



# Allan Glen's School Club

"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

# Newsletter September 2017

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Of particular note in this Newsletter is the Commemoration of the Centenary of the death of Company Sergeant Major John Skinner, VC. DCM, CdeG. The School Club was well represented with fifteen members attending.

There is also an article by our new Dinner Convenor, Bob Leckie. Both the Guest of Honour and the Raconteur for this Year's Dinner look like being really excellent, so I hope you will support the event if at all possible. You will shortly be receiving your Annual Letters with the major events. Let's see if we can boost numbers this year.

Alan McLellan

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# John Skinner VC



## Company Sergeant Major John Skinner VC, DCM, CdeG Commemoration Ceremony 16 August 2017 “The bravest man I met in a war won by brave men”

The ceremony at the People's Palace, hosted by The Right Hon Lord Provost of Glasgow, Cllr Eva Bollander, was very well attended by the School Club. We had to pull two tables together to accommodate the 15 members who had been able to stay on afterwards for the reception in the Winter Gardens..

The assembled company, including representatives of The King's Own Scottish Borderers, John's extended family, Pollokshields Heritage Centre, Pollokshields Church and The Allan Glen's School Club followed *Finlay MacDonald*. Head of Piping Studies at the National Piping Centre, from the People's Palace to the commemoration stone beside the Doulton Fountain.

The Lord Provost made the formal welcoming remarks, following which Myra Grant, John's Great Niece, read the awe-inspiring Citation (reproduced below). Finlay MacDonald played "Flowers of the Forest" while the wreaths were laid by

- The Lord Provost
- Stewart Skinner, John's Great Nephew from Lancashire
- *Colonel Angus Loudon MBE*, President of the KOSB Association
- John Cochrane, President of the School Club, and
- Stewart Crawford, Probationary Minister, Pollokshields Church

Alan Skinner then read a poem, ***Our Soldier Brave***, (also reproduced below) that he had written for the event, then Stewart Skinner, another Great Nephew (who had travelled all the way from Australia for the event) presented the vote of thanks, following which Finlay MacDonald played a specially-commissioned piece he had composed for the occasion.

To cap everything off, George Grant, Myra's husband, presented Colonel Loudon with a painting called "***Carriers***." The following quotation reproduced on its back label was the inspiration for the painting

### 'CARRIERS'

"The orders at the time were, to leave the dead in the trenches,

it was considered too fatiguing to carry the bodies back across the devastated area of the Passchendaele salient  
The Battalion was relieved that night, and quite unknown to the officer, Sergeant Ross and the men of his company, carried Skinner's body back the long 17 miles to the rest area in Vlamertinghe.

We were told this by Sergeant Ross some years ago, just before he died"

### 'CARRIERS'

"They got his body down, and six other VCs, all of the same 29<sup>th</sup> Division, bore him from the gun carriage to his grave in the cemetery at Vlamertinghe. One was a private soldier and another was a General"

The above quotations are taken from extracts of 'I Was There' by Rev. Kenelm Swallow

Please take the time to read Alan's excellent epic poem in full – which I defy you to do without shedding a tear! It covers the astonishing career of Company Sergeant Major John Skinner VC, DCM, CdeG, from lying about his age at the age of 16 to join the KOSB and fight in the Boer War to lying in the fields of Flanders having been fatally wounded by a sniper's bullet while trying to rescue a wounded comrade from no-man's-land – epitomising the military adage, "You fight for your country – but you die for your mates."

Ross Ballantyne



# John Skinner VC

## Citation

John Skinner was 34 years old, and an acting company sergeant major in the 1st Battalion, The King's Own Scottish Borderers, British Army, during the First World War. Displaying astounding bravery throughout the war, together with excellent leadership, he received the Victoria Cross for both of these attributes displayed during the Battle of Passchendaele on 16 August 1917 at Wijdendrift, Belgium.

Whilst his company was attacking, machine gun fire opened on the left flank, delaying the advance. Although C.S.M. Skinner was wounded in the head, he collected six men, and with great courage and determination worked round the left flank of three blockhouses from which the machine gun fire was coming, and succeeded in bombing and taking the first blockhouse single-handed; then, leading his six men towards the other two blockhouses, he skilfully cleared them, taking sixty prisoners, three machine guns, and two trench mortars. The dash and gallantry displayed by this warrant officer enabled the objective to be reached and consolidated. Sir Beauvoir de Lisle, the KOSB's Commanding Officer, writing of John Skinner described him as "**the bravest man I met in a war won by brave men**".

John Skinner was killed in action, Vlamertinghe, Belgium, on 17 March 1918.

## Our Soldier Brave

John Kendrick Skinner, known as Jock A Glasgow boy, from highland stock His Dad had moved the Skinner flock From Ross-shire's fields.  
To live amongst the lowland folk In Pollokshields.

Jock took to learning in his stride At Melville Street and Queen's Park High Then Allan Glen's it did provide His education.  
But Jock had one aim deep inside To serve his nation.

Though just sixteen Jock did apply (He claimed eighteen – a wee white lie) No matter how his Dad did try With fervent pleas.  
Jock took the oath requested by KOSBs

Within four months Jock went to war In Africa to fight the Boer  
Then India and Aden where His ranking grew.  
He battled through the mud and gore In Burma too.

As soon as World War 1 began Our country needed every man Of bravery to make the plan A certain winner.  
There surely was no braver than John Kendrick Skinner.

At Mons, Cuinchy and Béthune Jock bravely fronted his platoon From wounding he was not immune Six times he'd suffered.  
The DCM was given soon When he'd recovered.

At Wijdendrift the battle raged T'was fearsome how this war was waged And Jock's platoon was sore engaged Against the foe.  
Their three blockhouses had been staged All in a row.

Alone Jock moved against the first Despite the fierce machine gun bursts He paid no heed to wounds he nursed To reach his goal.  
And almost forty prisoners cursed Our heroic soul.

Then Jock cried "come men, follow me" And stormed to blockhouse two then three And with outstanding bravery The day was won.  
For sixty of the enemy Their war was done.

In Pollokshields Jock's folks felt numb A letter came that struck them dumb Commanding Jock that he should come To London's Mall.  
The Palace known as Buckingham I do recall.

King George presented Jock's VC Jock's eight wound stripes were clear to see And he was pleased as pleased could be Who else was guestin'.  
A fellow proud KOSB Bill Grimbaldeston.

Both Bill and Jock had faced the guns As Kossies of Battalion One They truly were second to none How brave they were.  
And France e'er long confirmed they'd won Le Croix de Guerre.

While home on leave Jock took the chance To tie the knot in his romance The Church duly proclaimed the banns How thrilled was he.  
When Jock he led the wedding dance With Annie Lee.

But not long after that great day To Flanders Fields Jock made his way When asked why, he would simply say "My men are there.  
So I must help them face the fray Not be elsewhere".

At Vlamertinghe Jock spotted lying In no-mans-land, a comrade dying Jock ventured out, a rescue trying Midst battle's roar.  
But then a sniper's bullet flying Jock was no more.

Jock's cortege went by Ypres town A gun carriage with horses brown Conveyed this soldier so renowned To Reverend Swallow.  
Our loyal servant of the crown Interred with sorrow.

Six pall-bearers, all VC holders One general, one a private soldier They carried Jock upon their shoulders As darkness fell.  
The rain it made the day seem colder For Jock's farewell.

In Vlamertinghe, Jock's headstone reading "Father in thy gracious keeping Leave we now thy servant sleeping" Atops his grave.  
We salute you Jock, no time for weeping Our soldier brave.

Alan Skinner

16th August 2017

# Edward Maxwell Dixon – the end of an era?

Following my previous article on the descendants of our esteemed founder Allan Glen and the verification that Allan Glen Lindsay Keir was indeed off the same Glen line, Gregor Egan approached me regarding Edward Maxwell Dixon. On page 26 of the book "*The History of Allan Glen's School and the Allan Glen's School Club 1853 - 2003*" there is a reference to Edward Maxwell Dixon born 1829 and headmaster at Glen's 1878 - 1889. He is the man who refocused the school away from being a charity school to become the Glasgow High School of Science. His influence on the nature of the school, as we came to know it, was probably the most important and significant in Glen's illustrious history. Gregor asked me to research whether there are any of his descendants alive and whether they have any information on this man. In Gregor's opinion Dixon has been overlooked in the background of the school and that he is certainly worth investigating.

Edward Maxwell Dixon was indeed born on 13 September 1829 at Knowhead Farm in the parish of Kirkpatrick Fleming, Dumfriesshire to father John Dixon, a farm labourer, and mother Mary Scott. The church registrar actually named him as Edward Maxwell Dickson. Knowhead Farm was on the Springkell Estate, the main house being a large William Adam-style Palladian mansion built in 1734 possibly by Alexander Johnstone for the Maxwell family. Edward may have been given a middle name of Maxwell in deference to the Maxwell Lairds. What is recorded, is that Edward Maxwell Dixon was a very intelligent student in Kirkpatrick Fleming and he was then sent to study at Abbey Street Academy in Carlisle. He was so prolific in mathematical and science subjects that he was made an assistant in 1847 at the Academy. Did the Maxwells of Springkell help fund what was an excellent education for the son of a farm labourer?

In 1852 he became a student at the Established Church of Scotland Training College in Dundas Vale, Cowcaddens, Glasgow, where he obtained a Bachelor of Science, and in 1853 he was appointed as a lecturer in mathematics and natural philosophy. The building, originally named the Glasgow Normal School, still stands in Cowcaddens to this day and it was the first purpose-built Teacher Training School in Britain. Dixon was involved in various interesting scientific experiments, most notably "An Examination of the Air of Glasgow".

Edward Maxwell Dixon, 26, a teacher of mathematics, was married to wife Helen McGregor Boyd, 21, both residing at 41 Oxford Street, Laurieston, Glasgow on 14 August 1855 by Rev Robert Stewart, Minister of St Mark's Church of Scotland. Edward and Helen had 4 known children in Glasgow; son John (b. 7 May 1860), daughters Mary (b. ~1863), Caroline Falder (b. ~1867) and Jessie Laidlaw (b. ~1877). Son John Dixon was born on 7 May 1860 at 351 Bath Street, Blythswood, Glasgow on 7 May 1860, just one block west of where the King's Theatre now stands, although the original building is long gone.

By 1871 the Dixon family were living in a large 7-windowed house at 11 Hopetoun Place, Glasgow. Coincidentally, Hopetoun Place faced the plot where the new *Allan Glen's School* was built on Cathedral Street. Fittingly, Hopetoun Place, now long demolished, has been replaced by part of the University of Strathclyde. In 1878 the Governors of *Allan Glen's* appointed Edward Maxwell Dixon as Headmaster and he continued there until his death in 1889, where he developed the importance of mathematical, technical and science subjects, which the Glasgow High School for Science was to become famed for.

In 1881 census the family still resided at 11 Hopetoun Place; Edward, 51, teaching mathematics and science, wife Helen, 47, son John, 20, an apprentice engineer, daughters Mary, 18, a pupil teacher, Caroline F, 14, a scholar, and Jessie L, 4. Sometime between 1881 and 1889, Edward's first wife Helen died and he remarried a second wife Jane Bromley.

## Allan Glen's Annual Dinner 25 November



Gentlemen.

For my sins I am convener for this year's Annual Dinner. It is 20 years since I was allocated this task and there were certainly more potential candidates for attendance in these days. However, members then seemed to be encouraged by the fact that we had identified tables such as a Rugby Table, of course, a Golf Table, Doctor's Table, a Knightswood Table an Ian McMillan Table and tables for several other nominated sports, districts or vacations. The Doctor's Table for example was attended by Henry Dargy, Ian Rodgers, David Love, David O'Neill, Stuart McPherson and others. The golf table included Brian McAlister and John McDonald.

It maybe that by encouraging this approach again we could boost numbers and promote camaraderie.

I would be grateful if you would all consider this approach and collect your old buddies for an evening of enjoyment and communication.

Bob Leckie

# Daddy Kerr - A legend

What led him to make this momentous decision can best be told in his own characteristic words. They are quoted from an article prepared for The Red Poppy magazine, 1933. Extract from pamphlet, "What Disabled Soldiers Taught Me": "This is how it befell that a schoolmaster, on the verge of superannuation, sat at the feet of disabled soldiers.

From the early months of the War, day by day brought sad news of one or other of our boys. I had had a long spell, some fifty years, of teaching, and the urge to do something of direct use to maimed men became an obsession. The London Committee of the French Red Cross agreed to take me, and so during July and August, 1916, it was my privilege to serve the soldiers of France in the Alliance Hospital at Yvetot.

"In September, 1916, I resumed duty in Glasgow, but not with easy mind. I had been under the sway of men who had suffered many things and still were undismayed. I had seen what little kindnesses could do. Before the close of 1916 I had left Allan Glen's and gone as Lay Superintendent to the Pilkington Special Hospital at St. Helens. The School Log Book, under the date 15th January, 1917, has the following entry: "Dr. Kerr bade Staff and Pupils good-bye." These bare words recall to those present on that occasion the scene of his farewell.

Standing on his favourite rostrum, the stairway leading to Room I, the quadrangle packed with cheering boys, he must have seen in his mind's eye the hosts of their predecessors who, in the past twenty-six years had in their turn cheered his rousing words. Perhaps the distant echo of their cheers mingled with the shouts of those around him. As year had succeeded year the affection of those who had come under his compelling influence had grown until the memory of "Daddy" Kerr became a legend.

Here's a riddle for the members;



How did Prince Albert's love of science and engineering come to the rescue of Allan Glen's School?

Answer; It was he (as Queen Victoria's Consort) who inspired the creation in 1853 of the "The South Kensington Science and Art Department" where the School was able to supplement its meagre funds.

Although the Department's champion, Prince Albert died in 1861 we can speculate that the politicians who eventually shut it down were wary of doing so until Queen Victoria was unlikely to oppose them.

Hence the eventual closure in 1899.

PS: It is obvious that the ilk of Vince Cable existed in those days too.

Gregor Egan

## Class of 1970 Reunion

FP's attended on that night had arrived back in Scotland from England, Australia and New Zealand

From left to right:-

Kenny Kernahan

Alan McDonald - England

Graham Wilson - Cranbourne Australia

Ken Robertson

Robert Gemmell

Neil McDonald

Bill Coltart

Paul Chambers

Jack Hannah - London, England

Jim Gibbons

George Grant - New Zealand

(More details from Bill Coltart)



# Correspondence and news items

Dear Editor,

I greatly enjoyed the June issue of the Newsletter, partly because it recalled two great teachers who were at the School during my time (1951-57) and beyond. Ralph Cowan was our 1B form teacher in our first three years and in that time he gradually eased us into using our 15 minutes at the start of the school day as a time for quiet contemplation. No mean achievement! Occasionally, he would gently convey a story with some moral purpose - and I recall some of these to this day. Having a Gallery named for him is a most appropriate tribute -- and a must-see for me on my next visit to Glasgow.

The tribute to Morris Blythman was excellent and I was very sorry not to be present at the lunch. He did inspire and encourage so many good singers and musicians. (Incidentally, there was one notable omission from the list given; Nigel Denver who attended the School in the 50's, had a beautiful voice and went on to a professional career. Those interested in the Scottish folk music tradition will probably know the exceptional website [www.nigelgatherer.com](http://www.nigelgatherer.com)). Those of us who demonstrated at Holy Loch in the early 60's were jollied along by some of the Blythman gems: for example, "Tell the Yanks tae drap them doon the stanks!". I always have some difficulty in explaining to English friends what a stank is.

Yours sincerely,  
Harry Marsh

**The Two Dereks** by John McGee



Had John McGee, a novel idea,  
And came up with the nom de  
plume Derek,  
Many said to him, was that on a whim,  
Why did you not pick Ernie or Eric?  
Said John with glee, well the answer you see,  
Is all down to the actor Dirk Bogarde,  
He went to my school, and I'd be a fool,  
Not to hold him in the "beau-est" regard.  
My two books to date, that many do rate,  
Are penned about Beaugarde and Niven,  
Buy them today, and I'll go away,  
And you will send me to seventh Heaven.  
  
(For the record Sir Dirk Bogarde AGS 1934-  
37 was born Derek Niven van den Bogaerde)

Mike,

I lived in Woodlands, from 1937 until 1963, and as a child had glass pea shooters, made with a moulded mouthpiece, by a glass instrument maker in 46 West Princes Street, beside Queen's Crescent. The workshop was entered through the 'dunny' in what would now be called a 'garden flat'.

Doing 'Family Research' I discovered that Ralph Cowan is listed in the 1936 Post Office Directory as a craftsman in 'stained and leaded glass' at the above address. Whilst at school he, with Mr Brooks, taught me art and pottery. I hope this is of interest.

Lawrie Taylor.

## Charlie Thomson.

On a recent visit to Crieff I visited Charlie Thomson. He was in good spirits, despite having had some recent hospitalisation. Charlie taught me Dynamics in 5<sup>th</sup> year(1957-58) at AGS. He subsequently moved to Morrisons Academy in Crieff to teach mathematics and become the Deputy Headmaster. The attached certificate was awarded to him this July, and although he did not apply, he was very proud to have been awarded Fellowship of the Institute of Mathematics.

Mike McCreery

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This is to certify that

**Charles Thomson**

was approved as a

**Fellow Member**

on the 6 July 2017

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Institute of Mathematics and its applications



## Alexander McCallum

Many of you will be aware of my recent presentation at Abode lunch to promote my new book *Pride of the Lions* by Derek Niven (pseudonym). Last week I bumped into an old railway colleague and ex-mining and steelworks engineer called Kevin McCallum. I have known him for 25 years but it just goes to show you always learn something new every day. When I explained to Kevin that my Derek Niven pseudonym came from old Allan Glen's Boy Derek Niven van den Bogaerde aka actor Sir Dirk Bogarde and that I was also at Allan Glen's – Kevin stated that his father was an art teacher at the Glen's. I could not believe it because Mr McCallum was my art teacher and he had an influence on my love of cartooning and also art in general. I remembered him well as he was quite flamboyant at AGS with long white hair, a white beard and a penchant for Paisley pattern cravats. Alexander McCallum was fairly instrumental for fighting, with the backing of Glasgow District Council, to retain a Higher Level Art Stream at Allan Glen's when most boys were streamed into Science, Maths, Engineering and Technical Streams. Mr McCallum is still alive although he now does not keep in the best of health.

John McGee 1G 1968-73

## The future for our School memorabilia

Having hung up my keyboard ( Editor's phrase ) at the end of my 15 year project to name Allan Glen's pupils, my attic was full of Glen's memorabilia.

Over these years many former pupils and their descendants have handed over their hoards of Glen's photos and letters asking in return that "a good home be found for them"

Much of the material has been scanned and copied to CD rom discs but that does not reduce the original material and the need to preserve its existence.

At one time Strathclyde University in an earlier Technical College stage, was responsible for the School and they have a well-stocked and professionally itemised archive of early Allan Glen's artefacts which it is possible for Members to view. This material can be viewed by Club Members and the Strathclyde University's webpage gives the procedures to be followed to visit this unique collection of text of our past.

As a first step to find a "good home" for much of the attic material, Mike McCreery and John McGee kindly arranged to act as the Delivery Crew to transfer our original items to the Strathclyde Library

Most of the remaining papers will find a resting place with John which will allow our Treasurer who has a proven literary bent, to extract interesting stories for us over the next few years.

Sandy Howie



### The reason why "Jumbo" Steel had the sign in his office that Greek will not be taught in Allan Glen's

Ian Hogarth has frequently regaled us with his entertaining stories at our lunches of the school in the years long before most of us even knew the school existed. On a few occasions he mentioned the sign in Dr Steel's office stating that Greek will not be taught at Allan Glen's. However he was unable to tell us why.

The following excerpt from the 100 year history of the school gives the explanation.

*His hands were further strengthened by the scheme drawn up by the Educational Endowments Commissioners in 1886 and frequently referred to by Mr. Dixon in his later letters. For Allan Glen's School the Commissioners state definitely: "The subjects to be taught in the school shall include Reading, Writing, Arithmetic; Geography and History; English Grammar, Composition and Literature; Latin, French and German; Mathematics; Freehand, Geometrical, Mechanical and Architectural Drawing; the Elements of Mechanics, Physics and Chemistry, and such other scientific and technical subjects as the Governors may see fit to introduce. Greek shall not be taught in the school. The classes in Mechanics, Physics and Chemistry shall in all cases be associated with sufficient experimental demonstration and practical teaching, and the Governors shall provide proper Laboratory accommodation for the purpose.*

## Capt. George Clark Percy MC

On 31 July 2017 John McGee (1G 68–73), along with Anne Cameron of Strathclyde University Archives, attended a service of commemoration in the Chapel at Glasgow University to remember the alumni of the university who had fallen 100 years ago on 31 July 1917. John was representing Allan Glen's to remember Captain George Clark Percy MC, who served with the 8th Battalion The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).

George Clark Percy was born on 4 January 1895 at 7 Montague Place, Dumfries, Dumfriesshire. His parents were Robert Bell Percy, a fish merchant, and Josephine Percy née Clark who had married on the 23rd October 1889 in Annan, Dumfriesshire. The family moved to 2 Gardenseide Avenue, Carmyle, Glasgow and George continued to live at home with them while he studied, first at Allan Glen's School and then at the University of Glasgow. George came to the University in the autumn of 1913 to study English, Mathematics and Natural Philosophy. He passed all his exams and moved on to study Logic & Metaphysics and Moral Philosophy the following year.

In February 1915 he joined The Cameronians as a Captain and was sent to France the following July. He had been wounded in July 1916 during the Battle of the Somme, but he returned to service. He was awarded a Military Cross for his bravery on 21st June 1917. The London Gazette of 25th August records the events; *"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With his platoon he formed part of a working party in front of our line. Although subjected to heavy artillery fire, he showed complete disregard of danger, attending to the wounded and encouraging the men. When finally ordered to withdraw, it was due to his great coolness and good leadership that his platoon got safely back to our lines and, having seen the last man in, he returned and remained with a badly wounded officer under heavy fire until assistance reached him."*

Captain George Clark Percy was involved in the Battle of Passchendaele (Third Ypres) where he died on the 31st July 1917, aged 22. His memorial is on Panel 22 at the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium.

John McGee

## Alan Spence (AGS 1960- ) put forward as new Edinburgh Makar



A report to the City of Edinburgh Council's Culture and Communities Committee next week (Tuesday 12 September) recommends Spence as the next writer to be inaugurated as the [Edinburgh Makar](#). If agreed, Spence will take over the honorary role from Christine De Luca later this year at a special reception hosted by the Lord Provost within the City Chambers.

A highly respected poet, playwright, novelist and short story writer, Alan lives in Edinburgh but was born in Glasgow. His writing spans many genres and themes, often falling somewhere between literature and philosophy with poetry inspired by Zen and meditation. His writing covers many forms including haiku and tanka, often in collaboration with artists such as Elizabeth Blackadder and Alison Watt.

The Edinburgh Makar is a civic post instituted in 2002 by the City of Edinburgh Council. The writer is selected and nominated by representatives of the Scottish Poetry Library, Scottish PEN, The Saltire Society, Edinburgh City of Literature Trust and the Council.

The meaning of the Scots word Makar stresses the role of the poet or author as a skilled and versatile worker in the craft of writing. Edinburgh has always been a literary city, and to celebrate the importance of writers in the Capital the Council continues to show its commitment to the promotion of writers and literary projects, which enhance Edinburgh's international reputation, including the post of the Edinburgh Makar.

Councillor Donald Wilson, Culture and Communities Convener, said: "Alan Spence is an accomplished and highly-regarded writer whose work often features a hint of Scottish wit and shines with beautiful observations and revelations.

"He is the fifth addition to an illustrious group of writers who have filled this important role in Edinburgh - the original City of Literature. Each writer has enthralled and benefited the city with their talent and Alan is an excellent choice.

"He will fill the shoes of the brilliant Christine De Luca, whose poetry has been prolific over the last three years. It has been an absolute joy to experience her perspective of Edinburgh and its people and I would like to thank her for the energy and insight that she has brought to the role."

Alan Spence said: "I'm delighted and honoured to be nominated as the fifth Edinburgh Makar, the Poet Laureate for this wonderful city that has been my home for over 40 years.

"I look forward to following in the footsteps of my illustrious predecessors, Stewart Conn, Valerie Gillies, Ron Butlin and Christine De Luca. I know them all and they're fine poets who have done a great job. We live in troubled times and poetry has never been so important."

Christine De Luca said: "I am delighted that Alan Spence is to be our next Makar. Besides being a wonderful writer, he is outgoing and generous-hearted. I'm sure he'll take the role in fascinating new directions.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as the Edinburgh Makar and found nothing but support from the Council and its staff and from the other organisations supporting the role. Local poets too have been hugely encouraging and have willingly taken part in a range of projects."

## AGSC Golf outing September 2017

Our Annual Outing for the J G Kerr Trophy was held at Pollok Golf Club on 7 September. Fifteen was a few short of our record turnout for recent years of nineteen last year.

However, to their credit, on a pretty miserable day, all turned up on the tee. Because of the poor conditions the Competition was reduced to fourteen holes.

Brian McAllister, who we must again thank for organising the event, was the winner, followed by Ian Cairns and John Buchanan, equal second, with Ian being declared second on a count-back.



We were joined by a further five Old Boys for, as always, an excellent High Tea

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1	School Club Tie with crests	£10 UK Post £1.00		
2	150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tie – single Crest	£10 UK Post £1.00		
3	Bow tie – Club Pattern	£10 UK Post £1.00		
4	Bow Tie Anniversary colours	£10 UK Post £1.00		
5	Balmoral Pure Lambswool Jersey with embroidered Anniversary Crest Dark Blue –sizes available M (38/40")	£25 UK Post £3.40		
6	Balmoral Pure Lambswool Jersey with embroidered School Crest Light Blue –sizes available M (38/40")	£40 UK Post £3.40		
7	Balmoral Pure Lambswool Jersey with embroidered School Crest Navy Blue –sizes available M (38/40")	£40 UK Post £3.40		
8	Balmoral Cotton and Polyester Polo shirt with embroidered Anniversary Crest in Light Blue size M(36"), L(38/40")	£10 UK Post £3.40		
9	Balmoral Cotton and Polyester Polo shirt with embroidered Anniversary Crest in Dark Blue L(38/40")	£10 UK Post £3.40		
10	Papini Pique Cotton and polyester Polo Shirt with embroidered school crest. Light Blue Sizes L(38/40") XL(42/44") XXL(46/48")	£15 UK Post £3.40		
11	Papini Pique Cotton and polyester Polo Shirt with embroidered school crest. Navy Blue Sizes L(38/40") M(36") XL(42/44") XXL(46-48")	£15 UK Post £3.40		
12	Papini Pique Elite Cotton and polyester Polo Shirt with embroidered school crest . Light Blue with Navy Sizes M(36") L(38/40") XL(42/44") XXL(46-48")	£17 UK Post £3.40		
13	Russell Cotton Polyester Sweatshirt, Crew Neck, Raglan Sleeve in Light Blue, with embroidered School Crest L(40/42") XL(42/44") XXL(44/46") Also Navy XL(42/44") XXL(44/46")	£18 UK Post £3.40		
14	Lapel Badge – School Crest	£4 UK Post £0.90		
15	Cuff Links – bar type in box – School Crest	£12 UK Post £3.00		
16	Tie Pin – School Crest	£6 UK Post £0.90		
17	Lapel Badge – House Badge – choose B G P or R	£4 UK Post £0.90		
18	Cuff Links – bar type in box –House B G P or R	£12 UK Post £3.00		
19	Tie Pin – House Badge – choose B G P or R	£6 UK Post £0.90		
20	150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book	£5 UK Post £1.70		
21	New Balmoral 50% wool/acrylic crew neck jersey with School Crest. Long sleeve, navy blue. Sizes XL(46/48")	£32 UK Post £3.40		
22	New Balmoral 50% wool/acrylic V- neck jersey with School Crest. Long sleeve, light blue Sizes 42" 44" 46" Also in Navy 44", 46"	£32 UK Post £3.40		
23	New AGSC crest subtly imprinted on Titleist Velocity golf ball. (powered explosive distance and precision almost guaranteed)	£9 per pack of 3 UK Post £3.00		
<b>Total</b>				<b>£</b>

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