



Allan Glen's School Club

Newsletter March 2013

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Editorial

I tend to say this quite a lot these days and each time I say it, Mike has a wee wry smile but, essentially it's true. *"This, is all your own work."* Mike and I edit, spell-check, copy and paste but the essence of the Newsletter comes from and depends on your efforts.

As always there are a number of obituaries and, I also say this quite a lot these days. "They are going to increase in number as the years roll on." However, in this particular Letter, the Obits are full of positive news about our former friends.

On another more limited matter, Mike has put in an enormous effort to ensure that the **Coronation Boys Diamond Jubilee** is a success. The deadline for names is 31st March and many responses have been received at this date. The lunch at Bishopbriggs on 19th July will be followed on the Saturday by a trip on the Waverly to Rothesay, (with an option of Dunoon). Also please note the letter from *Allan Glen's School Club - Edinburgh* re their Annual Dinner and Summer Trip to the Pitlochry Theatre.

In conclusion, any thoughts of Venues for further Outings will be of interest; any or all articles gratefully received and nominations for an Interview in the next Newsletter, will also be considered.

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Dates for your Diary

Second Friday of the month - Monthly Lunch - (0141 942 2216)
Last Friday of the month - Bishopbriggs Lunch - (0141 357 0137)

Friday 3rd May 2013 - East of Scotland Dinner
Monday 22nd April 2013 - Annual General Meeting
Saturday 1st June 2013 - Pitlochry Festival Theatre (Hello Dolly)
Saturday 23rd November 2013 - Annual Dinner Trades Hall

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Alex Morrison, born 31 January 1915, still going strong.



On Tuesday, 19 March, three of us, President Ronnie Wright, Ross Graham and I visited Alex in his home in Largs. He is probably the oldest current member of Allan Glen's School Club. There are a small number of other members registered who enrolled in the School in 1927 but he didn't remember them and we have been unable to contact them.

Alex's 98th Birthday was held in some style at the home of Richard Carmichael, the 26th Baron Carmichael and the 30th Chief of the Clan Carmichael. Alex has known Richard since he was a boy. Alex's second Wife Nan and Richard's Mother were life-long friends.

Alex was born and brought up in Langside and, before *Allan Glen's School*, he attended Battlefield Primary School, which still exists and by a strange quirk is in Carmichael Place. All his male forebears were dentists and his Father was intent on his attending Hutcheson's Grammar School, his Father was a Baillie of Hutchesontown. When Alex said he wanted to be an engineer, his Father said. "Well Hutchie is no good to you. You'll need to go to Allan Glen's."

When Alex entered *Allan Glen's* in 1927, he was somewhat unusual in that he attended two schools. All the Technical Subjects were in North Hanover Street, the teacher was Jock Storrie and other classes were in the Montrose Street Building. The classrooms in the old building were bizarre in that they were tiered and each row was two steps higher than the row in front. The net result of that was that in the back row you were completely out of sight of the teacher. Back row seats were highly prized !

Alex spent four years at *Allan Glen's*. One of his fellow pupils and friends was Carl Finnieston, whose older brother Monty travelled with the two boys on the Cathcart Circle to Town. Apparently when their parents arrived in Glasgow as refugees from Middle-Europe by boat, the Immigration Officer decided that their name was unpronounceable and as they had disembarked at Finnieston Quay, he decided that was what they should be called.

At the end of four years, Alex was not showing a dramatic improvement as a Scholar and his Father decided that he should leave school and take up an apprenticeship. He was apprenticed with D B Irvine Electrical Engineers in Bothwell Street at a weekly wage of 18 shillings. On completion of his apprenticeship he was not offered a time-served engineer's wage but an "improvers" wage of not quite £4 per week. He quit and went to Barr & Strouds, working on range finders and fire direction control turrets, principally on cruisers and destroyers. These were very complex control rooms for example, HMS Hood Gun Control housed 27 crew.

Alex married at the beginning of the War, a girl who worked in Barr & Strouds. He spent much of his War away from home at various different shipyards around Britain. By the end of the War they had grown apart and she moved off to London. Alex, being in a reserved occupation, was not allowed to leave his post at the end of the War but had to continue until he was permitted to leave in 1946. He went to London penniless. He joined a judo club there and another member of the class offered him a partnership in a light engineering company if he could put up £500 capital. His father gave him the money and he became a partner in an engineering company near Heathrow. They went from strength to strength and, their turning point was when they became involved in producing bolts for the London Underground Tunnel to Heathrow. These bolts were supposed to be quick-fit, re-usable bolts but the tunnellers simply discarded them after one use. They manufactured them by the thousand.

Alex's Partner came to him and said that his Wife was unhappy about the dirty nature of their job and that he wished Alex to buy him out. He was unable to do that immediately. However, they came to an agreement that Alex would put down a lump sum and pay the balance over two years. In turn, some time after that, Alex was approached by two gentlemen who said that they would like to buy his Company. He and Nan discussed the idea and decided two things : he couldn't afford to stop working and that he didn't really want to sell the company. So, they decided on a figure that they would ask for the business and then multiplied that sum by a factor of four. The two gents accountants had a look at the books and determined that it was still a good buy. So, at that price, Alex and Nan decided that they couldn't possibly turn the deal down. He and Nan bought a plot of serviced land near Canabieres in the South of France just 16 kilometers from St Tropez. They established a mobile home on the site and spent many happy holidays there, often for two months at a time, Spring and Autumn.

Eventually, some twenty-three years ago, Alex gave the plot to his nephew, who over a period of time built a two bedroom bungalow on the site with a swimming pool. Alex and Nan were invited to a house-warming party in the house and about one hundred and fifty of their friends and relatives were also guests.

Alex and Nan were extremely happy in a flat on the Thames near Kingston Bridge, until Nan was killed after a tragic lift accident. Alex moved back to Scotland and is very content in his retiral home immediately behind Nardini's in Largs. He is a quite amazing ninety-eight year old, who would easily pass for a man thirty years younger.

News Items and Correspondence

Salmond leads the tributes as Campbell retires

THE Sunday Post's political editor, Campbell Gunn, who attended *Allan Glen's School* 1960-1966, is finally laying down his pen. After 43 years with the newspaper he is retiring.

It's the end of a remarkable career for a journalist who has covered many of the major stories of the past half century.

Tributes to Campbell, also a renowned folk musician, poured in from across the political spectrum last night.

They were led by First Minister Alex Salmond who described him as a true gentleman of journalism. He said: "Campbell is a veteran of the Holyrood press corps but, after a lifetime at the heart of Scottish political journalism, the real testament to his character, professionalism and talent is the fact that he will be genuinely missed across the political divide."

Campbell's career began with The Sunday Post in 1969.

In 1989, he was among the first on the scene of the Lockerbie tragedy.

Then, a decade later, he was kidnapped at gunpoint while covering the war in Kosovo. In the intervening years he also reported from the frontline of the Bosnian conflict and won plaudits for his coverage of the Braer tanker disaster in Shetland.

In 1999, following the opening of the new Scottish Parliament, Campbell was appointed our political editor.

He was twice nominated for the Scottish Political Journalist of the Year award.

Scottish Labour leader, Johann Lamont also heaped praise.

She said: "Campbell has proven himself to be a tough but fair journalist, a thoughtful and wise observer of politics and thoroughly good company," she added.

Scottish Conservative leader Ruth Davidson said: "Campbell's a scrupulously fair journalist who gives everyone, irrespective of party, a fair crack of the whip."

While Campbell retired on Friday, you haven't heard the last of him.

He will continue to write his weekly political column on a freelance basis until his successor takes up the post at the end of April.



Campbell Gunn meets the PM

Charles Rennie Mackintosh

Alan,

You will remember we worked briefly together at Strathclyde Police however as you see I have moved on to Glasgow school of Art project managing the new building facing the **Mackintosh Art School building**.

As possibly one of *Allan Glen's* greatest old boys I thought your readers would be interested in the new Art School building being developed directly opposite the Mackintosh building which is being designed by New York architect Steven Holl and which I am project managing at the moment. The building will house a Mackintosh visitors centre which will be known as the "**Window on Mackintosh**" and will be a starting point for a tour of the Mackintosh masterwork after an introduction to the great man's early life.

It was the inspiration of *Ralph Cowan* and his enthusiasm that sent me into architecture and study at Glasgow School of Art. It is a fantastic privilege to maintain the connection through school, higher education and work which also saw me working in CRM's own offices of Keppie Henderson.

The new building is inspired by the Mackintosh building as Steven Holl is a great admirer of MCRM's genius. This structure is however completely modern and will hopefully become an equal attraction to the Mack

The Window on Mackintosh should open in early 2014 some months after the new building is completed and I am sure will be worth a visit.

Best wishes Douglas Anderson

Letter from Norrie Kilpatrick with enclosed card.

Attached is an extract from a "thank-you" letter Norrie recently received, Due to the vagaries of first class post, it arrived too late to be included in the last Newsletter .

" Dear Norrie,

Regarding your recent Dinner , I seriously wonder how many clubs, organisations, etc. anywhere, could continue to arrange such a function when the *raison d'être* ceased to exist some decades ago. It is a great tribute to all those past and present Old Boys ! I thought the meal was first class."

With very best wishes Alastair Smith (Son of Alex Smith - President *AGBC* 1957-58)

Alan,

I know you included an item in the last newsletter about our visit to the Resource Centre at Nitshill and it occurred to me that it might be nice to make the following observations.

One of the things that impressed me was the striking portraits of Judas and Peter which you might have said were in the style of Peter Howson except that Ralph Cowan pre-dates him by a good number of years and therefore makes one wonder if Howson saw these pictures and developed his style from there.

The other aspects were the links (other than the sour milk cart) to *Allan Glen's* such as the Charles Rennie Mackintosh plaque and the bus advertising the Modern Homes Exhibition with "Archie McCulloch" another old *Glen's* boy.

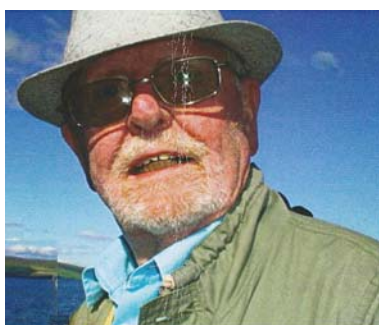
I hope this is helpful.

Gregor Egan

Billy Hunter 1939-2013

Billy Hunter, affectionately known as wee Billy, sadly

died on 12 March after a protracted battle with cancer



Billy attended **Allan Glen's** from 1951 to 1957. On leaving school, he served an accounting apprenticeship at Babcock & Wilcox, and later took up a senior management position with a mining company in Peru where he stayed until 1977. Following a short break in the UK, he took up the position of finance director with Gulf Air in Bahrain.

During his period in Bahrain he and Murdo MacGregor came across each other unexpectedly in the British Club from which point they renewed a very strong – and lasting – friendship. Murdo's personal reminiscences appear on Page 5.

Billy was a bon viveur, and an excellent story teller, with masses of (sometimes lurid) tales to tell from his multifarious life experiences. He had an excellent sense of humour – which he kept right through the protracted illness for which he was bluntly told there was no treatment. He faithfully attended both the Glasgow and the Briggs lunches right to the end – and always in remarkably good spirits.

Billy, you'll be sorely missed.

Ross Ballantyne

Dr Donald Miller

Born: August 3, 1934; Died: April 8, 2012.

Donald Miller, who has died aged 77, was a physicist who was at the vanguard of the development of the bubble chamber technique used to detect electrically charged particles.

He was born in Torrance, Stirlingshire, one of three children, and lost both his parents when he was 18, his mother from peritonitis and his father in a motor cycle accident. He was educated at **Allan Glen's School** in Glasgow from 1946-1951 where he won a bursary to study science at Glasgow University and subsequently completed a PhD in Particle Physics.

He started work at Imperial College, London in 1962 and became one of the stalwarts of the High Energy Physics Group until his retirement in 1999. In the 1960s the dominant analysis tool in the group was the bubble chamber technique: this involved taking many thousands of photographs of the bubbles formed along the tracks of charged particles fired into the chamber. Typically the experiment would take place at one of the large particle physics laboratories like CERN and then the film would be brought back to Imperial for analysis. Dr Miller became the expert for the group's measuring devices, ensuring reliability and innovating techniques such as the then-revolutionary idea of using a small computer to accelerate the process.

The 1960s and 70s saw a major expansion in the bubble chamber technique and Dr Miller remained in the vanguard of the advances. These involved firing different types of particle, pi mesons, K mesons and anti-protons into chambers containing either hydrogen or deuterium so that interactions involving both protons and neutrons could be examined. A significant advance came with the hybrid bubble chamber, first used at the Stanford Accelerator Center in California, which combined the merits of the traditional bubble chamber with the use of electronic particle detectors.

Towards the end of the 1970s and through the 80s Dr Miller led a major new activity in the group, the study of neutrino and anti-neutrino interactions in a huge new bubble chamber, BEBC (Big European Bubble Chamber). Neutrinos are strange particles which hardly ever interact but this series of experiments produced many outstanding results, which remain significant to this day. By the end of the 1980s it became clear that the style of experiments would change with the advent of colliding beam experiments using electronic detectors.

A new accelerator was being built at the DESY laboratory in Hamburg where 920 GeV protons were made to collide with 27 GeV electrons or positrons. This was a totally new departure and Dr Miller grasped the opportunity and led the Imperial group into the ZEUS experiment. It became one of the world's major experiments and Dr Miller continued to work on it officially until he retired in 1999 – and unofficially until the experiment was decommissioned in 2007.

At home with his wife Shirley and their four children lived in Petersham, Dr Miller became an active member of Petersham and Ham Sea Scouts, the oldest Sea Scout Troop in the country. His dedication to the Sea Scouts over 30 years was both exceptional and professional. He taught himself to sail and canoe in order to be able to instruct the boys on the Thames and on many Scout camps.

Unfortunately, just before his retirement Dr Miller was diagnosed, much too late, with diabetes and had an emergency quadruple bypass at the Brompton Hospital. Eventually heart damage took its toll and his activities were curtailed.

He hoped to retire to Kames on the Kyles of Bute where he and Shirley owned a holiday house, in order to indulge his passion for sailing. But ill health prevented this and he turned his skills to model making, constructing a very intricate 1:60 wooden model of Captain Cook's vessel Endeavour.

He spent his last year in hospital but not before he managed to fulfil his ambition of visiting St Kilda and the Iron Age Broch on Mousa, Shetland. The Scottish Enlightenment, Scottish History and Scottish Country Dancing and music were lifelong his main interests.

He is survived by his wife Shirley, four children and 11 grandchildren.

Allan Glen's School Pupils – New Computer Disc.

The Club has just taken delivery of the 4th edition of this computer disc which now includes around half of those who studied at the School in its 120 year existence - over 12,000 names.

The main part of the CD contains the pupils' names listed in the year that each entered secondary school. Each of these "year lists" shows all of the places where the pupils' names have been found which makes it possible to follow up articles and photographs from school magazines, club newsletters and the two school histories. With over 36,000 entries now in this new CD, there is an average of 3 entries for each pupil.

The contents of the three School registers are also included in this CD allowing for example, an opportunity to remind yourself of those who joined the school with you on your first day. Two of these registers cater for entries from 1933 until the entry in September 1972. Before 1933 there does not seem to have been a register although there is a list of those who were in the school in 1891 together with those who joined from then up until 1894. This earlier collection of names is also shown in this section of the CD. The final section of the disc has a complete alphabetical list of all the pupils that the Club can link to a specific year.

This CD makes it possible to find the name of a friend, relative or past schoolmate and learn places where more information and possibly photographs may be found. It is a very useful disc to resolve questions about former pupils but it is about as exciting a read as is a telephone directory!

Copies of this CD can be obtained by sending a cheque for £10.00 (no p and p) made out to Allan Glen's School Club.

Mr T.D. Bell - 30 Campbell Drive, Bearsden, Glasgow G61 4NE

Wanted... wanted. .wanted..... Once again – can anyone help?

This time the Club is updating its collection of Annual Dinner Programmes.

It all started with a handful of programmes from David Reid. As these programmes gave "Date of leaving school" they were invaluable in working out when the diner had attended.

There was no school register until 1933 and it was therefore difficult to place former pupils in the correct year – it became a useful help to learn a leaving date. The collection of programmes was then greatly enhanced when Ian Hogarth produced fifty from some of the dinners he had attended. The Club collection has now most of the programmes from the 1955 dinner onwards.

It is hoped that somewhere, perhaps at the back of a drawer, Allan Glen's School Old Boy Dinner programmes will be found to be lurking! Or perhaps between some books in your attic! As well as post-1955 programmes that we do not have, there are also missing nine more recent ones we would like to see. The list of these is as follows :- 1970 : 1972 : 1973 : 1974 : 1975 : 1976 : 1979 : 1982 : and 1990.

Previous requests for bursary lists, School magazines, and sports day programmes have been very successful and hopefully this request will also produce good results.

Sandy Howie

William B Hunter 1939-2013 - a Tribute by Murdo MacGregor

As you get older you imagine you can cope with anything, then suddenly you are faced with a situation that has you thinking, "What the heck do I do here?"

I was put into this position when I was asked to write a few lines about my friend Billy, who passed away recently.

How can you put Billy Hunter into a few lines? He was a larger than life character who will not be forgotten by those who knew him well.

Billy and I went through Allan Glen's at the same time, and got into a few "situations" that are probably better forgotten now, and we parted in 1957 – he going south west to Babcock and Wilcox, and myself going north east to N.B. Loco (then the third largest locomotive-building company in the world). I wonder how many wind turbines would be required to keep these enterprises running today.

Billy later moved to London, and then to Peru before ending up in Bahrain.

My travels took me to Tannochside, Shotts, Saudi Arabia, and finally Bahrain in 1978.

One night I was in the British Club in Bahrain talking to a couple I knew from Glasgow, and they mentioned that they were waiting for a Bill Hunter, which did not register as I had always known him as Billy. (There was always something "Kingly" about him.) Shortly after, in a scene that might have resembled Stanley meeting Livingstone in Nyasaland, our old partnership was re-established – probably to the despair of our wives and families.

At school Billy was mercilessly and unfairly picked on by a teacher from the top floor of St David's about his roots in Pollock Street in Tradeston. At that time, coming from the southern suburbs of Glasgow, to me Tradeston might have been on the moon. The nearest I ever got to there was travelling to a certain football ground – which quite a few people from Glen's also did. In fact, I only remember one Glen's pupil who supported our arch rivals from the other side of the river, and I poked fun at him at the last annual dinner by playing him in to the strains of Follow, Follow.

Billy was a tremendous story teller, and had a magnificent sense of humour. I remember coming home from a Burns' Night in Bahrain, and crawling to my door, having previously suffered a slipped disc, to the comment, "MacGregor! Christ made less fuss on the cross than you tonight!" upon which, according to my wife, I got up and marched straight in, saying, "You're right, Hunter."

I could fill a book about our time in Bahrain. We were even known in Bombay the odd time we met up there – but that, particular story, I feel, is typical of his one-liners.

Fortunately, life is not all about socialising. With Billy being Finance Director of Gulf Air, and myself being General Manager of an engineering company, we had to act responsibly for at least part of our 20-odd years there – and I believe we did not let the old school down.

The last year of Billy's life was not very kind to him, and he was in considerable pain for a lot of the time, which he masked from us, and I hope all of you who read this will join me in sending our sympathy to Annie, Marcus, Geoffrey, and Frank on their sad loss.

He was a character whose mould was broken when he left us, and who will be sadly missed.

At the graveside, when I was playing "Going home" on the pipes, the wind caught my chanter on the last two notes. Could he have been telling me something?

I'm certain if there is a bar, club, or Caledonian Society in the Afterlife, we shall meet again.

Farewell my friend Billy.

Visit to the George Wyllie Exhibition at The Mitchell 17th January 2013



Thirteen lucky club members attended a private visit to enjoy the artistic talents of the late artist George R Wyllie MBE. (Indeed, the number would have been much higher had I not mentioned at preceding club lunches that the Retrospective Exhibition was running daily throughout December and January and several members attended the Mitchell independently. On re-reading the 'trailer' in December's Newsletter I note also that the introduction failed to mention George Wyllie's name so unless you were aware of his moniker "The Whysman" or his exhibition "In Pursuit of the Question Mark" you would probably be none the wiser!)

George Wyllie attended *Allan Glen's* from 1933 to 1938. After war service in the Royal Navy he joined H.M. Customs where I had the pleasure of working with him. Most of his colleagues were unaware of his artistic talents.

I recall him attending welding classes in the mid-sixties. Subsequently his metal sculptures gained him international acclaim as did his "social art" like the "Straw Locomotive" (1987) and the Gulbenkian prize-winning "Paper Boat" (1990). His "Running (or Clyde) Clock" (depicting a clock on running legs) stands outside Buchanan Street bus station. His "Monument to Maternity" (depicting a huge nappy pin) is in Montrose Street on the site of the former Rottenrow Maternity Hospital. George's work is represented in major public and private collections worldwide.

Our group was privileged to have an extensive and knowledgeable guided tour by Jan Patience, the publicity and events coordinator, to whom we are indebted for a memorable visit. We were greatly impressed by the scope of George's creativity. He often spoke with pride of his years at Allan Glen's. Our members can be proud of our famous former pupil and his legacy.

David Tanner

Edward Tull-Warnock - President Allan Glen's Old Boys Club 1936-1937

Dear Colonel Kelly

It was a pleasure to meet you last night at the Barbers Dinner Dance.

I have attached a series of papers which I wrote for a dental magazine on my 'dental roots'. The second paper in the series has details about Edward Tull-Warnock (my adopted cousin 3 times removed!) Edward was the first UK qualified black dentist (C1910- Glasgow), having been schooled at Allan Glen's. As I mentioned- you will see from his obituary that he was President of the Allan Glen's Old Boys Club. I'd be pleased if you forwarded this paper to Allan Glen's if you feel it would be of any interest to them. The paper also refers to Walter Tull, the first black outfield footballer in England and also the first black commissioned officer of the British Army.

Edward Tull-Warnock and Walter Tull are in the second paper (DENTALROOTS2), however I have attached all 3 papers in case you are interested.

Best wishes

Mike Gow

Extract from "Dental Roots" by Mike Gow

John Daniel Tull and his brother Edward were born in Folkestone, Kent, the sons of a Barbadian carpenter Daniel Tull and Kent-born Alice Elizabeth Palmer. Their grandmother was a slave in Barbados. Despite being of mixed heritage, they were referred to as 'black'. They were brought up in a National Children's Home orphanage in Bethnal Green.

Edward was adopted by the Warnock family of Glasgow. He attended *Allan Glen's School* from 1899 till 1911 and qualified as a dentist, the first black/mixed heritage person to practise this profession in the United Kingdom.

AGSC East of Scotland Club

President B O H Brown

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The President and I hope you will be able to join us for the 60th 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 3rd May 2013 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 £28 per person, thanks to the Parent Club's generous sponsorship. The price includes table wines or soft drinks. The dress will be informal. Please notify me by Saturday 27th April giving your full name and those of your guests.

PITLOCHRY FESTIVAL THEATRE: Saturday 1st June 2013.

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

The play is a musical "Hello Dolly".

The price for the lunch and musical is £37 per person.

Note that due to the popularity of this musical, I may not be able to accept a late booking.

The notification date for the Theatre is Saturday 11th May.

I am very sorry that refunds for cancellations for the Dinner later than Monday 29th April, or the Theatre later than Saturday 11th May, 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 3rd May 2013.

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 B' s.

PITLOCHRY FESTIVAL THEATRE

Please reserve meplaces for the visit to Pitlochry Festival Theatre on 1st June 2013.

Name:

Guest Names:

A cheque for £ is enclosed.

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



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Dear Member,

The 91st **Annual General Meeting** of the Club will be held in the Mercure Hotel, 201, Ingram Street, Glasgow on **Monday 22 April at 5.30pm for 6.00pm**. A buffet meal will be provided following the meeting.

AGENDA

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| 1. Apologies | - I. Dale |
| 2. Notification of deaths in 2012 | - I. Dale |
| 3. President's Remarks | - R. Wright |
| 4. Minutes of 90th AGM, held on 23 April 2012 | - I. Dale |
| 5. Honorary Secretary's Report | - I. Dale |
| 6. Treasurer's Report | - H. R. Graham |
| 7. Money Spinner Draw | - J. Cochrane |
| 8. Allan Glen's Endowment Scholarship Trust | - R. Wright |
| 9. Allan Glen Tribute Lecture | - G. Egan |
| 10. Allan Glen's School Club Trust | - A. F. McLellan |
| 11. Report from the East of Scotland Club | - I. Hogarth |
| 12. Report from the Golf Section | - B. McAllister |
| 13. Report from the Sports Club | - R. Leckie |
| 14. Report on the Newsletter | - A. McLellan |
| 15. Website | - C. Dick |
| 16. Report on the Annual Dinner | - J. Bolton |
| 17. Report on the Lunch Club | - G. Day |
| 18. Alumni of the Year | - I. Dale |
| 19. Nomination and Election of Committee Members | |
| 20. Nomination and Election of Trustees of the Endowment Scholarship Trust | |
| 21. Any Other Competent Business. | |

**Minutes of the 90th Annual General Meeting of Allan Glen's School Club,
held in Ramada Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow on Monday 23rd April, 2012**

Present: Ronald Wright (President) and 24 Members

Apologies: Apologies were received from Raymond Miquel, Willie Stewart, John Bolton, Ken Guiney, Ian Valentine, Brian Brown, Bruce Barrie, Duncan McFarlane, Bill Coghill, John Cochrane, Jack Macdougall

Minutes of 89th AGM: The minutes were accepted, proposed A. McLellan, seconded J. Macdonald.

Matters arising It was reported at the 89th AGM that George Grant (1970) was using the name and crest of Allan Glen's School to advertise a font called "Allan Glen's Font" despite being contacted and told to stop immediately using that description it was noted that he has continued to do so – further contact will be made with the possibility of action.

Deaths: Ronald Dingwall (first year 1953), William Coggans (1959), John Webster (1935), Ron Miller (1949), Peter Hood (1935), Andy Wilkie (1961), Robin McSkimming (teacher), Samuel Gailey (1943), Gordon Horne (1935), Walter Peffer (1934), Andrew Carmichael (1938), Keith Meara (1953) and Past President Professor Hugh Sutherland (1931).
A minute's silence was observed.

President's Remarks: At last year's AGM I really didn't know what I was letting myself in for and I took over the Presidency with some fear and trepidation. I must say, I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and I must thank all my hard working Committee for their support and encouragement. There has been a lot going on which will become evident as the meeting progresses.
The Canadian group continues to meet in Toronto for occasional lunches.

Secretary's Report: The secretary reported that the committee meetings had been well attended with much hard work completed by the members.
Again particular mention should be made with regard to the setting up of a new Allan Glen's Trust, especially by past president Alan McLellan and Allan McLaren. Considerable time has been spent with our legal advisors but the time-scale does appear to be very long. At each recent AGM it has been reported that the new Allan Glen's Trust is about to be formalised. Although considerable progress has been made there are still some serious legal points to be clarified and resolved.

Treasurer's Report: Ross Graham presented the accounts.
There had been a substantial increase in members' subscriptions during the previous year which had helped to reduce the deficit. In addition the subsidies to the Annual Dinner and monthly lunches were less.
It was noted that considerable legal expenses had been incurred and that it was anticipated that some additional payments would have to be made in the near future.
The agreement with the Allan Glen's Sports Club so that any member of the School Club would have membership of the Sports Club will continue at an annual cost of £300.
Accounts were agreed – proposed N. Kilpatrick, seconded J. Kelly.

Money Spinner Draw: Ian McLennan thanked members for their support. It had been agreed to continue to make a donation to the Endowment Trust - £500.
R. Wright advised the members that I. McLennan, after 16 years as convenor, wished to retire. The members thanked Ian with a round of applause. It was announced that John Cochrane had agreed to take over.

Endowment Scholarship Trust: 25 applications had been received this year for the scholarships. After examining the written evidence Ian Valentine and Professor Scott MacGregor (University of Strathclyde) interviewed a number of students and three candidates were chosen (Heng Wai Chang, Martin Nolan and Robert Fotheringham) In addition Rebecca Findlay who would have received a scholarship last year was awarded the Iain Lambie scholarship.
At present nine students are progressing through their engineering studies at University. Some of the Scholar Reports were published in the March Newsletter. All of the feedback from the students is very positive they are grateful for the Trusts support and what it means to them.
The Club's trustee representatives have raised the very poor return on our investments with Glasgow City Council's finance department. A number of possible changes in the investment management are being considered which should improve the situation but it is likely to take some time.

Tribute Lecture: Gregor Egan reported on the lecture. – see December 2012 Newsletter

1968 School Trust: Alan McLellan and Allan McLaren continue to work on the club's behalf with our lawyer and the QC. The petition has now been lodged before Judge Lord Drummond in the Court of Session.

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and it is hoped that this will be agreed by summer 2012 when the new trust will be named The Allan Glen's 2012 Trust. It was noted that this process started in 2000.

The President expressed the club's gratitude for all the hard and careful work undertaken.

East of Scotland Club: Ian Hogarth reported that the East of Scotland Club was in good heart. Due to poor weather the AGM was not held in December 2011.

The annual visit to Pitlochry Festival Theatre took place on 25 June 2011 with 23 attending.

The Annual Dinner was held at Murrayfield Golf Club on 20th April. Unfortunately Brian Brown was indisposed and Ian took the chair with 24 members present. President R. Wright advised the members of various topics relating to the School Club and Trust.

This year's visit to Pitlochry is planned for 16 June and 33 have already booked tickets.

Golf Section: Brian McAllister reported that the 2011 outing was to Pollok Golf Club with 18 golfers playing. B. McAllister announced that he has decided to resign from the committee. However the arrangements for the this year's annual golf outing at Pollok are in hand and will be held on Thursday 13 September.

He was warmly thanked for all his work on behalf of the club.

Sports Club: Bob Leckie reported that the Sports Club was financially sound with a profit of £11,000 this year. Some major improvements and replacements will be required in the clubhouse and grounds over the coming year.

The first XV team maintained its position in the league and finished a creditable 7th.

Newsletter: Editor Alan McLellan noted that four issues were produced during the year with each issue running to ten pages. While the vast majority are distributed by email it would be helpful if any member with an email address who currently receives it by post could consider changing to the email system. Alan thanked Mike McCreery for his help. The newsletter was well received by members and congratulations were extended to all concerned.

Website: Callan Dick gave a presentation of the new website using a computer and projector. A number of improvements were shown. It was noted that all of the Newsletters from October 2004 are now available online. Callan and Mike McCreery were thanked for all their work.

Annual Dinner: John Bolton presented his report. See December 2012 Newsletter

Lunch Club: Gordon Day presented the report. He noted that there was now a good relationship with the staff at the Ramada Hotel, Ingram Street and this has proved to be an excellent venue with good food and attentive staff. The numbers have varied between 28 and 38.

Strathclyde Year: Robbie Renwick and Professor Graham Wren. Robbie Renwick is an engineering student and double swimming medal winner at the Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games and Professor Wren is the University's Major Projects Director.

Glasgow University Young Alumnus of the Year:

The Allan Glen's trophy was presented to Emeli Sande, chart-topping singer/songwriter.

Elections: President Ronnie Wright continues in office as President while David Tanner continues as vice-president. Ian Dale was re-elected Secretary and Mike McCreery, Treasurer; Ross Graham, reporting accountant

The following committee members retire by rotation and all have offered themselves for re-election: Gordon Day, Craig Downie, John Kelly, Bob Leckie, Mike McCreery and Tom Bell.

All were unanimously re-elected.

John Cochrane was elected a member of the committee.

Trustees for the Education Scholarship Trust were elected by acclamation:

Ronnie Wright, David Tanner Alan McLellan, Ian Dale, Ian Valentine,

Gregor Egan; Past President John Kelly will continue as a Trustee representing the Trades House.

AOCB: The meeting closed at 7.20 pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Proposed date of the 91st AGM is 22nd April 2013.