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Strathallan through the years

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|-------------|--|---------------|--|
| 1913 | Harry Riley, Headmaster 1913 - 1942 | 1968 | Causeway |
| 1914 | Glenbrae | 1969 | Rugby Team |
| 1915 | Gym | 1970 | A. D. D. Hamilton, Headmaster 1970 - 1975 |
| 1916 | Bridge of Allan Staff | 1971 | Cross Country |
| 1917 | The Birkenward (Classrooms) | 1972 | Cricket Team |
| 1918 | Whole School Photo | 1973 | Pipes and Drums |
| 1919 | Rugby Team | 1974 | Rugby |
| 1920 | Freeland House | 1975 | C. D. Pighills, Headmaster 1975 - 1993 |
| 1921 | Cricket | 1976 | Rugby |
| 1922 | Classrooms | 1977 | Hockey |
| 1923 | Dorm | 1978 | Cricket |
| 1924 | Chapel | 1979 | Thorneyshades House |
| 1925 | Rugby | 1980 | Boys Hockey |
| 1926 | Sports Day | 1981 | Rugby |
| 1927 | Sports Day | 1982 | Woodlands House Opens |
| 1928 | Gym | 1983 | Cricket |
| 1929 | Physics Lab | 1984 | Hockey |
| 1930 | Cricket Team | 1985 | Girls Hockey |
| 1931 | Rugby Team | 1986 | Girls Tennis |
| 1932 | Dining Hall | 1987 | Rugby |
| 1933 | Chemistry Lab | 1988 | Strathallian Pipeband at the Fete |
| 1934 | Rugby | 1989 | Thornbank House Opens |
| 1935 | Strippies | 1990 | Girls Hockey |
| 1936 | Cricket Ball Throwing | 1991 | South America Tour |
| 1937 | Riley Quad | 1992 | Girls Athletics |
| 1938 | 5's Court | 1993 | A. W. McPhail, Headmaster 1993 - 2000 |
| 1939 | Rugby | 1994 | Football |
| 1940 | Cricket Team | 1995 | Rugby |
| 1941 | Homeguard | 1996 | 1st Netball |
| 1942 | W. E. Ward, Headmaster 1942 - 1948 | 1997 | 1st XI Hockey |
| 1943 | Causeway | 1998 | Pringle Trophy Winners |
| 1944 | Saloon | 1999 | Performance of Little Shop of Horrors |
| 1945 | Skating on the Pond | 2000 | B. K. Thompson, Headmaster 2000 to present |
| 1946 | Aerial View | 2001 | Scottish Cup Winners |
| 1947 | Performance of Merry England | 2002 | 1st XI Hockey |
| 1948 | A.J. Shaw, Headmaster 1948 - 1949 | 2003 | Cricket |
| 1949 | A. N. Hamilton, Headmaster 1949 - 1950 | 2004 | 1st XI Rugby |
| 1950 | Chapel at Christmas | 2005 | MCC |
| 1951 | W. N. S. Hoare, Headmaster 1951 - 1970 | 2006 | 1st XI Hockey |
| 1952 | Strathallan Slingsby Glider | 2007 | Athletics Scottish Schools Winners |
| 1953 | House Prefects | 2008 | 1st XV Rugby |
| 1954 | Cricket | 2009 | Clay Pigeon Shooting Team |
| 1955 | Performance Of Pirates of Penzance | 2010 | Glenbrae House Opens |
| 1956 | School Campus | 2011 | Strength and Conditioning Suite Opened |
| 1957 | 1st XI Hockey | 2012 | Final of Scottish Schools Cup |
| 1958 | Study Block | 2013 | Performance of Into the Woods |
| 1959 | Pipes and Drums | 2014 A | Strathallan Pipers |
| 1960 | Chapel build | 2014 B | Silver Medal for swimming at Commonwealth Games for Duncan Scott |
| 1961 | Senior Dorm | 2014 C | 2014 Leavers Ball |
| 1962 | Bookstore and Workshops | 2014 D | Beginning of the Centenary Project |
| 1963 | Causeway | | |
| 1964 | Cricket | | |
| 1965 | Sailing Team | | |
| 1966 | Performance of Gondoliers | | |
| 1967 | Rugby | | |

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Captains of SCHOOL

This past year has been successful in so many respects, not only for the Upper Sixth, but also for the whole school, in academia, sports, music, drama and so many more activities.

Upper Sixth was a very busy year for the whole year group, as the responsibility for running the school was delegated across the whole of the Upper Sixth. Each of us played a vital role in maintaining the smooth running of the school, be it with helping younger years with reading and maths or running committees such as the eco committee and ball committee.

On top of these responsibilities, we were all working hard towards where we are today, whether it was University, college, employment or becoming a professional athlete and there are a huge number of teaching staff and coaches willing to take on individuals to further pursue careers down these paths. Nevertheless, it wasn't just the Upper Sixth that had a lot to do for the school; every year played their part in keeping Strath the special place it is, working hard in class, being part of the extremely enjoyable musicals and drama performances and being extremely good role models for the school.

The year seemed to fly by, and as excited as we all were to move on to the next chapter of our lives, it became evident that we would all miss the comfort of the friends we saw every day, the teachers who supported us and our home which was Strathallan. Being in Houses and living with your friends made strong bonds with a number of amazing people and it's definitely true that you make friends for life at Strathallan. One of the biggest things we have learnt from moving on to University is that you should never wish away your time at Strath; it truly is an opportunity that sets you up in many different respects.

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Its being the centenary year, it was important that there were a number of ways to celebrate this memorable anniversary, such as the centenary ball, an extremely enjoyable evening and not just because of Mr. Hamill's dance moves. As well as this, the planning and now current building of the new sports complex seem an appropriate way to mark the year representing the huge successes in sport over the century. The events held, such as Strathallian day, Headmaster's music and the Summer Strathallan Variety Show, all contained elements that related to the Centenary theme and were able to be enjoyed by past and current pupils, members of staff and family.

The growth of the school has been due to the growth in characters and willingness in the pupils of Strathallan, whether it's the extremely good grades in academia and music or sporting achievements; the school badge wouldn't be so proudly worn if it weren't for the successes of every individual at the school. It is important that once you leave Strathallan you utilise your developed skills and personality in positive ways as you have during your time at Strathallan, as this is what the school sets you up to do. It is important that each individual contribute, even to the smallest things.

We would like to thank Strathallan for making the past years the best of our lives, setting us up for the future and making us part of the great place it is. We would also like to thank the teaching staff for all their support they have given us throughout our time, and most of all, we would like to thank the Upper Sixth for being the best year to grow up with and creating the fondest lifetime memories. Good luck to the pupils at Strathallan too for the forthcoming years and make the most of your time there.

Robyn Somerville UVI Thornbank

Charlie Mearns UVI Nicol



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Headmaster's REPORT

This year has, of course, been our centenary. As I said at Speech Day, we are still "the new kid on the block" because others have been around longer. From our foundation this has led to a willingness to be more outward-looking, perhaps rather more ambitious and innovative and certainly not hidebound or locked into a past, idealised or otherwise. I have certainly wondered during the year quite what Harry Riley would have made Strathallan as it is now.

I like to believe that we are true to his vision, and that the achievements of the pupils in our 101st year reflect his determination to provide a variety of academic work, sport and other activities such that every pupil has the chance to excel. He seems to me to have shown remarkable foresight in the direction which education should go.

Academic work, of course, continues to be the bedrock. This year saw another very solid set of A level results with the A*-C particularly impressive at 93%. There was not quite the same level with the highest grades as in the last two or three years but pupils worked hard to achieve levels appropriate to them and to support entry to a variety of top-performing universities and, in particular, as is the wont at Strathallan, a range of interesting courses which suit the individuals concerned. This was also reflected in some very impressive Higher results which this year saw the best A-C pass rate and highest percentage of A grades. The AS level results were very strong with the best performance at A, A/B and A-C in recent years which gives confidence that the Upper Sixth will achieve at a good level next year. In a year in which the Government decided to depress levels at GCSE, our pupils responded well with a very good A*-C rate, seventeen pupils achieving a full set of ten A*-A grades. A particular focus of the Heads of Department this year has been extension beyond the classroom and each department has a programme of activities published to this end. The standards therein were reflected in UK Maths competitions with a total of 17 Gold, 44 Silver and 29 Bronze at the three levels. The Junior Maths team came sixth out of Scotland, and the Seniors won the Scottish Final and went down to London to compete against the best mathematicians from across the UK. National awards were won by eight pupils in Biology, Physics and Art, and an Arkwright Scholarship. Our Junior Debaters reached the regional final and Form I and 1JJ achieved the Tayside Award for Advocacy in a mock court case. In the "Inspire/Aspire" competition which was linked to the Commonwealth Games legacy, pupils won two Gold awards (top 16) and one Silver (top 60) out of 36,000 entries.

In Music there were some entertaining concerts and also individual achievements which ranged from members of the National Youth Choir, and Girls' Choir, National Youth Pipe Band, victories in national competitions for Piping, a solo recording with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and production of a track with an international DJ. The School Play The Ghost Train in the winter term and Annie in the spring term were particular highlights and we had three individuals taking

part in national youth programmes and one in Musical Theatre in Glasgow. Fifty two pupils achieved distinctions in LAMDA and three pupils gained Gold medal with distinction.

In sport 28 pupils (47 selections in different squads/levels) represented Scotland or Great Britain in nine separate sports. We also achieved 46 Scottish, British and European champions across twelve sports. Such success was achieved in the following sports: athletics, canoeing, clay pigeon shooting, cricket, cross country, cycling, dressage, fencing, hockey, pony club, rugby, show jumping, skiing, swimming and tennis. In addition our 1st XV, U14A, U14B and U16B won all their games in the regular season, our girls' hockey teams won six regional competitions and our swimmers won huge numbers of medals in a variety of meetings - including a silver at the Commonwealth Games!

CCF continues to grow in numbers with now over two hundred cadets, seven Royal Marine cadets taking part in a parade in London, over thirty cadets taking part in national courses and a Fleet Air Arms scholarship. One hundred and thirty Bronze awards were achieved, one Silver and eleven Gold, in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

This year we have said farewell to a number of staff, five of whom who are going into well-earned retirement. Colin Walker stopped at the end of the Easter term. He had been variously Head of Biology, Head of the CCF, and latterly exam supremo all of which tasks he carried out with unflappable calm and real efficiency. John Burgess has actually had a farewell notice before but very kindly helped us by teaching part-time in the Physics Department for the last few years. His expertise and support in the classroom have continued to be highly valued. Three Heads of Department also retired. Irene McFarlane headed up the Support for Learning Department in which context she supported many individuals and groups to success which might have seemed unlikely without her patient interest and support. She has also produced a succession of fine plays and is responsible for the vast number of LAMDA certificates the presentation of which has become something of note in Assembly. Geoff Bolton led the Chemistry Department to attract unprecedented numbers of students over the last few years and the popularity of the department is evident in the significant increase in staffing which has been required. He was also a fine musician and continues to play the organ in Chapel. Nigel Smith was highly regarded in delivering Economics and Business Studies, leading a department which consisted only of him when he arrived and now has four staff and a huge number of pupils. He is an experienced examiner who has supported generations of students to impressive results and whose care and understanding will also be much missed in his "other role" as senior tutor in Thornbank. At the lower end of the age scale we lost John MacLean who was appointed a Head of Department in London. A highly innovative teacher he brought a breath of fresh air to the classroom and his input has been appreciated particularly in terms of use of technology. He has also directed the musical for the last three years and played a significant role in the Expressive Arts. Mike Joiner and Cameron Drummond also

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left us for personal reasons to move further south. Mike had been very much the type of all-round schoolmaster whom one is loth to lose. He was a very capable Geography teacher, Resident Tutor and also coached the U14 As to an unbeaten rugby season and contributed to sport in each of the terms. Cameron has overseen the resurgence of the pipe band and development of individuals over the last three years and has left piping in good shape. He was also a Resident Tutor and coach of Rugby and Football. I am also grateful to Nino Jojua our HMC teacher who willingly helped with the EAL provision and who joined in all aspects of our life and Jackie Martin who kindly returned for a third stint to cover some Computing.

New to the teaching staff are two Heads of Department. Matt Bergin takes over as Head of Economics and Business Studies, a role which he previously held at Hutchesons' Grammar School. A graduate of Sheffield he has considerable expertise in the role and takes on a department which has increased significantly in size over recent years. David Yeaman previously taught at Merchiston where he also oversaw the golf academy. A graduate of Edinburgh he takes on a subject which is now very popular in the Strathallan context. Support for Learning will be under the care of Kate Streatfeild-James who has made a major contribution already to its success in supporting pupils in Riley in particular. On Irene's retirement she will be assisted by Hilary Dunbar who is a graduate of Geography from Glasgow who decided to pursue an interest in Support for Learning at Menzieshill High School and Morgan Academy in Dundee. Leslie Kent's expertise in Biology and Chemistry will be very welcome; he has previously headed the Science Department at The Cheltenham Ladies' College and the Biology Department at Dean Close and joins us, along with his wife Laura, as Housemaster of Thornbank, a role which he takes over from Rosalind Stuart who has stepped down from the House but continues to teach RMPS, Classical Civilisation and takes on oversight of the PSD programme. Leslie is a graduate of Sheffield and has been involved with various sporting activities as well as being a musician and artist. Taking a slightly different route into teaching is Ed Kalman who after a degree in Physics at Durham University and a Masters at Cambridge took time out to be a professional rugby player with Glasgow Warriors before returning to academe. He will teach a full

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timetable of Physics but his expertise on the rugby pitch will obviously be of great value also. Will Christiansen joins us from Durham School as a Teacher of Geography. He is a graduate of Durham University and has particular interest in a full range of outdoor activities in addition to a specific expertise in Geography. Isla Woodman has enjoyed a distinguished academic career at St Andrews where she gained an MA, MLitt and PhD before doing a PGCE at Cambridge where she has taught for one year. She is also world class in Highland Dancing so we will look for further development of that activity in the years to come. Yamika Banda completed his PGCE at Edge Hill. A graduate of the New University of Ulster he teaches Business Studies and has already taken to coaching the U14 rugby team with great enthusiasm. Craig Muirhead, a graduate of RSAMD, an accomplished piper in competition bands, solo competitions and member of the Red Hot Chilli Pipers, has experience of piping tuition and has lectured in Scottish Music at St Andrews University. Dustin Mackay, a graduate of St Mary's, London, and all-round sportsman will be a graduate assistant and Julia Pivovarnikova becomes our second international sports recruit (Ed Kalman has caps for Scotland) having played football for Slovakia. She is working with our EAL students under the HMC Teacher programme.

I referred earlier in this article to the importance of individuality and developing the skills which individuals have. The range of skills and talents of new staff is also apparent and will help to support pupils in all that they undertake during the course of the academic year. School should be both a worthwhile experience in itself and also a preparation for the future. It has been good to see a huge range of achievements by former pupils ranging from being an Australian Air Chief Marshal through modelling Harris Tweed for the Ryder Cup, to a debut for Glasgow Warriors at tight head prop at the age of eighteen. We have the most pupils at the start of an academic year in our history, pupils are achieving across the board, we are in a very strong financial position, ambitious projects are under way – the second phase of the Centenary Project is being built as I write this – and we are determined to continue to move forward on all fronts.

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Salvete

| Date of Birth | Surname | Preferred Name | Initials | Boarding House | Year Group (NC) | Admissions Date |
|---------------|-------------------|----------------|----------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 04/09/2003 | Ajayi | Mayowa | O O P | Riley | 7 | 03/09/2014 |
| 15/07/1998 | Bach | Julika | J | Glenbrae | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
| 25/09/1998 | Baillie | Gregory | G T | Nicol | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
| 24/06/1997 | Barnes | Aaron | A C | Freeland | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
| 10/08/2000 | Baselga De Corral | Yago | Y | Ruthven | 10 | 03/09/2014 |
| 06/06/2001 | Bayne | Rory | R A | Simpson | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
| 08/10/2002 | Bergin | Alexander | A J I | Riley | 8 | 03/09/2014 |
| 15/04/2004 | Berry | Roshan | R M | Riley | 6 | 15/04/2014 |
| 01/10/2002 | Beveridge | Bronte | B R | Riley | 8 | 03/09/2014 |
| 10/12/1997 | Bierdrager | Ronnie | N | Simpson | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
| 27/04/2002 | Blanche | Calum | C S M | Riley | 8 | 03/09/2014 |
| 02/03/1998 | Bobrov | Daniel | D | Ruthven | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
| 25/08/2001 | Boyd | Bella | I M | Thornbank | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
| 10/05/1997 | Bregadze | Alexander | A | Simpson | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
| 14/04/2001 | Brown | Mungo | M J | Freeland | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
| 14/08/1998 | Buchanan | Lee | L I | Woodlands | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
| 19/07/1997 | Bull | Jonathan | J | Freeland | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
| 09/07/1999 | Burns | Robert | R | Freeland | 10 | 03/09/2014 |
| 25/12/2001 | Calley | Jommo | J C | Ruthven | 9 | 06/01/2014 |
| 28/11/2004 | Campbell | Conor | C M | Riley | 5 | 03/09/2014 |
| 09/04/2003 | Campbell-Mooney | Ross | R S | Riley | 7 | 06/01/2014 |
| 12/07/2000 | Carey | Rowan | R E | Nicol | 10 | 03/09/2014 |
| 08/03/1998 | Cass | Charlie | C J | Nicol | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
| 07/04/2001 | Chouvet | Octave | O H A | Freeland | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
| 19/06/1999 | Chung | Nexus | M | Simpson | 10 | 03/09/2014 |
| 02/06/1998 | Clark | Kirsty | K T | Thornbank | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
| 23/11/2000 | Crichton | Jorden | J E | Glenbrae | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
| 10/07/2003 | Davids | Pelumi | P T | Riley | 7 | 03/09/2014 |
| 26/05/2000 | Davie | Blair | B W G | Freeland | 10 | 03/09/2014 |
| 16/05/2001 | Dawson | Kirsten | K E | Glenbrae | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
| 23/10/2002 | de Pascalis | Harvey | H | Riley | 7 | 03/09/2014 |
| 21/01/2004 | de Pascalis | Luca | L | Riley | 6 | 03/09/2014 |
| 23/10/2002 | de Pascalis | Massimo | M | Riley | 7 | 03/09/2014 |
| 09/11/1999 | Dedenuola | Mife | O H O | Simpson | 10 | 03/09/2014 |
| 21/10/2004 | Dewar | Lewis | L J | Riley | 5 | 03/09/2014 |
| 15/09/2000 | Deych | Masha | M | Thornbank | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
| 27/12/1996 | Dieker | Benedikt | B P | Ruthven | 13 | 03/09/2014 |
| 05/04/2001 | Doherty | Drew | A M | Ruthven | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
| 05/06/2005 | Doig | Aedan | A A | Riley | 5 | 03/09/2014 |
| 16/01/2003 | Donald | Issy | I O | Riley | 7 | 03/09/2014 |
| 28/03/2001 | Donnelly | Charlotte | C E | Woodlands | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
| 01/12/1998 | Drysdale | Phoebe | P L | Woodlands | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
| 10/02/2001 | Elliott | Paul | P | Nicol | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
| 23/07/1998 | Embley | Aleah | A E | Thornbank | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
| 1/21/1998 | Evans | George | G R | Freeland | 12 | 10/27/2014 |
| 18/04/1998 | Eynon | Ben | B J | Ruthven | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
| 06/07/1998 | Fairchild | Lucy | L | Woodlands | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
| 13/08/2000 | Fawcett | Kate | K | Woodlands | 10 | 03/09/2014 |
| 09/10/2002 | Fichtner-Irvine | Archie | A H T | Riley | 7 | 03/09/2014 |
| 23/08/1997 | Flockhart | Bruce | B D | Simpson | 13 | 03/09/2014 |
| 10/09/1999 | Flynn | Maya | M S | Thornbank | 10 | 06/01/2014 |
| 18/04/2001 | Folan | Izzy | I K | Woodlands | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
| 30/12/1998 | Forn Canabate | Frankie | F | Ruthven | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
| 28/10/2000 | Galloway | Iain | I M | Nicol | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
| 29/11/2003 | Gardiner | Natasha | N | Riley | 7 | 03/09/2014 |
| 06/05/2002 | Garland | Lois | L A | Riley | 8 | 03/09/2014 |
| 08/07/1998 | Goehring | Jacob | J L M | Ruthven | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
| 28/10/2000 | Grant | Meghan | M N | Woodlands | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
| 24/05/2005 | Hamill | Elvie | E E | Riley | 5 | 03/09/2014 |
| 12/02/1999 | Havard | Dewi | D | Nicol | 10 | 03/09/2014 |
| 12/02/1999 | Havard | Liam | L | Nicol | 10 | 03/09/2014 |
| 12/02/1999 | Havard | Rhys | R | Nicol | 10 | 03/09/2014 |
| 03/09/2002 | Hay | Abi | A D | Riley | 8 | 03/09/2014 |
| 26/03/2001 | Hay | Campbell | C W | Freeland | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
| 23/05/2004 | Higginbottom | Katharine | K A | Riley | 6 | 03/09/2014 |
| 04/05/2000 | Irvine-Fortescue | Xander | A W | Freeland | 10 | 03/09/2014 |
| 28/05/2005 | Kent | Oliver | O B | Riley | 5 | 03/09/2014 |
| 08/02/2002 | Kent | William | W J | Riley | 8 | 03/09/2014 |
| 27/09/2003 | Krasitckaia | Polina | P Y | Riley | 7 | 15/04/2014 |
| 11/16/2001 | Lai | Morrison | C C | Riley | 7 | 10/27/2014 |
| 02/03/2003 | Lapslie | Ishbel | I I J | Riley | 7 | 03/09/2014 |

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|---------------|----------------------|----------------|----------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 14/09/2000 | Lewis-Lettington | Cid | C B | Woodlands | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
| 26/08/2003 | Loneragan | James | M J | Riley | 7 | 03/09/2014 |
| 06/01/2003 | Low | Isla | I Y | Riley | 7 | 03/09/2014 |
| 10/03/2002 | Lowe | Jake | J R | Riley | 8 | 06/01/2014 |
| 16/08/1998 | Macdonald | Katie | K E | Woodlands | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
| 14/03/2002 | MacLachlan | Fergus | F S | Riley | 8 | 03/09/2014 |
| 28/11/1997 | MacNeill | Carrie | C J | Thornbank | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
| 27/10/2001 | Magre | Paloma | P | Riley | 8 | 15/04/2014 |
| 31/10/2002 | Marden | Catriona | C L M | Riley | 8 | 03/09/2014 |
| 14/02/2001 | Marsh | Alex | A R | Nicol | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
| 09/11/1998 | Marsh | Ashleigh | A P | Woodlands | 11 | 03/09/2014 |
| 20/07/2002 | Marshall | Jonathan | J J | Riley | 8 | 03/09/2014 |
| 02/05/2001 | McArthur | Nicola | N M | Thornbank | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
| 12/10/2001 | McDermott | Darcy | D M | Thornbank | 9 | 14/10/2014 |
| 18/01/2004 | McGill | Maddie | M F | Riley | 6 | 16/02/2014 |
| 28/06/2001 | McHattie | Karys-Tina | K E | Glenbrae | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
| 21/04/2005 | McLaren | Marcus | M M J | Riley | 5 | 03/09/2014 |
| 10/05/1998 | McLean | Lewis | L A | Ruthven | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
| 16/04/1998 | Mentiplay | Ellice | E N | Glenbrae | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
| 02/05/2001 | Miller | Cleo | C A | Thornbank | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
| 29/06/2003 | Milligan | Carrie | C A K | Riley | 7 | 03/09/2014 |
| 01/07/1998 | Milligan | Fraser | F M | Simpson | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
| 14/12/2000 | Milligan | Struan | S A | Simpson | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
| 04/06/1998 | Moore | Emily | E E | Woodlands | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
| 28/08/2003 | Morrison | Ben | B C L | Riley | 7 | 03/09/2014 |
| 20/03/1998 | Murray | Will | W P D | Freeland | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
| 19/02/1998 | New | Mark | M A | Freeland | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
| 28/05/2003 | Nichols | Hugh | H S | Riley | 7 | 03/09/2014 |
| 28/12/2001 | Nielsen | Ellie | E M | Riley | 8 | 03/09/2014 |
| 24/05/2002 | Nweke | Muna | M | Riley | 8 | 03/09/2014 |
| 30/07/2003 | O'Carroll-Batterham | Saoirse | S M | Riley | 7 | 03/09/2014 |
| 01/01/1998 | Onu | Adanna | A | Thornbank | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
| 21/03/2001 | Ortiz Alandete | Javi | J F | Freeland | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
| 11/09/2000 | Ottley | Rory | R J | Simpson | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
| 22/10/2001 | Pantisoontorn | Min | P | Riley | 8 | 03/09/2014 |
| 27/07/2005 | Paterson | Andrew | A J | Riley | 5 | 03/09/2014 |
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| 02/10/2000 | Ramsay | Megan | M L | Glenbrae | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
| 23/02/2005 | Richards | Daisy | D E I | Riley | 5 | 03/09/2014 |
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| 10/01/1998 | Robertson | Rory | R A | Freeland | 12 | 03/09/2014 |
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| 01/06/1998 | Sears | Jack | J C M | Ruthven | 11 | 27/02/2014 |
| 07/12/1999 | Sears | Tyler | T J M | Ruthven | 10 | 03/09/2014 |
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| 16/09/2000 | Shepherd | James | J A | Nicol | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
| 09/03/1999 | Simington | Sasha | A V | Woodlands | 10 | 03/09/2014 |
| 09/02/2001 | Singh | Harry | H G | Ruthven | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
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| 06/08/2000 | Slaven | Dominic | D A | Ruthven | 10 | 03/09/2014 |
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| 25/04/2001 | Smith | Ossie | O R | Nicol | 9 | 03/09/2014 |
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| 19/04/2000 | Soyoye | Tomi | Z | Nicol | 10 | 03/09/2014 |
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| 04/05/1999 | Stephen | Tanya | T R | Thornbank | 10 | 15/04/2014 |
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| 08/03/2005 | Wallwork | Sophie | S L | Riley | 5 | 03/09/2014 |
| 31/01/2001 | Watt | Maria | M K | Glenbrae | 9 | 06/01/2014 |
| 12/06/2002 | Webster | Charlie | C S F | Riley | 8 | 06/01/2014 |
| 04/12/2000 | Weyde | Jonathan | J P C | Ruthven | 10 | 03/09/2014 |
| 04/03/2002 | Wilson | Reece | R G | Riley | 8 | 03/09/2014 |
| 11/07/1999 | Wong | Norris | L H | Freeland | 10 | 06/01/2014 |
| 8/7/2000 | Wylie | Marcus | M J B | Ruthven | 10 | 10/27/2014 |

On the morning
of 24th May,
2014, I walked
through the gate
of Strathallan
again. The sun
was shining
bright, which
was unusual...

Speech DAY

Everything looked the same as it had when I left last year, the (creepy) white stones on either side of the road, the tiny chapel with moss on its wall and the dining hall with its smell of fish and chips. Oh, how I have missed it. .

The big white marquee was, again, set on the lawn, marking the approach of the end of another academic year. It was a complicated feeling. Last time I walked on this lawn, I was a student panicking about my A-levels and now I am an alumnus who could walk here in T-shirt and jeans without worrying about getting caught not wearing uniform.

I walked through the corridor of the main building. It was here that I started my Strathallian life; I could still remember my mum taking a picture of me standing in front of the old architecture. It was here that I started my theatrical life seeing a casting notice for my very first play, Cinderella. I felt that I was in Strathallan's debt for providing me with such a wide range of experience.

Remember the school logo on every Strathallian magazine? Underneath the name of school is the phrase "Opportunities for all to excel". Before I came

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to the school, when I saw this I thought it was just one of those clichéd mottos that every school liked to sport. My time here proved me wrong. Where else could I be, at different times, Cinderella's sister and the Wolf in Little Red Riding Hood? Where else could I learn to use the state-of-the-art technology in the theatre while setting up a music club for the pupils? Where else could I direct a House choir interrupted only by running miles in the inter-House cross-country race? Where else could I see a poster for a fundraising concert next to one for Samba dancing on a notice board in a dining hall? Strathallan is one of these places.

I sat down in the marquee, listened to the speeches and, of course, went to the chapel for the concert. Everything was just the same as if I had never left, as if I was that very same student, still panicking about my A-levels. I remember that when I first came I almost burst into tears knowing that the school was in the middle of nowhere and wi-fi was unavailable after 11pm every day. But it was in this isolated place that I grew up. It was in this lovely place, rather like the Shire in Middle Earth, that I met friends.

Thank you, Strath.

Edward Lau Ruthven (12)





Riley House

“Dupplin and Balmanno battled it out for the comfy chairs in the Autumn and Spring Terms but the overall victory over all three terms this year went to Balmanno.”

The Autumn Term began with our new pupils' and parents' tea party on Wednesday 4th September. We welcomed 28 new children to join our 38 'old hands' and by the Summer Term we had 74 pupils in Riley – 30 boarders and 44 day pupils.

Once again our first Saturday of term there were no lessons as we headed off for four hours of fun at the Forest Theme Park, Landmark at Carrbridge near Aviemore. This bonding exercise is always a great day out with plenty of exciting and challenging activities for all to try and it was dry and sunny for the whole time we were there.

Our activity programme, which involved mainly music, drama and sport, proved popular with most of our children during the course of the year. Many were involved in Riley choir and orchestra and all enjoyed being part of a class band in the Summer Term. Football, canoe club, rifle shooting, hockey, fencing and 'fit club' were the most popular activities during the winter and tennis coaching and Riley show rehearsals were busy in the final term. Throughout the year there was always a drama club for LAMDA and local competitions and 1J and 1st Form took part in a national mock court case project during the Spring Term. Some of the boys and girls took part in regional gymnastic competitions and they also attended national biathlon events for the first time with our new PE teacher, Miss Louise Helyer.

In December we said goodbye and thank you to Hugh Gillroy and Elisa Aitken, our Gap Year students from Australia. They were replaced in January by Angus Whittle and Emily Robertson also from Australia.

The Spring Term saw little or no snow at Strathallan which meant very few sporting fixtures had to be cancelled but there was plenty of snow at Glenshee and three quarters of the House enjoyed our midweek outing to the slopes in February.

The Summer Term was pretty wet, not ideal for cricket, rounders, athletics and tennis and quite a number of matches did not take place. June was a bit better and we had an excellent 2nd Form Camp, with good weather, at Loch Morlich in the Cairngorms. Speech Day was sunny and dry but our own Sports' Day was washed out. We did manage the track events the following week but the field events did not take place because of rain.

In the Divisional Competition Dupplin and Balmanno battled it out for the comfy chairs in the Autumn and Spring Terms but the overall victory over all three terms this year went to Balmanno.

Other highlights during the year included informal concerts in the Riley Common Room, Halloween Party, Strathallan's Musical Showcase in the Perth Concert Hall, Divisional Plays and Music Competitions, Non-Uniform Day, The Lion King in Edinburgh, Scotland v South Africa rugby at Murrayfield, Rock Day, Variety Show, two Curriculum Days, Fun with Pipes and Drums, Bloodhound Day, Strathallan and Family Day and the excellent production of our House musical, Olivia performed to parents and friends in the School Theatre before our Prize Giving on the final day of the Summer Term.

Well done, Riley!

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The following were presented with prizes on Friday 27th June:

Academic -

Best Form Orders - Work Grade Totals

1J Morgan Patterson

1st Form Douglas Berry
Adrianna Gibson

2nd Form Abigail Queen
Amanda Linton
Aidan Fuge
Jade Paterson

Most Progress

Ayrton De Cecco

Distinctions

Tinley Dorje
Niamh Campbell
Euan Hutchison
Brook Walker
Sarah Cameron-Sutcliffe
Alamin Kudehinbu

Music

Archie Howell & Maggie English

Drama

Aidan Fuge & Romy McMillan

Games

Torin Hamill & Sarah Cameron-Sutcliffe

Art

Alamin Kudehinbu & Alisa Lavrova

DT

Cameron Taylor & Amanda Linton

Cups and Trophies

Div Plays: Glenearn
Chess Master: Henry Lapslie

Div Music :

Best soloist Ella England
Best Div Balmanno

Div Swimming :

The Simpson Cup Dupplin

Football - World Cup

Dron

Hewson Cup

Alamin Kudehinbu & Maggie English

Divisional Shield

Balmanno

PWB



Freeland House



Freeland has had a great year, and although the trophy cabinet is not at its fullest, there are many positive memories that will be treasured by all.

The year started off with a trip to Lagganlia where the new 3rd Form were joined by the Heads of Houses and Heads of School for the 3rd Form retreat. It included gorge walking, high-rope courses and a series of team building activities. The weekend was enjoyed by all and everyone made use of the opportunity to get to know each other.

House Music came around very quickly this year and our Music rep (Liam Kennedy) did a great job organising the House alongside the House Prefects (Scott Haldane, Alex McLeod and Josh Laird). The choir was a great success with Freeland performing a great rendition of Wonderwall by Oasis. This got the crowd going and resulted in a win in the Boys' Choir section. Ewan Campbell was responsible for the dance and conducted on the night. His efforts were rewarded when he received the Best Conductor Prize.

Freeland's ensemble has always been a strong area of House music and this year was no exception with a fantastic performance of Little Talks by Of Monsters and Men. Liam Kennedy and Sam Steele took centre stage accompanied by Colin Gordon, Boris Savkin, Chris Blair, Arran Reid, Scott Haldane and Robbie MacDiarmid. A fantastic performance ended with a not-so-successful strike of the triangle by Angus Marden.

To finish, Liam Kennedy sang 'Boulevard of Broken Dreams' by Green Day for the solo. Neal Ding was given a special mention for his Beat Box accompaniment, which was something never seen before at House Music. Although the solo didn't win, Liam's vocal solo towards the end of the piece was branded as "interesting and special" and will be remembered for years to come.

Following the success of the Ensemble at House Music, we were given the opportunity to play at the Centenary Musical Showcase. Many pupils participated in the Show and represented the House and School very well. Scott Haldane performed in the Senior Band where he was able to show off his rhythmic ability on stage as he sang, clapped and stamped his feet whilst singing Wake me up by Avicii.

In Sport, Freeland had a good year. The support within the House has been brilliant from all year groups and Josh Laird did a great job organising and encouraging. Several Freeland boys achieved national representation. Josh Laird has been a key sportsman in the House, School and for Scottish Rugby, excelling in almost every sport he has tried. Most memorable was in athletics where he jumped the furthest distance seen in Strathallan for a number of years. He went on to become Scottish Schools' Champion in an event he had never tried before. Josh took to the track and ran an outstanding final leg of the 400m relay where he took Freeland from last to first place. He also excelled in the 100m and the 200m. These efforts resulted in his becoming Victor Ludorum.

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Ewan Campbell represented Scotland as goalkeeper and although he was initially rejected from the U18 squad, the U21 coaches saw his talent and ability and gave him a well-deserved place in the squad.

Matthew Hyde, Sandy Fotheringham and Atholl Pettinger all represented Scotland for their age groups in Fencing, Canoeing and Horse Vaulting respectively. This is a great achievement. Well done, guys.

Cricket proved to be Freeland's strong point this year with wins at both junior and senior level. Freeland came a respectable 2nd in House football when Simpson's Elia Katamadze shattered the chance of a win with a screamer from half way.

Freeland Friday Football is still a very popular event for many of the boys where all years have the opportunity to come together and play. Although competitive, this is a great end to the week and allows the House to come together as one.

The House made various academic achievements as well. Tony Tong and Robbie MacDiarmid represented the school in the UK final of the Maths Challenge while Tom Liu achieved excellence in the Maths Challenge.

This year has provided many entertaining moments in House and the House environment has been pleasant and very supportive throughout all the year groups. There are many people to whom thanks must be addressed. To Mr Heaney for all the support throughout the year and for the now traditional Sunday BBQs. To Diane, Liz, Leone and Catherine for keeping the House and the boys presentable and for finally teaching Tom how to knot a tie properly. Without the help, commitment and support of the tutors, Freeland would not be able to run as effectively as it has, so to all the tutors, thank you. A special mention is also needed for Mr Joiner, Freeland's resident tutor. Mr Joiner has been a great help and has done a fantastic job around House. Sadly, he moved south at the end of the year and on behalf of the House I would like to thank him for his efforts over the years.

Finally, I would like to thank every member of the House. My time in Freeland would not have been as good as it was without the great bunch of people in Freeland over the years and I know others agree. I would also like to wish the Lower Sixth the best of luck when they take control over the House next year and finally to the Upper Sixth. I wish them the best of luck in their chosen paths and would like to thank each and every one for their involvement over the past years. The House prefects, Scott, Alex and Josh, have been a great help and have made my job a lot easier. I would also like to thank Ewan for his commitment in House and for his help. Although Ewan was not a prefect, he did just as much as we did and his involvement in House was greatly appreciated by all.

Colin Gordon



Nicol House

Another year over and what a year it has been. Nicol continues to grow and improve in everything it does, with a total of 71 boys in House last year it's amazing to see how such contrasting characters can all work together to create such a fulfilling community. I'm sure all the leavers will agree in saying that year on year the ethos in Nicol of friendship and honesty continues to grow.

Friendships between years are key to this and I'd like to thank the efforts of all years, especially the Upper VI, for making sure all new pupils felt welcome despite the language barrier that existed between Jamie and the rest of us. It really has been a pleasure to be head of House this year and witness a shy 3rd form transform into a swarm of noise and laughter that can only be stopped by the sight of their names on 'THE board'. Across academic subjects and sport Nicol has continued to thrive. With the introduction of form order prizes for best efforts in year Johnny Boyd has near enough been living on the assembly stage. Once again the majority of trophies seemed (Yes, 'seemed' is an apposite term here, Doigy. Ed) to come our way with wins in both indoor and outdoor senior hockey, Scotland U16 rugby player Matt Fagerson throwing himself out of his comfort zone of doing the hitting to taking the hits. This sense of House pride and spirit was also shown in the junior basketball as a team who lost their first game were transformed into the hobbit version of the Miami Heat due to a mid-week training session with Ralph... the boys won their next two games and came out overall winners. What makes our House events special is that no matter what, you've got the backing from all your Housemates and in Nicol that is something that happens day in day out, with us always having the majority of support in every event and even more if the 3rd form get to hear that it might actually run through some of prep! This mentality of 'one in, all in' can be shown in our results at House Athletics standards, the competition that involves the biggest number of pupils. Over the past five years Nicol has consistently won, clearly showing our respect for each other and desire not to let each other or the House down at any time.

Once again a shadow was cast across Nicol's autumn term with yet another atrocity at House music. A slightly disturbing introduction by Jamie Corbett in a dress got the crowd's attention only for them to be enthralled by what can only be described as the harmonious masterpiece of Pompeii by Bastille led by James Cockburn and Charlie Mearns. It went smoothly and even in time with the music this year. Spirits were high and the ensemble did not disappoint. Once again an eternally youthful Gavin Stewart alongside Connor Ovenstone held the vocals in what was, in my unbiased opinion, a better than the original version of Naïve by the Kooks. With all going to plan DJ Ole Sturm played a German thing with a long name on his violin, mesmerising everyone in the crowd. Victory was certain. What we didn't realise was that the judge must have been thinking... 'Nicol' but unfortunately said something else when announcing the winner.

In sport this year Nicol again made up large proportions of the first teams with six players in the 1st XI hockey team including vice captains Charlie Mearns and me, as well as Ole Sturm, Curtis Taylor, Alfonso Ramos and Jack Waller who has been announced as captain for next year. Ralph Yu and Ali Al Asadi also played vital roles in the 1st XI football team securing them both well-deserved half colours. In Rugby, Charlie Mearns, James Cockburn, Alex Cronan, Fraser Buchan, Jamie Corbett, Jack Waller, Jamie Troup and I all represented the 1st XV. At U16 level Matt Fagerson successfully captained his XV to a semi-final spot in the cup narrowly missing out in the final. Connor Ovenstone in his second year as tennis captain was also joined by Gleb Sanjarevsky and Gavin Stewart to make up half of the tennis 1st VI. The Skiing is yet again dominated by Nicolites with Fraser Buchan, Scott Buchan and Lyle Ross seeming to be living on the slopes and constantly making assemblies at least 10 minutes longer with all the medals that need handed out. Kyle Cooke continues to captain the fencing team, swimmer Scott McLay has had continuing success in the pool and Matt Fagerson got his thoroughly deserved national honours with the U16 Scotland rugby team, following in his brother's footsteps. Jack Waller was also selected for the Scotland U17 cricket side.

This is, however, only where the talent begins in Nicol as Johnny Boyd, the least intimidating 3rd former in the world, continues to terrify 18-year-olds across the country in the debating chamber, and putting in a strong performance alongside Dylan Patterson he secured the junior debating title for the House. Across the House our diversity of talents is clear, winning inter-House competitions ranging from House hockey, House golf and House tennis to House debating and the House academic challenge, to mention just a few. The number of captaincies and successes in Nicol can't just be put down to raw talent and being the best but something slightly different. Looking at the results in Nicol over all, the older years tend to have greater success. I believe this is not because they are necessarily better but because they have had more time to adopt the Nicol mentality and the leadership and teamwork that comes with that. We always look to help each other and if someone is having a bad day we get them through it. Occasionally however bad days are just bad days particularly when you miss the winning penalty in House football and blame it on a 'pulled hamstring', Charlie. But in all seriousness the ethos that has been developed in Nicol is not to be taken for granted and a lot of thanks has to go to Mr Billing, as I am sure it is a system that will be in place for many years. Or at least until mini Billing arrives to take charge.

For the second year in a row we had a warm and dry House BBQ, well apart from the occasional soaking (thanks Chuck and Thorin...!!). Without doubt it was a great end to an even better year and one that I will remember forever. It was great to see so many parents there and also a few of next year's Nicolites. To those arriving, don't get too used to Mr Billing's witty jokes - they go downhill from then. Having said that there will be around 70 other people in the House who can make you laugh so I wouldn't worry too much and I'm sure you'll have a great time! I would also like to congratulate Fraser Buchan as Head of House next year. I'm sure you'll do a great job and alongside deputies Joe





Docherty and Luka Bulatovic the House is most definitely in safe hands. I would also like to thank Davina, Caroline, Carol and Debbie for all your help over the years. It can't be easy looking after us so all your efforts are very much appreciated. Davina, don't worry... with less time writing notes about how untidy my room is, I'm sure you can now master that computer! I would also like to thank all the House tutors including Mr Dick and Mr Drover who were new to the House this year and made a very positive impact. A special thank you has to go to Mr Maclean who has now left us. His four years in Nicol have really helped raise spirits in the House. Whether it's a horrendously unproductive weekend roll call, or seemingly managing to find every member of the House an outfit for an event, you were always there to make us laugh and I wish you all the best at your new job down in London. Also a massive thanks to Mrs Billing for her endless help around House and for what has become legendary baking. I would also like to thank you for putting up with me in History for three years! Finally the biggest thanks of all have to go to Mr Billing whose efforts have made Nicol what it is today. Be it a 'break-up' chocolate egg or just a chat, he's always there to try and make everyone's life as successful and enjoyable as it can be. As everyone supports everyone, the House continues to build from strength to strength and I'd like to thank Mr Billing for making all of that possible. I have no doubts that Nicol will continue to thrive and I wish everyone the best of luck next year and beyond.

Grant Doig



Ruthven House



Nearly sixteen years in the House and who would have thought I would still be writing this report. My time in the House has been most rewarding and continues to be, even as I write this in September 2014.

With the leavers of June 2013 achieving some fine academic results (11 A*s from three boys) the year that lay ahead was certainly going to be a challenge for all. Edward was Dux, Stoyan went off to Oxford to study medicine and James headed for Bath. These guys and the other leavers performed very well and are now enjoying their second year at University.

The House has continued to flourish and as success is measured in silverware, I guess we are still a force to be reckoned with. Ross Buchanan, his team of House Prefects and the UVI as a whole did very well in motivating the House throughout the year. For a number of years now each Prefect has been responsible for a particular year group. House music saw a fine performance from the House as a whole and Brendan Scott walked off with the soloist prize.

Success followed with a near clean sweep on the cross country course in January and our hockey teams performed well in the various House competitions. Chess, golf and clay pigeon shooting were some of the other areas of success for the various House teams.

Scott Garvie saw success on the ski slopes and Murray McCallum was selected to represent Scotland in rugby. Special mention also goes to Josh Martin who successfully passed his Formula 3 driving test and is now seeking sponsorship to develop this further. Away from the many

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sporting and extra-curricular activities some regular House activities continue, slowly becoming traditions. I think specifically of our Annual Christmas Dinner at Jimmy Chung's in Dundee which included dressing up to a theme and travelling on a double-decker bus. House table tennis continues as a popular pastime and Andrew Smith is the reigning champion. I am sure he will want to defend his title in the New Year. The III and IV Form also enjoyed a weekend away to Aviemore in June where they were able to relax after the “stresses and strains” of the internal School exams. With the III Form retreat in September being a whole year event, this time away with just the Ruthven boys is still a popular outing.

Even after sixteen years in the House it does not function on its own. To that end I thank Ross and the UVI for their support over the year and for all they have done whilst in the House. The UVI do not always appreciate the influence they can have in the House and I thank them for all their efforts.

To Matron and her team of Julie, Anne and Charlotte, thanks for all your work which at times appears thankless. With a House of 70 boys your input is essential in keeping things ticking over smoothly. To Dr D and my team of visiting tutors; you do a fine job, thank you.

Finally, to my own family who have again shared me with Ruthven House, thank you, I could not have done it again without your support. Ruthven is certainly a way of life for me and us all so thank you.

To Calum Harris and the team for next year, good luck and I look forward to reading what Calum has to say in a year's time.

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Simpson House



Those of us in the know will be aware of how persistent EGK can be at this time of the year. A hopeful response of "Still waiting for the previous Head of House to send in his report" earlier in the term becomes less and less plausible. The realisation that this individual is enjoying University far too much to pull the iron out of the fire at this late stage then dawns. This is where I find myself now.

Simpson House 2013-14. Where to start? Always a difficult task as I sit back and think of highs and lows, rowdy and quiet times, academic and sporting achievements, day pupils and boarders, CCF and Duke of Edinburgh, new and departing tutors, good events and just events, ceilidhs and Balls, sunny days and not so sunny, ping pong and pool, SKY HD and SKY HD (yes boys you do watch that much TV), forty five degree and no feet on the sofas rules, tuck shop and toast, pizzas and 'all you can eat' curries, BBQs and Sixth Form meals (never to be mentioned). I am sure that I must have missed quite a lot out nonetheless, yes, it really is always that hectic. But if you have ever been to Strathallan you will know that this is just 'what we do'.

For the first time in a generation, or two, Simpson started the new school year without 'Du Boules' (although his help with UCAS reports remains as important as ever). I am glad to report that the House did manage to not only remain standing but also did itself proud in and out of the school. Academically we had successes in both internal and external examinations. The boys also performed well in the annual house competitions winning Basketball, Swimming Standards, Swimming Gala, Junior Rugby, Junior Cross Country, Junior Cricket, Badminton, Football, Tug of War and Sports Day (I think that could now be three in a row). That music trophy (even Best Conductor) still remains frustratingly elusive.

I must also recognise individual successes. Those pupils that attained As in examinations. The players in the U16, U18 & U20 Scotland and Caledonia rugby squads. Canoeists that were in the Great Britain and Scotland age group squads. Skiers that represented GB and also Scottish Schools. An International Equestrian rider. Batters and bowlers in regional cricket teams. Outfielders

and goalkeepers in National and Regional hockey teams. A cyclist in the British Olympic Development Squad. Musicians, choristers and bagpipers performing in groups and bands. Sailors, karters, tennis players and Maths Challengers. Oh and of course our very own Commonwealth Games swimming silver medallist.

2013-14 was also the year when we said goodbye to Linda, 'Matron' to many readers of this article, as she decided to retire. Of course it goes without saying that, on behalf of current and past Simpsonites, our thanks and best wishes are passed on. She promised to use the Simpson engraved wine glasses often. In January we welcomed Julie to the House. New ideas, paint schemes, Freddo vouchers, hot chocolates and even curtains in the foyer have followed. Keen to embrace the pastoral side of being in a boys' House it has been somewhat of an eye-opening experience (Julie herself has two girls). I would however, on behalf of my wife and myself, like to say thank you and recognise what a good job she is doing. To "Quinny", Liz and Kimberley I say well done. Cleaning up and organising seventy teenage boys never gets any easier.

The House also said goodbye to Cameron "Drumbo" Drummond whom we lost to the lure of Auld Reekie. Over the four years as resident tutor, and then assistant Housemaster, I know the boys appreciated his contributions (if not his jokes).

Once, a few years ago now, in a previous Strathallian (another H of H must have reneged on his promise) I wrote about a House being similar to a living organism; for it to succeed and thrive every person must play their part. It may be playing a sport, supporting, tidying up or just encouraging and helping someone else along when they need it. Well done, Simpson Boys as I am happy to report that this organism is fit, healthy and continuing to grow. To the House Authority who also play such an important role, well done. Finally a huge thank you to the tutors and of course my family.

Well Ross (to be fair I didn't name and shame you right until the very end) I hope you like the report, though I am actually willing to bet that you were reading this thinking exactly the same as me. Why didn't we just ask Gareth to write it?

GJB





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Thornbank House



Looking back to when Robyn, Sarah, Olivia, Emily and I all moved up from Riley into Thornbank six years ago we remember our Upper 6th as mature young ladies whom we looked up to. At the start of this year that was now us... Oh dear.

As always the excitement of a new year, new uniForm and indeed two new House pets (Bou and Brodie) brought Thornbank to life in early September, and it was not long before we all felt like we had never left. Rooms were redecorated, rearranged and in Celine's case, the floor was never to be seen again, and before long it felt like home.

The autumn term brought with it three major events in Thornbank's diary; House Music, the Halloween party and the Christmas party. Isla did a fantastic job of arranging the choir, ensemble and Caroline's Solo. For choir we sang All in this Together from the film High School Musical, ensemble was Let Her Go - arranged beautifully by Isla, and Caroline sang a wonderful Stay by Christina Aguilera. After taking up every break-time we could to practise, and intoxicating the common room with spray paint for our t-shirts we were ready for the big day. Unfortunately we narrowly missed out on winning the choir, but it was 10/10 for enthusiasm and smiles! The Ensemble, however, stole the show and we went away with the trophy. As usual the solo section of the competition was really tight, but we were all extremely proud of Caroline's performance.

The Halloween party was the usual organised chaos although some very impressive outfits from Mrs Stuart who came as a very convincing professor McGonagall, and Ms Mackie our in-House tutor who used half of Thornbank's toilet roll supplies in order to come as a mummy.

After all the internal exams, the Christmas party was not far away, and it now seemed that the 3rd and 4th Forms' hard work and studying were all worth it and they could relax and have some fun. The 3rd Form's performance of The Twelve Days of Christmas was one of the best that I have seen since being in the House, and included props such as Mrs S's prize possession - her stapler! The U6th video was a great success once again and I would like to thank all the tutors and Roz for their contribution in being genuinely terrified on at least one occasion in the video!

This year the girls in Thornbank have had an extremely busy sporting year. Individually, Vanessa Stewart has been very successful in tennis playing all the rounds of the Scottish and North of England competition with the school. In winning this she then took part in the finals down in Bolton with the other three girls, as well as competing in the mixed doubles competition with her partner Glib and making it through to the final round. Megan Inch has also had a great year being selected and playing for the U18 Scotland Hockey Squad and not only that, at the age of only 17 Megan has now been spotted by the U21 squad who she now trains alongside - an incredible achievement! I would like to thank Sarah for all her hard work with organising the inter-House sporting events.

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She has done a fantastic job of getting teams together, especially swim standards which is not always very popular. Thornbank always put in 110% into inter-House events and that certainly did not change this year. There was always support at the sidelines be it at the astro, in the sports hall or pool side, and I would like to thank you all for being such an amazing and supportive House.

The House outings this year were two cinema trips. One to see the new Hunger Games and the other to see Divergent. Both very much enjoyed by all who went and a big thank you to the tutors who came along as well. The highlight outing though I think for everyone would have to be the whole school trip to see The Lion King at the theatre in Edinburgh. It was certainly one of my favourite trips since I have been with the school.

I can't quite believe how fast this year has gone and I don't think any of the U6th really realised it until about Easter time when we had to pass over the duties of organising parties to our trusted Lower 6th. Mind you it's not like we were complaining about that - we had had our fair share of organising for the year. Well done to them, it wasn't a complete disaster unlike when it was our turn the year before and it showed us that we were going to be leaving the House in very good hands.

It's always hard to say your goodbyes at the end of school and saying goodbye to the Stuarts was no exception. They have been organised, caring, comforting and reassuring House parents at the times when we have needed it most and they will be missed by every girl in the House. But don't worry girls, Mrs S will be back as a tutor - so don't think you will be able to get away with too much, Rhona. I would also like to say a massive heartfelt thank you on behalf of all the girls to Mr Smith. After over 20 years of being a dedicated tutor in Thornbank he will be missed by us all.

Finally I would like to finish with a few well done's and good lucks. Firstly congratulations to Kate who deservedly got Head Girl for this coming year, I know you will do a fantastic job of running the school with the help of James and your new team of prefects so good luck. To Mr and Mrs Kent, the new House parents of Thornbank. I would like to wish you and your family all the best for the years to come in this wonderful House.

Looking back on it all now, for me this year has been the best of them all at Strath. I have met new challenge and friends and learnt so much from being around the different characters and girls in the House. I am very lucky to have been Head of House this year and have had such a lovely time working and living with the girls of Thornbank. So last but by no means least well done to Vanessa who has been voted Head of House this coming year. I have absolutely no doubt whatsoever that you will be do an excellent job of running the House and I am sure you will keep Thornbank going in being the happy, welcoming House that I have had the pleasure of being in for an amazing five years.

Anni Arthur



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Woodlands House

The best five years of our lives is what we can take from being in Woodlands House. It is extremely hard to sum up what the last year had in store for Woodlands but they contained many memories with friends, laughter, and fun and, of course, a variety of very competitive sports events. We cannot forget what we are actually in school to do, though – the high level of academic achievements gained throughout the year were just as astounding as all the other aspects of the House. It is hard to sum up everything Woodlands represents and achieves in this short article.

It would not be a proper year in Woodlands without a few surprises, and this was a proper year. Let us take House Music as an example. The much-loved rehearsals were going great when suddenly disaster struck – the speakers stopped working and there weren't any others that were as loud. So in true Woodlands girls' style, we just continued rehearsing without them. As the days went on they still weren't replaced but we started to realise something – we actually sounded good without any backing music – so at this point the fearless Upper 6th made the decision that the choir were going to perform a cappella. Needless to say Julia (our poor music rep) was rehearsing with the ensemble when this “decision” was taken. Both she and Mr Walmsley visibly blanched when informed and reminded the House that this was a bold and very risky move to make as all the girls would have to keep in time and keep in tune (no easy feat, let us tell you that). But, of course, every single member of the choir stepped up and in the end the gamble paid off, and we walked away winning Best Girls' Choir along with the Best Overall House.

In the list of many sporting achievements from the year, one of the most impressive was probably the tug of war. Why was this result so amazing, you ask? Well this year marked the 10th consecutive year that Woodlands have won the competition with coaching advice from our ever helpful secret source (you know who you are). Obviously, the team could not have done it without the support of the rest of the House who turned up to the track in high spirits to cheer them on to victory.

Even within House we have had a pretty competitive year with the addition of a new night: bingo night. When Mrs Tod first suggested the idea we were a little sceptical about how it would go down with the whole House, “isn't bingo a thing that old people play?” we thought. Given that this followed our bid to knit scarves to support CHAS we were worried Mrs Tod thought we were turning eighty, not eighteen. Turns out it's not. Mrs Tod and her magical convincing skills managed to get just about the whole House into the common room playing bingo on a quiet evening, or what we thought was a quiet evening. By the time everyone was up to speed, and realised Mr Tod was actually calling numbers rather than losing his mind talking about little ducks, things began to get extremely competitive, though this may have been due to the fact that the prizes were chocolate! This competitive atmosphere was also present at the traditional Woodlands Quiz Night. Like every year there were accusations of cheating; things not being fair and when it came to the marking the most heard phrase was probably, “Do they get a point if they said x?”

As the year comes to an end we have to say our goodbyes. From the tutors with their endless cheer and nagging to work and to Margaret, Mary and the cleaners who, often with little or no thanks, try to encourage us to tidy the kitchens, change our bedding and clean our sinks. We were very grateful (really!) for all that you did for us. But we could have not gone through this year (and for most of us leavers, the previous four) without the care of Mr and Mrs Tod who were always there for support and encouragement. They are the reason Woodlands House is the way it is. I will never forget my time in Woodlands House because it was always home at the end of the day and the other seventy girls became your family and for that reason alone Woodlands House is the BEST! Hannah would you agree?

Absolutely, Hope. As crazy as it can get in House (especially when Mrs Tod has just appeared from the kitchen with freshly baked banana bread) we all love it. There's no place like it and we wouldn't change that for anything.

Hope Whitelaw and Hannah Adams



Glenbrae House



To even attempt to summarise such an outstanding year in Glenbrae is difficult. However, just as in other years, the House has proved to be as buzzing and successful as ever. This year will certainly be one to remember with the arrival of a new 'Glenbrae baby', Innes, who has stolen the hearts of all girls in House from 3rd form through to Upper Sixth.

As Glenbrae approaches its sixth year of being, its huge array of success is testament to just how talented and determined Glenbrae girls are in everything they do. This year, for the second year running, Glenbrae was the first girls' House in Athletics standards. Not only this, but Glenbrae won senior inter-House tennis, clay-pigeon and golf, therefore it's fair to say that Glenbrae was announced frequently in the end of term assemblies. I have no doubt that Rhiann O'Malley will be one to continue such victory into next year.

As ever, Glenbrae shone through in all areas as demonstrated in this year's House Music, with Year 3000 by Busted. Carefully orchestrated by none other than Vic Morrison-Low, who gathered the whole House together at all times of the day to ensure we sounded great on the night. It's fair to say that controlling the whole House during break, this being prime toast-time, was a challenge, although Vic definitely rose to it, and although we didn't walk away with the trophy, with the use of harmonies and careful practice, we did the House proud. However, when approaching music in Glenbrae, I can't leave out Eilidh Ross, our up-and-coming musical gem who won the Talent Show with her excellent song-writing skills and smooth singing.

I know I speak for the whole House when I say that Miss Robertson will be sorely missed in Glenbrae next year, despite the late night calls of 'Seamus' from the flat below (*That's a cat, BTW. Cat. Ed*). Miss Robertson has been super in House, whether it's runs to Tesco on the weekend or trying her best to barbecue for 72 girls (even if the sausages were black), she really has given her all and hers will be tough shoes to fill, although I'm sure the new in-House tutor will be welcomed into Glenbrae with open arms.

As Glenbrae grows in size and legacy, we still retain the same tutors, a testament to the fun and family atmosphere in Glenbrae that is unlike any other. A thank you to Dr Blackie, Mrs Summersgil, Mrs Raeside, Mrs Robertson and Miss Jojua our tutors during the week, who supply us every week with endless foyer banter, especially on a Wednesday providing some relief mid-week. This year, we were sad to say goodbye to the much-loved Morag, who has put up with our mess over the past two years, and we wish her every success in the future and thank her for everything she has done for us all. Of course, Glenbrae would not be complete without Lynn and her team of Linda and Amanda, who keep us all in check and ensure our rooms don't totally fall apart.

Whilst writing this, I still haven't quite come to terms with the fact that my time in Glenbrae has come to an end. Although as I leave, Glenbrae still has the fun, energetic and family ambience it had on my first day, which makes it such a memorable and fantastic place to be and live. It has been an amazing final year for me in Glenbrae, and it has been an absolute pleasure to be Head of House. I would like to thank Jo Barrack for all her help this year in all aspects of running the House, she really has been a great deputy. But I couldn't finish this article without thanking all the Upper Sixth who have all chipped in in one way or another to make this last year the best yet, whether it's Ellie Hall in her morphsuit conducting House Choir or Katharine Griffiths creating the best-organised House Parties I think we've ever seen or Claudia Wand as the efficient ICT rep (who failed to get instagram and snapchat unblocked) they really have made it special and I want to thank them for everything.

I'd like to wish Frankie, Nicola and Ailsa the best of luck next year, I'm sure they will make a great team and will continue the legacy and maintain Glenbrae's triumph. I'd like to thank everyone in Glenbrae for making my time here so incredible, especially the MacBains who make every effort to make Glenbrae all it can be and more. The House really is such a great and friendly place to be and this is due to the amazing variety of people, who each in their own way contribute to the 'Glenbrae family'.

Jess Brown



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The Chaplain



“What is God like?”

Boarder school life is varied and busy, but even with the enormous variety of activities in which pupils engage in addition to their academic commitments 'chapel' continues as a regular feature of school life. Wednesdays for Seniors, and Thursdays for Riley House, have seen our main weekly chapel services for all, with services on Sundays for the boarders who are in school. Chapel continues to be themed through each half term; topics we have looked at have included 'Change', 'Looking back, looking forward', 'Starting out', 'What is God like?' and 'The Lord's Prayer'. Sunday chapels have looked at themes such as 'Stories for living' and 'Cities, Good and Bad'. The on-going purpose behind these themes is that the message of the Bible should be heard in a clear, coherent and relevant way. We have been able to welcome a number of guests to speak at chapel over the year, ministers and church leaders from the local area and also from organisations such as 'Christians in Sport'.

Chapel is an appropriate time to mark important occasions through the year. As this year has been our Centenary, we held a special commemoration service in the Summer term, where we were privileged to have the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, the Rt. Rev. John Chalmers, as our preacher. Other significant occasions have included Remembrance and our

Christmas carols services, as well as the annual Valedictory Service where our leavers celebrate and remember their years at Strathallan before they move on out into the world.

I am very grateful to RCAW and the Chapel Choir, along with GAB, and his ever-reliable organ-playing, for leading the musical side of our services. I am also indebted to Hannah Adams for her efficient organising of Bible readers and to the UVI pupils who read for us through the year.

Our Senior Christian Union, 'Explore', has continued to meet to encourage each other in their faith. We have opened the Bible together week by week and it has been a great encouragement to those who come. Any pupil in 3rd Form and above is very welcome to come along.

It's been very good that our Christian ethos has continued to be shown in our giving to charity; the school continues to raise a great deal for others in needy situations, often making a significant difference to individual's lives. It has been good to see pupils not only involved in fund-raising in innovative and exciting ways, but also directly helping those in need, not least in the Kenya project.

As chaplain, alongside the house staff, I have been privileged to be involved with a number of families and individuals concerning pastoral issues, as well as family events over the year. If you would like further information about chapel services, the Christian Union, or you would like to talk through a pastoral matter, please do contact me at the school.

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The Lectures



Gregor Lawson

This year we were fortunate enough to have Gregor Lawson, one of the founding partners of the global phenomenon 'Morphsuits' visit us at Strathallan and tell us his story. Alongside his flatmates, Ali and Fraser Smeaton, the trio decided to start their venture in 2009, whilst still working full time for Barclays, Procter & Gamble and BT Group respectively, initially working late into the night to allow them to develop the company.

Morphsuits is based in Edinburgh but is now operating across the world, in the USA, Brazil, South Africa, and Australia and across Europe. It distributes branded spandex costumes, which cover the entire body, offering over one hundred designs worldwide.

In the first year the company sold over 20,000 costumes and ever since they have been growing, selling more than 250,000 in 2011 with total revenues of £4.5million, thus making them the world's largest fancy dress company. Until this point, the company operated with only the three founding partners, which is remarkable! (That's a lot of sewing and stitching for three guys, Connor. Ed) We were able to receive a first-hand insight from Mr. Lawson into the world of business and opportunities and hearing his story was inspiring for many of us, particularly for those of us hoping to become entrepreneurs ourselves. We heard the real-life story of a local businessman achieving great success in his industry, doing something he clearly enjoys and is passionate about, and I would like to thank Mr. Lawson for taking time out to come to Strathallan to speak to us, and showing us that hard work really does pay off.

Connor Ovenstone UVI Nicol



Fred MacAulay

In February this year, the Scott Moncreiff lecture was delivered by Fred MacAulay.

The Accountant turned comedian/ BBC TV & Radio presenter was on sparkling form and entertained us with his wit and wisdom.

But more than entertaining us, he described how he changed his life and gambled by leaving the secure and safe environment of accountancy to set out on the road (literally) of "Stand up", this involved having a huge amount of self-belief and confidence as well as the support of his family.

His success is certainly down to his strong personality which he honed on the slopes of Glenshee and Aviemore (anyone who skis in Scotland needs to have a strong character) and also on the stages of comedy clubs. Throughout the UK where he described many amusing stories of "dying on stage" and how he dealt with hecklers.

Our thanks to Fred and (Mrs McFarlane for the intro)

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Jeremy Sutton-Hibbert

A man of great wisdom, passionate values and myriad experiences. This would only partially describe Jeremy Sutton-Hibbert whom the VI Form had the pleasure of hearing speak.

A photojournalist by trade, he is also a member of the Greenpeace organisation, and through combining these things he has been led to many places worldwide. During the early part of his career, Romania, where he interacted with and got to know the Gypsy people who live there and has returned on many occasions to capture the changes to the lifestyles of these people over time.

The next fascinating period of his life took him on a Greenpeace ship to fight against the killing of whales by Japanese boats in the Arctic, where he saw the true atrocities of that corrupted industry which the Japanese claim is for 'Research purposes'. Since then he has also been to the tropical rainforests in South America and has published work in the Times and the National Geographic.

All in all, everyone attending learnt a wealth of new things from this experienced man, and came away with a reinvigorated sense of what the world has to offer.

Sirimon Thomas LVI Ruthven

Speech & Drama



Our young folk have yet again excelled themselves in their performances in Speech and Drama. The Perth Burns Club's Annual Festival has now found a new time (February) and a new home (The William Soutar Theatre at the A K Bell Library). Here, the Unicorn Trophy, awarded for the best performance of a poem by the Perth poet, went to Maggie English for her rendition of Puddle-Do. Runner-up in the overall primary section was Morgan Patterson with his spirited delivery of Scots Wha' Hae. Ian Macey was runner-up in the secondary Burns section, reciting an extract from The Twa Dugs. On Burns Night he had performed the same piece at The Perth Burns Club's Annual Dinner, where, for the skill of his recitation, he received a standing ovation from the guests.

At Perform in Perth in March, our pupils won all three of the trophies awarded for Speech and Drama: Ian Macey for both Bible Reading and Burns recitation and Jade Paterson for a poem by the aforementioned William Soutar. Katharine Griffiths won two classes with Honours (over 90%) for Verse Speaking and Prepared Reading. Other winners were Aidan Fuge, Carrie Mack, Fergus McKay, Alisa Lavrova, Anna Clark, Morgan Patterson, Beatriz Dominguez and Roddyne Mentiplay. Form 1J won the Choral Verse Speaking class.

Within only a few weeks of handing out at assembly fifty-two LAMDA Distinction certificates for grade exams taken in May

2013, the Headmaster gave certificates and medals to Sophie-Anne Ross, Rosie Beech and Katie Jones who, in October, passed Gold Medal Acting with Distinction. Also achieving high marks in Gold Medal Acting were Katharine Griffiths and Philippa Kemp. Sophie-Anne made it a Gold Medal double by adding Public Speaking to her success. Amber Paterson achieved Distinction for Bronze Medal in the Speaking of Verse and Prose.

In May we had a LAMDA examiner with us for three days. Once again there were passes with Distinction in abundance. Although most of the exams taken in May are pre-medal because the 5th and 6th Formers are busy at that time with their external academic exams, we did have two new pupils in L6 who took Silver Medal exams – Sirimon Thomas (Public Speaking) and Roddyne Mentiplay (Acting). Both boys achieved extremely high Distinction marks. Double distinctions went to Ian Macey for Acting and the Speaking of Verse and Prose and to Ella England for Acting and Devising. There were extremely high Distinction marks for Angus Lapslie and Megan Thomas in Spoken English (Grade 5), Fergus McKay in Spoken English (Grade 4) and for Dylan Patterson and Caitlin Donald in Acting (Grade 5).

Other Distinctions went to Jenny McGuire, Fraser Robertson, Tiffany Chow, Morgan Patterson, Tinley Dorje, Zara Sutherland, Ailsa MacGregor, Carrie Mack, Abigail Darby, Lucy Orr, Becky Ward, Morgan Patterson, Kitty Robson, Isla Patterson, Aidan Fuge, Jade Paterson and Nicky Ireland.

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Summer Headmaster's Music



There was a different venue for the summer Headmaster's Music this year. With the new sound system installed in the theatre it was thought to be a good idea to transfer the event there; and it was universally regarded to be a successful move, not least because the theatre seats are considerably more comfortable than the pews in the chapel!

Once again, the talented musicians of Strathallan School showed their mastery of a wide range of musical styles: from Kaiser Chiefs to Ceilidh; from Bach to Big Band; from Poulenc to Pipe Band. And it was the Pipe Band which opened the concert with a traditional *March, Strathspey and Reel*. The Riley pipers and drummers, later in the programme, displayed that Mr Drummond, who left at the end of the summer term, has ensured that the future of Strathallan piping and drumming was secure when the Riley Corps played *Wake Me Up*, by Avicii.

The importance of Scottish music within the School is also obvious in the performances of the talented Folk Group, whose combination of instruments and voice blend in a way which does true justice to the tradition, in this case with *The Rolling Hills of the Borders*.

The choirs delighted the audience with a wide range of musical genres: a *Magnificat* by Dyson from the Chapel Choir; Stanford's exquisite *Bluebird* from the Girls' Choir; the Israeli Folk song *Hava Nashira* and *Ordinary Miracle* by Ballard and Stewart from the Riley Choir.

The solo performances of instrument and voice also displayed the skill of the individuals. Upper Sixth leavers, Josie Dibnah on the flute with *Allegretto Malinconico* by Poulenc, Jordan Curtis on the guitar with *Romance Anónimo*, and singer, Caroline Seaman, with *Das Verlassene* by Wolf, showed how the practice and dedication of years can lead to fine, confident, skilled performance. Two other leavers provided that delightful duet, *Sul'aria* from *Le Nozze di Figaro* by Mozart. Rosie Beech, whose love of music and performance have delighted audiences throughout her years at Strathallan was joined by a staff "leaver", Mrs McFarlane.

The School's instrumental ensembles demonstrated increased versatility and confidence: The Chamber Orchestra with the *Minuet and Bourée* from Handel's *Water Music*; The Riley Orchestra with *Mr Blue Sky* by Jeff Lynne; the Wind Band with *Let It Go* from *Frozen*, and *Happy* by Pharrell Williams, which was also performed by the Senior Rock Band. Riley Rocks had everyone's feet tapping with *I Predict a Riot* by the Kaiser Chiefs

A new ensemble item this year was provided by the CCF Rock Band, co-ordinated by Angus Lapslie, who linked a very moving series of screen images showing servicemen and their families who are involved in the current conflicts, with *How to Save a Life*, by Isaac Slade and Joe King.

A joyful performance by Brendan Scott and the Big Band of *What a Wonderful World* by Douglas and Weiss concluded a very successful evening of music.

IIMcF Leaver!

Senior Music

There is always an air of excitement at the start of each new school year, for pupils, parents and staff alike. However, this year seemed even more special in that we had the small matter of the Centenary of the school to help mark. Wild ideas, usually from me, abounded, but sense and pragmatism eventually reigned supreme; do not deviate from the usual schedule of events, but make them special. With this brief in hand, we all set to work...no pressure.

Although the very beginning of the year is usually very quiet, in order to give all pupils time to settle into the rhythm of Strathallan life, we decided to break this aspect of the schedule and hosted a Brass workshop given by the Meteor Brass Quintet and Strathallan's Brass teacher, Mr Tom Smith. Alongside being entertained by a mix of classical and contemporary repertoire, several pupils had the opportunity to 'play' the hosepipe, and all of Riley became the percussion section in an impromptu improvisation at the end of the session.

The customary schedule resumed, however, with the Music Scholar's concert a little over two weeks later. Treats from this eclectic programme included Gilbert & Sullivan's *Poor Wand'ring one* from *The Pirates of Penzance* performed by Rosie Beech (7W), Handel's *Largo e vivace* from his *Sonata in d minor for Recorder* performed by Isla Cameron (7T), Eilidh Ross's (5G) rendition of Schubert's *Die Lotusblume* and *Wishing you were somehow here again* from Lloyd-Webber's *Phantom of the Opera* performed by Pippa Hay (4G).

The first of the Form Concert Series followed, for Forms III & IV. This allowed us to glimpse how much talent is stored in the junior years, and we were not disappointed. Highlights included Sarah Campbell's (3T) opening of Burgmüller's *Innocence* on piano, Sam Steele's (4F) performance of Lloyd-Webber's *Pilates Dream*, Pujol's *Ben Augurio* and York's *Garden Steps* performed on guitar by Angus Lapslie (4R), Charlie Leslie's (4R) rendition of *Samba for one* on Drumkit and Will Steele's (4F) performance of Muse's *Supermassive Black Hole* on guitar, before the concert ended with a suitably upbeat and jazzy performance of Irving Berlin's *Puttin' on the Ritz* performed by Nicol Form III pupils Johnny Boyd and Dylan Patterson.

Our House Music Competition and Musical Showcase, two of the grandest events in our calendar, act as parentheses to each half of term, coming so closely together either side of the half term break. In maintaining our brief for the year, both continued the tradition of being centrepieces of the department's year. However, the Showcase took on an extra dimension this year in that, in marking the centenary, I had asked the Headmaster if he would agree to us inviting Strathallians to perform with us in the concert; he agreed, on condition that I then write a choral piece for the Chapel Choir and Strathallians to perform. Since I am not a natural composer, *labor* did, indeed, have to *omnia vincit*. And so, with over 125 pupils plus Strathallian's and Staff, our annual trip to Perth Concert Hall delivered a programme of excellent performances. I am sincerely grateful to all who took part.

Swiftly on the heels of the Showcase, Strathallan's musicians performed in their Informal Concert Series. Each concert focussed on the separate instrumental families, with performers in Strings and Keyboard, Wind, Brass & Percussion, and Vocals, and gave the opportunity to any instrumental or vocalist to perform a piece that they have been working on. The more intimate surroundings of the Music room allowed us all to enjoy performances from musicians throughout every year group, with repertoire including Tinley Dorje's (R1J) performance of *Grab the slippery toad* for solo cello, Ben Addison-Scott's (5N) performance on guitar of Montoya's *El Roble*, Johnny Boyd's (3N) stylistic performance of Dvořák's *Allegro Risoluto* from his *Sonatina* for Violin, Julia Leng's (7W) rendition of Poulenc's *Romanza* from his *Clarinet Sonata*, as well as John Dew's (5F) own compositions for tin whistle.

To end 2013, in addition to our internal Carol Services, we returned to Perth Cathedral for our performance of *Carols in the City*. Alongside the congregational carols, the Chapel Choir, Choral Scholars and newly formed Girls' Choir provided wonderfully atmospheric singing with their renditions of a 15th century arrangement by John Stevens of *There is no rose*, William Walton's *Carol All this time*, David Willcock's arrangement of *How far is it to Bethlehem*, and John Rutter's *Nativity Carol*.

After the holiday, one of the first musical offerings of 2014 was our inaugural Prep Schools' Rock Day. This event saw our Riley rock musicians host pupils from Ardvreck and Craigclowan who could sing, play guitar, drums, bass, keyboards, or any other band instrument, arranged into four different bands to learn a song for performance in a *Battle of the Bands* event in our Theatre at the end of the day, all coached by our own rock-stars, Mr Fraser Christie, Mr Peter Murch, Mr Neil Hamilton and Mrs Carole Sim-Sayce, and assisted by Senior Pupils from the Senior Rock Band. The success of this event was evident in the faces of all the pupils who had come to take part.

A new addition to our Formal and Informal Concert series saw the introduction of a Chanson, Lieder and Art Song Recital at the end of February in the Music Room. Both the location and the décor helped to create a wonderful atmosphere for this most intimate of musical genres. Particular highlights of the evening included Scott Haldane's (7F) performance of Schubert's *Die Förelle*, Vaughn Williams' *Silent Noon* sung by Sam Steele (4F), Fauré's *Après un rêve* performed by Jess Woodcock (5G), Johnny Rutherford's (6R) searching rendition of Butterworth's *When I was one and twenty*, Johnny Boyd's (3N) superb performance of Quilter's *House of Joy*, and Rosie Beech's (7W) excellent rendition of Madeleine Dring's *Song of the Nightclub Proprietress*.

Preparations for the wonderful production of *Annie* in the Strathallan Theatre dominated the second half of term, but time was still left aside for the first of our examination concerts. The A-level Recital saw our A-level and Higher Music candidates performing individual programmes ranging from between 5 and 15 minutes in length. Particular highlights included Ole Sturm's (6N) stunning performance of the first movement of Mendelssohn's *Violin Concerto*, Isla Cameron's (7T) performance of Dario Castello's *Sonata Prima* on recorder,



Colin Gordon's (7F) performance of Leo Brouwer's *Estudios sencillos* No. 6, Caroline Seaman's (7T) performance of Enrique Granados's *El majo discreto*, and Rosie Beech's (7W) rendition of *Der Ring* and *Helft mir, ihr Schwestern* by Robert Schumann.

After the Easter holiday, the recently established Composers' exhibition concert featured music that had been lovingly composed by A-level, Higher and GCSE candidates, either as part of their course work, or as composition studies and free compositions. Budding works included Isla Cameron's *Theme & Variations*, Ole Sturm's interpretation of *Rise of the Machines*, Delphine Mahos's *Baltimore Blues*, Eilidh Ross's *Tha an la Fuar* and Charlie Leslie's dance track *Cracked*.

Despite the rapid onset of exam season, we returned to perform in the 'Perth Festival of the Arts' Lunchtime Concert series, held in St John's Kirk, just before half-term. As part of this celebration of the Arts, the large and appreciative audience were highly entertained by our pupils with a vast range of different repertoire including Isla Cameron's accomplished performance of Handel's *Sonata in d minor*, HWV376a, for solo recorder, Chapel Choir's moving performance of Bob Chilcott's *Can you hear me?*, not to mention an expertly performed and choreographed arrangement of *Boogie woogie bugle boy*, bringing the concert to a successful close.

With so many of our musicians putting themselves forward to perform on behalf of the school, we thought it fitting that, with the stresses of the exam period fully underway, members of the Music department staff and wider Strathallan Common Room should offer pupils some entertainment in the form of a staff concert in the Music Room. The programme opened with Mr Hamilton performing Piazzola's *Café 1930* from his *Histoire du Tango*, and was followed up by Mr Christie's semi-improvised performance of John Butler's *Ocean*. A series of vocal works

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all set to work...
no pressure...*”

followed, starting with Ms Boyd's expert rendition of Harty's *Sea Wrack*, closely followed by Mrs McFarlane singing Jerome Kern's *The way you look tonight*. The duet, *Ah guarda sorella* from Mozart's *Così fan tutte* was delicately performed by Ms Boyd and Mrs Beck, before Mrs Beck went on to perform the highly impassioned aria, *Mimi's Farewell* from Puccini's *La Bohème*. To finish the concert, Mr Friend performed an emotional *Gabriel's Oboe*, Mr Murch followed with a superb performance of Dave Weckl's *Island Magic*, before the newly-reformed Staff Band, fronted by Mrs Sim-Sayce with Mr Murch on drums and Mr Christie and Mr Lee on bass and rhythm guitar respectively, sent us on our way with *Blame it on the Boogie*.



SENIOR MUSIC

The final concert of the year relocated to the comparative comfort of the Theatre this year. Despite the turbulence with exams and post-exam activities, this year's Headmaster's Music featured many of our School ensembles alongside the evening's soloists, all of whom are leaving us this year. Particular highlights included Victoria Morrison-Low's performance of Bach's *Adagio* from the *Sonata in g minor*, BWV 1020, Riley Orchestra's arrangement of *Mr Blue Sky*, Josie Dibnah's rendition of Poulenc's opening movement from his *Flute Sonata*, the duet between Rosie Beech and Mrs Irene McFarlane in Mozart's *Sul'aria* from *Le nozze di Figaro*, Riley Choir's performance of the Israeli folk song *Hava nashira* and Jordan Curtis's solo performance of the *Romance anónimo*. The concert also featured several bands, including a wonderful performance from the CCF Rock Band of *How to save a life*, poignantly introduced by Angus Lapslie. The concert ended with the customary superb performance from the Big Band, fronted for the final time by Brendan Scott.

In order to finish the year with a flourish, and possibly to send the future crop of Strathallians off with an eye on their future, the Chapel Choir visited the University of St Andrew's to sing Choral Evensong in St Salvator's Chapel, and to celebrate their year of successful performances with a Choir Dinner. Ending as the year had begun, the order of service reflected our Centenary, with the *Preces & Responses* written by a former Strathallan Director of Music, Mr David Read, and the anthem *Peace be to this House* written for the Centenary by the current Director of Music. For the members of the Choir, as well as for me, this was a wonderful and fitting way to end the musical year.

I am sincerely grateful to all members of the department who have helped bring this wonderful programme of events about, especially to Mr Drummond, to whom we wish the very best of luck as he moves to pastures new. Equally, in the best traditions of a century of Strathallians, my sincerest thanks go to all our musicians, and especially to Jo Barrack, Rosie Beech, Isla Cameron, Jordan Curtis, Josie Dibnah, Lauren Dundee, Niall Dundee, Colin Gordon, Scott Haldane, Georgina Howell, Josh Laird, Julia Leng, Hannah Lochhead, Liam Kennedy, Cameron Mack, Delphine Mahos, Charlie Mearns, Victoria Morrison-Low, Sarah Nicol, Pim Piamjariyakul, Brendan Scott, Caroline Seaman, Ole Sturm, Jack Thompson and Gareth Watt for their enormous contribution to the Musical life of Strathallan. However, I hope that I don't have to wait for the school's Bicentenary before I see them back for a concert....

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Pipe Band



The Strathallan Pipe Band have had yet another very successful year with many concerts, competitions and events. We have firstly had a lot of solo success with Harry Richards and John Dew piping in a great variety of venues and picking up many prizes. Harry won the Scottish Piping Society of London's Annual Competition in the MSR and also the Craigmount High School MSR competition. He also won the Scottish Schools Senior Piping Competition; a particular highlight of the solo season. John won the Piobaireachd competition at Criagmount high school and he has picked up various other titles on the Games circuit during the solo season so a very successful time for Strathallan in these competitions.

In the Summer, John Dew has been competing with a Grade 1 band, Inveraray and District, who won the European Championships and Cowal Championships and came 2nd at the World Pipe Band Championships, so a particular well done to John on his efforts here.

During the holidays Harry was part of the National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland which performed at the Flagbearers' Ceremony, BBC at the Quay Festival at the Commonwealth Games, and contributed to the recording of the National Anthem played each time Scotland won a Gold medal. He also played his small pipes with the Scottish Opera at their Anamchara Songs of Friendship production, also part of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games Festival 2014

The Pipe Band has also had a very successful time in Mr Drummond's final year, with a quartet of Crawford Niven, Cameron Hirst, John Dew and Harry Richards coming 2nd in the Scottish School CCF competition, the best result that the band has had here in many years. We also played at The Musical Showcase in Perth Concert Hall, Speech Day and Strathallian Day, all very big events it being the Centenary year and they were certainly performances that we can be proud of.

This gave Mr Drummond a great send-off from his years teaching at Strathallan and we wish him the best of luck in his new venture at Fettes College. We will no doubt see him at the many competitions throughout the coming years. We now welcome Mr Muirhead to Strathallan where we are sure he will do exceptionally well.

Pipe Major Harry Richards LVI Ruthven

Musical Showcase



For a newcomer to Strathallan the Musical Showcase is a spectacular extravaganza: Pipe Band, Big Band, choirs of all types and a wonderful mix of soloists, ensembles and groups. Not least of these was the inaugural performance of the Strathallan Community Choir assembled to mark the Centenary Musical Showcase with a performance of the School Song.

The piece was introduced by the Director of Music – Richard Walmsley – who told members of the audience that their participation was compulsory. With the rousing words of Maurice Norton and a once heard-never-forgotten melody by Cecil Sharman this wonderful example of early 20th century public school chutzpah was sung, as it says in the notation, 'with dignity' by the choir and with gusto by an audience keen not to disappoint. The chorus: *Strath! Strath! This be our cry, when battle is raging and danger is nigh. Remember the honour surrounding the name and strive for the school, and the game.* Sums up the mood and style of the piece. It has been resurrected by supporters of a number of sports in the months since the concert, but it is difficult to get away from the fact that it remains something of a period piece. Still, there was not a person in the audience who wasn't smiling by the time the last round of the chorus died away for the final time.

One of the great pillars of the Musical Showcase is the Pipe Band and the Corps of Drums. The School Song may not sound

typically Scottish, but the magnificent wall of sound created by this group is an unmistakable celebration of musical culture north of the border. This year the pipers (Kyle Buchanan, John Dew, Struan Griffiths, Cameron Hirst, Nicky Ireland, Josh Laird, Angus Lapslie, Jamie Miller, Rory Morrison-Low, Euan Nicol and Crawford Niven) expertly led by Pipe Major Harry Richards were amongst the stars of the show performing pieces by A.J. MacNeil and F. Morrison, with arrangements by Master in Charge of Piping, Cameron Drummond, and V Former, John Dew. The stirring sounds of the Corps of Drums with Amy Abernethy, Joe Docherty, Jamie Eedle, Cameron Griffiths, Cammy Mack and Alex Robertson all added to a polished and highly professional performance. There is little doubt that Piping and Drumming at Strathallan is on the up.

Our youngest performers from Riley House were also keen to lead the way. The Riley Orchestra played *The Entertainer*, the Riley Choir sang *Sing, Sing, Sing*. The Westenders, a Riley group managed by the inspirational VI Form trio of Jo Barrack, Katharine Griffiths, and Eilidh Ross, were superb. However, the standout performance from the youngsters had to be the Lynyrd Skynyrd classic *Sweet Home Alabama* with Ella England, Shannon Pook and Gabi Adams on vocals, Archie Howell on lead guitar, Joe Higginbottom on piano, Lewis Collins on bass and Peter Walwork on drums. Quite simply: Riley Rocks.

The Strathallan Folk Group – another jewel in the school's musical treasure box – played four pieces including the F. Morrison piece *The Sound of the Sun*, notable for the fact that



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it was arranged by our own whistle star, John Dew. This is a band with a lovely sound, developing a rich tradition - we look forward to seeing the direction they take over the next few years.

The Choral Scholars (Isla Cameron, Caroline Seaman, Freya Ireland, Pippa Hay, Polly Lightbody and Eilidh Ross) gave us an uplifting version of P. Hadley's church anthem *I Sing of a Maiden*, whilst the Girls' Choir sang *Wherever You Are* by P. Mealor with beautiful balance and poise. Ole Sturm took to the stage to perform F. Kreishler's violin solo *Praeludium und Allegro* with considerable confidence and panache.

The finale welcomed the Big Band to the stage and an inspired Brendan Scott on vocals singing *'Beyond the Sea'*. He put in a centenary

performance; mixing honeyed tones with humour, and suave sophistication with real stage presence. Not satisfied with the limitations of the (considerable) Perth Concert Hall stage, Brendan took to the audience in the latter stages of his song with a confidence beyond his years.

The Centenary Musical Showcase was a concert full of humour, impressive young people and wonderful music: something for everyone in the audience, opportunities for all on the stage.

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Riley Music

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WTTHTW

“**W**onderful Things That Happened This Week” was an occasional series which ran on Fridays. A noteworthy happening was written on the board for all Friday pupils to share and discuss. These were not achievements of the sort celebrated in Assemblies but rather, surprising revelations or personal triumphs in Music. Such WTTHTW were, for instance, when a 1st Form boy progressed on to book 4 of the six book keyboard course aimed at senior pupils; when a 2nd Form girl had the epiphany that “bass guitar is so easy”; or when a 2nd Form boy offered the following in response to 5th Form work on the board,

“I have further etymological insight into the term dubstep”

Happily, wonderful things happened almost every week - what a great subject Music is!

The Riley musical year is shaped by three distinct areas of curricular work with an overlay of concerts and performances usually every 4-5 weeks. Shaped is something of a euphemism. “Propelled” more accurately describes the customary battle-cry “Concert in three weeks - let’s get practising!” These performances are an ideal opportunity to take singing forward. What joy there is to sing in a class of twelve and then join with another seventy children, sometimes even creating harmony along the way. Singing in schools is a national target in Scotland in the year to come but Riley is clearly already ahead of the curve.

Singing repertoire this year at Riley InFormal Concerts comprised songs as varied as I Gotta Feelin’, Walkin’ on Sunshine, Donald, Whaur’s Yer Troosers, The Road to the

Isles and Bravo Bravissimo. The use of dance is an audience pleaser at these concerts but is also a good way to teach structure in a song, connect parts of the brain and build in basic choreography for the summer show. Dance also has a national spotlight on it in England in the coming year for the way in which it improves performance in all subjects. Riley pupils’ own choice of singing repertoire and dance moves is showcased in the Inter-Divisional Music Competition which takes place in February each year. The standard this year was consistently high throughout each Division, with a great flowering of creative and logistical thought coming to fruition. The 2nd Form, in particular, showed just how much they have to offer the senior Houses at House Music and indeed it was gratifying to see ex-Rileys to the fore of their senior Houses in that October competition.

Whilst mass sing-alongs are terrific for the soul, there is a definite place for highly-prepared vocal performance for children of this age. Riley Choir had one of their best years to date, covering a wide range of songs and performing in formal concert settings. A “critical mass” of choir members had individual singing lessons this year and this contributed to a wider palette of vocal colours and much more security in maintaining harmony parts. Highlights for the choir were undoubtedly singing in three parts with the 3rd Form Choir at the Christmas Service and singing in Hebrew (also in 3 parts) at Headmaster’s Music in June. Achievements in singing included Ella England gaining a Saturday morning place at the Glasgow Academy of Musical Theatre Arts, an independent arts college, and success in London College of Music exams both for her (Grade 4 Distinction) and for Gabi Adams (grade 2 merit).

Instrumental music making has been flourishing in Riley this year with only one or two children in each class not learning an instrument in individual lessons. Several Riley pupils played in senior groups and performed in the Senior Informal Concert Series, such was the level of their playing. Riley Orchestra benefitted from a good smattering of Grade 4 players (this



being the standard required for GCSE in 5th Form) and throughout the year a number achieved success in instrumental exams. Archie Howell got a merit for his Grade 5 electric guitar as did Flora Wilson in Grade 5 clarinet whilst Tinley Dorje of 1J passed her Grade 4 piano; all notable successes for their ages.

Of course, not all instrumentalists are orchestral players. There are very few primary schools or middle schools which can boast a Guitar Ensemble, Pipe Band and Rock Band. Riley Rocks grew into ELO despite Mr Christie's protestations and swept all before them whenever they gigged. Crucially there is now a waiting list for future members.

The knock-on effect in class music has been astonishing. Class Music for all involves learning to play keyboard in the Autumn term, to play in Class Band in the Spring term and to put on a show in the Summer term. Most lessons start with TLC - Top of the Lesson Challenge- which involves progressive exercises in the theory of music. At some point in each lesson there is something to listen to- Mozart recitative and a number from Frozen were compared to the patter- like singing in 1J's class band piece I'm Yours.

Many children really enjoy the individual challenge of progressing through the keyboard course. For one blessed term, Riley Music Room is silent as each pupil has headphones on developing right and left hand skills. Having an understanding of how a piano keyboard is laid out can be

fundamental to understanding the rudiments of music and is a major way of interfacing with music software (as 2nd Form do in their music technology and composition course).

The Format of Class Band changed this year in that every child learned to play guitar, bass guitar and drum kit before either pursuing one of these instruments in a rock band setting or playing their own instruments. This proved highly successful with lively versions of I'm Yours by 1J, Hey, Soul Sister by 1st Form and Money by 2nd Form being rehearsed and performed in unbelievable "wall of sound" mega bands.

It will be interesting to see how these band skills develop. Most musicians attest to an "aha!" moment of sheer epiphany when first playing in a group. This is the experience sought for the children of Riley.

Of course the WTTHTW always concludes the Riley musical year- show week, when an entire musical is rehearsed and staged in one week. This year's production of Olivia was delightful and funny with glowing, natural performances and a sense of connection with the audience. It was a wonderful thing that happened in a wonderful year of learning and performing.

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Olivia

In a wonderful mash-up of Victorian literary creations from George Bernard Shaw to Arthur Conan Doyle, with more than a nod to Charles Dickens, this year's Riley show was a riot of musical fun.

The central character Olivia was a re-working of Oliver Twist, who in running away from the evil Mrs Murdstone's orphanage encounters Sherlock Holmes, Dr Watson, Eliza Doolittle, Fagin and the Artful Dodger amongst others. Eventually she becomes a star of the stage and is reunited with her long lost mother. Isabella England took on the title role. Ella is a seasoned star of Strathallan performance and she was joined with great enthusiasm by the central performers: Gabi, Maggie, Amanda, Rupert and Torin.

Their enthusiasm and talent were infectious, it's difficult to pick out highlights from their, in turn, funny, touching and above all captivating performances. Perhaps mine was Rupert's fluffed line, "Hello Olivia, what's your name?" In the resulting applause and laughter, he carried on like a professional, because when it comes to the Riley show, that's exactly what we expect. From Mrs Sim-Sayce, it's what you get.

Or, as Joe would say... "Donkeys!"

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THE RE-CREATION of a First Class waiting room at a rural outpost on the rail network recalled the days when train travel was a completely different experience. Equally, the appropriate transposition of the original Cornish station of the play to Forgandenny reminds us that trains once stopped not far from our school fields. This evocative scene provided the locus for this year's engaging School Play, *The Ghost Train* by Arnold Ridley, written in 1923.

young actors delivered their lines with purpose and clarity, never tiring during what were two very demanding roles. One of the other many highlights of the evening were Julia and Herbert Price (Rachel Foulsham and Becky Ward), both demonstrating a natural stage presence and exuding plenty of artistic confidence.

The arrival of Teddy Deakin (Roddyne Mentiplay) and his ensuing impact upon the course of the drama was unforgettable. Roddyne gave an exemplary performance in the traditions of slap-stick and burlesque: lines were delivered with perfect timing and the sheer physicality of his comedy ensured the audience were spent by the time of the play's *dénouement*. Notable

THE GHOST TRAIN

The *missed connection* as an effective dramatic device, the auspicious stormy weather, the rain-battered platform and the dimly-lit waiting room offering little shelter to the vulnerable traveller are perfect conditions under which diverse characters can find themselves thrown together; not to mention the existence of a ghost train and the horrific consequences for anyone who sees it...

To our tale. Our protagonists are of course unaware of these macabre possibilities, none more so than Richard and Elsie Winthrop (Sirimon Thomas and Rosie Beech), both long-suffering (of each other) as they make their entrance. The audience are immediately captivated by some excellent character-acting: Rosie, world-weary and embittered, delighted in any opportunity to cast disdain upon her grovelling husband. Effective stage-use to distance herself from her husband and her obsessive smoking provided yet more depth. Sirimon's energy perfectly contrasted Rosie's languid indifference.

Charles and Peggy Murdoch (Gavin Stewart and Fabienne Robertson-Barnett) are the next couple to arrive. Very different in character to the Winthrops, they both excelled in their task of adding a different dynamic to the drama. The two

performances came from Katharine Griffiths who thoroughly entertained as Miss Bourne and from Megan Thomas as Joan Stirling. A constant throughout the play was the dry and droll Saul Hodgkin, whose part was superbly played in an understated manner by Lucy Crabb. Let us not forget, of course, police officers (Annette Crorkin and Alexandra Stasovskaya) and how reliable they were. Plywood? Well, what can I say?

To create a harmonious ensemble from the many challenging and conflicting theatrical elements such as characterisation, interaction, dramatic tension, comedy and a convincing resolution, and to do it all successfully, is the result of excellent direction. In addition to all the actors, special congratulations must be offered to Mrs Irene McFarlane and Miss Ishbel McFarlane who did precisely that.

Special thanks also go to Mrs Kate Streatfield-James who organised some excellent period costumes; to Stuart Cantlay, Kyle Cooke, Brianna Fowlie, Findlay Kinloch, Alexander Stokes, Alexandra Stasovskaya, Boris Savkin and Dr Jim Salisbury, the stalwarts of stage and set; to Osariemen Erhahon for props and to Mr Neil Hamilton for sound design.

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THE TRAIN RAGHOSTS





LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE



THE SCHOOL MUSICAL

Story by Harold Gray

Music by Charles Strouse, Lyrics by Martin Charnin,

Book by Thomas Meehan

THE CLASSIC Damsel-in-distress scenario, a fair maid stranded, often in a tower, and beset by witches, warlocks, bad-egg knights and evilly-inclined mothers-in-law (*are you going to get any more hyphens into this sentence?* Ed) was a splendid vehicle for Meehan, Strouse and Charnin's deftly witty and (very) lightly tragic Annie. Directed by John MacLean, Catherine Howett and Mary Robertson-Barnett with musical direction from Neil Hamilton and choreography by Kimberley Stewart, this frothy little jug of between-the-wars sherbet was just the right admixture of sweetness and bitterness to convince the packed houses that Strathallan's talented young people have, once again, got it goin' on.

From the moment the mewling, pathetic abandonees of the orphanage wake to another day of scraping, scrubbing and reluctantly but desperately wolfing Miss Hannigan's cold gruel and then burst into their terrific dance routine with clattering pails and flailing mops we know we are in, as we have come to expect, for a real Euterpean-Terpsichorean treat. Eilidh Ross's monstrous, disappointed inebriate of an orphanage-keeper makes sure that her unfortunate charges' lives are as miserable as it is possible to make them whilst maintaining the façade of nurture. But these girls are not to be browbeaten into any kind of submission and one in particular will come bouncing back to punch well above her weight. We rapidly learn of Annie's not-quite-orphanage and it is very shortly thereafter that Emmy Hall's feisty little chancer makes her first, unsuccessful as it turns out, bid for freedom. Both Eilidh and Emmy are consummate musicians and performers and the pair manufacture a needle-sharp rivalry from which only one will emerge as victor.

Orphans Pippa Hay, Emma Burnett, Imogen Robertson-Barnett, Jenny McGuire, Sarah Campbell and Leah Hamill set the bar high; others will go higher still. Annie's desperate desire to be re-united with the parents whom she believes to be still alive and actively seeking her but just, somehow not quite managing to find her, takes the little girl on an odyssey through Hooverville to NYC where she will eventually be whisked into the home and heart of billionaire Oliver (Daddy) Warbucks, ably played by Liam Kennedy. Liam acquired his singing



and acting chops in a Wood. In NYC, he was not only required to sing but also to dance. I have to say that, for a big guy, he's surprisingly light on his feet.

Warbucks' English rose secretary, Grace, is beautifully played by Freya Ireland who, once again gets to demonstrate her great range of talent as an actress and singer. But it's some time since we met a villain, so enter Ella McKay and Alex McLeod playing the slyly scheming and extravagantly lying Lily and Rooster. Ella is particularly convincing as a sleazy, down-at-heel, gold-digging floozy and Alex inhabits the role of the loud-mouthed, inept con-artist to brilliant effect.

So what else does this road-tested formula need to round out its success? Why not a kind of King Arthur figure in the shape of The President of the U.S. of A!!!? Prophetically, Johnny Rutherford had to do his acting from the vantage point of a wheelchair but that certainly didn't cramp the style of this highly-talented performer who, even on wheels, could turn the heads of the ladies in the audience without really even trying.

Rosie Beech turned on the style, as ever, as a Star-to-be, Fabienne Robertson-Barnett was a splendidly icy Housekeeper and who could forget the sheer acting talent of Slinky as Sandy the Dog.

Stand-outs for this reviewer were the irrepressible Emmy Hall and the multi-talented Eilidh Ross but the cast of thousands all contributed to what was once again a hugely enjoyable occasion in Strathallan's theatre and one which once again demonstrated just what you can hope to achieve with a combination of hard work and talent.

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Holly McLean

A2



Art



Eleanor Jones

A2

Holly Milne

A2



Annabel Wilson

A2



Isla Cameron

A2



Sarah Nicol

A2



Philippa Kemp

A2



Ellie Jones

A2

Sam Clegg-Butt

A2





Holly Milne

A2



Katie Jones

A2

Holly McLean

A2



Hannah Lochhead

A2



Melissa Davy-Ericson

GCSE



Fabienne Robertson-Barnett

GCSE



Nicole Skinner

GCSE



Nina Mearns

GCSE



Charlotte Stephenson

GCSE



Fabienne Robertson-Barnett

GCSE



Sophie-Anne Ross

A2



Rosie Malyn

A2



Lorna Brown

AS



Lucy Crabbe

GCSE



Nicole Skinner

GCSE



Nina Mearns

GCSE



Pema Dorje
AS

Riley: 1J
Still Life Etchings



Lucy Crabb
GCSE



Melissa Davy-Ericson
GCSE



Riley: 2nd Form
Cityscapes

Nina Mearns
GCSE



Lewis Coutts
AS



Jessica Woodcock
GCSE

Oscar Mansfield
GCSE



Design & Technology



Fraser Craw-Harley
AS



Ibrahim Mohammed
A2



Finlay Brierton
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Nkechi Adeboye
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Scott Garvie
A2



Alex Robertson
GCSE



Eric Hutt
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Austen Hay
GCSE



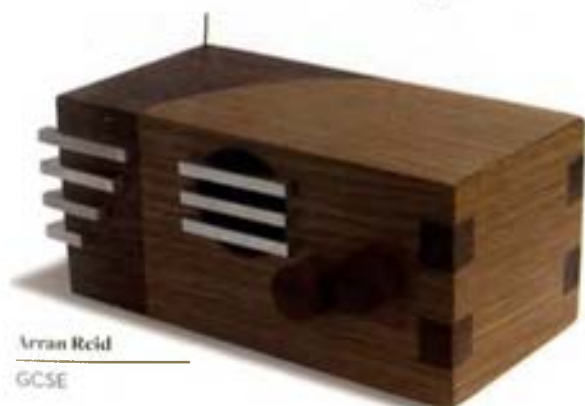
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Rory Wood
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Andrew Darby
A2



Arran Reid
GCSE



Matthew Hyde
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Lachlan Macgregor
GCSE



Euan Curran
GCSE



Anna Clark
III form



Ian Robertson
III form



Kevin Chen
III form



Tiffany Chow
III form



Murphy Walker

III form



Teagan Brierton

III form



David Carswell

IV form



Angus Lapslie

IV form



Bradley Clements

IV form



Will Hardie

IV form

SPORT REPORT

Cricket



1st XI

A new season for the 1st XI, Mr Billing taking up the reins as head coach, with Grant Doig captain, saw a young side develop, showing signs of great potential throughout.

We began the season with a home tie against Perth Doo'cot and, inspired by some good bowling from Rhys Connah and James Burdett, we managed to reduce the opposition to just 121. Some lovely strokes early on from Jenkins and Waller put Strath in a good position to win the game, Grant Doig coming in to put it to bed.

The next game against Dollar saw a rather timid batting performance from the XI; being bowled out for 66 after winning the toss was certainly not in the script. A fantastic all-round bowling performance saw Dollar reduced to just 8 for 4, but a middle order fight back saw them reach the target with 3 wickets in hand.

Next match saw us travel away to Fettes and, thanks to John Dew and Will Hardie, we reduced Fettes to just 152. Solid opening batting from Jenkins and Hardie saw off the feared Fettes attack very well. At 96-2, Waller and Doig looked set to reach the total, but a middle order collapse saw us bowled out disappointingly for 136. We

were cheered up, however, with a trip to the Golden Arches *has Billing got Fitz's Loyalty Card, then? Ed*.

Our first timed game of the season against the XL club during half term gave us a chance to redeem ourselves after two losses on the bounce. With Will Hardie scoring 67 we posted 165, a below-par score. Early wickets put us back in charge of the game, and there was even an 'Unbelievable Jeff' moment from Rhys Connah in the field, recording the catch of the season. The XL club managed to hang on for a draw, however, with just 1 wicket in hand.

Next up was Stenhousemuir, a team including a South African professional (whom Jack Waller soon found out about when he came on to bowl) and our very own Ian Philip. Half-centuries from Grant Doig and Cameron Jenkins saw us post a competitive score of 250. With Ian Philip removed early on, we were in a good position to win the match, but their pro kept it interesting right until the end and, needing two sixes off of the last two balls, he proceeded to hit a six and a four in a nervy finish, Strath claiming victory by two runs.

The next match against Merchiston was adversely affected by rain, with Strath in a good position on 96-2 chasing 175 and Doig and Waller together at the crease, after a solid bowling performance from

Lisle Halkett earlier on in the day. In stark contrast, the match against Ivanhoe, the Australian touring team, was played in searing heat, and on a good pitch. They set us 175 to chase, Will Hardie taking 2-52 from 19 overs. With Waller scoring 57, Hardie 34 and Halkett 30, the XI looked in a strong position, but could only hold out for a draw.

Against George Watson's, we endured what could possibly be the worst fielding performance ever, leaking around 40 runs in the field (Jenkins!) Chasing 160 off 30 overs, tight bowling from Watson's meant we could only reach 40-2 after 15 overs. The run-rate soon picked up, however, but was never enough, and even though Waller reached his century, Strath fell short by 20 runs. Our final school match, vs High school of Glasgow, gave us a chance to end the season on a high, and with Grant Doig scoring 76 in his final game, fittingly, and Jenkins redeeming himself with 52, we posted 223 from 45 overs, and managed to roll Glasgow over for just 110.

Well done to Will Hardie on being selected to play for Scotland under-15, Jack Waller on being invited to attend National under-17 trials later this season, and to Grant Doig for being an excellent role model at all times as captain. Thanks to Mr Billing and Ian Philip as coaches.

Jack Waller LVI Nicol



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SEASON'S AWARDS:

Batting:

Highest score, highest total, highest average: **Oscar Mansfield**

Commended: Taylor, Docherty, Troup

Bowling:

Most overs and most wickets and best average: **Johnny Rutherford**

Commended: Docherty, Knowles

for 9 off 25 overs against Merchiston at home on the Lawn. Our bowling and fielding was much better, however, and a surprised opposition found themselves all out for 82 runs in the 19th over. Johnny Rutherford took 4-15, Joe Docherty 3-9 and Finlay Stewart 2-22. Elliot Clements made a game-changing catch at point and new wicketkeeper Alex Robertson engineered a fine run-out. We won by 17 runs and kept the Pavilion in good order.

Fettes away was our next match and represented the low-water mark of the season. We batted first and were 67 all out from 19.4 overs, a poor show when one does not bat all one's overs. Only Oscar Mansfield and Curtis Taylor made double figures. Alex Robertson went out for a spectacular golden duck trying to hook his first ball from a cunning spinner for 6, caught deep mid-wicket. Finlay Stewart, Joe Docherty and Matty Knowles each took 2 wickets and Curtis Taylor a most impressive slip catch but Fettes eventually stuttered to 70 in the 22nd over and we lost by 3 wickets.

Our third completed match was our best one, away against George Watson's College. They won the toss and batted first and made an impressive 130 off 20 overs. Johnny Rutherford took 4 for 27 and Matty Knowles in his farewell appearance took 3 for 19. Elliot Clements (acting captain) took a superb catch at point that almost made up for his being run out without facing a ball. Oscar Mansfield made 57 and Curtis Taylor 20 but we were still well shy of the required total until Jamie Troup came in to bat. He has an unorthodox

stance and attitude but smacked, literally smacked, 20 runs in quick succession and we had made 131 with 4 balls to spare.

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Senior Colts A

It was a very frustrating season with the weather misbehaving on a number of occasions, preventing more cricket from being played.

In all we only managed to play five matches, winning three and losing two.

We had a comfortable wins against Dollar, Glenalmond and Fettes College. Perhaps the best of these being the return match against Fettes. Choosing to bat first, Fettes were soon reeling as our opening bowlers removed the first nine batsmen for 25 runs. A total of 34 was needed, which we duly achieved losing only one wicket.

I would like to thank our coaches, Messrs Robertson, Vallot & Lee for their time and effort throughout the season, and for keeping our spirits up when it was wet and cold!

Alex Waller (Captain) IV Form Nicol

2nd XI

Short and sweet are the two most apt words for the 2nd XI cricket team season 2014, and not just because Oscar Mansfield at 5'4" was our most prolific batsman. A season reduced to only three matches due to weather and lack of other boys' schools to play is certainly short. Winning two of them made it sweet. The team was ably skippered throughout by Finlay Kettles. Fielding was decent most of the time although in three matches it is not good to give away a total of 105 extras.

The opening match comes very soon after the start of term and a lack of match practice showed in our batsmen as we struggled to 99

SPORT REPORT

Rugby

1st XV Rugby

One of Strathallan's most successful rugby seasons came, fittingly perhaps, in the centenary year. After what was a tough pre-season, the 1st XV kicked off with an extended-squad game versus St Aloysius. In what was a physical encounter Strathallan came out on top. Immediately afterwards we met Fettes in what was the start of our 'cup run'. After a shaky beginning to the game Strathallan emerged convincing winners with the final score-line 32-17. The team's winning habits continued into the game which had potential to be a speed bump on our road to Murrayfield; the double header with new fixture Stewart's Melville College. We quickly conceded a try but rallied eventually to win what was a high-scoring game 39-30.

An even more remarkable score-line was the 100-0 victory over Madras rapidly followed by a still-convincing 24-5 win against Fettes. Then to biggest game of the season thus far, the Scottish cup quarter-final against Merchiston. The boys came out firing on all cylinders with the first try showing some slick hands. Merchiston held on, nonetheless, to pull a try back but that appeared to signal the last of their resistance. In the strongest performance of the season to that point we came out on top of the 34-10 score-line, thus becoming the first Strathallan side under Andy Henderson's stewardship to beat the capital school. Taking the 1st XV's winning streak into double figures was the rain-sodden encounter that brought us a 31-0 win over Robert Gordon's.

Semi-final day was upon us, and due to an interesting draw the final wasn't to be played at Murrayfield after all, but a round early at Beveridge park, the stamping-ground of Kirkcaldy RFC. In a proud and emotional performance Strathallan went down 35-12, in a closer game than the score suggests, against George Watson's, the eventual winners. Five days later, however, we were back to our winning ways, defeating Edinburgh academy 31-12. We finished the season on a high with a 65-0 defeat of the High School of Glasgow, bringing to an end the three year stint in the firsts for me and for our Captain and players' player of the season, Cameron Fenton. With the team sporting five internationalists and even more representative players with an undefeated regular season counts toward, as I suggested, one of the most successful Strathallan rugby seasons ever. A massive thank you has to go to both Mr Henderson and Mr Billing for all their hard work during the season. Also the leavers from the team wish them all the best for next season and those following.

Jamie Ritchie UVI Simpson
Club Captain 2013/14



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U16A Rugby

The season started with a pre season training period that brought the boys together and also saw some new faces emerge. The pre season involved early morning runs, skills sessions, fitness, team- building sessions and evening activities. Mr Robertson and Mr Glasgow ran a quiz where they were amazed at each other's ignorance and were well beaten by the boys. Mr Robertson blamed Mr Glasgow for his lack of Lord of the Rings & Harry Potter Knowledge. Mr Glasgow blamed Mr Robertson for everything else.

The first game was against St Aloysius and we won 25 - 17. The team enjoyed some strong running by both forwards and backs. They were a team we were to meet again later in the season. Next was an away fixture at Stewart's Melville. Both teams engaged in some optional tackling, so it was quite a high scoring game. We lost this game 41 - 26, a fair reflection. One of the tries does stick in the memory and Finlay Brierton's pass to Jack Bruce to put him under the posts was one of the highlights of the season. Josh Sweeney had to be watched closely after coming off injured. He was planning his revenge on the player who had attacked him and looked frankly murderous. There is no truth in the rumour that Josh still has a contract out on the boy...

Our first cup fixture came against local rivals Glenalmond. We faced a good team who had

beaten us the previous season and we going to have to silence a distinctly partisan crowd. The game was a great advert for school rugby. It was played with great passion and enthusiasm. We scored three tries but had to hang on at the end as Glenalmond staged a strong fight-back. Finlay Brierton and Ali Burnett both had good games and Matt Fagerson led well from the front. A very satisfying victory and progress into the quarter finals.

Next was North Berwick where we played some excellent running rugby winning the game 78 - 7 with outstanding performances from Ethan Zizzler and James 'Snake-hips' Barrack. It was a great day for running rugby and the interplay between forwards and backs was tremendous. North Berwick had played Merchiston Castle in the previous round of the cup and we were therefore confident that we could go to Edinburgh and get a positive result.

The Merchiston Castle game (10th Oct 2014) was our finest performance not only of this season but of the last two years. We came up against a well-drilled pack and good clean possession was at a premium for both sides. It was in the backs that we won the game. Tries from Jack Bruce, Kieran Grieve and Matt Fagerson sealed the victory but it was at fly half and centre where the game was won. Our defence was strong across the team, but our inside backs were superb cutting down the time and space for the Merchiston backs at every opportunity. In attack we were also strong and

Cameron's pass to Jack Bruce for his second score was of the highest quality. A fantastic result for the team and a tremendous effort considering we had lost by 40 points the previous season.

Our 2nd November fixture took place in very poor weather conditions against Robert Gordon's College. Although we won 26 - 5 we were under pressure for much of the game where the pack were rucked off the ball on a number of occasions. We also picked up some injuries; a worry as we approached the Cup Semi Final. It was a poor performance and not great preparation for the semi- final, but at least a win in a gritty game

On 13th November we met St Aloysius again, in the cup semi final. We started well but were penalised at a 5-metre scrum and soon conceded a penalty. That was closely followed by a try which remained unconverted. We were 8 - 0 down but we had the wind in the second half. Half time saw some pretty direct coaching points from Mr Glasgow who was clearly concerned that we were not competing as we should in the contact area. I can't remember exactly what he said but it was along the lines of "Come on chaps, buck up". The second half saw us use the wind and we soon had a scoring chance which we dropped with the line begging. As time went on the pressure mounted. Cameron collected a kick by Jamie Troup which gave us a try and hope.

We conceded a penalty with five minutes to go and went 11 - 5 down. A valiant effort by the boys saw them held up over the line as the final whistle



went. A great cup run but we will always wonder what could have been.

After a disappointment like that it is always difficult to pick yourself up and training lacked the edge and urgency of before. Our final game was on 30th November against the High School of Glasgow and we won it 59 - 0. We were able to put on all of the subs and many of them had very positive performances

Some of the boys who had struggled in the semi-final came to the fore and it was a fitting way to end what had been a good season. The two defeats we suffered were away fixtures but the highlights of Glenalmond and Merchiston will live long in the memory. Well done to all the boys and in particular to captain, Matt Fagerson , who always led from the front and to vice-captain, Cammy, who played out of position throughout the season and did a vital job for the team.

A great season from the boys and they should feel justifiably proud of their efforts

SWR

U15 A Rugby

A season of mixed results with notable highlights including away victories in Edinburgh and Aberdeen contrasting with the heavy defeat to an excellent Dollar team, the U15 Squad made progress over the season and worked with enthusiasm and determination.

It was encouraging to see a number of boys emerging from the B Squad to cement starting places in the A Team alongside the continued development of the more established players.

DJB



SPORT REPORT

Football

This year the first XI football had its most successful season for three years, managing to make it to the quarter finals of the cup. With a new coaching staff of Mr Batterham, Mr Drummond being joined by Mr Joiner, continuing the tradition of our Brazilian warm-up, along with a more intense fitness regime. Along with the footballing genius who is Mr Fleming taking control of the seconds, and offering advice to anyone foolish enough to listen (play in a blue strip, mainly, TBH. Ed).

Having retained the majority of the team that had played in the previous season, it took us much less time to gel, and we started the season with a 6-1 win over Albyn. Goals from Connor Holborn, Ross McDonald and Josh Anderson secured the victory, whilst defender Gavin Tulloch was deservedly man of the match on his first start.

We continued our high goal-scoring with a 5-2 victory over St Leonard's, a hat trick from McDonald, two from Holborn and a surprising goal from John Ambrose, who also picked up the man of the match award for a great defensive performance, helping us to recover from a lapse in concentration that put us behind early in the match.

The next match contained one of the best halves of football that Strathallan had ever played. Having been behind 2-0 at half-time to Dollar, a team we have struggled to beat in recent years, and missing our first choice goalkeeper, the boys came out for the second half and threw everything at them. A great substitute performance from Harry Thomson led to us getting back into the game at 2-2. The last minutes of the game approached, and an unconventional save made by Gavin Tulloch, who was stepping in for Finlay Kettles in goals, preferring to use his face to his hands, kept us in it. We went up the pitch and rare goal by Ali Al Asadi put us 3-2 ahead with seconds remaining. Josh Anderson was given man of the match for his work-rate in the middle of the park.

We continued our winning ways unto our penultimate match with our main rivals, Glenalmond. A 4-1 win, a penalty scored by Anderson, who made up for his miss in the same fixture a year earlier, and a hat trick from McDonald made sure we continued our undefeated streak against our near neighbours.

We then took the lengthy trip up to Gordonstoun, and after going behind twice and levelling both times we managed to take a 3-2 lead, but the exhausting journey came into play and in the last ten minutes of the game, the cramp and tiredness kicked in and unfortunately two late goals meant that we suffered our first defeat.

Fortunately, being the second-placed team with the highest points total we made it through to the quarter finals against Stewart's Melville. We made the trip after a lengthy Easter break, with fitness low and our skills not quite where they should have been, and quickly discovered that we were out of our depth against the eventual winners of the competition.

Ross McDonald



Boys' hockey



The season started off with a tour to Holland and Belgium which was to be the catalyst for the season to come. This was a great experience for all that were involved and we believe it should be a more frequent occurrence. We would like to thank Miss Sime, Mr Glass, Mr Watt and Mr Giles for giving up their time and making the tour what it was. Highlights would have to be the reappearance of our super sub 'mascot' Kevin and the final game of the tour, a convincing win that brought grown men to tears; mainly Jack Burton.

Riley Boys had a very productive season with some stand-out team performances and results. The boys' programme consisted of basic skills delivered within a fun-filled season. George Culley moved from midfield to goalkeeper, a positive transformation supported by 2nd form goalkeepers Alamin Kudehinbu and Ross Walker. Torin Hamill, who was also selected for Scotland Development Squad, led the team as captain and supported the squad and junior players coming through. Struan Griffiths and Peter Wallwork also stepped up to support the 2nd form. Our Under 12 team lost only two matches and have come a long way from our first season encounter with Cargilfield. Finally, our Riley Sixes squad missed out on the plate final but had an excellent tournament.

Last season has seen our junior boys have a very productive season with both the 3rd and 4th Form winning over 80% of their matches. There have been some excellent performances under the guidance of the coaching staff; none more so than in the S3+ cup where the boys reached the National semi-finals with Mr Dick and Mr Robertson. Two significant highlights were the boys 4th Form team only losing two games all season and Cameron Griffiths being selected for Scotland U16 where he has achieved success on and off the pitch. He scored his first goal on home soil against Ireland in front of family and friends. Next season the 4th form players will have the opportunity to push the senior pupils hard for a place in the senior teams. This should be a very interesting transformation with Strathallan 1st XI losing 14 players after a very successful season.

Strathallan 1st XI have had a very positive season under the guidance of coaches Mr Glass and Mr Giles. The existing members, Ewan Campbell, Gareth Watt, Roy Wood, Grant Doig, Ross Buchanan, Colin Gordon, Charlie Mearns and Rory Barnes were joined by Ole Sturm, Georg Grimm and Julian Yeats. Meanwhile, juniors Jack Waller, Alfonso Ramos and Cameron Griffiths stepped up to make their mark on the season. The boys' results were 6 wins and 3 losses scoring an impressive 51 goals in 9 matches with an 8-1 away win against Loretto as well as an excellent 4-1

display against Glenalmond being the highlights of their season. The boys capped off their season welcoming back Connor Ovenstone and James Cockburn to play in the National Plate final and record a hard-fought victory over Edinburgh Academy with Ewan Campbell having a man of the match performance. The boys have also had success at Indoor, reaching the Scottish Indoor finals for the 2nd time in three years. Ewan Campbell Ole Sturm and Ross Buchanan represented their district to win the Indoor national title.

Since the end of the boys' seasons the squad had a good performance in the inaugural Strathallian Day match; running out convincing winners. The squad has now been transformed with 14 players moving on - ten of whom are playing for University 1st XI squads while four take time out away from the game. In the new squad, Cammie Griffiths, Jack Waller, Rhys Connah and Alfonso Ramos have been selected for district squads, while Jamie Miller and Iain Robertson have been selected for U16 district squads. Our S3 squad has a cup match scheduled against Fettes, while our 1st XI will play Glasgow Academy. We wish them and the other squads the very best for the upcoming season.

Ross Buchanan, Grant Doig & Charlie Mearns



3rd XI

A disappointing season: played 7 won 1 drawn 2 lost 4, goals for 7 against 22. The statistics were made top-sided by our opening match when we played St Leonards 1st XI at home, were thoroughly outclassed, and lost 0-11. Thankfully, however, we lost no fixtures due to adverse weather. The team was captained throughout the season by the experienced Mark Cochrane, easily our best all-round player. Top scorer was Elliot Clements with 4 goals.

Loretto away was our second match, often a bruising encounter under floodlights on the council-owed pitch alongside the school. The unlucky Matt Patterson lost concentration and scored an own goal within 3 minutes but then he, Harry Richards and Elliot Clements all scored before the end of the first half. Our new goalie, Cedrik Timmel, had a lot of work to do in the second half but the team kept their nerve and ran out winners 3-2.

The home and away matches against Fettes at either end of February were close and fiercely-fought affairs. At Fettes Jamie Eedle appeared at centre-mid in his farewell appearance at his old school but even his experience wasn't enough to help us score. Fettes scored two well-worked goals from short corners and there were no goals from open play. One reason for this was that the game was played during very heavy rain. The weather and Fettes were the winners. In the return match at Strathallan we quickly went 1 down due to a defensive error but some excellent work by Sirimon Thomas and Nick Heaney put Elliot Clements clear on the edge of the D and he scored. A commendable 1-1 draw.

The game against Glenalmond is always exciting and close and it was therefore disappointing that some of our regular players were absent. In consecutive matches 50% of the 3rds played for the 4ths and vice versa. Glenalmond were at home and had strength in depth and it told. We lost 2-1.

Loretto came up to Strathallan in early March on the wettest day of the year. We started the match on the top astro and were soon playing through two inches of water across the whole pitch. The Loretto squad were clearly at ease with this and scored in the first half. The second half was moved to the bottom astro where Strathallan were able to play hockey, and they did so. Having quickly drawn level the prospects for a win were looking good but the Loretto substitute goalie for proved to be amazing and made several remarkable saves. He clearly has a great future ahead of him.

Our final match was a disappointing 1-3 loss against Gordonstoun at home. Their 3rd XI slightly unexpectedly proved to be a force to be reckoned with. Ah, well.

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SEASON'S BESTS:

Best Captain: **Mark Cochrane,**

Best Converted Rugby Player:
Sirimon Thomas,

Best Utility: **Nick Heaney,**

Best Defender (even though he doesn't like playing there): **Matthew Patterson**

Best Midfield: **Logie Walker**

Best Super-sub: **Ben Sugden.**

Girls' hockey

It was exciting to return to School for pre-season after being on tour to Belgium and Holland with the team from last year.

Lots of stories about the laughs (Raina D), the leggings (Anni B - Annabel), the messy hotel room (Celine) and, of course, the banter (everyone). It was the usual moans and groans about fitness but having been on tour, our starting point was significantly better than in previous years. We also welcomed Mr Dick into the coaching team and were very impressed with his Greek Dancing at the side of the pitch. Our 1st XI GK had a busy summer as she was selected to play for Scotland at the European U18 Championships in Santander before she came on tour with the team.

It was a terrific season for the 1st XI. We played 12 matches out with tournaments and won 10/12. Our wins against GWC (3-1) and Dollar (4-0) were real highlights where we demonstrated just how well we could play.

Indoor

Our Tuesday night trips to the Douglas Centre in Dundee proved to be both entertaining and significant for our development in the indoor game.

The journeys were educational and full of fun and laughter. Annabel Wilson's knowledge of the Glendoick Garden Centre is to be admired. Bibbity Bop took on a whole new meaning at the Indoor - Annabel and Christina can explain. Playing in the adult league is all about gaining experience and finishing 2nd in the league was not initially what we had thought was going to happen. Only being defeated by Scottish Champions, Dundee Wanderers was certainly a big step up from the previous year. This definitely shaped the team and helped when we played in the Midland U18 tournament. We won all our games defeating Kilgraston 6-1 in the final - the Tuesday night trips to Dundee had paid off.

At the Indoor national finals we won the group and qualified for the final v GWC. It was a close match and we seemed to just run out of steam in the latter stages of the game. GWC won the match 3-1 and we finished in Silver Medal position.

Megan Inch & Kate Spalding LVI Thornbank

2nd XI (Mighty twos)

The 2nd XI, or should I say the Mighty Twos, have had another fantastic season. After a narrow defeat in our first game against Robert Gordon's the team showed strength and determination by going on to win the next four matches.

All the girls worked hard in training to develop their skills and fitness, putting this into practice against Gordonstoun where we won 6-0. Another highlight of the season was beating our rival, Glenalmond 3-1 in a match in which, despite the cold weather, the defending dream team played outstandingly. A special mention must be made of Emmas Morris and Walker,



our goal-scoring duo, who scored a total of 22 between them throughout the season. We knew this season was going to be tough but being the Mighty Twos we took to it light-heartedly and quickly became infamous for our enthusiastic warm-ups and our even more enthusiastic goal-celebrations, not least Sophie's backflips. Beating Dollar 2-0 was a fantastic end to the season for the 2nd XI and that match showed our improvement from the beginning of the season. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Giles and Mr Hamill for their endless support and enthusiasm and we hope to see those matching

Christmas jumpers out next season! Good luck to the 2nd XI next year! Long may the legacy of the Mighty Twos continue...

Katharine Griffiths UVI Glenbrae

3rd/4th/5th XIs

It was fantastic that we were able to put out five teams at senior level this year. The enthusiasm from all the players was fantastic. The 3rd XI under the guidance of Dr Blackie, Mr Glass and Mr Robertson played 10 games: won six, drew two and lost two.

HOCKEY TOUR



The first game of the season v RGC (6-0) was just the start that Dr Blackie (AKA Sir Alex) was looking for. The team went from strength to strength and stand-out performances were the 2 - 0 win v Dollar and the 1 - 0 win over Fettes.

The 4th XI and 5th XI had another enthusiastic and excellent season. Coaches Gardiner and Batterham worked with enthusiasm and determination to take the players to another level. Highlight for the 4th XI was the 5 - 0 win over Glenalmond, demonstrating excellent teamwork. It was great to get a home and away fixture v Fettes for both teams and we look forward to this again next season.

U14A

In all, we played nine matches: four wins, two losses and three draws. The team were competitive throughout the season and were only truly out-played once by Dollar Academy. Much credit should be given to Caitlin Donald who captained the side. Undoubtedly talented with stick, she also showed leadership, determination and a level of self belief which players around her both admired and strove to emulate.

Highlights of the season were wins against Fettes, Kilgraston, St Leonard's and Gordonstoun with only the aforementioned Dollar proving too hard a test.

The squad can take much encouragement from their hard work this season which bodes well for the challenges that await next season.

My thanks to Claire Brownbridge & Megan Mackie for all their help and support over the season with the year-group.

GSRR

Junior Hockey

It was a great season for the U13s and U12s - every girl in Riley represented the school at some point in the season. The U13A reached the 1/4 final at the Fettes tournament and their work rate and desire to improve has been a real joy to see.

It was a fantastic display from our juniors at the Midland District Outdoor tournament. They had six games in the round robin event and won five and had one draw. The future of girls' hockey certainly looks bright. In the junior KO Cup (which is the qualifier for the Scottish Junior Championships) the team had a 3 - 0 win v Morrison's in the semi-final and then after a draw v Dollar in the final it was penalty strokes that would decide the winner. After round 1 it was 4 - 4. On sudden death GK, Lucy Haddow saved the first and Rebecca Dye stepped up to score the winner. It was a very happy team heading back to Strathallan. At the national finals the juniors were in a tough section and had one win, one draw and one loss to finish 3rd in the group. The junior team came 2nd in their indoor district tournament with two wins, one draw and a loss.

Megan Inch



SPORT REPORT

Athletics

The poet Homer was not wrong when he ascribed "swift-footed" to Achilles, the most heroic of the epic heroes. He would surely also acknowledge the heroism of anyone willing to brave the balmy air and sea breezes of Irvine in early March. We always look to present a team at every age group at Scottish Schools, and as the pupils move up the school and have more opportunity to specialise and concentrate on their running, we become more optimistic of success. This year we knew that both senior teams had a good chance of being on the podium this year: most of the athletes had been able to race a number of times, and time-trial results looked promising. We were not, however, expecting that the girls' team of Annabel Wilson, Robyn Somerville, Lilly Thompson and Katharine Griffiths would win a Gold medal, and the boys' team, Colin Gordon, Duncan Cook, Sirimon Thomas and Alex Stokes, a Silver. Of the other age groups, in only one were we not in the top eight, and we are proud that despite not producing the superstar athletes to win the race, we have the depth to do well at team level.

The athletics season went well, with a good mix of age group matches and open meetings designed to fit around examinations. We had matches against Merchiston and Glenalmond at senior level, and Lathallan, Kilgraston and Lathallan in junior age groups. When we won, we won well, but our defeats mirrored the experiences of the British Athletics team in Europe, with not enough strong performances in the field.

The Scottish Schools meet was at Hampden this year, as a final practice for the Commonwealth Games, so our athletes were treated to both the luxury of an international standard athletics meeting, and the rules and regulations that go with them, as one relay team and two one-lap runners discovered as they touched lane lines and were disqualified.

Of those who managed to stay in the competition, the senior boys ran well to come 4th in the Senior 100m final, and Sirimon Thomas came 4th in the Javelin. The best performance of the day, however, came from Josh Laird who won the Gold medal in the Long Jump with an excellent 6.46m.

Sports Day was won by Simpson and Woodlands.

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Biathlon



Something I never thought I would be able to say I did during my school years is take part in a biathlon, let alone three, but it was a challenge that I and several other pupils took up under the influence of Miss Helyer, a new member of the PE department and former British pentathlete. October 2013 brought the qualifier, and after travelling up to Aberdeen at 6 o' clock on a Sunday morning, we were all excited at the challenge the day presented. The biathlon consists of two elements, a swim (between 100m and 200m depending on age) and a run (between 800m and 1600m again depending on age group) and, although each of us had our strengths and weaknesses, we all arrived back at school on the Sunday night with a great sense of achievement.

Shannah Goddard, Lauren Dundee, Sandy Aitken and I had qualified for the British Biathlon Championship just outside of Birmingham, and so, accompanied by Miss Helyer, we travelled down to Solihull on the 30th November 2013. The 1st of December brought us to Tutor Grange Leisure Centre and each of us did our best, Sandy swimming a PB and Shannah gaining one in her run. This was the first time we really got a taste of what it was like to compete in a serious event as, although none of us was in it to win, we were swimming and running with some of the best young athletes in Britain and people who were on the road to success in British Pentathlon.

Come January 2014, Shannah, Sandy, Jess Blanche, Connor Collins, Lewis Collins, George Culley and I all heard the news that we had qualified to take part in the British Schools Biathlon which was to be held in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London in April, and we all leapt at the opportunity to compete in the same venue as all the athletes we had watched in summer 2012. In anticipation of this experience each of us kept up our swimming and running, and to be able to say we have competed in the same pool as Michael Phelps is something we are all very proud of. Unfortunately, the experience was slightly marred by the fact the we were not able to run in the Olympic Stadium, but the atmosphere on the first day of the park's being opened and the fact that we were the first people to swim in the pool after the Olympics made up for it somewhat.

For me pushing myself out of my comfort zone and taking up a challenge I had never before considered was a great learning curve, and the experience of London has so far been the highlight of my year. I very much hope that pupils next year sign up to the qualifier in October, as you never know just where it could take you.

Julia Leng UVI Woodlands

Sportsday 2014

BOYS' HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

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| 1st Simpson | 123 points |
| 2nd Nicol | 107 points |
| 3rd Ruthven | 98 points |
| 4th Freeland | 85 points |

GIRLS' HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

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| 1st Woodlands | 222 points |
| 2nd Glenbrae | 194 points |
| 3rd Thornbank | 187 points |

Victrix Ludorum (Junior)

Shannah Goddard

Victor Ludorum (Junior)

Finlay Laird

Victrix Ludorum (Intermediate)

Amber Paterson

Victor Ludorum (Intermediate)

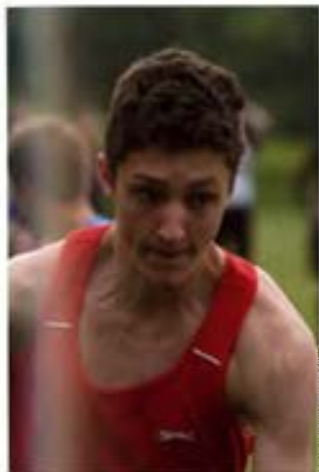
Jack Bruce

Victrix Ludorum (Senior)

Abi Evans

Victor Ludorum (Senior)

Josh Laird



Badminton

This year has been a highly successful one for the Badminton Team. Not only have we had more matches than ever, but the team have consistently given their all, something that is reflected in the match results.

In the first match against Fettes College, Strathallan drew, but later on in the year won in a second match, with a particularly strong game from the girls. The girls team has also played against St George's School, who put up a strong fight, in which the girls in the first match lost and later drew. This mirrors the progress that the team players have made this past year not only as a team but individually. Robbie Macdiarmid and Brianna Fowle in particular have had an impressive season, as they qualified for the Scottish Schools Championships, in which they did the team proud and played extremely well.

The team has participated in many tournaments this year, including the Perthshire Schools Tournament. In addition to school and district matches, the team has also been playing in the local Perth League at Bells Sports Centre on a Wednesday night, and the progress made by the players was commented on by many.

It has been an absolute pleasure to captain the Badminton Team this year, and I look forward to hearing the team continue to improve in succeeding years.

Jess Brown UVI Glenbrae

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Golf - boys

In my final year as Golf Captain at Strathallan, I was not entirely sure whether my season would be one to forget, or one to cherish. I am pleased to say that this year saw one of our strongest teams compete, and although many new players formed this team, both the internal and external match results stand testament to the quality of player at Strathallan.

The season started with the fiercely competed inter-House golf. Whilst the battle for 2nd place was the main focus of the evening with a notable 5 strokes difference between Simpsen and Freeland, Nicol House retained the trophy for a second year during which they left a large gap between themselves and the other Houses.

Other Internal fixtures took place with regard to the School championship. This was won by Cedrik Timmel of Ruthven House and following this the Handicap championship took place and the trophy was seized by new member Ben Sugden. This great achievement should put him in a strong position for next year.

As always, numerous matches were played against other schools, (and the results were a lot better this year!) A highlight of this would be the 3:1 victory against Beaconsfield where, despite the bad weather, Strathallan adapted and secured victory. Other notable mentions should be made of Jamie Eedle and Robbie MacDiarmid, who this year provided great consistency and brought experience to the team.

On a final note, I would like to thank all the coaching and support staff at Strathallan, over not only this year, but all my years whilst playing golf at Strathallan. Their dedication and supportive approach will only develop the quality of players which Strathallan produces and should be commended.

Josh Martin UVI Ruthven

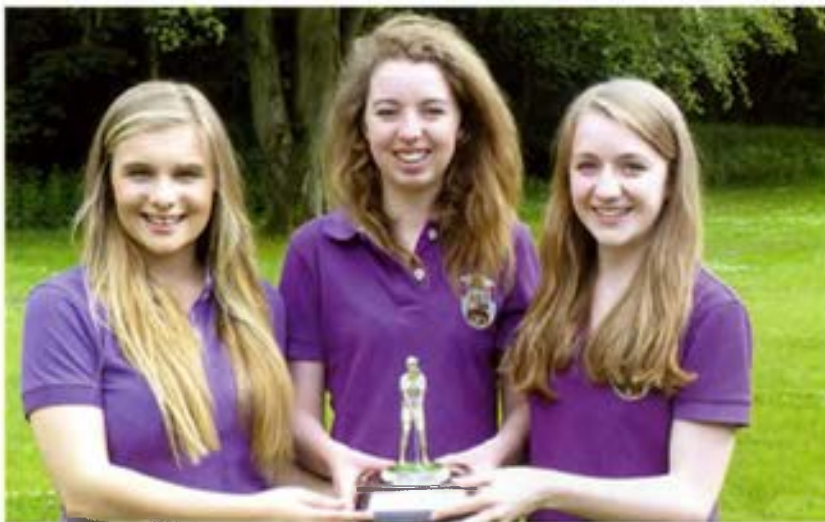


Golf - girls

Golf is coming home in 2014.....to Glenbrae (again). The inter-House competition was played out on a sultry June afternoon on Strathallan's fair links and for the third year running Glenbrae were victorious.

The accomplished trio of Vic Morrison-Low, Marie Drouven and Daisy Proven all scored well to win by 5 shots from a strong Thornbank side consisting of Penny Stewart, Isla Patterson and Catriona Dobie. In third place were Woodlands featuring Maggie Njeri, Anna-Maria Dietl and Freya Kinloch. Special mention must be made of Anna-Maria who played with good humour throughout despite hitting the same tree with three consecutive shots.

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Equestrianism





NSEA Championship qualifier

In September ten pupils travelled to Kingsbarn equestrian centre near Falkirk to take part in a championship qualifier organised by the National Schools Equestrian Association. This involved two days of competition in both dressage and show jumping.

The Strathallan team got off to a great start in the show jumping as Harriot Clarke rode a fast double clear to win the individual 80cm class, beating 57 other riders. This meant she qualified for the National 80cm final in England.

The 90cm show jumping team of Harriot Clarke, Flora Wilson, Logie Walker and Rowan Laird all performed really well and came away with fourth place rosettes. Georgia Laird rode an excellent round in the 1m Open class with a fast double clear which rewarded her with an individual third place.

In the senior dressage section, Gareth Watt won the individual 'Elementary' class with great style, enabling him to qualify for the National finals. All our dressage riders had a successful day: special mention must go to Hanna Cheape and Ella England who supported the school so well by both competing on two horses.

Kilgraston Scottish Schools Equestrian Championships

In April two intermediate teams, one senior team and two individuals all took part in the annual Scottish Schools Championships at Gleneagles. This was the first time B teams were allowed to ride and it was a pleasure to see such a strong contingent from Strathallan.

This competition involves both dressage and show jumping and is always highly competitive. Consequently we were delighted to come away with rosettes in every class, including a number of individual winners.

The Senior team (Gareth Watt, Hanna Cheape, Jessica England and Annabel Wilson) won the team dressage and come second overall (dressage and showjumping combined). Jessica gave a superb performance in both disciplines and won

the sash for the best overall performance in her arena.

The Intermediate A team (Harriot Clarke, Rowan Laird, Ella England and Flora Wilson) came second in the team dressage and second overall. The Intermediate B team (Rachel Hamilton, Shannon Pook, Brook Walker and Harriot Clarke on her second ride) came third in the team dressage and fourth overall.

KSSEC: individual results

1st, 2nd Jessica England
Senior overall champion, Senior dressage.

2nd, 2nd Ella England
Intermediate dressage and overall.

4th Gareth Watt
Senior dressage

4th, 5th, 5th Hanna Cheape
Senior dressage, show jumping and overall

5th Harriot Clarke
Intermediate overall

6th Rowan Laird
Intermediate overall

A huge "thank you" must go to the riders and their parents for all the support given at the school equestrian events. I would particularly like to thank Mrs Pam Walker for loaning her beautiful horse to Gareth Watt, as this enabled him to compete in his final year at the school in the Scottish Schools Championships.

News and results from Scottish competitions and beyond:

Gareth Watt (Captain of Riding):

Scottish Medium dressage champion, and competed in the 30km Open class at the Scottish Endurance championships.

Annabel Wilson:

Competed in several BE100 competitions.

Hanna Cheape:

Competed in BE100 Open at Kirriemuir and was placed fifth at Kirriemuir.

Jessica England:

Reserve Champion hunter horse at Doune and Dunblane Show.

2nd Kirriemuir BE90 and 3rd Burgie BE90 which qualified her for the Scottish Championships in which she was 10th.

Iona Wilson:

Competed in Scottish Games Team at Windsor (3rd) and in Ireland (1st) and won Prince Phillip Cup at HOYS. Placed 2nd at Hopetoun Showjumping, 6th Burgie BE100 and won 3ft class at Strathearn Summer Show.

Georgia Laird:

Showjumping - 5th in the Sprot Cup 1m class.

Charlotte Stephenson:

Eventing - 3rd Burgie BE90, 9th Floors BE100 u18, 5th Hendersyde BE90,

Rachel Hamilton:

Showjumping - 2nd at area interbranch and qualified for the National Pony Club Championships (90cm).

Ella England:

Eventing - 2nd Floors BE90, 1st Burgie BE90, 4th Eglington BE90

Rowan Laird:

Won 90cm Hunter Trials and qualified for the BHS cross country championships.

4th individual at interbranch and his eventing team qualified for the championships.

Won Senior Showjumping cup and Novice dressage trophy at FHPC cup day.

Flora Wilson:

Pony Club Games - winner of individual senior mounted games at inter club championships. Her team came 1st at Perth Show, The Royal Highland Show, and 6th at the National Championships.

Brook Walker: 1st in Arena Event and won the Showjumping trophy for her age group (Angus PC).

Qualified for Scottish Cross Country championships and for Blair Horse Trials (WHP).

Placed 1st and reserve Champion WHP at Kinross Show and 2nd at Perth Show.

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Canoeing and Kayaking



The year has been a busy one for the Strathallan Canoeing community. Slalom training continues for novice and expert alike. The club achievements have been amazing and paddlers have made tremendous progress both nationally and internationally. Some of the achievements are listed below this article. The highlights are the Silver medal won by Eilidh Gibson at the London World Cup and the Bronze medal won by Angus Gibson and Crawford Niven with the GB Junior team in Macedonia

Away from the Slalom world Jane and Gary Gibson paddled down the Colorado for a Holiday. If you look at the photos you may well wonder why this ranks as rest and relaxation for some.

Over the year thirty-two pupils will build up to deploying to British Columbia. This is a DoF Gold expedition that will take place in the Johnstone Straits, just off the North East Coast of Vancouver Island. It should be a tremendous experience for all.

We are always looking for new paddlers and during the winter months we spend a great deal of time training new canoeists in the pool alongside the more experienced who are trying to learn to roll.

The Canoeing at Strathallan is totally reliant on the efforts of volunteers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who help out in the club. In particular I would like to pay tribute to Jane and Gary Gibson and Paul Kelly for their unstinting work with the Strathallan Canoe Club.

STRATHALLAN CANOE CLUB Slalom Achievements

Angus Gibson:

Promoted to British National ranking Premier division in men's Canadian Singles (C1M)

Selected to represent Great Britain in Canadian Doubles (C2) with partner Crawford Niven

Bronze medal C2 Team event at Junior U18 European Championships, Skopje, Macedonia

Ranked 6th in World Cup series U18 C1M: races in Germany, Czech republic and Slovenia

British Junior U16 National Champion C1M

Scottish Junior U16 and U18 National Champion C1M

Scottish Junior U18 National Champion C2 with Crawford Niven

Fraser Glasgow:

Promoted to British National ranking Premier division in men's Canadian Singles (C1M)

19th in World Cup series U18 C1M: races in Germany, Czech republic and Slovenia

6th British Junior Championships U16 C1M

4th Scottish Junior Championships U16 C1M

Crawford Niven:

Selected to represent Great Britain in Canadian Doubles (C2) with partner Angus Gibson

Bronze medal C2 Team event at Junior U18 European Championships, Skopje, Macedonia

Scottish Junior U18 National Champion C2 with Angus Gibson

In Premier division for mens kayak (K1M)

3rd Scottish Junior Championships U18 K1M

Natasha Pottinger:

Promoted to Division 1 in British national ranking system in Womens kayak (K1W)

In division 2 in Canadian singles (C1W)

Sandy Fotheringham:

Promoted to Division 1 in British national ranking system in Men's kayak (K1M)

Eilidh Gibson (Glenbrae '13):

Selected for GB National Senior and U23 team for 2014

8th World U23 Championships, Australia

5th Senior European Championships, Vienna

Silver medal London World Cup

8th overall World Cup series (races in London, Czech Republic, Germany, Slovakia)

12th Senior World Championships, USA

Silver medal British Open International, London

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Gymnastics



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After many lunch times practising and a few trips to Auchterarder Gymnastics Club to perfect vaulting the Riley Teams were ready...

2013 saw the formation of the first ever Strathallan School Gymnastics Team. The competition consisted of pupils completing a floor routine and two vaults. Training took place at lunch times ably assisted by Sophie Curran and Celine Skinner. Miss Helyer formed Primary and Secondary gymnastics teams which entered the Perthshire region of the Scottish Schools Gymnastics qualifying rounds.

After several changes to the team due to injuries in the last week, the Secondary Team comprising Shannon Pook, Jade Paterson and Morgan Patterson competed in the regional qualifying rounds at level 1 where they finished 2nd, qualifying for the Scottish Schools Finals. This was a fantastic result as Morgan stepped up at the last moment to make up a team. Sadly, due to holiday commitments, this team were not able to compete in the finals.

In the team competing at level one most of the competitors representing Strathallan were competing in a gymnastics team for the first time.

After many lunch times practising and a few trips to Auchterarder Gymnastics Club to perfect vaulting the Riley Teams were ready. Struan Griffiths, George Culley, Brook Walker and Morgan Patterson exceeded all expectations and finished 2nd out of twenty teams in the regional rounds, qualifying for the Scottish Schools Finals in March. The team of Sophia Henderson, Dhriti Shekar, Rowan Laird and Finlay Cleaver-Smith finished a very creditable 14th out of twenty.

At the Scottish Schools finals, Rowan Laird joined the team of Morgan Patterson, Struan Griffiths and Brook Walker due to George Culley's competing at the British Biathlon Championships in London the same weekend. Mrs Fleming accompanied the team and they finished 6th out of twenty-five teams, a fantastic result for a team with three of the members competing in gymnastics for the first time this year. Morgan Patterson finished individual 13th out of ninety-five competitors scoring a brilliant 13.6 for his vault which put him in 4th place in this event.

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Ski racing

The season started in September at Hillend, where the Scottish Schools Dry Slope Championships took place, and to which Strathallan brought three teams. After being given the chance of two runs each, the Senior Boys (Lyle Ross, Tom Crockett, Angus Marden and Chris Guest) came home with a Bronze medal, thus qualifying for the British Championships, and that's with Tom and Angus still being eligible for the younger age-group race! The Senior Girls were less fortunate but the Minor Mixed Team (Iona Ross, Henry Lapslie, Archie MacFarlane and Ella England) did the school proud by winning the Silver medal.

In November, at the SSSA Indoor Skier Boardercross Primary Schools Championships, which took place at the Snow Factor in Glasgow, the same Mixed Team of Archie, Henry, Iona and Ella won the Bronze medal.

Still at Braehead, towards the end of the season, at the Scottish Indoor Championships, Iona Ross, was the winner in the younger age group and Lyle Ross came 'Top Scot'.

Early in the year, Riley girl Iona won a Gold medal in her first U12 category at the Anglo-Scottish Dual Slalom race in Les Houches, France, in spite of being one of the youngest competitors in her category.

At the end of January, the Boys were crowned British Schools' Champions in Meiringen, Switzerland. Between themselves they won 7 trophies and 22 medals. Fraser Buchan, Hamish Johnston, Chris Guest, and Scott Garvie won the best British Senior School prize and Henry Lapslie, Lyle Ross, Tom Crockett and Scott Buchan won the Best British Senior School title and Best British Team Overall. Individually, Fraser won Best British U21 in Slalom, and Tom was First in the U14 Giant Slalom and U14 Slalom.

During the same week-end, the Girls, in Flaine, France, also excelled and became British Schools' Champions. Ski Team Captain Hope Whitelaw, Kirsty Guest and Amber Garvie shone at this prestigious event and returned to school with four trophies and sixteen medals. The trio won the Best British School Slalom and Combined (with GS) trophies and the Best Overall Team trophy. Hope also won the U21 Best British School Racer.

During that week, our Minors Mixed Team (Iona Ross, Archie MacFarlane and Sophia Henderson) raced in the Alpine Series Primary Schools Glenshee Qualifier and won the Bronze medal.

In February, at the Nevis Range, our Senior Boys (Fraser Buchan, Chris Guest, Scott Garvie and Scott Buchan) and our Senior Girls (Kirsty Guest, Hope Whitelaw, Amber Garvie and Jessica England) ensured a clean sweep in the Alpine Series Senior Schools Glenshee Qualifier, by finishing a spectacular respective 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in each of the two events; an unprecedented achievement in the history of Scottish Schools Skiing!

The task was then to maintain form and focus at the Scottish School Championships Final

which was taking place at Cairngorm later on in March. There again, a dignified finishing order was maintained and Kirsty (overall girls' winner), Hope, Amber, and Jessica became this year again Scottish Schools Champions whilst the Boys mirrored the achievement with Scott G (overall boys' winner) Chris, Fraser, and Scott B grabbing the boys' shield for another year.

Later on in March Fraser Buchan, Kirsty Guest, Scott Garvie, Chris Guest and Amber Garvie represented Scotland in the World Schools Championships in Granada, Spain. Fraser and Kirsty were nominated respective Boys' and Girls' Team Captain. Fraser, Scott and Chris made a key contribution to a 4th Team place (behind Austria, France and Germany), Kirsty, whose Team also placed 4th, came second Scot in her age group, and Amber came 1st Scott in her age group.

At the Equity Inter-schools Championships, the Strathallan Team was once victorious for the 4th consecutive year. The strong delegation of Fraser Buchan, Chris Guest, Lyle Ross, Hamish Johnston, Scott Buchan and Kirsty Guest tackled the task in style, with Fraser winning the U18 GS and Slalom prize in the process and Chris finishing 3rd in that age group. Scott B came a superb 2nd in the U16 racers.

During March Scott Garvie (age 17) won the Scottish Ski Cross Championships at Glenshee in the 16-29 age group. Scott was then re-selected to represent Great-Britain at the World Junior Freestyle Championships in Chiesa, Valmalenco, Italy, in April, where he found himself competing against two former GB Alpine ski team members.

In April Lyle Ross and Scott B won the overall best U16 Team and the British Championships. Lyle was also top Scot at the in his category in Slalom at this event as well as in the Courchevel Écosse races.

Selections:

Following a rather successful season in Europe, Scott Buchan has been selected for the U16 GB Alpine ski team.

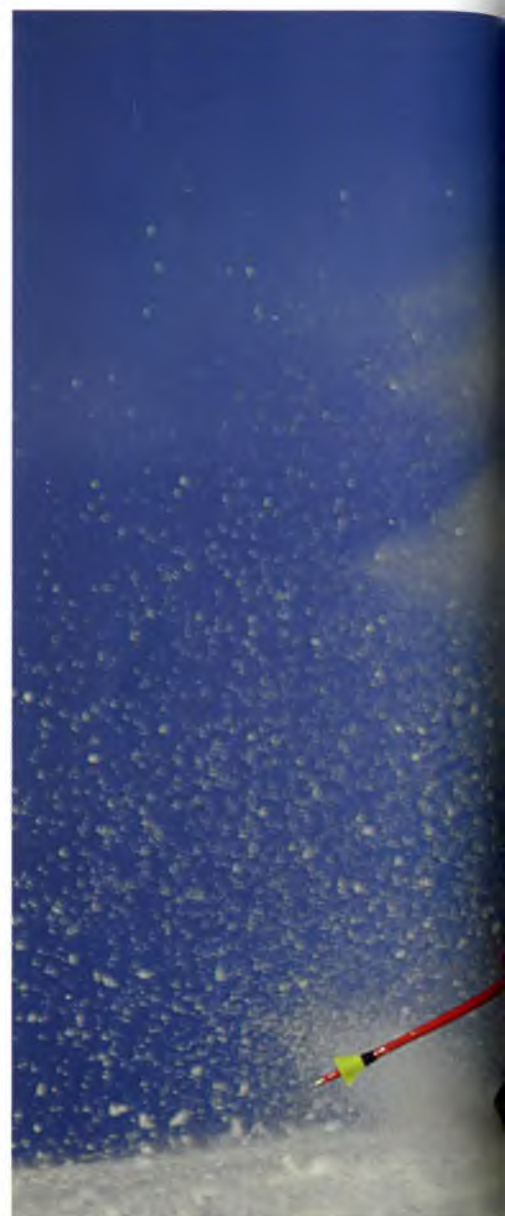
Lyle Ross, Scott Buchan and Tom Crockett have all been selected for the U16 Scottish National Ski Academy, on the view of their outstanding results throughout the season.

Fraser Buchan and Amber Garvie have been selected for the U18 Scottish National Academy. Scott Garvie also train with the Academy and continues to represent Great-Britain in Ski Cross.

Last but not least:

Fraser B won two Bronze medals in the British Championships, in France, and in the Scottish F.I.S. races in Courchevel, he secured a Bronze in the Senior GS and a Gold and Silver in the Junior Category.

Further to his leadership over the winter which saw him consistently collect prestigious titles, and which took him across several European countries, as well as in Scotland, Fraser Buchan has been awarded the Craig MacFie Foundation Award, for exhibiting exceptional



sportsmanship, displaying a passion for skiing (racing and free skiing), for being recognised as a hard working individual who perseveres and continually strives to improve and for showing a genuine commitment to skiing and ski racing.

Considering the talent on display, as well as the dedicated and disciplined approach of our racers, there is reason to believe that Strathallan skiing will continue to thrive. Thus we look forward to another series of excellent results over the coming season.

Fabienne Thompson

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Boys' Tennis & The Tennis Academy

A National Final for the Boys' Team

For the first time certainly in sixteen years, and possibly ever, our boys' team made it to the British Schools' Tennis finals in Sheffield. The team at the finals was made up of Douglas Tait, Gavin and Jack Stewart and Dmitry Kozhukharenko. Glib Sanzharevsky had played in the team on the way to the finals but was unfortunately unable to get back to the UK for the finals in July. The team played well, but were up against bigger and stronger players. It was certainly a good experience for the players and with the same team they hope to do the same in the year ahead.

In regular School matches, we were most successful both at 1st and 2nd team level. Teams also completed in the local U13 and U18 Club league. These opportunities give the players more tennis during the summer months of the School year.

The Academy programme continues to attract players to Strathallan and is resulting in growing success. Not only did the boys make it to the National Finals but so too did the girls' team. This was their third time at the Finals in as many years. Our teams also competed in the various Senior Student competitions. The Senior girls' team made it to the Finals in Bolton as did the mixed doubles team. The girls finished second in their section and the mixed doubles team won their section and eventually finished runners-up in this National competition.

A young boys' team is developing into a strong unit. The experience gained by the players over the past few years will no doubt stand them in good stead. Thanks must go to Tommy Ogilvie who is out coaching all year round, come rain or shine. He puts in many hours and it is in success in National competitions where his expertise is felt. I know he is looking forward to the new indoor facilities due to be completed in 2015. These indoor courts should allow even more pupils to participate all year round.

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SPORT REPORT

Girls' Tennis

National Competitions

The girls' tennis team had another successful season during 2013-14. In the Aberdare Cup, the 1st IV beat Dollar Academy (4-1) and Yarm School (5-1), progressing to the regional finals, where we also beat Sedbergh School (12-0). This meant that Vanessa Stewart, Francesca Blair, Rebecca Dye and Darcey Watson qualified for the **National Championship Finals** in Sheffield in July. We lost our opening match against one of the highest seeded schools, so entered the consolation draw, where we finished 6th out of the 8 teams. We were delighted to finish in 14th position overall in the competition, especially since over 300 schools from all over the UK had entered.

In the **British Senior Schools Competition** the girls beat Kilgraston, Dollar Academy and George Watson's in the Scottish rounds, thereby qualifying for the regional (Scotland and North East England) final, where we beat Pocklington High School (10-2). As a result, Amber Paterson, Vanessa Stewart, Francesca Blair, Claudia Wand and Anni Arthur travelled down to The Bolton Arena for the National Finals. We beat Runshaw College (12-0), lost to Ellesmere College (4-8) and defeated Bedford Girls' School on a shootout, therefore finishing 2nd in our group and, unfortunately, narrowly missing out on the final. Everyone in the team played an important role and we were very pleased to come 3rd over all.

School fixtures

Senior Results

| | 1st VI | 2nd VI | 3rd VI | 4th VI | 5th VI |
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| Fettes | 9-0 W | 5-4 W | 3-6 L | 3-6 L | 1-5 L |
| Dollar | 4-5 L | 1-8 L | * | * | * |
| Gordonstoun | 7-2 W | 5-4 W | * | * | * |
| Glenalmond | 3-6 L | 1-8 L | 4-5 L | 4-5 L | * |

The senior teams all had a pleasing season, with competition for places in the teams remaining fierce. Many thanks to the IV Form who stepped up to play for the 1sts and 2nds on a number of occasions when the seniors were under exam stress, including Rebecca Dye who has been a regular member of the 1st VI for the past two years, since she was in III Form, in fact.

The junior teams have also improved a lot throughout the tennis season and this has shown in their results, with the U13s having some good victories against Kinross Tennis Club and Ardvreck, while the U12s convincingly beat Lathallan and St. Leonard's. In the Morrison's U13 tournament, Jade Paterson & Adrianna Gibson finished 3rd in their section, after beating High School of Dundee (3-2), Kilgraston (5-0), Dollar (3-2) and losing to Ardvreck and Morrisons. In the other section, Corina Leslie & Ellen McDonald finished 3rd in their section by beating Ardvreck (3-2), Dollar (4-1), High School of Dundee (5-0) but losing to Kilgraston (1-4) and Morrison's (2-3). In the Scottish U15 league, Elena Garcia Serrano, Jade Paterson, Caitlin Donald and Jenny



McGuire beat Craigholme School and Hutchesons Grammar School. In the Aegon U15 League, Rebecca Dye, Lucy Haddow, Isla Patterson and Elena Garcia Serrano beat the High School of Glasgow. Well done to all of the juniors involved this season.

At the beginning of the season, Jade Paterson (U12) and Vanessa Stewart (U16) won their respective age group competitions in the Perth & District singles, with Rebecca Dye (U16), Lucy Haddow (U14) and Corina Leslie (U12), deservedly finishing as runners up.

Scottish Schools' Competition

After losing to Perth High, Vanessa Stewart, Francesca Blair, Rebecca Dye and Anni Arthur went on to win the Scottish Schools Plate Final against Earlston High School with a convincing score of 12-1.

Kilgraston Tournament

In their respective sections, Corina Leslie & Adrianna Gibson (U12), Jenny McGuire & Jade

Paterson (U14), and Vanessa Stewart & Francesca Blair (U18) won all their games in the group stages to reach the semi-final. Rebecca Dye & Lucy Haddow (U16) also played well and reached the quarter finals. Well done to all the girls who took part.

National Selection

Congratulations to Francesca Blair and Amber Paterson who were selected to play for a Scottish Schools select team against South African schools at St. Georges in Edinburgh in June. Both played very well and were rewarded by winning both their Singles and Doubles matches.

Vanessa Stewart was selected to take part in a youth Olympiad in Turkey in June, and won a silver medal in doubles and a bronze medal in singles. The team was picked from regions throughout Scotland and Fife selected a representative squad for the tennis.

Vanessa Stewart LVI Thornbank
Captain of Girls' Tennis 2014/15

Orienteering



Although it is a 'small' sport those who do try it thoroughly enjoy it. This year we took part in the Tayside Evening League and the Forth Valley League events. The most local event was the one at Kinnoull Hill where the pupils put in some strong performances. However, a small group did become geographically embarrassed and we arrived back rather late as a consequence.

The highlight of the season was the event at the Tulliallan Police College. The College grounds are extensive and we enjoyed an excellent evening there. It was very wet and all returned back to Mr Robertson's people-carrier completely soaked. Although this is predominantly a summer activity we will try to attend local events throughout the year and become slightly more organised in our approach. We now have a school kit for next year's league events.

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Basketball

The basketball season looked like being a challenging one with very few players choosing to play the sport as their first option. This, in some ways, was a blessing as it forced us to look elsewhere for players. We were able to start developing players like Adam and Andrew Smith from the junior years while bolstering our ranks for cup matches with some of the new talent from the Rugby 1st XV. Natural sportsmen like George Horne, Josh Laird, Ross McDonald, Murray McCallum and Jamie Ritchie provided some spectacular if somewhat unorthodox play which was both entertaining and effective. The team was held together by a Tony He's steady hand on the tiller. He was consistently our top scorer and a worthy captain and recipient of half colours.

The season proved to be a milestone in Strathallan Basketball with the introduction of a very capable and enthusiastic girls' team. They played two cup matches and proved competitive in both.

Boys 1st V defeated Viewforth 66-35

Boys 1st V defeated Glenrothes 52-37

BAH

Judo

Four pupils from Strathallan School currently attend our classes and have attained the following gradings:

- Alex Webb has achieved 14th Mon - Blue Belt
- Euan Nicol has achieved 14th Mon - Blue Belt
- Michael Linton has achieved 10th Mon - Green Belt
- Emily Watt has achieved 18th Mon - Brown Belt

Alex Webb also won the Bronze medal at the Scottish Closed Age Band Judo Championships held on the 8th November 2014 in Motherwell. This achievement also resulted in his selection to the 2015 Scottish National Judo Squad.

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Clays



For the first time in what seemed like an age, the Strathallan shooting teams were each able to hit the ground running in terms of practice and preparation for Scottish Schools. In the past this competition had frequently crept up on us, leaving us in the wake of other schools. However this year the team Captain, Angus Watson, roped the teams together and organised a pre-season practice at Cluny Clays. As useful as this was it left everyone with very few excuses when it came to competition day! Fortunately, the Girls' A Team, captained by Jo Barrack, stepped up to the mark and shot very well to win the cup. Sadly, the Boys' As went down to a very strong Merchiston Team who were only very narrowly the better shots.

Unfortunately, this year only the girls' team were able to travel down to High Wycombe to compete in the British Clay Shooting Championships due to clashes with exams for almost every other Strath competitor. The girls again shot exceptionally

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well against the English Schools, in which Clay Shooting is the primary games option throughout the year. We hope that in the coming season several more teams will be able to travel down and challenge for a medal.

The final competition of the year was the ferociously competitive inter-House shooting. In the girls' competition the favourites, Glenbrae, were hotly pursued by an in-form Woodlands team. After a tense finish Glenbrae did indeed end up on top of the table, giving them a 3-year winning streak. In terms of the boys' competition, Nicol House dominated from start to finish and emerged victorious for the first time in a number of years. As usual, the inter-House competition concluded another year of successful shooting. A special thank you goes to Mr Vallot, Mr MacBain and Mr Hamilton, without each of whom regular shooting would not be possible.

Ben Addison-Scott V Form Nicol

SPORT REPORT

Sailing

A dozen keen dinghy-sailors gathered every Saturday on Rothesay Pier for the journey to Port Edgar. The Sailing School there has changed hands, and after a long period of uncertainty over Edinburgh Leisure's plans for the site there is change, development and a sense of new purpose - we benefited from this in terms of new boats and better facilities; the faces were, reassuringly, familiar.

The sailing group tends to see few changes in personnel, so it was good to welcome Sirimon Thomas, Gregor Ritchie and Lefteris Koskinas to the

established regulars. We bade farewell to Euan Gray and Jordan Curtis at the end of term, both having sailed for four years with the School and achieved Dinghy Instructor status. Euan has taken to the sport so strongly that he is intending to make his career in the yachting world instead of taking up a place at university; Angus Lapslie has branched out into offshore yachting and his account of his experiences in the RM350 Challenge is included here.

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Sailing Challenge

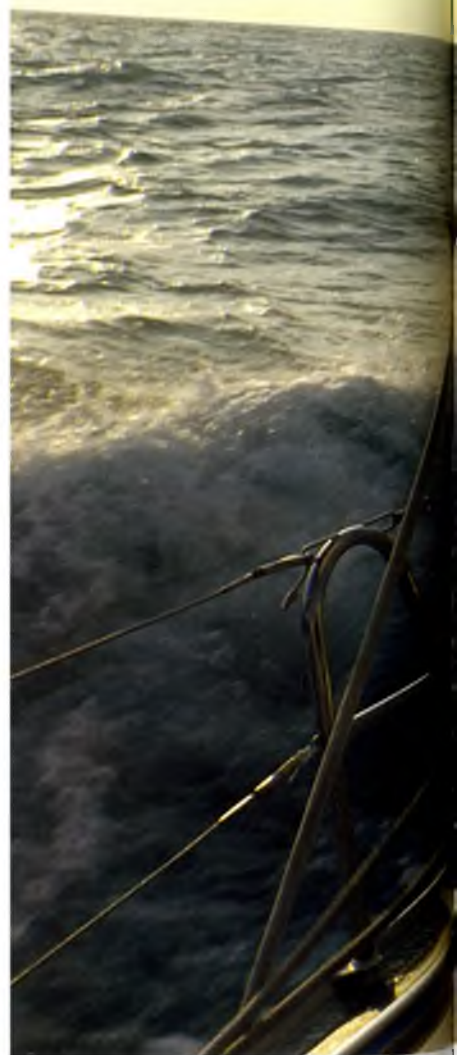
Picture the scene. It is the middle of the night, and, just off the south west coast of Scotland, a lone yacht is struggling through the waves. The wind is a steady Beaufort Force 7; in the United States, that is when the Coastguard issues a small craft warning; in Canada it is merely described as Strong. Over here, in the UK, however, we call it a Near Gale.

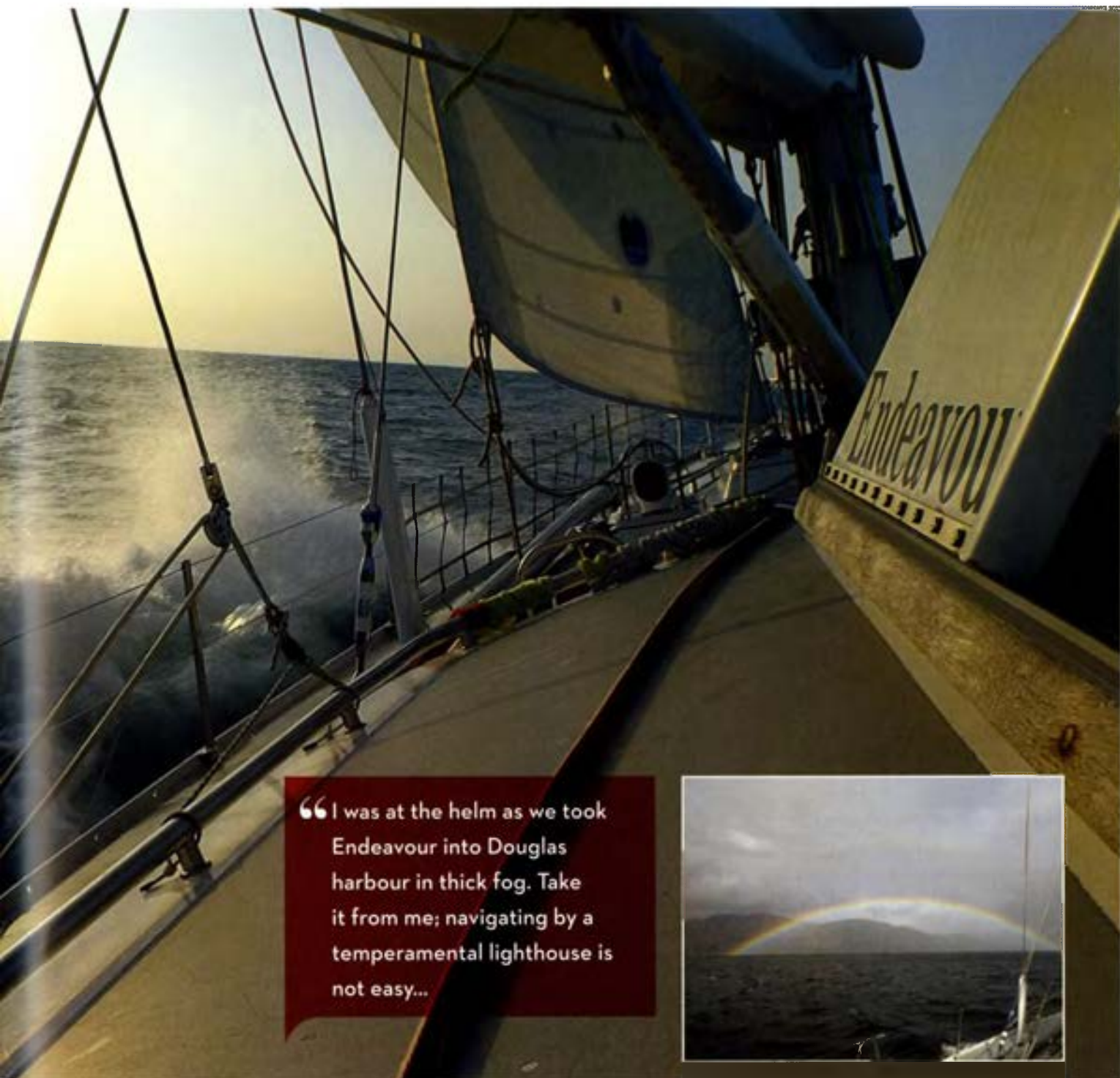
The yacht in question was HMSTC Endeavour, based in Gosport, and, at that point in time, I was in my cabin, trying to get some sleep. Aged 14, and with less than three months since I had joined the CCF, I applied to join a CCF RN/RM expedition to deliver Endeavour, a 67 foot, steel-hulled Challenger 67 yacht, from Gosport to Inverness for her then to be taken on to Stavanger, on the south coast of Norway, by a RM Corps Team. She would then be sailed down to Gibraltar by another group of Marines, who are skiing, sailing, cycling, kayaking and running 6656 km in an exercise dubbed the 1664 Challenge. This Challenge aims to help raise money for the Royal Marine charities, as part of the RM 350 celebrations. As I thought that every Cadet in the country would want a chance to sail in excess of 800 nautical miles, it was a great surprise when I found out that I had been selected. After participating in the compulsory Sea Survival training at Gosport between Friday 17th and Sunday 19th of January, I arrived at HMS Hornet full of anticipation on the 7th of March. I needn't have worried. The crew, comprising the Skipper, Paul Molyneaux, the Mate, Peter Weeks, and seven other CFAs, made me feel at home almost immediately. For a 15-year-old of only a day, I couldn't have asked for a better bunch of crew members. Even though I was the only cadet on board, and thus I had no one remotely near my age group, I was still made to feel part of the crew from the word 'go'.

It was under clear, blue skies that we left Portsmouth on the 8th of March, and the clouds didn't return until after we had left Dublin. An overnight sail to Falmouth was our introductory passage, followed by the 36 hour leg towards Dublin. Out in St George's Channel, at about 0200, one of the best moments of the trip occurred. For half an hour, in the middle of the night, we had a pod of dolphins follow us. As a morale booster, halfway through the 0000-0400 watch, there could have been nothing better. Having spent a day sightseeing in Dublin, we then set off

for Douglas, on the Isle of Man. This leg, taking less than a day, was pretty uneventful, and we had a flat calm all the way. However, it did contain one of the most challenging (at least, for me) moments of the entire trip. I was at the helm as we took Endeavour into Douglas harbour in thick fog. Take it from me: navigating by a temperamental lighthouse is not easy. We only spent 18 hours in Douglas, and so we set off at lunchtime the next day. With a fair wind, and clear skies, I thought the sailing until we got to Oban would be pleasant. That night, with a Force 7 in our face and a seven knot tide against us, making the boat average 1.5 knots over ground, I was proven wrong. There is a lighthouse on the Mull of Galloway that the Blue and Green Watches never want to see again. When I woke up the next morning having attempted to have a good night's sleep, we really hadn't gone far overnight. However, by the time I had come off Mother Watch that afternoon, the tide had turned and we had both tide and wind with us. Doing 15 knots over the ground doesn't happen very often in a Challenger 67. After quite a nice, if not exactly dry (we were by now in Scottish waters) sail, along with a hurried sail drop near Corryvreckan (the second largest whirlpool in the world), we arrived in Oban. The Gateway to the Islands made a pleasant change from a rolling and pitching boat, even if I did initially wonder why the ground wasn't slanted at a 20 degree heel and why I wasn't constantly getting bombarded by spray.

The following day we left Oban for a very short sail five miles up the coast to Dunstaffnage. The weather was Scottish, to say the least, but this only served to emphasise the bleak and majestic scenery around us. Having spent the night in a marina with brilliant showers, we left early the next morning for Fort William, and the Caledonian Canal. Scotland is beautiful and, living there, I would say that it is at its best in the sun. Unfortunately, we didn't have any. Through the Caledonian Canal, the weather was interesting at best (45 knot gusts on Loch Ness are interesting, aren't they?). Having posed for a photo at the Commando Memorial at Spean Bridge in our polo shirts (it was March, what were we thinking?), we decided that full heavy weather gear was the way forward from then on. At long last, we arrived in Inverness, where, for a few blessed seconds, the sun did come out. Finally, it was down to the menial





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task of cleaning the boat for the next crew to take her on to Stavanger. I was on that crew, but, as they say, that's another story. I would like to thank, amongst others, the SO2 Cadet Activities: Claire Moore, my Contingent Commander: Lieutenant Colonel Streatfeild-James, the Skipper: Paul Molyneux, the Mate: Peter Weeks and, of course, the entire crew, for helping make this a trip of a lifetime. I doubt I will ever forget it!

Cdt Angus Lapslie IV Form Ruthven

See more at: <http://ulyssesstrust.co.uk/2014/ccf-rm-350-adventure-sail-training-2014-cadet-angus-lapslies-account/#sthash.d4tQ858t.S2nG3Nxw.dpuf>



Swim team

The 2013-14 year of swimming at Strathallan did not disappoint, with squad numbers on the rise the standard of swimming at Strathallan continued to surpass that of previous years which was great to see.

Midland Schools Swimming Championships

The annual Midlands Schools under 16 championships were held in Dundee in December. Strathallan won GOLD in the Boys' 4 x 50 F/c Relay with outstanding swims from Scott McLay, Ryan Curtis, Sandy Aitken and Jimmy Chan. Scott also won the Willie Milne Trophy for the fastest male 100 free in a PB time and Sandy Aitken finished an excellent 4th place also in a PB time.

In the Girls' event the Strathallan team finished in Silver medal position and Georgia Taylor was the highest placed individual in 8th place in the 100 free. Great swims all round.

Tayside Schools Swimming Championships

This event also took place in Dundee and is the qualifier for the National Schools Swimming Finals. Strathallan had another successful competition with the following swimmers and teams winning medals:

Gold

Scott McLay - 15/16 100 & 200 free
Allen Chu - 17/19 100 br & 200 br
Duncan Scott - 17/19 200 IM & 100 free
Julia Leng - 17/19 100 br
Girls 13/14 - 4 x 50 f/c relay
Boys 17/19 - 4 x 50 f/c relay

Silver

Boys 15/16 - 4 x 50 f/c Relay (A team)
Connor MacNeil - 17/19 200 fly

Bronze

Ryan Curtis - 15/16 200 free
Georgia Taylor - 15/16 100 free
Jordan Curtis - 17/19 200 free
Chen E Low - 17/19 100 br
Connor MacNeil - 17/19 100 fly
Abigail Queen - 13/14 100 free
Julia Leng - 17/19 100 free
Lauren Dundee - 13/14 100 fly
Girls 15/16 - 4 x 50 f/c relay
Boys 15/16 - 4 x 50 f/c relay (B team)

Other placings: Georgia Taylor 6th 200 free, Sandy Aitken 6th 100 free, Lauren Dundee 6th 200 IM, Jordan Curtis 4th 100 free, Chen E Low 6th 100 free.

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To end the school year it was fantastic to be able to announce that Duncan Scott had been selected to represent Scotland at the Commonwealth Games.



Scottish Schools Finals

March 2014 - East Kilbride

Duncan Scott, Allen Chu, Connor MacNeil and Scott McLay all qualified for the National Schools Finals in March. Scott had an excellent meet winning SILVER in both the 100 & 200 free in PB times. Connor MacNeil swam well in the 200 fly finishing 4th and Allen Chu finished 6th and 8th respectively in the 100 & 200 br events. Duncan, unfortunately, was unwell and had to withdraw from the event.

Scottish Schools Relay Finals

Royal Commonwealth Pool, Edinburgh

On the 11th June 11 Strathallan Swimmers travelled to Edinburgh for the National Relay Finals. Competing against schools from all over Scotland the S3/4 boys won Bronze in both the 4 x 50 freestyle and Medley relays. The Open boys' team of Duncan Scott, Scott McLay, Zac Clark and Connor MacNeil did an outstanding job to win GOLD in both the 4 x 50 freestyle and Medley events setting a new National Record in the Medley relay.

Inter-School Events

A number of inter-school swimming matches were held throughout school year where Strathallan were successful in winning all events with the exception of the Girls' match against Mary Erskine where we were narrowly defeated.

District, National and International Events

Strathallan swimmers continued to represent clubs at District Championships, National Championships and International Events with great success across the board. Swimmers include:

Georgia Taylor, Scott McLay, Allen Chu and Abigail Queen (all Perth City) Duncan Scott (FIRST).

Ryan and Jordan Curtis (Kinross Otters)

In March 2014 Scott McLay and Duncan Scott were selected to represent the Scottish Team at the Celtic Tri- Nations Event in Ireland, great achievements for both swimmers who performed exceptionally well throughout the meet. Scott recorded fantastic PBs and Duncan set a New Scottish Age Group Record in the 400 IM.



Riley Swimming

Swimming in Riley continued to thrive again this year and we had our annual match against Craigclowan which, as always, featured some very closely-contested races, Riley, however, were overall winners at the end of the match.

The Riley Girls competed in the Kilgraston Junior Invitational Meet in February and the U13 Girls team of Abigail Queen, Corinna Leslie, Sofia Henderson, Maria Watt, Adrianna Gibson and Gabby Adams won the Top Team Award for the second year in a row.

Inter-House Swimming Events

Simpson once again dominated Swimming Standards with a clear win over the other houses; there were some excellent swims again throughout this year's competition.

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| 1st | Simpson | 398 |
| 2nd | Nicol | 320 |
| 3rd | Thornbank | 271 |
| 4th | Ruthven | 264 |
| 5th | Freeland | 252 |
| 6th | Woodlands | 242 |

7th Glenbrae

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Inter-House Swimming Gala March 2014

Every year this event becomes more competitive with an increasingly high standard of competition. There were nine new records set throughout the evening. Simpson were clear winners in the Boys' event with Woodlands winning the Girls' event.

| Girls' Results | | | Boys' Results | | |
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| 1st | Woodlands | 71.5 | 1st | Simpson | 74 |
| 2nd | Thornbank | 63.5 | 2nd | Nicol | 54 |
| 3rd | Glenbrae | 34 | 3rd | Freeland | 39 |
| | | | 4th | Ruthven | 31 |

Riley Inter -Div Swimming

This is always a very exciting event in the school calendar, filled with enthusiasm from spectators, tutors and swimmers. The eventual winners this year were Dupplin.

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| 1st | Dupplin | 87 |
| 2nd | Glenearn | 72 |
| 3rd | Balmanno | 68 |
| 4th | Dron | 41 |

To end the school year 2013-14 it was fantastic to be able to announce that Duncan Scott had been selected to represent Scotland at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in the summer; a fantastic experience and achievement for both Duncan and Strathallan. Duncan had an extremely busy summer starting in July when he flew to Dordrecht in Holland as part of the GB Team for the European Junior Championships. He won Gold in the 200 IM, equalling the British Age-Group Record, Gold in the 4 x 100 Freestyle Relay and Bronze in the 4 x 200 freestyle relay. Following Glasgow 2014 Duncan then flew to Nanjing, China to swim at the World Youth Olympic Games where the Boys' team won Gold in the 4 x 100 freestyle Relay.

Swimming at Strathallan has gone from strength to strength again this year which is testament to the amount of hard work put in by the swimmers in the pool. I was assisted this year by two Captains, Julia Leng and Jordan Curtis, both of whom carried out their duties exceptionally well and were a great help throughout the year.

Elaine Johnston Swim Team Coach

Oops.... we did it again.

The 2013-14 CCF/Army Training Year was even more successful than last year's:

Army section

- Recruit numbers were roughly the same at 70 but due to more effective training, assisted greatly by NCOs with better focus, 48 of the recruits managed to gain the 'Red Star' Award - the Army Proficiency Certificate (APC)- compared with 32 last year.
- The Senior Army Cadet numbers increased from 32 to 66 and we, therefore, formed 2 platoons of V Form cadets for the first time in living memory.
- 14 senior cadets gained the 'Gold Star' Award (Army Proficiency Certificate (Advanced)) compared with 3 in the year before.
- 8 Lower VI Form cadet NCOs passed the Methods of Instruction Cadre compared to 4 the previous year.
- We had 20 lower and upper VI Form cadet NCOs compared to 12 in the previous year.
- We took 69 cadets to Central Camp compared with 66 last year.

The Army Training Programme encourages pupils (cadets) to develop powers of leadership by means of instruction and practice, in order to promote responsibility, self-reliance, resourcefulness, endurance and perseverance. I have no doubt that having more cadets around School with these qualities enhances the School.

September and October were once again busy months as we commenced Recruit Training. The varied and structured syllabus of APC was once more used in order to provide challenge for the recruits, instructors and VI Form NCOs. Before the end of the year every recruit's skill would be tested in six categories (drill, navigation, first aid, fieldcraft, weapons and military knowledge) and those reaching the required level would be awarded the cloth red star badge symbolizing completion of APC. The recruits were organised into two platoons each of three sections of 11 or 12 cadets. The two platoon commanders, Colin Gordon and Josh Johnstone, ran their own administrative processes and training programmes. These two senior cadets reached very high levels of achievement and I was delighted to be allowed to award them colours later in the year.

In addition to recruit training the main effort in the first part of the year is to put together a team of cadets to compete against other army teams in the Scottish Schools Military Skills Competition. This tough competition took place in the harsh environment of Barry Buddon Training Area at the very end of September. Of the team of ten cadets only two had competed in previous competitions, and half of the team were just-out-of-recruit -training V Formers. Thus the team had lots of energy, enthusiasm and ability but were a tad short of experience. The skipper,

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Sgt Robbie McDiarmid, was short on experience but long on leadership, drive and intellect. His sterling performance that weekend, when Strathallan achieved its best position for a number of years, was the major reason why he was awarded The Rick Army Trophy on Speech Day. The experience of Cameron Jenkins for navigation, and of Fraser Craw-Harley for all round sensible practical advice were invaluable. The energy of Jessica Woodcock and the intellect of Ella McKay were also significant reasons we did well. The team beat all other schools at the skills of: night navigation, first aid, and observation. Sadly, every other school beat us in the skills of shooting, map reading and the section attack. The fitness of Strathallan teams over the obstacle course continues to improve; Mel Davy-Ericson, Kyle Buchanan, and Finlay Brierton especially impressing. Throughout the competition the team were remarkably cheerful and positive, and most said they were determined to return next year and do better. Watch this space, I'm certainly hoping we have a more experienced team next year.

For much of the year for the V Form cadets our emphasis is leadership training using a wide variety of command tasks: a typical scenario is that you have to lead a team, half of whose members are temporarily disabled because they have been bitten by crocodiles, across a river, to recover a stolen radio, using equipment such as very short planks, bits of rope, a few sticks and a rubber tyre. Robbie McDiarmid, Cameron Jenkins and Fraser Buchan became adept at providing the V Formers with SMEAC briefings and then guiding them through effective execution of the tasks. As usual many different styles of leadership emerged: gung-ho and straight at 'em (Kyle Buchanan and Logie Walker), reserved and considered (Stuart Cantlay and IK Erhahon), not really sure what I'm doing but we'll give it a go (Robbie brown and Tom Malyn), thoughtful and determined (Jessica Woodcock and Danielle Watt). All the cadets developed a greater understanding of the theory and practice of leading a team, something that will assist them in whatever their chosen field may turn out to be.

The V Formers were also, for the first time in many years, put through a series of tests to assess if they had reached the required skills levels for the award of the APC Advanced gold badge. Many passed the practical patrolling and command task activities but floundered on the written military knowledge test. Pip Stirrat, Nicole Skinner, Stuart Cantlay, Fabienne R-B, Kirsty Mack, Penny Stewart and James Boag were the stand-out candidates who passed all aspects first time.

The routine of recruit training was working well: each section underwent three different forms of training throughout a Wednesday afternoon, each lasting 30



minutes. As the year went on the NCOs took more and more responsibility for coordinating and executing the training. Colin Gordon 'nailed' military fitness, Connor Holborn did likewise with weapons training, Andrew Young was an outstanding quartermaster, and James Burnett gave much assistance to fieldcraft stands. As recruit section commanders, Celine Skinner, Fraser Craw-Harley and Kate Spalding deserve praise for their commitment, leadership ability, resourcefulness and patience. Seven of the recruits, Cameron Griffiths, Sophie Johnstone, Angus Lapslie, Lyle Ross, Emma Salveson, Leah Hamill and Emily Watt passed all six tests first time with distinction. Perhaps they are the NCOs of the future.

The Contingent Dinner was once again a keenly-anticipated highlight of the year. In keeping with the theme of 'oops we did it again' we had 124 diners compared to last year's 100. A formal dinner for such large numbers needs careful and thorough organisation, and thankfully this was forthcoming in the shape of Robbie Macdiarmid and Colin Gordon, aided by Scott Haldane, Sarah Nicol, Angus Robertson and James Cockburn. The diners enjoyed marine salad, chicken *cordon bleu*, and chocolate pudding. The Dinner is very much part of our training programme and attendance helps to develop poise, manners, the art of conversation, cutlery management and an appreciation of catering organisation (so you haven't been to many yourself, then. Ed.) It is a formal but most enjoyable affair and ends with impromptu speeches concerning recalled amusing events during training.

The CCF Central Camp at Barry Buddon, attending by a record-breaking 69 cadets, was very much the climax of the training year. There was a most varied programme including: obstacle course, establishing vehicle check points, laser weapon shooting, a first aid exercise, climbing wall, live full bore shooting of the SA80 assault rifle, ambush and counter ambush infantry training, map reading, a platoon attack-range, and an overnight exercise. Once again our young cadets proved to be self-reliant, resourceful,

cheerful and determined. Even under constant haranguing about accommodation cleanliness and personal equipment organisation they remained positive. All of them improved their personal skills considerably throughout the week. Sarah Cheape learned how to be an Intelligence WO and an effective leader; Tabitha R-B learned how to be an efficient and diplomatic platoon commander when faced with the challenge of commanding troops from another school whilst conducting an ambush in which her cadets fired a total of 1000 rounds in about 10 seconds (it was really awesome!); Alex Webb, Sam Steele, Isla Patterson, Finlay Wilson and Alex Thoms learned how to clean weapons; Ella McKay and 4 Section learned how to win games; Nicole Skinner and 3 Section learned how to capture the flag; Team Lapslie proved their orienteering skills; Kyle Buchanan showed that he can shoot straight; Danielle Watt, Rory Arthur and Tom Holloway were not too bad either. Penny Stewart, Logie Walker, Carey Wright and Fabienne R-B demonstrated that one does not necessarily have to be loud to be a good leader. Angus Lapslie impressed all the Camp Instructors with his positive attitude and dress sense. Hannah Sangster and Tabitha R-B won much praise for their performances as platoon commanders during the attack exercise, even though neither had any relevant experience. Jonny Carswell smiled, smiled, smiled, smiled and then smiled. Sam Steele showed resilience, Emma Burnett showed that she could not be outnumbered. Jessica Woodcock once again showed scarily aggressive Special Forces ninja skills. Javier Del C Molina, Allan Fernandes, and many others learned, eventually, how to put stuff into a small rucksack and still have it all at the end of the day. Nobody learned how to clean a rifle correctly - according to Mr Lindsay. Our whole contingent learned about pride and style whilst marching around Camp, three abreast, shoulders square, and backs straight, splendidly dressed in the new multi terrain combats and hats, all other Schools stood with envy in their souls and watched us pass.

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The Marines

Garelohead Marine Cadet Camp

Last year, during the first week of the summer holidays, seven of our Royal Marine Cadets went to the Garelohead Summer Camp. The aim of the camp was to give us an idea of what a week in the Royal Marines would be like. The camp was shortened from two weeks to one week this year due to the Royal Marine 350 Parade, which the majority of cadets at the camp took part in. Therefore we tried to fit as much into the week as possible.

During the camp we took part in battle exercises with a variety of different scenarios and terrains. We fought in groups varying in size from pairs to the whole camp, about sixty. We also fought in a variety of terrains including forests, open fields and buildings. On one day we visited HMNB Clyde where we had a talk from one of the RM officers there and also got to look at and handle a range of weapons used by the Royal Marines. All this was accompanied by a large amount of Physical Training (PT). The dreaded PT at 5:30am almost every morning was not the most enjoyable aspect of the camp at the time but a great experience all the same.

The highlight was the two-day battle exercise. For this we were split up into two troops, each with three sections. After being briefed on our mission we were inserted by ORCs (Offshore Raiding Crafts) into an unknown location. After the landing site was secured we began patrolling to the area where we would spend the night. Along this journey we encountered pockets of enemy

resistance, marines firing blank rounds at us, to which we returned fire until the enemy had been defeated (*Hmm. Neat. Ed*). This allowed us to practise the battle exercises we had learnt earlier in the week. That night we spent in sleeping bags on the forest floor with each section taking a turn to guard the camp through the night. The exercise finished with an all-out assault on a building. The night exercise was truly an unforgettable experience as was the whole camp. We would like to thank the training team and the staff at Garelochhead for all their efforts and also Major Robertson for getting us all to camp.

Ali Burnett V Form Nicol

CCF Contingent Commander's Report

The Contingent has enjoyed a busy and largely successful year. Ever-increasing numbers (we start the new session 10% up at 220 Cadets) continue to pose challenges but can also be seen as a stamp of approval from the pupil body.

Highlights of the year have included a high-profile presence at the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's visit to Forteviot Fête, nine Royal Marine cadets taking part in the 350th Anniversary parade in London, a record seventy cadets attending Central Camp (some for the 3rd time in a row, The Navy Section's camp at Cumbrae, Angus Lapslie's participation in both the RM 350 and Tall Ships yachting expeditions and over fifty cadets taking advantage of MoD courses in diving, kayaking, yachting, First Aid, power-boating, pool lifeguarding, leadership, flying, dinghy sailing, mountain skills and adventurous training.

CCF is not just something you do on Wednesday afternoons in slightly odd clothes - it is a challenge in terms of personal appearance, organisation and accountability. The rewards are to be found in being able to do things which take you outside the rest of the school experience: sometimes once-in-a-lifetime, often simply exciting and almost always, I hope, fun.

As you read this, the Government's plans for CCF expansion in England and Wales will probably be common knowledge. These include moves which are, ironically, likely to kill many CCF Contingents stone dead on the independent sector and to lead to far fewer young people nationally taking part in the CCF. I can only hope that these plans will be tempered by common sense and that the CCF will not only continue to flourish at Strathallan but will do so across the UK.

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Pringle Trophy

The Pringle Trophy is the annual competition between all Royal Marine CCF Detachments from schools throughout the UK, held at the Commando Training Centre in Devon. It is a challenging event that pushes teams to the limit. It tests the physical ability, determination and teamwork of all the teams.

Our 2014/15 Pringle Trophy team consisted of Harry Richards, Alexander Stokes, Melissa Davy-Erikson, Rosalind Coutts, Adam Bush, Alastair Burnett, Connor Collins, Chen-E Low and Adam Smith. This year we were accompanied by Maj. Robertson and Lt. de Celis Lucas.

It was an early start for us all on Friday 10th October and we arrived at the Commando Training Centre at around 5 pm, unloaded the bus and sorted our sleeping area and the rest of our kit. Soon after we put on our kilts and went to get some scran (food) from the dining hall. We were the only Scottish Royal Marine CCF Detachment at the competition

so the kilts made quite an impression. All of the meals throughout the week-end were great and very well anticipated.

It was another early start on the Saturday and we had a big day ahead of us. We participated in Cam & Concealment, Section Attacks, Battle Exercise, Leadership, Fire control Orders, Weapon Handling, First Aid, Observation, Map Reading and Military Skills. We were accompanied by two Royal marines who were going through their Officers' training. We had the opportunity to speak to them and question them about the Corps, giving us a very good insight on what being in the Corps actually meant and a taste of what it was like.

We woke up on Sunday for the third consecutive day at 5 am. In the morning we had Drill and Corps History. For the drill everything had to be ironed and polished perfectly. We were led by C Sgt. Richards who had memorised a 15-minute series of drill moves which were to be executed in front of the watchful eye of a Royal Marines drill instructor.

In the afternoon we had the Endurance Course, a gruelling run which involved crawling through several tunnels and wading through a lot of water. As the Marines would say; we were *hogging* (soaking). My personal highlight would have to be "The Sheep Dip", a part of the endurance course which involved going through a fully submerged tunnel.

On behalf of the whole team I would like to thank Maj. Robertson and Lt E De Celis Lucas for accompanying us and helping the week-end run so smoothly. I would also like to thank all of the staff at the Commando Training Centre for running the hoofing (great) week-end for us.

Adam Smith V Form Ruthven



International Committee

In its second year, the International Committee again pulled off an eagerly-anticipated dinner that was, this year, Valentine's day-themed. It successfully celebrated the diversity of cultures available at Strathallan, with Pim and Josie winning 'best dressed' in Thai cultural dress.

We added another event in the first term too, which took students on a 'Tour of Scotland' introducing international students to beautiful sites in Scotland that were neither part of Strathallan nor Forgandenny. We will be making some changes next year, though - we won't set out at the crack of dawn. The highlight (at least for

me) was the ferry on Loch Ness and, of course, when we spotted the monster.

Next year, the committee will be continuing these events but will be adding some more fun and super exciting occasions to the calendar. But we, as a committee, are above all committed to doing our duty as active members of the pupil body. So, for practical reasons, we are planning to hold a welcoming barbecue for newly arrived international students. We will do our best to make this serious occasion as fun as possible.

Again, this year, the committee itself included pupils from around the world, everyone contributing to the sometimes bizarre banter

of our Wednesday evening meetings. We still look back and laugh at the time that we (admittedly mainly the girls) thought the theme of 'International love' would be a good one for the dinner or how Lisa Menshikova is obsessive when it comes to paint balling. Personally, I would like to say thank you to all the committee members for putting up with my American-style minutes (according to Mrs. Stuart) for two years.

Best of luck for next year to Lord and Lady Tyrant (in normal speak; Kevin Gao and Brianna Fowlie)!

Matoko Otomo UVI Glenbrae

Debating

It has been yet another busy and successful year for debating at Strathallan. The Fiction Library has been a hive of activity on Monday nights when it hosts the Debating Society's weekly meeting. These meetings are packed with exciting activities like current affairs quizzes as well as topical debates and of course the occasional cake! Some of the most controversial motions that were debated by the society this year were 'This House Prefers the Lord of the Rings to Harry Potter', 'This House Would Ban Homework' and the, now infamous, 'Balloon Debate'!

In the balloon debate every member of the house represented a certain historical character that was stuck on a hot air balloon. The only problem was that the balloon was so heavy that every single member would die if they did not throw some of the historical characters off the balloon. Therefore, each of these characters had to argue the case for why they should stay and others should go. Many famous people were seen on the balloon that day. Amongst them were: Mother Theresa (Rachel Foulsham), Ludwig Van Beethoven (Tiffany Chow), Vincent Van Gogh (Johnny Boyd), Prince William (Emma Morris) and Jesus Christ (Connor Ovenstone)! It was a tense and highly argumentative debate, however, in the end not everyone could stay on the balloon and many an influential figure was lost. One of the people ejected from the basket was poor, depressed Vincent who had so much to live for, only had one ear and created great artwork that made such an impact on the history of art (...and committed suicide so it really wouldn't matter if he were alive or dead!).

Another closely-contested debate this year was the inter-House competition at the start of the Spring term; split into two categories: Junior (3rd and 4th form); and Senior (5th and 6th form). The Junior debate included a very high standard of speech and presentation from a number of young speakers. The teams that progressed to the final were from Glenbrae, Woodlands, Nicol and Thornbank. These four teams debated on the motion 'This House Believes that Reality Television does more harm than good'. Excellent speeches were made by Tiffany Chow, Rachel Foulsham, Abigail Darby, Megan Thomas, Nikita Cooke and Sarah Hollingsworth. However, the

victors at the end of the debate emerged as the team from Nicol which comprised Dylan Patterson and Johnny Boyd. The Senior House debate was equally tense and in the final teams from Ruthven, Freeland, Thornbank and Nicol battled it out for a chance of winning the coveted Senior House debating trophy. These four teams were debating on the highly topical motion that 'This House Believes that Britain is Better together'. The proposition consisted of Connor Ovenstone and James Cockburn from Nicol; and Calum Harris and Sirimon Thomas representing Ruthven. They were faced with fierce opposition from (funnily enough) Cameron Jenkins and James Burdett from Freeland; as well as Robyn Somerville and Sarah Nicol from Thornbank. It was eventually decided that the victors were Connor Ovenstone (who also won best speaker of the evening) and James Cockburn making it a double win for Nicol House for the second consecutive year.

In addition to all of this internal oratory, the Debating Society has also entered several national competitions. The formidable team of Tiffany Chow and Johnny Boyd competed in the ESU Junior competition. They progressed through three rounds to reach the regional final before being eventually (and controversially!) knocked out. The motions debated were: 'This House Would Introduce Congestion Charges in all Scottish Cities'; 'This House Would Abandon China's One Child Policy' (luckily for this debate the team not only had the help of Mrs Billing and Mrs Saks for research but also Mr Joiner who was very keen to impart his extensive knowledge of the One Child Policy) and finally 'This House Would Go Nuclear'. The finals were held at the ESU headquarters in Edinburgh where the team was proposing the motion 'This House Would Leave the European Union'. Although strong the team narrowly missed out on reaching the national finals. Luckily a post-debate visit to the McDonalds, following the mantra of Tiffany Chow, 'I eat when I'm sad', and a substantial consumption of 'McFlurries', saw spirits and confidence restored. The team will still be eligible to compete next year when they will be in it to win it!

Strathallan also entered two teams into the ESU (Scotland) Mace and the Donald Dewar Memorial competition. Josh Sweeney and Zoë Morris represented the school in the ESU Mace debating on the motion 'This House believes that



British media Should not broadcast the views of radical Muslims'. Despite a lively and close debate, they did not progress any further in the competition, facing tough opposition from an older and more experienced team. Adam Bush and Lucy Crabb were the team selected for the Donald Dewar debate. The Dewar debate is a very prestigious Scottish debate founded in memory of Scotland's first First Minister. It covers very topical and relevant motions which are debated in 'mace' style. In the first round of the debate Adam and Lucy argued on the motion 'This House believes that the UK should have boycotted the 2013 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting'. Both teams debated very well but Adam and Lucy triumphed and moved forward to the second round. In this round the motion was another Commonwealth theme: 'This House believes that as the start of taking a stand on Human Rights, countries where homosexuality is considered a crime should be expelled from the Commonwealth'. Unfortunately, as with the ESU Mace, Adam and Lucy were faced with an older team and were narrowly beaten to the 3rd Round.

The Cambridge University Union Schools Debating Competition saw two teams consisting of James Burdett and Cameron Jenkins and Tiffany Chow and Johnny Boyd. This was a short preparation competition which involved three debates in quick succession - mentally very taxing! The motions included: 'This House believes that the British government should pay housewives and househusbands a salary'; 'This House believes that the British Museum should return all of its artefacts to their country of origin' and 'This House believes that people who do not accept the existence of climate change should not be allowed to run for Parliament'. Although a very intense day the experience was a worthwhile and rewarding one and all debaters learnt a great deal from their experiences.

Johnny Boyd III Form Nicol
Tiffany Chow III Form Thornbank
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Eco-schools Green Flag Award



It is said that even the longest journey begins with the first step, sometimes even when you take that step you can't believe that you can make it to the destination. So it was that Strathallan set up its Eco-Schools group in 2007.

As an Eco-Schools coordinator I had seen few secondary schools gain the highest award and none in the boarding sector. I was surprised that an award internationally recognised and supported by the HMIe was not a part of the sinews of schools such as ours.

With the support of the Headmaster and Bursar, but more importantly the drive of the pupils, we set about taking that first step towards the pinnacle of school environmental awards.

Aiming at litter, recycling and energy-saving and by running various events, including showing Age of Stupid by Franny Armstrong and fundraising through Guitar Hero events (thanks Oli B & Jamie P, Ru C & Jenny W)

The recycling site behind the dining hall, the many new paper and cardboard bins are all examples of the great work done. But bringing all the diverse groups within the school together to make a successful application was never going to be easy.

So, in the summer of 2014, a new committee under the leadership of Freya Ireland, Emma & Zoe Morris and Ailsa Clifford presented the school's application to the Eco-Schools committee.

So it was with immense pride that the Headmaster finally accepted the first Green Flag awarded to a boarding school in Scotland if not, indeed, the U.K.

PMV

Duke of Edinburgh Award



The Duke of Edinburgh Award continues to flourish at Strathallan with numbers continuing to increase. This year has seen 130 pupils gain their Bronze Award, 1 Silver and 11 Gold. This puts us up with some of the most successful schools in Scotland. We have also taken steps to improve our Gold completion by adding in an expedition for the Lower 6th just after their AS examinations. This has already had a significant effect as twenty-two of the current Upper 6th have already complete their Gold expedition which is the main challenge to achieving the Gold Award.

We are still focusing much of our effort into volunteering jobs as part of the expedition process. This allows us to break up the day and means that pupils are not travelling for the full time allocation for the day. It also means that we are putting something back into the local communities and we are also staying on very good terms with the landowners. We have completed voluntary work for a variety of organisations. These includes:

- The National Trust for Scotland
- The Woodlands Trust
- The Balmoral Estate
- The Dall Community Environmental Group (Kinloch Rannoch)
- The MacRobert Trust



These tasks are normally undertaken with estate staff or volunteers on site and they all comment positively about the work ethic of the pupils.

This year sees a slight change in that we are allowing a small number of the 5th Form to complete their Silver Award. Completing the Bronze and Silver Award allows pupils to complete their Gold in 12 months rather than 18 months which helps them considerably. We will see how this year goes but may have a restricted number of pupils taking Silver to provide the backbone of the Gold Groups in the future.

The pupils continue to be very enthusiastic about the award and the expeditions, in particular, provide a different environment in which the pupils can perform and flourish. In 2015 a second Canada Expedition will be leaving from Strathallan. Thirty-two pupils will be spending three weeks in British Columbia, with the highlight being ten days of Sea Kayaking in the Discovery Islands and the Johnstone Straits. May I take this opportunity to thank all of the dedicated staff who give up a significant amount of time to allow the award to be delivered so successfully at Strathallan.

SWR



Burns Supper

Once every six years or so, the 25th of January falls on a Saturday, so this year the Sixth Form were able to celebrate the Bard's birthday, his two hundred and fifty-fifth, on its actual date.

It was chaired in the Music Room by Mrs Irene McFarlane who welcomed the guests and explained the origins and continuing traditions of this annual event.

Angus Lapslie piped in the haggis which was then enthusiastically addressed by Mr Ewan Lee whose skills in languages also extend to Scots. Dr Stephen Ferguson then delivered the Selkirk Grace before the "bill o' fare" - haggis, neeps and tatties.

The Headmaster's Loyal Toast was followed by an informative and thought-provoking Immortal Memory provided by Katie Jones. A friendly verbal sparring match between brother and sister, Scott and Laura Haldane, formed a very entertaining Toast to the Lassies and the Reply. Sirimon Thomas, in his Toast to Strathallan, drew parallels between the love of learning displayed by Burns, despite his humble origins, and the high value placed on education in Sirimon's home country, Kenya. Mr David Barnes gave the Reply.

Musical entertainment was provided by members of the folk group, including a rendition on the small pipes by John Dew and a song from Freya Ireland. Mrs McFarlane gave an animated recitation of "Tam o'Shanter" and the evening ended with the Vote of Thanks, delivered by Robyn Somerville, then Auld Lang Syne.

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Strathallian updates

Matthew Brebner

Ruthven 2005

I have just started a new position as tutor at the Thomas Chippendale School of Fine Furniture. One of the long-term tutors is retiring from the furniture school and I was offered the job straight up after being recommended by Anselm Frasier's son Jamie. It isn't often that there are openings at the school so I am very lucky in that respect.

I had been renting bench space at the school for 5 years after graduation. In that time I had done several short lessons and helped many students in several different regards, until I found a new workshop closer to home (Oxenford Estate) that I could call my own.

I will fill the post as one of three tutors responsible for the 20 students. I will continue to be self-employed out of term time in order to maintain my independence as a self-employed cabinet maker. This was very important to me and the School was happy for me to continue in this way. Exciting stuff really. It should be a great experience.

Eilidh Gibson

Glenbrae 2013



This year I was selected onto the GB Canoe Slalom Senior team and had some success over the summer. I had a 5th place at the Senior European Championships which was a massive step up for me and I was delighted. To make things even better (and slightly more unbelievable) I won a silver medal at the London

World Cup the following weekend. This was my first individual international medal and I was incredibly delighted! To win it at a senior world cup race is a dream come true. The rest of the year was made up of six more international races in places as far away as Australia. I finished the season in September at the Senior World Championships in Maryland, USA. I came 12th which I was slightly disappointed with as I did not make the final, but on reflection this is a massive achievement for me. Now I am so motivated to get back to training hard so next year can (hopefully) be even better!

Benno Rawlinson

Nicol 2005

January 2015 will be the start of the first ever



attempt to ski the length of the North West passage with the aim of breaking the world record for the longest unsupported and unassisted polar journey. The expedition begins in the High Arctic of northern Canada heading west from the Iqaluit region to Uluksuk, covering a distance of 1900 miles. This route is of particular historical importance linking the Atlantic and Pacific together, it was sought for more than 300 years including by the likes of Roald Amundsen.

The team of three highly-experienced adventurers, including world-record-holding polar expedition leader Alex Hibbert, will be hauling in excess of 200kg worth of supplies and equipment that they require for the entirety of the trip. During the trip we will experience temperatures plummeting to -40°C and winds of up to 80mph. During the later stages of the expedition the ice can be less stable and too thin to cross so the team will need to swim between ice floes.



There is also the risk from polar bears which are numerous in the area; we will be taking a number of precautions including two dogs as guards.

This is certainly an incredible challenge to be part of, it will take huge amounts of physical and mental preparation to achieve our aim but it is one I am incredibly excited about. You can follow our progress at <http://bennorawlinson.wordpress.com/>. If you wish to or know someone who would be interested in sponsoring us please email on Benno_r@hotmail.com.

Mark Pawson

Leburn 1987

I am still at the Bank of England which has been an interesting place to work with the Scottish Referendum.

I started a Masters at Westminster Business School this month and it's fairly depressing to be twice the age of the nearest student!



Johanna Grier

(née Matheson), Thornbank 1996

We moved to Singapore from Connecticut, USA last July (2013) and Rory (who will be 2 next month) became a big brother to Archie in June this year. Still in touch with lots of Strathallians :)



Keith Wigley

Nicol 2011



This summer I spent four weeks volunteering as a research assistant for Operation Wallace, a wildlife conservation organisation, in South Africa. I was based at Struwig Eco-Reserve, a privately owned reserve situated in Balule Game Reserve, part of the Greater Kruger National Park ecosystem. The main camp at Struwig was situated in an idyllic spot overlooking the Olifants River which offered up fantastic views of the resident hippos and crocs and more than its fair share of elephant crossings over the four week period.

The surveys we conducted in the field centred on assessing the impact of high elephant densities on the health of the ecosystem. In order to do this we carried out habitat assessments, bird point counts and large mammal game transects.

The time we spent in the field conducting surveys allowed the viewing of the exceptional diversity of wildlife that Africa has to offer. Over the four weeks we saw lion, white rhino, black rhino, buffalo, warthogs, African wild dogs, giraffe, zebra, and countless species of birds and antelope. As much of the work we did focused on elephant impact, it is perhaps unsurprising that we also had a few close encounters with the



world's largest land mammal. The most dramatic of these resulted in our game-viewer being rolled by a charging bull. It's funny how you always think these sort of things will never happen to you, but then they do. Thankfully there were no serious injuries, in fact we were so unharmed that the hospital did not even believe us when we told them what we had been through.

My time at Struwig helped to contributed towards my university degree as I now enter my final year of studying biology at St. Andrews. My four weeks in South Africa were truly incredible and I would encourage everyone to go out there and experience it for themselves. If anyone would like more info, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Phil Aitken

Simpson 1992

Ashley and I are to be married this sept 27th in Las Vegas. Our baby Munro is now 15 months old and we continue to live in Victoria, B.C.

Stuart Watson

Simpson 1998



I am still living in Phuket, Thailand where my home been for the last 8 years. My youngest daughter Nathalie (24) was recently married in the UK and I returned briefly to both give her away and visit my Dad (now 95!). I have recently completed my first music book - 'The Brits that Rocked America 1953 -2013' and am about to start a second. Would love to hear from any Strathallians who were in Simpson or at the school in the 60s. One of these days, I hope to make it back for Founder's Day.

Peter Goody

Nicol 1992

In August 2014 I was awarded the Special Constabulary long service award for ten years of service to the Scottish Police Service. 2 years in Fife, 7 years in Tayside and 1 year with Police Scotland.



Martin Fitchie

Ruthven 1994

This year I completed my role as Head of Results Technology Services for the Glasgow Commonwealth Games, along with my team successfully delivering the end-to-end results service across all seventeen sports. It was an exciting and rewarding three-year project covering several critical elements of the Games including services on the venue for capturing, managing and displaying the results, live results on our website and mobile app, live television graphics (as seen on the BBC) and second-by-second results data feed sent to media clients across the globe.

During Games time I was primarily based in the Technology Operations Centre (a bit like NASA control!) overseeing and supporting operations



on venue although spent as much of the rest of my time as possible roaming to see how my venue teams were getting on.

Pictured is the Results Team at the "Big G". That's me right at the back just left of centre.

David Corrie

Ruthven 1998



Susan and David would like to announce the birth of Fraser James Alexander Corrie, born 28th July in Dumfries, Fraser is thriving and eating his parents out of house and home!

Sam Lipworth

Freeland 2009



Sam Lipworth, former music scholar at Strathallan, having spent his summer vacation singing with the BBC Symphony Chorus was delighted to be able to attend his first ever Last Night of the Proms as a performer. Sadly, after all this excitement he now has to return to his "day job" as a medical student at Barts.

Robin Turner

Nicol 1966

I confirm that I continue to run a Strathallian 'Glasgow' Curling Section participating in the Scottish Wanderers Curling Club League at Braehead Curling Rink. Currently the league comprises five public schools (Glasgow Accies, Kelvinside Accies, Merchistonians, Old Glenalmond and Strath) and one grammar school (Aberdeen), each playing each other once in the season. Strath have won the league for the past two seasons, beating all five teams last year. We operate with a pool of around ten Strathallian curlers. We started off this season with a high-scoring draw against Old Glenalmond. We are always looking for new blood, anyone interested should contact me at turner@roseland44.fsnet.co.uk

Rod Martin

Simpson 1983

I have been based in Kuala Lumpur for the last 17 years but also frequently travel and work around the Asia Pacific Region. I am a chartered quantity surveyor with dual qualifications in law and specialise in dispute resolution within the construction industry. I run my own consultancy business, The Charlton Martin Group with offices in Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and Hong Kong. I represent parties in arbitration, mediation and adjudication. I also sit as arbitrator and appear frequently as a quantum expert witness in court and arbitration proceedings.

Yoko, my wife of ten years, and I have two daughters, Chloe is five and Clarice celebrated her first birthday in July. I'm blessed to be kept young at heart by the ladies of the household!



I managed to meet up with Patrick Russell, another Simpsonite veteran of my era, last year in KL and he is doing very well in the financial services industry, building houses in his spare time.

Alastair Macmillan

Simpson 1991

I would like to announce the birth of my second son, Fraser. Son number one (William) is very happy to have a wee bro. Also I set up a new market research business this year called Create Convo. www.createconvo.co.uk



Morag Elwis

Woodlands 2009

I left Strathallan in 2009 to study French at Oxford. I've just completed my final year, during which I received a full Blue in women's rugby as part of the winning Varsity team who defeated Cambridge 17-12. I was also awarded First Class Honours in my degree. I particularly wanted to thank my house parents, Mr and Mrs Tod, plus the former head of modern languages, Mme Duncan, and Mr Proctor (formerly of the history department) for supporting me during my years at Strathallan, and for inspiring me to apply to study at Oxford.

In September 2014, I will begin a law conversion course, having been offered a training contract with Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, a magic circle corporate law firm in London.



BEATLES TO BOTHAM

AND ALL THE ... IN BETWEEN

Tim Hudson

Freeland 1958

Tim's autobiography is being published in paperback by Amazon and will be available widely within the next few weeks. Strathallan features quite prominently so worth a read!



"George Timothy Hudson, born 11 February 1940, in a suburb of Manchester, should, by all the rules of inheritance, have lived a righteous and unblemished life as a cotton merchant: middle-class, respectable and respected.

Instead he became cricketer (for Lancashire and Surrey second elevens), a leading DJ in Hollywood, rock and roll promoter, discoverer of The Moody Blues, launcher (in California) of Flower Power, Los Angeles property owner, builder, renovator, innovator and restaurateur, the intended spouse of Dean Martin's daughter, husband of four, lover of many, Ian Botham's friend and business adviser, owner of a Cheshire mansion and of a private adjoining cricket pitch: a man constantly effervescent with plans and projects.

He has been both penniless and rich, not once, but several times. He has suffered the slings of outrageous fortune but invariably volleyed them back.

His cotton merchant stepfather told him not to run with too fast a crowd. Hudson ran with the fastest. His stepfather said a man should appear in newspapers only three times in his life: when he was born, when he married and when he died. Hudson has figured in headlines all his life. Now, Hudson has written his own book From The Beatles to Botham to show how the legend unfolds."

Great present for old Strath boys and girls.

Alan (Al) Marshall

Nicol 1973
and

Greg Irvine-Brown

Simpson & Leburn 1973

My name is Alan Marshall (Al) and I was at Strath for 7 years from 1966 to 1973.

This is a story of a journey 'down under' to see a mate from school.

I went out to Australia in July 2014 and stayed for a week with Greg, his wife Jenny, son Fraser and daughter Jessica at their home in Millers Forest near Newcastle which is approx. 100 miles north of Sydney. Greg is now a successful consultant working in the huge mining industry in Australia specialising in the use of processing the magnetic mineral, magnetite and both Jenny and Jessica have represented Australia in equestrian events all over the world. I am on the sales side for a Scottish company who make and install staff attack alarm systems, I have been married to Wendy for over 28 years and both our son

Andrew (Ruthven) and Katy (Woodlands) went to Strath. If you include my dad Gordon Marshall, 3 generations of our family have enjoyed the playing fields and corridors of Strathallan School.

Anyway, Greg met me at Sydney airport and it was as if we had not been apart for so many years: the laughing started in the terminal itself and probably did not stop until I departed to see his brother Max and his Scottish wife Sheila and then on to surprise his Mum Peg - a now elderly but still an incredible lady.

We jumped in a VW Tiguan and travelled hundreds of miles south of Sydney and managed to play a few games of golf that Greg normally won although I did manage the odd moment of brilliance! However, the details were forgotten in the bar afterwards when the odd bottle or two of James Boags Premium, or was it Tooheys New, or was it VB or maybe it was a combination of all of them, were consumed!

A lot of reminiscing went on about Strath and about the good times particularly involving squash, hockey, rugby, ski-ing, tennis, life in the Houses, common friends, the masters etc.

We could still remember things as if they were yesterday and we recalled the squash team that included both of us, Graham McHarg, Rod Powrie, Stuart Aitkenhead and Tom Inglis under the tutorage of the brilliant Mr Colin Addison who sadly passed away some time ago. We particularly recalled the coaching trips to the Edinburgh Sports Club and team games against Edinburgh Academy, Gordonstoun and Glenalmond all of which we won I seem to recall! Also, at that time, we remembered two youngsters who always seemed to book up the courts - Simon Vivian and Pete Fairlie. Pete went on to represent Scotland and, if I remember, correctly, once held a world record for continuous time spent playing on court.

We also talked about the hockey team of the same year - after a poor draw against Perth Academy on a pitch that resembled a ploughed



field we managed to remain unbeaten during the season with the young James (Jasper) McDonald, Al Green, Jimmy Gray, Pete Lewis, Chris Reekie, John Hay, Ali Hay, Ewan Ferguson and Ken P-B the other members of the team. We also all went down to Oxford and added Dave Cochrane, Brian Sutherland and Stuart Duncan to the squad to compete in a festival of hockey and did not disgrace ourselves or the school. What it would have been like playing on the fantastic Astroturf that now exists at Strath I can only imagine.

Although I was never a skier and did not get up at the crack of dawn on Sundays to go on a bus to Glenshee basically to travel down a hill at great speed only to get back to where you started in the freezing cold! Greg, however, was captain of ski-ing and recalled the good days with Dave and Alan Butchart and others, under the control of Mr 'Fink' Clayton. Strath won the Scottish Championship that year thanks to all of them.

Other common friends came up in conversations - as well as Graham McHarg and Al Green, Richard Green, Lyndsey Locke, Mike Finlay, Al Lawrence, Mike McDonald, Mike Patterson, Doog, Ian and Keith Heard, Dave Bird, John Ferguson, Maggie Burnett (first girl at school) and many others, were all mentioned in our recollections.

To all those guys and others who went to Strath at the same time, all the best. The experiences that you go through at Strath will live with you always, and although it is not the same for everyone, in my experience, the friendships that you make at Strath last a lifetime, should be treasured and remembered with fondness.

I will always remember that it was Greg who was sitting with me when I woke up from being unconscious after a motorbike accident in 1974. Friends like that do not come along often.

Jim Gellatly

Freeland 1986



In April I moved from Radio Clyde to present the Drivetime show on XFM Scotland (my spiritual home), and I continue to write a weekly New Music Column in the Scottish Sun.

Rhod McGregor

Simpson 1974



Having spent 8 years re-modelling the Army facilities at Aldershot with Aspire Defence I returned to Carillion plc in September 2013. I spend 6 months working at Heathrow before transferring to Gatwick Airport where I am the Project Director running the Pier 5 Reconfiguration project. Between working for a living we try to get away to our pied-à-terre in France as often as we can.

Peter Maclean

Simpson 1981

I would like to share the birth of my son, Fraser Andrew Marshall Maclean, born on 27th February 2014 at 12:37 pm, 7lb 9oz.



Ian Mitchell

Nicol 1955

SNAKES ALIVE

In the summer of 1954 the Army contingent of the Strathallan CCF was relieved to learn that our annual camp was to be held in at Colinton in Edinburgh. This was a definite improvement on the year before, a former POW prison somewhere out in the highland wilds called Cultybraggan - which we knew better as Cultylush. Anyhow the new and better sounding venue helped assuage

the pain of the customary and irksome imposition of the loss of a whole week from our summer holiday. Nearly.

One of the days had been chosen by our erstwhile C.O. Freddie Haines for a field day out on the Pentland hills. It was a pleasant surprise to find that the day dawned and remained warm and sunny as usually these kind of excursions were expertly chosen to coincide with howling gales and horizontal rain. We duly set off in small groups from various six figure references and were instructed to trek and find several other reference points before making a rendezvous at the last point. Assuming we had found it we would be met at the end of the day and met by Army lorry which would deliver us back to camp.

We fairly ambled along in the sunshine and heat which our BD (battledress) etc. did not help to alleviate. About mid-day we felt and thought it was about time for a rest and a lunch break and after gathering our Kit Kat wrappers and other traces continued on our way. Very shortly along the sheep track we happened to be following and which pointed in the right direction I felt something squirm under my boot. A sideways leap and a glance showed the reason - an adder which I am sure was not very pleased was straightening himself out from his siesta. We paused to consider quickly this unexpected happening when one of our number, Neil Forgan who I believe lived in some foreign clime and who knew his snakes came forward and lifted the reptile up on the barrel of his Lee Enfield and held it there, it seemed, for us all to check that it was in fact a snake, in case anyone was in doubt. The object of our attention promptly fell off onto the tufty grass and disappeared at a remarkable pace into and was lost amongst the heather.

The moral of this little tale is to encourage all of you now at Strathallan, particularly on hot and humid CCF days, to take care and if you feel anything strange underfoot to leap before you look. Also if for some weird reason you decide to pick up a wriggly adder only do so on the barrel of a Lee-Enfield.

Graham (Spiv) Gordon

Freeland 1960

I currently live in Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia and I spent an extremely enjoyable few days in Natal, South Africa with Tommy Taylor (1956/61) and

his wife Nancy in June of this year. I had not seen the Taylors since 1983 when they visited Australia. They were perfect hosts and I hope to return in the not too distant future. Tommy was a very good cricketer, being captain of the School cricket team in his final year and scoring a century against



Glenalmond (I think!). We were good friends at Strath and although that was a long time ago, you cannot beat old friends.

The photograph is of Tommy and Nancy Taylor and yours truly in the grounds of the very impressive Hilton College, which their son Rory attended. (I am on the right)

Professor Nairn Wilson CBE DSc (hc) FDS FFGDP FFD FKC

Nicol 1968

Nairn Wilson is honorary Professor of Dentistry at King's College London, where he was Professor of Restorative Dentistry and Dean and Head of



the College's internationally renowned Dental Institute between 2001 and 2012, and Deputy Vice Principal (Health) between 2009 and 2012. He was recently elected President-elect of the British Dental Association. Nairn Wilson's many other positions in dentistry have included Editor of the Journal of Dentistry (1986-2000), President of the General Dental Council (1999-2003), Co-chair of the Forum of European Heads and Deans of Dental Schools (2007-2012) and more recently President of the Royal Odontochirurgical Society of Scotland (2103-2014). His interests and special expertise include healthcare regulation - presently Registrar of the UK Public Health Register (2012 to date), international trends in dental education, and future developments in the clinical practice of dentistry. He continues to author and edit many different contributions to the dental literature. His latest award was the 2013 Dentistry Lifetime Contribution Award.

Richard Williams

Simpson 1986

Still travelling around like a madman engaging on various investment projects all of which encompass sustainability and environmental friendliness! Far flung places such as Nicaragua and Zimbabwe.

My daughter Esme, 16, is enjoying a fantastic fortnight down in Malawi helping out with local schools, orphanages etc. and gaining some real-life experience. She has two weeks down in this amazing country and has thrown herself straight into the deep end absolutely loving it. She is there right now and I can't wait to catch up with her and hear about her adventures.

My son Matt, 13, continues to go from strength to strength with his rugby and was selected for the county squad. He also plays a fairly nifty sidestepping wing for Bradford-on-Avon. Both are at Monkton Senior School.

I'm still in touch with so many Strath folk on social media; it was great to catch up with many at the Edinburgh event.



I was very touched by how many people got in contact during and after my father's illness and indeed, it was a full house at his funeral which showed great respect and regard for this long-standing former member of staff at Strathallan. Though my knees were knocking during the eulogy, I got

through it. He had many

very happy years at the school and to the very end there wasn't a day that went by that at some stage he didn't reflect on his time there.

He was particularly touched by how many people wrote to him and sent messages of good wishes, all of which he read several times, during his final peaceful days

In true David Williams style, stiff upper lip and all that, three days before he passed away he simply said to me "I shall be going soon, I won't be coming back. There are things to do" - totally aware of the situation ahead, mentally astute to the end, brave and probably rather scared at the same time but other than that, he never mentioned his predicament to anyone - he never wanted to be a burden or cause worry.



Good guy-loving husband-great friend-awesome father-proud grandfather... and he was quite fond of cricket too!

Ian McNicol Smith

Ruthven 1937

Ian very sadly passed away in June, however just prior to his death he sent in some of his memories of Strathallan, along with the sporting trophies he won during his time at School.

I followed my brother James to Strathallan in 1933 at the age of thirteen. The name was just Smith then, the McNicol, my middle name, was added

when my wife Barbara threatened divorce after being given the wrong new-born baby in hospital.

I was put in Nicol House and remained there until a final year as captain of Ruthven. At that time, Strathallan took the Junior and Senior School Certificate exams and I achieved the medal in the Junior Certificate in the same year that my brother James received the Senior Certificate.

At that time there was a thing called The Medical Class doing physics, chemistry and biology only and I found this very helpful in that I took the first MB exams for Cambridge before going there in 1937, saving me a lot of time.

I was introduced to rugby, enjoyed it and achieved the position of scrum half for the 'seconds'. I had hoped to be picked for the 'firsts' in my final year, but a much better youth enrolled that season and I remained unselected.

There was a place called the grub room, where a group of worthies were elevated from the Common Room and I became a 'grub', later a 'sub' (sub-prefect) and finally a prefect and captain of Ruthven.

I also shared the sports championship with three others and was awarded the Houston Medal for being a good boy in my last year. To my great regret the medal was stolen from my home fifty years later. It was instigated by Bobby Houston's father. Bobby was a fellow prefect. I still have my prefect's blazer and it still fits.

The unreliable memory recalls-

Fellow prefect and School Captain, "Choofy" McBride, whose brother Ian had been Captain three years previously. He went up to Cambridge with me.

"Springy" Forrest was our formidable rugby three quarter, who went up to Cambridge and much to Mr Riley's delight, achieved a Scottish Cap before getting his Cambridge Blue. "Springy" (Springbok of South African origin) was killed in the war.

Mr Riley was The Boss and also known as "Shirt". Evil boys were beaten on the outstretched hands with a hickory stick - a "four" or a "six" (in retrospect, a dangerous procedure). He occasionally taught, if a master was off sick.

His Second in Command was Mr Ward who taught maths and physics. He was known as "Pouk" origin unknown, or "Titty" or "Cack" because of his once mentioning Lake Titicaca, which seemed to amuse his listeners.

Maurice Norton lived in the house by the front gates and taught English. He was known as "Kick" because he allegedly once pronounced Cicero with a hard C.

Eric Joseph Frank taught me Latin but could probably teach anything. He was Hungarian, had a formidable intellect, played piano and introduced me to classical music by taking me to a Scottish Orchestra concert in the holidays.

Arthur John Shaw taught French, was unjustifiably feared, had a good singing voice and after a performance at the school concert, for a time was known as Sonia because of his song "Sonia, Sonia, in my dreams I see you".

I played double bass in the band. When I enrolled,

the bass player had just left so I was appointed. I had never played a stringed instrument before and had to stand on several books to reach up. I had to use all four fingers to do the stopping but things improved as the years went on. Instruments were mostly saxophones, with, of all unlikely things, an oboe played by Titch Walker. Mr Frank occasionally joined in with his cello.



The Debating Society was a great opportunity to legitimately abuse other people.

Freddy Fletcher taught piano and led the band. He also wrote the music for the school song, which I suppose still exists.

Roy Oswald Cole taught chemistry. At that time there was no gas available for bunsen burners. Heat for experiments was provided by small petrol burning primus stoves which (as I now appreciate and very properly) terrified me, but despite an abundance of inflammable vapours, no accidents ever occurred.

It was believed that Mr Cole wore a corset, and it occurred to no one that he might have a sore back.

I do not know why we knew the full names of the masters.

I imagine that most of this is already known to you or is irrelevant, but I greatly enjoyed the recollections which I think are fairly accurate.

Emma Denjean

(née Allstaff), Thornbank 1997

I started coastal rowing 4 years ago and this year after a lot of hard work we won the gold medal at the world championships in Greece in October.

Seeing as this might never happen again I thought it might be nice to share this with everyone.



Gordon Wallace

Nicol 1966

I was recently a guest at Angus and Morven Chalmers' Ruby Wedding anniversary luncheon. The celebration was held in the opulent Paddocks House Hotel, near Newmarket on Sunday 7th Sept.

Angus was at Strath between 1963 and 1967. His younger brother Allan 1964 -68 flew over from Canada for the event. Both were in Freeland.

Andy Chown

Ruthven 1996



I've moved house and now reside in New Jersey, USA.

David Ferguson

Freeland 1964

David Ferguson, Freeland 1960-1964, is proud to share that his eldest grandson is a pupil at Shawnigan Lake School here in British Columbia, Canada.

David would love to hear from Strathallians who might have a connection with this school. He may be contacted at davelferguson@shaw.ca. Another interesting link is that the

present headmaster at Shawnigan is Mr. David Robertson, a Scot, who previously taught at

Merchiston Castle School and at Edinburgh Academy before moving to Canada.

Andrew Pyle

Freeland 2008

After finishing a Master's degree at Edinburgh University, I joined Charlotte Street Partners, a new high level, strategic communications and public affairs consultancy, based in both Edinburgh and London.

Both Managing Partners are well-known, successful individuals in their own right. The agency is therefore thriving despite only being 10 months old.



More information can be found here:
www.charlottestpartners.co.uk

Kerry McLean

Thornbank 1991

In the summer I cycled with two of my friends and supported by another, from John O'Groats to Loretto (not Landsend but 356 miles nevertheless!) for a lovely charity called The Teapot Trust (www.teapot-trust.org) - it provides art therapy for children in hospital. We raised over £7,000.

I wasn't quite as prepared fitness-wise as I would have liked to have been as during our training time I had a little blip with cancer and was in and out of hospital for four ops, my mental fitness, though, was titanium strength! So I cycled the whole way and just practised a lot of mind over matter. I never managed to do that running a Pilgy. On route in Perth Ailsa Barclay (leaver 1991) gave us great hospitality, a lovely lunch and dried our wet cycling gear on the Aga! I jumped off my bike to get the photo of the signpost to Strath!

I am keeping well and just on continuous close observation now - and still cycling.... in October I cycled 100km in a women's only event at Scone - Macmillan Cycletta.



Nigel Delbarre

Nicol 1971

I have now retired from work in the Public Sector (Human Resources) and have celebrated by spending three weeks touring parts of Scotland I have never visited. Still a beautiful country with so much to offer.



Kevin Sheal

Simpson 1987

I am now working as Director, Productivity Consulting Group for SAP America.

My older brother David (Simpson '86) is still working in Saudi Arabia and my younger brother Alex (Simpson '98) has his own travel company in Hanoi, Vietnam.

I'd be interested in hearing from any Strathallians in the Philadelphia area.

Douglas Drysdale

Ruthven 1985

Working as an Event Caterer. Married to Pauline and happy to have my daughter Phoebe (Woodlands) currently at the school. Finally gave up smoking at age 47 after an illustrious 31 year career. Paid many fines for being caught smoking behind the squash courts. Famous for purveying alcohol and good times at The Herdsman Bar at The Royal Highland Show. A free pint awaits any Strathallians who make themselves known at the bar.

Lee Walker

Simpson 1996

My wife and I had our first child last year born on the 13/7/13, now 15 months old and doing great.

Patrick Russell

Simpson 1984

Still in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with a summer bolt-hole in Gatehouse of Fleet, Galloway. His two sons recently started at the University of Glasgow.

John (Charles) Foster (Riley & Simpson 79) is a QC living in Nova Scotia, Canada and recently returned to Scotland for the first time in many years for the School centenary Dinner

Photo shows Peter Russell, JC Foster & partner Ann-Marie at the Centenary Ball.



Dr Bill Galloway

Riley 1960

When at Riley House, 1958 - 60, I would hear bagpipes drifting across the valley from the senior school area. It was to my surprise and delight that Alex my son, Canadian born, indicated that he wanted to take up the pipes. He plays with the Dowco-Triumph Street Pipe Band in Vancouver and they were in Glasgow for the Worlds this year, 2014, as they always are.

Alex also teaches the pipes and has composed and arranged some pieces

I hope some year that I might be able to go to Scotland with him and, after the competition, bring him over to Strathallan.

Me, the Dad? I should have retired but I still am a practising accountant and teach accountancy at college (like a polytech) in the professional certification program.

I did write a book a while back on my Glasgow-based grandfather who made his life's work as a builder in Ghana. I haven't had time to publish it yet, though it is complete. I learnt much in the writing and even travelled to Ghana to see his old former company site, still with the names Thompson, Moir and Galloway across the lintel.

Donald Turner

Ruthven 1962

Donald Turner is a member of the General Committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and is Chairman of the Golf Development Committee which works to develop the game around the world. In this capacity he has visited China, Columbia, India, Japan, Australia and is due to visit Argentina and Peru in early 2015. He has also attended major amateur events in the UK, particularly the Junior Open at West Lincs in July where 68 countries were represented by 123 competitors under 16 years of age.

Piers Wilkinson

Nicol 1999

Still running my own engineering consultancy company, I am currently managing the build and installation, on the newest cruise ship on the market, Quantum of the Seas, a "Bionic Bar". Order by App and served by robots, cocktails as you chose. Incorporates all the latest social media as far as trending, rating even so far as to tell you you've had too much too quick!!

You can find this on RCCL website for Quantum of the Seas - it's interesting regardless!

Not much to report on the personal front - travelling too much but happily in love with Ali (if she remembers me when I return!)

David Ritchie

Leburn 1978

Now self-employed running David Ritchie and Associates, a careers company operating in schools across Hertfordshire, North London, Essex and Buckinghamshire. When not working I spend most of my time sailing - learnt at Strathallan in 1976. Would be delighted to hear from people; find me on LinkedIn.



Guy Kinder

Simpson 1978

During my time at Strathallan, I was probably best known for spending all my spare time in the art rooms, during the era of Torquil McCleod RSA. If my memory serves me correctly, during that time I became the youngest person ever to win the William Tatersall art prize (in 1976 at the age of 15). All these years later I am still painting, and now paint full time, specialising in portraiture. Last



year I completed a portrait commission of Scottish Crime Writer Ian Rankin, which was well received when it was shown at the Royal Society of Portrait Painters annual open exhibition at the Mall Galleries in London.

In March, the portrait was unveiled at the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, in Queen St, Edinburgh, as it has now become part of the National Collection. It is a rare honour for any artist to have one of their paintings accepted by a major gallery and become a permanent part of the National Collection - especially during their lifetime! I may be mistaken, but I wonder if I am perhaps the first Strathallian to achieve this.

More recently I was also commissioned by Aberdeen University to paint a portrait of their retired Chancellor, Lord Wilson of Tillyorn, which was unveiled in July this year.

Sophie Barton

Thornbank 2003

I left Strath at the end of 5th Form aged 16 and went to work for an Olympic event rider Karen Dixon in County Durham as a working rider/ head girl at her yard. I knew my life was always going to involve horses which is why I left school without doing A-levels. I'm dyslexic and always struggled with the academic side so leaving school as soon as I could to work with horses seemed like the best option for me. I spent a year and a half at Karen's and really got to learn the meaning of physical hard work along with riding and competing some great horses.



I left Karen at the age of 18 to go travelling around Australia, when I returned I then spent the next three years going between jobs from full time nannying to doing a bit of free-lance cooking and bar work.

I got into racing only three years ago through the help of my Godfather who is Managing Director at Kelso Racecourse (Richard Landale). Whenever I was staying with them I would always go racing and help out by meeting sponsors and showing them to their boxes. When I decided I wanted to become a Clerk of the Course, Richard helped me by setting me up with a couple of weeks work experience at Fontwell Park and Plumpton Racecourse. Here I realised that the racing industry was definitely the route I wanted to take.

After my two weeks work experience which happened in November 2011 I then decided to write to a number of Clerks all over the country to see if I could spend a day with them. Edward Arkell the Clerk at both Brighton and Fontwell Park was particularly helpful and asked me if I would mind helping him out at Fontwell for their big race meeting - National Sprit Hurdle in February. I jumped at the chance and flew straight down there. It was a great two days and I learnt a lot about racing. After that Ed and I stayed in touch and I continued to travel around the country, all at my own expense, to shadow lots of different Clerks. Sulekha Varma (W '03) was a great help too in all of this, I have called her up many a time asking for help and advice and she has always said keep meeting lots of people and going racing whenever I can and something will come.

Sure enough I was offered a summer work placement at Brighton Racecourse Starting in May 2012 which got me started. Even though I was on a basic wage of £250 a month (which mainly went on Petrol as I was staying with friends 45 min away) I knew I had to stick with it and hope that something more long term would come. In the September one of the ground staff left and I was then taken on as part of the full time Ground staff team. I learnt how to drive the tractors, mow the course, operate lots

of other machinery, move running rail and prepare the track for racing. It was hard work and tough at times, especially during the winter when the racing season ended we had to become painters and decorators; not what I had envisaged myself doing but sometimes you have to start at the bottom and do all the dirty work to get to where you want.

Having been fully employed by the Racecourse I could now apply to start my Clerk's training. I got the go-ahead in February this year so that was where it all began. It was quite hard being a full-time groundsperson and trying to fit in training but I managed a few days here and there.

In June, this summer I got a phone call asking if I wanted the job as Clerk of the Course at Sedgefield. I couldn't turn it down! Even though I am still training I'm there every day helping my grounds staff team prepare the track for racing. I'm due to take my final exams on 9th December which will hopefully make me a fully qualified Clerk of the Course.

Robin Taylor

Nicol 1966

Robin was re-elected Chair of the Global Ecolabelling Network [GEN] at their AGM in Beijing in September.



The occasion was also the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of GEN and the Chinese Ecolabelling programme CEC.

The celebratory conference was attended by over 400 people and delegates from over 19 countries.

Dani Muir

Thornbank 1990

Dani Muir has recently joined the Board of Trustees of Meningitis Now. She is keen to hear from anyone with experience of the disease, and/or those interested in potential corporate support for the charity. She can be contacted at dani.muir@googlemail.com



Martin Lightbody

Ruthven 1982

Martin was named Chairman of the year at the Quoted Company Awards, held in the Natural History Museum in London in January. He was hailed by the judging panel at the event for his role at Finsbury and a 'transformation' in its share price. Also highlighted was his 'pivotal role' in the £21 million deal to sell the United Central Bakeries division to Genius Foods.



Commonwealth Games reflections



Duncan Scott LVI Simpson

My first memorable moment at the Games came when I stepped inside the Athletes Village for the first time. After solving the problem of my accreditation and not actually being allowed into the Village with the team, I was at last able to join the other competitors. The Spirit of the Games captured me straight away as I was approached by a volunteer to be escorted to Scotland Street. While walking to this iconic street I suddenly had a surreal feeling of the actuality of what I had imagined would be in the village - childhood idols preparing for competition. However, I was overwhelmed by the relaxed atmosphere of what was such a prestigious sporting environment.

My most memorable two moments at the Games, however, were the first occasions at the swimming venue, Tollcross. On the first final session of the swimming, Scotland recorded two gold, a silver and had several other finalists narrowly missing out. The most amazing point to this outstanding evening was the noise created by the Glasgow crowd. I had goose bumps from the first until the last swim that session, due to the home support and my eagerness to swim.

This first evening session at the aquatics centre just beats my first ever time walking out for team Scotland for the 4x100 freestyle relay, two nights later. It was the final and I was definitely in a high state of nerves as I was about to make a Scotland debut in a Commonwealth Final. As we walked out the door and onto the pool deck in front of the blocks, the noise made me think of something my coach had just said moments before - 'Go out there, enjoy yourself and use the crowd to your advantage' So then keeping this in my mind when I walked out, I paused for a second, took in the cheer and then put my head down, switched my games face on and focused.



Emily L. Barnes Thornbank '13

I remember doing a mock job interview with the Rotary Club when they came to Strathallan and one of the panel saying to me "You have no chance - 50,000 people have applied to be Clydesiders". I was excited to be asked to interview in Glasgow.

I turned up at the Commonwealth Games Office and registered. The lady asked if I would mind attending a short presentation in the room next door and would I sit on the front row (I was wearing my Strathallan 1st Hockey Tracksuit). I was surprised when an important looking man and assistants came into the room, along with TV Cameras and Press. He made a quick speech and then asked me what I had volunteered for and wished me luck. It was only after my interview that I realised I had met Prince Edward. The Hockey Ball Patrol Training was quite intense (we had several sessions, sometimes in the pouring rain and some of the players were really aggressive in the tournaments we trained at). It was all worth it at Games time. Getting the Uniform and being in Glasgow was amazing. Everyone wanted to talk to a Clydesider; everyone was so friendly. On match day, the teams gave 100% and the pressure was on us not to make a mistake. My favourite time working was at the Men's Trinidad and Tobago Malaysia Match. The T & T Team had been at training camp at Strathallan and were real characters. They had struggled in their matches but on this day they beat Malaysia (much higher ranked in the standings) with a fantastic performance by the wonderful Marcus James. I felt so lucky to be involved. I even had the opportunity to visit the Athletes' Village, where I met Usain Bolt. But that's another story.

Ishbel McFarlane Woodlands '03

I have been living in Glasgow for five years. For a long time, I was intending to move back to Edinburgh as soon as I could, but over time I have started to put down some roots. That's why I volunteered to be a 'Clydesider', I wanted to play host in this city, and to give something back.

I only worked for the ten days of the Games themselves, but some people volunteered for years before a single starter's gun was fired or referee's whistle tooted. I was on the 'Info Point' at the SECC precinct, giving directions and advice, logging lost items, collecting buggies. A lot of what we did was giving out 'People Make Glasgow' badges to police and stewards who had some sort of swapsies black market going with visiting athletes and their teams. They'd come in with their lanyards bedecked in flags of all nations and ask politely to take a few badges, before plunging a hand into the bowl and scooping out every last one.

As well as volunteering as a Clydesider, in the evenings I was on stage at the Tron Theatre as part of Festival 2014. An abiding memory of that show is waiting in the dressing room in a three-piece, wool suit in 30C heat with my feet in cold water in the sink, trying to cool down. More than the unprecedented heat though, I will always remember walking along Sauchiehall Street, Buchanan Street and Argyll Street to get to the theatre. They were all buzzing with people, performers, banners, athletes, colour, sunshine and happy faces.

I had hoped that my involvement with the games would make me more at home in Glasgow and it worked. The pride I felt in the city watching people from all over the world enjoying it, was the pride of someone who belongs to Glasgow. At least a bit.



DJB

What a privilege to be able to work with the 270 strong Kenya Team at Glasgow 2014. That uniquely African sense of urgency and organisation meant the month in the Games Village was constantly engaging. As with the City of Glasgow, it was the humanity people that shone through. It was not about performance (although there were some magnificent ones), rather the journey.

Bernard Kabiro, a 36 year old Maasai Mountain Biker who had never been to school, arrived with only part of a bike. We built the rest with the help of a friendly local bike shop and a severe test of my Swahili. Tegla Loroupe, world record holder at 20, 25 and 30 km, New York City, London and Boston Marathon winner, now working tirelessly to support young Kenyans people to achieve their goals, named a United Nations Ambassador of Sport together with Roger Federer, a global spokeswoman for peace, women's rights and education and the most organised African I have met was a joy to work with. Benson Njagiru, Bronze Medal Winner in Bantam weight Boxing. In victory, he put on a Celtic shirt with Wanyama on the back. Half the sell-out crowd at the SECC went wild with admiration - the other half wanted blood. I had warned him 'but Daudi (Swahili for David) he is my hero - I got so excited, I couldn't stop myself'. Ann Wakuka, a 31 year old quadruple-limb-deficient Para-sport 100m Freestyle swimmer. Competing against athletes significantly more mobile, she finished almost 50m adrift - characteristically, the crowd roared her home. Ann cried with joy. Caleb Ndiku, getting the 'golden' hair dye from Tesco in Dalmarnock the night before his 5000m Gold Medal winning run. David Rudisha, arguably the best track athlete on the planet, prepared to run whilst not fully fit and accept defeat with dignity. Also prepared to spend hours in the office writing thank you postcards to Scottish children who had drawn pictures to decorate the Kenyan rooms in the village. I repeat, what a privilege.

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Centenary Music





Centenary Game Shoot at Errol Park



GUNS

1. BEN KASS
2. PAUL VALLOT
3. JOHN COURT
4. GREGOR LESLIE
5. BERTIE DE CECCO
6. BRUCE REID
7. ANDREW SINCLAIR

DATE: 24TH OCTOBER 2014

WEATHER: GOOD

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| PHEASANT: | 93 |
| PARTRIDGE: | 20 |
| WOODCOCK: | |
| DUCK: | 2 |
| WOOD PIGEON: | 2 |
| RABBIT: | |
| VARIOUS: | |

8. ADAM CHRISTIE

On a bright clear and unseasonably warm morning, eight intrepid hunters arrived at Errol Park to take on the feared game of the Carse.

Ben Kass has run the shooting on the Estate for several years now and its popularity has grown over that time.

After choosing pegs (by the traditional method) we had two drives down near the river. The birds were of good quality and expectations were high. The pick of the shots was a high teal shot by Bertie with his trusty 24 bore!

A lovely lunch provided by Wilma was enjoyed by all in "The Bothy" along with a couple of refreshments to whet the palate for later.

The afternoon drive saw us go to the Estate grounds and the majority of the bag was filled from here; in total 115, including pheasant, partridge and pigeon. As well as the teal. Thanks to Ben and all his staff for their efforts. Everyone had a really enjoyable day.

PMV



Centenary Ball

at Prestonfield House, Edinburgh



Centenary Strath Day





History - The First Three

This year being the one hundredth anniversary of the start of World War One, I decided to try to find out what my ancestors' involvement had been in the Great War.

It has been quite a journey for me...

During my research, I found I had various great uncles who had fought between 1914 and 1918; a cavalryman, signalman, Navy bandsman, artillery gunners, machine gunners and infantrymen. I was fascinated to discover the Regiments they had served in, where they had been and what battles they had fought in. I looked up medal cards, war diaries, service records, pension records, census records, grave records. I contacted people I had never met before; distant cousins, who were able to pass on memories of the previous generation. I was shown family war medals, fragile old photographs and even some artillery shells, taken after the war ended by my great aunts from a munitions factory where they had worked. I went to the Imperial War Museum in London, read original War Diaries at the National Archives in Kew, visited an old naval base on Orkney, attended talks, read books, watched programmes and films and generally soaked up the mass of information that has circulated in the media this year.

Shannah and I went to the battlefields of Belgium and France for the first time this Easter. We visited some of the excellent museums, drove for miles along the windy lanes to trace the site of this battle and that battle, wandered through the superbly-maintained war cemeteries, located the graves of some of our ancestors and, in the evenings, were part of the silent throng by the Menin gate listening to the Last Post. We also visited the three graves of Strathallan's former pupils, George Gilchrist Mollison, Allan Langlands Harley and, back in Perth, James Gowans. I find it a remarkable coincidence that these three, the only Strathallians to have lost their lives whilst fighting in World War One, were also the first three Captains of Strathallan School. As far as I could find out, these are their stories.



James Gowans

James attended Perth Academy for his secondary education before moving to Strathallan for his final year in September 1913. Strathallan had only just been opened by Harry Riley and James had the honour of being the first Captain of School. He was an excellent scholar and distinguished himself by passing the Cambridge Senior Examination with Honours in December 1913 then went on to finish second in Britain in the London Matriculation in early 1914. On leaving Strathallan, James went to King's College London and soon made a name for himself there too, winning the Tennant Prize for Geology in his first year. However, in 1915, at the end of his first year at University, James joined up as a private in the 14th Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

He was quickly promoted to Lance Corporal, suffered injury and was then transferred to the 2nd Battalion. With them he was involved in a number of battles on the Western Front. In early May 1917, his Battalion was out of the line, resting near Arras in northern France. The weather was good and they played inter-Company football matches and, according to their War Diary, 'a considerable amount of cricket'. This wasn't to last however; the Arras offensive was in full swing as the British attempted to break through the German front lines so after a brief spell of training and refitting, James' Battalion was back in trenches on the front line.

An attack on the heavily fortified Hindenburg line was planned at 7.30pm on May 20th. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders left the trenches at dusk, and found little opposition, though there were some casualties from sniping. A road by the river was taken, thirty four prisoners captured and many Germans killed. In a second phase, machine gun fire stalled the advance, even after reinforcements arrived. Stokes mortar and rifle grenades targeted the machine gun nests, further advances were made from 2am and more prisoners taken. The Battalion made it as far as the river but were held up by machine gun fire and so dug in. As dawn broke on 21st May, the advance paused - it would be too dangerous in the daylight but small advances were made during the night. The Battalion were then relieved the following night.

A few days later, the Battalion supported a successful attack on the German trenches on May 27th. James was wounded, shot through the knee, and lay there in no-man's land for fifteen hours. Eventually he was found, brought back behind the lines and a day or two later was on his way back to England. Unfortunately, with the blood loss and exposure, he contracted pneumonia and died in Tooting Military Hospital on June 8th 1917. He was just twenty years old.

Some time later, his parents received a letter relating to James's unclaimed Geology prize from King's College London:

Dear Mr. Gowans,

When I was making up our Annual Report, it was brought to my notice that the Tennant Prize in Geology was awarded in 1915 to your son, James Gowans. For some reason, which I have been unable to discover, no steps were taken in regard to it, before his sad and sudden death. The Prize is worth £15 in books and instruments. We should be grateful for any suggestion you may make as to what we should now do in the matter. Have you any younger son to whom Scientific books and instruments would be valuable? Or if not, would you like us to give an extra prize of books and instruments to the amount to some other deserving student in your son's name? Or have you any alternative suggestion? We should like in any way we can to do honour to your son, and I am only extremely sorry that, owing to an oversight, there has been this delay in finding out the facts.

With sincere sympathy, I am, Yours very truly,

Principal.

May he rest in peace and may light perpetually shine on him.

George Gilchrist Mollison

George Mollison was one of the original boarding pupils at Strathallan. He was a member of the victorious cricket and football sides of 1913-15 and was appointed Strathallan's second Captain of School in 1914-15. After leaving, he became a Gunner in the Royal Field Artillery.

In September 1917, the Battle of the Menin Road Ridge began and George's Brigade were in the thick of it. As the infantry anxiously waited in the forward trenches, over a thousand big guns started firing, roughly one artillery piece for every 1 metre of the front line. This was the start of a creeping barrage of shellfire that placed a curtain of explosions just ahead of the advancing infantry, which would then constantly shift - or creep - forward directly in front of the attacking troops. On the whistle, four divisions of British soldiers rose and made their way across no-man's land to the German trenches.

The afternoon and evening saw no fewer than eleven determined German counter-attacks against various parts of the line; all were broken up and the enemy repulsed. At 6.30pm, where 41st Division (and George) was located, the Germans launched another heavy counter-attack but quick action by the gun batteries broke up their formations and the attack petered out. Over all, the British attack was a great success and most of the objectives were captured on its first day.

Over the next few days, the British continued their offensive, seeing off many German counter-attacks. However, a day before the battle ended, on 24th September, 1917, George was killed, probably by enemy artillery. He was buried in the Klein Vierstraat British Cemetery, 6 kilometres south-west of Ypres, aged just twenty.



Allan Langley Harley

Whilst researching Allan Harley, Shannah and I went to the library in Perth and asked about viewing old copies of the local newspaper, The Perthshire Advertiser. The librarian was keen to help and soon had a spool of microfilm whirling through the sprockets. Images span across the computer screen until we found what we were looking for:

'Brilliant Career Prematurely Ended'

The headline came from the newspaper in March, 1918. Allan's obituary was long for someone so young. He was clearly a talented boy and appeared to be a born leader:

'At school he gained the respect of his teachers and the love of his school fellows and during his last year he was elected captain of the cricket and football teams which, during his captaincy, never lost a single match. Allan had a happy knack of getting the best out of his men when the game was going against his side. Many a time has Strathallan School won the match by the sheer grit and determination inspired by the splendid example of Captain Harley.'

Allan was born in Perth and, like James Gowans, went to school at Perth Academy (where he is also listed on the memorial board) and probably came to Strathallan in 1916. Shortly afterwards, he became Strathallan's third Captain of School.

Aside from sport, Allan was also an exceptional scholar. He passed the Junior Cambridge Examination in 1915, finishing second out of 2000 entrants, then passed the Senior Cambridge in the first rank the following year. His popularity was such that, on leaving Strathallan for a medical course at Edinburgh University, he was escorted shoulder-high to the station at Forgandenny (yes, there used to be a station there) by the whole school. Soon afterwards, while at University, he found the call to arms too strong and joined the Argyll and Sutherlands as a volunteer before transferring to the 4th Battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders.



HISTORY - THE FIRST THREE

Allan landed in France on the 5th April, 1918 and joined the Seaforths at Raimbert on 7th April along with fifty-five other soldiers. On the following day the Battalion marched off at 9am to a point just outside Béthune in northern France. For much of the war, Bethune was comparatively free from bombardment and was an important railway and hospital centre. However, the Germans were heading in that direction in March 1918 and the town began to suffer from constant shellfire. By April, German forces had reached Locon, just 5km to the north.

Unfortunately, the British First Army was a relatively weak force; it included several worn-out formations that had been posted to this one-time quiet sector. The German plan was to smash through the First Army, push the Second Army aside to the north, and drive west to the English Channel, cutting off British forces in France from their supply line which ran through the Channel Ports of Calais, Dunkirk and Boulogne.

The German bombardment opened on the evening of 7th April, just as Allan was joining the Battalion. The barrage continued into a misty dawn on 9th April when the Germans attacked with eight divisions. It must have been an unimaginably brutal arrival for Allan. Not surprisingly, the Germans broke through and advanced up to 8km in some parts of the line. At Allan's sector, the Seaforths had moved forward in the evening to fill a gap in the front line.

On the morning of the 10th April, the enemy attacked from 9am, concentrating on the Battalion's machine guns and flanks. Each time, their attacks were repulsed by the Seaforths. At 1pm, the nearby Battalion was subjected to an intense bombardment and when the Germans attacked, they were forced to retire. Another company from the Seaforths was then sent up to cover and despite further German attacks at 4.30pm and 5.15pm, the position was held. By 11th April, the British situation was desperate; it was on this day that Commander-in-Chief Douglas Haig issued his famous 'backs to the wall' memo:

'There is no other course open to us but to fight it out. Every position must be held to the last man: there must be no retirement. With our backs to the wall and believing in the justice of our cause each one of us must fight on to the end. The safety of our homes and the freedom of mankind alike depend upon the conduct of each one of us at this critical moment.'

At 8.30am, the Seaforths were subjected to another heavy bombardment and at 10am, the German infantry began a new attack. The left flank weakened and began to retire and surrender. The Germans pushed through and threatened to encircle the front line the Seaforths were holding. However, flanking fire was very effective and caused heavy German casualties. At 2.45pm, the Germans began to retire in groups, and were subjected to more heavy fire from machine gun, rifle and artillery. The position had been held.

On the night of the 11th April, the Battalion were relieved. During operations between the 9th and 13th of April the Battalion suffered heavily: casualty figures were 7 officers and 245 other ranks, including 111 missing. Allan was one of those missing soldiers.

So what became of Allan? He was reported missing on the 9th of April. Efforts were made to find him to no avail and he was presumed dead. The war ended later that year, then, in early 1919, almost a year after Allan was reported missing, his parents received a postcard written by him. It was not, however, the news they had hoped for: on it, in a different hand was the news that Allan was dead.

It turned out that he had been wounded by a shell and was left lying for two days. He was taken prisoner by a German

4. **First Phase.** At 7.30 P.M. the attack was made on the River line. The company met with no opposition but suffered somewhat severely for sniping. The whole trench was obliterated. They pushed right forward, however, establishing posts near certain points, which had been gained in the morning attack and were still held by elements of 4th Division, until touch had been established with 10th Infantry Brigade, when they took up a defensive position in a series of shell holes facing W. at intervals along the old German front line between the River and the main position.

In the night the company attacked with great dash and vigour and secured the River bank almost at once. 14 prisoners being captured in the trench and many Germans killed while trying to escape over the parapets or into the tunnel.

1st Lieut. R. J. Millifax, commanding this platoon, was however unfortunately severely wounded after this was done.

2nd Phase. The second platoon was held up by a machine gun in the trench 100 yards N. of the River bank and could make no further progress even when reinforced with another platoon by 10.30 P.M.

I ordered the company not to attack until patrols had reconnoitred, sent an S.W. Party up to construct a barricade at River bank and ordered a Stokes mortar and rifle grenade barrage to be opened on the trench and on the suspected machine gun position.

These patrols were sent out to reconnoitre by 10.30 P.M.

I ordered R. J. Millifax to send a platoon down up the bed of the river to co-operate with the company.

3rd Phase. At about 1.30 A.M. I received the inaccurate report that the 10th Infantry Brigade on the right had captured the tunnel line. I reported this to Capt. MacKellar, commanding the company, who ordered the company to make a further advance at about 2 A.M. after receiving reports from his patrols.

The attack was completely successful. 10 more unarmoured prisoners were captured and a number of the enemy killed and driven down into the tunnel where they were bombed, and many must have been burnt alive as entrances caught fire.

The platoon from the company had reached the point where the river crossed the trench before 10.30 P.M., and due to touch with them the platoon on the right pushed out a small reconnoitring patrol and was utterly surprised to see a large number of Germans running out of the trench line in a S.W. direction. It was too dark to see what they were at the

officer, then moved, with a few others, to a field hospital in Seclin, east of Béthune, and cared for by two sisters from a nearby nunnery. There, he wrote the postcard to his parents but the Germans did not allow him to send it. Although his injury was not initially life-threatening, he developed a fever after he was operated on and died at midnight on May 8th, 1918, a month after he received his injury. He was buried nearby. He was just 18 years old.

That perhaps would have been it and his parents may never have found out. The Germans evacuated the area and burnt anything they thought might be useful to the Allies, but Allan's postcard was found and one of the sisters posted the card to his parents, adding details of his death and capture. His brother, Private George Langley visited the hospital and the grave in the cemetery in Seclin and personally thanked the sister who nursed him before and after his operation.

Allan's body was moved to Caberet Rouge cemetery near Souchez. He is, of course, named in the Roll of Honour at Strathallan School, along with James Gowans and George Mollison, the first three Captains of Strathallan School.

JG



SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY By FIELD-MARSHAL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG K.T., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.I.E Commander-in-Chief, British Armies in France.

The conclusion of the fourth year of the war marks the passing of a period of crisis. We can now with added confidence look forward to the future.

The revolution in Russia set free large hostile forces on the Eastern front which were transferred to the West. It was the enemy's intention to use his great numbers thus created to gain a decisive victory, before the arrival of American troops should give superiority to the Allies.

The enemy has made his effort to obtain a decision on the Western front, and has failed. The steady stream of American troops arriving in France has already restored the balance.

The enemy's first and most powerful blows fell on the British; his superiority of force was nearly three to one. Although he succeeded in pressing back parts of the fronts attacked, the British line remained unbroken. After many days of heroic fighting the glory of which will live for all time in the history of our race, the enemy was held.

At the end of four years of war, the magnificent fighting qualities and spirit of our troops remain of the highest order. I thank them for the devoted bravery and unshaken resolution with which they responded to my appeal at the height of the struggle, and I know that they will show a like steadfastness and courage in whatever task they may yet be called upon to perform.

D. Haig, J. M.

General Headquarters,
August 4th, 1918.

Commander-in-Chief,
British Armies in France.

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Prizewinners

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| The Smith Cup for Head Boy | Charlie Mearns |
| The Morley Quaiach for Head Girl | Robyn Somerville |
| The Draper Cup for Deputy Head Boy | Connor Ovenstone |
| The Draper Cup for Deputy Head Girl | Christina Farrar |
| The Houston Prize for All Round Merit | Grant Doig |
| The Scanlan Cup for Merit | Christina Farrar |
| The Thomson Salver for Achievement | Emily Barnes |
| The John Fulton Memorial Prize for Overall Contribution | Connor Ovenstone |
| The Hayward Award for Citizenship | Lucy Provan |
| The Campbell Award for Best All Round Sportsman | Jamie Ritchie |
| The Campbell Award for Best All Round Sportswoman | Annabel Wilson |
| Dux Edward Lau | |
| The William Tattersall Art Prize | Hannah Lochhead |
| The David Bogie Prize for Economics | Robbie MacDiarmid |
| The Lord Kincaig Prize for English | Josie Dibnah |
| The University of Dundee English as an Additional Language Prize | Neil (Jiang) Ding |
| The Richard Moffat Prize for History | Katharine Griffiths |
| The Robert Rankin Prize for Mathematics | Robbie MacDiarmid |
| The Wilfred Hoare Senior Reading Prize | Katharine Griffiths |
| The Gary Rogers Prize for Creative Writing | Fergus McKay |
| The Patrick Grandison Prize for Strings | Pim Piamjariyakul |
| The William Pasfield Salver for Music | Victoria Morrison-Low |
| The Robert Barr Memorial Prize for Music | Rosie Beech |
| The Choir Prize | Isla Cameron |
| The McMaster Quaiach for Piping | Harry Richards |
| Strathallan Travelling Scholarship (Music) | Emma Burnett |
| Strathallan Travelling Scholarship (Modern Languages) | Laura Haldane |
| The Haviston Broadsword Prize | Scott Haldane |
| Quaiach CCF Prize | Angus Robertson |
| Royal Navy Section Prize | James Cockburn |
| The Rick Trophy Army Prize | Robbie MacDiarmid |

UVI Form Prizes

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| UVI Art | Annabel Wilson |
| UVI Biology A Level | Motoko Otomo |
| UVI Human Biology | Anni Arthur |
| UVI Business Management | Lynn Lin |
| UVI Business Studies | Kara Tripney |
| UVI Chemistry A Level | Finlay Kettles |
| UVI Chemistry Higher | Greig Meiklem |
| UVI Classical Civilisation | Motoko Otomo |
| UVI Design and Technology A Level | Rory Wood |
| UVI Design and Technology Higher | Angus Watson |
| UVI Economics Higher | Ross Buchanan |
| UVI English Higher | Anni Arthur |
| UVI French A Level | Josie Dibnah |
| UVI French Higher | Anni Arthur |
| UVI Geography A Level | Connor Ovenstone |
| UVI Geography Higher | Emily Barnes |
| UVI German A Level | Lisa Davidson |
| UVI German Higher | Josh Martin |
| UVI History and Modern Studies | Josh Martin |
| UVI Information Systems | Josh Martin |
| UVI Mathematics Higher | Greig Meiklem |
| UVI Music A Level | Isla Cameron |
| UVI Music Higher | Colin Gordon |
| UVI Physical Education | Colin Gordon |
| UVI Physics A Level | Robbie MacDiarmid |
| UVI Physics Higher | Greig Meiklem |
| UVI RMPS | Josh Martin |
| UVI Spanish A Level | Scott Haldane |
| UVI Spanish Higher | Mark Cochrane |

Lower Sixth Prizes

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| LVI Art AS | Lorna Brown |
| LVI Biology AS | James Burdett |
| LVI Biology Higher | Natalia Bayov |
| LVI Business Management Higher | Tamsin Brunton |
| LVI Business Studies AS | Chen E Low |
| LVI Chemistry AS | Tony Tong |
| LVI Classical Civilisation AS | Rosie Brown |

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| LVI Computing AS | Kyle Cooke |
| LVI Design Technology AS | Evie Hutt |
| LVI Design Technology Higher | Jonathon Dunn |
| LVI Economics AS | Cameron Jenkins |
| LVI Economics Higher | Connor Holborn |
| LVI English | Caitlin Beveridge |
| LVI French AS | Aur lie Thompson |
| LVI French Higher | Rob Muir |
| LVI Geography AS | Emma Morris |
| LVI Geography Higher | Tamsin Brunton |
| LVI German AS | Nicholas Heaney |
| LVI History AS | Cameron Jenkins |
| LVI History and Modern Studies Higher | Calum Harris |
| LVI Latin | Rosie Brown |
| LVI Mathematics AS | Tony Tong |
| LVI Mathematics Higher | Natalia Bayov |
| LVI Music AS | Ole Sturm |
| LVI Physical Education Higher | Mark McGuire |
| LVI Physics AS | Tony Tong |
| LVI Physics Higher | Dexter Salter |
| LVI RMPS Higher | Tamsin Brunton |
| LVI Spanish AS | Finlay Stewart |

Fifth Form Prizes

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| V Form Art | Melissa Davy-Ericson |
| V Form Biology | Alistair Burnett |
| V Form Business Studies | Osariemen Erhahon |
| V Form Chemistry | Danielle Watt |
| V Form Computing | Adam Bush |
| V Form Design Technology | Melissa Davy-Ericson |
| V Form English | Fabienne Robertson-Barnett |
| V Form French | Zoe Morris |
| V Form Geography | Danielle Watt |
| V Form German | Philippa Wood |
| V Form History | Adam Bush |
| V Form Latin | Zoe Morris |
| V Form Mathematics | Alistair Burnett |
| V Form Music | Eilidh Ross |
| V Form Physics | Josh Sweeney |
| V Form PE | Matthew Fagerson |
| V Form Spanish | Adam Smith |

Fourth Form Prizes

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| IV Form Art | Emilia Barclay |
| IV Form Biology | Angus Lapslie |
| IV Form Business Studies | Douglas Tait |
| IV Form Chemistry | Lyle Ross |
| IV Form Computing | Gemma Stewart |
| IV Form Design & Technology | Ryan Curtis |
| IV Form English | Leah Hamill |
| IV Form French | Jamie Miller |
| IV Form Geography | Jamie Miller |
| IV Form German | Angus Lapslie |
| IV Form History | Jamie Miller |
| IV Form Latin | Natasha Pottinger |
| IV Form Mathematics | Andrew Smith |
| IV Form Music | Polly Lightbody |
| IV Form Physics | Andrew Smith |
| IV Form PE | Cameron Griffiths |
| IV Form Spanish | Anna Young |

Third Form

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| Johnny Boyd |
| Tiffany (Sze Ying) Chow |
| Caitlin Donald |
| Rachel Foulsham |
| Jennifer McGuire |
| Fergus McKay |

Obituaries



Harry W Dinsmore
(Nicol '55)

1937 - 2014

Harry Dinsmore came to Strathallan in the summer term of 1949.

An enthusiastic sportsman, he represented the school at Rugby, winning his full colours for the sport, and at Hockey. He was Senior Cadet in the then embryo Royal Navy Section of the CCF as well as House Captain of Nicol 1954-55. He carried on his hockey with Whitecraigs for some years after school.

On leaving school he trained and qualified as a Civil Engineer with Babbie, Shaw & Morton, a pre-eminent firm of Consulting Engineers whose headquarters were in Glasgow. He was to spend almost his entire working life with them. Specialising in public health projects, he was involved on their behalf with work throughout the UK as well as stints in Nigeria and Iran.

Born into a sailing family, he cruised the west coast of Scotland extensively in the family's 7-ton gaff cutter *Rozel* in the days before reliable engines, GPS and echo sounders, not to mention chart plotters, and always brought her back safely if not always without incident!

A keen golfer, he played to a single figure handicap for most of his life at East Renfrewshire where he became, in the fullness of time, a life member. After retirement, he served as Assistant Secretary there for a number of years, a job which he greatly enjoyed.

An elder of the Church of Scotland, he was heavily involved in the affairs of Orchardhill Church in Giffnock, Glasgow for many years.

Latterly, he developed a progressive neurological condition affecting his lower limbs. He bore his hardship and discomfort with amazing fortitude and stoicism and, happily, was entirely on the ball and able to converse and take a keen interest in things until very near the end. The number of visitors he received and the very large turnout at his funeral spoke volumes for the respect in which he was held and the friendships which he enjoyed.

Ishbel Connell, whom he married in 1963 predeceased him. He is survived by their two sons, James and Graham, daughter-in-law Susie and two grandsons. A third son, Ian, died in infancy.

JWD



Klaus Glimm

1942-2014

Klaus Glimm, as Head of the CCF's Royal Marines Contingent, had a profound impact on many Strathallians' lives. The typical Fourth Form boy, signing up for Klaus' Royal Marines Contingent, had all kinds of 'Boy's Own' dreams in his head: adventure to the hills and islands of Scotland; camping by a fire in remote places; driving to distant parts of Scotland with a troop of friends in an old, beat-up vehicle; jumping off waterfalls; catching and cooking his own food; stalking through woods, with a rifle, daubed in camouflage cream and combat clothes. Klaus spent many years of his life fulfilling these dreams for boys, and the outpouring of affection, respect and genuine appreciation that welled up at the news of his death, were all testament to the countless great memories and experiences that he created for the boys in his care.

The 'night-exercise' was the high point of a Royal Marines Cadet's term. Klaus would produce, as if by magic, one of the old, blue 'Strath' mini-buses, and the whole contingent would head off to a military area, or up one of the hills in Perthshire. Klaus always made sure that a boy's allergy to organised fun was well catered for. It was not unusual for at least 25 cadets to be lying down in the bottom of a mini bus that had no seats in it, with the clear instructions to 'keep your heads down and lights off until we get off the road'. There was no doubt that Klaus understood just how much this sense of illicit activity doubled the enjoyment of the young RM cadet looking for the fulfilment of the stereotypical 'commando comic' experience. That all orders were issued through the trademark silver moustache, with a German accent and a guttural tone, made things all the more enjoyable.

There is no doubt that all of the RM cadets who were fortunate enough to have known Klaus have their own slew of cherished memories that, if told, would cover most of the Scottish countryside: from 'hypothermia response' in the iced-over school pond, to the clouds of midges on the training area at Garelochhead; from the picturesque hills of the Earn valley, to the open plateau at the top of Glen Nevis; from the hardships of 'Survival' on one of the Treshnish Islands of the West Coast, to the excitement of section attacks on military training areas of in Barry Buddon or Cultybraggan; and, perhaps most memorably, from one end of the pilgrimage (pilgy) to the other.

In Klaus' final year, the Strathallan Royal Marines Section went to the Commando Training Centre at Lympstone in Exmouth, Devon. When the result was read out, the announcer said that the winning team were 'the team that had travelled the furthest to be here.' There is no doubt that Klaus was overjoyed at having shaped, over many years, a contingent that was eventually considered 'the best in the country' at the time; however, it is perhaps more fitting to acknowledge the countless victories that Klaus' won in creating unforgettable memories for boys who were often far from home and in need of an escape from the ordered life of the boarding house. His cadets were never in doubt that he did all that he could to make their experiences as full and as enjoyable as possible.

More than most, and despite the lack of a green beret, Klaus did a great job of instilling the commando spirit in many boys, many of whom went on to a career in the forces. These are of course courage, determination, unselfishness and cheerfulness in the face of adversity. Few ex RM cadets will forget learning these values on runs and marches, when being lent a jacket or gloves in the winter months, or when 'getting on with it', despite the weather or lack of sleep, somewhere in the Scottish countryside.

From all the Strathallan Royal Marines cadets: Rest In Peace, Major. Klaus Glimm, Contingent Commander, Strathallan School Royal Marines Cadets.

Lawrence Court (Ruthven '00)



Nigel Robert King

(Nicol '57)

1938 - 2014

Nigel was the eldest son of the Reverend and Mrs Melville King. He was born in Edinburgh but spent his formative years in Ballater with his two brothers and sister. Nigel came to Strathallan in the summer term of 1953 and joined Nicol House until he left School in 1957. In sport, Nigel would claim to be no more than average but featured in hockey and cricket, the latter an interest which remained throughout his life.

On leaving School a career in estate management beckoned and he became apprenticed to the Duke of Hamilton's Estate. On completion of his apprenticeship and qualifying as a Chartered Surveyor Nigel became Factor to Sir Francis Grant at Monymusk Estates. This was his first appointment and led to a very active working life which became even more so when he married and his first child arrived! However he still found time for cricket and played for Alford for a number of years.

The opportunity arose for advancement and Nigel and family moved to Fotheringham and Murthly Estates near Perth. Douglasfield at Murthly was to become the family home until retirement. Two more children arrived to complete the family.

Nigel was a man of faith. He was an active churchman and had a great interest in and an involvement with Dunkeld Cathedral serving as an elder for more than 40 years. He was a Trustee of the Church of Scotland and on the Glebe Committee. In addition he served as a J P and was much involved as the Chair of the Friends of Blairgowrie Hospital and as Aid Convener for Probus.

On retirement Nigel moved to Blairgowrie but continued his many other interests including Golf and Fishing.

A Memorial Service was held in Dunkeld Cathedral with a packed congregation. Superlative tributes were paid by the Minister and Kenneth King, Nigel's younger brother to mark the passing of a gentle and sensitive man. Many will regard it as a privilege to have counted him as a friend.

Nigel married Anne Ferrie and they had 3 daughters and 7 grandchildren.

JML



Douglas William Lewis

1938-2014

Douglas William Lewis died on the 2nd April this year, aged 92.

He left Strathallan after his Highers in 1938, and went on to serve in the Cameron Highlanders, KOSB and then finally the Kings African Rifles mainly in North and East Africa. He would readily admit that he had had "a good war" and the experience of being in a position of responsibility (he reached the rank of Major) so early on in his life set him up for running a business in due course.

He managed the assets of the Strathallian Club for many years through his stock-broking firm AC Anderson and Co and then Stirling Hendry.

He always said that he and one or two others committed the Strathallian Club to join the Wayfarers as he felt the School should be represented alongside Glenalmond, Fettes et al. He felt it would give people a lot of fun, he certainly enjoyed the curling matches over the years.

He leaves his wife, Muriel, five children (four boys, who were all at Strathallan) and eight grandchildren.

He is greatly missed by all of us.

Jeff Lewis Leburn '88



The Reverend Graeme Longmuir

1949-2014

The Reverend Graeme Longmuir, who died suddenly and unexpectedly this August at his holiday home on North Uist came to Strathallan as a Chaplain and teacher of Religious Education in 1983.

A strong and individual character, he rapidly became a familiar figure walking about the school grounds with his beloved and instantly-recognisable deerhounds. Chapel services under the Rev Longmuir were invariably interesting and occasionally even dramatic. He regarded not only the pupils but the whole Strathallan community as his flock and was particularly conscientious regarding his protégés when it came to difficult situations such as bereavements.

Graeme loved social occasions and was a very generous and attentive host. In July 2000 he accepted the Ministry of Saint Andrew's Parish Church, Inverurie where his congregation held and continue to hold him in great affection.

EGK

Deceased

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| Robert B Reid | February 2014 | Nicol | 1931 |
| Harry W Dinsmore | March 2014 | Nicol | 1955 |
| David A Williams | March 2014 | Former Master | |
| W J Grant | March 2014 | Nicol | 1968 |
| D W Lewis | April 2014 | | 1938 |
| Frank S McNamara | April 2014 | Former Master | |
| David Michael (Mike) Morrison | June 2014 | Ruthven | 1953 |
| I M Smith | June 2014 | Ruthven | 1937 |
| K Glimm | July 2014 | Former Master | |
| Gordon O Tourlamain | July 2014 | Simpson | 1961 |
| Nigel R King | July 2014 | Nicol | 1957 |
| Major Colin C Dunbar | September 2014 | Freeland | 1962 |
| George J Gray | October 2014 | Simpson | 2012 |
| Alexander M Houston | October 2014 | Freeland | 1961. |
| Robert Williamson | November 2014 | Freeland | 1988 |



**Frank
McNamara**

1940 – 2014

Frank's first job was at Strathallan School when he arrived to start in September 1963. Previously, he had been at Newcastle University where he met the beautiful Aylsa and they were married in 1964. Frank rose through the ranks at Strathallan becoming Head of Geography, Housemaster of Leburn House and Master in Charge of Games and 1st XV Rugby Coach.

Iain Whitaker, his last Head of House and 1st XV Rugby Captain, wrote 'I was privileged to be a member of Leburn House under Frank's guidance and he was not only a wonderful father figure to us all but he was inspirational to me and so supportive in my sporting achievements at the school. I have wonderful memories of Frank coaching the 1st XV and it was our respect and dedication to him that inspired us on the field of play. I will always be grateful to him for giving me the honour of being Rugby Captain, just before he moved to the Isle of Man. Frank will always have a special place in my school memories and his wry smile and fun way of pushing us to meet our expectations was a school highlight. I was one of the lucky ones in starting adult life under his guidance'.

I arrived at Strathallan in the autumn term of 1970 and came under Frank's guidance and inspiration on the rugby field and Iain was my first Rugby Captain when Frank left to be the Deputy Head of King William's School, Isle of Man in September 1975. Frank and Aylsa were a very welcoming and supportive couple and Jean and I visited them on the Isle of Man and, thereafter, when Frank became Headmaster of Barnard Castle School in September 1980.

We visited Barnard Castle frequently, combining trips to our parents who lived near Durham City. Frank seemed to me to be so relaxed in the job and was described as "an affable enthusiast". Certainly, he was very confident and enthusiastic in everything about the school. He developed its reputation for fostering world-class rugby talent such as Rob Andrew and Tony and Rory Underwood. The school has also produced Matthew Tait, Lee Dickson and Tim Visser. For the duration of his tenure the school took part in the Assisted Places Scheme. Girls were first admitted in 1981, and the school has been fully coeducational since 1993. By 1992 there were around 610 pupils with an approximately 50:50 split between boarding and day pupils. From 1993, as a result of a HMC initiative, East European children were awarded scholarships to study at the school; by 1995 8% of the school's intake came from overseas. Frank built up Barnard Castle from a modest foundation to be a very good school, in all respects. He retired in 1997.

We visited Frank and Aylsa in York and after his diagnosis with lung cancer Frank was very philosophical about his health and tremendously relaxed and confident; he said that he had lived a very fulfilled 73 years and a very happy life since 1964 onwards with Aylsa, Jane, Claire, Duncan and his grandchildren. He was a great friend and role model.

Brian Raine



**Robert Brown Reid
(Roy)**

1913-2014

Robert 'Roy' Reid died on 21 February 2014, at his own home surrounded by his family and devoted carers, aged 100 years.

He was a pupil at Strathallan from 1926 to 1931, where he thrived. He was an active participant in many pursuits both social and athletic, and was school champion for swimming.

On leaving school he studied to become a chartered accountant and, having achieved this aim, became Managing Director of the family business A F Reid & Sons Glasgow, which was started by his grandfather who had moved to Glasgow from Aberdeen in 1858. His grandmother also inherited a business, M & A Brown, and Roy ran both businesses separately for many years. He sold A F Reid & Sons in 1964 but continued to run M & A Brown until well into his 70s.

He was involved in many other business ventures from property to cinemas, fish shops and big bands, which he brought from London to Glasgow. He was involved for years in Queens Park Rotary Club, became President and was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International. He was also a member of the Order of St John.

He was Deacon of the Incorporation of Bakers in the Trades House, Glasgow from 1964 to 1965 and a Member of the Deacons' Association of the Trades House of Glasgow.

He was on the Board of the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow for nine years and the Arthritic and Rheumatic Council for Research for twenty five.

He was a life member of Whitecraigs Golf Club on the south side of Glasgow, was their oldest member and the member of longest standing, having joined in 1935 as an adult. His father, also Robert Brown Reid, and his uncle Alex Reid, were two of the 'proposers' to the formation of Whitecraigs Golf Club and were both present amongst the seven men at the meeting on 12 July 1905 when the club was formally founded.

In December 1952, Roy Reid was elected President of the Strathallian Club. This was very appropriate as he was a person

who really believed in the usefulness of the Club. His loyal and unobtrusive enthusiasm for over 20 years fully deserved the applause which greeted his election.

He married his wife Grace in 1938 and had four children: Ann, Sheila, Robert and Maureen. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Grace in 2004 and a beloved grandson Robbie Semple in 1990. He also had four other grandchildren and ten great grandchildren, to whom he was devoted.

He had many hobbies including gardening, golf, curling, bowling, bridge, dancing and sailing, but most of all he was a 'people' person. He was interested in and advised the people who worked for him to make his businesses a success, and made everyone he met feel that they were the most important person in the world to him!

He was a very complex man, who gave willingly to many charities but was careful with his money and would have his family drive five miles to save a few pence on a pint of milk!

Alternately he was capable of huge acts of generosity to both family and friends.

He had great charm and great courage and determination in overcoming any health issues.

Roy and Gracie were extremely sociable and their marriage lasted sixty-five years until Grace passed away. Roy always said the last ten years were the happiest - Gracie was deaf and he was blind!

Roy's birthday celebrations took place at his home on 2 December 2013, at which family and friends, and the carers who had also become extremely important to him, gathered for champagne, nibbles and birthday cake to celebrate the great milestone with a truly great person.

When he died on 21 February 2014, he left behind his family and many friends as the large gathering at his Service of Thanksgiving at Giffnock South Church on 26 February bore witness to. He will be greatly missed by all who were dear to him. It really is the end of an era.



Gordon Tourlmain

Simpson 1961

1944 – 2014

Gordon Tourlmain, was one of Scotland's leading entrepreneurs, best known for co-founding the British branch of Aggreko, the Glasgow-based company which is now the world's largest temporary power-provider, renting out electricity generators..

He was born in North London in 1944 and when he was 11 the family moved to Helensburgh. He attended Strathallan before leaving School in 1961 to join the chartered accountancy firm Thompson McClintock.

He soon realised that accountancy was not for him so he set up his own business, based in a Second World War Nissen hut in Dalreoch, close to the river Clyde in Dumbarton. In 1971, he recognised the practical rather than just the political dangers of bubbling industrial strife in the UK, notably involving the coal miners. It was then that his entrepreneurial skills shone through. Borrowing the hefty sum of £20,000 from a local bank manager who saw his potential (it would be more like six figures today) he went to Ireland to buy every second-hand diesel generator he could find, shipped them to Dumbarton and sold them at a healthy profit as companies throughout the UK sought to keep the wheels of industry turning.

In 1973, he and an English partner, David Yorke, obtained the rights to open a UK subsidiary of the Dutch company Aggreko, and soon saw it outpace the parent company. They turned Aggreko into a global player, with its head office now in Bothwell Street, Glasgow.

Mr Tourlmain was a passionate yachtsman who sailed across the Atlantic many times, and an accomplished pilot, owning several small aircraft including a six-seater Piper Seneca.

Although born in London, Gordon always considered himself very much Scottish. He was a Formula One motor-racing buff and helped sponsor his friend David Coulthard from the early days of his driving career and on through his F1 successes.

During his career, he was a director of 28 different companies, including Aggreko Generators Ltd, Aggreko Holdings Ltd, Aggreko UK Ltd, Aggreko International Projects Ltd, Rhu Marina Ltd, Clyde Marina Ltd. He also ran Sunbird (UK) Ltd, which sells yachts and runs marinas in Scotland and on the Mediterranean.

"Gordon was a very charming and humble man with a heart as big as the ocean," his wife Liz said. "Whether in his business or his personal life, anyone he came in contact with was the better for it. He was caring and generous and will be missed by all."



David Williams

A Great Innings!

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We were very sad to learn that David Williams passed away in March this year after a stoical battle with cancer. In sickness, he was never one to moan, always one to be concerned about the welfare of others, even when his predicament looked fairly bleak, and maintain his absolute trust in the local doctor and those who were trying to help and support him.

David was born in Chesterfield, lived in Ridgeway, Derbyshire and was the son of a village schoolmaster - he even spent much of his time underneath his father's desk, as he taught the local village children! He moved on to King Edward School in Sheffield, where his father became Head of the secondary school in Burton-on-Trent, David then went to Repton School. Soon afterwards, David's scholarship to St John's College, Cambridge was put on hold for National Service, spent at Catterick and then in Germany.

His degree, by his own admission would have been better had he not had the distraction of the wonderful game of cricket. Before leaving university, with his finances running dry he chose the easy option of holidaying with his parents on the Isle of Man where he met Kay, also on holiday from the mainland in the seaside village of Port St Mary, starting a romance which would last for over fifty years.

The move north to Strathallan School in those days was considered a huge adventure from "down south" and many expected their return before long. Little were they to know that this would be his one and only full-time job and career which he cherished during his tenure and later reminisced about frequently. In all his years at the school he never had a day off sick and was even known to take classes while lying on his aching back post arduous cricket matches.

He was a loyal, hard-working, friendly, kind committed ambassador for the School both on and off duty.

David and Kay had two children, Richard (Simpson 1986) and Jennifer. Jennifer, a well-respected children's nurse throughout her working career, sadly succumbed to cancer in 1991 and passed away after a very brave battle. David and Kay coped with the loss of their daughter extraordinarily well and relished the future for their son and his family. They always celebrated Jennifer's life and her achievements rather than commiserating her death and their loss. Richard now lives in Bath with his wife, Claire and their two children Esme & Matt.

David was housemaster for both Ruthven & Woodlands and remained in contact with many current and former pupils throughout his happy retirement in Dunning. At the Woodlands Ball he would always be recognisable patrolling around in brightly coloured clothes to give anyone looking out a heads up! Cricket remained his passion to watch in retirement and golf became his new sport. He was regularly seen playing at Dunning and helping the club get on its feet and grow to what is now a thriving part of the community.

He possessed staggering intelligence and memory and thrived undertaking quizzes, crossword competitions and anything that involved thought and a competitive edge.

He was renowned for his kindness, guidance and support for pupils, colleagues, family, friends and anyone who needed some help or a general steer in the right direction.

Richard Williams

Staff Valete



Irene McFarlane

There are some teachers who leave an indelible mark on the school in which they have taught; Irene McFarlane was one such teacher and in her case the mark was of a sunshine yellow hue. Irene's distinctive little car was bright sunshine yellow. Nightly it stood, still in the car park long after other teaching staff had gone home as she worked tirelessly with LAMDA pupils or on play rehearsals. The same little yellow car caused chaos one day by choosing to move from where Irene had left it, next to the Main Building, to outside the Sixth Form Centre; its owner meanwhile watching in horror from her classroom overlooking Rothesay Pier as a couple of gallant pupils managed to put an end to the little rascal's escape bid.

The extraordinary number of Strathallan pupils who achieved LAMDA awards was testament to Irene's enthusiasm, interest and expertise in the dramatic arts, and many pupils were also encouraged to perform with huge success at Perth and Edinburgh festivals. Legions of junior pupils were tutored in verse and choral speaking, while an incredible number of senior school pupils progressed through the LAMDA ranks with distinctions. Indeed, the handing out at Friday assembly of certificates and prizes to the many pupils who achieved success under Irene's direction became the stuff of legend.

The colour of sunshine followed Irene to the Yellow Corridor, where pupils blossomed under her care. The colour matched her sunny outlook and warmth; few Learning Support pupils (or staff!) managed to get through a term without receiving one of Mrs McFarlane's hugs. Her belief in her charges' ability to do well and the encouragement she gave them is something few will forget. She was even superb at dispensing the kind of sound medical advice that could stop a stubborn cold in its tracks, as Mark Cochrane will readily attest.

The Christmas play is a mainstay of the school year and, as its perennial director, Irene embarked upon a wide range of dramatic enterprises, from farce to pantomime and, on several notable occasions, the Bard himself, the other one, that is. The sunshine yellow of Malvolio's cross gartered stockings in Twelfth Night was a defining highlight of one of Irene's earlier forays. That Jake Streatfeild-James, who had greatness thrust upon him in this particular instance, managed to reduce Ishbel MacFarlane's Olivia to hysterics is talked of still.

And therein lies Irene's greatest gift to Strathallan. Over the years, she bought such enthusiasm and joy to all of her endeavours that they became unforgettable. She bought academic success to pupils within the English department. As a prominent member of the Scots Language Society she kept the tradition of Burns Suppers alive and encouraged participation at Burns festivals. She, herself, was no slouch when it came to treading the boards and as a prize-winning soprano and verse speaker she was a frequent feature at Burns Suppers in a variety of locations, occasions at which her recital of Tam O'Shanter was, whilst obviously not as good as Ishbel's ("Think she's guid? Ye should see her daughter!") a by-word for excellence.

As Irene announced her intention to retire it was on the understanding that she would continue to contribute to the wider life of the school. And as she was thanked, on the last day of term, for more than twenty-one years of service, she stunned the Common Room (no mean feat) with a solo, unaccompanied, except by Gordon's wry expression, version of They can't take that away from me... Irene, we wouldn't want to. May you continue to radiate sunshine, at Strathallan and beyond, for many, many years to come.

CGH and KSJ



Nigel Smith

Imagine that when David Pighills appointed Nigel he, like the rest of us, quickly realised that this gadgie from the Toon was a fairly canny lad. Lured away from Fettes by the bright lights of Forgandenny, Nigel arrived in what was a small and relatively new Business Studies department. Sir Nigel (one name by which he was known in Thornbank) quickly worked his magic and the department began to grow, both in numbers and reputation. Nigel's subject knowledge was second to none and his calm and considered approach ensured our young economists had the very best start. He also managed to encourage a few budding lawyers and wannabe Kavanagh QCs when he taught Law as an additional GCSE. His love for his subject was infectious and his expertise was put to good use, both in the classroom and as a GCSE and A-level examiner, where he rose through the ranks, most recently becoming Assistant Principal Examiner. Yes, Nigel is an APE.

Not only was he adept in the classroom but his talents spread to other fields, pitches and courses too. Most notably the football field where he cut a dash as a referee, the rugby pitch as a coach and the golf course or courses around the locality whereby as master in charge of golf he guided our teams to many a victory.

Being the all-round school master Nigel was actively involved in all aspects of House life, from organising House trips to the theatre to wearing a 'funny face' at Halloween. A stalwart in Thornbank, he endured five sets of Houseparents, many a tutor group and duty nights too numerous to mention. A brief spell in Ruthven could not lure him away and as senior tutor in Thornbank he advised on UCAS, guided his tutees through School life and provided his own brand of genuine warmth and humour. Thornbank girls were guaranteed to be entertained by the witty banter-fest that was Moz and Nige night.

During his twenty four year stint at Strathallan, Nigel witnessed many a change. With the dawn of a new Millennium he even managed to stall the ageing process. Overnight the then trademark moustache was gone and a new younger Nigel appeared. Unflappable, humorous and committed to expanding pupil's horizons, Nigel will certainly be a hard act to follow.

Why aye man, without a doubt he's a canny lad.

JLM



Geoffrey Bolton

If one measure of a teacher's distinction is the way in which he or she might be remembered by former pupils many years hence, there can be no doubt that Mr Bolton will stand out in the memories of generations of Strathallians as one of the most colorful characters of their formative years. An organist of high renown and a genuine polymath, he could, and frequently did, treat his pupils to an impromptu discourse, not only on any facet of chemistry, but virtually any aspect of science, music, or indeed, most other subjects as well.

In the teaching laboratory he believed in inspiring pupils through demonstrations and did not shy from departing from the syllabus in order to show them something more exciting. He was able to communicate his passion for science in lessons which invariably had an element of fun and surprise.

Yet, despite his extensive knowledge of Chemistry, Geoff was modest about his achievements and was an approachable figure of authority at Strathallan, both as Head of Chemistry and on the many Duke of Edinburgh expeditions he accompanied. Despite his many commitments at the school, he always found time to quietly coach staff and pupils alike on an individual basis and to give them the benefits of the seemingly bottomless pool of his knowledge.

Equally comfortable in the laboratory and the kitchen, he latterly discovered a passion for patisserie. Pupils and staff in the Chemistry department were treated to a steady supply of novel and exquisite creations: cakes, scones, eclairs on almost a daily basis. In this respect too, he was ahead of his time pedagogically: the 'Chemistry of Cooking' was introduced into the Higher syllabus for the first time in 2014. Geoff is fondly remembered in the department as a flamboyant teacher with a unique style, and with whom there was never a dull moment!

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Geoff Bolton came to Strathallan as Head of the Chemistry department in January 1989. We were quite intrigued to meet this person who had been a teacher of music and had then retrained as a chemistry teacher; a most unusual change of direction. However, Geoff soon settled in and had the department up and running. It was certainly run in a very different manner from before his arrival but, as the saying goes, a change is as good as a rest and he ran and organised a very happy department. He did, of course, take part in many musical events over the years. A talent such as his should never be wasted. We all soon discovered, however, that he could talk with as much, if not more enthusiasm about U.V. visible and N.M.R. spectroscopy as he could about Rachmaninov or Tchaikovsky.

Geoff also played a part in the wider life of the school. He spent some time as a tutor in Nicol house and thoroughly enjoyed the banter with the boys. I don't recall him being very enthusiastic about rugby; hence he started football, which went from strength to strength. He was once also involved in the gardening project and I do remember the wonderful bedding plants and visiting the third form gardens. He was also very heavily involved in the organisation of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme expeditions. Geoff liked nothing better than to be out in the fresh air during the day, tramping the hills and sleeping under canvas at night. He undoubtedly helped many past pupils to gain their awards.

He also helped me to get the Reels started, as he came along to the Wednesday afternoon Expressive Arts class, learned the dances and helped and encouraged many a Third Form pupil to take to the dance floor.

He does have one great, lesser known talent, which he tends to keep quiet about! He is an excellent baker. Geoff's profiteroles are delicious! Who knows we might even see him on TGBBO in the near future. We wish him and Marion a long and happy retirement.

EWH

Charities

Strathallan has had a long history of helping good causes, and this tradition remains strong.



We have continued our support for the Kenya project a venture which continues to be a very important part of our school life. As well as the work in Kenya, we have been able to support a wide variety of charities over the year; local, national and international.

It has been good to raise awareness, as well as funds, for charities, many of which have direct connections with families at our school. Locally, it was good to support the Scottish Charity Air Ambulance through collections at the House Music Competition. A group from the school had the opportunity to visit the base of the organisation at Perth Airport to hand over the cheque, and also see the aircraft for themselves. Later in the year we held a 'blue' day where pupils dressed in that colour to raise funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Other charities supported this year have been the Sandpiper Trust, York Hill Children's Trust and 'Mary's Meals'. As part of our Centenary commemorations this year the Charities Committee devised the idea of 'Ten Decades, Ten Schools'. To mark our one hundred years we raised funds for ten schools and educational organisations working in needy or developing parts of the world. This was the particular emphasis of our Variety Show this year, but also of other events through the year and was a good focus to have in the midst of our 100 year celebrations.

I am grateful to the Charities Committee for their hard work, and on their behalf may I express thanks to all those connected to the school who have given generously of their time and money over the year.

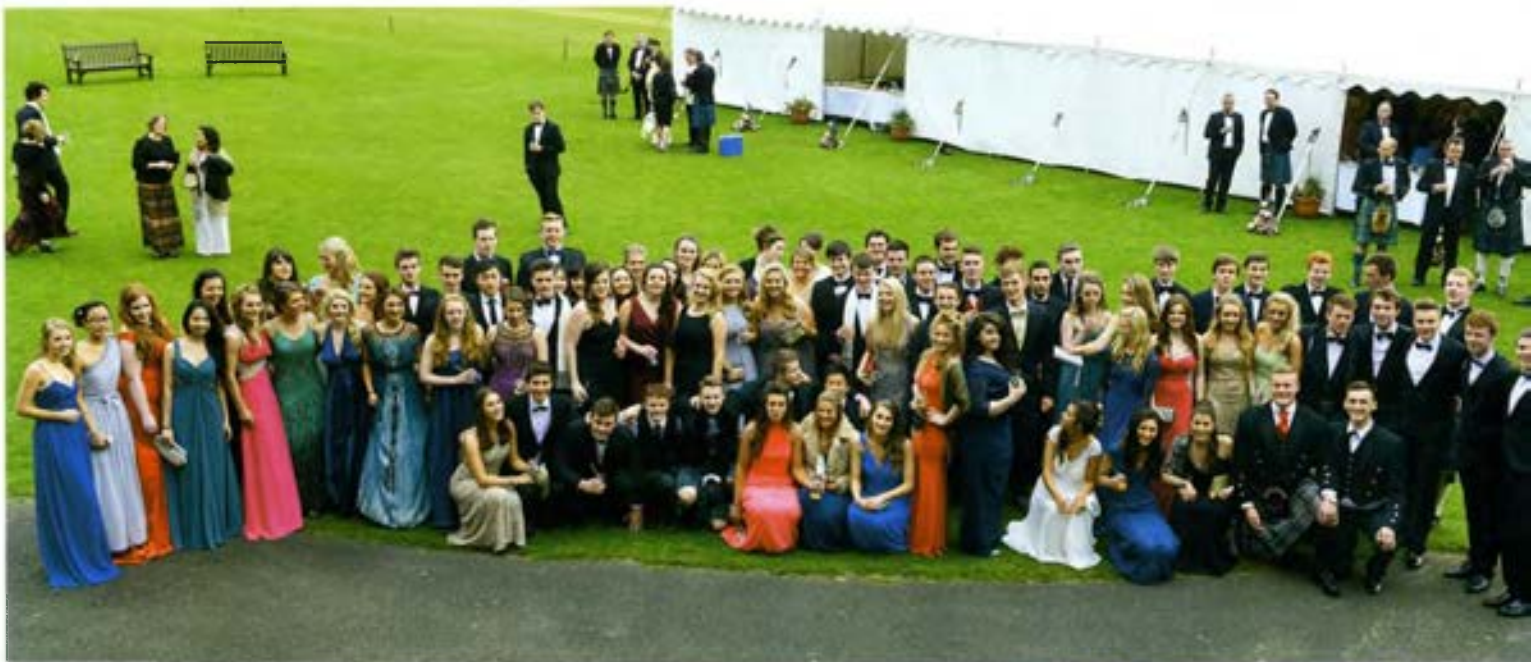
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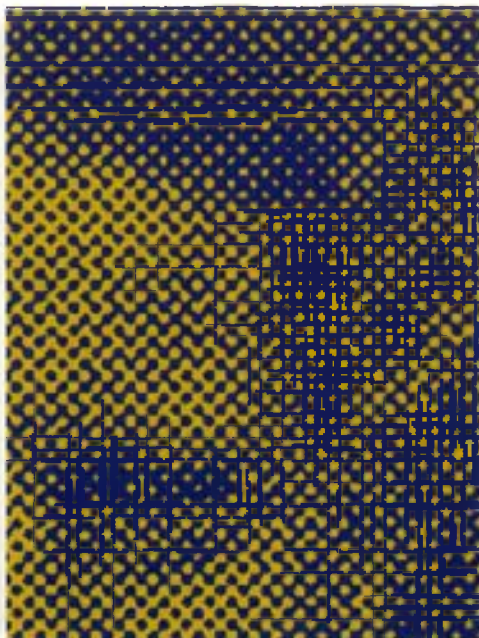
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