officer in the Royal Navy is now our man at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office.

is in his second year at Cambridge. Having competed as a downhill in both World Cup and World Championship events in 1982 he won the British Downhill title for the second time in January 1983, his fourth place in the Slalom giving him the Combined Championship title.

was one of the Scottish University OTC's pipers playing in the Massed Bands at the Edinburgh Festival Tattoo.

is now living and working in Hereford.

has completed the first of two year's research towards an M.Sc. in Engineering at Glasgow University and attended a Scottish Universities Rugby Training Camp.

having spent a year travelling and working in Africa is now farming in partnership with his father in Arbroath.

GILLANDERS, 1967/74 F. G. R.	having been First Lieutenant in HMS CORDELLA, formerly a deep sea trawler, mine-sweeping during the Falklands campaign was appointed Navigating Officer in HMS PLYMOUTH and spent the summer as guardship in the West Indies.	McCALLUM, S. 1975/80	is in his second year of a RGN/RMN course at the Eastern District College of Nursing and is very active in student union affairs.
GRANT, J. M. 1973/78	graduated B.Sc. in Civil Engineering from Edinburgh University.	MAGILL, A. W. B. 1971/76	is working with the Clydesdale Bank at their Chief Office in London.
HAMILTON, E.W. 1972/79	graduated B.A. in Hotel & Catering Management at Strathclyde University and is now an assistant manager with the Reo Stakis Organisation.	McGREGOR, I. C. 1971/76	having graduated from Art School at Glasgow University is currently working in an architects office in Glasgow.
HARDIE, F. A. G. 1978/80	is Junior Assistant Manager at the Midland Hotel, Manchester.	McLEAN, D. B. 1968/71	owns and trains 'Captain Parkhill' who will line up for the 1984 Grand National.
JAMIESON, A. M. 1974/77	has successfully completed an honours degree course in Business Studies at Dundee and spent four months touring U.S.A. and S. America. He reports having last seen J. R. A. CLELAND (1973/77) camping in the Smokey Mountains of S. Carolina.	McLEAN, K. C. 1965/69	M. J. FINDLAY (1968/72) was best man at his wedding. During his 3 yrs. with Gosforth 2nd XV he has been refereed by A. I. ROBSON (1966/73).
LABAND, P. A. K. 1962/66	is Investment Manager with Abbey Unit Trust Managers Ltd.	MACMILLAN, A. G. 1960/66	is reported to be an extremely successful Private Investigator in New York.
LAING, H. R. 1972/79	graduated from Leeds University in 1982 and is now a Government Civil Engineer in Pretoria, S. Africa in company with R. H. MORRIS (1974/79).	MASON, Irene D. 1980/81	has been promoted to Programme Director within Scottish Television.
LEWIS, P. N. 1968/73	is a Financial Accountant at Proctor & Schwartz Ltd.	MOODIE, A. C. G. 1963/71	has completed two years of her B.Sc. course at Edinburgh University.
LINN, J. W. 1956/61	has moved into the stock broking business with Watson's in Hong Kong.	PATTERSON, D. R. 1973/75	is looking after the Bank of America computer systems in Jersey and is still playing hockey, squash, tennis and cricket.
LINDSAY, W. M. 1966/69	has been managing the estate at Taymount and recently working in the Insh Fishing Co. in Perth.	PEDDIE, P. R. 1973/80	was erroneously reported in our 1982 edition as having married. Our apologies.
LIVINGSTON, J.M.C. 1976/79	has just graduated LL.B. from Aberdeen University and will return to read for a diploma in legal practice.	POLLOCK, J. G. 1974/79	graduated III in Agriculture from Newcastle University.
		PORTER, J. A. L. 1967/72	graduated B.Sc. in Computing Science from Stirling University.
		POSTLETHWAITE, 1973/78 H. R.	is a professional photographer, married near Corfe Castle, Dorset.
		RITCHIE, D. M. 1957/63	joined the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board in July.
			is an international accountant with Lilley Construction Ltd. and would welcome news of OS's in Dubai, Singapore and Nigeria where he makes occasional visits.

ROBSON, A. I. 1966/73

SCHNEEBERGER, 1969/74
N. I.

SHAW, J. C. 1944/49

SMITH, G. R. S. 1964/71

SMITH, I. M. 1956/60

SMITH, W. C. 1929/34

SPROAT, R. W. 1963/70

STARK, R. C. 1955/62

STEEL, L. B. 1970/74

STONE-WIGG, 1973/78
R. A.

TAYLOR, M. C. 1969/73

has been elected to his local dental committee and is President of Felling Rotary Club. He would like to hear from any Strathallian Rotarians in the Tyne & Wear area.

has recently been appointed Manager of the new Glasgow Computer Centre and reports that brother C. J. (1972/76) has passed his Civil Engineering exams in Glasgow.

has been elected President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland.

is still living in Hong Kong and is now Marketing Manager for the Wellcome Company importing and wholesaling branded foods.

is sheep farming in Kirriemuir.

retired from medical practice in July 1982. A widower, he lives in Stockport, Cheshire.

has been promoted to Managing Director of J. & R. Wallace Ltd., Castle Douglas.

continues as Head of Underwater Maintenance for Sarawak and Sabah Shell based in Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia and is currently President of Kelab Rugby Football Miri.

is presently training for RNMD at Lennoxcastle Hospital.

is reported to be in his final year B.Sc.(Hons) Agriculture at Aberdeen; captain of the University hockey XI and a Scottish Universities hockey cap.

has been admitted as a Serving Brother of the Most Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

TULLOCH, P. J. 1957/62

TURNBULL, S. R. 1974/80

VAID, D. R. 1980/82

WALKER, I. H. 1971/78

WALKER, D. A. 1973/78

WALKER, R. G. 1973/78

is a Director of Wiltshire South East Ltd. (Building Contractors).

has graduated Ilii in Agricultural from Newcastle University.

is Assistant Floor Manager in a leading international bank based in Costa Rica.

is in his fifth year of a Business Studies degree course at Dundee.

having graduated in Civil Engineering from Edinburgh University is now working (in company with J. M. GRANT q.v.) for W.L.P.U. a firm of consulting civil engineers in Ashford, Kent.

having graduated in Civil Engineering from Edinburgh University has just completed an M.Sc. at Imperial College, London and joined Chevron Petroleum based in London.

Engagements

HAMILTON, E. W. 1972/79

POLLOCK, J. G. 1974/79

POSTLETHWAITE, 1973/78
H. R.

to Miss June Donnelly on 18th June, 1983.
to Miss Lorraine Pestell on 23rd March, 1983.
to Miss Hilary Watt on 9th May, 1983.

Marriages

BAIRD, G. G. 1975/78	to Miss Lorna Middleton on 29th June, 1983.
BENZIES, D. P. 1970/75	to Miss Lilian McNab on 27th September, 1980.
BIGGART, S. D. 1967/75	to Miss Carol A. Hutchison on 2nd October, 1982.
BUTCHART, D. J. 1966/73	to Miss Sue Smith on 27th August, 1983.
DOBBIE, G. 1975/80	to Miss Susan Montgomery on 28th May, 1983.
LEWIS, I. D. 1966/70	to Miss Arlyeta Friesen on 23rd May, 1983 in Winnipeg.
MAGILL, A. W. B. 1971/76	to Miss Wilma Todd on 11th September, 1982 in Dundee.
McGREGOR, R. 1969/74	to Miss Philippa A. Johnson on 26th November, 1982.
McLEAN, D. B. 1968/71	to Miss Angela Dodd on 18th June, 1983 in Newcastle.
SCHNEEBERGER, N. I. 1969/74	to Miss Sally E. Upfold on 11th September, 1982 in Glasgow.
SMITH, G. R. S. 1964/71	to Miss Brenda Dilley on 10th April, 1982.
SMITH, I. M. 1956/60	to Miss Shiona McIntyre on 21st December, 1976.
SPROAT, J. B. 1961/68	to Miss Marcelle Cadahead on 25th June, 1982.
TAYLOR, M. C. 1969/73	to Miss Sabine Theis on 19th February, 1982 in Osnabrück.

Births

BALFOUR, A. G. 1962/69	to Mr and Mrs Balfour, a son, Alasdair Graeme on 20th December, 1982.
BENNET, A. J. 1967/73	to Mr and Mrs Bennet, a daughter, Lyndsay Susan on 25th November, 1981.
FAWCETT, J. F. 1962/69	to Mr and Mrs Fawcett, a daughter, Katherine Hannah on 25th September, 1982.
LEWIS, P. N. 1968/73	to Mr and Mrs Lewis, a son, Simon on 24th May, 1982.
McGILL, J. M. 1956/61	to Mr and Mrs McGill a daughter, Jennifer Sheila on 2nd October, 1982.
MOODIE, A. C. G. 1963/71	to Mr and Mrs Moodie, a son, in December, 1981.
PENNIE, D. N. F. 1965/70	to Mr and Mrs Pennie, a daughter, Fiona Elizabeth Maureen on 9th November, 1982.
ROBSON, A. I. 1966/73	to Mr and Mrs Robson, a daughter, Claire Louise on 1st October, 1982.
SMITH, I. M. 1956/60	to Mr and Mrs Smith, a daughter, Sarah on 5th May, 1978. a son, Peter on 4th February, 1981.
SPROAT, R. W. 1963/70	a son, Graham on 3rd October, 1982. to Mr and Mrs Sproat, a daughter, Lucy on 12th April, 1981.
TAYLOR, M. C. 1969/73	a son, Charles on 21st November, 1982. to Mr and Mrs Taylor, a son, John Steven on 3rd May, 1982.
WILSON, J. A. M. 1971/75	to Mr and Mrs Wilson, a son on 8th April, 1983.

Deaths

J. F. DOW, MB, BCHIR, FRCP

Dr J. F. Dow, formerly consultant physician at St. George's Hospital, London, and at King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, died on 24th September at the age of 72.

James Findlay Dow was born in Glasgow and educated at Strathallan School, the High School of Glasgow, and St. John's College, Cambridge. He went to the Middlesex Hospital for his clinical training, graduating in 1936. After house appointments at the Middlesex and at Brompton he moved to St. George's Hospital in 1939 as resident assistant physician. In this post he virtually ran medicine at St. George's during the war years, with heavy ward, outpatient and teaching commitments. His teaching was particularly appreciated by undergraduate students and junior staff alike. His great administrative skills emerged in those difficult times, and under his guidance St. George's continued to function through the blitz with remarkable smoothness.

In 1946 James was appointed honorary assistant physician and, after two years in the army, settled to pursue his career as a physician at St. George's. He was soon in great demand as people came to recognise his extraordinary clinical acumen and his deep knowledge of medicine in general and gastroenterology in particular. He rapidly became one of the most sought after medical opinions in London. He was a superb and incisive teacher of medical students and remained a wise and valued friend to his junior staff in their later careers.

The development of the new St. George's at Tooting owes much to the foresight of James Dow. In the early 1950's he removed his firm from Hyde Park Corner to the Grove Fever Hospital, Tooting, and rapidly founded a high quality medical and gastroenterological unit there. As chairman of the medical advisory committee for two long spells he guided the hospital safely through many difficulties.

Among his other services to St. George's, James had been a member of the board of governors and of the special trustees. Outside St. George's he was for many years a consultant to *London Life* and was chairman of the medical committee of King Edward VII Hospital for Officers. He examined in medicine at Cambridge and for the Royal College of Physicians. He was also a member of the Association of Physicians of Great Britain and Ireland.

In his younger days James was a notable sportsman, being captain of rugby at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School and a good all-rounder at cricket, golf and squash. In later years he became devoted to fly fishing. His first marriage ended tragically with the early death of his wife, leaving James with an infant daughter. His second wife, Jean, is a consultant radiologist and they have four children, one of whom is a medical graduate.

A.L. & J.B.

KEN ROME, who was at Strathallan from 1945 to 1949, died in hospital in Derby on 26th June 1983, following a stroke.

Ken was Vice-Captain of the School in 1949, Captain of Simpson House, a member of the 1st XV Rugby team for two seasons, and in the Cricket 1st XI.

Those of us who were at School with Ken will remember his leadership, loyalty and enthusiasm. Perhaps it is appropriate to recollect two particular moments of pleasure on the rugby field – Ken's two immense penalties each over 50 yards to defeat Royal High School, and his winning try for our first ever victory over George Watson's College – great moments in School life.

On leaving School, Ken became an apprentice chartered accountant with Houston MacFarlane & Co., Glasgow, where he later qualified as a Chartered Accountant, maintaining then and throughout subsequent years his close friendship with his School mates.

We trust that the regard and esteem in which Ken was held by his many School friends may provide some solace to his widow Elphra and his three children, Kenneth, Alisdair and Evelyn, his mother, and his sister Elspeth.

STOP PRESS

The XV were unbeaten for their Autumn '83 season, drawing only once 0-0 against the Edinburgh Academy and being nominated Scottish Team of the Season. Some of the action has been dramatically captured by our *Strathallian Magazine* Photographic Competition winners: David Haddleton and Michael Blanche.



Here David Haddleton gives us an Ali Caush try against Rannoch; a line-out against the Strathallian Club and two studies in forward concentration against Glenalmond.







and Michael Blanche's view of the matches against the Strathallian Club (*above*) and Loretto (*below*).

