



# Allan Glen's School Club

## Newsletter December 2015

"A school in which science subjects and science methods should be the main instruments of education.  
To use science as an instrument for training the mind," E M Dixon, Headmaster 1878

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### Editorial

This must be the fourth or fifth Newsletter that we have produced remotely, Mike in Newton Mearns and me in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. It is marginally more tricky but just goes to show that Compositor and Editor do not require to be in the same building or even the same Country !

Additionally, it is also a Newsletter from, about and by yourselves. We have no need to insert any fillers simply a matter of " copy, edit and paste. "

In general our reasons for coming out to South Africa are to meet up with our Family here and see how much our Grandsons have grown in the past year and also to enjoy two Summers in a row This year our UK (Scottish Version) of a Summer was non-existent but South Africa is making up for that.

Usually when we come here, we spend the majority of the time in the Eastern Province with a week to visit friends near Stellenbosch. This year it will be somewhat different as our son-in-law has been seconded to a post in Kenya for the first six months of the year and we will spend the first week of 2016 in Nairobi, travelling from Johannesburg to Nairobi by Dreamliner.

I need to highlight that David McLaren is now running the Moneyspinner draw as John Cochrane is now our Vice-president. It is also great to see that Marcia McSwegan, one of our Sponsored Students has been recognised in the annals of Glasgow City Council Education Services (see Page 9).

Compliments of the Season to all.

**Alan McLellan**

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<b>Last Friday of the month -</b>	<b>Bishopbriggs Lunch</b>	<b>- (0141 563 8723)</b>
<b>Monday 11th April 2016 -</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting - Abode Hotel</b>	
<b>Saturday 4th June 2016 -</b>	<b>Pitlochry Theatre lunch and outing (£40 ticket) Bookings to HR Graham (treasurer)</b>	

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# Annual Dinner 21st November 2015



President Allan McLaren presents the JG Kerr Trophy to Brian McAllister



Alan Chalmers



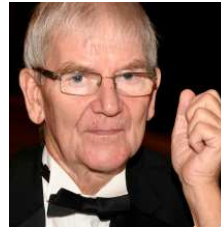
John Cochrane



Gordon Sherry



Dr. Ian Rogers





# Report on the Annual Dinner 21st November

Our Annual Dinner this year held on 21<sup>st</sup> November as usual in the Trades Hall was reckoned to be one of the best in recent years!

Ninety-six members and guests, including a top table of ten, enjoyed an evening with a first class dinner and informative and entertaining speeches. Most had arrived in time for a pre-dinner refreshment before the formal beginning of the Dinner with the procession of the top table to the lively accompaniment of the piano. President Allan McLaren and Vice-president John Cochrane were joined at the Top Table by our Guest of Honour Old Boy Dr. Alan Chalmers, our Raconteur for the evening, Gordon Sherry and representatives of the Incorporation of Wrights, The Aloysian Association, The Glasgow High School Club, Kelvinside Academical Club, The Glasgow Academical Club, The Allan Glen's Sports Club. The other 6 tables seated 58 members and 28 guests. The President welcomed all present, introduced the Top Table and invited the Rev. Alan Garrity to say Grace.

The caterers this year were again Corinthian, this time under the direction of Louise Brolly, who served us efficiently and with charm.

Traditional toasts were proposed to 'The Queen' by The Chairman and to 'Allan Glen' by Ian Rogers.

Our Guest of Honour then gave an interesting address outlining his career in the pharmaceutical industry.

After the interval, our President presented a quaich to Brian McAllister and the J G Kerr Golf Trophy for his win at the Golf Day on 10th September. He also presented to David Tanner our immediate Past-president his well-earned Past-president's Medal. Our President Allan McLaren then proposed a toast to "our Guests" before introducing Gordon Sherry our raconteur and inviting him to respond on behalf of the guests.

Gordon, who had a very successful career as both an amateur and professional golfer entertained us with stories of life on the golf circuit. He concluded by asking us to charge our glasses and drink a Toast to the 'Allan Glen's School Club.'

Our Vice-president John Cochrane then rose and expressed thanks to all who had participated in the organisation and running of the function.

Twelve bottles of Scotch whisky, generously provided by Raymond Miquel CBE, were raffled and realised a handsome £495. During the year at lunch raffles a magnificent £490 was also generated for the Trust. There is yet more whisky to raffle at the lunches and we owe Raymond a real debt of gratitude for his generosity.

We were all delighted that the winner of the monthly money-spinner draw was one of our senior members George Smith.

The President then declared the Dinner officially over and the evening ended with guests and members joining to sing Auld Lang Syne. However, as is customary, the members and guests were free to circulate and chat for awhile longer.

Final costings are not yet available but the subsidy required from the club funds is expected to be about £2314. At this year's dinner we were missing 40 members who usually attend but that we had 56 new members who did not attend last year. I wish to thank Mike McCreery for all his good work printing the programmes etc.

**Alan Garrity**

## Scholarship Awards

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October the Trustees of the Allan Glen's Endowment Scholarship Trust assembled in the library of the Glasgow City Chambers to congratulate the three latest recipients of the bursary award. They were Stephanie Hughes who will be studying Chemical Engineering, and also Siddiqi Zainuddin and Lee Curran who will both be studying Aero Mechanical Engineering. This year, all of the recipients will be attending Strathclyde University. Our hosts were represented by Ian Robertson who is the Assistant Director of Education and who presented the cheques and copies of the **Allan Glen History** books to the students. Strathclyde University was represented by Trustee and Vice-principal of the University, Professor Scott MacGregor who was supported by the Executive Dean of Engineering Professor Dimitris Drikakis and Vice Dean Academic Dr Andrew McLaren. The school Club was represented by Ian Dale, Gregor Egan, Mike McCreery, George Smith, Ian Valentine and Ronnie Wright. Allan Glens School Club takes this opportunity to wish all our supported students every success in their endeavours and look forward to reading of their progress on their courses.



In the photograph are left to right:-

Ian Dale, Gregor Egan, Ronnie Wright, Vice Dean Academic Dr Andrew McLaren, Lee Curran, Vice Principal Professor Scott MacGregor, Stephanie Hughes, Executive Dean of Engineering Professor Dimitris Drikakis, Zainuddin Siddiqi, Assistant Director of Education Ian Robertson, George Smith, Ian Valentine

# The Ninth Allan Glen Tribute Lecture

## The Allan Glen Tribute Lecture continues to work its magic

Last year the Allan Glen Tribute Lecture, having outgrown the lecture theatre facilities in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow moved to the Main Lecture Theatre in the McCance Building in the University of Strathclyde. The downside of this move is that with a capacity of 250 seats, the new venue presents an even greater challenge to ensure that the speaker is not faced with rows of empty seats. From the mailing to 101 schools, bookings from 16 schools for 203 pupils were received. So this year, yet again there were very few vacant seats available after the accompanying teachers and Allan Glen stewards took their places. If you are wondering why only 16 schools responded from the total of 101 then it is interesting to note that, even though the percentage return has been consistent over the 9 years at around 15%, the individual schools registered are not always the same.

This year the title of the promoted lecture was "Pumping Iron: The Science and Engineering of the Heart" a subject close to the heart of the Club's own Consultant Cardiologist, Professor Henry Dargie FRCP, FFSC, FRSE.

After the normal introduction and welcome to Strathclyde University by Professor David Nash, Vice-Dean (Knowledge & Exchange), the atmosphere was lightened by a communal search for a lost wallet belonging to a student attending the previous lecture.

The Tribute to Allan Glen commenced with a reference to the fact that the lecture was being presented in the McCance building. The importance of Sir Andrew McCance, a former pupil of Allan Glen's School, metallurgist, to Strathclyde University was explained. This was then followed by a short biography of Allan Glen, his bequest to found a school in his name. A school which became the High School of Science and went on to produce numerous notable pupils such as Lord (Alexander) Todd of Trumpington, a Nobel Prize winner who is also honoured by having a building bear his name in the University of Strathclyde. Thomas Graham Brown, medical ultrasound pioneer recently inducted into the Scottish Engineering Hall of Fame, was included in the examples of pupils from the school recognised by their peers. There followed a short explanation of the work and objectives of the Endowment Scholarship Trust before Professor Henry Dargie proceeded with his lecture.

Henry started by explaining how he was unwittingly persuaded to study Latin when he first started at Allan Glen's. He suspected that his parents might have wanted him to become a doctor although he himself had no ambition at that stage to study medicine. Following his Latin theme he then enquired if any of the audience had read Robert Harris's Cicero trilogy of books (perhaps an optimistic enquiry of the "i-Phone and Facebook" generation attending this lecture). A Mark Anthony and Julius Caesar inspired cartoon (daggers in Caesar's heart) led on to a number of drawings of the heart shaped as per the image on a playing card. These drawings represented a passionate, a broken, a black and a warm heart. This had the desired effect of relaxing the atmosphere before the romantic illusion was destroyed as he explained that the human heart bears no physical resemblance to those popular images. He referred to his own daughter's difficulty with anatomy and human structures and his parental advice was to visit Smiths for a copy of The Anatomy Coloring Book. A copy brought to the lecture and held aloft at this point might have avoided some of the quizzical looks from the audience, most of whom were unaware that it is in fact a highly regarded genuine publication. As the lecture progressed it became obvious that Henry had opted to focus on the operation of the heart and demonstrate its workings in engineering terms. Knowledge of those workings is now better understood through the technology of advanced equipment that engineers have designed and manufactured for medical diagnostics. The ability to unobtrusively observe a heart in operation provides vastly more information than the examination of a defunct heart and also offers the opportunity to save the life of the patient. Results of new treatments can be visually observed as well as being monitored and adjusted if necessary. Sample videos taken from such equipment were displayed showing comparisons between healthy and unhealthy hearts. The introduction of catheters, stents and replacement valves in the treatment of heart disease was explained as was the fitting of pacemakers. The inference was that none of these treatments would be possible without the skill of engineers to design and manufacture these devices. During his lecture he stressed that the heart is the only organ that works non-stop in the body from birth until the day you die. He explained that in every 24 hour period the heart pumps 8 tons of blood. The use of MRI scanners, pacemakers, defibrillators was included together with explanations of the electrical circuits which regulate the heart. Heart transplant was a subject where new innovations are taking place to keep the heart beating during transportation from the donor to the recipient. This, the audience were told would keep the heart in better condition through the journey rather than the cryogenic procedures used since the 1960's. The British Heart Foundation video made with Vinnie Jones was shown to highlight the fact that many heart attack patients die because the people present at the time do nothing other than stand and look. Henry explained that immediate action using the procedure in the video can actually save lives. Mention of the decreasing cost of defibrillators and their increasing availability in sports clubs brought forth a protest from a Glasgow school teacher who was obviously outraged that Glasgow Council was refusing to supply their schools with defibrillators. In his closing remarks Henry stressed to the audience the harmful effects of smoking and bad diet to the health of the heart.



At the conclusion of his presentation pupils were invited to ask questions and with some prompting from Professor Nash the question and answer session got under way.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks from Vice President John Cochrane and the presentation of an Allan Glen's Quaich to Henry.

As in previous years the lecture was well supported by Club members acting as stewards.



## The Ninth Allan Glen Tribute Lecture -contd

On the day. Tom Bell, Ian Cairns, John Cochrane, Gordon Graham, Roy Logan, Mike McCreery, Jack McGuinness, Alan McLellan, Colin McLellan, George Smith, Ronnie Wright and Eddie Yde all attended and helped to ensure the success of the event. Particular thanks are due to Gordon Graham for attending to



the registration of pupils, to Mike McCreery for producing the tickets and capturing photographs to accompany this report and to Alan McLellan for organising the presentation Quaich.

Thanks are due to Michael Harkins and Rita Nimmo of the Glasgow Education Department for ensuring that the Glasgow schools were well represented at the lecture. Special thanks are also due to Professor Dimitris Drikakis, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering for hosting the lecture in the University and to Professor David Nash for attending the lecture and assisting with enquiries from students.



## City of Glasgow College Riverside Campus

Opening of the City of Glasgow College Riverside Campus. 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Allan McLaren and I were present at the opening of the new Campus in Thistle Street on the banks of the River Clyde. The introduction was from the Principal and Chief Executive Paul Little and the Campus was opened by the Rt. Hon. Nicola Sturgeon MSP.

Mike McCreery

We have just learned that Frank Docherty (AGS 1954- ) who attended our December lunch was also at the opening ceremony as he has been advising Paul Little on art purchases for the College. Frank was featured in our October 2015 Newsletter and currently lives in the South of France. He is an artist by profession.



## Visit to City of Glasgow College Riverside Campus. Wed 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Eight Club members including Zainuddin Siddiqi, one of this year's sponsored students, visited the new campus. This is a very impressive new development and is the largest Nautical College in the UK. It was interesting to know that students come back for refresher courses over most of their careers at sea, and so Glasgow maintains its connection long-term. We were shown some of the study facilities and workshops including a shortly-to-be-commissioned large marine engine.

The logistics of moving the very large accumulation of exhibits from the old Nautical College were explained.

The visit culminated in the ship simulator where we stood on the bridge of a large vessel with 360 degree views of the horizon as we sailed in to New York'.



Cruising into New York



We are shown an Engineering lab



College Atrium

# David McIntock's Bequest.

David, born in 1926, entered **Glen's** in 1937 as a member of Q.A. This started a long association with the school and as a former pupil until his death in 2014. He was so proud to have attended **Allan Glen's**.

In his will David bequeathed the magnificent sum of £20,000 to the **Allan Glen's Educational Endowment Trust Fund**.

At our monthly lunch in October, held in the Abode Hotel, we were honoured by the presence of Fiona, one of David's daughters, and his granddaughter Catriona who were there to present a cheque for the amount of the bequest to the **Club**. Our President, Allan McLaren, welcomed our guests to the Club's lunch.

After the lunch, Norrie Kilpatrick, Ian Hogarth and Ian Valentine gave their reflections on David and the work of the Endowment Scholarship Trust. David's time at the school covered the years of World War 2 and when he was old enough he became a volunteer messenger for the Auxiliary Fire Service (A.F.S.) whose purpose was to help the regular Fire Service. When not at school and during his time on duty David was based at Bankhead primary school in Knightswood. On the first night of the Clydebank Blitz, 13th March 1941, David was on duty when a land mine fell on the school causing many casualties. Fortunately, David was on the side of the school furthest from the blast but was still badly shaken. Word got back to the McIntock household in Yoker and his mother feared the worst. Later that night when David returned home covered in dust from the explosion and, when his mother opened the door, she thought she was seeing a ghost. Many years later when the school was rebuilt after the war David was a prime mover in having a plaque fitted to the school building to honour those killed by the land mine.

David had a passionate interest in motor cars and when he left school he started a motor mechanic's apprenticeship with a garage in Innerleithen in the borders. While there, always a keen rugby player, he turned out for a local team Walkerburn.

On his return to Glasgow, David was employed by Clyde Autos who were the Glasgow Agents for Rolls Royce (and you didn't work for them unless you really were a first class mechanic).

One day after working on a customer's Rolls, he took the car out for a road test. During the test he spotted David Reid a fellow-member of the FP's 1st Fifteen standing in a bus queue on Knightswood Boulevard. He stopped the car and to the amazement of the rest of the queue he invited the other David to hop in. At this time David Reid was an apprentice draughtsman with Yarrow's and the first David drove him to the office entrance of Yarrow's. The commissionaire on duty at the front door seeing a Rolls thought it must be a visit from a V.I.P. and opened the door to see an apprentice step out. By chance, Sir Eric Yarrow, who was the M.D. Of Yarrow's, witnessed this and, called for his wages clerk and asked him to check the pay scale for apprentices.

At the time of National Service, just after the war had ended, there was a crying need for more coal to be mined and Ian Hogarth, being a mining engineer, was able to tell us that if your "call up" number ended in a "0" you were destined to be a Bevin Boy and work down a pit rather than go into the armed forces. The name "Bevin Boy" came from the fact that Ernest Bevin was the Minister for Labour in the immediate post war Attlee government. This was far from being a sinecure as Ian was able to relate that the Bevin Boys were put upon by the regular miners who tended to give them the rubbish jobs. They also had to work in their own clothes, pay for their pit boots and make their own way to and from the pit to which they were allocated. This was David's fate and he had to travel each day to a pit near Stirling. At least in the Forces you were fully kitted out and got a de-mob suit.

When David stopped playing rugby he went on Committee. On one memorable occasion, the bus taking a team to fulfil a fixture in Aberdeen broke down. Nothing daunted, David rolled up his sleeves and with the aid of John Paul a member of the team and at that time a lecturer in Mechanical Engineering got it going again. John retired as an Emeritus Professor from Strathclyde University in Bio engineering and if you have an artificial joint, chances are, that John designed it. David became President of the Rugby Club and it was at this time he was offered a big step up in his career by a firm of motor traders in England. He seriously considered not taking up the offer as he thought he would be letting the rugby club down. It took some persuading by senior members of the club to "not be daft," and give up a golden opportunity.

This was the start of a wonderful career in the motor trade but it did involve quite a few moves to various locations in England. The well-worn cliché of behind every successful man is a strong woman was certainly the case with David. He and his wife Elizabeth were married for over 50 years. Elizabeth took in her stride all the various moves of house as well as bringing up their three children Jane, Fiona and Neil. Having trained as a nurse Elizabeth found time to be a Health Visitor.

David had worked for Appleyards for many years and had been elevated to the main board. Towards the end of his career David came back to Scotland to run the Scottish and North of England Division of Appleyards.

David and Elizabeth retired to Gifford in East Lothian. As they were both Glaswegians this appeared a strange choice but on being questioned Elizabeth said there was more chance of sunshine in East Lothian than in the West of Scotland. David was a staunch member of the East of Scotland Club and he and Elizabeth attended the Club's Annual Dinner until failing health prevented Elizabeth from being able to attend.

Ian Valentine gave a resume of the Endowment Scholarship Trust and it is noteworthy that all the students who have been given a scholarship have graduated. One did change course but still graduated in the changed Course. Catriona, David's granddaughter won a scholarship in 2014 and was the outstanding candidate. She is now in her second year at Glasgow University. It is of interest to note that Catriona has represented Scotland as a Gymnast.

After Ian had spoken about the Endowment Scholarship Trust, Fiona presented the cheque to our President and was suitably thanked.

Norrie Kilpatrick





# Captain Harvey Smith 1932 - 2015

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Captain Harvey Smith went to sea because he read too many Pery F. Westerman books! He attended **Alan Glen's School** 1945-1949 then on to the Murray Sea School and afterwards studied navigation at Glasgow Technical College, now Strathclyde University. In 1952 he joined Donaldson Line and sailed as Senior Cadet on "the Captain Cook" - an immigrant ship to New Zealand, visiting Pitcairn Island.

In 1954 he studied at Glasgow Technical College for his second officer's ticket and then joined Cunard. Sailing on cargo ships firstly as 3<sup>rd</sup> and then as 2<sup>nd</sup> officer being principal navigator on the "M.V.S. Britannic" the last of the White Star Line, and the RMS "Parthia".

Then to world cruise ship "S.S. Caronia", a luxury cruise liner known as the green goddess. He then returned to cargo ships "S.S. Asia" and "S.S. Andria" and in 1960 back to college for his Master's Ticket

In 1961 he sailed on the RMS "Ivernia", RMS "Saxonia", RMS "Queen Mary", RMS "Queen Elizabeth" and RMS "Mauretania".

1967 joined RMS "QE2" for 2 years then being built in John Browns shipyard on the Clyde.

Captain Smith sailed with her as 1<sup>st</sup> officer and navigator using satellite navigation, then a totally new concept. He progressed to Chief Officer then Staff Captain.

He spent 1974 in Copenhagen overseeing the building of Cunard Countess and Cunard Princess. Then one and a half years in La Spezia, Italy, fitting out these two ships; latterly cruising on "Countess" and "Princess, mostly in the Caribbean before returning as General Manager to RMS "QE2".

In the First Gulf War he liaised with the US. Army and in 1982 he was involved in the Falklands War, overseeing conversion to troop carrier of Cunard "Countess" which was chartered by the Ministry of Defence and converted to carry military personnel. He sailed as Master and took troops to the Falklands receiving a commendation from the Admiralty after landing troops.

In 1983 Harvey was promoted to General Manager Cunard "Countess" and Cunard "Princes" until 1985, and from 1985 -1990 he was posted to the New York Office as Vice-president Operations Trafalgar House. During this time he travelled between Japan and New York arranging terms for the successful charter of rms "QE2" by Japanese Companies Mitsui and Marabeni. In 1990 he retired and returned to the UK doing consultancy work.



## David Bayvel - AGS 1956-1962

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My old school friend and dashing scrum-half of yesteryear David Bayvel died earlier this year. Following his time at school he graduated in Veterinary Science at Glasgow. He then spent a number of years in South Africa where he met his wife Leischen. Soon after he headed for New Zealand and his career took off in a spectacular way. The tribute below was penned by his colleagues in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MAF) in New Zealand.

I had the pleasure of meeting up with David in New Zealand and during my 4 month sabbatical. I enjoyed the great pleasure of his company and wonderful hospitality. Leischen has written to me to tell me that **"Actually my memory is that we(or he) won every single school rugby match!"**

Ian Rogers



### **TRIBUTE from Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries**

It is with great sadness that IAL advises that David Bayvel passed away on Tuesday 7 April 2015. He was a colleague, friend, and mentor to many people, particularly those involved in the field of animal welfare. He had a long and distinguished career in Veterinary Science, and has been a champion of forwarding animal welfare science and policy.

David began his career at the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) in 1989 and quickly became one of New Zealand's foremost names in the field of animal welfare. He served on New Zealand's National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee and the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, and served as the government's Director of Animal Welfare up until his retirement from the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) in 2011. He established many of the systems that place New Zealand in its globally leading position regarding animal welfare.

Internationally, David was a recognised authority at world conferences, professions and forums including, for example, his role with the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE). His enormous contribution to the OIE and animal welfare was recognised in 2010 when he received an OIE Meritorious Award. After his career at MPI, David continued his contributions to animal welfare internationally as he was appointed Chief Veterinary Officer for the World Society for the Protection of Animals in 2012.

David's leadership and contribution to animal welfare has changed the way animal welfare is viewed both in New Zealand and internationally.

Outside of David's career, he was a keen golfer, and loved rugby as demonstrated by the fact that he was a long-time supporter of the Hurricanes (Wellington's rugby team) and the Sevens rugby competitions.

# Correspondence

Alan / Mike,

I have been reading some of the hand written minutes of the Club dating from 1923 and I had not realised that the Old Boys Club obviously had a tremendous influence on shaping the style and future of the School. I was wondering if you would agree to have a regular "Yesteryear" feature where a single item is picked from these minutes and reproduced with an editorial comment on the item. For example I have picked out an item from February 1927 where the design of the School blazer was submitted by Mr. W. W. Stewart and was agreed by the then President Dr Wright Thomson and the Committee and to be produced by Forsyth's.

Perhaps it might be better to start with the meeting that formalised the Club's Committee with the election of Dr David McKail as the first President. There are numerous other items such as the donation of the golf trophy by Dr Kerr so this feature could run for a good number of issues. What do you think? You will recognise that this is the result of Sandy's archiving skills.

Regards, Gregor

Dear Alan,

The photograph of the Physics lab with all its equipment displayed reminded me of "Pope" Gregory's lab in the late 1940's where I remember many glass fronted cupboards containing all sorts of beautiful brass and wood instruments. I have often wondered what happened to them, they would probably fetch a fortune at an appropriate auction nowadays. Perhaps someone knows the whereabouts of some of them.

Braidwood Rodger.

Hello Mike,

Like a lot of Glaswegian "expats" I enjoyed the film showing the trams, particularly the last tram, No 9, which I remember went to Auchenshuggle. I used to think that was a made-up name specially for that tram route. That tram has a special significance for me as during my seafaring days I spent several months on an iron ore carrier which came into both the General Terminus berth (just by Paisley Road Toll) and also Rothesay Dock to discharge. My shipmates, mostly English, swore I always altered our telegraphed orders (I was the Radio Officer) so that we'd get sent to the Clyde. When we docked at Rothesay Dock it was just a short walk up to Dumbarton Road and the number 9 tram along to Argyle St and the bus from the Broomielaw to home.

Recently I visited the Crich Tramway Village, for about the 4th time, and enjoyed riding on their tramway and looking at the variety of trams from around the country and some from abroad. Glasgow is well represented with either 3 or 4 trams of various ages, including the number 9. I don't know whether this was the one that made the final journey, I'm sure it must have been mentioned somewhere but I've forgotten. There is also one of the last models. I think they were called the Coronation type? There was also a continuously running film in the museum showing the drivers and conductors on Glasgow trams volunteering for service during the 1st World War, sufficient to make up a battalion I believe. If any Old Boys are ever anywhere in the Midlands, it's not too far to get to the Tramway Village. It's just off the A6 south of Matlock and is a nice day out.

Regards

Keith Leanord

## *Report on the 2015 Christmas Lunch in Glasgow*

For those members who have never managed to come along to one of the Club's "In town Lunches" it may be interesting to note that each lunch there is a broad representation of the surviving age groups of former pupils of the school. At any lunch it is not uncommon to find members whose first year at Allan Glens was 1940 right until the point when the school became a local comprehensive. This year's Christmas lunch was no different when the President welcomed 32 former pupils from 1940 through to 1968. Some years were particularly well represented such as 1947 (3 former pupils), 1952 (5), 1953 (5), 1954 (4) and 2 from 1968. If you live locally or have plan to be in the Glasgow area then why not come and attend a lunch and reminisce over a nice meal in convivial company.

Ross Ballantyne aka \*\*\*\*\*



# In the News

SUNDAY POST **100** ICONIC MOMENTS



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## Invention of the Tunnock's Teacake

JUNE 23, 1959

AMERICA has the hamburger, Italy has the pizza, Spain has paella, and Scotland has ... the Tunnock's Teacake!

As far as iconic foodstuffs go the chocolate-covered domes of delight – created by Boyd Tunnock after a suggestion by a sales rep – are right up there with the best of them. At least they are if you're Scottish – it's quite likely foreign visitors are as baffled by our love affair with the sticky mallow treat as they are with the existence of the deep fried Mars Bar (see No. 58). It's not just how it tastes that we

Congratulation to Boyd Tunnock (AGS 1945-1948) on being recognised as one of Scotland's Iconic Moments.

adore. The distinctive red and silver foil is legendary in design terms. For Scots far from home, the mere sight of it is enough to cure homesickness.

The confection even had a part to play in the Cold War. Retired RAF bomber pilot Tony Cunnane told of how Tunnock's Teacakes became a favourite snack of the V bomber nuclear deterrent flight crews based at RAF Gaydon, especially after discovering that they expanded at high altitude.

This practice ended after one was left

unwrapped and exploded on the instrument panel.

More recently the moreish snack got a mighty boost in sales off the back of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games opening ceremony, which featured dancers dressed as oversized Teacakes whirling around the stadium.

For most sweet-toothed Scots the thought of four-foot-wide Tunnock's Teacakes was the stuff of dreams.

We live in hope that they may become a reality at some point. Until then, Teacakes – we salute you.



Glasgow City Council Education Services

## CASE STUDY 1

### Marcia McSwegan – *Allan Glen's Engineering Scholar*

Marcia McSwegan was a pupil at Whitehill Secondary School. During the last two years of her time at school Marcia's health started to deteriorate and she was eventually diagnosed with gastroparesis and hypopituitarism and had to spend eight weeks of her sixth year in hospital. From her hospital bed, with the aid of a laptop supplied by the school, Marcia designed and organised her own daily programme of study and managed to complete both her course work and the NABS for her three advanced Highers and Higher Biology which she was to add to the five band one A-grade highers she had gained in S5.

Marcia's condition, and the support that she had to receive from both her parents, seriously affected the family income and Marcia was put forward by her school for an *Allan Glen's Scholarship*.

The Allan Glen's Educational Scholarship Trust offers a small number of scholarships each year to young people from Glasgow schools who are embarking on recognised degrees in Engineering and the assessors of the Trust had no hesitation in accepting Marcia as the outstanding applicant of 2013. She was awarded her an annual bursary of £1500.

The Allan Glen's Scholars are required to submit a report to the Trust each year, and in her report to the Trust at the end of her first university year, Marcia reported:

"I passed all nine of my classes over my first year at university, achieving 7 A passes and 2 B passes. This saw me recognised on the Dean's List as the second highest achieving first year in the Engineering School at the University."

At the end of her second year, Marcia was able to tell us: "This year was a real struggle for me health-wise and I spent quite a large amount of time in hospital.

However, I studied to the best of my ability while in the hospital and managed to succeed and pass every class, achieving mostly A and B passes. I still managed to go every Monday to my local high school and tutored an advanced higher physics student who has a conditional offer for chemical engineering at Strathclyde University. This was very useful to me as it forced me to make sure I truly understood the mechanics and electronic segments of the course. Mostly, I helped him to complete his investigation, which was also very interesting and useful to me to put my physics knowledge into practice. I am a member of the Biomedical Engineering Society and the Glasgow University Women's Engineering Society. I regularly attend social events and the annual AGMs of both of these Societies. I am also a member of the Glasgow University Big Band where I play the guitar. I have played at two concerts this year this has been great for my confidence levels.

I am now a member of the Disability Council which is a Council that joins disabled staff and students with the top, leading staff of the university to raise and hope to solve any issues disabled students and staff may be having. This has been a wonderful opportunity for me to speak up and help people, who like myself, have difficulties outwith the normal problems faced by a university student. As part of this council I have been helping to set up the Disabled Student Forum which all students registered with the disability service are enrolled onto to discuss and socialise with other disabled students and raise any issues for council members to bring up at meetings."

# Yesteryear

Hi Alan,

I attach an excerpt from the first minute of Dr McKail's Presidency of the Old Boys Club when the matter of the School's colours was decided and when the colour red was added to the rugby strip. This pre-dates the Blazer design in 1927 and may be of interest.

Regards, Gregor

Alan / Mike, I have been reading some of the hand written minutes of the Club dating from 1923 and I had not realised that the Old Boys Club obviously had a tremendous influence on shaping the style and future of the School. I was wondering if you would agree to have a regular "Yesteryear" feature where a single item is picked from these minutes and reproduced with an editorial comment on the item. For example I have picked out an item from February 1927 where the design of the School blazer was submitted by Mr. W. W. Stewart and was agreed by the then President Dr Wright Thomson and the Committee and to be produced by Forsyth's.

Perhaps it might be better to start with the meeting that formalised the Club's Committee with the election of Dr David McKail as the first President. There are numerous other items such as the donation of the golf trophy by Dr Kerr so this feature could run for a good number of issues.

What do you think? You will recognise that this is the result of Sandy's archiving skills.

Regards,

Gregor

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Minutes of Meeting of the General Committee of Allan Glen's Old Boys Club, held in Allan Glen's School, 68, W. H. Hanover Street, Glasgow on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 1923.

Dr David McKail, President in Chair.

Present: Dr. Steel, Messrs H. G. Hinchman, David Paterson, James H. Gibb, D. Fraser, Alex. Chalmers, Robert Gillespie, and Andrew H. Lindsay, Secretary.

Apology for absence was read from Mr. W. W. Stewart.

The question of the Club Colours was then considered and it was resolved that same should be dark slight blue, with a red edging on the lower side of the dark blue.

This was all the business

W. Cameron

A.G.O.B.'s Club Dance 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 1935	
Financial Statement	
Expenditure	
132 Guests @ 3/-	£19-16-0
5 Band @ 2/-	0-10-0
Special Licence	0-17-6
Refreshment for Band	0-5-7
Gratuities	1-0-0
Band 5 @ 20/-	6-5-0
Hats & Snowballs	0-8-0
Printing Tickets	0-7-6
Postage etc.	0-14-6
	Total £30-4-1
Income	
130 Tickets sold at 5/-	£32-10-0
	Surplus £2-5-11

## Pitlochry Festival Theatre Outing 4th June 2016

Once more, our stalwart Ian Hogarth has secured a deal for 20 seats for Carousel (music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II) The price is £40 for the lunch and theatre and bookings can be made to Ross Graham (with payment).

This year you need to choose your main course in advance from:-

- Poached Fillet of Salmon with Lemon Sauce
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- Ham, Turkey and Smoked Salmon Salad

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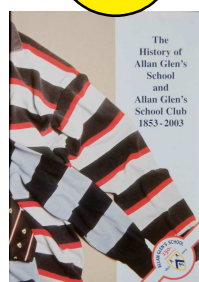


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