



the Strathallan



*I'm afraid that's all  
that's left of him...*



*Jude, er, there's  
something you  
ought to know...*



*Just ask yourself  
one question:  
"Do I feel lucky?"*



*Lady Gaga and  
George Bush in  
shock summit  
meeting..*



*Now, Andrew.  
Where's your prep?*



*Potts calls  
Kettles Black.*





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# Captains of school

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**S**trathallan brings together a diverse and exciting group of people from many parts of the world and from different backgrounds. There can be no doubt that shared experiences have had a massive impact on our lives and will be both fondly remembered and greatly missed. The opportunities our unique school offers have benefitted us and other pupils throughout the school.

This is a place where people can shine as individuals in diverse groups yet be part of the special community that is our school. On leaving, we are heading towards new and exciting adventures. It will be sad to go but we have been well prepared for what is next to come.

The success of the school owes so much to the hard work of every single member of staff. Our thanks go to all those whose continual help and support have assisted us in so many different ways ensuring that Strath is the dynamic place it is today. The pupils also contribute to this wonderful atmosphere. It's hard to imagine a school with a friendlier attitude. The friendships we have made here will last far beyond the valedictory service and these relationships will leave us with wonderful memories of our time at Strathallan.

Over our time at Strath much has changed: refurbished dining hall, revamped swimming pool, new IT block, a second astro turf and of course an additional girls' Boarding House - Glenbrae. These changes reflect the school's continued commitment to progressing its grounds and facilities further thus enhancing the opportunities available for all pupils.

Though it's easy to forget, amongst all the fantastic experiences that we are privileged to enjoy at Strathallan, we are ultimately here to study and gain grades to help us progress either to further education or into the workplace. This is one area that no parents need to worry about, the work ethic at Strathallan is almost annoyingly high. We are always encouraged to gain the most from our potential.

All that remains is to say a huge thank you to everyone at Strathallan and to wish the best of luck to everyone still there.

**Callum Donald and Kirstin Lamotte**



The theme of my speech at Speech Day last May was the extent to which extraordinary things can be achieved in a school where individuals and teams ask a lot of themselves and set that as the agenda. Of course, academic work is central to this and has perhaps come into even more stark relief with the level of publicity about the difficulties in securing places at university this year. I am pleased to say that the Strathallan Sixth Form responded well to the challenge; the conditional offers received were not markedly different to those in previous years and in the majority of cases the offers were achieved through some very good examination results. Pupils continue to go to a wide variety of courses and locations; this year slightly more went south of the border.

The highlight was again the A level results. In the first year of the new A\*, awarded to pupils who achieved 90% or more in the papers sat for A2 in the final year, 23% of all entries were at this new level. There were fifty-eight in total with twenty-five pupils achieving one or more. We also gained 78% A/B which is our best so far and a 100% pass rate. The Higher results also saw some significant success and the offering of an alternative system continues to provide greater opportunities for pupils to take subjects at levels which are appropriate for them. The GCSE results saw us achieve 43% A\*/A and 90% A\*-C. This year I am delighted to say that The Scotsman got our results correct although somewhat bizarrely listed the schools in order of the percentage of A's achieved rather than the A\*s. In the latter we were the top in Scotland, a fact recognised once again by the Financial Times. We were also encouraged by national success in Art, Physics, Biology and Mathematics competitions which give the pupils the opportunity to challenge themselves outside the school context. Crucially also, of course, the School was inspected on the six yearly cycle. We achieved one excellent grading, in Learners' experiences, and the other four categories were "very good". The Lead Inspector described it as "an excellent report hard-earned from a very experienced team".

Speech Day gives the opportunity to reflect on what has been achieved throughout the year although there are always some successes to add which are recorded in the second half of the Summer term. This year saw twelve national champions, sixteen Scottish representatives and regional and national success in twenty sports. We have Scottish champions in athletics, canoeing, swimming, judo, netball, equestrian, and hockey, and national representatives in canoeing, swimming, eventing, skiing, rugby, cricket, sailing, rounders, hockey, and tetrathlon. Of course, the success of teams is important and of particular note were an unbeaten swimming team, the boys and girls U18 cross country teams which gained national silver, missing gold by one place, and our girl hockey players who won the Midlands U15 Indoor and Outdoor, U16 Outdoor (there is no Indoor), U18 Indoor and Outdoor competitions which is the full set. In music our Choral Scholars recorded a CD, featured on Radio Four, and the Choir sang for the Queen at Crathie and performed in the West End, Glasgow in addition to the internal concerts. Pupils achieved top levels in diploma and grade exams and Lamda, and the various plays and shows were particularly successful.

We continue to increase our charitable activities and were delighted to set up initiatives in Kenya and to re-establish the major charity sponsored run this October.

## Headmaster's Report

Once again, I wish to pay tribute to members of staff who have left us at the end of this year. Jennifer Hutcheon was Pipe Major at Strathallan from 1994. She set the very highest standards at all times and produced some outstanding individuals and bands. In her time Strathallan won all the important solo, band, quartet and trio competitions. Liz Hamilton is a consummate professional who set very high standards for all her sets, knows the Chemistry inside out, and also presided over real growth of Scottish Country dancing. Many successful ceilidhs are very much testament to her patience and enthusiasm. Not everyone finds Mathematics easy but George Kitson was to be seen in the Library working patiently with numbers of individuals who have particular difficulties as well as helping the more able. He also spent time on the golf course, rugby pitch and the badminton court where he has supported generations of talented and perhaps not so talented performers. We are delighted that he has now rejoined us as a part-time member of staff. And Robert Proctor was a teacher of History, Tutor, Housemaster, Second Master, Sports coach, mentor, friend, advisor to generations of Strathallians. Crucially Robert is a real School Master and the range of areas in which he was involved is testament to that. There are many pupils who owe their success and indeed in some cases their very survival here to Robert's passionate, caring interest in their welfare in the classroom, in the House or in the nets. Ivanina Trifonova was with us for a year helping in EAL, and our Gap Year students Sam Drummond and Tom Studholme have once again been huge contributors to the life of the pupils in Riley.



My words on new members of staff begin with a belated but formal apology to Louis Dunn who joined us as Head of Modern Languages last year. Unfortunately Louis was the victim of the mysterious rule that says that at least one thing included in a document on computer transferred somewhere else will always get lost. Louis has joined us from Shrewsbury School where he was Assistant Head of Modern Languages. A graduate of Glasgow University he is a specialist in

French and Russian and we are delighted that he has "returned home" to Scotland to join us at Strathallan. Mark Price also has been with us for some time although he joined too late to make the last Strathallian. Mark joined the Design Technology Department after Christmas. He graduated from Edinburgh University and took a PGCE at Cambridge University. I think I can say with some confidence that he is the first Great Britain Underwater Hockey International to have been employed by the School. Also returning home in a different way is Susan Robertson who joins the Mathematics Department. Susan graduated from Glasgow University and has spent the last two years teaching in Japan. She will be Resident Tutor in Thornbank. Emma Lalani too returns to the UK although rather further north than before; Emma was Head of Brookhouse Prep School in Kenya for five years. Her special skills with younger pupils will be much appreciated in Riley where she also joins the tutorial team and will have a specific remit to look at the curriculum. And Andy Collins joins us after a year away to support the burgeoning interest in Chemistry which has necessitated the appointment of another member of staff. Andy made a real contribution in his previous spell at Strathallan when he covered in the Chemistry and Computing Departments. Karen Blackie also joins the Chemistry Department. She has spent a number of years in the chemical industry having graduated from the University of Edinburgh where she also took a PGDE and gained a doctorate. John McLean has the task of filling the shoes vacated by Robert Proctor in the History Department. He joins us direct from Edinburgh University where he has taken a PGDE having studied as an undergraduate at St Andrews. He has extensive experience of theatre and the Edinburgh Fringe. He will be Resident Tutor in Nicol House. Cameron Drummond is our new piping instructor and will be resident in Simpson House. Cameron has just graduated from the National Piping College and is a very high level performer in his own right. The increased pupil numbers have also led to the need for a part-time member of staff in the Business Studies Department and we are delighted to welcome Carrie Flannery who has moved up from England where she was responsible for Business in a Sixth Form College. Carrie graduated from the University of York before qualifying as an accountant. She worked as an auditor for five years. Resident in Woodlands House and with specific remit to help pupils whose first language is not English is Mihaela Palimariu who joins us from Romania on the HMC Exchange Teacher programme. All these colleagues have already made a significant impact and we very much look forward to their contribution in the years ahead.

Reference has been made above to the appointment of three "extra" members of staff. This reflects the increase in pupil numbers over the last few years. The School roll is currently sitting at 545 and we were in the somewhat awkward position of having to turn down numerous applications throughout the Summer term. **BKT**

# Salvete

Name	Surname	Year Group	House	Ad date
Hollie K	Ainslie	Form IV	Woodlands	01 09 2010
John A	Ambrose	Form III	Freeland	01 09 2010
Lucy A	Ambrose	LVI Form	Woodlands	01 09 2010
Joshua E	Andrew	Form III	Simpson	01 09 2010
Kirsty M	Bell	Form I	Riley	01 09 2010
Anastasia	Belova	Form IV	Thornbank	01 09 2010
Andrew A	Blair	LVI Form	Freeland	01 09 2010
Christopher A	Blair	Form I	Riley	01 09 2010
Francesca E	Blair	Form III	Glenbrae	01 09 2010
Jessica S A	Blanche	Form III	Woodlands	01 09 2010
Karolin F	Bott	LVI Form	Glenbrae	01 09 2010
Nicholas A	Bradley	LVI Form	Ruthven	01 09 2010
William R	Bradley	LVI Form	Ruthven	01 09 2010
Sebastian A G	Brazier	Form III	Nicol	01 09 2010
Kyle S	Buchanan	Form II	Riley	03 06 2010
Ross A	Buchanan	Form IV	Ruthven	03 06 2010
Julian	Buck	Form V	Freeland	01 09 2010
James E	Burdett	Form III	Freeland	01 09 2010
Marco R	Caira	Form II	Riley	20 04 2010
Hamish G	Cameron-Sutcliffe	Form III	Simpson	01 09 2010
Ross K	Campbell	Form I	Riley	01 09 2010
Lisa J	Carmichael	LVI Form	Thornbank	01 09 2010
Jonathan W I	Carswell	Form I	Riley	01 09 2010
Hiu H	Chan	LVI Form	Ruthven	01 09 2010
Pak H	Chan	LVI Form	Nicol	01 09 2010
Hanna J	Cheape	Form III	Thornbank	01 09 2010
Jun H	Chen	LVI Form	Simpson	01 09 2010
King W K	Cheung	LVI Form	Freeland	01 09 2010
Euan R L	Clayton	Form I	Riley	01 09 2010
James A L	Clayton	Form II	Riley	01 09 2010
Sarah A L	Clayton	Form IJJ	Riley	01 09 2010
Jack C	Collins	LVI Form	Nicol	01 09 2010
Annette	Crorkin	Form II	Riley	01 09 2010
Ryan L	Curtis	Form I	Riley	01 09 2010
William J	Dallas	Form III	Nicol	01 09 2010
Lucia	de Gispert	Form IV	Glenbrae	01 09 2010
Kirsty E	Dinsmore	Form III	Woodlands	01 09 2010
Joseph H	Docherty	Form III	Nicol	01 09 2010
Amye R	Dolby	LVI Form	Glenbrae	01 09 2010
Johnathon J	Dunn	Form III	Nicol	01 09 2010
Tobias S	Eckart	LVI Form	Freeland	01 09 2010
Oghosasere A	Erhahon	Form V	Thornbank	01 09 2010
Osariemen I	Erhahon	Form II	Riley	01 09 2010
Abigail R	Evans	Form IV	Woodlands	01 09 2010
Ramon	Forn	Form IV	Ruthven	01 09 2010
Alexander D	Fotheringham	Form II	Riley	01 09 2010
Kevin Y	Gao	Form III	Ruthven	20 04 2010
Javier	Garcia Serrano	Form IV	Simpson	01 09 2010
Savanna E	Gill	Form IV	Glenbrae	20 04 2010
Charlotte M G	Guest	LVI Form	Glenbrae	01 09 2010
Christopher E G	Guest	Form II	Riley	01 09 2010



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Katharine G G	<b>Guest</b>	Form V	Glenbrae	01 09 2010
Kirsty C G	<b>Guest</b>	Form II	Riley	01 09 2010
Scott D	<b>Haldane</b>	Form IV	Freeland	01 09 2010
Yiliang	<b>He</b>	Form V	Ruthven	01 09 2010
Blaine T	<b>Hendry</b>	Form III	Nicol	01 09 2010
Elsa M	<b>Hoffland</b>	Form V	Thornbank	01 09 2010
Thomas A J	<b>Holloway</b>	Form I	Riley	01 09 2010
Ryan A R	<b>Hornby</b>	Form IV	Freeland	15 03 2010
Kyle J	<b>Houston</b>	Form III	Ruthven	01 09 2010
Matthew R D	<b>Hyde</b>	Form II	Riley	01 09 2010
Lianna M	<b>Inch</b>	Form I	Riley	01 09 2010
David John	<b>Innes</b>	LVI Form	Freeland	01 09 2010
Freya C	<b>Ireland</b>	Form II	Riley	01 09 2010
Tomas W A	<b>Johnston</b>	Form V	Freeland	06 01 2010
Penelope A	<b>Johnstone</b>	Form IV	Thornbank	01 09 2010
Tilmann K	<b>Kaim</b>	Form V	Nicol	01 09 2010
Liam C	<b>Kennedy</b>	Form IV	Freeland	01 09 2010
Angus J C	<b>Lapslie</b>	Form I	Riley	01 09 2010
Nikita	<b>Lavrov</b>	Form III	Simpson	01 09 2010
Gregor R K	<b>Leighton</b>	Form IV	Nicol	20 04 2010
Julia R	<b>Leng</b>	Form IV	Woodlands	01 09 2010
Jacqueline	<b>Liedtke</b>	Form V	Thornbank	01 09 2010
Michael J	<b>Linton</b>	Form I	Riley	01 09 2010
Cristian	<b>Livadaru</b>	LVI Form	Simpson	01 09 2010
Elliot G	<b>McClure</b>	Form II	Riley	01 09 2010
Eloise L	<b>McClure</b>	Form IV	Woodlands	01 09 2010
Gregor H	<b>MacDiarmid</b>	Form I	Riley	01 09 2010
Ellen A	<b>McDonald</b>	Form IJJ	Riley	01 09 2010
Linsey	<b>Macdonald</b>	Form II	Riley	01 09 2010
Ian D	<b>Macey</b>	Form IJ	Riley	01 09 2010
Abbeygael J	<b>McGrath</b>	Form II	Riley	01 09 2010
Innes J	<b>Macgregor</b>	Form V	Simpson	01 09 2010
Lachlan J	<b>Macgregor</b>	Form II	Riley	01 09 2010
Caroline S C	<b>Mack</b>	Form IJ	Riley	01 09 2010
Katherine C	<b>Mackenzie</b>	Form II	Riley	01 09 2010
Alexander K	<b>McLeod</b>	Form IV	Freeland	01 09 2010
Doga	<b>Makiura</b>	LVI Form	Ruthven	01 09 2010
Rosie S	<b>Malyn</b>	Form IV	Glenbrae	20 04 2010
Bogdan D	<b>Marcu</b>	LVI Form	Nicol	01 09 2010
Ines	<b>Martin Calderon</b>	Form II	Riley	01 09 2010
Lucas	<b>Martin Calderon</b>	Form III	Ruthven	01 09 2010
Thorin S	<b>Maxwell</b>	Form IV	Nicol	01 09 2010
Jacob C	<b>Moll von der Wettern</b>	LVI Form	Ruthven	03 06 2010
Maria K	<b>Moll von der Wettern</b>	Form IV	Thornbank	01 09 2010
Arthur W	<b>Morris</b>	Form IJ	Riley	01 09 2010
Emma C	<b>Morris</b>	Form III	Glenbrae	01 09 2010
Rory J	<b>Morrison-Low</b>	Form II	Riley	01 09 2010
Kimberley L	<b>Muir</b>	Form IJ	Riley	06 01 2010
Rebecca L	<b>Muir</b>	Form IJ	Riley	06 01 2010
Flawia A	<b>Muziewicz</b>	LVI Form	Woodlands	01 09 2010

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Euan G	<b>Nicol</b>	Form IJ	Riley	01 09 2010
Declan R	<b>O'Brien</b>	Form III	Nicol	01 09 2010
Pauric P D	<b>O'Carroll-Batterham</b>	Form II	Riley	01 09 2010
Hannah L	<b>Ottley</b>	Form III	Woodlands	01 09 2010
Amber L F	<b>Paterson</b>	Form II	Riley	01 09 2010
Isla A	<b>Patterson</b>	Form I	Riley	01 09 2010
Maya A	<b>Pfeiffer</b>	LVI Form	Woodlands	01 09 2010
Anna K	<b>Poll</b>	Form IV	Glenbrae	01 09 2010
Lucy R	<b>Provan</b>	Form II	Riley	01 09 2010
Louis W	<b>Reid</b>	Form III	Simpson	01 09 2010
Jordi	<b>Ribe Lleal</b>	Form IV	Nicol	01 09 2010
Murray J W	<b>Ritchie</b>	Form IJJ	Riley	01 09 2010
Courtney L	<b>Robb</b>	Form III	Glenbrae	01 09 2010
Iain M N	<b>Robertson</b>	Form IJ	Riley	01 09 2010
Claas H	<b>Romeike</b>	LVI Form	Freeland	01 09 2010
Matthew M S	<b>Ross</b>	LVI Form	Simpson	31 10 2010
Sophie-Anne	<b>Ross</b>	Form IV	Woodlands	31 10 2010
Miguel	<b>Rumeu Claret</b>	Form III	Freeland	01 09 2010
Morgan J F	<b>Russell</b>	Form IJJ	Riley	01 09 2010
Blair M	<b>Sangster</b>	LVI Form	Simpson	01 09 2010
Celine P	<b>Skinner</b>	Form III	Thornbank	01 09 2010
Nicole S	<b>Skinner</b>	Form II	Riley	01 09 2010
Katharine V M	<b>Spalding</b>	Form III	Thornbank	01 09 2010
Isobel M	<b>Spence</b>	Form I	Riley	01 09 2010
Lewis J	<b>Steele</b>	Form III	Ruthven	01 09 2010
Charlotte L	<b>Stephenson</b>	Form II	Riley	01 09 2010
Stefaniya	<b>Strizhova</b>	Form IV	Glenbrae	01 09 2010
Roxanne D S	<b>Tabourel</b>	LVI Form	Woodlands	01 09 2010
Douglas A	<b>Tait</b>	Form I	Riley	01 09 2010
S Curtis	<b>Taylor</b>	Form III	Nicol	01 09 2010
Marek R	<b>Terjung</b>	Form IV	Simpson	01 09 2010
Alexander M K	<b>Thoms</b>	Form II	Riley	01 09 2010
Callum W	<b>Todd</b>	Form V	Simpson	01 09 2010
Jan A	<b>Toepfer</b>	LVI Form	Nicol	01 09 2010
Zhaozhen	<b>Tong</b>	Form III	Freeland	01 09 2010
Abigail L	<b>Tulloch</b>	Form IV	Thornbank	01 09 2010
Gavin A	<b>Tulloch</b>	Form II	Riley	01 09 2010
Calumn R	<b>Twaddle</b>	LVI Form	Simpson	01 09 2010
Justus-Henri	<b>Vier</b>	Form V	Ruthven	01 09 2010
Logie R	<b>Walker</b>	Form II	Riley	01 09 2010
Jack S	<b>Waller</b>	Form III	Nicol	01 09 2010
Erik	<b>Wand</b>	LVI Form	Simpson	01 09 2010
Jiayi	<b>Wang</b>	LVI Form	Thornbank	01 09 2010
Rebecca S	<b>Ward</b>	Form I	Riley	01 09 2010
Daniel L	<b>Watt</b>	LVI Form	Nicol	01 09 2010
Emily C	<b>Watt</b>	Form I	Riley	01 09 2010
Alexander	<b>Webb</b>	Form I	Riley	01 09 2010
Georgia E	<b>Wilson</b>	LVI Form	Glenbrae	01 09 2010
Carey M	<b>Wright</b>	Form II	Riley	01 09 2010
Fenella H	<b>Wright</b>	Form III	Glenbrae	01 09 2010

**The weather is booked for Speech Day' – said Mr. Watt at roll call and, unfortunately, the 29th of May lived up to expectations. The weather was not wonderful, as it should be for the most important annual event in the life of the school. However, during the little interval of sunshine, Strathallan people had the great opportunity to introduce teachers to parents, parents to teachers, pupils to parents and so on, plus the remaining five possible arrangements, as Mr. Kitson had taught us in probability.**

Prize winners seemed a bit excited; especially those sitting in the front rows. 'Oh my God, the Board of Governors!' – One of the Lower Sixth girls whispers to me a bit nervously. 'And what happened?' – I ask, confused. 'No, it's just I've never seen them together'...

On Speech Day everything looked very tartan, as it should be for a Scottish school. Perhaps this factor contributed to the fact that the huge white tent did not seem too American to the untutored eye. Marines Blues, blue kilts for the pipe band and teachers' university robes contributed to the panoply of costumes on display.

achievements of the school. Clearly, it is Mr Thompson's lengthy Speech Day experience that enables him to compress such a massive list of achievements into a manageable space. He even, tongue-in-cheek we think, challenged tradition by suggesting that if it is possible to compress the achievements of an entire year into this format then why should we spend so proportionately long on them at Assembly.

However, we would not have the opportunity every Friday to listen the man who cycled the world. Our guest speaker, Mark Beaumont, had an impressive speech about the realisation of even the most unimaginable goals in life and how we can achieve them if we are sufficiently confident and concentrated. Anecdotes from his personal experience from different parts of the world were really interesting for the audience. It is very exciting to have someone having done such a great thing come and speak to you. Everything starts from the school. Even if you do not know precisely what it is you want to do, you should still have feeling that you want to achieve. A school should help you to feel this aspiration. In my case, and in the case of many others, Strath helped us to try ourselves out in various things, enjoy them and also, think about our future: what

For myself I was really happy that finally I had got a book I could not find in bookshops. The book is about ancient civilisations and quite a brave hypothesis about the distances that Mesopotamian or old African tribes could travel. I really do not know how Mr. Barnes managed to get it in the space of a few days, but that was a good present for me.

After the formal part of the day guests could visit the Art, History, Modern Languages, Chemistry and DT departments for exhibitions. Strath musicians organised a splendid concert in chapel, which was already full before the starting of performances and it was difficult to find a place inside. As Strath gets bigger and bigger, we definitely need to think about a larger chapel. And also, we will need a bigger gym, not just for the increased number of guys who work out in it, but to make Mutimer's dreams come true. What else we need to expand? The dining hall, surely; it would have its advantages and disadvantages. Firstly, there would be more space for meals and, as a result of smaller queues, fewer opportunities for the school prefects to express their god-like status.

Frankly speaking, everybody knew and patiently waited for the tastiest part of the day. The food was exceptionally good and sweet. As I said to Mr. Thomson, philosophy teacher, perhaps this food was the most delicious I have ever had in Strath. He kept his counsel but I knew that he was actually agreeing with me. We are grateful, as ever, to everyone who had a hand in organising and running the whole day so smoothly and apparently effortlessly.

Otto Kakhidze Ruthven LG

## Speech day

### "Oh my God, the Board of Governors"

In the first speech the Chairman of Governors, Mr. Young mentioned the success of the school and the core values of being a Strathallian. He also outlined the plans for the next year. At the same time I was thinking about my own statement in application for the post of captain of school. What would I change in Strathallan? It is a good school with a good community, truly justifying its slogan – 'opportunities for all to excel.' Without it, probably, lots of people, including me, would not get a chance to study here. However, for me the most amazing part of Strathallan is its community (which has a great potential to be more original and multicultural) and relationships among people. Here friendship is not limited by the age or nationality and that is what makes Strath special... I think school punishments should be special; original, academically beneficial and 'entertaining' in a sense. (*Vlad the Impaler had a similar idea, Otto. Ed*) The idea of 'litcells' would be amazing, where an 'offender' would spend couple of hours obliged to read something. I do not know why, but at the moment I always imagine Adel (probably, because he is the most special Arab guy I have ever met), sitting in this litcell for several hours forced to read Chaucer's 'Canterbury Tales' aloud. It would be a much harsher punishment for the rest of us, it's true.

The Headmaster presented his report of the academic, sporting and extra-curricular

would be better or what would be enjoyable to do? Unfortunately, not many 'better' things are genuinely enjoyable, but I like the principle, that only the 'enjoyable' things are 'better'.

The Prize-giving ceremony quite rightly probably took up most time at the event. After their speeches Kirstin and Callum received the cups for the Head Boy and Head Girl. Every boy congratulated Callum for the winning of the Smith Cup, Ben Melville to the fore.

Deputy Head Girl, Jenny Wood had the most masculine, impressive and frightening prize of all and even guessed my thoughts that her broadsword with the red decorations would definitely fit my national outfit. The Headmaster could not be persuaded that I be allowed to wear this for the occasion. Mind you, he might have been thinking about setting precedents, and there is always Benedikt and his Lederhosen to bear in mind.

I like the tradition of prize-giving. Everybody needs stimulation to better performance, especially, at school. It is quite clever to award students by books, since anything with a greater negotiable value would probably soon end up filling the coffers of The Sandeman. There were unexpected prize-winners as well as some non-native speakers of English who won prizes in classic humanities subjects History and English.









Once again the year began with our new pupils' and parents' tea on Wednesday 2nd September. This year we welcomed 41 new children who joined our 50 old hands and by the summer term our numbers had increased to 97 pupils. We also welcomed a new resident tutor, Miss Gill Mclean, who had responsibilities for the 11 children as their tutor.

As has become a tradition Riley did not have lessons on the first Saturday of term but as a bonding exercise headed off early to the Forest Theme Park at Carrbridge near Aviemore for 4 hours of fun on the waterslides, ski dives, high wire courses and the climbing wall. A great day was had by all and our new children began to make friends.



# Riley House

Over the first three to four weeks our new children adapted to their new routine and began to take advantage of the activities after lessons and games. The climbing wall, table tennis and rifle range shooting, as usual, proved most popular. A new activity, canoeing, was offered by Mr and Dr Gibson, Riley parents, on a Thursday evening in the school swimming pool from October. By April we had about 15 pupils improving their skills in this sport on rivers and towards the end of the Summer term our canoeists won the Scottish Schools' Slalom Championships at Alva. An amazing success story.

The Autumn term will also be remembered for Swine Flu which did hit us hard just before half term. For a couple of days we had over fifty of the House away but the break of 10 days for half term meant everyone recovered for the 2nd half of term.

At the end of the Autumn term we said goodbye and thank you to our Australian Gap students, Hamish Wise and Erin Smith. They were replaced in the Spring term by another two Australians – Tom Studholme and Sam Drummond who arrived to find Strathallan under a foot of snow and difficult to get to!

The Spring Term will be remembered for the four great ski days at Glenshee. About 70 of the House went skiing or boarding each time and it was great that were able to take advantage of the near perfect skiing conditions in January and February.

The Divisional Competition was again well-contested but in the end was a two horse race. Dron won the Div. Plays and the Autumn Term competition. Balmanno were winners in the Spring Term including a 1st position in the Music competition. Despite Dron's winning in the Summer Term the Shield for the overall winner this year was awarded to Balmanno.

Other highlights during the year included : Strathallan's Musical Showcase at the Perth Concert Hall, informal concerts in the Riley Common Room, Scotland v. France Rugby International, Table Tennis success in the Perth League, our boys' hockey side reaching the final of the Prep Schools' Sixes, the Summer Term Triathlon and Water Obstacle Course, the 2nd Form Camp in the Cairngorms, Sports' Day, Strathallian and Family Day and our House production of the Tudor Rose performed to a full theatre just before our Prize Giving at the end of the Summer term.

Well done Riley.



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The following were presented with prizes on Friday 2nd July :

### Academic

#### Best Form Orders – Effort Totals

1JJ	Caitlin Donald
1J	Lucy Orr
1st	Ben Addison-Scott Lucy Crabb
2nd	Finlay Stewart Megan Crawford Cameron Jenkins

#### Most Progress Michael Chan

### Distinctions

Morgan Irving  
Cameron Griffiths  
Delphine Mahos  
Megan Inch  
Duncan Scott  
Hermes Manos  
Tabitha Robertson-Barnett  
Kyle Cooke

### Music

Cameron Jenkins & Eliza Younger

### Drama

Nick Drummond-Hay & Megan Crawford

### Games

Connor Holborn & Lorna Brown

### Art

Nick Heaney & Caitlin Beveridge

### DT

Alfonso Ramos & Charlotte Allingham

### Reading Champion

Rosalind Coutts

### Cups and Trophies

Div Plays Dron

Chess Master Rob Muir

### Div Music

Best soloist Delphine Mahos  
Best Div Balmanno

### Piping

The Hunter Cup	Cameron Hirst
Strathallan School Trophy	Orpheas Manos
Hutcheon Trophy	John Dew
Allan Sinclair Trophy	
Barron Trophy	
Long Muir Cup	

### Div Swimming

The Simpson Cup Dron

Football – World Cup Balmanno

### Riley Sports' Day

Victrix Ludorum Lorna Brown  
Victor Ludorum Connor Holborn

### Mixed Doubles Tennis

Dorward Cup  
Chris Van Dort & Eliza Younger  
Hewson Cup  
Finlay Stewart & Eliza Younger

### Divisional Shield

1st	Balmanno
2nd	Dron
3rd	Dupplin
4th	Glennearn



**A**s the strains of Ollie Wale singing My Way fade into the background we reflect on a wonderfully talented generation of Freelanders moving on. Drama and music have always featured heavily in the Freeland repertoire, and the likes of Ollie, Oli Beetschen and Jamie Parker have been at the forefront of these activities throughout their five years in the House. Andrew Glover joined them in his later years while Sean Garrett blossomed in art, design and music and Ross Dafereras revealed his artistic flair.

The year also proved to be an outstanding one for inter-House sport with wins in the senior rugby, senior cricket and clay pigeon shooting. Simon McBride, Oliver Luck, Michael Brown, Ian Tourney and a strong contingent of lower 6th and 5th form players showed what could be done with commitment and self-belief. Jean Behets went through the table tennis season undefeated to be ranked number one in Perthshire whilst Jean and Jonas Abo Basha were instrumental in our tennis team making the inter-House final. The junior basketball team



willingness to make time to help or coach individuals was a common feature of people's reflections on Proc's contribution to Freeland. Proc donated a trophy to the House recognising the best achievement by a Freeland team. This year it went to the junior House hockey team who were unlucky to lose the final on penalty flicks.

House Colours were awarded this year to Surakat Kudehinbu for citizenship, Oli Beetschen for music, Jamie Parker for music and debating and Oli Luck and Simon McBride for sport.

There was not a single event this year where our deputy head of House Surakat Kudehinbu did not either participate in or support and we have all benefitted from his contribution and example to others. He was a great assistant to Oli Beetschen who, as Head of House, kept his finger on the pulse and

# Freeland House

were victorious while the senior hockey team made the final but were unable to complete the task despite a valiant effort. Other sporting performances of note came from Jazz Gray, Chris King and Alex Murray who were national champions in the under 16 hockey team, Chris King who played in the Caledonia under 16 rugby team and Callum Fletcher who was captain of the Scottish Tetrathlon team.

Martin Marshall, Ewan Campbell, Sandy Cook and Mark Cochrane performed creditably in the Junior debating while the senior teams comprising Andrew Glover, Jamie Parker, Jonathan Keddie and Josiah Bircham were impressive, Josiah being named best speaker in the final. Thimo Grantz won the individual section of the House music competition, performing La Cathédrale Engloutie, while the House choir was victorious with an entertaining performance of Don't Stop Believin'. The House big band closed the concert with a classy performance of Michael Buble's Feelin' Good.

The Freeland Reunion, held in April, brought together over eighty people, some of whom left as far back as 1939. Many tales of the way things used to be were shared as well as some wonderful memorabilia including report cards and House photos. It was also an opportunity for past pupils to say farewell to Robert Proctor after thirty years as a member of Freeland House. Charlie Court talked about the way things were when Proc was at the helm and shared a number of humorous anecdotes. The current members of the House gave Proc a rousing farewell on his departure. His genuine concern for the boys, especially those who were struggling and his

displayed genuine concern for those around him. He was thoughtful, involved and highly organised.

Let me close by acknowledging the care and tireless work of our matron Diane and the House staff Liz, Hazel and Marie. I would also like to thank our dedicated team of tutors, Robert Proctor, Neil Hamilton, Simon Cowper, Richard Walmsley and Jeff Goddard who have given a great deal of themselves in looking after the personal and academic needs of those in their care.

It is a milestone when those who started with me in the House five years ago leave. We have enjoyed some fantastic times together and we have all learned things along the way. We will miss those who left us this year but many fond memories will live on.

BH

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**T**his year in Nicol it was Freddie Coleman who received the role of Head of House, With Mark McAlister as Deputy. The two of them had a great year in charge, winning the lion's share of the House competitions, from swimming to hockey and basketball to athletics. 09/10 has been another great year in the House and for the top year, it was good to finish with successful exam preparation leading to some excellent results.

We finally made it into the last term where we had victories in athletic standards, which was a whole House effort and possibly the best example of the Nicol boys' sense of community and willingness to pull together. Although we narrowly lost the House trophy on sports day, Conor Coleman produced a great individual effort and won the intermediate boys competition.

# Nicol House

Junior rugby in Nicol was strong this year and the senior side put up a great fight, playing the most attractive rugby of any side; Tom Wilson and Freddie Coleman featuring prominently. After rugby, swimming standards came around and with a great group effort we won. Nicol also retained the inter-House swimming gala trophy with great performances from Joe Lipworth and Charlie Mearns.

House music was a competition in which we also wanted to do well and felt that the House choir piece deserved to win. This year the House choir decided to sing Stacey's Mom with the solo act being performed by Steve Segaud on the violin. The House ensemble performed an excellent rendition of School of Rock.

The Christmas Party was a great success. This year there was a bouncy castle and an inflatable boxing ring in which Tom Wilson and Jamie Addison-Scott were overall champions. Conor Coleman thought that he'd be good with the gloves on but when he came up against Mr Billing he ran away, scared.

Another successful term for Nicol House in the Spring. Nicol retained the senior House hockey trophy and the junior boys also won their House hockey competition in dramatic fashion with Murdo Elvis leading the team to victory with an enthralling last gasp penalty flick. We were disappointed that House Cross Country didn't take place because we knew we would win that as well, Nicol being the strongest in this event over many years.

This year the House had a few boys who gained national honours; Freddie Coleman who gained his first full cap for Scotland cricket, Mike Mckenzie who played Scotland U18 hockey, Murdo Elvis who played hockey for Scotland U16 and finally Joe Lipworth who is close to growing gills.

Once again it has been another very successful year for Nicol

**Jamie Addison-Scott** and **Tom Wilson** LVI Nicol







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# Ruthven House



**M**y last duty as Head of House is to write the House report. I thought it would be very difficult but looking back there are so many good moments to talk about and many successes which should be mentioned in congratulatory terms. This year has been an exceptional year for the House even though the trophy cabinet is not at its fullest.

Even though there have been great House victories in particularly the tug o war and golf which have been a regular fixture in my time in Ruthven. But the introduction of House chess meant that Ruthven were the first ever winners of the competition – well done to Jamie S, Kuo Hong and Shi Kai in this event.

This year we introduced twenty-one new pupils into the House and they settled in quickly. With the 3rd Form and several prefects (Gregor, Jamie S and me) going to Loch Morlich for the retreat. This included White-water rafting, canoeing, cycling and a BBQ on the beach. Everyone enjoyed themselves and made use of the opportunity to get to know each other. House music came around in February, in an area where Ruthven have always entertained in the House choir. The amazing rendition of 'I want you back' by Take That, was a success with the crowd but not so much with the judge, but I am sure that he will not be able to forget the harmonies by Bradley, Declan, Will and CJ or Schofield's interesting Solo. The ensemble also performed well, and performed yet again at

Headmaster's music. James Pak continues to play the organ at chapel on Sundays and played an excellent piano solo for the House competition.

This year there have been several people who have achieved national representation. Ryan Hood represented Scotland Under-18 rugby team in the Six nations and Keith is away to Spain with the Under 17's. Nick Farrar has been selected for Scotland Under 17 and 18 in Cricket. Jordan Black has been involved with GB sailing and Scott Garvie represented Scotland in Skiing in Italy. This is a tremendous effort having five people in the House who have been involved with international sport. Well done, guys.



Various academic achievements were recognised; Kuo Hong and Chris Greer achieving full academic colours, and all of the Upper Sixth holding places at universities. There were also several prize winners at Speech Day. Callum delivered his highly anticipated speech, shrugging off the pressure and more than satisfying the audience.

As always, there have been memorable moments and in-House jokes but I am sure that they will not be forgotten. Who will forget Jordan knocking out Ryan just because he said something about Ilona, or the hilarious pranks pulled off by 'the Prankster' (Keith) or by Bradley. Finally, the truly unforgettable remarks by our resident tutor Dr D, "This is not Hotel Ruthven", or, one Sunday morning, his in-depth lecture about the snake crawling up the toilet,





There are several thanks that I would like to make; to the House prefects that kept the House in running order. The House prefects also introduced SKY HD + which has added to the quality of the common room and meant that there have been fewer arguments on what to watch and allowed the re-run of humorous television moments. Also to matron, Julie, Brenda and Charlotte who have kept us tidy all year round even if there have been some exceptions (a cricket bat was lost in Callum's room for a short while). To the tutors for their continued hard work in the House, and finally to Mr and Mrs Watt for their full involvement in the House which is much appreciated by all of the Ruthven boys. I would like to wish Callum Reid and the incoming upper Sixth all of the best of luck for next year. Finally to the leavers, all the best in the coming years.

**Jamie Carragher**

*Head of House 2009-10*

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# Simpson House



In order to delay the inevitable even longer I thought that I would actually ask the present Simpsonites what they would like to see on the Simpson pages. "Pictures" was the common theme, more specifically "lots of pictures of us". I can help with that, I thought, by not writing as much and leaving space for more pictures. "So what shall I write?" I asked. "That's easy" they said "just write about everything we have won.", "But leave room for the pictures", someone added.

A House at Strathallan is a lot more than a building with a few beds in it. It is a home away from home; your sense of identity. It is a place where relationships and teams are forged that will last a lifetime and individual achievements are encouraged and supported. I am confident that this is exactly what Simpson House provides to the boys that are a part of it.

We celebrated a number of team successes last year, Junior Rugby (winning both the III Form and IV Form competition without losing a match), Badminton, Junior Cricket, Tennis and a victory at Sports Day (we also had the Junior and Senior Victor Ludorum). It would be easy to stop there but there should also be a mention of all those members of the House who took part in events that we didn't win. Swimming remains an Achilles heel (I think that the boys are simply allergic to water) but we are hopeful of success this year. Unfortunately, the Format of the Senior Rugby competition did not play to our strengths. If anyone has ever watched Dominic and Joe play



Since I am a Physics teacher you will not be surprised to hear that extended writing, punctuation, grammar, and the 'dreaded apostrophe' are not things that I encounter every day. Give me a complicated Formula or a graph to draw any time over any one of these. In fact the idea of delegating the Strathallian report to the Head of House for that year, a person who, let us not kid ourselves here, knows a lot more about what went on in Simpson than I will ever know, was inspired. Unfortunately, as I listen to the Editor's umpteenth request for Strathallian articles, the report so readily promised has failed to materialise. So here I go, it is time to bite the bullet, apologies in advance for any grammatical errors. With luck either Bill Gates (although I'm not sure his software can be trusted) or the Editor (who I definitely know can't be trusted) will correct them for me. *(Job done, Gav. Ed)*





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rugby they will have recognised that mobility and maintained fitness are not high up in a list of their personal priorities.

Other achievements included that of Andy Hall who was called up to and then played for the U18 Scotland rugby team in the U18 Five Nations (it was months later that he found out he had played the matches with a fractured shoulder). Alex Henderson played for Scotland at U17 level, again in Rugby. Jamie Ritchie competed at the Scottish and British School Judo Championships taking Silver in his weight/age range at both competitions. Ross MacDonald won two trophies with his local football team. Andy Hall, Joe McColl, Alex Henderson, Ruairidh Hunter, Jack Somerville and George Horne all played regional rugby. Ruairidh Watson represented the house (and school) at the British National Tennis finals and James Wordie won the Quaich for Most Improved Young Golfer.

House Music: who will ever forget Joe (his resemblance to Bob the Builder was uncanny) and his 'workmates' trying to teach the audience how to "Big fish, Little fish, Cardboard Box"? Successful...maybe not. Lots of fun...you had better believe it. The ensemble was a little more mellow but performed admirably with keen vocal contributions from Cosmo Galashan and South African import, Lloyd Mercer. For the Solo, Freddie Hunter entertained us all with a piece on the bagpipes. Santiago Garcia-Serrano must be also be mentioned. He continues to shine with

his performance on the guitar and was a key member of the band that provided the music in the School show.

Christmas time saw the House make its now annual pilgrimage to an 'all you can eat' Indian Restaurant. When the managers of these restaurants think up promotions like this I am now fully confident that they do not have sixty teenage boys and a hungry Mr Gardiner in mind. The boys did the House proud and ate enough to sink the proverbial battleship. This then made for a very interesting (and fragrant) visit to the cinema to watch, appropriately, a movie containing lots of earthquakes (yes, some of them did manage a gallon of drink, popcorn, ice cream and sweets).

A Boarding House is bit like a living organism. For it to survive and grow every person in it must play their part. On the whole I feel that Simpson House and the Simpsonites in it achieve this every day. I will take this opportunity to thank every single member of the House who either took part or supported at the many events that take place over a Strathallan School year. It was an even larger group effort than maybe you all thought. You can all be very proud of your achievements in every competition; even if we were not successful your participation was always appreciated. A special thanks to Andy Hall, Joe McColl (both Deputy Heads of House) and Ruairidh Clark (School and House Prefect) for your help around the House.

I would like to thank Linda, Anne, Michelle and Alison for their hard work and input. If you can, try and imagine waking up every morning and having to deal with sixty teenage sons. Not an easy task I'm sure you will agree. However, these ladies don't need to imagine, for five days every week it is a reality. The phrase "patience of a saint" doesn't even come close. To the visiting tutors who help in the house another big thank you. To Tao and Wei, who have now moved out of Simpson, I say a big thank you for their support and wish them every success. To Mr Gallier, although it was only a brief stint in the house, on behalf of the boys (who are still not talking to him) I would like to wish him the best of luck in his new role in 'that other' House. And of course to Liz, Pauric and Saoirse. Thank you for being there for me and understanding when I am sometimes, maybe, not immediately there for you.

Simpson has come a long way in the last two years and we will continue to strive yet further. It has been another year full of enjoyment, frustration, laughing, tears, fights and makings-up, noise (lots of that), pool, table tennis, Sky HD+, fussball, camaraderie, gerbils, winning, losing, competing, more Sky HD+ (*Surely this is product placement? Ed*), memories, classes, prep and all of the rest. Just another normal year in the life of Simpson House. And do you know what? Not a single one of us would want to change it for the world.

GJB





# Thornbank House

This year was always going to be different. It was going to be quieter and calmer; after all we had lost over twenty of our number. We would have room to spread out, day pupils had vacated the sheds to the luxury of single or twin rooms and there was even enough room to for us to get into morning roll call without standing on a 3rd Former. Surely it was going to be tranquil and serene, with time to read a book or listen to music, but we hadn't banked on the arrival of Schlotty and of course we still had Abbey, who with her new pal Emily, seemed to effortlessly keep the House full of laughter and jolly nonsense. So yes, there were fewer girls to put to bed and fewer reports to write, but the House was still the same mixture of work, play, fun and friendship.



We decided to take advantage of the now empty sheds and if Changing Rooms was still on the TV they couldn't have done a better job on our newly refurbished prefects "Cubbie". With soft light, new sofas, flat screen TV and leather (look) bean bags, we finally had a 6th Form common room that we could be proud of, one where we could hold our regular prefect meetings over coffee and cake, or entertain friends.



The prefects first task of the year was to design our new hoody, which Hannah took charge of with the aid of Kate and Elizabeth. After revisiting the drawing board several times the new hoodies finally arrived in March. The prefects used their plush new room to entertain their buddies with pizza, ice cream and pop. What a pity they didn't know how hysterically Mhairi would cry at the Lion King.

The Changing Rooms theme continued as we turned one of other sheds into a playroom with a pool table, ice hockey and a ball pit – yes a ball pit- as specially requested by Abbey.

The year got under way with Kate taking charge of Lady Gaga's rendition of Just Dance and turning it into Thornbank's offering for House Music. The moves were choreographed by Hannah and Kirsty while Abbey brought her performing and dressing –up skills to the conductor podium. (Seriously, I thought the great lady was actually here). Peng performed superbly on the piano and our ensemble choir girls of Hannah J, Rosie, Kate and Jenny sang the Beatles classic Let it Be.





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The dressing-up theme continued as some of us donned our Freddie Mercury moustaches and joined the House trip to rock the night away at We Will Rock You at Edinburgh Playhouse. Thank you so much, Miss Morrison. Halloween gave us all a chance to dress up again followed by the annual "best party in the world" that is the Christmas party. Who could forget Yazzy's Highland Fling, Mr Fleming's pink wig and the madness that is the Chocolate game followed by the never-ending Karaoke? Totally exhausting but brilliant fun, we are looking forward to next year's party already.

The Spring Term always brings the social highlight that is the 6th Form Ball. It's always special, but not as special as Jamie Parker's face when he first saw his date for the evening.

The prefects felt that this term was lacking a House party focus so we decided to instigate our Spring Term Charity Party Night, and so the Harry Potter Night was born, and what a night it was. It had dressing up (obviously), team games, bingo, a quiz and finally an auction where the House could bid for 3rd Formers to be their slaves or 6th Formers to be their lunch dates, all brilliantly led by Abbey with the help of the rest of the House prefects. It was one of the best nights we have ever had in Thornbank, organised and run by the girls and raising money for Charity too, totally brilliant and a real credit to the House and the prefects.

The inter-House competitions gave us a chance get out of our dressing-up clothes and onto the sports field/sports hall/library and wherever they held the Chess competition. Thanks, Corrie. What we didn't win in trophies we made up for in enthusiasm.

Miss Trifonova joined us for a year as House and 3rd Form tutor. She brought us special treats and customs from Bulgaria while we showed her how much we like to dress up. We miss her and wish her all the best at University in Newcastle. Hayley and Maddy came on exchange for a short period; both girls added a great vitality to the House.

With thanks to Hannah and her team of prefects, who often went above and beyond the call of duty, bringing a great stability and sense of belonging to Thornbank. We shall miss all the nonsense, chats and genuine fun. Also thanks to all our tutors and Morag, Ros and the team without whom we would all be lost.

Sondra & Jhon  
(Thanks, Abbey.)







# Woodlands House

"There is no I in team but there is me."

**E**lizabeth (aka Cac), in one of our many, always enlightening conversations, informed me of the horrendous, surely David Brent-inspired phrase, "There's no I in team" but this caused me to consider life in Woodlands. Clearly in any House populated by naturally egocentric teenagers the "I" is a fairly predominant characteristic but a perusal of the diary of for the school year underlines many more instances of teamwork and cooperation. The Woodlands Quiz Night possibly underlines this most evidently. Virtually every member of the House dresses up in costumes ranging from the sublime (the Barbie Girls) to the ridiculous (The Famous Five or just Timmy) - or should that be the other way around - and answer taxing questions thrown at them by the MC. Disagreements rage; challenges are voiced and even the occasional insult hurled until answers are settled upon in pursuit of the Robert Pattinson prize calendar. Poor Hope was so bowled over by the intellectual acumen on display that she was off her seat with excitement.



The House music competition again gives weight to teamwork's being paramount. Without Joanna MacLachlan, Katy Marshall and Sara Chalmers' tireless organisation and energetic leadership the House would not have managed to produce such a strong showing. The choir's rendition of Stop by the Spice Girls was tightly choreographed; sung well and above all fun. The Ensemble's performance of Runaway originally by the Corrs but arranged by Joanna was so enjoyable for blending the considerable talents of all the members of the group. Anna Olafsson bravely performed the solo and against stiff opposition acquitted both herself and the House well. Given that this was not the only occasion for which all had rallied themselves the quality of the Woodlands performance was all the more impressive and the resultant silverware all the more welcome.

Similarly, the Woodlands Music Night provides the ideal forum for individuals to showcase their talents. The number of soloists performing the piece they have endlessly practised

for their grade exam or within music lessons is striking but for many the risk of performing is diminished by the supportive reception the pieces receive and the fun atmosphere generated by all who contribute to this successful evening. There are many more individuals whose contributions we could highlight - Rebecca's generosity of spirit or even Rachel Terrell's heroic goalkeeping in Inter-House hockey - to name but two. However, the support and guidance offered by the staff within the House cannot be underestimated. Janet strives to remain cheerful in spite of the need to nag about lights, laundry, shopping etc. and the quiet efficiency of the domestic staff is appreciated by all. The tutors genuinely care about the success of their tutees and we are sorry that this will be the last term that Woodlands will benefit from Mrs Hamilton's direction. Whether it be in Chemistry tuition; weekend in and outs lists or tutor group outings Mrs Hamilton was efficient and inimitably her own woman. She is an irreplaceable character and we will miss her.

Laughing about her new-age management phrase, Cac went on to expound the idea further, "There is no I in team but there is me." After many derogatory comments about spelling and what they teach the "yoof of today" I did reflect that Cac was essentially correct. It is the sense of belonging that underpins the success of Woodlands and it is about what the girls combine to produce and achieve. Academically, musically and on the sports field this has been a year of almost unprecedented success and that is not about one individual but about the atmosphere and the support generated by everyone and at all levels and simply we are most proud of that. Thank you.

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Woodlands; commonly associated with friendship, victory, pride and most importantly amazing fun. Life in Woodlands House has and always will be loud and full of banter. Under the steady guidance of The Tod and The Abster along with all the House tutors I believe it is safe to say that Woodlands has been more a home than a House to many of the girls here. From chocolate night to buddy nights to makeshift baby showers Woodlands certainly has it all with a brimming trophy cabinet to prove it.

Indeed this year has been kind to Woodlands as they dominated in House competitions winning hockey, swimming, netball and athletics to mention a few and of course the most crucial prize of all.....Tug O' War.. Well done girls, the 1, 2, 3... HEAVE tactic definitely paid off.

So, the big question then, what defines Woodlands House? Well through hours of racking my small brain and re-writing sentences I finally decided that what made a true "Woodlandette" is just about impossible to define...

However, the closest I could come to an answer was this, Woodlands is defined by those in it and those who run it. By the perseverance and determination in all the girls and that immediate buzz you get as soon as you enter the House.

I'm sure all the upper 6th will agree that this year wouldn't have been half as fun or successful if not for the constant support and encouragement we have received not only from the teachers but also from the younger years within House. The tutors for having to put up with all the noise and refusals to go to bed and especially to Mr and Mrs Tod who have been our rock for the past five years and have had to deal with several life-threatening 'incidents' surrounding Ilona..I would also like to wish the Tods the best of luck with their third addition to the family, Zachery, and just say a massive thank you for everything, you've been amazing.

In short I feel Woodlands finally makes me understand what my mum has been telling me all along....."Your school years are the best years of your life..."

Elizabeth Cachia





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# Glenbrae House



The thought of moving into the brand new House for the first time in September certainly altered everyone's feelings about returning to school after the holidays. Though some were nervous at first, leaving Woodlands and Thornbank, it didn't take long for the en-suite showers, under-floor heating, spiral staircase, lift and 180 degree views of the cricket pitch to win everyone over.

For all the girls, moving to Glenbrae was a big change. For some, this year has been their first at Strath and for the rest it meant a whole new group of girls to share a House with. But for everyone it meant new friends and it this has created the great atmosphere that we all now love about Glenbrae.

The House would be nothing without the constant work of the tutors and House staff. This year Mr and Mrs MacBain, Mrs Duncan, Mrs Howett, Mrs Raeside, Mrs Salisbury and Mrs Billing have been our fantastic tutors helping us with any problems or worries. Our new matron, Lynn Bryne, has also been great support for all the girls in the House and is always there for a chat. We have also been lucky enough to share the House with our team Glenbrae mascot, Nell, who has brought endless laughs with her dinosaur-runs, ball-pit dives and Nicki her "dada". Sadly, Mrs Billing our 3rd form tutor is leaving us this year to become a tutor in Nicol, but we all hope she enjoys it there as much as she has here...traitor.

For a newly built House we've had surprisingly few problems and breakages. Even though the glass windows of the common rooms have been a target for most of the cricket team this year, they all remain intact. The only incident has been the lift, but I don't think Jemma really minded being stuck with Flora's older brother.

This year has seen the first ever Christmas and Easter parties and hopefully they will be the start of House traditions. The Christmas party featured the hilarity of the whole-House pile-up on the bouncy castle, while the Easter party saw teams Egg, Lamb, Chick, Jesus, Bunny and Rolling Stone battle it out in a whole school Easter egg treasure hunt.





Senior Inter-House Debating was Glenbrae's first win in an inter-House competition, the team, consisting of Kirsty Glasgow and Flora Hay managed to 'accidentally' leave with both the trophy and the gavel, thus filling our trophy cabinet slightly more. After this, Glenbrae also found success in Senior Inter-House Rounders, led by Alice Farrar, and both the senior and junior 4x 100m relays, as well as Inter-House Clay Pigeon Shooting.

At Glenbrae's first House Music competition everyone put on a great show. The ensemble performed 1000 Miles by Vanessa Carlton. Our talented soloist Denisa Pacholska played the Piano beautifully and was a close runner-up in the competition. What our choir may have lacked in technical knowhow, was definitely made up for by enthusiasm in the form of our costumes and dance routine. And our rendition of Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go by Wham, complete with George Michael as conductor, was a definite hit.

Glenbrae has been incredibly fortunate this year to have such a diverse, talented and fun group of girls. We have had four

members of the House selected for the Scottish Hockey Training Squad, Alice and Christina Farrar, Laura Glasgow and Nicki Cockrane. Lisa Winkler has so far qualified for the British Chess Gigafinal, Sandie Smillie has swum at district level. Sophie Curran has trained in Gymnastics with the Scottish Squad and Kirstin Lamotte and Alice Farrar made up half of the schools senior relay team, which won gold medals at the Scottish Schools relay championships.

We were lucky enough to have Phoebe Blakely and Caitlin Ball join the House on exchange from Australia and more recently Rose Griffiths from New Zealand. They brought lots of fun and good times to the House and they will all really be missed. I don't think anyone could have wished for a better first (and for some of us last) year in Glenbrae. I am sure the new House will be enjoyed for many years to come, and I am confident that Sally and all of the new upper 6th will do a great job in maintaining the friendly and enthusiastic atmosphere that Glenbrae is now known for.

**Ainslie Johnstone**, Head of House



# Chaplain's report

"Change and decay in  
all around I see..."

The year began, as ever, with your Chaplain introducing new pupils to Chapel. I was surprised and intrigued to find one new member of the Sixth Form overcome with laughter. Suspecting that this was not one of the more arcane blessings of the Spirit, as the presentation ended I was about to question him, when he came up to me, full of apologies. "I'm sorry sir," he said, with a pronounced eastern European accent: "It is just that *you have chairs!*" The Orthodox, as those who have paid attention in R.E. will recall, have no seating in their places of worship. I am pleased to note that this particular pupil has reconciled himself to the modernist notion of pews, and comes to Sunday Chapel regularly attired in Georgian national dress, thus adding to the sense of occasion we ourselves enjoy by the wearing of the tartan, with members of staff in academic dress. It is not, of course, that God requires us to dress up; merely that by so doing we acknowledge the material aspects of corporate worship. And it's fun.

For those of us used to tradition in church, change can indeed be somewhat difficult, and there is, after all, no more conservative part of society than adolescents. However, over the last few years our hymn books, and the blue supplements thereto, had become as worn-out and unattractive as some of the theology they contained: for even if God *changeth not*, our perception of the divine and the eternal *changeth* constantly.

It was providential therefore – what the Orthodox would certainly call miraculous – that at the very point we needed it, the school should have received a most generous bequest from our former Chaplain, the Revd Bill Monteith. He is fondly remembered by pupils and by colleagues who worked with him in the 1970s. He himself, a former fighter pilot, brought a deep and intelligent spirituality to his role, and maintained a lifelong affection for the school.

As a result of his generosity, we were able to invite two companies, Scotia and Bose, to design and install a superb projection and sound-system, driven by a discreet netbook mounted on the lectern. (It should be noted that the screen itself serves as a metaphor, and ascends into the heavens when its work is done.)

As was hoped, lifting heads up to sing has increased both volume and pleasure, and is an *outward and visible sign* of our coming together in community. In addition, we have used video, still images and sound both for services in

Chapel, and for a myriad less immediately holy purposes. Our new technology was blessed and used for the first time in January of this year, and was shortly put to good use in presenting the official video for *Holocaust Memorial Day*, when as in former years, we sang part of the *Kol Nidrei*. It was most appropriate that the Head of History, Mr Richard Fitzsimmons, took a significant part in that service.

The school has had particular occasion to be grateful to Mr Fitzsimmons for his role in Chapel this year, since he has not only led services and preached on a number of occasions throughout the year, but also took primary responsibility for our worship during the Chaplain's extended period of illness during the middle of the year when, as ever, his genial good humour and informed scholarship were much appreciated. Mrs Irene McFarlane and Mr Louis Dunn, both elders of the Church of Scotland, assisted ably during that time, demonstrating the breadth of religious tradition which we are glad to embrace; during this year therefore, worship in Chapel has been led by an Anglican, a Roman Catholic, and members of the Kirk. In addition, we have been delighted to welcome Revd Canon Fay Lamont from Dundee, Mr Lamsden Zulu from Malawi, and Revd Dr David Campbell, Chaplain of Fettes College.

We have, as ever, listened to a broad variety of readings, ranging from the Holy Qur'an to the writings of Native American Christian minister and shaman Bear Heart, to the timeless wisdom of the *Tao te ching* of Lao Tze. As Jesus himself said, *It is not those who cry unto me "Lord, Lord" who shall be saved, but those who do the will of my father in heaven*. As we live out that precept, it is similarly fitting that charitable initiatives, and presentations by the schools eco-warriors, should have taken place during Chapel.

Music in Chapel has been blessed as ever by the dedicated talent of Chapel Choir, under the sensitive direction of Mr Walmsley, providing anthems which have greatly enhanced our acts of worship. We are grateful too to Mr Bolton for his occasional appearances on the organ. And it is a significant achievement that James Pak first played the organ for services whilst only in the Fourth Form; we are most grateful that he continues to do so with increasing flair and assurance. Mhairi Cameron acted as Chapel prefect this year; her assistance was appreciated.

Our year is marked by significant annual events such as Founder's Day and the leavers' Valedictory service; but our most solemn recurrence is that of Remembrance Day, where we keep silence at the eleventh hour, and remember by name those fifty-eight pupils of the school who gave their lives in the cause of a greater good. This year we began what I trust will become a tradition, when individual members of the Sixth Form stood as each name was read from the roll of honour. We heard a reading – in French and in English – of the final letter to his father of Guy Moquet, who was executed by the Nazis aged just seventeen. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded, and wreaths borne to the memorial while the pipes played *Flowers o' the forest*.

Thus looking back, contemplating the changes of a thousand years, from pews to Powerpoint, it seems fitting to look forward also, with a further line from the remembrance-tide hymn with which we began:

*O thou who changest not, abide with me.*

RAMTQ



And so to Perth Concert Hall in November.

**P**erth Concert Hall, it is widely reported, has the finest acoustic of any hall in the United Kingdom. It certainly had the full range of sounds, delivered from every direction, to cope with on Sunday night and its lovely, bright, acoustic showed the pupils of Strathallan off to their very best.

The evening opened with the Pipe Band, under Pipe Major Alice Inglis, fresh from the Scottish Schools Quartets and Trios competition a couple of nights before and a wonderful medley beginning with *Ho Ro Mo Nighean Donn Bhoidheach* – my favourite tune, incidentally, learned at my McCaig Granny's knee.

Then came the Chapel Choir, fresh from a return engagement at Crathie Kirk before You Know Who. And this brings me on to another point, which is the parade-ground efficiency of the Music Department Staff behind the scenes as act after act whizzed on and off, all beautifully linked by Mr Walmsley, sporting a fine moustache (its being Movember, a number of staff are growing them to raise awareness of, and money for research into, prostate cancer). There were eighteen acts in total. Or possibly twenty. Or even twenty-one – I shall come on to why later.

The theme of the evening was Film and Television Scores and, though Mr Walmsley had to run into some pretty abstruse areas – independent cinema and computer games featured a lot – in order to get his choice of music in, none of us (those of us of a certain age, at any rate) had any trouble in identifying the Hamlet ad which followed the Old Spice ad: *O Fortune* from Carmina Burana then *Air on a G String*, in other words.

There then followed two marvellous examples of impressionist music, which is pretty much a French monopoly, with Ravel's *Pavane pour une Infante Défunte* performed by the Symphony Orchestra and Thimo Grantz on the piano playing

**A year ago, when I was being introduced to the School, the Headmaster said that Headmaster's Music was really good.**

"You know I have a season ticket to the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra?" I asked.

"No."

"I go to concerts every week."

"And?"

"Well, I like good music. Are you that good?"

"Yes."

And then he changed the subject.

You can say a lot in monosyllables, as I was to discover.

Do you know what?

The Headmaster was right!



## Headmaster's music

15 November, 2009

*la Cathédrale Engloutie* by Claude Debussy – a wonderful piece recalling the French legend of a sunken cathedral off the Breton coast whose tolling can be heard as it rises from the transparent waters on clear mornings. Here, playing a fabulous Steinway instrument, Thimo controlled the pace, holding back then rushing forward as the rolling breakers of the Atlantic brought the music to the shore.

For me, there is always a slight sensation of now follow that with such a piece, for how does one lift the tempo – if it be necessary – from such a meditative piece? Well, Mr Walmsley managed it very cleverly, by taking us to Abba (*I Have a Dream*) via George Fenton's *Veni Sancte Spiritus* from *Shadowlands* – a most moving piece, full of regret, sorrow and hope in the face of death.

We were carried into the break by local musician Dougie McLean's *The Gael and Blarney Pilgrim* from *Titanic* and the spirited Folk Group under Mrs Sim-Sayce.

You remember that I said there were eighteen – or so – numbers? Well, on this cold Sunday in November, something miraculous happened. Eleven-year-old Delphine Mahos, who was not on the programme, took the stage and sat at the piano, and then, note-perfect, played the Third Movement of Khachaturian's *Sonatina* to explosive applause.

The second half promised a rather different general tempo, and so it proved. Coming back into the hall to the clarsach and flute of the Youngers and Clann Strathallain singing *Ruith nan Gaoith*, the programme became much more blockbuster film and TV. The theme from *The Incredibles* is a regular barnstormer and the beat kept going as the String Band followed the Wind Band with *Mamma Mia* – the biggest-selling DVD in the UK, so I think that 'blockbuster' is right, don't you?

And from then on it was, following a period of reflection with Stanley Myers's *Cavatina* (performed by the Guitar Ensemble in the most perfect harmony), one foot-stomper after another. *Moon River* led to *Breakfast at Tiffany's* (a nice touch this, that had the more antique of us growing misty-eyed at the thought of Audrey Hepburn and Cat in the rain) performed by the Phentones (for the uninitiated, it is a song by Deep Blue Something and it is brilliant). The Phentones are the Ruthven house band, by the way.

There is nothing quite like big bands and big choirs, is there? I do not think I am lying when I say that I am not your natural Take That fan, but given the Riley Choir and Chapel Choir treatment it revealed such musicianship, such depth and such colour that I think I may just have been converted. I wonder if You Know Who would like it?

And so, by way of a barbershop version of *The Bare Necessities*, to Ollie Wale and *New York, New York* and thence, music ringing in our ears and happy, yet wistful (Audrey Hepburn, you see) smiles playing on our lips, out into the snell Perth night.

ALMD



# Headmaster's summer music

'a spectacular performance which will be remembered by the audience for a long time'

A beautiful balmy summer's evening, just before the longest day, with the Chapel doors open because of the heat, was the background to the Headmaster's Music concert. But the weather was not the only contrast with the event in the Concert Hall in November. As has been the pattern in recent years, the whole programme was lighter and absolutely befitting a summer concert.

The evening's theme, said Mr Walmsely, could loosely be described as being about journeys. This was quite appropriate because a number of our upper sixth pupils, who had been significant and outstanding contributors to the School's music over a number of years, were now at the point of moving on to the next part of life's journey. These leavers included Joanna MacLachlan, who provided a beautiful rendering of a Bach *Prelude in F minor*, and Jamie Parker, who gave us a very tender performance of another *Prelude*, this time by Villa-Lobos on the guitar. Chwei Peng Tieng, in "*Rhythms from the North Country*" by G Walker, produced sounds from the piano which most members of the audience would probably not have expected, because she displayed different aspects of the instrument's percussive possibilities – removing the piano's front and running her fingers across the steel strings like a harp, and, while playing on the keys with her left hand, she was beating a rhythm on the wooden side of the piano with her right. It made her performance a fascination to watch and a delight to listen to.

One young lady leaving the school this year who has enriched school music, also, with her beautiful soprano voice, is Katy Marshall. She joined another very fine singer – alto, this time – Hannah Johnstone, in a duet from "*Wicked*", "*For Good*". The theme of this moving song was appropriate for the evening as in it, the two singers reflect on life's journey and how our relationships affect it. They were accompanied by a quartet of musicians, including leavers, Jack Chartres and Will Farquhar.

Showing that not all of our fine musicians will be abandoning us, there were contributions from Riley pupils. The choir sang "*Five Eyes*" by Armstrong Gibbs and "*Don't Stop Believin*" which they performed karaoke style. Five girls gave us a very fine pop song called "*About You*", which they had written themselves. They were Eliza Younger (also accompaniaist), Lily Thompson, Megan Crawford, Bethany Murphy and Nicola Bell.

The accomplished string quartet of Tom Esparon, Anna Olafsson, Steven Segauud and Rosie Beetschen played two movements from "*3 Pieces for String Quartet*" by Frank Bridge. A soon-to-be graduate from the choral scholars is Ollie Beetschen, who took part in their performance of Leonard Cohen's very popular "*Hallelujah*". The group's skill in part singing has been honed over many hours of practice and performance. They then joined the Chamber Choir in "*Laudamus Te*" from Poulenc's "*Gloria*" and the Chapel Choir in "*Cantique de Jean Racine*" by Fauré. In both of these choirs were two other of our musical leavers, Kate Cockburn and Jenny Wood.

Right on the evening's theme was Otto Kakhidze, with a most unusual performance of his own creation. In "*The Journey*", he produced an extended piece of sound poetry, all composed with the rhythm of a moving train. At the heart of it was a complete recitation of W H Auden's "*Night Mail*". Laced through that recitation, he included poems in Russian and in Georgian, some by established writers and some by himself. He also included lines written in Arabic by a mediaeval poet. The "train" on this journey travelled from east to west, ending up in Scotland. It was a spectacular performance which will be remembered by the audience for a long time.

Also, utterly memorable, were the last two items in the evening's programme. The wind band (which seems to have grown to such an extent that they can hardly be accommodated on the stage) played a selection from "*Wicked*". And then the final set provided by the school's extremely enthusiastic wind band, with their singer "Ollie Wale". Their two pieces in the programme were "*Ain't that a Kick in the Head*" and "*Mack the Knife*". In a surprise extra item, Ollie sang his very personal version of "*My Way*". This resulted in a standing ovation for the band, but in particular for Ollie, another one of our leavers whose energy and talent in music and drama at Strathallan has been an enriching experience for all of us. He will be much missed.

An encore by Ollie and the band of "*Ain't that a Kick in the Head*" finished off the evening's entertainment. It was followed by a convivial supper in the music room.

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# House music

Postponed from the Autumn term, on Health Department advice, House Music was no less entertaining than normal. Our customary mix of risk and ribaldry, diversity of musical styles, instruments and personnel brought a packed Sports-hall an evening of unadulterated fun. In short, there was something for everyone in the audience, and few could quibble with the overall winning House – Woodlands. Conducted by the effervescent Ciara Elwis, the Woodlands choir sang *Stop by the Spice Girls* with wit and obvious enjoyment, leaving Thornbank and newcomers Glenbrae a little behind in the rush for *Best Girls' Choir* prize.

In the Boys' choir competition the songs ranged from *Stacy's Mom* and *Take That's Back for Good*, to a great performance of *Bob the Builder/Big fish Little Fish* from Simpson which was notable not so much for the singing as the interesting dance steps choreographed by Joe McCall and Cosmo Galashan. The winner of *Best Boys' Choir* were Freeland with *Don't Stop Believing*.

The duel between Freeland and Woodlands, for it seemed the major prize was a two-horse race, was carried over into the solo and ensemble prizes. In the solo class, Thimo Grantz (Freeland) made the upright piano sound like an elegant concert grand with some wonderfully sensitive playing of *La Cathédrale Engloutie* by Debussy which was enough to earn him the prize. But Woodlands sneaked in to win the overall prize of House Music Champion with their ensemble's performance of *Runaway* by The Corrs, arranged by Jo MacLachlan. Adjudicator Frikki Walker described the ensemble as displaying the best example of the word's meaning in their obvious enjoyment of their work.

Although Woodlands were deserving champions at the end of the evening, the Freeland ensemble's performance of *Feelin' Good*, with Ollie Wale as a diminutive Michael Bublé, was the final piece of the evening and a fittingly flamboyant way to end an evening of quality music. What a way to start half-term!

RHF



# Music Dept

**Another busy year for the department has seen over 200 pupils give over 60 performances, all within the space of 37 weeks. Alongside the termly routine schedule of Riley Informal Concerts, Forms III & IV, V & VI and Music Scholar Concerts, as well as the Lunchtime Concert series between October and February, there are several significant musical events that occur.**

One of the biggest events of our Musical calendar is the Chamber Choir Tour to Royal Deeside over the last weekend in September, to perform for HRH The Queen, who this year was also joined by the Duke and Duchess of Rothesay. This is a tremendous opportunity for 14 choristers to perform in the intimate surroundings of Crathie and Braemar Kirks; an opportunity that they grasped with tremendous enthusiasm. Once again, we were superbly hosted by the Queen's Chaplain and Minister for Crathie and Braemar Kirks, Reverend Kenneth McKenzie, and his family. We are grateful to them for this amazing opportunity.

Traditionally, the first half of term is given over to the preparation for the House Music Competition, which always kick-starts the half-term holidays. However, the rapid spread of swine flu in the week leading up to the competition meant that the event had to be postponed until the following term.

Our next significant event, the annual Musical Showcase in Perth Concert Hall, was another tremendous success, attempting to shorten the length of the performance whilst simultaneously accommodating more performers. This year, coinciding as it did with the start of BBC Children in Need, it also featured on BBC Radio Scotland, with presenters attempting to entertain our own performers in the interval with their guitar skills. In a new departure, the concert was arranged around a theme, and all works had themselves featured either in film or on television. The range of performers was tremendously broad, with offerings from the Pipe Band, Folk Group, String Quartet, String Ensemble, Orchestra, Wind Band, Guitar Ensemble, Flute Ensemble, Clarinet Ensemble, Big Band, Choral Scholars, Chapel, Chamber and Riley Choirs, as well as the Senior band The Phentones, and truly demonstrated the depth of music offered at Strathallan.

The Autumn Term ended with our Carol Services, initiated by the singing of Carols in the City by the massed choirs in the Gothic surroundings of St Ninian's Episcopal Cathedral. The mixture of familiar carols such as *Once in Royal David's City*, *The First Nowell* and *O little town of Bethlehem* with the less familiar, yet equally beautiful, *All this time* by William Walton, *Sussex Carol* arranged

by Sir David Willcocks, *Joys Seven* arranged by Stephen Cleobury, as well as the now traditional last carol, *O come all ye faithful*, (in Latin!) provided a wonderfully fitting and atmospheric end to the term.

In addition to duties within the department, the Choral Scholars also had a very busy term at the Cathedral. On top of their usual schedule of Sunday and Christmas services, they were invited to perform a live Advent Sunday broadcast for BBC Radio 4's Sunday Worship, as well as record a broadcast for Daily Worship on BBC Radio 4 (LW). This was a tremendous, if not slightly arduous, experience; the Scholars are used to getting up early most Sundays, but a 6.30am start for an 8.00am broadcast is tough for even the most hardened of choristers.

In the New Year, pupils returned refreshed and ready to get stuck into the term's musical offerings. Early in February, we were invited to perform as part of the St Ninian's Friends of Cathedral Music Lunchtime concert series. With performances from the Clarsach Quartet, Choral Scholars, as well as solos from Eliza and Anna Younger and Martin Marshall, the audience were treated to a suitably broad and varied programme.

The rescheduling of the House Music competition saw the competition take place the evening before the February half term. This gave us the opportunity to use significantly improved professional lighting, sound and staging, giving the event a more dramatic bent even before any of the Houses took to the stage. To tie in with this innovation, the event saw the unveiling of Glenbrae House and their considerable musical talent. They did not disappoint. The evening's honours ultimately went to Joanna MacLachlan, Katy Marshall, Sara Chalmers and all of Woodlands House for their production of *Stop* (after the Spice Girls), *Runaway* (after the Corrs) and Anna Olafsson's amazing solo, *A'Cheapach Na Fasach*. It would be fair to say that many members of the 800-strong audience deemed it the most entertaining and enjoyable competition they had seen. This has prompted the competition to be permanently rescheduled to this term and time slot.

For the first time, we were invited to perform at the Cargilfield Prep School Senior School's Concert. This is an event where musicians from Scotland's major independent Senior Schools are invited to perform in front of Cargilfield School and their parents. Ciara Elwis and the Choral Scholars travelled down to display their talents, performing Carl Reinecke's *Flute Sonata* and Andrew Carter's *Christopher Robin* is saying his prayers respectively, greatly impressing the assembled audience with their tremendous musicality and presence.

As ever, the term ended with the school's annual musical production. This year, the stage was taken over by huge alien plants; this was not to be Day of the Triffids, rather the Alan Menken musical, *Little Shop of Horrors*. With Katy Marshall as Audrey, Ollie Wale as the incredible voice and Andrew Glover as the stem and leaves of Audrey II, Jonathan Keddle as Seymour, Josiah Bircham as Mushnik, Marcus Adams as the detestable dentist Orin, Hannah Johnstone, Sara Chalmers and Tasha Potts as the backing singers Ronette, Crystal and Chirron respectively, the band of pupils and staff backstage, and a host of other pupils on and off stage, the theatre was set for an incredible production. A huge thank you is due to Mr Neil Hamilton and all of the pupils for their hard work.

Although the summer term is devoted almost entirely to exams, there was still a little time for music. Before half term, pupils had performed in four separate concerts. The Form VI A-level pupils gave their public recitals as part of their coursework submissions. A new innovation, the Composer's Concert, gave all National Examination candidates, as well as other pupils, the opportunity to display their creative talents. This was a tremendous opportunity for the school to recognise the creativity of its pupils, and the quality and variety of compositions both surprised and entertained the appreciative audience.

Members of the Folk group and String ensemble also had a busy first half of term. Throughout the Spring Term, they had been rehearsing repertoire that our upper strings and Scottish folk music teacher, Patsy Reid, had had been commissioned to write for Celtic Connections in 2008. This was to feature as part of a concert, *Bridging the Gap*, in Perth Concert Hall, held in the first week of May. Involving young musicians drawn from Strathallan, the Angus Schools and Edinburgh Youth Gaitherin', our pupils performed a number of tracks from Patsy's eponymous album in the first half of the concert alongside the professional band. This was a truly extraordinary experience for our musicians, and the audience were treated to a truly sensational and inspiring performance.

As part of the 2010 Perth Festival of the Arts, we were also invited to perform in their Lunchtime concert series in St John's Kirk. Forty musicians, several of whom having also sat their AS level Music exam that morning, travelled into Perth and delighted the audience with their performances of works including *The Springtime of the Year* by Vaughan-Williams, Oli Beetschen's rendition of *On the idle hill of summer* by Butterworth, as well as the compositions of UVlth pupils Sean Garrett and the Riley group of Eliza Younger, Lily Thompson, Megan Crawford, Nicola Bell and Bethany Murphy.



# Riley music

Following half term, only two musical items remained. The first was Headmaster's Music, held in the Chapel on a beautiful and warm mid-June evening. Once again, the programme reflected the breadth of music making at Strathallan, with performances including Poulenc's *Laudamus te* by the Chamber Choir, Leonard Cohen's *Hallelujah* by the Choral Scholars and Frank Bridge's *3 pieces for String Quartet*. Moreover, the concert featured many of our leavers as soloists; Joanna MacLachlan performing Bach's *Prelude in f minor, No. XII*, Jamie Parker playing Villa-Lobos's *Prelude No. 3*, Katy Marshall and Hannah Johnstone, accompanied by a pupil band including Will Farquhar and Jack Chartres, in their duet *For Good* and Chwei Peng Tieng in her amazing rendition of Walker's *Rhythm from the North Country*. There was even the opportunity for Otto Kakhidze to read his own poem *The Journey*, reflecting the thematic undercurrent of the concert. However, the evening belonged to Big Band and their front man, Ollie Wale. Since their creation two years ago, this group, with Ollie at the front, have grown increasingly tight and professional, and audience members have looked forward eagerly to their astonishing performances. He leaves them in good stead, and we shall look forward to hearing the new front person at November's Musical Showcase.

To end the year, the massed choirs travelled to Glasgow to give the closing performance of a Festival Evensong at the 2010 West End Festival in St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, and celebrate their achievements with a Choir dinner. This opportunity was a first for Strathallan, and one we shall look forward to repeating in the future.

The busy work of the department could not be undertaken without the support of the entire Music department staff and pupil body, to whom I am immensely grateful. I am especially grateful to Mrs Carole Sim-Sayce for her excellent and tireless leadership in making Riley Music as strong and encompassing as it is, and to Mr Neil Hamilton for his instrumental leadership and support across the whole department. I would also like to thank most sincerely our leavers, Oliver Beetschen, Jack Chartres, Kate Cockburn, Mhairi Cameron, Sara Chalmers, Will Farquhar, Thimo Grantz, Chris Greer, Chris Jaworski, Katy Marshall, Joanna MacLachlan, Jamie Parker, Tasha Potts, Ollie Wale, Jenny Wood, and every other musician for their incredibly valuable input to Strathallan Music over their time with us. We wish them all well for the future.

RCAW

**W**hilst the session 2008-09 was one of trying out new ideas, 2009-10 was one of consolidation, revisiting the good and creating some traditions along the way. Thus, Riley Informal Concerts continued to burgeon and showcased the joyful exuberance of all Riley children – and all did indeed participate every time.

Throughout the year Riley Choir met dutifully every Monday evening and their progress was heard throughout the year in performances of *Shine* (Take That) with the Chapel Choir, at Perth Concert Hall, *Angel's Carol* (Rutter) at the Christmas service, *Five Eyes* (Armstrong Gibbs) and *Don't Stop Believing* (Journey) at the Summer Showcase. A lot of material and always off by heart, the choir were a great credit to themselves and the House. An increasing number of Riley instrumental pupils participated in senior groups with impressive confidence – a credit to themselves, their teachers and their parents.

The Divisional Music Competition in February was a master class in ambition with each division being led by their peers in challenging choices of music. Once more, steely resolve and bags of performance skill won through and diverse choices of music from Michael Buble to The Beach Boys could not fail to entertain the audience.

The summer half term prep project was another tradition in the making and certainly one to keep as the project yielded ninety new posters on anniversary composers. Many had been carefully shipped by rail and air and were so well-crafted that they were displayed in the foyer before the summer show.

Before show time, however, there was an opportunity to showcase composition – a new notion for this session. IJ, 1st & 2nd forms, performed pieces based on Julia Donaldson books for the infant class at Forgandenny PS and for staff children. At the same time, Mr Hamilton's song-writing project had yielded some good songs and uncovered some talented lyricists; one such song was premiered at Perform in Perth and performed widely throughout the school, much to the chagrin of the senior pupil composers.

Just time to fit in a visit to the Usher Hall in Edinburgh for the annual concert outing. This year the RSN's concert season for children was themed on Heroes and Villains which segued nicely into one intensive week of rehearsals to stage *The Tudor Rose*. This year's show harnessed the acting skills of a large number of children who auditioned for parts – an opportunity not afforded for a few years. An overture played by talented Riley instrumentalists was another welcome innovation. Staff and senior pupils rallied behind Riley House with as much conviction as Drake's fleet as the magnificent show concluded another year full of fun and activity in music.

CASS

# Lectures



## Professor Busuttil

For the past twenty years Professor Busuttil has been making regular trips to Strathallan to give talks and practice interviews. He came again this year to tell the Sixth Form about Forensic Medicine, which no-one at the start of the lecture knew much about. However, his slideshow presentation and tales of cases he'd worked on, such as the Lockerbie Bombing, soon caught the imagination of the audience.

The practice interviews for Oxbridge and medical candidates gave a welcome insight into the horrors that many were soon to face. The personal feedback from Professor Busuttil proved invaluable to the students waiting for their replies from UCAS and prepared them for what was to come. We look forward to seeing him on his twenty-first visit to Strathallan.

Jenny Wood

L6 Thornbank



## David Dinsmore

On Monday 31st November the Sixth Form were visited by Mr David Dinsmore, Editor of the Scottish Sun and a Strathallan parent. Mr Dinsmore was himself once a pupil at the school. He entertained the Sixth Form with a slide show starting with a picture of the old athletics team, then went on to read us out a very entertaining letter addressed to his 17-year-old self detailing what life had in store for him and what a fascinating journey he was going to go through with many interesting and famous people involved along the way. Questions asked to Mr Dinsmore ranged from "What is your favourite headline that the Sun has published?" to "Do you feel guilt over publishing an article that could potentially ruin somebody's life?" Naturally enough Page 3 girls were mentioned at various points throughout. Debates on some points were still being discussed with Mr Dinsmore and pupils at dinner in the Wilf Hoare room afterwards. We are very grateful to him for taking time to come and talk to us and thank him again; an enthralling talk followed by, in some cases, fiery debate.

Ilona McLaren

L6 Woodlands



# Tempests And Pestilence...

tried their best to wreck this year's programme of festivals and LAMDA exams. After last February's winds and floods nearly stopped us from getting to the Edinburgh Festival, this year saw snow storms which meant we were, once again, almost forced to cancel the trip. Some day pupils had to dig themselves out of their homes, the snow being so deep. But they all managed to get to Perth station and entertained the other passengers on the train to Edinburgh, with recitations of their set pieces.

The "pestilence" was the flu epidemic which forced 48 of our 52 October LAMDA candidates to take re-scheduled exams in February.

Despite all of these disruptions, we once again had a very successful year. We swept the boards at the Perth Burns Club's annual schools' festival with verse speaking awards for Lauren Dundee, Fraser Glasgow, Nick Drummond-Hay and Ollie Wale. As winner (with 98%) of the senior class, Ollie was invited to recite at the Perth Burns Club's annual dinner in January.

Between the Perth and Edinburgh Competition Festivals, our pupils came first in 24 classes for speech and drama. In Perth, we won all three of the trophies available for verse speaking, and in Edinburgh, three medals. In Edinburgh, Rosie Beech won the public speaking medal and another first. In Perth, Lucy Orr won the William Soutar Tassie, reciting Soutar's *'An Alphabet for Caledonian Bairs'* and Ailsa Clifford, the Robert Burns Trophy with *"The Tarbolton Lassies"*. Also in Perth, Ollie Wale came first with two honours awards (over 90%) for recitation. Also achieving honours was Josiah Bircham.

Frances Myatt was particularly successful over the two festivals achieving the bible reading trophy in Perth, the bible and verse medals in Edinburgh and five other firsts. Other winners were Lauren Dundee, Megan Crawford, Nick Drummond-Hay, Polina Konkina, Gaydelia Talipova, Amber Garvie and Caitlin Donald. Caitlin, who won three classes, was told by the adjudicator in the prose reading class, "You created the characters very effectively, in a mature, splendid performance."

We had visits from LAMDA examiners in all three terms. Our candidates achieved extremely high marks this year. Francis Myatt gained a massive 96% for the Speaking of Verse and Prose and 94% for Reading for Performance. She achieved distinctions also for Acting and Spoken English. Caitlin Donald received a clutch of distinctions, with very high marks, for Acting, Verse and Prose, and Reading for Performance.

Along with her 11J classmates, there was another distinction for Caitlin for acting out a scene from *"James and the Giant Peach"*.

A double distinction winner was Rosie Beech in Acting and in Devising, where she achieved a well-deserved 94%. There were distinctions also for Lucy Crabb (Reading), Elliot Clements (Mime), Katharine Griffiths (94% for Acting), Philipa Kemp (92% for Acting), Lucy Orr (Acting), Amber Garvie (Verse and Prose) and Ashley Purvis (Acting). The 19 members of Form 1J achieved distinction for choral speaking.

Gold Medals for Acting were awarded to the Ollies (Wale and Beetschen) and to Hannah Cox. Ollie Wale also achieved Gold for the Speaking of Verse and Prose. Other Acting medals went to Alice Inglis and Olivia Quick (Silver) and to Flora Hay and Lucy Garvie (Bronze). Silver medals went to Josiah Bircham (the Speaking of Verse and Prose) and Joe McColl (Public Speaking).

Not having English as a first language, has not deterred some of our pupils from entering LAMDA exams. Gaydelia Talipova and Polina Konkina took an exam in Acting; both did very well, with Polina achieving distinction. Otto Kakhidze, in this, his first year in Britain, decided, nothing daunted, to go straight to the top in LAMDA exams, and entered the Gold Medal in Public Speaking. He received a well-deserved distinction for his contrasting speeches about Georgia's application to join the EU and about the protocol of the Georgian formal dinner – a topic about which the examiner is unlikely to have heard before!

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Henry VIII, formerly renowned for beheading his wives, has forever been supplanted in my mind by the tortured soul so sensitively portrayed by Nick Drummond-Hay in Riley's Summer term Musical Production *The Tudor Rose* by Gawen Robinson.



# Tudor Rose

## the Riley House show

Equally enthralling was Lucy Crabb's rendering of Elizabeth I as the capricious and quick-witted autocrat we are familiar with from our History books. Both were enthusiastically supported by a truly rousing ensemble of vocal talent.



The battle scenes were masterfully choreographed but it was the solo numbers from Eliza Younger and Sam Steele which literally moved the audience to tears. Another rather touchingly solemn moment occurred as the children filed down from the back of the theatre in the funeral procession to close the First Act.

Musicians, set- builders, lighting and sound technicians, stage crew, programme designers (2 set1) and all those who worked behind the scenes are to be congratulated on such a marvellous team effort which justifiably brought proud smiles to the faces of the show's Producers and its Director, Carole Sim Sayce.



This was, indeed, an afternoon of entertainment and erudition - for who can ever now forget the date of the Battle of Bosworth Field?  
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On a freezing cold evening, to the Strathallan Theatre for The Happiest Days of Your Life by John Dighton.

# the Happiest Days of Your Life

**F**eeling slightly under the weather, sad at the news of the death of Richard Todd that day, and having listened to his description of landing on Pegasus Bridge, it felt strange, minutes later, to hear John Snagge (does anyone in the world still pronounce that central 'a' as he did? Even the Queen's gone estuary) announcing the German surrender in World War II and to see the curtain come up on a set which had a deep resonance, for it spoke of proper bachelors and proper schoolmasters, men (or women, but never at the same time) who smelt of chalk and pipe smoke and creaked when they walked and, one suspected, were hung up in a cupboard, in their gowns, in the classroom at night.

Into this divine common room (it really is a lost world, you know, and, oh joy, they wear tweeds like proper schoolmasters) came Dick Tassell (Oliver Beetschen) freshly returned from five years in the RAF. No lightweight, this man (never forget that Bertie Wooster has an MC), and back he comes, to his old common room – the bat and gloves still in the cupboard – and his familiar chair, back to be greeted by Rainbow (Henry Melville), the school porter and groundsman. Thinking about this, I wonder why Dighton chose the name? Is it that Rainbow is a thing of beauty, miraculously appearing in the sky? But of course... Or is it that the rainbow can be the harbinger of rain and storms to come? Lest we forget, John Dighton wrote what are, for me, the two best Ealing comedies – Kind Hearts and Coronets and The Man in the White Suit – so we can safely say that he knew what he was doing. And Rainbow does have a dark secret, he does know something that Tassell and Billings (Oliver Wale) – now a senior assistant master, not having gone to the war – do not, and that is contained in a letter from the Ministry of Schools. Rainbow, having a good Scots tongue in his head amid the languid vowels of the Home Counties, keeps his mouth tight shut. The Headmaster, Godfrey Pond (Jamie Parker), then finds out that a school, St Swithin's, is going to be billeted on Hilary Hall. Scarcely have they looked in the Public Schools' Directory than the scales fall clattering from their eyes and the heels of Miss Whitchurch (Emily Irons-Young in a role originally created for Margaret Rutherford and there the resemblance ends (*Would that be a school role, then? Just asking. Ed*)) announce the arrival of St Swithin's for it is a girls' school. One of the beauties of farce is that it can seem to pretty much write itself. We all know how it will end, we know that things will turn out for the worst, and yet we delight in the suspense of it all, the piling-up of facts, watching these poor saps as they head for disaster, and it is this that Dighton does so well.

And so the action unfolds. Just as Pond has his Tassell and Billings, so Miss Whitchurch has her acolytes and one, Miss Gossage (Abbey Kemp) proves that she is not impervious to the charms of Mr Billings. Gossage was originally played by Joyce Grenfell, and I reckon Abbey was better – athletic, hale and hearty, the best of England's breed and besotted with Billings, even inviting him to "call me Sausage". And then comes the next twist, for prospective parents for St Swithin's wish to be shown round. The delightful Rev Edward and Mrs Peck (Jamie Dodd and Hannah Cox) seek a refined environment for their delicate, studious and unseen daughter and another layer of farce is laid down as boys and girls move rapidly from end to end of the site lest the Pecks realise there is a boy anywhere – à propos, the view from the Common Room had a certain resonance, don't you think?

Just as absurdity is heaped on absurdity, Dighton adds another layer with the arrival of Edgar Sowter (a glorious, violent performance by Andrew Glover) and his lady wife (Rosie Beech) demanding a school of hard knocks, cold showers and early morning runs for their son. One could feel the audience squirm in excitement at each new thrill. Where would it all end, we wondered? Would there be a 'Whoops, Vicar, where's my trousers?' moment? You know what?

Of course there was. And it was, as you will probably have guessed, the billeting of a third school on them. Cue chaos and the end.

My last place did this play last year as a house play and, let me tell you, Strathallan won on every count. The set – when did you last hear a set get a round of applause? – was a masterpiece, produced by Mr Hume whose sense of size and perspective quite drew us into the scene. Just fabulous! A tighter piece of direction you have never seen, either. Such pace, such drive and such energy! Of course, that is not to say that things were rushed. The key with farce, I always think, is that you have to time things so that the audience does its tickled dog trick, rolling over and begging for the next twist, the next element to unfold. Mrs McFarlane produced a magisterial show with barely a feather ruffled and to her, as well as everyone involved, from programme seller to star, must go our plaudits for a wonderful evening's entertainment.

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# the Little Shop of Horrors

Like every adventure this one started unexpectedly. I've never taken part in shows or musicals before perhaps due to a total lack of voice and coordination. So when a friend suggested coming to the first rehearsal of Little Shop of Horrors the idea was certainly a new one to me. The first thing that was quite remarkable at the rehearsal was that everyone was singing even the ones who did not know the words. A few minutes later I suddenly realised that I was as good as everyone else. I wasn't just dancing, I was enjoying it. A very pleasant thing was that no-one actually cared about the quality of each other's voices. We were singing. We were dancing in our own style. We were imagining the show had already started. We were acting even if someone didn't know plot of the piece. I felt a part of something big and it felt amazing. A few days later I remembered what Mrs R-B told me before the rehearsal "It doesn't matter if you can't sing or dance". This would be strange to hear about any other show but not about ours.

Later rehearsals were more demanding since we started dancing for real. It took up much more free time and energy than people expected. Sometimes I wanted to make an excuse as well but after coming I liked spending time there. Also it was very challenging to sing and dance at the same time even if it looked easy. Sometimes we didn't believe that our uncertain movements and lack of knowledge of words would make a show. But then the main actors and the directors were there for us.

When after half-term we came back full of good memories and reluctance to start school life again the stage decorations shocked some of us. Even unfinished, the scenery was striking. This was kind of a push for us to work harder as the show would be in performance in a few days.







"I wasn't just dancing,  
I was enjoying it."





At dress rehearsal everything looked so real that I actually felt it was a premiere. It was the first time that we could see how the stage was going to be seen by the audience. I saw our friends who were with us every day but at the same time I couldn't believe that these guys were pupils. I saw excellent actors and successful singers but also I saw embarrassed Seymour, lovely Audrey and unhappy Mr Mushnik played quite brilliantly by Jonathan Keddie, Katy Marshall and Josiah Bircham. The scenery and the actors merged in a stream of staggering energy. The shocking thing was that this was just the dress rehearsal with small blots and mistakes but real enthusiasm. The ever-growing and increasingly terrifying plant moved by Andrew Glover and voiced by the redoubtable Ollie Wale completed the leading roles while Will Farquhar, Alice Inglis and James Mcallister put in horribly convincing performances as a variety of gulls and slimeballs on the make.

By the end of the final show I felt that we had become one team and everything was possible for us. For me this was a truly unforgettable experience.

**Pasha Konkina**      IV Form Thornbank







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Rosie Gibson  
LVI  
Woodlands



India Gill  
LVI  
Glenbrae



Luca Man  
V  
Nicol



Christina Stephenson  
LVI  
Woodlands





Lucy Garvie  
V  
Woodlands



Abby Cowe  
V  
Woodlands



Maggie Luck  
V  
Woodlands



Callum Kettles  
V  
Ruthven



Carla Crossan  
UVI  
Glenbrae



Anna McNeill, Woodlands  
Jack Somerville, Simpson  
Jemma Battison, Glenbrae  
Emily MacLachlan, Glenbrae

V Form Sea and Shore ceramics





Callum Kettles  
V  
Ruthven



Therese Lyngvang  
LVI  
Thornbank



Emily Barnes  
III  
Thornbank



Sophie Fraser  
V  
Woodlands



Josie Dibnah  
III  
Thornbank





Ruairidh Clark  
UVI  
Simpson



Ross Dafereras  
UVI  
Freeland



Abbey Kemp  
UVI  
Thornbank





Anna McNeill  
V  
Woodlands



Jemma Battison  
V  
Glenbrae



Anna Olafsson  
LV  
Woodlands



Tasha Jaworski  
V  
Woodlands



# Design + technology



Emily MacLachlan  
V  
Glenbrae





Oliver Beetschen, UVI, Freeland



Abbey Kemp, UVI, Thornbank



Sarah MacLachlan  
UVI  
Glenbrae

Nicholas Walker  
LVI  
Ruthven

Christopher Mutimer  
LVI  
Ruthven





Sean Garrett  
UVI  
Freeland





Anna McNeill  
V  
Woodlands



Robbie Miller  
LVI  
Ruthven



Callum Kettles  
V  
Ruthven



Fiona Johnston  
LVI  
Thornbank



Torquil Curran  
V  
Freeland



Mark McAlister  
UVI  
Freeland





Oliver Luck  
UVI  
Freeland



Kirstin Lamotte  
UVI  
Glenbrae



Sally Lungmuss  
LVI  
Glenbrae



# Cricket

The 2010 season, on paper, looked like it was going to be a difficult one for the 1st XI. With so many leavers the previous season, the unavailability of the captain on international duty, and a lot of away matches, the newcomers to the side would have to fit in and gel much quicker than normal. That they did so was in no small measure to the efforts of captain Freddie Coleman and his stand-in, Keith Wigley who had been 'landed' with the responsibility at the last moment. We had two new seam bowlers, several new top order batsmen and a rookie legspinner to incorporate. Keith Wigley, in his first season as opener scored an unbeaten hundred against the Scottish XL Club; Derek Hoogerbrugge in his first season scored a number of crucial runs, particularly his unbeaten 50 against Merchiston which gave us a first victory over them for many a year; Declan Norrie from Canberra and Paul Wigley topped the bowling averages with 24 apiece; and finally, Third Former Grant Doig successfully began what promises to be a fulfilling career as a leg-spinner, getting into Wisden in the process.

The start to term was not auspicious: the traditional opener against Perth Northern was eventually abandoned due to rain after we had scored a useful 170-6 in our 40 overs with Derek Hoogerbrugge on debut making an unbeaten 45 and striking the ball as cleanly as anyone. We reduced Northern to 1-2 in the second over when the heavens opened and the match was abandoned. Then, after a relatively comfortable win over Dollar against whom Freddie Coleman scored his first hundred of the term, we proceeded to lose our next three school matches – losses were recorded against The Edinburgh Academy in a see-saw match which almost went to the wire, against Fettes and Loretto.

The Academy match was notable for a poor fielding effort, some good spin bowling from Coleman, and an inspired batting effort from the lower order as the top order, apart from Nick Farrar [48], failed. Jonny Bain [32] and Declan Norrie [29] took us to the brink of victory before an outstanding catch removed Norrie and our last chance to overtake the Academy total. We lost by 12 runs. We also lost to Fettes College, this time at home, mainly because we did not back up Keith Wigley's decision to bat first on

a decent track. Without Coleman on international duty the batsmen, with the exception of Declan Norrie [35 n.o.], gave their wickets away. Several got starts, but a total of 136 was never going to test Fettes for whom Henry Edwards blasted an unbeaten 113 in a 9 wicket victory for the visitors.

The following week, against Loretto, and again with Coleman, the batsmen put up a better fight on a superb batting track. Led by Nick Farrar with an excellent 83, we batted consistently down the order to total 217. However, we then bowled appallingly; with the honourable exception of Paul Wigley, none of the bowlers could exert any control and we went down to a 7 wicket defeat. Half term could not come quickly enough to expunge the memory of three successive losses.

With the better weather continuing, we proceeded to embark on a six match winning spree after half-term, setting and chasing a number of high scores. Against the XL Club both Coleman [104] and Keith Wigley [102 n.o.] scored hundreds in a total of 266-2 declared on a brilliant batting pitch. In reply the Scottish XL side was bowled out for 197 with Paul Wigley and Declan Norrie taking 3 wickets each, and debutant third-form spinner Grant Doig two wickets. It was this performance that led to the Scottish XL Club awarding us their trophy for best Scottish school in 2010.

We then chased 177 against the Strathallians for whom Michael Cachia scored 60, winning by 4 wickets as Coleman scored an unbeaten 99, winning the game with the scores level by smiting a 6. We then completed a clean sweep of wins against adult sides by defeating the MCC in a cracking match on yet another superb pitch. MCC declared their innings on 243-1 which makes it look as if the bowlers did not bowl well, but the bowling was respectable, despite the







absence of Nick Farrar (playing in a Cricket Scotland trial match) and the fielding strong. In reply Freddie Coleman [140 n.o.] scored his third hundred of the term, but it was the momentum gained by a rapid 40 from Callum Donald that set us on the way to a 4 wicket victory, our first for several years against the MCC.

Donald's good run of form continued into the next match away to Merchiston Castle School. Not having beaten Merchiston for a very long time, but on the back of an excellent tie in 2009, we were quietly confident that if the players backed their own ability and did their basics well, then our full-strength side had a good chance. Our total, batting first after winning the toss, was a decent one at 223-6 off our 50 overs. Almost everyone batted well around Coleman whose 83 enabled Donald [52] and Hoogerbrugge [50 n.o.] to take a few more risks in the search for quick runs. Merchiston's batsmen scored quickly but found themselves at 90-6 off only 16 overs as Paul Wigley and Declan Norris bowled superbly. A very good seventh wicket partnership for Merchiston threatened to take the match away from us as overs were never a problem, but excellent bowling from Coleman and Chris King brought us back into the match. Needing 10 runs with 8 overs and three wickets to spare Merchiston must have been confident of success, but excellent 'death' bowling from King and Farrar, together with a run out from King, enabled us to close out the match with one over and two runs to spare. This was a superb team effort and certainly ranks as one of the best three victories for the XI in my time in charge.

Two more victories were gathered towards the end of term – away to Glenalmond College then at home to the Caledonian Academy U18 side. The match at Glenalmond saw the bowling attack really come into its own on a bowler-friendly track, dismissing the home side for 68 with Nick Farrar taking 6-20 in a hostile spell. Although we lost Keith Wigley and Freddie Coleman in the twenties, the comprehensive victory by 8 wickets was closed out just before lunch. The Caledonian Academy side was a much more difficult challenge. They won the toss and batted for 60 overs before we managed to bowl them out for 232 with

## Freddie Coleman (1st XI 2006-10)

It is unusual for a player to achieve full international status whilst still at school but Freddie Coleman [N7] managed just that when picked for the Scottish Saltires against Nottinghamshire in May 2010. His full cap was the result of some impressive performances. He had scored hundreds against a number of National League Premiership sides for the National Academy, and had made his debut in the new regional series for Caledonia in 2010.

This selection came on the back of a number of honours for Freddie who had long been a member of the Scottish age-group sides. He had tasted success for the U15 national squad scoring a century on their memorable trip to South Africa in 2007; he had been simultaneously a member of the U17 side which went on to win the European Championships, then more recently a key member of the U18 and U19 sides which also won European honours, progressing towards the next stage of qualification for the 2011 World Cup. If this was not enough, he also found time to make a couple of appearances for the Scottish Lions [effectively the second Scottish side] and for the Warwickshire Academy in 2009 and again in 2010.

On the domestic front for Strathallan, Freddie's scoring has been instrumental in a successful number of years for the 1st XI. Coming into the XI in 3rd Form (2006), he made a half-century in a successful run chase against Loretto in just his second match. In 2008 he scored 679 runs at an average of 97 to be in the top five schoolboy averages in Britain. After a relatively lean 2009, with a 'mere' average in the mid thirties, he came roaring back to form in 2010 with 696 runs at an average of 139.20. Within this total of runs he scored four centuries – 113 n.o. against Dollar Academy, 104 against the Scottish XL Club, 140 n.o. against MCC, and 126 against the Caledonian Academy. Add to this an unbeaten 99 against the Strathallians and one can see the full measure of his heavy scoring.

He leaves Strathallan for a contract with the Warwickshire Academy having scored a touch under two thousand runs for the 1st XI at an exceptional average of 65.

Year	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Centuries	Highest Score	Average
2006	7	2	146	-	50	29.20
2007	7	-	238	-	69	34.00
2008	10	3	679	1	142 no	97.00
2009	7	1	207	-	78 no	34.50
2010	8	3	696	4	140 no	139.20
2006-10	39	9	1966	5	142 no	65.53

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our spinners Grant Doig [4-58] and Coleman [3-61] bowling nearly forty overs between them. This left us about 80 minutes and 20 overs to chase down their total. In reply, most of the batsmen got a start and batted around a superb captain's innings of 126, and fourth century, by Coleman. We sprinted over the line with a few overs to spare to win by 4 wickets. And so ended the home season.

The season was wound up with three matches in the Festival at QEGS Wakefield. Unfortunately, we were without Freddie Coleman – off to a Warwickshire Academy contract – and also Nick Farrar [Scotland duty] and Chris King [off on exchange to Australia]. This left the bowling attack particularly depleted and so the opportunity was taken to blood a few younger players. Grant Doig, who had already played well in several matches, was joined by Jamie Ritchie and Daniel Adams. In addition, Tim Heaney and Marcus Adams were promoted from the 2nd XI and, thanks to the format of the competition, everyone managed to play each day. The results were disappointing, mainly due to the lack of consistent runs from the batting order. The bowling attack did well to dismiss each opponent on each day in the 50 over format, but there were too many 4-balls and not enough control. The fielding, by and large was very good, despite the tiredness induced by playing three full matches in three days, and the side was well led by Keith Wigley. All the youngsters gave flashes of promise on each day, though the senior players, with the exception of Derek Hoogerbrugge, were a little disappointing with the bat. That said, the mini tour provided the younger players with a taste of what they needed to do consistently in order to survive at this level. That they acquitted themselves well offers hope for the 2011 season.

As always, in a full season, one accumulates many debts. To Gordon and his Sodexo staff go thanks for their catering, and to Earnside thanks for transporting us. To Ian Philip and Nick Du Boulay go my heartfelt thanks for their coaching and support at times of the season when it was often difficult to maintain a sense of perspective. To Graeme Robertson thanks for his immaculate

organisation – it really is a relief to have someone as organised as Graeme backing up the team's effort, and with the coaching as well! Thanks, too, go to the senior players who left in 2010 – Freddie Coleman, Callum Donald, Paul Wigley and Declan Norrie. All of them made serious contributions to the success of the side in 2010 and allowed the more junior members of the side to find their level and feet.

A final word of thanks has to go to the irrepressible Robert Proctor. Robert ran the 1st XI for 18 years before relinquishing stewardship in 1998; then he watched as the 1st XI mercilessly raided his Senior Colts side for players year by year. His countless hours coaching all-comers in the main nets, his sage advice, his chiding of a hesitant Master i/c, his genuine joy at the 1st XI's success, all were marks of a truly generous-spirited man, and a serious, passionate, not to mention knowledgeable, cricketer. It is to be hoped that this will not all be lost to Strathallan, despite Robert's recent retirement, and that his presence on the boundary will be a feature for years to come.

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## Junior Colts 2010

Our season started poorly as we lost our first two matches against Western Academy and Glenalmond by a pretty wide margin. We then went away to Edinburgh Academy. Our batting started nervously, losing some quick wickets, but Greig Meiklem and James Cockburn stabilised the batting. This was backed up by a strong finish by Monty Peeters and Colin Gordon. This momentum was carried forward to our fielding as we managed to get them all out with 49 runs to spare.

Next we came up against a very strong Dollar side who posted a very large total, which proved to be too much for our batting line-up.

Fettes was our next fixture. This game later showed itself to be a big test for us, as we batted first and posted a total that would be hard to defend. We tried hard in the field with some great bowling by Cammy Mack, but ultimately came up short.

Our next match was against Loretto. This match was what I would call 'epic.' They batted first and were looking very good, but Ross MacGarvie got 3 quick wickets, bringing us back into it. We batted well, although we lost an early wicket. Jamie Ritchie and Charlie Mearns put on a very good partnership, but unfortunately their total was 7 runs too much for us.

Next up were King Edward's School on the lawn. We put them into bat first where Greig Meiklem bowled very well, taking 2 wickets, but they still posted a very good total. Our batting started well with Jamie Ritchie and Finlay Kettles producing a good opening partnership. Unfortunately, we collapsed and fell short of their score.

Coming off that defeat we travelled to Merchiston. They batted first and we managed to keep them to a makeable score with Cammy Mack taking 4 wickets and Ross Buchanan taking a wicket on his first match and first ever ball for Strathallan. Unfortunately our batting could not live up to our bowling as we fell short of their total.

Next was Lathallan where we batted first and scored a good total, with Jamie Ritchie scoring a 50-retired and Ross MacGarvie batting very



well. Then we bowled, quickly showing this match would not be going on for much longer, with Cammy Mack taking 3 wickets for just 1 run.

Our next game was against Glenalmond for the second time. This match was much closer than the first, as we kept them to an average total. Our batting started strongly with Jamie Ritchie putting in a good score. Charlie Mearns tried his best at the end, but unfortunately he ran out of people to bat with.

The last match was Merchiston, also for the second time. They batted first and posted a good score. We tried hard with the bat with great knocks by Charlie Mearns, Greig Meiklem and a flourish at the end by Ross Buchanan.

This was a term full of ups and downs, but there were many positives to take away from this season and also a lot of things to work on for next year.

**Grant Doig**  
III Form Nicol  
Captain

## Senior Colts 2010 Season Report

This season has been a very tough one for the Senior Colts cricket team. The opening was a tricky away match at Edinburgh academy. We won it by one run and was a really strong start to the season. Up next was a definite favourite for all of the players; the Glenalmond match. Once again we delivered a strong performance and emerged with a close victory. There have been a number of memorable moments over the season including the Senior Colts Bs' win over Loretto and a few very good individual performances including Jamie Dinsmore's Hat Trick, Chris McCarthy's outstanding bowling performances throughout the season and Daniel Adams's century to finish off the season in style. Over all, there has been a good sense of enthusiasm from the squad and I hope that this will continue for all of the players moving up into the senior section of cricket at Strathallan. Finally I would like to thank Mr Billing, Mr Vallot and Mr Gallier for all their help and coaching over the season to help our player progress on with the skills and teamwork.

**Daniel Adams**  
IV Form  
Freeland

## 1st XI 2010 Season

**Played: 14   Won: 7   Lost: 6   Drawn: 1**

OPPONENTS	SCORES	RESULT
Perth	Strathallan 170-6 (40 overs) [D Hoogerbrugge 46 no]	Drawn - rain
Northern	Perth Northern 1-2 (12 overs)	
Dollar Academy	Strathallan 201-6 (30 overs) [F Coleman 113 no] Dollar Academy 155-8 (30 overs)	Won by 46 runs
Edinburgh Academy	Edinburgh Academy 209 [F Coleman 4-34] Strathallan 197 [N Farrar 48, J Bain 32, D. Norrie 29]	Lost by 12 runs
Fettes College	Strathallan 136 [D Norrie 35no, D Hoogerbrugge 27, N Farrar 26] Fettes College 139-1 [H Edwards 113 no]	Lost by 9 wkts
Loretto School	Strathallan 217 [N Farrar 83, D Norrie 28, D Hoogerbrugge 26] Loretto 218-3 [P Wigley 2-35]	Lost by 7 wkts
XL Club	Strathallan 266-2 dec [F Coleman 104, K Wigley 102 no] XL Club 197 [P Wigley 3-18, D. Norrie 3-33, G Doig 2-35]	Won by 69 runs
Strathallians	Strathallians 177 [M Cachia 60; D Norrie 4-56, G Doig 2-25] Strathallan 182-4 [F Coleman 99 no]	Won by 6 wkts
MCC	MCC 243-1 dec Strathallan 244-6 [F Coleman 140 no, C. Donald 41]	Won by 4 wkts
Merchiston Castle	Strathallan 223-6 (50 overs) [F Coleman 83, C Donald 52, D Hoogerbrugge 50] Merchiston 220 [P Wigley 5-50]	Won by 3 runs
Glenalmond College	Glenalmond 68 [N Farrar 6-20, D Norrie 2-15] Strathallan 72-2 [F Coleman 25, K Wigley 26]	Won by 8 wkts
Caledonian Academy	Caledonian Academy 232 [G Doig 4-58, F Coleman 3-61] Strathallan 236-6 [F Coleman 126]	Won by 4 wkts
Pocklington School	Pocklington 209 [P Wigley 4-46, D Norrie 2-26, K Wigley 2-32, D Adams 2-29] Strathallan 126 [D Hoogerbrugge 36, F Doig 23, T Heaney 21, J Gray 18]	Lost by 83 runs
Stewarts-Melville College	Stewarts-Melville 188 [D Norrie 4-20, G Doig 2-40, P Wigley 2-41] Strathallan 136 [C Donald 32, D Adams 26no]	Lost by 53 runs
QEGS Wakefield	QEGS Wakefield 204 [K Wigley 4-50, J Ritchie 2-23, G Doig 2-58] Strathallan 140 [M Adams 28no, T Heaney 24]	Lost by 64 runs

**Captain** Freddie J. R. Coleman  
**Vice-Captain** Keith G. J. Wigley

**Full Colours**  
F. R. J. Coleman (re-awarded)  
P. G. E. Wigley

**Half Colours**  
N. A. G. Farrar  
D. J. Hoogerbrugge  
D. J. Norrie  
K. G. J. Wigley

### Batting Averages

Name	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Centuries	Highest Score	Average
<b>F. R. J. Coleman</b>	8	3	696	4	140 no	<b>139.20</b>
<b>D. J. Hoogerbrugge</b>	10	3	259	-	50 no	<b>37.00</b>
<b>N. A. G. Farrar</b>	9	2	239	-	83	<b>34.14</b>
<b>K. G. J. Wigley</b>	12	1	225	1	102 no	<b>20.45</b>
<b>C. D. R. Donald</b>	13	2	208	-	52	<b>18.90</b>

### Bowling Averages

Bowling	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Best bowling	Average
<b>P. G. E. Wigley</b>	106	15	429	24	5-50	<b>17.87</b>
<b>D. J. Norrie</b>	115.5	15	487	24	4-20	<b>20.29</b>
<b>F. R. J. Coleman</b>	41.2	1	172	10	4-34	<b>17.20</b>
<b>K. G. J. Wigley</b>	51	1	250	11	4-51	<b>22.72</b>
<b>N. A. G. Farrar</b>	70.3	7	281	12	6-20	<b>23.41</b>
<b>G. R. T. Doig</b>	75	3	345	12	4-58	<b>28.75</b>



# Rugby

Rugby Plan

**P**re-season started with the usual early morning runs with Mr Glasgow taking over at the front of the pack. Joe being late looking like he'd fallen out from a dumper truck.

Madras tournament- with easy games in the first rounds Strathallan moved to meet old rivals High School of Dundee in the final. Again with sustained pressure throughout the match Strathallan won this game to take the Madras trophy.

The season proper commenced with the annual opening match against Dollar. With the sun shining down on Big Acre, Johnny Bain kicked off. Despite a gruelling first twenty minutes it was unfortunately the opposition who struck the first blow with a penalty kick. However, with captain Ryan Hood leading by example Strathallan gained the lead with a converted try after a series of well driven mauls. With both sides now on the scoreboard the game began to open up with both teams playing aggressive attacking rugby. An unfortunate intercepted pass in the 2nd half allowed Dollar to expand their lead and despite two late tries it was the visitors who left the field victorious. A special mention of course has to go to Alex "Hendi" Henderson who began his Strathallan rugby career with a phenomenal debut performance.

Glasgow Academy- a hard physical encounter with Glasgow Academy for this first away fixture. Both teams giving their all to gain the advantage. The discipline of the Strathallan players shone through in this game with two well worked tries putting Andy Hall and Ian Tourney over the try-line for a well-earned victory.

The next game eventually arrived after a long journey down to North Berwick. With Declan "the one and only" Ferry remaining at outside centre, we were in high spirits. After a 1st period of constant pressure it was once again Ryan Hood who broke the deadlock diving over for the first try after a series of attacking rucks. However after an ill-tempered match and a few unusual decisions by the ref (but we won't go there) the final score was 8 - 7 to North Berwick. A special mention has to go Keith Buchan who despite being blood-substituted after a knock to the face returned to the field regardless to hold the defensive line intact.

Away to Q.V.S was the next match on the fixture list, much to the delight of Tommy Wilson who would be playing against his former school. Q.V.S had just put together a rugby team so with this in mind Mr Henderson used the opportunity to look at some options with the starting personnel and positions. As expected, Strathallan ran up a dominating score line with tries coming from Ian Touney, Andy Hall (3), Declan Ferry, Keith Buchan, Mark "Lanky" McAlister and Simon McBride on his debut performance for the 1st XV. Conversions came from the trusty boot of Johnny Bain. The special mention has to go to Joe for being a powerhouse in the forwards and for dominating the scrums. Also to the Q.V.S team who despite being a newly-formed side never once gave up and tried right up until the final whistle.

Due to the unexpected loss of prop Dan Cowe the front row needed a new member. Christopher "CJ" Jaworski without any hesitation filled this position and soon became a valuable member and "rock" of the team without ever having a poor game.





After a hard week of training and Mr Glasgow's constant reminder to the backs of "pass and follow" rugby we were ready to take on High School of Dundee. With the wind picking up at kick-off an early lapse in concentration allowed an almost instant try for Dundee. Another Dundee try would have quickly followed if Johnny Bain had not been aware enough to cover back and make an excellent last man tackle. On the back foot Strathallan soon regrouped and began to play some proper rugby. With the forwards driving on and setting the ball up the back line could move the ball wide with some exquisite moves. This soon led to a bag of tries with Andy Hall opening the scoring from a move on the halfway line. Mr Glasgow's words had finally sunk in as after some intricate passing between the backs Declan Ferry scored in the corner. Soon after, Andy scored his second after an identical move to the first, again running in from the halfway line. More Strathallan pressure on the Dundee defence ensured that the forwards drove over the line for a well-deserved try. Deep into the second half Declan Ferry found a gap and fed the ball to Andy Hall who outpaced the defence to score his third in the corner. Declan soon earned his second try after a quick break down the touchline to score under the posts. Another quick break from Strathallan ensured another try under the posts, this time from Hendi. Again the conversions came from Johnny Bain. Special mentions for this match have to go to the flankers Aaron "special" Purvis and Charlie Black who put in a constant shift to keep the Dundee attack to a minimum.

That point in the season had arrived with the ever-anticipated derby match away against Glenalmond. After hard preparations throughout the week and with confidence high on the back of two good victories we knew it would be a close match. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be, despite a hard fought and tightly-contested affair the final score fell in their favour. A charged down kick gifted them a try and despite two late tries it was not our day in a match that could have easily gone either way.

Much to the delight of Declan who could finally move back to the wing was the arrival of our other Aussie exchange student and outside centre Angus Balmaks. However, Declan's delight was short-lived after Keith carried on tradition and was injured in the Inter House Rugby tournament resulting in Declan returning to the 13 jersey with Angus shuffling across to inside centre.

Next to try their luck on a sodden Big Acre were Fettes, a match which on the best of days is never easy. The boys stayed strong however and came out with a solid victory. Tommy Wilson who used his quick awareness to take a quick tap penalty and score his first try for Strathallan opened the scoring. With the game now moving in our favour Ryan used his strength to smash over for the second try of the game. The second half began with a defensive period for Strathallan who held out for a good twenty minutes before leaving a gap in the back line which was exploited. A wide backs move found the fast feet of Andy Hall who upon finding a gap passed to Freddie Coleman who in turn found Angus Balmaks who used his pace and strength to beat the Fettes defence and score under the posts. Freddie Coleman had a fantastic game with both his







tackling in defence and passing and running in attack standing out. Also to Ben Giles whose unbelievable work rate no doubt won us the game.

Traditionally the hardest match of the year is Merchiston, and it was that time of the season. We knew that an away game against them was going to be a tough challenge. A poor performance and the sin-binning of Andy Hall for a professional foul did little to help the matter, allowing Merchiston to take full control for the period of the binning. Andrew Lyons gets a deserved mention here for coming on as a sub having already played a match and looking solid in the back line for the final 10 minutes he was on.

With the season nearing a close Loretto took their turn to play on Big Acre. With Loretto so far being an unbeaten side a hard and physical game was on the cards. After a series of good offensive opening plays Andy Hall dived over in the corner through some great hands from Johnny Bain. With the scoreboard staying the same into the second half it soon changed after constant pressure allowed a breakaway try to Strathallan. Loretto replied with a try and 3 penalty kicks but it was not enough and Strathallan held out for the narrowest of wins. Charlie Black gets the mention for this game as he had the beating of his opposite number every time including using some unconventional technique in the scrum.

The final game of the season was at home against Hutcheson's. On the back of a well-earned victory against Loretto we wanted the season to go out with a bang. With the final score in Strathallan's favour this was to be the case. In the slippery conditions handling was difficult and it was a while before either team broke the deadlock. Eventually there was an attacking lineout to Strathallan, which drove over the line and produced the first points of the day. This was then followed by another close range try from Aaron Purvis who was keen to get into the action. In the second half another driven lineout rewarded Ryan Hood with a try that was converted by Keith Buchan. This was a tough encounter which demonstrated the resilience of the Strathallan team.

Having had an up and down but truly spirited season a few special mentions have to be made. Firstly to the medical staff that were always on hand to patch us up and keep us playing. Also to all of the parents who came to watch and give their support throughout the whole season, it was much appreciated. To Mr Brown who came to watch and support his son Mike "bolt speedman" Brown and for his sponsorship of the strips we are very grateful. Finally to Jamie Schofield who was at every game rain or shine with his reliable camera-work. Thanks.

**Andy Hall** UVI Simpson

## U15 Rugby

The U15 Rugby team had a successful season, led by Marcus Black at scrum half and George Horne at outside half. There were notable performances against Glenalmond and in the second half against Loretto, amongst others. Coming up against heavier packs and bigger backs the U15s produced some displays of real courage with Damir Kusyanov, Vova Sadovych, Sandy Cook, Marcus Black, George Horne and Craig Rintoul in particular providing consistently high-level performances and offering genuine commitment at all times. Team work was vital and Marcus Black worked hard to keep the XV together and led at all times with a fine example. Black showed that he had a great engine and was often found to be making tackles at one end of the field and then offering his support in attack at the other end. His defensive technique in the tackle in particular was superb and his service and knowledge of the game also shone. At no 10 the U15s had an outside half of quality. George Horne showed that he understands the game in the blink of an eye and his vision, commitment, sleight of hand and fleetness of foot were a joy to watch. He, too, was a team man to the last and showed that he can support those around him superbly as well as focus on his own game. Up front, the prickly pair of Sadovych and Kusyanov were a handful for any opposition, with grit, determination and self sacrifice to the fore whilst Cook understood the game as well as any player on the field and showed a huge level of improvement that stemmed from his ability always to listen and learn. At best in the centre Murdo Elwis and Craig Rintoul worked hard, Elwis showing bravery and a sparky hand-off and Rintoul genuine pace off the mark and strength on the floor.

This team should be proud of their effort and pleased with their season. If they stay together and play for each other, they can go on towards real success.

**DEB**





# Football



**W**ith the new football season fast approaching the first job was to select the training squad. The usually simple job of having trials then narrowing this down to the select few players for the 1st XI squad was once again hampered by the typical Scottish weather. With snow and ice cancelling the first few trials we eventually ventured out onto the astro to begin the selections. Between the two selectors of Mr B and Dr Cooper was the arrival of a new face. Mr 'Coach' Bussey, the new head groundsman was taking over as head coach from Mr B who was moving on to lick the 2nd XI into shape. Finally a squad of devoted and exceptional footballing talent was picked. With the unusual inclusion of a self-proclaimed water boy, Joe McColl, the season was looking good.

When the worst of the weather finally disappeared the first game was quickly upon us with the arrival of a touring school in the form of St Andrew's College from Argentina. In usual circumstances the game would have been called off for a partially frozen pitch, but with the opposition having travelled so far to play, the game commenced nevertheless. With two completely contrasting styles of football being played it was eventually the visitors who managed to skate on the ice the best to win 1-0. Still we are sure that Hendi's disallowed goal should have counted purely on the basis of his celebration.

With the season now under way the first team to try their hand on Little Acre was Glenalmond. Especially with this being such a derby match we wanted to get our season off to a winning start. The 'total football' regime soon started to pay off as we dominated possession with the ball soon falling to Declan Ferry to break the deadlock with a right footed volley that trickled through the keeper's grasp





(promptly followed by an outrageous Ferry celebration). With the passing now flowing and end-to-end football being played, the game had sparked into life. This was soon capitalised on by Ian Tourney, who after a terrific run down the left cut inside to slot home in the bottom right hand corner. However, as our confidence grew so did our mistakes and it was not long until the score was level. With a slight change of tactics the second half began much the same as the first with Strath dominating the possession. It was not long before hard-working midfielder Simon McBride won the ball deep in our half allowing Johnny Bain to link up with Bradley Rizza whose perfect through ball to Andy Hall allowed him to outpace the Glenalmond defence and restore the lead to Strath. As we now led 3-2 the game became a fierier affair with a few rough challenges being made by both teams. Unfortunately, it was Connor Coleman who succumbed to this and was shown a straight red card much to his dismay. With a man down the tables soon turned in Glenalmond's favour, and if it had not been for some fantastic goalkeeping work we would have been unable to limit them to the one more goal they scored. As the match finished 3-3 we were still upbeat despite the draw as we had played well in spells and on another day could have emerged victorious.



The next game was against Robert Gordon's who had already played more matches than us and were unbeaten so far. With the pitch changing from Little Acre to Big Acre we knew this was going to be a tough game. A reshuffle of the squad due to the absence of Connor who had been banned for a game allowed a more defensive structure to be used with the tactics of playing on the break being put in place. Still, this only partially worked as we lost 2-4. A few positive notes came from the game however, as their coach commented that we had been the toughest opposition so far, and the closest game they had played in.



The game v Gordonstoun was another close one against a very strong team with some exceptional performances from Connor Coleman, Alex Henderson, Santi in goal and Ian Tourney. Ian produced a great captain's performance in Andy's absence. Most of the possession was ours but we could not take all our chances and put the ball in the net. Ian, Declan, Bradley and Moritz ran rings round their defence with Jonny Bain and Simon giving solid performances and Jordan and Robbie solid, as usual, as full backs.

With the final game of the season being played at home on Little Acre we knew that we had to turn a frustrating season around and finish with a bang. However this was not to be the case as with the arrival of Q.V.S came a 2-2 draw. Strath once



again dominated the possession and it was not long before Tourney made one of his trademark runs down the left before cutting inside and slotting the ball under the keeper. Once again we failed to retain the lead as two mistakes led to two goals putting us on the back foot. We continued to press and squandered several easy chances until our hero of the day stepped forwards. Once again it was Declan Ferry whose rifled shot found its way past the keeper into the back of the net. The customary over-the-top celebration ensued. With the sound of the final whistle our season had come to an end. Unfortunately we had not done quite enough to qualify for the next stage of the season despite all of our hard work.

I would like to say a big thank you to Mr B. Coach and Dr Cooper for all of the hard work they put into the trails, training and the team. Also to the rest of the team whom it has been a pleasure playing alongside. To the crowd who turn up to support, no matter how bad the weather was, it was much appreciated. Good luck to the boys next year who will no doubt earn the right to wear the 'best tracksuit' in the school.

**Andy Hall** Simpson UVI





# Boys' hockey



## 1st XI Boys Hockey

This year saw the return of a large number of players from last year's 1st XI, giving us a promising squad to work with. Strong bonds between the players and with a good drive to improve the team went into the season with high expectations. We set ourselves the target of following the example set in 2009 season.

Unfortunately, our enthusiasm was temporarily dampened as our opening match against local rivals Glenalmond was cancelled due to a snow-covered pitch. However, the weather cleared in Aberdeen, allowing us to play our first full match against Robert Gordon's College on the 23rd of January. After a slow start, we began to meld as a team, converting our chances and ending up 4-2 winners at the final whistle. This win gave us confidence going into our much-anticipated first home game of the season against Fettes. With so many opportunities in the match, we were unlucky to only convert three of our chances into goals, but the match finished as another strong win 3-1.

With the season beginning to take shape, we began February with our 100% record intact travelling to Loretto, a fixture which has become increasingly competitive as years go by. A hard-fought match, we put everything into our play, and through an excellent finish by Keith Wigley and a penalty corner from Freddie Coleman, full time saw a well-deserved 3-2 win. The second home game of the season, and the last before the half term break was against Gordonstoun. An interesting match from our point of view as no matter how hard we tried and how close we came, it was

almost impossible to find the back of the net. A disappointing performance resulted in a 1-1 draw.

After resting well over the mid-season break, we returned fully refreshed, and rightly so, as our Schools Cup match against George Watson's College loomed on the horizon. Going into the match off the back of the draw to Gordonstoun, we set out to make amends for the poor result. However the ever-strong Watson's team put up a strong performance, and although we managed to put 2 goals past their keeper with strikes from Freddie Coleman and Marcus Adams, we were defeated 3-2, putting us out of the Cup.

Following the Watson's defeat, we collected our thoughts and prepared for Saturday's game against Glenalmond, but again the match was cancelled; very disappointing for all. However, this allowed extra preparation for the return fixture away at Gordonstoun, memories of the first encounter still fresh in our minds. After the dreaded 4-hour bus journey, we warmed up and began with intensity. With attack seeming to be the priority, we momentarily lost defensive concentration, and two goals from Gordonstoun was a quick wake-up call that sent alarm bells ringing. A flurry of goals followed with some excellent attacking play from all, resulting in a 6-2 win, with notable finishes from Lloyd Mercer and Murdo Elwis.

Another set back to our season came when unfortunately the Strathallians were unable to field a team for the annual match, however this allowed us to focus on what would be a very important following fixture, our full 1st XI game with

George Watson's College. Still undefeated in inter-school matches we wanted to continue our streak. Watson's again fielded a very strong side, and although unlucky throughout the match, we were eventually defeated 4-3, our first loss of the year. The final school game of the season was upon us. The return match at home to Loretto. After remembering the struggles of the original fixture, we ran out onto the pitch fully focused on the succeeding seventy minutes. A good performance to end the season followed, and happily we finished the match 3-1 winners.

Throughout the season and the winter term, a number of players were involved in district trials and competitions, with representation at Midlands District level. Also congratulations are in order both to Murdo Elwis, for representation at Scotland U16s, and to Michael McKenzie for the Scotland U18s.

Congratulations must also go to Freddie Coleman, whose captaincy this year was flawless. With top performances in every match, he proved his on-pitch skills, and his work behind the scenes in training and off the pitch is due fair mention. Of course we all know that it's not all about the players. This year we were lucky enough to be constantly under the watchful eyes of Mr. David Giles, and Ms. Louise Carroll. Without their constant support and enthusiasm for the team to improve, we would not have had such a successful season and won as many fixtures, and so thank you from the whole squad for helping us throughout the year. Also, thanks must be given to the many parents and pupils, both past and present, who made the efforts to support us, travelling to away games and turning out in force for the home fixtures.

Over all, a good season for the 1st XI, although also disappointing, as we were unable to carry our unbeaten streak on for a second season. Many of our players will be returning for the 2010 season, giving us only the sizeable shoes of Paul Wigley, Douglas Britton, and Freddie Coleman to fill. We look forward to their return for many a Strathallians' Match in the future!

**Marcus Adams**      LVI Freeland



## Results

<b>Glenalmond</b>	Cancelled! – Snow
<b>RGU</b>	4 – 2 win away 23/1
<b>Fettes</b>	3-1 win Home 30/1
<b>Loretto</b>	3-2 win away 2/2
<b>Gordonstoun</b>	1-1 draw home 9/2

### HALF TERM

<b>Watson's</b>	3-2 loss Cup game.
<b>Glenalmond</b>	Cancelled!
<b>Gordonstoun</b>	6-2 win away 6/3
<b>Strathallians</b>	Game Cancelled 7/3
<b>Watsons</b>	4-3 loss home 18/3
<b>Loretto</b>	3-1 win home

## U16 Report

The U16 team took part in the Midland KO Cup, which was the qualifying tournament for the Scottish U16 Finals.

In the semi final the Strathallan team had a convincing win over Perthshire HC, qualifying for the final with a 9 – 2 victory. The final against Dundee Wanderers HC was a much tougher match however with good team work the U16 team qualified for the National Finals after winning 4 – 0.

### National Finals

**Round Robin Competition with top 2 teams playing a Final**

Strathallan v Inverleith	1 – 0	W
Strathallan v Clydesdale	4 – 0	W
Strathallan v Kelburne	3 – 1	W
Strathallan v Aberdeen GS FP	2 – 2	D

The boys finished the round robin in 1st position then played Aberdeen GS FP in the Final

Strathallan v Aberdeen GS FP 1 – 0

Alex Murray scoring an excellent goal.

Well done to all the boys – a fantastic team performance resulting in Strathallan becoming the **Scottish U16 Champions**.





# Girls' hockey

## 1st XI

**Winners Midland KO Cup, Winners Midland U18 Indoor, Winners Midland U16 Cup, Winners Midland U15 Indoor, Winners Midland U15 Outdoor**

**Qualified for National Indoor Finals, National Schools Finals and National U16 Cup**

The 1st XI season got up and running at the Madras Tournament where we finished runners up – grass not our favourite surface! The Midland 1st XI tournament was next up and after victories against QVS, Madras and Bell Baxter we qualified for the semi final. Unfortunately losing out to Dollar. This defeat motivated the team to train hard and really work towards our goal of having a successful season. We approached all our matches with an excellent team spirit and showed real determination. We had good wins against Gordonstoun (8 - 0), Kilgraston (6 - 0), St George's (3 - 2) and Loretto (7 - 0). We were determined to learn from our defeats and this helped us to go on to experience more wins throughout the season. In December the U18 District Indoor tournament was a round robin competition where we defeated Kilgraston, High School of Dundee and Bell Baxter to lift the trophy – it was to be the first of many the Strathallan girls would win this year. At the National Indoor Finals we had four wins and one loss in the section and qualified to the semi final stage as winners of the group. Unfortunately, we lost out on that final spot by sudden death penalty strokes.

The KO cup semi final win against High School of Dundee set us up nicely for the final against Dollar. It was a great match down at Forthbank and a great run by Philippa Orr late in the game with a well timed pass to Schlotty Hartmann resulted in a goal. Strathallan 3 – Dollar 2 was the final result. This qualified the team for the National Schools Finals and with 2 wins in the section against RGC and Kelso we qualified for the semi final against Hutchesons but lost in this game 2 – 1.

In the Midland U16 KO Cup the girls played extremely well and went on to meet Madras in the final. This was an outstanding performance for the younger team – winning the match 10 – 1, Charlotte Hartmann scoring 6 of the goals in spectacular fashion. The team qualified for the National finals where they qualified for the semi final stages and were defeated by Mary Erskine.

The season finished off with the team attending the annual 7s tournaments where we thoroughly enjoyed the games .

At the end of season presentations, the following awards were made:

<b>Player of the Year</b>	Lynsey Knowles
<b>Indoor Player of the Year</b>	Charlotte Hartmann
<b>Most Improved Player of the Year</b>	Mhairi Bannerman
<b>Most Promising Junior</b>	Lucy Coleman
<b>Top Goalscorer – 71 Goals</b>	Charlotte Hartmann
<b>Half Colours Awards</b>	
Ciara Elwis, Hannah Cox, Philippa Orr, Charlotte Hartmann	
<b>Full Colours Awards</b>	
Lynsey Knowles, Kirstin Lamotte, Jenny Wood	
<b>Re Award Full Colours</b>	
Alice Farrar, Elizabeth Cachia	

The success of the girls' hockey club this year is a result of a lot of hard work by many people – players, coaches, umpires, ground staff, catering staff and last but in no way least spectators and supporters. We thank them all for their contribution.

**Author**

## 2nd XI

The 2nd XI had a very successful season with victories against RGC, QVS, George Watson's and Glenalmond. We won eight matches, drew two and lost two, a record we are extremely happy with. The Glenalmond match was a great highlight for us due to the high standard of our opponents. We had to play our best hockey from start to finish, to secure the 2-1 victory. The team improved greatly throughout the season. We were able to really compete in every match. We played skilled team hockey and enjoyed the process immensely. For this we have Miss Carroll to thank, she was always great fun and a fantastic coach. Thanks to all those involved and good luck to future 2nd XI teams.

**Elizabeth McMorris. 2nd XI Captain**

## 3rd XI

It has been a good year for the 3rd XI hockey team; with a 2–0 win over Robert Gordon's College, a 7–1 win against St George's and a 1–1 draw with Fettes College being some of our highlights. We have also lost some matches over the season, which is to be expected for any competing team. However, those losses have taught us more than the wins have. Scores aside, the team has made big improvement with their own individual skills and together as a team. Regretfully, we must say goodbye to some key members of the squad and we wish them the best of luck in their various endeavours. Our saddest farewell has to be to **our fantastic coach,**







**Proc.** With his small stash of pink balls (that seems to be dwindling mysteriously when various members of the 3rds leave) and his pink bibs, he has guided many players both on and off the pitch. With Proc as the coach the 3rds has never been dull, and although we may lose a match, he has raised our spirits with his gruff manner and humour. I know many will never forget their times playing for the 3rds whether for several seasons, or a couple of matches. Keep up the good work everyone, and enjoy yourselves.

It was good to see the 4th XI and 5th XI getting some matches and although they did not play that many, all players were committed to train and worked extremely hard throughout the season under the guidance of Mr Gardiner & Mr Batterham  
**Rachel Terrell**, Captain

### 4th Form

The U15 squad have had a successful training and competing season. The team responded well to training and demonstrated skill and talent throughout the season. We had some good games, beating Kilgraston 9-0, Glenalmond 2-1 and Loretto 5-2. The squad won the U15 district tournament. We came through the group stages and beat Morrisons 1-0 in the semi final. The final was against Dollar which ended 0-0 and so went to penalties where we won 4-0. Laura Glasgow was amazing in goal. We completed the double by winning the district indoor tournament in January and Captain Ella Coleman was presented with the indoor trophy. The squad has had a very rewarding season that reflects the effort put in by players and staff, we look forward to next season and the games to come.  
**Sophie Arnot**, Captain

	Played	Won	Drew	Lost
3rd Form A	9	7	0	2
3rd Form B	4	3	1	0

### Representative Hockey

Well done to the following girls who were selected to represent Midland District throughout the season

#### Outdoor

<b>Midland U15</b>	Laura Glasgow Lucy Coleman Emily Barnes	Christina Farrar Ella Coleman Rachel Campbell – <i>Vice Captain</i>
<b>Midland U16</b>	Charlotte Hartman Eugenia Ramos	Laura Glasgow
<b>Midland U18</b>	Elizabeth Cachia Ciara Elwis Alice Farrar Jenny Wood	Hannah Cox Philippa Orr Kirstin Lamotte Lynsey Knowles – <i>Vice Captain</i>

#### Indoor

<b>Midland U15</b>	Millie Galashan Emily Barnes Ella Coleman	Christina Farrar Lucy Coleman Rachel Campbell
<b>Midland U18</b>	Nicky Cochrane Ciara Elwis Charlotte Hartmann	Hannah Cox Philippa Orr Elizabeth Cachia – <i>Captain</i>

#### Scotland U18 Training Squad

Elizabeth Cachia, Alice Farrar, Nicki Cochrane

#### Scotland U16 Training Squad

Laura Glasgow

#### Scotland U16 Development Squad

Christina Farrar

Well done to Laura Glasgow who played in matches for Scotland U16 against England down at Lillishall Stadium in June.

Club Captain – **Alice Farrar**  
 1st XI Captain – **Elizabeth Cachia**



# Swim team



**S**trathallan swim team has had yet another outstandingly successful year. I think it is safe to say that the numerous hours of training sessions and dedicated attendance by the swim team have paid off. The team was 100% victorious this year on the inter-school competition circuit recording victories against Robert Gordon's, Fettes, Merchiston and Glenalmond.

The high standard of the swim team can be attributed to our dedicated coach, Elaine. She puts in tremendous time, effort and enthusiasm and I have found her a great coach and great fun. Thanks should also go to Miss Sime and Mr Robertson for organising the swim galas.

I am very proud to have captained the swim team during such a successful year. Throughout my time with the school, the swim team has, year on year, achieved growing success and recognition. I'm confident this success will continue with this year's Captain, Joe Lipworth and Vice Captain, Maggie Luck, who I know will motivate and lead the team to even greater achievements!

**Sarah Maclachlan, Captain 2009-2010**

## Midlands Schools Swimming Championships

The Swim team's competitive year began with the Midlands Schools Swimming Championships in October where despite being held during the school half term we managed to field a relay team in both the Girls' and Boys' events as well as eight Individual entries. The U16 Boys' team of Luca Man, Ali Wood, Callum Fletcher and Craig Rintoul produced an outstanding performance to be narrowly beaten into Silver medal position, all Boys' swam personal best times in the event. The U16 Girls' team of Maggie Luck, Olivia Woodes Rogers, Sandie Smillie and Eilidh Gibson also swam an outstanding race to win the Etta Cooper Rose Bowl with all four Girls' achieving personal best times in the course of the race.

## Tayside Schools Swimming Championships

Strathallan sent a team of 28 swimmers through to Dundee for the Tayside Schools swimming event in November. The team members ranged from Riley through to Upper 6th and returned with an incredible haul of 38 medals.

### GOLD MEDALS

**Boys" 13/14 200 IM and 100 fly** - Duncan Scott

**Girls" 13/14 100 & 200 back** - Sandie Smillie

**Boys" 17/19 200 br & 200 IM** - Joe Lipworth

**Boys" 17/19 100 br** - Oli Luck

**Boys" 17/19 100 b/c** - James Pak

**Boys" 17/19 relay** - Joe Lipworth, Oli Luck, Nick Walker and James Pak

### SILVER MEDALS

**Girls" 15/16 200 IM and 100 b/c** - Maggie Luck -

**Girls" 15/16 200 b/c** - Eilidh Gibson -

**Boys" 15/16 100 br** - Ali Wood -

**Boys" 12 & under 50 br** - Gregor Ritchie

**Boys" 17/19 100 b/c** - Nick Walker

**Girls" 15/16 relay** - Maggie Luck, Olivia Woodes Rogers, Azlyn Edens and Eilidh Gibson

**Girls" 17/19 relay** - Bronya Woodes Rogers, Laura Collins, Carla Crossan and Sarah Maclachlan

### BRONZE MEDALS

**Girls" 15/16 100 b/c** - Eilidh Gibson

**Boys" 15/16 100 br** - Craig Rintoul

**Girls" 15/16 200 free** - Jayne Thoms

**Girls" 17/19 200 free** - Bronya Woodes Rogers

**Girls" 13/14 Relay** - Sandie Smillie, Hope Whitelaw, Nina Mearns and Hannah Adams

**Boys" 13/14 Relay** - Duncan Scott, Cameron Hirst, Charlie Mearns and Jordan Curtis

Congratulations also go to Luca Man 4th in 15/16 100 free, Angus Gibson 5th in U12 50 free and 50 br, Strathallan had 3 out of 6 finalists in the 15/16 Boys' 100 free with Ali Wood, Luca Man and Craig Rintoul and Derek Hui, Oli Luck and Nick Walker were all finalists in the senior Boys' 100 free.

## Scottish Schools Swimming Finals

Following all the regional heats the 20 fastest qualifiers from all the regions compete at Tollcross in Glasgow. Strathallan had 7 swimmers who qualified to compete and did an excellent job representing the school at National level. Joe Lipworth finished 4th in the Boys' 200 IM and gained a Bronze in the 200 br. Other swimmers included Sandie Smillie, Maggie Luck, Eilidh Gibson, James Pak, Nick Walker and Duncan Scott.

## Scottish Nationals Age-Group Championships 2010

Four Strathallan swimmers took part in the Scottish National Age-Group Swimming Championships at Tollcross, Glasgow from the 8th - 11th April. Joe Lipworth swimming in the 16-18 yr age-group showed a return to form in most of his events with personal best swims in his 100 free, 200 butterfly, 400 IM and 100 back. Joe finished 4th in the 100 back, 5th in the 100 butterfly and 400 IM. Eilidh Gibson qualifying for the first time had two solid swims in the 100 and 200 backstroke. Sandie Smillie committed herself to a demanding programme in the 13yr old age-group and produced a number of outstanding swims and excellent personal best times. Her swim in the 1500 free was her highest placed finish of 5th place. Duncan Scott had an outstanding weekend winning 11 medals in total. In the 10-12 age-group he was Open Champion in the 200 IM, Open Silver in the 200 butterfly and 400 IM, Open Bronze in the 800 freestyle, 100 butterfly and 200 freestyle. He was also crowned Scottish Age-Group Champion in 100 & 200 butterfly and 200 IM.





## Riley Swimming

Riley swim team were invited to a 4-way match at Kilgraston where Craigclowan and Belhaven schools also competed. The Girls' all did a tremendous job and the Under-11 Girls' won the trophy for the best team in their age-group. The U13 Girls' were runners up to Craigclowan. The teams were:

U11 Girls'	U13 Girls'
Amber Garvie	Nina Mearns
Lauren Dundee	Nicola Bell
Imogen Robertson-Barnett	Delphine Mahos
Caitlin Donald	Megan Inch

## Inter-House Competitions - Swimming Standards 2009 - 2010

1st Nicol	370
2nd Woodlands	350
3rd Ruthven	330
4th Freeland	310
5th Thornbank	299
6th Glenbrae	290
7th Simpson	229

## Inter-House Swimming Gala

This year's inter-House gala was a close fought contest with many exciting and closely contested races. There were 9 new records set this year but there was a noticeable difference in the overall standard of the competition.

Girls' Championship	Boys' Championship
1st Woodlands 53	1st Nicol 76
2nd Glenbrae 46	2nd Ruthven 52
3rd Thornbank 27	3rd Simpson 41
	4th Freeland 19

The Riley sprint event was won this year by Duncan Scott and Nina Mearns.

Strathallan has once again 'raised the bar' both at district and national level. Particular congratulations should go to Duncan Scott, Joe Lipworth and Sandie Smillie who all won medals and improved personal best times continually throughout the year.

Strathallan have continued to develop links with swimming clubs throughout Scotland and now have swimmers who swim at National Level for Dundee City Aquatics, Perth Swimming Club, Kinross Otters and F.I.R.S.T (Falkirk).

Many thanks to Sarah MacLachlan who did a great job in captaining the swim team this year and without whom my job would have been much more difficult.

Elaine Johnston, Swim Team Coach

## SPORTS REPORTS

# Canoe club

This year saw the formation of the new Strathallan Canoe Club under the instruction of Jane and Gary Gibson. A small group of Riley pupils attended sessions in the pool and it was amazing to see how much they improved over a short period of time. The enthusiasm and knowledge of Jane and Gary was to be key in the success of the newly formed canoe team.

Eilidh and Angus Gibson took part in the Great Britain Canoe Championships in June where both performed extremely well.

### Angus

British Junior 12 Canadian Singles Champion  
British Junior 16 Canadian Doubles Champion (with partner Aiden Waters)  
Division 4 Canadian Doubles Winner with another partner (Matt Mace)

### Eilidh

4th in British Junior 15 Ladies Kayak – against very stiff competition  
1st in Division 2 Ladies in both Saturday and Sunday events. She has now won 3 consecutive Div 2 events so is promoted to Division 1.  
Won the trophy for the Best Lady on the final day

## Scottish Schools Canoe Championships, Alva

With both Eilidh and Angus being the experienced members of the team we went into the Scottish Schools competition with growing confidence. It was the first time that we had entered the competition and it was quite amazing to see pupils doing so well when some only started paddling this year. The points from all individual entries were added together and Strathallan came out as the top school. Well done to all the competitors.

Strathallan	130 points
Breadalbane Primary	96 points
Head of Muir Primary	81 points

### Individual Winners

#### Girls

Eilidh Gibson	1st Junior 15 Kayak
	1st Junior 18 Canadian Singles
	2nd Div 3 Canadian Singles
Megan Inch	1st Div 4 Kayak
	Promoted to Div 3
Nina Mearns	2nd Div 4 Kayak
	Promoted to Div 3
Eliza Younger	3rd Div 4 Kayak
	Promoted to Div 3

#### Boys

Angus Gibson	1st Junior 14 Kayak
	1st Junior 15 Canadian Singles
	1st J12 & J15 Canadian Doubles
	2nd Junior 18 Canadian Doubles
	3rd Div 3 Kayak

Hermes Manos	1st Junior 16 Kayak
	Promoted to Div 3
Alex Robertson	1st Junior 14 Kayak
	Promoted to Div 3
	4th Div 4 Canadian Singles
Fraser Glasgow	2nd Div 4 Canadian Singles
	Promoted to Div 3
	1st Div 3 Canadian Singles
Oscar Mansfield	1st Div 4 Kayak
	Promoted to Div 3
Crawford Niven	3rd Div 4 Kayak
	Promoted to Div 3

What a first year for the Canoe Team. I would like to say on behalf of the paddlers a massive thank you to Jane and Gary for their commitment throughout the year. We would not have reached the level we are at without their guidance. Also thanks to the many other parents who have supported us, transported us, cooked for us and helped with the organisation at all the events. Many thanks to everyone.

Well done to the paddlers who have all worked extremely hard throughout the year.

Audrey Sime  
Director of Sport





# Cross-country and athletics



As this is a sport which can take place whatever the weather, seasonal variations provide vivid memories of the year. In the Easter term, we enjoyed the deep snow at the beginning of term, and the local running was transformed and perhaps even improved as we followed narrow runnable trenches through the drifts; we were less impressed when the snow warmed to the consistency of slush puppy and thin snowy crust covered vast lakes of icy water on the pitches. In such conditions, the faster you run, the more likely you are to be able to feel your toes.

The pupils' dedication to the cause paid off, however, with our typically breezy visit to Irvine for the Scottish Schools' Championships: the Senior Girls (Jenny Wood, Ilona McLaren, Bronya Woodes Rogers and Philippa Orr) ran strongly to a second place, beaten by only one point. Eager to match them, the Senior Boys (Chris Rennison, Ben Giles, Jamie Addison Scott and Jamie Parker) then ran very well to gain a second silver medal, also by one point. If there were any doubts about the importance of a single place in a cross country race, they were dispelled that Saturday. Among the other teams, the Intermediate Boys and Junior Girls narrowly missed team medals, finishing 4th and 5th respectively, and Olwyn Jenkins put in a promising performance to finish in 15th place in her race.

To avoid the uncertainties of the Summer weather, our larger home Athletics fixtures were held at the Pitreavie track in Dunfermline. Running on an artificial track competitively was well received by the pupils, and with some tweaking in the future these fixtures will provide more realistic athletics to a larger number of pupils. We beat Glenalmond, coming second to Fettes, and came second to Merchiston. Other fixtures saw us runners up to Edinburgh Academy, again beating Glenalmond, and sharing the spoils in a mixed age group match against QVS. The junior girls beat Kilgraston.

At Scottish Schools, the Senior Girls relay team (Philippa Orr, Kirstin Lamotte, Alice Farrar and Patricia Moyo) won gold medals. Ciara Elwis won a silver medal in the pole vault, and Ben Giles a bronze medal in the 2000m steeplechase. Full colours for Athletics were awarded to Kirstin Lamotte, Philippa Orr and Alice Farrar, half colours to Patricia Moyo, Andy Hall and Ben Giles.

Athletics Standards honours went to Nicol. On Sports Day, Woodlands won the girls' event, while Simpson won the boys' in a competition which was only decided by the final relays.

As always, to all those who have helped with Athletics this year, from the beginnings of "Body Conditioning" in September and hill sprints in the dark, through the long May evenings shivering timing standards, to ferrying pupils to Pitreavie and driving the minibus to (and running!) the Milnathort Dash at the end of June: we are all extremely grateful.

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# Basketball



**T**he Strathallan 1st V enjoyed a very successful season on the basketball court. After a convincing win over Webster's High School 50-30 in the Scottish Cup the team produced an impressive performance to go down narrowly to the highly regarded Queen Anne High School in the second round.

In the inter-school matches wins were recorded against Merchiston and Glenalmond and a draw and close losses to Fettes highlighted the rivalry between the two teams. A visit by St Andrew's from Argentina at the end of January was a highlight and resulted in a 42-18 win to Strathallan.

The season produced many good individual performances with Amar Hodzic and Enoch Mak standing out. Amar supplemented his time with us by playing for the Perth Phoenix under-18 team. He provided strength under the basket and displayed a capacity to score the points we needed when the team was under pressure. Enoch matured as a player this season and provided solid leadership to the team. Oli Luck, Abbey Kemp, Dan Dong, Anthony Chu, Surakat Kudehinbu and Joshua Cheung all moved on at the end of year after a number of seasons of loyal commitment to the team. I would like to finish by acknowledging the valuable assistance of Ivanina Trifonova in coaching the team this season.

**Brian Heaney**

# Karate



**K**arate has started off very well this year, with new faces arriving ready to start their long journey and hopefully have fun while still being disciplined and hard working enough to achieve their ultimate goal, and there are the old faces returning continuing on to surpass the first hurdle of reaching black belt which for some now is getting so close.

The end of the year saw 3 people claim recognition for their achievements by passing their gradings in front of Kenny Taylor at Kilgraston School, Rosalind Coutts achieved her brown and white and so now is starting the next stage of her training to achieve her black belt in, we hope, the not-too-distant future. Molly Mener (who achieved her Yellow belt) and Lisa Davidson (who reached the level below achieving her Orange belt) both started at the beginning of last year and have made fantastic progress in such a short space of time and will hopefully keep on improving on such a steep learning curve.

Everyone who had come along on a Tuesday at 6 o'clock has hopefully enjoyed themselves and taken something out of the experience of a traditional martial art that is both practical as well as being good fun. I would like to say a huge thank you to our Coach Mike Clifford and to everyone who came along and made it so worthwhile.



# Equestrianism



John Britter Photography

“**S**trathallan Equestrian” has continued to go from strength to strength this year and I am constantly impressed by the high standard a number of our pupils regularly compete at. Several riders have qualified for National Championships and competed at top shows such as Badminton, Blair Castle Horse Trials and the Horse of the Year Show. Strathallan has just become a member of the National Schools Equestrian Association so there will be more school events to look forward to in the future.

## KSSEC 2010

In May the Senior and Intermediate teams took part in the annual Kilgraston Scottish Schools Equestrian Championships at Gleneagles which involves both dressage and showjumping. Strathallan has achieved great success at these championships in recent times so both teams were under pressure to perform well. They did not disappoint: the Intermediate team won all 3 team events, and the Senior team won the team showjumping, and came second in the other team events.

## Intermediate Team

Jenny Summersgill (Captain)

Emma Cheape

Rosie Williams

Sarah Cheape

This was the biggest class of the day with 14 other teams to contend with. All our riders gave excellent performances in both dressage and showjumping. Rosie and Emma came 2nd individually in their respective arenas, just missing out on the prizes. All four girls rode fast double clear rounds in

the showjumping, with Jenny getting the fastest time. When the scores were added up we were delighted to hear that Strathallan had won the team dressage by two points, and the team showjumping by two seconds! This meant they had won the trophy for overall champions – this is the first time Strathallan has won the Intermediate trophy since the competition started in 1996.

## Senior Team

Heather Larson (Captain)

Corrie Stewart

Flora Hay

Olivia Woodes Rogers

The Senior competition was very close with Kilgraston beating us by just two points in the team dressage. However, they weren't able to repeat that in the showjumping as Strathallan was the only team to finish with clear rounds, so we were delighted to win the team showjumping. The dressage score led to the overall result of second which is a great achievement. Heather gave a superb overall performance, coming second individually, and she was supported very well by Olivia, Flora and Corrie.

## Inter-Club Team Showjumping

In December Strathallan entered this event for the first time, putting forward an Intermediate team (Corrie Stewart, Flora Hay, Emily MacLachlan and Olivia Woodes Rogers). They performed well with Flora and Corrie getting fast double clears- Corrie had the fastest time of the whole competition. The team finished in sixth place, which was a creditable result and one which we will look to build on in the future.





## Scottish Schools Equestrian Extravaganza

(at Ingliston, Bishopton)

Unfortunately, Phoebe Arnot was injured just before this event so Connie Snowie was our only representative at this inaugural competition run by Craigholme School. Connie performed really well in her showjumping class, getting into the jump- off and just missing out on a rosette due to rolling a pole. It was great to see the Strathallan colours being worn at this new competition, so well done, Connie!

## Our top riders are:

### Heather Larson (Captain of riding)

Scottish team member for Working Hunter Pony. Won the Gold medal at the International Championships in Ireland, First in WHP at Blair Castle and qualified for HOYS 2010. British Eventing : several top placings and won JRN at Burgie. by ten points.

### Rosie Williams

Scottish Dressage team member. Won the Open area Pony Club Dressage competition, and was eighth in the Great Britain U25 Championships. Invited to the GB team trials. Eventing: qualified for BE90 final at Badminton.

### Callum Fletcher

Captained the Scottish Open Tetrathlon team which came second at the National Championships. He came seventh individually at the UK National Tetrathlon Championships.

### Olivia Woodes Rogers

Qualified for UK National Tetrathlon Championships-her Team was third and she was in the top 20 individually.

### Jenny Summersgill

Came first and second in the British Showjumping Association's Scottish National 1m league. Qualified for the British Festival of Showjumping.

### Corrie Stewart

Qualified for BSPS summer Championships, Premier League and PCUK Working Hunter Pony Championships.

### Emma Cheape

In the Pony Club area competition she was second individually and in the winning team, qualifying for the Nationals.

### Sarah Cheape

Qualified for the Pony Club Games National Championships and was selected to trial for the Scottish Games team. She was second individual at the PC Intermediate area Championships and qualified for the Nationals in Derby.

### Hanna Cheape

Selected to trial for the Scottish games team and qualified for the National PC Games championships. She was in the winning team in the Novice PC area eventing competition and qualified for the Nationals.

### Annabel Wilson

Her PC Games team was second at the Highland Show and qualified for the National Games Championships in which her team came second. The team also won at Perth, Angus and Doune & Dunblane Shows. In eventing, her team came second at the area championships which meant they qualified for the Nationals.

### Gareth Watt

Won a dressage trophy in a ODE and has been selected for the British Young Riders Dressage (Scotland) C squad.

### Lisa Garrett

Won "Reserve Champion" in the pony class at Perth Show.

### JAS





# Golf



**G**olf continues to thrive at Strathallan, with several new faces playing their way into our team. Notable additions to the golf squad this year include Ewan Ramsay, Ewan Pirrie, Charlie Beamish, Tom Wilson, Alex Henderson and Keith Buchan.

Our most experienced player and captain, Annabel Niven, won the individual girls competition at the Perth and Kinross schools' championships. She continued to acquit herself commendably in team matches this year when exams allowed. All of the golfing staff at Strathallan wish her well and look forward to hearing of her success in the future.

Michael McKenzie has played some splendid golf this year, including a gross 69 around Auchterarder, a round containing only one dropped shot to par. He won a succession of individual ties in school matches and the Pitlochry Cup competition.

Charlie Beamish won the handicap competition at the Perth and Kinross schools' championship. He has been a consistent golfer in school matches this year and has a real opportunity to develop his already impressive game in the year ahead and bring his handicap down.

Ewan Ramsay and Alex Henderson are huge hitters of the golf ball and need only to improve their accuracy from tee to green to see real improvement. Ewan was the worthy winner of the school championship match at Auchterarder in June. Together with James Wordie, Ewan Pirrie, Tom Wilson, and Keith Buchan they formed the nucleus of our team this year. They gave their best but found the level of competition challenging. Despite losing the majority of local matches we played this year, I hope that they will come back next year stronger and wiser.

I am very pleased to report that, over all, James Wordie had a much better season than last. In competition, he was averaging around twenty shots fewer than last year, and was starting to find real consistency with his driving. He is the deserved winner of the most improved golfer trophy this year.

During the exam season we used a number of other Strathallan golfers who contributed in their respective ways and allowed us to complete all of our fixtures. Our thanks go to Hannah Kleinhans, Stuart Gray, Bryn Rees and Josh Martin.

I am indebted to Mr Kitson who leaves the golf team after 23 years. Countless Strathallan golfers, from the complete novice to experienced players, have benefited from his coaching skills at the 'Golf Academy'. His boundless enthusiasm for the game of golf and his devotion to the development of junior golfers in Perthshire will be sorely missed next season.

Fortunately we were joined by Mr Cowper this year, who has already contributed significantly to the golf experience at Strathallan and allowed us to play all of our Edinburgh schools fixtures. I would also like to thank Mr Bussey and his team of grounds staff for their efforts in maintaining and developing the school course this year. Numerous Riley golfers and casual players from the senior school have thoroughly enjoyed some golf during the fine weather of the summer term. The course is a real asset to the school and helps to develop the skills of future generations of Strathallan golf team members.

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# Cycling

**T**he cycling group 2009/2010 was the always-expected bunch of willing, adventurous and, occasionally, actually scary users and admirers of a method of getting around the roads and tracks of the land that surrounds us that has so many things to recommend it that I needn't even begin to address them where intelligent readers are concerned.

We began in a traditional style; doing a few local and rather gorgeous up-and-down routes within reach of the gates of the school. Things went well in spite of the weather. We admired the flex of each other's (mainly) full sus, weight sensitive, laugh-at-gradients machines and we went up, and then down again. Generally speaking, Findlay (Spindlay) went on ahead and waited for us, yes even for Wood, trying to lose some extra energy in the meantime by, well, just riding around in circles. Findlay is quite good. Findlay does races. Findlay will do more races.

And then, one day, Jason decided to come and join us on the road and on the hills. Jason rode a bike that he had rescued from a skip and mainly re-built (with the help of Mr MacBain, apparently). The bike was a single-speed. That's, er yes, a single-speed. At a very early stage of our first trip out Jason announced quite apologetically, "Erm, sir, I cannot go this slowly," and set off ahead at once. When the whole kit and caboodle came apart at the top of Culteuchar Hill Jason picked it up and ran. Ran, in fact, about as fast as I can manage to go downwards whilst on a bike.

Mechanic MacBain came out with us a couple of times and should come out more. Housemistress MacBain is just running scared, quite frankly. Hope to see you all soon.

EGK

# Table tennis

**D**uring season 2009 -2010, September to May, the Table Tennis Club met in the gymnasium twice weekly, Mondays 5:00 - 6:15 and Thursdays 4:10 - 5:40 pm. In addition there were ad hoc practices at other times, including weekends, supervised by the resident coach.

Our competitive commitments included the Perth & Kinross Junior League on Tuesday evenings at Bells Sports Centre, the Perth & Kinross Senior League, National Assessments, National Championships and Open Tournaments as well as our own School Assessments - four in all.

There was plenty on offer at all levels.

## Some notable achievements.

**Jean Behets** (Freeland House) beat the Scottish Junior Girl Number One in an Edinburgh open tournament. He also had some outstanding wins in the top division of the Perth & Kinross Senior (adult) League.

In the Cadet (under13) category of one of the two Scottish National Assessments **Josh Henderson** (Riley) and **Matthew Patterson** (Riley) finished 3rd and 4th respectively out of some 30 competitors.

In the National Championships at the Holyrood Sports Centre, Glasgow, again in the under 13 category, **Matthew Patterson** reached the semi-final (beaten by the eventual winner) and **Josh Henderson** reached the quarters.

## Junior League.

Strathallan's four teams were once again very successful in the Perth & Kinross Junior League, emulating almost to perfection the outstanding achievements of the previous season (2008-09).

The 1sts, coming through some tough matches, finished as Premier Division Champions and remained undefeated throughout the campaign with Jean Behets (capt.) taking the division's top player award (100% record)!

The 2nds (captain, Oscar Mansfield) finished middle of this Premier Division.

The 3rds, capably captained by Tieng Chwei Peng (Thornbank) just won the First Division on equal points with the runner-up team but managed a superior games for/against ratio. John Dew, being beaten only once, just missed out on the top player award for this division.

The Riley team (captain, Charlie Leslie) were convincing champions of the Second Division. Jeffrey Lau (Riley) took the top player award for this division.

In the end of season Perth & Kinross Junior League Individual Competition the School had a number of successes, the most notable of which was that of Pablo Garcia (Nicol), winner of the prestigious Top Half Premier Division section!

The School had entries in both the Scottish Primary Schools and Secondary Schools Championships, held at Bells Sports Centre, with some good performances.

In the Senior League our team finished middle of the top division of the Perth & Kinross Senior League and also won the top division's Handicap Cup thanks to Jean Behets, Pablo Garcia and Josh Henderson.

Jean Behets became School Assessments Champion out of 37 competitors with Matthew Patterson finishing runner-up for the second successive season.

It's worthy of note that the standard of play achieved by all the Strathallan competitors was such that twelve of them won trophies, many collecting multiple awards. In addition there were many individual outstanding match performances at all levels, far too numerous to mention here.

Notwithstanding these excellent achievements, it's good to remember that the Table Tennis Club is not just about winning trophies but about having fun and engaging in healthy activity in a competitive environment. Players of all standards were made very welcome but, at times, because of popularity, had to wait their turn for a table vacancy.

Alan Kitson



# Ski season



In contrast with the previous one, this ski season has been action-packed and rewarding as the Scottish and Alpine mountains were snow-capped throughout the majority of the winter.

The Autumn term saw our teams race in the Scottish Schools Dry Slopes Championships where our boys (Alasdair Wood, Scott Garvie and Rory Wood) and Girls (Hope Whitelaw, Lucy Garvie and Séverine Thompson) represented Strathallan with dignity. The girls placed 5th and gained a selection for the British Dry Slopes Championships.

On snow, the Minors Teams (Under 14) gained enough experience during the weekly ski outings and were able to perform with confidence at the Schools Minors Championships at the Lecht in February. Thus our Girls (Amber Garvie, Megan Inch, Aurélie Thompson and Robyn Somerville) and Boys (Rory Wood, Angus Gibson, Rob Muir and Nick Drummond-Hay) produced promising results.

Our Under-18 racers gathered *en force* in March and represented Strathallan in great style in the Scottish Schools Seniors Championships at the Lecht. Our Boys Team (Scott Garvie, himself still under 14, Alasdair Wood, Michael McKenzie and Christian Kolb) finished 4th Team out of 17. Rising star Hope Whitelaw was the Silver Medal winner in the Girls' race, and with the solid respective performance of team mates Lucy Garvie, Séverine Thompson and Kate Cockburn, the Strathallan Girls came home with Bronze team medals.

Beyond the school racing scene, our top racers excelled in Scotland and abroad:

In her first year of racing as *Children 1* (children aged 11 to 13) Amber Garvie finished 3rd in the Slalom in the John Clark East of Scotland Championships at Glenshee.

Scott Garvie, in his first year of racing in the category above (Children II), finished 2nd in the Giant Slalom at the North East Children Championships at the Lecht. He also came 3rd in the Slalom at the Scottish Children Championships at Cairngorm and 3rd in the Giant Slalom at the John Clark Championships. In March Scott represented Scotland at the World Schools Championships held in Folgaria, Italy, and gained much valuable experience whilst racing against the best youngster of the four corners of the world.

Lastly, Hope Whitelaw, who raced in the Children II category, has had an outstanding season, maintaining strength and stamina throughout the darker months. She won the Giant Slalom at the John Clark East of Scotland Championships and came 2nd the Slalom. She excelled at the Cairngorm Championships where she won both the Giant Slalom and the Slalom. She came 3rd in the Giant Slalom and 2nd in the Slalom at the Interschools Races in Les Houches, France. At the North East Championships at the Lecht Hope came 2nd in both the Giant Slalom and the Slalom. Again, she won Bronze medals in both the Giant Slalom and Slalom at the Scottish Championships at Cairngorm. At the Scottish Championships held in Courchevel, France she came second in her second Slalom run, thus taking home no fewer than a total of 3 Gold, 8 Silver and 1 Bronze Medals over the entire season. It is no surprise that Hope was selected for the Scottish Team and took part in the World Schools Championships for the second time in her brief career.

Our more experienced racers have truly inspired their team mates and this leaves us looking forward to another season of fine snow and prowess.

**Fabienne Thompson**

# Netball

The year began with experienced players as new joint captains. Sophie Beamish and Vicky McLellan took on the task of leading the 1st netball team in the many successes achieved throughout the season.



We continued to play weekly games in the Perth Ladies' league which helped to build our skills and improve our team spirit. We always found the matches at Bell's Sports Centre a real challenge as our opposition played to a high standard. We still managed to commit our time every Wednesday, however, and ended up taking 12th place in the league.

Our main triumph this season was winning the Independent Schools trophy. We made the long journey up to Gordonstoun and thanks to a comfy overnight stay in a hotel were fresh and ready to regain the title. We played a brilliant final against Kilgraston which we won very convincingly, even if I say so.

All in all this season we tried to step up our game with increasing our fitness sessions and even had a session of taking part in a bleep test to measure our level of fitness (or otherwise). Although most protested we all pulled through and as a result our team became closer.

Not only have we had team success but many individuals have achieved success at District level. In the Perth and Kinross Under 17 age group Emily McLachlan, Sophie Fraser, Lucy Garvie, Anna McNeil, Lynne Howie, Tasha Jaworski and Chloe Grossi played many matches representing their district at both the A and B team level. Lucy Coleman and Christy Knowles both managed to gain a place in the Under 15 district team.

The Perth and Kinross A team for the U17s was, for the first time, entered into the Scottish League Cup this year. Chloe Grossi and Lynne Howie were able to be part of the team which managed to get into the final against the successful Glaswegian side of East Kilbride. After a nail-biting final Perth and Kinross won 27-22 and were named Scottish Champions.

It has been an amazing year and we were sad to say goodbye to Sophie, Vicky, Laura and Tasha, who had accumulated 10 years total experience between them. As this year's captain, along with my vice, Lynne, I hope that we can not only strive to meet last year's goals and better them but also have fun along the way.

**Audrey Ingram-Forde**



# Clay pigeon

## ALL CHANGE!

I am going to break with tradition and only briefly run through the results of last year. This will allow me to tell you about the development of the new Range and the Shooting Academy.

We returned in September and were faced with the rush towards the Scottish Championships at Cluny Clays. The Ladies' team won the Scottish competition, but finished second to the visitors from Millfield.

The Nationals at E.G. Churchills SG was the next major event and the A and B team finished 6th, the C team 5th and the Ladies' team 6th.

The School vs Old boys shoot was won by the Strathallians and Glenbrae won the Girls' inter-House and Freeland won the Boys'.

## Enough of the facts!

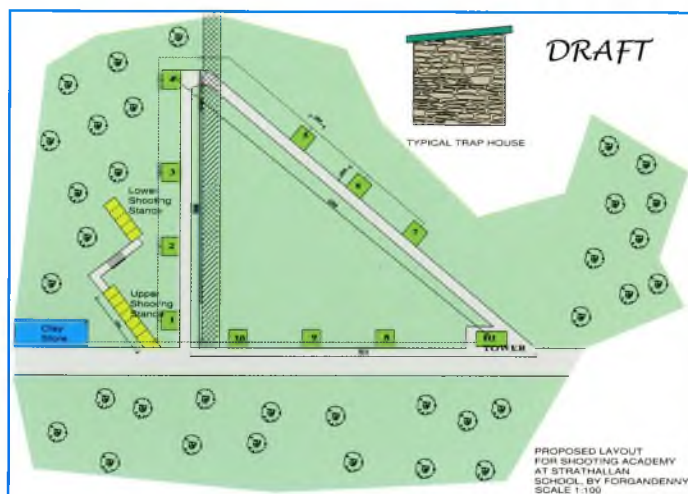
Over three years ago I first thought of the idea of a Clay Shooting Academy. The idea was to allow the best shots at the school to get the best coaching possible and allow them to "excel" in their area of skill. This would allow the individual to aim for National honours, following in the footsteps of four other Strathallians in the last ten years. I approached the Headmaster and Bursar and, in principle, they liked the idea; Marketing were very excited. Like the Chilean Miners' hope of rescue, the idea remained a pipe dream.

One evening at the OS fund-raising dinner I bumped into Bill Watson and, over a dram, told him of my idea. He had broached the subject of Clay Shooting saying that his son (who shot for the club) was frustrated that he didn't get many shots on a Wednesday afternoon as there were so many pupils taking part. I explained that we were victims of our own success and that we did what we could with the facilities we had. Bill was excited about the Academy idea and said he would help if he could.

About eight months after this the local farmer opened up an old bridle path which was behind our skeet range and this meant that we were restricted from shooting skeet and were in danger of losing the entire range. The Police's advice, quite rightly, imposed stringent safety guidelines and this curtailed our ability to shoot even more. I went back to the Headmaster and the Bursar and explained the situation and said that we needed to move the range if the club was to keep operating. At this point another parent, Mr. McBride, also offered help and we set to work planning what would be a purpose-built, compact sporting layout. We sought advice from Iain McGregor (Olympic and Commonwealth Coach) and others as to what we could do and looked at various sites within the school and elsewhere.

After much debate, we settled on the site on East Drive, just past New Field. The site was not in use for anything else and would allow the development of a Compact Sporting Layout, with radio-controlled release and traps joined by a walkway to allow a greater variation of target presentation. At this point we formed a steering group to plan the facility and raise money for its development. This group consisted of Mr Anthony Glasgow (Bursar), Mr Bill Watson (Works Management and Plant), Mr Bertie De Cecco (aka The Godfather) i/c Finance and me (waterboy). Mr Garvie from One Call supplied much needed support and expertise as well as staff and equipment.

Plans (see below) were drawn up, discussed, changed, changed again and then finally agreed. Throughout this process the need for safety was paramount and it was this that need that required the prolonged planning stage. As the good weather of summer approached, Mr Watson's men arrived and began clearing the ground and I pegged out the plan again.



The groundwork and construction carried on over the summer, was finished by the start of the September term and we launched the Range in week two of the term and the Academy in week three.

The Academy will run on the basis of senior pupils' using blocks of study periods to be coached by senior coaches on a 1 to 2 basis thus increasing their experience and skill levels. This will include the necessary safety course, development of strength and conditioning and sports psychology. The pupils will not be charged for membership of the Academy and individuals will be asked to join if they show the appropriate level of skill. Signing up to the Academy scheme requires specific commitment on their part; membership is very much a privilege for those invited to join.

Juniors with the appropriate skills will get coaching through the club and, once in VI Form, may be invited to join the Academy.

Strathallan can now boast the development of the most up-to-date Clay Shooting facility within the Scottish sector, if not in Britain. We aim to develop young people in the skills of Clay Shooting and take them onto the next level of representative honours. We stand by our desire to allow pupils the opportunity to excel in as many areas as possible.

There will be a formal opening of the range during the Easter term and I look forward to welcoming as many sponsors as possible to that event, details to follow.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the sponsors who gave time and money to aid this state-of-the-art development, but especially Mr Bill Watson, Mr Bertie De Cecco and Mr Anthony Glasgow for all their hard work and the Chairman of the Governors, the Headmaster and Miss Sime for their continued support.

All that remains for me now is to say **'PULL!!'**

PMV



# Girls' tennis



### Senior Results

	1st VI		2nd VI		3rd VI	
Fettes	5 – 4	W	5 – 4	W	6 – 3	W
Kilgraston	8 – 1	W	9 – 0	W	6 – 3	W
Gordonstoun	7 ½ – 1 ½	W	9 – 0	W	-----	
Loretto	8 – 1	W	9 – 0	W	6 – 3	W
St George's	6 – 3	W	-----		-----	
Glenalmond	-----		7 – 2	W	7 – 2	W
Morrison's	-----		5 – 4	W	-----	

The tennis season got underway with a great result for Strathallan against Fettes College. The 3 senior teams along with the 1st and 2nd VI from 4th Form all won their opening matches. The 3rd Form opened their season against Kilgraston and it was another convincing start – 3A VI winning 6–3 and 3B VI winning 9–0. This form was to continue throughout the season for the senior teams as they went on to win every school match that was played. Quite an impressive record.

The 4th Form 1st VI also recorded good wins against Kilgraston (6–3) and Morrison's (5–4) and the 4th Form 3rd VI were delighted to record a win against Glenalmond (6–3). The 3rd Form 1st VI were undefeated against Kilgraston (6–3), Loretto (6–3), St Georges (7–2) and Fettes (7–2) whilst the 3rd Form 2nd and 3rd VI also recorded strong wins throughout the season.

At the Morrisons U13 tournament Eliza Younger and Nina Mearns finished in 3rd place in one group after winning 14 games whilst Phoebe Arnot and Caitlin Beveridge picked up silver medals in the other group after winning 16 games.

### British Aberdare Schools Cup

The 1st IV (Anastasiya Veretennikova, Lea Gill, Sophie Beamish and Sara Chalmers) played Glenalmond in the early rounds of this cup and after winning the singles 4–0 there was no need to play the doubles. They then progressed onto the ¼ finals against George Watsons College. Anastasiya and Lea won their singles matches whilst the doubles pairing of Anastasiya and Sophie won their doubles. The match was tied at 3–3 and we went into a doubles tie break which we went down 5–10. This was a great match and we were all pleased with our performances.

### Scottish Schools Cup

**1st Round v Bell Baxter** 3 – 3 Sara Chalmers and Anastasiya Veretennikova won their tie break singles to clinch the match

**¼ Final v Glenalmond** 4 – 0 After the singles

We had now qualified for the Finals Day for the first time ever.

**Semi Final v Nairn Academy** 2 – 4 L  
**3rd/4th Play off v Mary Erskine School** 3 – 3 Lost in the tie Break

With the season going so well all the girls were very excited about the Kilgraston Tournament. In the U12 Group Amber Garvie and Lucy Orr were runners up in their section and qualified for the quarter finals. Isla Gordon and Caitlin Donald went on to win the Silver medals for the U12s which was a fantastic achievement and in the U14 group Anni Arthur and Christina Farrar reached the semi final stage. In the senior section we managed to get 2 couples to the semi final stage – both Chloe Grossi and Sophie Howell and Lea Gill and Sophie Beamish put up a tough fight but, unfortunately, were eliminated in the semis.

It was in the U16 group that Strathallan were on top of their game. Eugenia Ramos and Anastasiya Veretennikova qualified as winners of the group and defeated St Margaret's (6–0) in the semi final. In the final against Glenalmond they were just too strong and went on to win the match (6–2). Well done Euge and Anastasiya on this fantastic achievement.

Congratulations to Lea Gill who was awarded her half colours and to Sophie Beamish who has been a dedicated member of the team for quite a few years and received her full colours as recognition.

Many thanks to Tommy for all his coaching throughout the year and he really deserves a lot of the credit for such an amazing tennis season. Thanks also to all the coaches for all their help and enthusiasm, to the parents for all their support and also the catering staff for providing us with the match teas.

**Hannah Mather**  
Captain



# Boys' tennis and Tennis Academy

**T**ennis at Strathallan continues to flourish and develop. In the third year of operating a Tennis Academy we have recorded our best year of achievements.

For the third successive year we qualified for the British Senior Schools Finals in Bolton in the Mixed Doubles Competition. Both the Boys' and Girls' Team qualified for Finals Day in the Scottish School Competition and both teams finished 4th on the day. This is the first year either team had made it to finals day – well done. In the Glanvil Cup Competition we made it to the finals of the Scottish draw of the competition with Merchiston making it to the finals in England.

Once again we started the year off entering various players into the Perth & District Singles Tournament. Christian Kolb was runner-up in the U18 section while Mark McGuire was a semi-finalist in his first year as an U14.

The first two terms of the year are taken up with various National competitions. These included the Scottish Schools Senior Boys' National Competition and the Senior Mixed Competition. The mixed doubles team made it to the finals in Bolton in March. The team comprised Ruairidh Watson (Captain), Will Lyburn, Lea Gill and Sophie Beamish. They played well at the two-day finals and finished 4th in the group.

During the traditional School Tennis Season, i.e. the Summer Term, the Boys' Team proved very strong. We were able to field two very strong teams against a number of school teams.

For the first time we entered the local Perth & District U14 League. The team made up of 4 players, boys and/or girls did very well and finished 3rd in the league – a good achievement in our first year. Regular team members were Jamie Corbett, Angus Watson, Anni Arthur, Chris van Dort and Matthew Patterson. Having made a good start we will be looking to make further progress at this age group in the future.

Regular 1st team players were Ruairidh Watson (Captain), Will Lyburn, Christian Kolb, Ben Melville, Lewis Watson, Moritz Rechberg and George Horne. The second team performed very well indicating the depth we have managed to develop over the past few years.

The Tennis Academy Programme continues to grow and attracts much interest from the players. Tommy Ogilvie is our Academy Coach who spends many hours developing our Academy players throughout the year. The dedicated programme for the Academy players is designed to develop their skills level as well as their core body strength. As Academy players they also take part



in the Strength and Conditioning Programme for all elite athletes.

Once again we were able to secure tickets to Wimbledon in June this year. 8 pupils, a parent and a lucky member of staff enjoyed the trip which included Court No.1 tickets. The train journey was tiring but the whole thing was very enjoyable.

Well done, Ruairidh Watson, who was awarded Full Colours for his achievements in the sport and he will again captain the team in the 2010 / 2011 season. Will Lyburn was awarded Half Colours for his achievements on the court as well.

Well done to the team this year for their fine achievements and we look forward to further progress in the year ahead.

**Andrew Watt**  
September 2010

## RESULTS

### School Fixtures:

Gordonstoun	L	3 – 6
		4 – 5
Morrison's Academy	W	5 – 4
		6 – 3
Fettes College	W	8 – 1
		8 – 1
Glenalmond College	W	6 – 3
		9 – 0
Dollar Academy	W	5 – 4
Stewarts Melville	W	7 – 2

### Mixed Doubles Tournament - Won Overall

Section A	Won
Section B	Won
Section C	Runner-up

### Scottish Schools – Boys' – Finalists

House Competition	Simpson
Singles Champion	William Lyburn
Riley Mixed Doubles Winners	Eliza Younger
	Chris van Dort

### U14 Perth & District League:

Scone Tennis Club	W	3 – 6
Darnhall	W	6 – 2
Birnam & Dunkeld	W	10 – 0
Blaigowrie	L	1 – 7
Kinross	W	10 – 0
Glenfarg	W	8 – 0
Crieff	W	7 – 1
Kinnoull	L	4 – 6
Perth Tennis Club	L	4 – 6

Finished 3rd overall in League



# What happens on tour..... stays on tour



## Day 1 Tuesday 6th July

With 26 over-excited girls leaving at 4.45am from Strath accompanied by four of the MOST AWESOME teachers possible the standard and tone of the tour was set. The air was filled with varying degrees of whines about the time and panic attacks about luggage being too heavy. However, Lynsey Knowles' never failing theory of "simply compressing squashing your clothes down as this gets rid of all the air which weighs your bag down" had us all immediately re-assured

On arrival in Singapore at 8.30am all the girls were buzzing only to find that certain items of luggage had not accompanied us on the flight. After sorting out this slight issue and with much rushing from Agnes our tour guide we trooped outside to be met by a wall of humidity and heat

After settling into the hotel having travelled half way across the world the girls decided to go out to a classy PIZZA HUT; a truly Singaporean experience. At about 10pm we finally collapsed into our beds and into a comatose sleep.

### Quote of the Day

"Hello my name is Agnes...Agnes is my name".

**Elizabeth Cachia**

**1st XI v Singapore National U18 Team 1 – 0**

*Player of Match Lynne Howie*

**2nd XI v Singapore National U16 Team 0 – 1**

*Player of Match Steph Harrison*

## Friday – Saturday by Katy

Friday brought with it some sun and humidity in Singapore as well as Miss Carroll in her new, fav slippers at breakfast 26 girls traipsed down stairs, not too sore considering the night before, with some being late (Jezza and Lucy) some taking 11 min to get from their rooms to the table (Knowles and Katy).

After a hearty breakfast, half of us set off to a nearby market and half stayed by the hotel pool to top up the tan (Cac). The others at the market had a great time and in between trying to figure out foreign currency people managed to get a few bargains. Fiona left with a new toothbrush holder, some had some "disco" watches and Phillipa and Hannah Cox finally got some new clothes. When we arrived at the airport we all trudged on to the plane, Miss Sime holding an awkward balloon, Miss Carroll in shorts, flight socks and eye mask, Mr Robertson in one of his many pink t-shirts and Mr Giles cracking a 'hilarious' joke. Once in Melbourne (now Saturday) we passed through customs and passport control where Sergi was lucky enough to get a passport stamp. We arrived in Tasmania and what great memories were about to come. We were met in Hobart by no other than the legendary BRIAN the bus driver. Quote = "Does anyone have a bin on them???"

**Wee Rach Campbell**

## Monday 12th July

3rd day in Tasmania we had a 9am start with all our bags full, packed as we were all going to be staying with billets for the next two nights. We all packed into the bus as we headed for the Cadbury's chocolate factory, we were introduced to our tour guide called Shirley who had maybe had just too much chocolate but did a good job of keeping us entertained. We then headed for ZOODOO.

Here we had the chance to see Tasmanian devils and feed kangaroos, where Kirstin found that one thought her hand to be tastier than the food provided. Next was the trip into the emu, ostrich and camel enclosure which Miss Carroll loved. We were in a safari bus and were handed food bags which we could feed the birds with, and were told to hang onto the bags tightly and to not keep our fingers near the top of the bags if we wanted to keep them. As we entered the Emu enclosure Kirstin thought she would be the brave one as all the other girls screamed as we got swarmed by all these emus. She stuck her arm out with the food bag and within seconds it had been swiped out of her hand. Let's just say she didn't attempt to feed them again. Then we entered the Ostrich enclosure where Fee was determined to take them on. Ostriches won. These two journeys were probably the funniest times I have come across at a Zoo. Luckily Miss Sime managed to capture this on video.

**Sophie Howell aka Kimchi**





## Tuesday 13th July

### Strathallan v St Michaels Collegiate

1st XI 0 – 1 L *Player of Match Rachel Campbell*  
 2nd XI 4 – 0 W *Player of Match Kirstin Lamotte*

Highlights in Taz – Sauna Party, Maldini Restaurant, Fish and Chips and BRIAN.

## Off to Gold Coast

### Strathallan v Ipswich Girls GS

1st XI 2 – 2 D *Player of Match Mhairi Bannerman*  
 2nd XI 8 – 0 W *Player of Match Hannah Johnstone*

### Strathallan v Clayfield College

1st XI 2 – 1 W *Player of Match Hannah Mather*  
 2nd XI 8 – 0 W *Player of Match Katy Marshall*

## Sunday 18th July

Off to Tangalooma on a boat where a lady kept us entertained by her singing. When we arrived at Tangalooma we set off whale watching. This was such a breathtaking experience as I have never done anything like this before and I was amazed at how lucky we were to see the whales. They swam so close to the boat and were determined to put on a show for us. After that we headed back to the resort for another experience, sand dune tobogganing. We all mastered it fairly well although Mr Robertson's first attempt went horribly wrong and he ended up with a face full of sand....nice. We then went to feed the dolphins, which had come into the harbour for their feeding. They swam right up to us and took the fish straight from our hands...it was really amazing. Tomorrow off to Sydney.

Hannah Johnstone.

## Tuesday 20th July by Hannah Cox

Sydney Harbour Bridge climb was awesome. Opera house - incredible. Mr Giles' & Jemma's dancing skills – immense.

### Strathallan v Loretto Normanhurst

1st XI 3 – 2 *Many of Match Elizabeth Cachia*  
 2nd XI 6 – 0 *Man of Match Nicki Cochrane*  
*(Goal scorer)*

## Menzies Hotel – Last Night on Tour

We all made it downstairs around 7ish looking very glamorous and feeling like movie stars when getting our pictures taken in the lobby. We then went to Giovanni's for dinner. We had a special guest. "Hamish" a Strathallian who went to school with Mr Robertson. Speech time - how emotional. All the leavers (including Jezzy) were given little pressies and told inspirational things by Miss Sime which brought a tear to most eyes.

I think by this time it was about 11 and as we walked out of tour room at the bar there was a lady in a red dress playing the piano and a guy next to her singing away... much to our delight we all stood around and sung as loud as we could. Of course we had to get Katy and Hannah J up there singing. Everyone was in high spirits, even if they didn't know the chorus (Nicki and Soph). Along with '1,000 miles', 'We are the Champions' and other well known songs American Pie was played and I'm not even joking Hannah Cox knew every word. Mr Giles...his dance moves WOW Very memorable. All of us came away saying it was the best night of the tour and couldn't believe how much fun it was - a **MOST AMAZING NIGHT**.

Heather xxx

**THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES EVERYONE**

**THANKS TO OUR PARENTS FOR MAKING IT ALL POSSIBLE**  
**A MOST FANTASTIC EXPERIENCE.**







**2**010 was the 150th anniversary of the Cadet Movement and, as such, an important milestone for the CCF. Although the Combined Cadet Force is a relatively recent body, the first Cadet or Volunteer Corps were authorised in 1859 by a letter from the Minister of State for War to public schools and universities – the main reason being the perceived threat of invasion by the French and need to introduce young men to military training! (Rossall School, alma mater of our own Dr Salisbury, is generally credited with establishing the first of these Corps in 1860)

In the course of the 20th Century the fortunes of the cadet movement fluctuated with the tide of international events, but the Cadet Movement eventually became firmly established as a Youth Movement rather than a recruiting arm of Ministry of Defence. Today there are over 43,000 members of the CCF in 216 schools as well as nearly 90,000 in the ACF, ATC and Sea Cadets.

Strathallan School CCF were invited by the Scottish Cadet 150 Committee to parade the CCF Banner at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo this summer, along with representatives of the Sea Cadets, Marine Cadets, Army Cadet Force and Air Training Corps. This involved Olivia Quick (Army Section), Ben Giles (Royal Marines Troop),

Hannah Stewart (Royal Navy Section) and Robbie Bussey (Army Section, but ably representing the RAF cadets). You can read a full report which they have written on their experiences during their week of training and parades.

2010 was also the year in which Perth celebrated its 800th anniversary, and the majority of the IV Form Cadets from all three sections, along with a good number of our senior cadets, took part in the Armed Forces Day parade through the town centre on the last Friday of the summer term.

We were pleased to host the Royal Marines "Meet the Marines" event in October 2009; this was intended for a wider audience than just Strathallan, but as hosts we were allowed one day to ourselves. All our cadets thus spent their Field Day at school taking part in a series of exciting and, at times, testing activities provided by the Royal Marines Visibility Team. They were able to try out their tactical skills on a paintball range on Scout Hill as well as climbing, abseiling from an impressive tower which was built specially for the week and traversing the Pond on a zip wire (inevitably getting wet on the way)

The Royal Marines Troop had a very successful time at the 2009 Pringle Trophy competition, returning with the





Military Skills trophy; on the same weekend the Army Section under their new leader Capt. Gallier and with Lt de Celis Lucas' invaluable help, travelled to Garelochhead to compete in the annual Military Skills competition. They experienced some of the worst weather imaginable over the weekend, but to their great credit they stuck with it and emerged stronger and, no doubt, more experienced.

Numbers in the Royal Navy Section continue to grow, and with no fewer than three Upper VI and four Lower VI cadets there is a strong element of leadership from the top, an essential aid to S/Lt MacBain. Although there was insufficient interest in the usual West Coast yachting cruise, the Section went regularly to Port Edgar to undertake sailing and powerboat training in the autumn and summer terms, and gained more experience of drill and parades than usual, taking part in the Perth 800 parade.

The Recruits have also passed an eventful year culminating in three successive events, the Recruits' Exercise at Barry Buddon, the Perth 800 parade and Central Camp at Barry Buddon. Central Camp is always fun, and this year I was particularly impressed by the energy and enthusiasm of our cadets and also by the way in which they worked together as a team. The week included a two-day field exercise, probably the highlight, as well a full day on the ranges during which everyone had the opportunity to test their

marksmanship with the Cadet rifle and to have a brief shoot with the Light Support Weapon and the General Purpose Machine Gun. And of course, the best part of each day, the drill practice with Mr Lindsay. For the week we were partners to the Maple Leaf Cadet group from Canada, an interesting and diverse group whose normal cadet activities are a bit different to our own. They were entertaining people to work with, and we hope that they enjoyed their week as much as we did.

Finally the personalities of the year: we say goodbye to a number of cadets who have given sterling service, and I must thank all of them for this: Jenny Wood shone as the Senior Cadet, Will Farquhar was one of the keenest Marines we have seen since the halcyon days of Bob McCulloch, Oliver Beetschen managed to spare time from his many other interests to lead the Royal Navy with good humour and patience. Jamie Dodd, Abbey Kemp, Joanna MacLachlan, Ruairidh Clark and Rachel Terrell have all been Cadets for four years and have given generously of their time and effort. And of course, as they say, none of this would have been possible without the adults and officers of the CCF - so to Mr Lindsay, Capt. Walmsley, S/Lt MacBain, Capt. Gallier and Lt. de Celis Lucas, on behalf of the Cadets, thank you all for keeping the show on the road.

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# Debating

Strathallan Debating Society had one of its busiest and most successful seasons in 2009-2010 participating in a wide range of competitions and with some notable achievements. Teams competed in some of the most prestigious schools' debating competitions such as the Donald Dewar Memorial, ESU Mace and in both the Oxford University and Cambridge University Union debates.

Frances Myatt (T) and Millie Galashan (W) had an outstanding inaugural year winning one of their first debates at Glasgow Union University competition and setting the tone for the rest of the year. They qualified for the second round of the ESU Junior competition and the ESU Mace and proved quite a formidable pairing challenging many senior teams and tackling some complex issues such as 'This house believes that Google should always respect the censorship laws of foreign states'. They are undoubtedly bound for future success as they gain more experience and confidence and Millie was even invited to trial for the Scotland Development Squad - well deserved recognition of her talents and effort. Otto Kakhidze (R) and Jamie Dodd (N) also proved a successful pairing in the Donald Dewar Memorial award progressing to the second round in a closely-contested motion on 'This House would support material unilateral reductions in the EU's carbon emissions by 2020'. Several other teams, including this year's Captains Kirsty Glasgow and Adeeb Nasaan, represented Strathallan in numerous other competitions and have been great ambassadors for the school.

This year's inter-House competition also saw some great debating and superb individual performances as Houses battled it out over motions such as THW legalise assisted suicides in GB and THW abolish the Monarchy. Glenbrae represented by Kirsty Glasgow and Flora Hay finally triumphed in the senior competition and Thornbank won the Junior shield. The best speaker award went to Josh Bircham who amused and impressed with his excellent timing and quick-witted rebuttal.

Many people worked very hard to ensure a successful and memorable year; thank you to all those who have helped in anyway and an even bigger well done must go to all those who have competed - 2010-2011 promises to be an exciting year.

DB





# Chess



## Sept 2009 – June 2010

The chess club meets once a week for informal sessions and many pupils in Riley have come along to learn how to play, or to improve their skills. Several players enjoyed entering the school section of the National UK Chess Challenge – the biggest chess competition in the world! Rob Muir won the Trophy for best Junior and Lisa Winkler won the trophy for best Senior. Both these pupils qualified for the Megafinal in Edinburgh along with James Boag, Stuart Cantlay and Kieran Grieve. At the Megafinal over 140 chess players from the North of Scotland arrived to see if they could qualify for the semi-finals (Gigafinals) held near Manchester in July. It was a long day and after nearly 6 hours of playing chess the results were finally announced. Lisa was delighted to hear she had qualified for the next round and she was presented with a trophy and rosette for "U15 Suprema".



In November the inaugural House Chess competition took place. The first session in the knock-out tournament saw several Houses with inexperienced players entering into the spirit of the occasion with good humour. Many players were a little rusty, and there were some empty seats (Simpson!). However it all went to plan, with a clear indication that Ruthven was going to be a force to be reckoned with. Three weeks later the Ruthven team of Kuo Hong Wong, Shi Kai Chen and Jamie Schofield stormed away with the new trophy and rosettes. It was great to see the Woodlands team (Katy Marshall, Elizabeth Cachia and Rosie Gibson) delighted with their 3rd place rosettes, and commiserations to the Nicol runners up (Christian Kolb, Calum Dodd and Chris McCarthy) who put in a strong performance in the final.



JAS



# Kenya trip

**D**uring the summer, a group of eight students, Alison Duncan, Annabel Niven, Jamie Addison-Scott, Jonny Bain, Abbey Kemp, Max Tabourel, Lisa Crossan and Michael Brodie and two teachers, Mr Barnes and Miss Wilkinson, spent two weeks in Kenya.

We worked in two separate places; the Jonathan Gloag Academy at Barnardo's Orphanage and Mashimoni Squatter Camp, situated in Kibera, an area of severely deprived housing.

We had a daily routine of starting work at 8.45 a.m. at the Mashimoni Squatter Camp. Getting there in our 'van', however, was always a bit of a mission, especially when flying down the motorway with the back doors wide open. At the camp, we worked in three separate groups, each day rotating classes, either taking Bible Class (Jamie's favourite), Arts and Crafts, or Sports. In each class there were roughly 120-150 children, which we could find to be a bit of challenge at times.

After working in Kibera, we would go to work at Barnardo's Orphanage; nine houses, each with roughly twenty kids ranging in age from 10 months to 14 years. We were allocated to one house and after a rather challenging lunch of local cuisine we would spend an hour getting to know the kids in our house and letting them get to know us. In the afternoon, we would then go on to do activities such as basketball, football and general games with the kids.

At the weekend, we had a couple of days out, first on the Saturday taking a trip to Suswa where there was a Masai Girls' Rescue Centre. In order to get there, we drove through

the Rift Valley, which was very interesting to see. At the centre they performed a number of traditional Kenyan songs and in return they asked us to sing a famous Scottish song and after much deliberation we decided on Flower of Scotland, however the majority of us didn't know the words apart from Mr Barnes and Miss Wilkinson who had to belt it out.

On the Sunday, we went to Nairobi National Park in another interesting mode of transport – a school bus. Game viewing was amazing. We saw zebra, giraffe, wildebeest, hippos, ostriches and crocodiles, to name a few. Sadly, we didn't manage to see any lions. Afterwards, we went to the market where Abbey's haggling skills came in very handy, and she managed to buy a lot of her family a souvenir for under £5.

We had one opportunity to sample the local nightlife; unfortunately it didn't end too well for Jamie. On the last night vegetarian Miss Wilkinson was mildly surprised to be taken to celebrate her birthday to the world famous Carnivore Restaurant.

The whole thing was definitely overwhelming and hard work, but we all thoroughly enjoyed working with the kids. They were extremely friendly and definitely made the whole experience worthwhile. Leaving at the end of the two weeks was very hard, so much so that a few shed some tears – Baino, surely not! It is hard to describe the real nature of the experience and I would certainly recommend it to anyone to go and experience for themselves.

Lisa Crossan

LVI Thornbank









# Pipe band



**The pipe band has had another busy and successful year, winning a number of prizes and awards.**

After losing most of our members from last year a rebuilding programme has been the main task this year.

At the Scottish Schools' Quartet and Trio Piping Championship, held at Strathallan, our teams played very well and gained lots of experience in their first attempt at this type of competition. Our band members, CCF cadets and staff did an excellent job on the night, ensuring that everything ran smoothly. I thank them all for their efforts.

Jamie Parker made an excellent job of the Lament on Remembrance Day.

At the school concert in November, the complete new pipe corps of ten pipers played a selection of spirited marches which was very well received. This group included five new Riley pipers. The said Riley Pipers, John Dew, Cameron Hirst, Crawford Niven and brothers Hermes and Orpheas Manos played very well at a St Andrews Day Lunch at Balnacraig

School. The boys had a good time mingling with the pupils from Balnacraig and joining in the fun.

In January, the band was invited to play again at Balnacraig School where they put on a very good performance. Our younger members did very well to represent the school with a good performance for the pupils and guests. John then played at the Rannoch Day Centre for their Burns Celebration where his playing was very much enjoyed by the assembled company. Hermes did a similar job at the Lewis Place Day Centre.

At the Glasgow Highland Club Schools' Competition this year Hermes Manos took sixth prize in the Junior Piping Championship.

The band also took part in the Scottish Schools' Beating Retreat at Edinburgh Castle this year; the young pipers in the band soon got into the swing and enjoyed the experience. On Speech Day, the band display on the lawn was well received. All the tunes played have been mastered since their arrival at Strathallan in September. A group of new drummers marched on with the band to show off their new skills.



Our contribution to Headmaster's Music in the summer term was John Dew (Riley 1st Form) playing the hornpipe and jig which was one of his prize winning pieces at the school solo competition.

Our last big competition of the year was The Scottish Schools' Championships held this year at George Heriot's School in Edinburgh. John took sixth prize in the Junior Piping.

Our last event of the year was our solo piping and drumming event. John Dew was our major prize winner taking first prize in four events, two of these against the seniors. A tremendous achievement!

The major winners were as follows:

<b>Most Improved Drummer</b>	Adam Shakor;
<b>Novice Drumming</b>	Adam Shakor;
<b>Junior Drumming</b>	Cameron Mack;
<b>Senior Drumming</b>	Ewan Ramsey;
<b>Bass and Tenor Drumming</b>	Charlie Mearns;
<b>Most Improved Piper</b>	Cameron Hirst;
<b>Most Improved Chanter Player</b>	Callum Nicol;
<b>Chanter</b>	Orpheas Manos;
<b>Novice Piping</b>	John Dew;
<b>Junior Piping</b>	John Dew;
<b>Hornpipe &amp; Jig</b>	John Dew;
<b>Senior Piping</b>	Alice Inglis;
<b>Piobaireachd</b>	John Dew;
<b>Best Contribution to the band</b>	Alice Inglis.

Piping Certificates were awarded to Andrew Adam and Callum Nicol. Drumming Certificates were awarded to Alex Robertson, James Barrack and Orpheas Manos. Alice Inglis and Jamie Parker were awarded half colours for piping and Jonny Bain was awarded half colours for drumming.

The solo contest finished with us saying goodbye Jamie who is off to further his career. We wish him every success in the future.

The band members look forward to the challenges of next year.

I wish them every success.

**J.S.R. Hutcheon**





# Duke of Edinburgh's Award



## Expeditions 09-10

Last year there were three Gold expeditions: to Ben Alder in September, Mull at Easter and the Cairngorms in June.

In September, Jack Chartres, Chris Rennison, Jamie Dodd and Manuella Ayee finished their third and final expeditions to complete the Expedition Section of the Award. The aim of the boys' expedition was to climb some inaccessible Munros, and after the long walk into their campsite next to Culra Bothy on the first day, the boys climbed Ben Alder and Beinn Bhoil on the second day, returning to their campsite. The third day took them straight up the side of Carn Dearg and along the ridge. With horizontal rain driving into their faces, the boys set up camp next to the lochan in Coire Cheap but decided not to continue with the rest of the days route, a loop which would have taken in a couple more tops and brought them back to their ridge line campsite. Instead, they sat out the storm, with the tents constantly buffeting them, and water whipped up from the lochan adding to the soaking effects of the rain. After a sleepless night, they were up at five am to start the final day's walk back out to the road. Meanwhile the girls had been struggling against the elements too: their first day had been fine (although a little longer than planned, due to a missed turning), but on their second day with one of their number feeling unwell, they decided to turn round and headed back to camp next to the boys beside Culra Bothy. Their third day saw them complete the route they had attempted on the second day, despite a very muddy path and the driving rain. Like the boys, their tents were battered all night and they also got up early after a restless night to finish their route and head back home.

At Easter, two final groups and a practice group headed to Mull: one group of Rebecca Clephan, Maihri Cameron, Pent Tieng, Rachel Terrell and Joanna Maclauchlin walked from Tobermory round the North coast of the Island, then down the west side of Loch Frisa to Loch Ba, then over the flanks of Ben More to Loch Buie, then onto the Carsaig Arches, to finally finish near Pennyghael. The other group of Jamie Parker, Oli Beetschen, Katy Marshall, Alice Farrar and Bokhari Sufian tackled a similar route but working in the opposite direction, while the practice group followed them for part of the route, but added in an afternoon helping with a beach cleanup at Calgary Beach with one of the local Rangers and a team of volunteers.

In all, 14 pupils completed the Expedition section, while a further three, Tasha Potts, Oli Luck and Bronya Woodes Rogers completed two practice expeditions and will hopefully find time to fit in a final expedition before their 25th birthdays.

In June, two groups set out on practice expeditions through the Cairngorms. A group of girls walked from Blair Atholl all the way up the river Tilt, past the watershed and down to Whitebridge, then onto the Linn of Dee and past Derry Lodge, then onto the Fords of Avon. They spent some time collecting rubbish from around the Shelterstone, then carried it out the next day when they finished their walk near Glenmore Lodge. The second group (all boys) walked for two days through the Lairig Ghrù to Derry Lodge, then spent a day climbing Ben MacDui, and finally walked out to Keiloch car park near Invercauld.





To date, three of the participants have completed their Gold logbooks: Jamie Dodd, Jack Chartres and Peng Tieng. In addition to completing the Expedition section, participants need to take part in Physical, Skill and Volunteering sections, as well as a five day residential project.

Two Bronze expeditions took place: in early May four groups of Form IV and V headed off to Dunkeld, some walking around Loch of the Lowes in the sunshine, others heading through the forests from the Cally car park, but all ended up near Loch Benachally to camp. The following day they headed over towards the Cateran trail, again in sunshine, and headed down to finish by Bridge of Cally. Later, in June, several more groups headed for the hills near Dollar: two groups doing their second and final expedition, while others were doing their first practice. They walked through Glen Devon and camped near Glenquey Reservoir, then headed over the hills again for the second day. Seventeen participants finished the Expedition section of the Bronze Award and are working now to complete the remaining sections. Those who completed one expedition in Form IV will complete their second expedition in Form V, by which time they will likely have completed all the other sections of the Bronze Award.

**Dr Stephen Ferguson**





# Strathallian Club round-up

## Girls' reunion



A reunion marked the 30th Anniversary of girls attending Strathallan. Margie Burnet Ward, who was the first girl to attend the School, came back for the first time in thirty years and opened Glenbrae, the new girls' House.

## Freeland reunion



The Freeland reunion enjoyed a turnout of over eighty Strathallians. Drinks were served in Freeland House before guests moved across to the Dining Hall for a traditional School Lunch followed by a tour given by Freeland prefects.

## London Dinner



The annual event gathered Strathallians together from far and wide for an evening of first-class conversation and fine dining.

## Strathallian lecture



The Strathallian Club sponsors a talk to Sixth Form every year, with the speaker a Strathallian where possible. This year Colin Montgomerie was kind enough to come along and give us a fascinating insight to his career. The question-and-answer session following his talk was frank and entertaining – a most enjoyable session for all involved.

## Angling



A hard days fishing on Frandy Reservoir resulted in a School win over the Strathallian team with nine fish to six. The best fish of the day was caught by Charles Gifford (IV Form, Simpson) and Robin Easton caught the best bag. Stuart Biggart who captained the Strathallian Team is set for the challenge next year to avoid three losses in a row!

## Game Fair



The club again took a stand at the Scottish Game Fair in Scone Palace on the first weekend in July. This is a fantastic event which attracts visitors from all over Scotland and was a great chance to catch up with former pupils. Various members of staff supported the event and the School had the opportunity to show off some of the fantastic artwork created by current pupils.



## 1959 Nicol reunion



A group of Nicol Strathallians seized the initiative and with the help of the Strathallian Club organised their own reunion. Now living across the world, eighteen got together for dinner in the Royal George Hotel in Perth. The Headmaster then welcomed them back to School the following day to enjoy Strathallian Day



## Strathallian Day



The annual family get-together was a great success again this year. Hockey, football, rugby and cricket matches were all keenly contested but won by the School. Younger members of the family were kept busy with bouncy castles, face painting and various activities on Riley Paddock, whilst golf and clay pigeon shooting were also very popular. The age-range spanned many generations and Strathallians, friends and families all enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon.

## 1990 – 1992 reunion



A wonderful evening was had by all those who got together for a reunion organised by Kirstie Guthrie (née Wood) and Julie Bodger (née Clark) with the help of the Strathallian Club. Guests enjoyed a champagne reception in the Music Room prior to dinner and then went on to Glenbrae to disco into the 'wee sma' hours', with many staying the night there.

# Strathallian news

We would like to include more news of Strathallians' successes and updates on their lives and careers both on the website and in the newsletter and magazine. Please let us know of any news which you would like to share with the wider Strathallian community. If you have photos this would be even better.

## Marriages

Shuna Readman (W '00) married Rob Colquhoun on 3rd July at Dunblane Cathedral. Rob is a Captain in the Black Watch, Royal Regiment of Scotland.



## Updates

David MacLellan (R '82) is a Physiotherapist for Exeter Chiefs Rugby club, who are currently enjoying success in the Aviva Premiership.



Iain Penrose (S '03) deployed with 45 Commando to Afghanistan in OB - 09, where he received a Mention in Despatches (MID) and a letter from Her Majesty the Queen recognising his heroic and courageous actions while fighting the Taliban. Due to his quick thinking and disregard for his own safety whilst under effective enemy fire, Iain led his section safely through a heavily mined and I.E.D (Improvised Explosive Device) concentrated area to safety. Without

his actions and initiative many of his section would have been injured or killed. Iain is currently on his Junior Command Course to become a Corporal in the Royal Marines.

Carolita Smith (W '93) and Jonny Ireland (N '93) are delighted to announce their engagement. True Strathallian sweethearts, their romance started whilst at School. Carolita now works for the Environment Agency and Devon and Jonny is a Private Security Contractor in Afghanistan. They became engaged on April 27th. Jonny had just arrived from Afghanistan and proposed in the arrivals lounge at the airport.



Julia Wanless (W '95) obtained a BSc (hons) in Physiology from St Andrews University and then went on to pursue a career in the Bioscience field. After research work at Edinburgh and Cardiff she graduated in the summer of '95 with a PhD (Biomedical) from Cardiff University. She is now living in the Scottish Borders.

Alasdair Wanless (N '94) obtained a BSc in Computing Studies from Robert Gordon's University. He is now married to Suzanne and has a daughter Aileen, born in 2009. He lives in Leeds and works as an IT manager for Johnson & Johnson.

Eleanor Wanless (W '00) obtained a MA (hons) in Business Studies from the University of Edinburgh and presently lives in London where she is working in the media.

Brian de la Haye (S '73) was awarded the Order of the British Empire in 2009.



## Strathallian News contd.

**Ian Prain** (N '69) was awarded Member of the British Empire in the New Years Honours List 2010. He is Vice-Principal of the Royal Blind School in Edinburgh and was honoured for his services to education. He lives in the Borders with his wife, Victoria.



**Holly Harvey** (T '03) Manchester based Photolink Creative Group has strengthened its team in Mumbai, with the appointment of Holly Harvey as Director of Business Development for its Indian operation. Holly joins Photolink from the UK India Business Council, the

organisation that supports the UK Government in the promotion of trade, business and investment between the two countries.

**Richard Crawford** (N '00) has become a prolific actor and director over in America. He has recently both directed and starred in Tim Burton's world stage adaptation of Edward Scissorhands in New York. The show was a sell-out success.

**Sir Ian Grant** (F '60) was made a Knight Bachelor in the New Years Honours List 2010 following his retirement as Chairman of The Crown Estate, a post he had held since October 2002. He was also the Scottish Commissioner of The Crown Estate from 1996 until his retirement.

**Michael Moore** (S '82) has been appointed Secretary of State for Scotland.

**Suzannah Harvey** (W '00) was recently appointed as the Head of UK and Europe Public Relations for Jimmy Choo.

## Deaths

**Stuart R Roselle** (R '60) November 27 2008

**Patrick M Rentoul** (S '58) April 9, 2009

**Hugh Stuart** (F '53) September, 2009

**Ian McBride** (S '34) September 22, 2009

**John Gray** (F '51) November 2009

**Neil Stewart** (R '43) November 7, 2009

**John H Sinclair** (R '54) November 8, 2009

**Dr Ian Cameron Geddes** ('40) November 29 2009

**Tony R Bucher** (R '63) November 27, 2009

**Ross Paterson** (F '97) November 27, 2009

**Eric Bradford Fairlie** (R '48) December 30, 2009

**Grace M Hoare**, wife of the late **Wilf Hoare**, December 16, 2009

**William Jack** (F '32) March 2010

**W Primrose** (N '61) January 2010

**Thomas R Fraser** (R '46) March 2, 2010

**Ian Murray** (S '36) May 19, 2010

**D J Wightman** ('48) July 14, 2010



# Alec Lochore

## The Strathallan Years

Following in his father Hamish's (Freeland '61) footsteps, Alec started at Strathallan in 1985 in Freeland House, and became known by the nickname 'Spanner'. While at School, Mr Proctor was his Housemaster and Mr Court his House tutor. His brother Hugh (Freeland '92) and sister Clare (Thornbank '95) later joined him at the School.

During Alec's time at Strathallan his major love was sport and he gained full colours whilst being Captain of Shooting, playing for the 1st XI for Hockey and 1st XV for Rugby. One of his greatest honours at the time was being awarded both the Sports All-Rounder prize and the Victor Ludorum on Speech Day.

Alec went on the School rugby tour to Australia and Singapore with Mr Keir and Mr Barnes and remembers having to pluck up the courage to tell Mr Barnes that he could not find his passport the day before they were due to leave. Unfortunately this was a Sunday and all the Embassy offices were closed! After many hours spent locked away a new passport was finally sourced only to find once back at their accommodation that his room mate had found the original passport in a drawer.

Coming from an eventing background, his mother Polly winning a Team Gold medal at the European Eventing Championships in 1969, his passion for all things equine was evident whilst still at Strathallan and he evented at 2\* level whilst still in L6th. Alec enjoyed discussing the latest news in the National Hunt racing world with Mr Du Boulay, Mr Proctor and Mr Court, reinforcing his love of racing.

One of his role models whilst younger was Ian Stark, whose career he followed closely. Alec now finds himself working alongside Ian who has been a course designer on some of the events he has run.

## Post Strathallan

After leaving Strathallan in 1990, Alec went against his parents' wishes and did not go on to University but headed straight into pursuing his eventing career. He started in Nikki Henderson's (well known racing trainer) yard for a season but realised it wasn't for him as he missed the buzz and competitiveness of the eventing world. By the time he was 23, Alec had completed 4 4\* events, an incredible achievement, with Badminton and Burghley being his favourite venues.

Equine College was his next stop, for around a year, however this was not for him and he moved on.

Living in Scotland and eventing involved many tedious long journeys which prompted Alex's move to Leicestershire when he was 23. He then set about building up a successful course-building business with his brother Hugh. The impact of events being cancelled due to Foot and Mouth disease meant that the business was unable to continue. Not deterred the brothers started another business running events and by 2003 were running eleven events including Burnham Market and Blair Horse Trials.

In 1998 Alex moved to Norfolk with his wife Emily, another talented rider who almost made it to the Olympics.

Alec was then appointed as the technical delegate for the equestrian team at the Beijing Olympics. By this point he had given up competitive riding as he was no longer enjoying it as much. This only lasted for five years however and last year he started eventing again, back to his first love, with the biggest problem being able to fit it all in!

## 2012 Olympics

The post of Eventing Manager for the 2012 Olympics was advertised on the Olympics Website. Alec duly applied and after various rounds of interviews he was offered the job whilst standing in a field in Germany.

Life is now very hectic for Alec as he looks forward to the Olympics and the unique opportunity with which he finds himself. One of the aspects of the job he has found most interesting so far is working alongside such a diverse and energetic group of people. With his eventing background Alec never thought that he would work in the City, let alone enjoy it. He now works in a London Skyscraper four days a week alongside the likes of David Bedford and other Olympians who are now managers for their specific sports. The Sports department is full of vibrant individuals, all interested in each other's sports and right now Alec wouldn't want to be doing anything else.

Following the GB team winning the World Equestrian Games in Kentucky recently, Alec has high hopes for the 2012 Olympics.

**Heather Larson** UVI Thornbank



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Jonas	Abo Basha	F	01 09 2008	03 07 2010
Manuela E	Ayee	W	01 09 2008	03 07 2010
Michael J S	Barbour	S	01 09 2008	03 07 2010
Jemma E	Battison	G	01 09 2006	03 07 2010
Naomi J	Battison	W	01 09 2006	03 07 2010
Sophie E	Beamish	W	01 09 2005	03 07 2010
Oliver J	Beetschen	F	01 09 2003	03 07 2010
Jean N	Behets	F	01 09 2008	03 07 2010
Charles D	Black	S	01 09 2006	06 01 2010
Connor R	Blackburn	F	01 09 2008	03 07 2010
Jack S	Blackburn	N	08 01 2007	03 07 2010
Rebekah K	Brine	T	01 09 2005	03 07 2010
Douglas A	Britton	N	01 09 2003	03 07 2010
Michael C	Brown	F	01 09 2005	03 07 2010
Shane I A	Brown	F	01 09 2008	10 11 2009
Jemma C	Bryson	G	01 09 2007	22 02 2010
Elizabeth S	Cachia	W	01 09 2004	03 07 2010
Maihri E C	Cameron	T	30 10 2006	03 07 2010
Jose M	Camino	N	01 09 2009	03 07 2010
Gregor M	Campbell	R	01 09 2003	03 07 2010
Jamie S T	Carragher	R	07 09 2005	03 07 2010
Ceri A	Caves	W	04 09 2002	03 07 2010
Sara O S	Chalmers	W	01 09 2003	03 07 2010
Jack C	Chartres	N	01 09 2004	03 07 2010
Shi K	Chen	R	01 09 2008	03 07 2010
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Raimundo	Clar Oller	S	01 09 2009	03 07 2010
Ruairidh C	Clark	S	01 09 2005	03 07 2010
Rebecca M	Clephan	W	07 09 2005	03 07 2010
Grace R A	Cochran-Patrick	G	01 09 2006	03 07 2010
Katherine G	Cockburn	T	01 09 2005	03 07 2010
Frederick R J	Coleman	N	07 09 2005	03 07 2010
Laura B	Collins	G	19 04 2007	03 07 2010
Daniel R	Cowe	R	01 09 2006	19 10 2009
Carla M	Crossan	G	07 09 2005	03 07 2010
Ross G	Dafereras	F	01 09 2008	03 07 2010
Michele G	Delpippo	S	01 09 2005	03 07 2010
James A L	Dodd	N	01 09 2005	03 07 2010
Callum D R	Donald	R	07 09 2005	03 07 2010
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Rachael J M	Duncan	G	07 09 2005	03 07 2010
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Pablo	Garcia Bescansa	N	01 09 2009	03 07 2010
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Henry D	Melville	S	01 09 2007	03 07 2010
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Jamie S O	Parker	F	01 09 2003	03 07 2010
Dk N N	Pg Hj Saiful Rizal	T	01 09 2008	03 07 2010
Dominic B	Pitts	S	01 09 2005	03 07 2010
Natasha	Potts	W	04 09 2002	03 07 2010
Aaron	Purvis	N	01 09 2003	03 07 2010
Valeria	Ramos	G	01 09 2006	03 07 2010
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Dominic B	Pitts	S	01 09 2005	03 07 2010
Natasha	Potts	W	04 09 2002	03 07 2010
Aaron	Purvis	N	01 09 2003	03 07 2010
Valeria	Ramos	G	01 09 2006	03 07 2010
Alison M	Ramsay	T	07 09 2005	25 03 2010
Graham C	Ramsay	F	01 09 2004	25 03 2010
Moritz O B	Rechberg	R	01 09 2009	03 07 2010
Christopher D	Rennison	S	01 09 2008	03 07 2010

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Bradley R	Rizza	R	01 09 2007	03 07 2010
Cerrin H	Romeike	W	01 09 2007	03 07 2010
Vadym	Sadovych	N	07 01 2008	03 07 2010
Pablo	Sagnier	F	01 09 2009	03 07 2010
Manuela	Schoberl	W	01 09 2007	03 07 2010
James K	Schofield	R	01 09 2003	03 07 2010
Kirsty J	Steele	T	01 09 2008	03 07 2010
Gina K	Taylor	W	01 09 2004	03 07 2010
Rachel H	Terrell	W	04 09 2002	03 07 2010
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Long F	Tsang	S	01 09 2008	03 07 2010
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Oliver D	Wale	F	01 09 2004	03 07 2010
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Lisa V	Winkler	G	01 09 2009	03 07 2010
Kuo H	Wong	R	01 09 2008	03 07 2010
Jennifer L	Wood	T	01 09 2005	03 07 2010
Bronya A	Woodes Rogers	W	01 09 2008	03 07 2010
Jiaru	Yang	T	01 09 2009	03 07 2010
Alan G	Young	S	07 09 2005	03 07 2010
Yi	Zhong	T	01 09 2008	03 07 2010



# Prizewinners 2010

Prize	Prizewinners
Dux	Juraj Sabol
The Smith Cup for Head Boy	Callum Donald
The Morley Quaich for Head Girl	Kirstin Lamotte
The Draper Cup for Deputy Head Boy	Oliver Luck
The Draper Cup for Deputy Head Girl	Jenny Wood
The Scanlon Cup for Merit, The Lord Kincaig Prize for English, The Haviston Broadsword Prize	
The Houston Prize for All Round Merit, The William Pasfield Salver for Music, The Choir Prize, Royal Navy Section Prize	Oliver Beetschen
UVI A Level Music	
The Thomson Salver for Achievement	Abbey Kemp
UVI A Level Design & Technology	
The John Fulton Memorial Prize for Overall Contribution	Jamie Parker
UVI A Level Classical Civilisation	
UVI A Level Latin	
The Richard Moffat Prize for History	Nadia PG HJ
UVI A Level French	Saiful Rizal DK
The Wilfred Hoare Senior Reading Prize	Oliver Wale
UVI A Level German	
The Patrick Grandison Prize for Strings, The Robert Barr Memorial Prize for Music	Joanna MacIachlan
The Hayward Award for Citizenship	Yasmine Forbes
The Campbell Award for Best All Round Sportsman	Freddie Coleman
The Campbell Award for Best All Round Sportswoman	Alice Farrar
The William Tattersall Art Prize, The Rick Trophy Army Prize	Ruairidh Clark
The David Bogle Prize for Economics	Christian Kolb
The University of Dundee English as an Additional Language Prize	Xin Li (Ivy)
The Robert Rankin Prize for Mathematics	Kuo Hong Wong
UVI A Level Physics	
The Gary Rogers Prize for Creative Writing	Frances Myatt
IVth Form Chemistry	
IVth Form Computing	
IVth Form English	
IVth Form French	
IVth Form Latin	
The McMaster Quaich for Piping	Alice Inglis
LVI Geography	
Strathallan Travelling Scholarship (Modern Languages)	Hannah Meikle
LVI Classical Civilisation	
LVI German	
Strathallan Travelling Scholarship (Music)	Ciara Elwis
Quaich CF Prize	William Farquhar

## UVI FORM PRIZES

UVI A Level Art	Elizabeth McMorris
UVI A Level Biology	Ainslie Johnstone
UVI A Level Chemistry	
UVI Higher Biology	Alan Young
UVI Higher French	Cerrin Romeike
UVI A Level Business Studies	Christopher Rennison
UVI Higher History	Gregor Campbell
UVI Higher German	Jack Blackburn
UVI A Level Spanish	Jack Chartres
UVI A Level Geography	Jamie Carragher
UVI Higher Chemistry	Jonas Abo Basha
UVI Higher Economics	
UVI Higher Mathematics	
UVI Higher English	Michael Brown
UVI Higher Spanish	Murray Hall
UVI A Level Computing	Natasha Potts
UVI Higher Design and Technology	NO AWARD
UVI Higher Physical Education	Ryan Hood
UVI Higher Information Systems	Sara Chalmers
UVI Higher Geography	

## LOWER SIXTH PRIZES

Prize	Prizewinners
LVI Art	Rosie Gibson
LVI Physics	Amar Hodzic
LVI Computing	Anastasia Gnatyuk
LVI RMPS	
LVI Music	Anna Olafsson
LVI Latin	Ben Melville
LVI History	Denisa Pacholska
LVI Biology	Keith Wigley
LVI Business Studies	Lynne Howie
LVI Physical Education	Marcus Adams
Young Enterprise	Michael Brodie
LVI Economics	Michael McKenzie
LVI French	
LVI English	Otari Kakhidze
LVI Design Technology	Sally Lungmuss
LVI Mathematics	Sophia Huang
LVI Chemistry	Tim Heaney

## FIFTH FORM PRIZES

V Form Art	Anna McNeill
V Form Computing	Adeeb Naasan
V Form English	
V Form German	
V Form Latin	
V Form Mathematics	
V Form Physics	
V Form History	Alexander Falconer
V Form German Consulate Award	
V Form Chemistry	Flora Hay
V Form Geography	
V Form Music	Hannah Dibnah
V Form Biology	Justin Tsang
V Form Design Technology	
V Form Business Studies	Lewis Watson
V Form Spanish	Mhairi Bannerman
V Form French	Santiago Garcia

## FOURTH FORM PRIZES

IV Form Design & Technology	Adam Shakor
IV Form History	Callum Fletcher
IV Form Music	Eilidh Gibson
IV Form Physics	Jenny Summersgill
IV Form Mathematics	Lisa Winkler
IV Form Business Studies	Millie Galashan
IV Form Biology	Olwyn Jenkins
IV Form Geography	
IV Form German	
IV Form Art	Sophie Burdett
IV Form Spanish	

## THIRD FORM PRIZES

	Robbie MacDiarmid
	Finlay Kettles
	Josie Dibnah
	Georgina Howell



# History: HR: a man of his time



**H**oratio Riley, named in honour of his mother's youngest brother, was twenty six at his marriage and pursuing a career as a telegraph clerk with the Post Office, then a Civil Service Department, while living at home with his parents and brothers, Frank and Wright, at 15 Fairbank Road, Manningham; his father James was a successful boot and shoe dealer. Horatio, followed by Frank, began as a messenger boy when he left the single story Back Lane School in Manningham and, at sixteen, sat the open Civil Service Clerks' Examination which had been in place since 1870. Not many years before that, entry to the Establishment of the Civil Service was not possible for boys like Horatio due to the patronage process of higher social status, so they were often left as young men without a job. Horatio passed at the very time that town post offices were being amalgamated and had clearly progressed and saved enough to improve his position and marry. Within one generation, the son of a clog maker and a loom weaver had successfully improved his social status in readiness for the birth of his son.





Harry Riley was born at 26 Heidelberg Road, Bradford on 20th March 1888 to Horatio and Rose Mary Riley; their first child following their marriage at Manningham Parish Church. Their house was in one of the new terraces set above the many parallel streets named in honour of the German textile manufacturers who had settled in the area. Manningham was a developing suburb to the north of Bradford on the Heaton border, near old Manningham Hall, owned by the Lister family who had sold the lands after 1870 for new housing developments, and the famous Lister Park. A fire had destroyed the Lister factory that year but, by 1873, the place had been rebuilt into the largest silk factory in Europe employing over four thousand people. At the same time, the Countess of Ross' estates nearer to Bradford were sold to create the neighbouring housing suburb of Heaton.

Rose Mary Simpson moved to Bradford with her sister Emily, four years younger, to escape the grinding poverty of the countryside. Born in June 1864 to Johnson Hay Simpson and Susan Shackleton in the village of Carlton near Selby, she had witnessed the deaths of three sisters and two brothers by the time she and Emily moved to West View, Manningham. Up until then life for the young women had been as domestic servants from thirteen; an annual appointment conducted by auction at the local fair. Her father worked as a gardener's labourer on the Carlton House estate; the property of Henry Stapleton, 9th baron Beaumont. He too came from a large family; 9 boys and five girls of whom only five had survived childhood. It wasn't until late in life that he became a head gardener and received the use of an estate cottage by which time his brothers and sisters had moved away to Darlington. Rosemary's brothers Henry, Johnson and George all worked as grooms at the estate stables; Johnson went on to work for Robert Foster, the owner of the Black Dyke Mills in Bradford, at the Stockeld Park and Hornby Castle estates. It was Henry's death at twenty four that prompted the young women to move away and find a better life.

There is no record of how Horatio met Rose Mary beyond the fact they lived in the same parish; he, at twenty six, a successful civil servant, and she, at twenty one, newly arrived from the country. It can be conjectured that they used the same church though they were married locally by license, probably as she had not been in the parish for long, so this has to remain a mystery for now. Her sister Emily was a witness at the wedding as was Horatio's brother Frank who married three years later. However, she must have achieved some status to be able to marry well. After Harry's birth, they moved to Shipley, for a short while, while Horatio was setting up new premises. Harry's sister Lillian was born there before the family returned to Manningham and settled at 33 Spring Gardens, a modest three bedroom terrace house in Heaton, where Harry's sisters May and Isabella were born. The closeness of family life at this time can be seen by the continued contact and loyalty each showed later in life. Harry's wish to join the Royal Navy may have stemmed from changes at his father's work place whereby only those from the forces were able to secure established positions in the Civil Service.





By the turn of the century, Harry was attending Belle Vue Grammar School on Manningham Lane, an imposing two-storey Victorian mansion rebuilt only five years before by the architect, Charles Henry Hargreaves. Harry sat on the hard seat of a brown wooden desk bolted onto one of several tiers, accessed by the shallow wooden steps at the back of the room. His teachers sat on a high, imposing desk at the front. Memories of his time here maybe came back to him later as he sat at his desk overlooking the Riley quadrangle viewing the comings and goings of his pupils. The motto of the school was *Non Sibi Sed Mundo*, meaning *Ask not what you can do for yourself but what you can do for the world*, predating President Kennedy by quite a few years. The work ethic that Harry absorbed meant that he never forgot the lessons of those early years. He went on to use the Bradford city motto *Labor omnia vincit* for his own foundation, reflecting the ethos and work ethic of that industrial city.

Harry Riley's paternal grandparents, James Riley and Mary Ann Midgley were from Ovenden, a village about a mile north of Halifax. Both their families were heavily involved in the power loom carpet weaving of the area but the young couple left for Manningham the year that Mary's mother, Betty, died and soon after their wedding. Mary grew up in Prospect Place in Ovenden in the shade of the great Ladyship Mills where the whole family worked making carpets. Her father, Frederick, was the parish clerk and a well-known local character because he had lost an eye in an accident. James Riley, a joiner, had trained under Mary's uncle, Joseph, as a clogger; a clog maker, and patten maker; wooden shoes to fit under normal shoes to protect from wet, muddy ground. He continued and built up his business in Manningham, moving many times as he expanded the enterprise and cared for his family.

Mary died in March at the time of Harry's birth but her family were instrumental in helping Harry with his future career. Her first cousin Alfred had been a National Pupil Teacher at the age of sixteen. The scheme introduced in 1846 allowed schools to select from their most promising thirteen year old pupils those most likely to be able to undertake an apprenticeship of up to five years duration. During the day they would follow the school's curriculum and then receive additional instruction, outside school hours, on the art of teaching from staff appointed for this purpose. The most able students, selected through a competitive examination, were awarded a Queen's Scholarship. In 1849, the Society of Teachers was incorporated by royal charter as The College of Preceptors empowered to award qualifications in various areas of teacher training. Alfred had worked in eleven schools and had retired from Rostherne Boys School the year Harry was born. He had lost his two eldest sons at nineteen and twenty-one, both working towards their certificates although a third son, Charles, became the headmaster of Dent School in Cumbria. Alfred's knowledge and support were to guide Harry along the same path.

Harry's uncle, Wright, married in June 1901 but it was Charles Midgley's marriage to Emma Capstick on 21 July 1902 at St. Andrew's Church in Dent that was an occasion for the wider family. The fourteen-year-old Harry must have been impressed with the gathering and being in the presence

of his older cousins. Equally, Horatio Riley would have been proud of his family and full of expectation for the future. They had moved again, to 204 St Leonard's Road, a much larger property closer to his widowed father, James, now in his seventies. It is likely the family had a lot to talk about on the train journey home, excepting 9-month-old Isabella.

Within a few years, Harry had completed his studies to degree level and received his Licentiate. We know from the records that he spent his first year teaching at a school in Shrewsbury, but not which one. It was very common for positions to become available anywhere in the country so a move from home would be the most likely. However, at just twenty, Harry lost his mother in June 1908 back in Bradford. One can only imagine the distress in such a close family. Harry certainly gave up his position and moved back to be with his father and sisters. What happened next is not recorded but Harry turned up in Bridge of Allan that September in a new position at Kelvingrove.

The rest, as we say, is history....

#### GRMR









# Reels nights



The reels this session proved to be extra special. When it became known that this was to be my final session at Strathallan, everyone seemed to want to make it a memorable one and this year's set of reels were superb. Looking back, I can hardly believe that when John Broadfoot asked me to start dancing as part of the Expressive Arts course, that the Reels Nights would become such a big part of the Strathallan calendar and that so many pupils would willingly take part. It is a fantastic sight to see a room full of young people from all corners of the globe taking part in our traditional Scottish culture and so obviously enjoying themselves. The footwork may not always be perfect but the energy and enthusiasm is certainly obvious.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of staff who always came along and supported the dances by counting the sets, serving the food and leading the way by taking part in the dances. I would also like to say a special thanks to Neil and Mo Copland for providing most of the foot tapping music over the years. Finally, my message to all for the future is, as Bruce Forsyth says: "Keep Dancing!"

LH







**T**his is the morning after the 3rd 4th form reels night and we are all exhausted! This event was the culmination of one of the sections of expressive arts which was Scottish country dancing in the gym on a Wednesday afternoon. Not many people enjoyed it because it was the end of a long day of lessons but last night we understood why we had to do this because everyone had such a good time.

Some of the dances that we did were the Eightsome Reel, The Canadian Barn Dance, The Military Two Step. They were all amazing and danced with great enthusiasm. Everyone was hot with the dancing and the warm evening. It started off at 7:30pm and finished at 10:30pm. We had a break in the middle with drinks and some food.

This was also Mrs Hamilton's and Mr Kitson's last reels and there was a presentation by our new Captains of School (Ben Melville and Heather Larson). The last dance was the best and you could ask anyone that and they would all have the same answer. It was called Strip the Willow. At the end we all helped put all the chairs and tables away.

We will all miss Mrs Hamilton, with her great teaching skills in chemistry and Scottish country dancing.

Greig Meiklem and Dylan Izzard

# Hypnotist Night

**M**artin S Taylor, a visiting hypnotist with a twist, came to entertain our Sixth Form, and many of us got more than we expected. The show ranged from a group of involuntary itches to an embarrassing debut of 'singing in the rain' performed by some of our more musically challenged members, all by the simple power of persuasion.

The night began with Martin, explaining his methods and getting a few occasionally risqué laughs, asking for volunteers; a group of sixteen pupils enthusiastically (and perhaps foolishly) stepped up. He began with a few simple tests including group riding, piano playing and, bizarrely, forgetting your own name, this caught out many including, erm y'know, what'surname Stephenson, thingy Ramsay and even the doubtful Incognita Beetschen.

For the next part of the show only the most suggestible pupils were left on stage, these included: oh, yes, I remember, Christina, Nick, Ewan, Ben, Ellie, Josiah and me. By the end of the night Ben had rolled about the floor putting on tie after tie (totalling 7), Nick and Ewan had fought off a squadron of 'killer penguins', Josiah had become a peanut vendor and Ellie had chased a microphone around the room. Unfortunately for us seven there was still more entertainment for the rest to come. After the group of us amused our year by skipping merrily around the hall with umbrellas, mouth organs, kazoos and various other instruments, as a finale we took part in a grotesque strip show, where only Christina managed to keep on all her clothes and Ben was stripped down to his boxers dancing happily about the hall.

I'm sure anyone who attended will tell you more of the amazing night and I urge those who can to make it along for some fascinating experiments and a great laugh at the expense of your friends.

Olivia Quick LVI Woodlands



# Staff valete



Robert Proctor

## Robert Proctor

**A** pupil approaching Mr Proctor with a request could well be hesitant but would nearly always be sure of a sympathetic hearing. Having had their affirmative answer they could treat the parting shot of, 'I hate children!' with a degree of scepticism.

There's a very modern and therefore very tasteless joke that goes something like this: 'You can say you love children but, whatever you do, don't say you love twelve year olds.' It's a shame that it should now be so risky to be specific and it seems to me that on the spectrum of stated feelings from the sentimental to the real, loving all children is likely to be the more bogus. We, the Diana generation, specialise in and celebrate vicarious sentimentality in the most craven ways. Loving indiscriminately is far easier and cheaper than forming specific attachments of strong and difficult feeling. Everywhere by street corners, at road junctions and previously unvisited doorsteps flower tributes and pink teddies flourish. Even Mr Moat can command a twitter page boasting his values and virtues after he shot three people and then killed himself. Nowadays we shy away from distinctions, we prefer not to make any value judgements and enjoy the bland, the bogus and the sensational because they are more comfortable than the considered and the measured.

Robert Proctor was not bland or bogus and, working with him, one knew that his passionate commitment to the welfare of specific, individual children was unquestionable. In return he attracted an affection from his charges that had been tempered in the fire of real connections and powerful exchanges of both thought and feeling that were sometimes far from comfortable. I did not know him retreat to a conventional position when a real exchange with his pupils was a possibility. Proc demanded a real response from those in his care and, in exchange, care was exactly what they knew that he gave. It is the great strength of good schools and schoolmasters that from them so many pupils learn many different forms of care: enthusiasm for a subject, admiration of a certain style or approach, respect for the fostering of the well-being of others. These are lessons that the recipient can carry all through his life whilst examinations and other certificates fade in the filing cabinet where they lie. I am sure that I am not alone in being able to recall my own Housemaster vividly. Father Fabian Glencross endures with increasing respect, gratitude and clarity in my mind. It is the gift of a Robert Proctor to inhabit similar space in the minds of those that came under this tutelage.

Methodologies are for those without originality or passion, whilst a style or way is what we make it, despite being well-trodden by some who went before us. Proc's style was the way of the schoolmaster rather than the professional, and should that sound derogatory I will say that what is to be valued in a vocation ceases where professionalism and profit (results and outcomes as ends in themselves) begin. It is a way paved with risk but also with compassion rather than correctness, with understanding rather than prescription and warm anger rather than cold dispassion. I shall here

recall but one incident that typifies so many of Proc's solutions to adolescent trouble. One Murray Dick returned by air from a faraway place with what was then a rare brand of beer - maybe even a little exotic! Six bottles of Tiger had been concealed in his suitcase and somehow Proc knew of it. This Housemaster bided his time whilst Murray planned a fine booze-up under the cover of some Sixth Form event in which a limited amount of alcohol was available. Murray held the thought of such delight close, and with growing anticipation. Sharing one or two with friends would only add to his stock in Freeland House. One Friday, the eve of the eagerly-awaited binge, Murray had enjoyed an ample school tea which he was to digest over a somnolent prep. He was just settling down - to some homework - when the summons came to Proctor's study. Within, Proc sat before the six bottles of amber nectar whilst the colour drained from Murray's already ashen face. The upshot of a short but suitably powerful exchange was that Murray was now, this moment, to drink every drop of the contraband goods before prep. Naturally that would be the end of the matter. What a sad, burpy, joyless and undignified end to an event so long-planned and cherished.... Thus real lessons are learned and not forgotten, for they are made to measure and not off the peg.

I was asked to write this piece only yesterday and while I now complete the task an item from today's paper springs to mind. This is the story of the headmaster of a 350 pupil school in London. Last year he earned more than £200,000. That is nearly a quarter of a million! Much of his salary - basic £80,000 - was in bonuses for working 'out of office hours' and also for supporting the then government's initiative of enabling the educationally disadvantaged. They might have better benefited if he had actually come out of his office and even shared some of his substantial income

A legacy of the great state welfare business and the money invested therein during the recent boom years, when we had money to burn and kitchens and bathrooms everywhere to replace, is the emergence of professional piety and venal vocationalism. In the world of education and medicine, for example, dedication is rather less common. The one-man G.P. surgery with its open-door appointments and ready house visits seems to have almost entirely vanished. It is a great pity and a national shame. The schoolmaster and housemaster - and here I most emphatically identify Robert Proctor - who dedicates a huge slice of his private life and the most of his energies to his pupils is an increasingly rare beast. The ever-open study door - not merely a well-worn phrase but a stark fact - and a inescapable vigilance are not everywhere observed. Rare people like Robert Proctor vigilantly steer their complement of boys through fair and foul weather and on watches that last the pace of that weather and not the ticking of the clock. Proc did this without looking for back-pay, out-of hours benefits or the expectation of a bonus. And what on earthy does a bonus have to do with education or any vocation? Indeed, Proc not only gave without restraint of his 'free' and 'family' time but he often subsidised many events and appurtenances of Freeland House, the History Department and Strathallan's Cricket Club from his own pocket.



I have many memories of Proctor as a schoolmaster - and friend - some of them uncomfortable but most of them happy and all of them good. And the image that I carry of him is of a larger-than-life figure hirpling on gammy hips, with the summer's light fading whilst he moved from cricket net to masters' common room to cricket net and everywhere encouraging and fostering young cricketers, regardless of their ability. This nurturing of talent and interest took him far beyond that which was expected or required - but was freely given. The picture is of a dedicated enthusiast and amateur. He was a generous and compassionate schoolmaster and he expected no reward other than an enthusiastic, thoughtful and possibly intelligent response.

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### Jennifer Hutcheon

**Jennifer Hutcheon joined the staff in September 1994. She came to Strathallan from the Civil Service, but also with an already impressive record of success in the world of piping, particularly with the pipe band of Craigmount High School, which she had run for 21 years, winning every juvenile competition.**

She brought her expertise to Strathallan and under her instruction and inspiration; the Pipe Band individuals quickly achieved notable successes. They won the Scottish Championship for novice juvenile bands in 1997. Three of our pipers were Scottish junior solo piping champions - Niall Robertson, Cara Munro and Adam Michie. Niall (twice) and Adam (once) won the Vale of Atholl solo piping open championship.

The band were three time Scottish Schools' Pipe Band champions. In both of these, at various times, all the solo competitions were won. Also, three times pipers won the Scottish School's Quartets competitions. All of these and many other successes meant that the Headmaster presented numerous trophies and medals at School assemblies.

Originally a PE teacher, Jennifer also contributed considerably to the School's games programme. In her early days here she helped with hockey and later with swimming, athletics and the horse riding programme.

Now in retirement, Jennifer is an adjudicator for the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association. She has also been asked to be an assessor for the Piping and Drumming Qualifications Board, in conjunction with the Scottish Qualifications Authority. She will fit these in around her other great love, her garden.

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### Liz Hamilton

**Liz came to Strathallan in 1986 as a sprightly 36 year old and retired this July... as a sprightly 60 year old. The intervening 24 years have seen a lot of water flow under the bridge, so where do I begin to tell her story?**

Let's start in the classroom, where she had the reputation of being very strict, not to say fearsome - she could cut a difficult pupil down to size with just a glare - but she must have had the right recipe because all her chemistry results were always top of the range.

Outside the classroom pupils and staff alike saw a completely different side. Nicknames that come to mind are: 'The Judge', 'Elvis' (her wonderful head of jet black hair is reminiscent of Elvis in his heyday) and 'Liza Milton', (first given by Marie-Laure with her silky French accent). Liz had a wicked sense of humour which often came to the fore and she was always game for a joke, sometimes at her own expense as well as other people's. At this point I would like to say that the story she put about saying she stepped over me on numerous occasions as she left the Students' Union on a Saturday night (we were both at Aberdeen University at the same time) was complete fiction and should not be entertained. What was certainly not fiction was the night I performed some magic at the Prefects' dinner. The evening culminated in me managing to remove a certain pink brassiere from Liz without her protesting or indeed having to remove any other clothing first... Those who were there will testify to my success. Pink reminds me that she was a founder member of the Pink Ladies Club at Strathallan, a select group demonstrating dubious intent. They suggested charity was the motive, but I think that it had more to do with the colour of the wine. Liz was always up for fun. I can see her now, trotting over to classes in her tartan pelmet skirt on one of those 'wear what you want' charity days. She definitely had the legs to pull it off!!

In her earlier days, Liz took part in the girls' games programme. She has always taught the girls and boys their Scottish Country Dancing as an Activity and has run so many School Ceilidhs, that we all lost count long ago. She has been the longest-serving House Tutor in Woodlands (over 20 years), guiding the girls through those difficult teenage years and she has been Colin Walker's No. 2 in the Examinations Department in recent times.

I am sure there are many other stories to be told, but there simply isn't the time or space to give the definitive guide to Liz Hamilton. Nobody is indispensable, but Liz comes closer than most to that description. We wish her well in her retirement and trust that she will drop in from time to time, to keep up with all the gossip.

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Jennifer Hutcheon



Liz Hamilton



# Obituaries



Prof John Sinclair

## Prof John Sinclair

Ruthven '54  
1935 - 2009

The sudden death of John Sinclair shocked and saddened everyone who knew him. All appreciated the joy he felt in being alive. The warmth of his personality infused every gathering of which he was part.

Following his education at Strathallan he graduated with a BA from Queens University, Belfast and LLB from Glasgow University.

He practised as a solicitor with Leslie Wolfson & Co and then on his own account. He was clerk, treasurer and fiscal of the Royal Faculty of Procurators in Glasgow between 1983 and 1993. He was made an honorary member of the faculty in 1997.

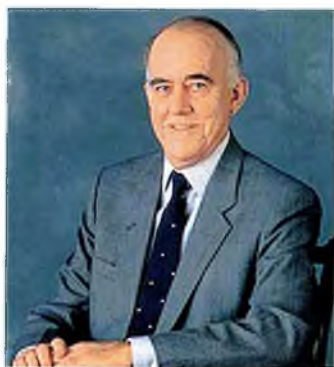
However, John's true metier was as a teacher. He was a lecturer in conveyancing at Strathclyde University from 1970 and, to popular acclaim, was appointed the first professor of conveyancing at that university in 1992.

He became the first director of the Diploma in Legal Practice at Strathclyde in 1981 and latterly, when post-graduate legal education in Glasgow and Strathclyde universities combined, he was the first director of the Glasgow Graduate School of Law.

He was a past president of the Strathallian Club, the Glasgow Juridical Society, the Bridgetown Burns Club and Whitecraigs Rugby club. He was a member of Whitecraigs Tennis Club, the Royal Automobile Club, the Western Club in Glasgow, the New Golf Club of St Andrews and Crail Golfing Society.

For John family came first. He was married to Sandra for 42 years. They lived in Whitecraigs until 2002 and thereafter in Crail. His children Euan and Caroline, were a source of great pride to him and he liked nothing better than to be in the company of his four grandchildren.

**Brian Lockhart**



John Gray

## John Gray

Freeland '51  
1934 - 2009

Born in Hong Kong in 1934, the son of a Hongkong Bank executive and the great-nephew of another, Gray owed his start at the bank in 1952 to his father Samuel. During his 44 year career he rose steadily through the ranks to become chairman and chief executive of HSBC in Hong Kong from 1993-1996.

John spent two years doing his National Service in the RAF in the early 1950's before boarding a steamer bound for Hong Kong, often saying 'You were nothing at the bank until you got on that boat'. After his induction at HSBC's offices on Hong Kong's Victoria Peak, new recruits were despatched to far-flung outposts with instructions not to marry until they were 25. John took postings in India, Malaysia, Brunei, France and Germany, where he was manager in Frankfurt from 1973-75. In 1979 he was appointed chief accountant at the main offices of HSBC in Hong Kong and then in 1993 chairman and chief executive.

An example of his humour and modesty is borne out in a story told when a young employee asked him what he did, John replied that he was a 'number-cruncher'. When others pointed out that his job was more important than that he replied "Oh yes, I'm the chief number cruncher".

In accordance with his status, John was appointed by Governor Chris Patten as a member of the executive council of the Hong Kong Government. He made a lasting contribution to public life in Hong Kong and was among the most popular and recognisable corporate figures in the territory. He was appointed CBE in 1996, the year he retired from HSBC.

John was always grateful for his education at Strath, and especially for the lifelong interest in history which was aroused there. Whether it was exploring the early history of Penang, where he spent some of the year in retirement, or exploring the background of United States airmen who died in training at an old airfield near his UK home in Gloucestershire, he saw the world in a historical background.

John's brother David recalls being present at a dinner he gave the 1st XV on their return from an Australian tour by way of the Hong Kong Sevens, sitting high above Hong Kong on the top floor of the Bank Building.



## Ronnie Fraser

Ruthven '46  
1929 - 2010

Ronnie Fraser, who has died aged 81, was an accomplished journalist and a prominent member of the Scottish Liberal Party and then of the Scottish Liberal Democrats. He was educated at Strathallan and then at Glasgow University where he studied agriculture and was elected president of the Union in 1952–1953. After graduating he was appointed assistant lecturer in agricultural economics at the University of Durham. There then followed a period of three years in London, on the staff of the United States Embassy where he conducted research into agriculture.

In 1960, he was appointed editor of Farming News. He continued in this position for 10 years before embarking on a freelance career working for a variety of agricultural papers and trade magazines, and for the BBC. He was a member of the Trades House of Glasgow and served as Deacon of the Incorporation of Cordiners in 1969–70.

His involvement in national politics began when, as a 21 year old student, he stood for the Liberals in the constituency of Glasgow Govan. After achieving only 4% of the vote Ronnie lost his deposit, but undeterred, a man of firm radical convictions, he stood for parliament on a further three occasions. In subsequent years, he acted as agent for other candidates and then, when deafness overtook him in late middle age he contented himself with delivering leaflets, or whatever other useful work he was still able to do in the Liberal cause.

There was one incident in his political life about which he preferred to be reticent. A couple of weeks after his death it transpired that, as a student and shortly after he had first stood for parliament, he had played a very minor role in the northerly progress of the Stone of Destiny in 1950. It seems that his parents' house near Carlisle, where he was staying over Christmas and new year, proved a convenient meeting place for some of those organising the transport north.

There were rumours that he border had been closed and Ronnie was despatched to keep a lookout for any suspicious looking policemen in the Gretna area. Apparently he didn't find any, but in any event "Aunty" travelled by another route.

Deafness was a tragic irony for a music lover who was so involved in journalism and politics. However Ronnie was something of a stoic as well as an epicurean, and he mainly regarded his affliction as a practical problem that simply had to be dealt with.

**Robert Powell**

## Patrick Macfarlane Rentoul

Simpson '58  
1942 - 2009

Patrick, who has died aged 66, was a prominent figure in farming circles for many years and also a successful businessman.

Self-employed throughout his working career, he studied at the Scottish Agricultural College in Auchincruive, near Ayr. Along with his brother John, Patrick farmed at Low Kilphin, Ballantrae in South Ayrshire for many years. They later converted from mixed farming to specialise in dairy and were pioneers by being one of the first farms in the country to install computerised feeding.

Patrick's involvement in public life included membership of several organisations including prominent roles in the National Farmers' Union, the Grassland Society and the Electricity Consumers' Council. He was also interested in mechanical engineering and together with his brother, built a Lotus Elan and patented an egg collecting device.

After selling the farm at Ballantrae, he and his wife Rosaleen lived in Crieff for a short time, before moving to St Andrews. He had business interest in an ironmongery business in Bridge of Allan and a small printing business in Cupar.

While living in Ballantrae, Patrick served on the congregational board of Ballantrae Parish Church. He continued his involvement in the church while in Crieff and was also an elder of Hope Parish Church, St Andrews, and served as presbytery elder for many years.

Sport also played a prominent part in his life and his love of sailing began as a youngster during family summer holidays spent on the west coast. An enthusiastic sailor, over the years he competed in Scottish inshore and Scotland to France yacht races. Patrick also enjoyed ski-ing, golf and curling and was a member of the New Golf Club, St Andrews, the Golf House Club, Elie and the Raith and Abbotshall Curling Club.



Ronnie Fraser



Patrick Macfarlane Rentoul



# Charities

In October the School held its traditional non-uniform day. This year the Autumn term charity chosen by the Committee was Hope for Heroes. The theme for the day was cartoon characters. Normally there is a collection at the end of the House Music Competition towards the Autumn charity. As this was postponed the committee decided to add the collections at the Christmas Carol concerts to the amount we would send to Help for Heroes. The final amount sent was £1,710.

As has become customary at October half-term the school sent a quiz team comprising staff to the Capability Scotland Quiz Night. In the absence of long-standing team captain, Mr Kennedy, and despite the attendance of Egghead, Brain of Britain contestant and all-round mine of information Mr Dunn, the team suffered their first ever defeat! We did, however, manage to hand over £250 in contribution to the charity's good work.

In November the school gives a concert in Perth Concert Hall. This year we had a request from BBC Radio Scotland asking if they could take a collection at the end of the concert, in aid of Children in Need. Normally the school would take a collection in aid of the Autumn term charity. However, rather than complicating matters and having collections for two different charities we gave the evening over to Children in Need. The BBC team were delighted to collect £1,033.

Also happening in November was Movember; a charity event where the men on the staff were sponsored to grow a moustache over the month of November. By the end of the month there were some splendid moustaches (the highlights being Womble's homage to Capt. Mainwaring and, to the dismay of some of the younger female members of the school, Dr. Gibson's rather scary Zapata) and a total of £350 was raised for the Prostate Cancer charity. In order not to be left out the ladies on the staff had a charity day and raised £400 for The Breast Cancer Campaign

On the 12th of January 2010 Haiti was hit by a terrible earthquake. In order to raise money quickly it was decided to have a collection in the Dining Hall over five days. We were able to send £501.25 to the Disasters Emergency Committee to support the people of Haiti.

In the summer term we needed to raise money for the Tusk Trust. Tusk was established in response to an urgent need to halt the decline in Africa's natural heritage and find a way to combine the interests of people and wildlife alike. The charity was chosen by Mark Beaumont, the speaker on Speech Day this year.

Many of the senior members of the committee had been along to help at Riley's sponsored water-obstacle -course the previous summer and decided it would be a good idea to have one for the whole school. This event took place on the same day as the annual Triathlon event. With help from pupil committee members and some members of staff the course was set up on the grass behind Ruthven. Water was kindly supplied by Mr Watt via his garden hose. Riley turned



out in force to take part in this event and once the senior pupils had seen the Riley girls take part the event took off. Crawling under the cricket net proved a major obstacle for anyone with buttons on their trouser pockets as many of those wearing combat trousers discovered. Nicol turned out in force, mostly in camouflage and were enthusiastic competitors. In total the School was able to donate £800 to the Tusk Trust a charity for which Mark has done a considerable amount of fundraising on his epic cycling trips.

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# VI Form common room

## VI Form Common Room re-development Spring 2009

After being out of our CR for all of the Christmas term and half of the Easter term, The VI Form were delighted to get back into their spiritual home down below the Art School.

During their absence the Bursar had re-roofed and floored the old strip rooms and decorated the inside, painting the old graffitied walls and decorating the whole building. This allowed the CR committee to install 2 50" plasma TVs with surround sound through a Bose speaker system.

The CR was split into three areas; the lounge area, where clip-frames of photos for each House were mounted to allow House photos to be displayed. The dance floor area with frames for arts and music while the top area was converted into a Sports bar theme, complete with sports equipment on the walls and a 40 game space invader machine and pin ball machine.

This first stage of the development has improved the CR beyond recognition and there are plans for further expansion of the patio and kitchen area. There are even plans to develop the small vacant rooms between the newly refurbished toilets.

Thanks to the HM and the Bursar and his staff for all their hard work on our behalf.

PMV for VI Form CR Committee





# The Ball - a photo essay







*One for the  
road, sir?*



*See no evil...*



*So, what did you do  
in the war, daddy?  
And what about you,  
granddad?*



*Sara unimpressed  
by new comedy  
backpack.*



*Sorry, Lilian, was I  
supposed to leave your  
head above the sand?*



*When will  
we three...?*





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