

Club Newsletter

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EDITORIAL

The RHF Museum has been a victim of its own success, as far as numbers are concerned. Unfortunately, the rise in numbers has not been accompanied by a satisfactory rise in culinary standards or standards of service. We have therefore been seeking an alternative arrangement for the Monthly Lunch. (See Norrie Kilpatrick's Article on the matter. – Page 5) This edition is the last before the 2007 Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday 23 April 2007, a formal notice calling the meeting from our Secretary Ian Dale, together with the Agenda is enclosed.

The Annual General Meeting is to be held at **The Strathclyde University Business Club**

You will note that we have had a good response to requests for information and previous experiences from Old Boys and a number of articles are enclosed.

There is an article regarding "The Ladies Lunch" held recently at Bishopbriggs, which was a huge success and I would hope that the organisers of this event will extend this to a several-times-a-year event.

Also attached is an invitation to the Edinburgh Club's Annual Dinner.

Edinburgh have somewhat stolen a march on The Parent Club with 'mixed' Dinners and Meetings at least three times a year for the past 30 years.

Dates for your Diary – 2007

Monday 23 April – Annual General Meeting

– Strathclyde University Business School, 4th Floor,
190 Cathedral Street Time 5.00 for 5.30pm

AGS East of Scotland Club

Friday 20 April – Annual Dinner

– Murrayfield Golf Club (7.00 for 7.30) Note: Ladies welcome

Saturday 7 July – Pitlochry Annual Theatre Show

– 11.45am (Lunch + Matinee) Meet in Theatre Car Park or Foyer
–See attached invitation and application forms.

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More on the Forestry Camps

From Norrie Floyd

The photo is of a forestry camp held in 1948 at Letter on the east side of Loch Katrine. I recently went on a sail on the Sir Walter Scott to see what was still there. Letter was still mentioned on the map but the fir trees that surrounded it have all been cut down leaving greenery all round. We carried out the clearing of the lower branches of the trees using a long handled saw, the trees then presumably became props for coal mines. The midges were hellish and the tubs of DMP did little to scare them off. We prayed for rain but Davie refused to send it down!

I won't bore you with the names I can remember but current old boys are Gordon Day in the back row with glasses and myself wearing a white cap kneeling at the front. Mr Abercrombie shows partly at the right hand edge and a science teacher in the back row, three from the left.



From Bill Craig

By way of added comment on Norrie Kilpatrick's piece in the December 06 issue, I recollect my own involvement from 2nd to 5th years in earlier camps, all under canvas except the last:

1940 Forestry Camp. near Kilbirnie

1941 Forestry Camp Loch Lubnaig,

1942 Forestry Camp, Tarbert, Loch Fyne

1943 Tattie Howking/ Flax Harvesting, Cupar, Fife.

James (Flash) Logan, and J Mackenzie (Mac) Stewart were the main organisers for the first three. As the senior pupil involved (I had just left) I was leader of the last !!

I still bear the leg scar from a wayward axe at the first !

A Jersey Spotted

I have just been watching a T.V. Play entitled 'Recovery' starring David Tennant and to my surprise ,towards the end ,David Tennant appeared wearing an F.P. Rugby Club jersey. That jersey certainly brought back a few memories for me. I wondered if Norrie Kilpatrick, Bill Cox, David Reid and all those too many to name had the same 'flashback'.
Every good wish to you and the Club.

Eddie Jeffrey, Broughty Ferry, DD52LR

More on the Forestry Camps

From John Shedden

Perhaps I can add to Norrie Kilpatrick's recollections of the wartime "Harvest Camps" given in the December 2006 Newsletter.

Along with my twin brother Sandy I was at forestry camps (Loch Lubnaig) and "tattie-howking" (Cupar) and finally at the bracken-cutting camp at Inversnaid (Loch Lomond).

We went there on the understanding that we would be paid whether we worked or not. Accordingly, we took our playing cards with us in the confident expectation that during August there would be plenty of rainy days to confine us to camp. In the event, for most of the time, we started work at 8am in the morning mist, which lingered until mid-morning, and was succeeded by warm sunshine lasting the rest of the day: furthermore, until the mist dispersed we had to cover up every bit of exposed skin in order to avoid the attentions of the swarms of midges disturbed by our scything.

Of our mentors, I remember particularly Messrs Logie and McKenzie Stewart. When the former accompanied us on the hillside he would smoke a pipe which he claimed kept the midges away. McKenzie Stewart was in charge of the kitchen, and on one of the days I was on kitchen duty we had to spend much extra time scrubbing out the cooking utensils following a minor outbreak of tummy trouble amongst the boys which he attributed to badly cleaned cooking pots. Reading Norrie's account of Jimmy Logie dropping his cigarette ash into the mince makes me wonder if in fact he was the real culprit!

An abiding memory is of working high up the mountainside with splendid views of Loch Lomond and Loch Arklet from the same spot as well as a large expanse of the Western Highlands.

Report from our Roving Member Sleuth

I was at a Newton Mearns Heritage meeting where I had arranged to meet a Mrs. Alex Joiner to collect photographs from a friend who lives in Orkney. During my conversation with Mrs. Joiner she told me that her late husband attended Allan Glen's School. On learning that I too had been at Allan Glen's, she went on to explain that her husband Sandy, was a champion athlete and, in 1956 he was the Senior School Champion and won the Professor G. G. Ramsay Cup. It transpired that she still had his badges and a plaque from his time at Glen's and she generously offered to donate them to the Club's Museum and archive. These I gratefully accepted on the Club's behalf.

The items are now safe in the Club's Museum and our President, John Macdonald has written to Mrs. Joiner personally to thank her for her generous gift.

There will be many Old Boys out there who will remember Sandy as he was also a member of the School Council in session 1956-57. Sandy died several years ago and his widow still lives in their house in Stromness. By a strange coincidence her next door neighbour, Ian Anderson was also at Glen's at the same time as Sandy - Ian participated in the activities of the school rowing club.

George Smith.



The First Ladies Lunch at Bishopbriggs Friday 23 February 2007.

Seven couples plus three gents enjoyed a truly excellent meal at the Allan Glen's School Clubhouse. All credit to Brian and his staff for making us most welcome and serving up a meal consisting of Broccoli and Cauliflower Soup ; a choice of Balmoral Chicken (that's the one stuffed with haggis) or Home-made Steak Pie ; Apple Pie and Cream or Custard ; topped off with biscuits and an excellent cheeseboard with grapes; coffee and mints; all including wine on the table and a Complimentary drink after the meal. We had only one complaint, "on the quantities - too much".

We hope that this exercise will be repeated on an on-going basis - good venue, good food, good company - what more can you ask?

Due to success of this event we hope to hold more and hopefully this will become a regular feature in the calendar.

Brian tells us that he could provide a Summer Barbeque - how about it boys?

Remember, that as members of AGSC we can have lunch at the Clubhouse at any time. - Just phone Brian on 0141 772 1330



Photo Album goes Live

Thanks to all the contributors who sent me School Photographs.

Having discussed how best to make these available, Callan Dick, our Webmaster suggested putting them on the Website (www.allanglens.com) as an album. At the moment, we have the first 45 available, and there is a link on the site's home page that takes you straight to the album. There is a facility for extra details to be added for each photograph, and, in time, this will be completed with the available information.

If there are any more photographs that you have, please send them in to me or the editor. A scan is fine, but if you do not have that facility, send the original(s) and we will be sure to return them to you (unless you do not want them any more).

Mike McCreery

New Venue for the Monthly Lunches



For some time now it has been felt that the standard of food, service and space at the RHF Museum has not justified the cost, especially with this latest increase to £14.00 with an additional £1.50 for a drink from the bar. Your Committee therefore felt it incumbent on them to look at other potential venues in the city for our lunches. Ian McLennan had been to a lunch in Chesters Dining Room, situated within the Strathclyde University Business School. The School is at 190, Cathedral Street, directly across the road from the former Allan Glen's School Building.

Following up on Ian's suggestion, Gordon Day had a meeting with the Catering Manager of Chesters and a lunch was arranged for Friday 2nd March.

The lunch was attended by sixteen of the "regulars" at the Monthly Lunch, who, on a show of hands voted 15 to 1 in favour of a change to Chesters.

Chesters has a large modern area, situated over two floors of the building, the upper floor is a Reception Area, connected to the Dining Room below by an internal spiral staircase (see photos.) Both rooms overlook an internal, landscaped quadrangle of the Campus.

As regards numbers, up to fifty-five can be seated, which would allow members to bring along a guest if they wished. An enormous advantage is that the food is cooked in the kitchen adjacent to the restaurant. The serving of the food was done in a most professional manner. This is in contrast to the food at the RHF which had to be brought in and the table service also left a lot to be desired.

There is no licensed bar at Chesters.

Arrangements have since been made to provide a pre-lunch drink and wine at the meal and this will be included in the lunch price.

Gordon Day will give further details in his usual pre-lunch invitation. Booking will follow the normal procedure.

Norrie Kilpatrick

Our Menu

Chesters Lunch Menu

Glass of Wine on Arrival

Leek and Potato Soup with
Crunchy French Bread

Pan Seared Chicken on
Haggis mash with a Red
Currant Sauce & Roasted
Garden Vegetables

Lemon Tart with
Vanilla Cream

Teas and Coffee

From 1956 - a Viewpoint

In these times when our social engineering politicians are preaching their messages of multiculturalism it is sobering to reflect that more than 50 years ago Allan Glen's School accepted other cultures without question or fuss. The School did not make any big deal about this, they just got on with it.

The following item was written by a fifth year pupil at Glen's and appeared in the 1956 School magazine. The quality of this short item is a tribute not only to the talents of the pupil but also to the school that nurtured those talents. Regrettably, the same political dogma that is behind the current raft of politicians was responsible for the closure of our fine school.

Please read on...

ISLAM - RELIGION OF DEMOCRACY

It was in 1952 that I first set foot in a foreign land. I used to read a lot about life in Western countries and was excited at the prospect of exploring one. I knew London almost by heart the people and their way of life - the pageantry of traditional and colourful customs the museums full of art treasures - the ancient buildings and other famous landmarks silhouetted against a grey sky - the grace and tempo of London immortalised by my favourite authors. There was much to be seen and explored. I had visualised London's panorama through the kaleidoscope of my imagination. I was eager and started to look around immediately. One evening I was attracted by the signboard of a Pakistani restaurant and immediately I entered it. It was here that I encountered a young and charming British lady who was, like myself, on an exploratory expedition. This young lady was in quest of the East. She had read a lot about the East and Eastern ways. She was enamoured of the fantastic stories of the fabulous wealth of the East - the long flowing beards, robes of brocade and beautiful harems ; green turbanned "Muezzin" calling the faithful to prayer; fierce looking "fellahin" ready with their poisoned daggers to stab in the back of the infidels; despotic Sultans spreading terror over millions; charming cities with narrow winding lanes; domes and minarets; rose-water, jasmin and incense. The only spot in London where she could imagine meeting someone from the mysterious East was in an Oriental restaurant.

It was by a sheer accident that she shared my table and when she came to know that I was so fresh from the East, her interest in me and her inquisitiveness naturally increased. She asked me many questions about my religion - Islam. I admitted that I had never studied it as a subject, and my replies must have disappointed her. I told her that Islam is a modern religion-modern both in chronological order and also in its conception of life. Islam literally means the "Path of Peace." The followers of this religion are called "Muslims" and not "Mohammedans" as is commonly believed in Western countries. Muslims believe in Christ as a true prophet of God and believe in Christianity as a true religion of God. They believe in the Bible as a Holy Book. According to our faith, God revealed His religion from time to time through a chain of Prophets from Adam to Muhammed. Every one of them, during their period, revealed the message of God. Muslims believe in One God as the Christians do, and our conception of God is an abstract one. Muhammed, according to our belief, was the last of this illustrious chain of prophets and

From 1956 - a Viewpoint (contd)

after him there will be no other prophet. Muslims do not attribute any divinity to their prophet Muhammed. He is a human being just like any other human being. It was only by virtue of his accomplishments that God selected him to spread the message of truth.

The followers of Islam are found to-day in every country in the world. From Europe to Indonesia there is a belt of Muslims, with Pakistan forming the hub. There are millions of Muslims even behind the Iron Curtain. Muslims form the second largest religious community in the world. The main practices of Islam are :

1. Belief in one God and belief in the prophet Muhammed as a true prophet of God.
2. "Namaz" - everyday prayers-to be conducted for the purification of the soul.
3. "Roza" - a month's fasting once every year for discipline of body and soul.
4. "Zakat" - compulsory distribution of a certain amount of earnings to the poor and needy.
5. "Haj" - annual pilgrimage to Mecca for those who can afford it-an international congregation of Muslims from all over the world to discuss their problems.

Islam is not a collection of abstract metaphysical doctrines. On the contrary it has laid down commonsense conduct for day to day living - how a Muslim should behave and act in his private life, in his family life, in his business, in matters of state, in peace and in war, is all laid down in the code. This does not mean that Islam is a rigid religion of dogmas and "do's and don'ts." These principles are universal and apply with the same exactness to-day as they did thirteen hundred years ago. It would be wrong to judge Islam by the condition and practices of its present followers. It would be wrong to judge any religion by such a standard. Islam is essentially a religion of democracy. The prophet Muhammed discussed all issues with the public before taking action. He did not assign anybody to be his successor. His successors were selected by the people in open ballot.

There is also no priesthood in Islam. Anybody who is qualified can lead the prayers. Every day when a leader is chosen in the congregation for prayers, democracy is being practised.

Islam recognises the rights of women as equal partners. It grants them the right to inherit, own and manage property ; to choose their own partners in life; to seek divorce if marriage is a failure; to keep custody of minor children in case of its dissolution. In society a woman is granted and guaranteed equal position, status, chances and privileges. She is not looked upon as an inferior and no vocation is tabooed. Incidentally, marriage in Islam is a social contract.

Islam believes in private ownership, although the code provides certain checks by which the accumulation of wealth in a few hands and the creation of vested interests is made impossible.

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We were so lost in these discussions that the waiter had to remind us that it was time to close the restaurant. We left, both a bit disillusioned, but perhaps wiser. Disillusioned for not being able to discover the fairy lands of our dreams - wiser to know that whether it be East or West, people are intrinsically the same in their wants, sorrows, desires and joys.

On my way home I was thinking that if the similarities and affinities that co-exist between Islam and Christianity were known to more people than the so-called differences, the bonds would be closer.

SAADULLAH BEGG SUFI (VA) – (Allan Glen's School 1956)

ALLAN GLEN'S RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

The senior club is having a difficult season as a result of a new coach, several new players and some financial constraints.

For those who don't know, the club plays in National Division 2, which is a reasonable standard of rugby but has ambitions to progress further possibly to Premier 3.

It must also be mentioned that the Rugby Club currently fields successful teams at under 18, under 16 and S2 levels, and have primary school age teams from P2 to P7- a total of about 120 children.

It is mainly through these youngsters that the ambitions of the club will or will not be achieved.

An opportunity has presented itself to increase the number of young players.

There are less than 10,000 registered rugby players in Scotland and probably nearer 7000 seriously active. In order to improve the higher echelons of the game the Scottish Rugby Union are desperate to expand the playing base in Scotland.

So, despite debt of £23M, the SRU are offering financial assistance to clubs to expand youth rugby.

Allan Glen's RFC intend to take up this offer by employing a Club Development Officer in line with the SRU's five year plan for "RAISING THE STANDARDS OF RUGBY IN SCOTLAND". This post would be financed by £10k from the SRU, about the same from the club, with added support in equipment and some travel expenses.

Office space, photocopying services, etc. would be provided by East Dunbartonshire Council.

The project will commence after the end of this financial year and is about 90% certain to take place.

Targets for the expected increase in the number of players, coaches and school penetration have been agreed between the SRU and the Club and will, of course, have to be agreed with the successful candidate. The Development Officer's main tasks will be:-

Primary schools

To coach rugby himself but mainly to encourage teachers to obtain a coaching certificate for the appropriate level, teach rugby during some PE periods or in 'after school clubs' and in general make rugby part of the school ethos.

For example the sister of Alister Kellock (who came through the Glen's junior system and is now one of Scotland's locks and captain of Glasgow Warriors) is a teacher in one of the local primary schools and has just gained her coaching certificate which she intends to put to good use.

High Schools.

To establish a school team or teams in each of the High schools namely Bishopbriggs Academy and Turnbull High - also to establish after school clubs and summer camps during school holidays.

It is customary to charge for summer camps and this will assist in recovering part of the DO's wages.

These tasks will not be easily achieved as the high schools in question have established football teams. However, this season, due to encouragement by the Rugby Club, a combined rugby team from the two high schools took part in a Glasgow District Cup competition and did very well, surviving to the semi-final stage.

The architect of all this is Jim Adams who has been with our club for many years and for some time has organised the junior section. His vision is to establish an Allan Glen's Rugby Academy like the biggest rugby clubs and some football clubs. This may be ambitious but it is feasible, given the support of Allan Glen's School Club, the SRU, East Dunbartonshire Council and grants from the relevant sport sponsoring organisations.

Would this be a worth while legacy for Allan Glen's memory? Bearing in mind that these children generally come from modest backgrounds, they will be introduced to the discipline that rugby provides, and perpetuate the Allan Glen's Rugby Club ethos.



Pavillion front 2007



Pavillion Rear 1923

CRIME ON MY HANDS - Ron Miller

A regular conversation topic these days is the crime rate but, apart from complaining, I wonder how many of us stop to think what lies behind the figures? As part of the system, maybe I can help.

I doubt if any Old Boy will remember me from my schooldays between 1949 and 1955. I was an anonymous character who hovered around midway in the "A" class and, usually, kept out of trouble. At University, I gained a Maths/Physics degree becoming interested in the subject thanks to the inspirational and excellent Head of Physics, Mr Gregory or the Pope as we knew him! I am now retired after a working life in England in management posts and then running my own business – a very ordinary career.

I joined the crime industry in 1987 when I was appointed as a magistrate on the West Norfolk Bench, centred on King's Lynn, my adopted home since 1977. In 2004 I was elected Bench Chairman by my 80 colleagues and was re-elected annually for the maximum total of three years. The appointment has given me immense pride as the first Scot to fill that role on our Bench.

My experience of the Scottish judicial system is limited to having, as a teenager, been 'done' for doing 37.4mph in Great Western Road plus a visit to Cupar District Court as an observer. Irrespective of the different Scottish and English judicial systems, in both countries the police, the courts and the prisons are being blamed for the rising crime rate.

In total, I have spent about 500 days in court since 1987, doing my best to dispense justice but aware that the public has lost confidence in us. The present government has meddled in the system so much that we are all reeling from incessant organisational changes with "family trees" changed before the ink is dry. Major problems have arisen since control over the English and Welsh courts, which were previously run on a county basis, was grabbed by Whitehall in April 2005 and bureaucracy has mushroomed. We are inundated with useless glossy booklets written in Civil Service-ese and telling granny how to suck eggs. Morale is at an all-time low and the justices' clerks, who are the lynch pins of the system, have twice gone on a work to rule in the past two years after 800 years of previously trouble-free existence.

Court sentences are based on official guidelines that "advise" on the penalty for a typical offence, produced by the good and the great, most of whom seem never to have seen the inside of a courtroom. Public opinion is often dis-satisfied with a sentence, but if a court strays far from the guideline, it invites an appeal. Weak sentencing leads to further offending and ultimately, prison is the only sanction left - hence the rise in prison numbers. "Build more prisons" is the cry but when more than two-thirds of prisoners are old lags, is it not time to ask why do more of the same?

I know that some of our "customers" see prison as a minor interruption in their criminal career that goes with the territory. That is because our prisons have gone soft and no longer deter the prolific offender. To most people, the loss of liberty would be devastating but to a "regular", why worry when you get three meals a day with TV, CD player, PlayStation laid on plus drugs freely available?

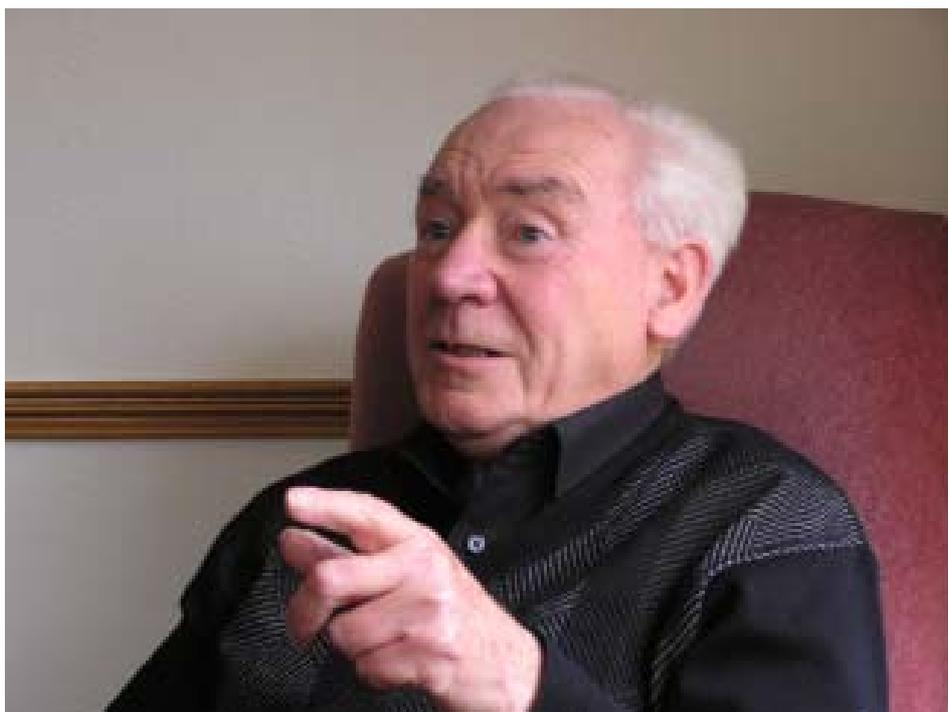
In the TV series "Bad Lads' Army", young men were subject to 1950s, army-style discipline for any misdemeanours. At the end of their 30 days in camp, the lads all said they would not have re-offended if the courts had dealt with them as the army corporals did.

I have used the Press and radio to argue for a change of direction – the softly-softly brigade have had their way for too long and we know where that has got us. Most magistrates would like to see a humane but austere prison regime without the extras that, currently, help inmates pass their time. Given that change, offenders would soon realise that the price of crime was too high and prison numbers would tumble.

Sadly, Government policy is to devise a new sticking plaster or re-name some community penalty every time a problem arises and to ignore opinions from the coalface. So why don't they learn from their mistakes? Answers on a postcard to the Lord Chancellor.

Meanwhile, in my final months before retirement, I will continue to do as the little Dutch boy did and keep trying to plug the holes in the dyke. But please don't blame the courts when the water comes over the top!

A MEETING WITH DAVID LAMBIE



Three members of the School Club, myself, Mike McCreery, who made the initial telephone contact, and Ross Graham, spent a very interesting and informative afternoon with Davie Lambie ('Wee Baa') who taught Geography and Maths in the St David's Annexe and top floor in the main building of Allan Glen's, in the 1950's.

He recalled that when he started, "Tombstone" (James Campbell, Head of Geography) told him that he would need to 'impose' himself to instil respect.

One of his first classes was a Sixth Year Group, they thought that they were above needing to undertake homework. When he invited those out who had not completed the exercise, they rose as a man. At the end of the belting it wasn't clear who had suffered more stress !

He was proposed by J J Ross to become Chair of the Educational Institute of Scotland. As he explained, in those days, this was by a process of elimination.

- 1) You had to be Male; a Female President was just unacceptable.
- 2) You had to be a Secondary Teacher; a Primary Teacher was just unacceptable.
- 3) You had to be a teacher in The West of Scotland; anywhere else was just unacceptable.

By a process of being "the last man standing" David Lambie found himself President of the EIS. I'm sure this was simply a modest way of covering his successful political abilities and successes...

His family and particularly his mother ran the Political Scene in 'The Three Toons' (Saltcoats, Ardrossan and Stevenston). She was Lady Provost of Saltcoats forever and the area was known as 'Lambieville'.

He was Labour MP for Central Ayrshire and its successor authority, Cunningham (South) from 1970 till when he retired, undefeated, in 1992.

We passed an excellent afternoon, right royally entertained by Wee Davie and were fed TWO afternoon teas by his wife, Netta. (Mike, of course spent a goodly portion of the afternoon sorting out her computer and installing suitable anti-virus internet protection...)

We have invited him to a Monthly Lunch and hope to extend that to a formal invitation as our Lunch Speaker.

Alan McLellan editor@allanglens.com

I recently met another former teacher John MacLean, who taught Chemistry also, oddly enough, in The St David's Building. Are there any other teachers out there, apart from Charlie Floyd, who anybody knows of ?

Eric Andrew and George Blackley

During the month of February, our Club lost two long-standing and loyal members. Eric Andrew and George Blackley were near contemporaries and, both contributed greatly to School and Former Pupil Activities.

Although I have been asked to pen obituaries, I prefer to celebrate knowing them and the sharing of many sporting and social occasions during the past sixty years.

Eric A M Andrew attended Allan Glen's School from 1942 to 1948. He was an all-rounder at games, participating in athletics, cricket, golf and rugby. He won awards in all these games and played at the highest level in School Teams.

He continued involvement in the various Former Pupil Sports Clubs. A valued Committee Member for many years in all the F.P. Sports Sections, he gave unstinting service, recognised by serving as Rugby Club President 1965/66 and President of The Old Boy's Club for 1977/78.

Eric remained in Scotland in Sales and Marketing for companies manufacturing components for the Building Trade. He did National Service in the Army and subsequently, spent a number of years in the Territorial Army. After retiring, he was resident in the Bearsden Area and joined The West of Scotland Club, where he was involved with The Minis Section (rugby).

Eric's health deteriorated in recent years and, he consequently ceased to be involved in Club Activities.

George Blackley, one of the large number of Knightswood Boys to attend Allan Glen's School, was a pupil during the years from 1945-51. Again, a consistent performer on cricket and rugby pitches, he was renowned for his "safe hands." As a Former Pupil, he continued to use his skills at the top levels in F.P. cricket and rugby.

After School, George studied and qualified as a Chartered Quantity Surveyor. Liable for National Service, he opted for a Short Service Commission, which allowed him to follow his chosen career in the Army. With a desire to "see the World," he volunteered for an overseas posting. The Army, with mysterious wisdom, assigned George to Maryhill Barracks! Adding insult to injury he was told he needed no uniform and could "sleep-out" at home !

When demobbed, George obtained an appointment with an Aberdeen Company. It was in Aberdeen that he met with and married his Wife Aileen. A career move to the rapidly-developing Hong Kong followed shortly after, where he was domiciled for many years. As retiral approached, he was transferred to his Company's London Office.

Living in Berkshire, George renewed contact with his Scottish Friends and he became a regular attendee at our Club's Annual Dinner. A long-term sufferer with diabetes, consequent complications followed and finally exacted their toll.

It was a rare privilege to have known and shared so much over the years with both of these men. Their many friends in our Club will regret their passing and will join me in offering our condolences to their Families.

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Dear Member,

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Club will be held in Chesters Dining Room, Strathclyde University Business School, Cathedral Street, Glasgow (on the opposite side of Cathedral Street from the new School Building) on **Monday 23rd April at 5.30pm for 6.00pm**. A buffet meal will be provided following the meeting.

Please note the change of venue.

AGENDA

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| 1. Apologies | - Dr I. Dale |
| 2. Notification of deaths | - Dr I. Dale |
| 3. President's Remarks | - J M Macdonald |
| 4. Minutes of 84th AGM, held on 24 April 2006 | - Dr I. Dale |
| 5. Honorary Secretary's Report | - Dr I. Dale |
| 6. Treasurer's Report | - George Smith |
| 7. Allan Glen's Endowment Scholarship Trust | - Dr. J McGuinness |
| 8. Allan Glen's School Club Trust | - J M Macdonald |
| 9. Report from the East of Scotland Club | - I Hogarth |
| 10. Report from the Golf Section | - B McAllister |
| 11. Report from the Sports Club | - R Leckie |
| 12. Report on the Newsletter | - A McLellan |
| 13. Report on the Annual Dinner | - H R Graham |
| 14. Report on the Lunch Club | - G. Day |
| 15. Alumni of the Year | - J McGuinness |
| 16. Nomination and Election of President, Treasurer, Honorary Secretary | |
| 17. Nomination and Election of Committee Members | |
| 18. Nomination and Election of Trustees of the Endowment Trust | |
| 19. Proposed changes to the Constitution as regards Lifetime Membership for overseas OB's. | |
| 20. Any Other Competent Business. | |

Yours sincerely

Ian Dale
Honorary Secretary

ALLAN GLEN'S SCHOOL CLUB

CONSTITUTION (as amended 2002)

1. NAME AND OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

1.1 The Club will be called The Allan Glen's School Club

1.2 The Club Colours will be Dark Blue and Light Blue or Silver, with a Red Edging on both sides of the latter.

1.3 The objects of the Club are to perpetuate the memory and promote the ideals of the founder Allan Glen, to foster existing sentiment and tradition amongst members and to promote and stimulate their association and friendships by social, literary and other activities.

2. MEMBERSHIP

2.1 All persons who have been pupils at Allan Glen's School, and all members of the teaching staff of the School are eligible for membership, as Subscribing Members paying the full subscription

2.2. The Annual Subscription of the Club will be £10 or other amount approved at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of the Club; and will fall due on the 1st April of each year.

2.3. The subscription of a new Member will be payable along with his application for membership. Subscriptions will be paid by Direct Debit, but the Secretary is empowered to make special alternative arrangements where he believes a different method is more suitable in the circumstances.

2.4. Life Membership will not be available, except that those who subscribed as Life Members before the year 2002 will receive notice of Annual or Special General Meetings of the Club in accordance with such arrangement as may be made by the General Committee, whether by formal notification posted to such Life Members at their last known address or otherwise by such notice in the press or by other means as may be thought appropriate.

2.5. The General Committee of the Club will have power to confer upon any person the distinction of Honorary Membership in recognition of services rendered to the Club, or for any other reasons which commend themselves to the Committee, subject to confirmation at the first General Meeting of the Club held after the said General Committee decision.

3. MANAGEMENT

3.1 The Office-bearers of the Club will consist of Honorary Presidents (if appointed), President, Vice-Presidents (if appointed), Secretary, Treasurer, and a General Committee to be appointed in the manner as described below.

3.2 The management of the Club will be vested in a General Committee, consisting of the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and fifteen Ordinary Members. A total of nine attending will form a quorum.

3.3 The President, the Vice-Presidents, the Secretary and the Treasurer will be elected at the Annual General Meeting, will hold office for two years, and will then be eligible for re-election as office-bearers or as members of the General Committee. A President on retiring will be invited to take office as an Ordinary Member of the General Committee for one year.

3.4 Ordinary Members of the General Committee will be elected for a term of three years; one third of their number to retire annually in rotation, but will be eligible for re-election.

3.5 Nominations of members for election as office-bearers, and as Ordinary Members of the General Committee may be handed (in writing) to the Secretary before the commencement of the Annual General Meeting. They will be signed by at least two members, and by the proposed candidate in order to signify his willingness to serve.

3.6 The election will take place at the Annual General Meeting when if necessary a vote will be taken by ballot, and the result declared at the meeting.

3.7 In the event that there is not an adequate number of nominations additional members may be elected by the General Committee subsequently.

3.8. Any vacancy occurring in the General Committee during the year may be filled by co-option by the Committee; the co-opted member if approved by the following Annual General Meeting will complete the unexpired term of the member who is being replaced.

3.9. The General Committee may appoint Sub-committees, will specify their aim and purpose and will appoint their Conveners. The President and Secretary will be *ex officio* members of all Sub- committees.

3.10 The General Committee will meet at such times as they may consider necessary, but in any case not less frequently than once every three months.

3.11 At all meetings of the Club or General Committee the President, or in his absence a Vice-President, will take the chair. In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents the meeting will elect a chairman. At all meetings of any committee the chairman will have a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote, except when neither President nor Vice-President is in the chair.

3.12 The General Committee will have the powers necessary for the full and efficient conduct of the affairs of the Club, subject to the Constitution.

3.13 The Secretary or his appointee will record in a Minute Book a full and correct account of the proceedings, and decisions made at all committee and sub-committee meetings; and arrange to carry out all instructions given to him at such meetings. He will conduct the correspondence of the Club and be responsible for the safe custody of all records.

3.14 The Treasurer will receive and disburse all moneys due to and from the Club. He will keep correct books and accounts showing the financial affairs and intromissions of the Club. He will close the books at the date appointed by the Club as the end of its financial year, and within four weeks send them with all appropriate documentation to the Club's appointed Auditor. At the same time he will lay a copy of the accounts before the General Committee for deliberation and comment.

3.15 An Auditor will be appointed at each Annual General Meeting. The Treasurer will liaise with the Auditor in arranging that the fully audited accounts will be placed before the Annual General Meeting for the Club's approval.

4. MEETINGS OF THE CLUB

4.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Club will normally be held in April, fourteen days' notice being given. A report by the General Committee and a Statement on the Financial Affairs of the Club will be submitted, Office-bearers and Members of the General Committee elected, and any other competent business transacted.

4.2 The General Committee will have power to call Special General Meetings of the Club, and will be bound to call such meetings within fourteen days of receiving a written requisition signed by at least twenty full Subscribing Members, and stating the business. At least fourteen days notice of all Special General Meetings of the Club will be given to the Members by the Secretary, the business to be stated on the notice.

4.3 At all General and Special Meetings of the Club the quorum will be the number of those General Committee members attending, plus five fully paid-up Ordinary Members.

5. SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

5.1. The General Committee will have power by a majority of its entire number on a vote by ballot to suspend any member of the Club whose conduct appears to them to endanger the character, interests, or good order of the Club, or who acts in defiance of its Constitution or Bye- laws; and at a General Meeting the Club will have power on a vote by ballot and by a majority of two-thirds of those voting, to expel any such member, provided always that full opportunity will be given to such member to make any necessary explanation.

6. RESIGNATIONS .

6.1 All resignations must be intimated in writing to the Secretary before the date of the Annual General Meeting, after which all on the roll will be liable for the share of the Club's obligations.

7. PROPERTY

7.1 The property, effects and moneys of the Club belong to the Members equally during membership, but the right and interest of every Member will be personal and limited to himself and will not be assignable or arrestable or passed to his heirs or executors.

7.2 On a winding up of the affairs of the Club such net assets as remain after the discharge of the liabilities of the Club will be made over to the Trustees for the time of the Allan Glen's Endowment Scholarship Trust acting under the Deed of Trust relating thereto by James Murray and others dated 8th May and registered in the Books of Council and session on 30th June 1998.

8. GENERAL LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

8.1 The Club at any General Meeting of which due notice has been given, will have power by a majority of those present, to assess the Members for payment of such sum equally, as may be considered necessary, for liquidating the obligations of the Club. Any Member failing to make payment of his share within one month after the date of the notice demanding payment of the same will cease to be a Member of the Club, but he will remain liable for his share of the said assessments.

8.2 On joining the Club, a Member becomes liable, jointly with the other Members for all obligations undertaken by the Club

9. CONSTITUTION AND LIST OF MEMBERS

9.1 A copy of the Constitution, any Bye-Laws, and an alphabetical List of Members will be made available by the Secretary on receipt of an appropriate charge for expenses.

9.2 The Constitution of the Club will be altered only at an Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose, and notice that any alteration in the Constitution is proposed must be sent to each Member of the Club fourteen days before the date of said Annual General or Special General Meeting. An alteration of the Constitution of the Club can be carried only by a two- thirds majority of those present and voting at said meetings

9.3 Decisions accepted by a non-quorate meeting must be confirmed at a further (quorate) meeting duly and properly called for the purpose.

10. BYE-LAWS

10.1 The General Committee will have power to alter or amend any of the following Bye-laws or to make any new Bye-laws which they may deem necessary. All such alterations or additions will be binding on Members of the Club.

10.2 Any Member changing his address must notify same in writing to the Secretary, and failing such notification all notices sent to the old address will be held as duly delivered.

10.3 No complaint will be considered by the General Conunittee unless made in writing to the Secretary, and no unauthorised Member will personally reprimand any person acting for the Club.

The President and I hope you will be able to join us for the 54th Annual Dinner of the EoS Club and our visit to Pitlochry Festival Theatre. Wives and guests are most welcome at both events.

The details of the events are as follows:

ANNUAL DINNER: Friday 20th April 2007 at 7.00 for 7.30p.m. in the Murrayfield Golf Club, Murrayfield Road, Edinburgh.

The menu will be three-courses, with a choice of main course. Price £25 per person, thanks to the Parent Club's generous sponsorship. The price includes table wines or soft drinks. The dress this year will be informal. Please notify me by Saturday 14th. April if you intend to attend the Dinner .

PITLOCHRY FESTIVAL THEATRE: Saturday 7th. July 2007

We meet in the theatre car park at 11.45a.m. in time for lunch at noon.

The play is 'The Floo'ers O' Edinburgh' by Robert McLellan.

The price for the lunch and play is £24 per person.

giving your full name and those of your guests.

The notification date for the Theatre is Tuesday 19th. June.

I am very sorry that refunds for cancellations for the Dinner later than Monday 16th April or the Theatre later than Tuesday 19th June cannot be made unless a substitute for the Dinner is found or in the case of the Theatre the tickets are resold.

Please return to S. Ian Hogarth, 9 Blinkbonny Road, Edinburgh EH4 3HY.

ANNUAL DINNER

Please reserve meplaces at the EoS Annual Dinner on 20th April 2007.

Name:

Telephone No:

Guest Names:

A cheque for £is enclosed.

If you wish to stay overnight after the Dinner the President will be pleased to provide the names and addresses of nearby B.and Bs.

PITLOCHRY FESTIVAL THEATRE:

Please reserve meplaces for the visit to Pitlochry Festival Theatre on 7th July 2007.

Name:

Guest Names:

A cheque for £..... is enclosed.

Please make cheques payable to ALLAN GLEN'S SCHOOL CLUB.