



Allan Glen's School Club

Newsletter December 2014

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

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Editorial

The "Age of Miracles" is not yet passed. *You*, have come up trumps yet again. Two Editions in a row, complete and without padding.

My Wife and I are in the process of moving into a McCarthy and Stone Retirement Home, all of three hundred yards away from our Home of almost thirty years (I still work in British not Metric Measure, maybe that's why I have to look retirement straight in the eye). This has meant most of the preparation for this Newsletter has had to fall on Mike, for which I thank him.

As this Letter goes to print, we are still resident at the address in the right Column. Hopefully, by the time you have "read, noted, marked and inwardly digested." this Tome of your own creation, we shall have moved to 31, "The Fairways," 823, Clarkston Road, Clarkston, GLASGOW. G44 3UZ I will say that the anxiety, stress and sleepless nights involved in "downsizing" are hugely understated. Compliments of the Season and enjoy your read!

Stop Press! We have pre-reserved 20 Tickets for "A Little Night Music" by Steven Sondheim - a musical farce at the Pitlochry Theatre - see diary dates below. We will remind you of this in the March Newsletter

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Dates for your Diary

Second Friday of the month -	Monthly Town Lunch	- (0141 942 2216)
Last Friday of the month -	Bishopbriggs Lunch	- (0141 357 0137)
Monday 13th April 2015 -	Annual General Meeting - Abode Hotel	
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Annual Dinner 22nd November 2014



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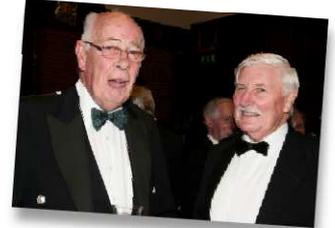
Allan McLaren



David Tanner Jnr



Norrie Kilpatrick



Report on the Annual Dinner 22nd November 2014.

Ninety-seven members and guests, including a top table of twelve, enjoyed an evening with a first class dinner and informative and entertaining speeches. Our Annual Dinner was held in the Trades Hall Glasgow on 22nd November.

Most had arrived in good time for beginning the evening at 7p.m. which began with the procession of the top table piped in by Murdo MacGregor in his own inimitable style. President David Tanner MBE and Vice-president Allan McLaren were joined at the Top Table by our Guests of Honour Old Boys Prof. Henry Dargie and Dr. Ian Rogers, our Raconteur for the evening, David Tanner (our President's son) and representatives of the Incorporation of Wrights, The Aloysian Association, The Glasgow High School Club, Kelvinside Academical Club, The Glasgow Academical Club, The AG Sports Club and the AGS East of Scotland Club. The other 6 tables seated 67 members and 18 guests. The President welcomed all present, introduced the Top Table and invited the Rev. Alan Garrity to say Grace. The caterers this year were again Corinthian, this time under the direction of Louise Brolly, who served us efficiently and with charm. Traditional toasts were proposed to 'The Queen' by The Chairman and to 'Allan Glen' by one of our older OLD BOYS in attendance, Norrie Kilpatrick (1940).

The Guests of Honour then gave both the background and the up-to-date information concerning the recent moves to create a HUB for a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) project highlighting the continuing vision of Allan Glen and perpetuating his name.

After the interval, piper Murdo got the proceedings underway again.

The President presented a quaich to David McLaren who won the G J Kerr Golf Trophy at the golf day on 11th September.

Vice-President Allan McLaren then proposed a toast to "our Guests" before introducing David Tanner our raconteur and invited him to respond on behalf of the guests.

David, a highly qualified journalist and experienced SKY Sports presenter, entertained us with stories of life in the media. David concluded by asking us to charge our glasses and drink a Toast to the 'Allan Glen's School Club.'

Our immediate Past-president Ronnie Wright rose and expressed thanks to all who had participated in the organisation and running of the function.

Twelve bottles of Scotch whisky, generously provided by Raymond Miquel CBE, were raffled and realised £500 from 91 participants; the best raffle return yet. During the year at lunch raffles a magnificent £608 was generated for the Trust. There is yet more whisky to raffle at the lunches and we owe Raymond a real debt of gratitude for his generosity.

We were all delighted that the winner of the monthly money-spinner draw was Ross Graham.

The President then declared the Dinner officially over but, as is customary, the members and guests were free to circulate and chat for a while longer.

Final costings are not yet available but the subsidy required from the club funds is expected to be slightly less than the estimated £1600. This is my first year as Dinner Convenor. I wish to thank Mike McCreery for all his good work printing the programmes etc. I also take this opportunity to thank John Bolton for all his help and encouragement.

Alan Garrity

George Ramsay said of Allan Glen in 1887

George Ramsay, who took a leading part in the affairs of the school at a later stage in its history, said at a Prize Giving on 22nd December, 1887: "First then, Ladies and Gentlemen, as in all duty bound; let us pay a tribute of respect and gratitude to our founder - Allan Glen.

Allan Glen was out and out a Glasgow man, and a man of the people. He was born about 1778 (sic) in Pollokshaws. He came early into Glasgow to follow his trade as a wright and ultimately set up business for himself in North Frederick Street, a business still continued by his worthy great-nephew, Mr. Allan Glen Maxwell. He lived a quiet unostentatious life: he performed many an act of charity, though he took no part in public affairs. But he had a heart to be touched, it would seem, by misery and misfortune and he resolved to devote the main part of his wealth after his death to their alleviation. He was especially struck with compassion, he tells us, for the unfortunate and destitute children who were wandering about the streets, and conceived that the best service which he could render them was to provide for a certain number of such children a sound practical education . . .

"The second statement was written for the School Magazine in 1920 by R.E.B., a contributor whose identity cannot now be established. He writes of Allan Glen: "He was a man much sought after by the pioneers of industry in those days of modern Glasgow's early growth; and my grandfather - who as a fellow craftsman knew him well has pictured him to me as impatient of dressiness, flinging aside his apron and donning his working jacket to confer at such august assemblies as those at the Merchants' House. "His workshop was in the lane that runs behind the school from Cathedral Street to Frederick Street and I think I am right in naming the north side of the lower end, where the lane turns at a right angle into the latter street, as the exact site.

"Little can now be done to recall a life divided from us by a hundred years. Allan Glen's appearance, his expression and all that makes the picture of a man in our minds have been forgotten; that chapter of his life is closed. But what we know of him we respect. Frugality and endeavour are little to be despised and the man whose compassion outlasts the rigours of a long life is indeed admirable.

We now see in Allan Glen a figure more significant and important than his own generation would allow. "A man of the people" are the professor's words. The more remarkable the people who produce such a man. No man likes to think that the work of his life-time is without meaning. Few welcome oblivion. "To be associated with my name" is a request which, in its simplicity, moves the heart.

If Allan Glen wished to be remembered as the founder of a school his wish has been granted abundantly. It is no exaggeration to say that his name has been carried by former pupils of the school into every quarter of the world.

It is a strange turn of Fate that the great and important of his own day are so often forgotten while the obscure man is remembered. In our gratitude his modest fame and celebrity are secure.

The article on Allan Glen could not have been compiled without the courteous and helpful co-operation of a large number of people. In particular the writer wishes to mention Miss E. J. Maxwell, the great grand-niece of Allan Glen, and Mr. John R. Mathieson. Mr. Mathieson, a member of the Glasgow Unitarian Church, was most painstaking in collecting information about Allan Glen's membership of this congregation. The thanks of the author are due also to: Rev. William Adam, Auldfield Manse, Glasgow, S.I. Dr. Thomas Harper, Manse of Eastwood, Glasgow, S.3 .Mr. W. Ramsay Gemmill, Clerk of the Wrights' Incorporation, and Miss Fraser, his secretary. Mr. William Gillies, 204 West George Street, Glasgow, C.2. Mr. W. R. D. Hill, 41 West George Street, Glasgow, C.2. Mr. William Kyle, 79 West Regent Street, Glasgow, C.2. Mr. Andrew M'CaHum, Thornhill, Stirling, the author of " Pollokshaws, Village and Burgh." Rev. W. Murray Mackay, The Manse, Newton Mearns. Mr. R. W. B. Monis, 124 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow. Mr. G. H. Rolland, of the Mitchell Library, Glasgow. Mr. Andrew Russell, Newton House, Newton Mearns. Mr. White, Factor, Pollok Estates, Ltd.

The eighth Allan Glen Tribute Lecture - Gregor Egan



After seven successful Allan Glen Tribute Lectures hosted in the 147 seat Maurice Bloch Theatre at the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow, our event has now out grown the venue. On Friday afternoon, 21st November, the Lecture moved to the Main Lecture Theatre in the McCance Building in the University of Strathclyde. This year the promoted lecture was titled "Flight Test and Engineering" and was given by John Bolton.



The Allan Glen Tribute Lecture was preceded by a welcome and introduction to Strathclyde University which was given by Professor David Nash, Vice-Dean (Knowledge & Exchange). Professor Nash explained to the attending pupils that it is their responsibility to take engineering science forward from where things are today. He welcomed the pupils to the University and stressed Strathclyde's activities in the field of aeronautical science.

The Tribute to Allan Glen commenced with a reference to the fact that the lecture was being presented in the McCance building. A building named in honour of Sir Andrew McCance, a former pupil of Allan Glen's School, metallurgist, Chairman of Colvilles Steelworks and the last Chairman of the Board of Governors (1950-1964) of the Royal Technical College. Sir Andrew had played a major role in the transformation of the College into Strathclyde University. This was followed by a short biography of Allan Glen, a self-made man who had great compassion for his fellow beings which led him to bequest a school in his name. A school which became the High School of Science and went on to produce numerous notable pupils such as Lord (Alexander) Todd of Trumpington, a Nobel Prize winner who is also honoured by having a building bear his name in the University of Strathclyde. Thomas Graham Brown, medical ultrasound pioneer recently inducted into the Scottish Engineering Hall of Fame, was included in the examples of pupils from the school recognised by their peers. There followed a short explanation of the work and objectives of the Endowment Scholarship Trust before John Bolton proceeded with his lecture.

John started his lecture by explaining how he first became interested in flying when he joined the Allan Glen's Air Training Corps and that while studying engineering at university he had joined the University Air Squadron. He caused some amusement when he explained that he was quite a small boy at school and that on his first flight in a Chipmunk with the ATC he had to sit on three cushions so that he could see out of the window. After gaining his degree in the 60's when mathematical calculations were still being carried out by hand with slide rules (long before the advent of computers) he decided against an office bound job where he would have worked on stress calculations on wing structures. Instead he opted to join the Royal Air Force. He then took the audience through a sequence of slides showing the vast array of different aircraft that he had flown. This led onto the point where he became a test pilot and eventually the boss of the RAF Test Pilot School before finally leaving the RAF and returning to civilian life. He explained that he then joined BAE where he became chief test pilot for civil aircraft, and subsequently Airbus, where he was deputy chief test pilot in Hamburg. His presentation included slides which displayed aircraft wings flexing to form parabolic curves from the body of the aircraft which would be more associated with birds rather than an aircraft. In fact the audience was spellbound when told that the wing recovered its horizontal level position after that stress without suffering any physical damage. Other slides included embedded videos of aircraft being tested under a wide variety of conditions and it was particularly interesting to see the new Airbus 350 which should go into service this year, being put through its paces. At the conclusion of his presentation there were numerous questions from the pupils and it became obvious that a roving microphone would have been a useful tool for the questioners because of the size of the lecture theatre.

Attendance was as expected after sending out 266 tickets to 22 schools although it was regretted that 6 schools were turned away because there were insufficient seats to accommodate them. As in previous years the lecture was well supported by Club members acting as stewards for the day. Ross Ballantyne, Tom Bell, Henry Dargie, Bob Leckie, Roy Logan, Mike McCreery, Allan McLaren, Alan McLellan, Colin McLellan, Ian Rogers, George Smith, David Tanner, and Eddie Yde all attended and helped to ensure the success of the event. Particular thanks are due to Ross Ballantyne for arranging direction signs within the building, to Bob Leckie for attending to the registration of pupils and to Mike McCreery for producing the tickets and capturing photographs to accompany this report.

Special thanks are also due to Professor Scott MacGregor, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering for facilitating the move to the University, to Marianne Ballantyne for helping organize a convenient date and assisting with the set-up on the theatre equipment and finally to Professor David Nash for attending the lecture and assisting with enquiries from students.

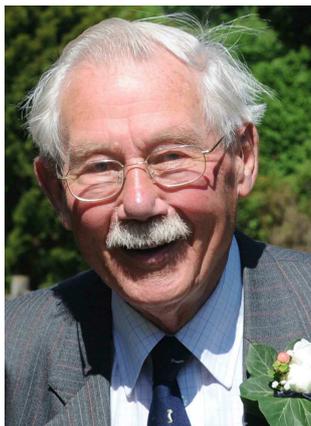
The lecture concluded with the presentation of an Allan Glen's Quaid to John Bolton by Club President David Tanner.

Postscript:

A short discussion was held with Professor Nash after the lecture and it was agreed that there would be a follow-up to the schools that were turned away. The University would also contact them with a view to arranging open day visits or some other way of engaging with pupils who may be interested in engineering. It is hoped that we can build on the benefits already achieved through John's excellent lecture.



Professor Henry Wilson (AGS 1936-1939)



Henry lived his early years in Anniesland and attended *Allan Glen's School from 1936 – 1939*.

He went to his last Allan Glens Old Boys Event at the age of 89 – truly an old boy at the old boys club!

This was an age before TV and the internet but he was a voracious reader of anything and everything he could find, absorbing facts about everything. He had the most remarkable memory and could recall things from the age of 2. Just about everything he read as a boy he could recall into his 90s. Henry went to Glasgow University where he graduated with a BSc with first-class honours in Natural Philosophy and completed his PhD in 1953.

During World War two, he was employed as a scientist in the Research Department of Nobel's Explosives Company at Ardeer. He was involved in a number of projects including one, which automated the process for testing fuses in detonators.

After the war he worked as a lecturer in the Natural Philosophy department at Glasgow University and in 1951 he was awarded a Travelling Fellowship to the Radiation Laboratory of the University of California in Berkeley. This was a hugely stimulating visit, seeing California at an exciting time, working and meeting many of the best minds working in physics at the time including several Nobel Laureates. Despite some attractive job offers to stay in the USA, He decided to return to Glasgow University.

In 1955 He married Fiona Macpherson Martin, a lass born in Balloch studying Home Economics, which included cooking, in Glasgow.

Shortly afterwards with Henry's background and expertise in nuclear physics, he was offered a senior post at the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment at Aldermaston in England, which was a very busy time with the activity of the Cold War.

During his work at Aldermaston, he had some interesting experiences in this role spending 3 months at Maralinga in Australia during the 1956 Nuclear Testing Programme, where he was studying the radiation resulting from nuclear explosions. The only time they had off was on Sunday afternoons and he recalled one story, when they went into the desert on one afternoon with some well-earned beers. Unfortunately the Landrover developed a leak in the radiator and they had to top up the radiator with their beers. In 1960 Henry was a member of the five man British team at the US, UK and Russian nuclear test abolition conference in Geneva. In 1962 he had the opportunity he had been looking for which would bring him back to Scotland and away from weapons and he was appointed as the first Director of the Scottish Universities Research & Reactor Centre, a post he held until he retired in 1985.

During this time he worked hard to establish a first class research facility in Scotland, leading many developments in reactor physics and nuclear engineering and also being involved with the development of facilities for carbon dating and medical physics.

He was thrilled when he was made a fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1963 and served as a Vice-president from 1979-81. During the 1960s he worked with the Busby & East Kilbride Railway Development Association, to preserve the East Kilbride to Glasgow Train Service, which was successfully saved from planned closure under Beeching. We can all enjoy the result of that campaign today.

Throughout his long life Henry had many interests and skills. He was passionate about mountaineering in Scotland and Switzerland originally with Max Meek. He went on to complete the West Highland Way and the Southern Upland Way. His last Munro was at the age of 77 years.

In the late 60s he spent an amazing trip flying a Tiger Moth over the First World War Battle Fields with his father, who had never flown before, taking him to places he had been billeted during World War One. Many of the buildings were unchanged. The details are all recorded in one of his many photographic albums.

Henry was a keen sailor on small yachts around Scotland –and in 1993 on the eve of his 70th birthday he managed to fulfil a long held ambition when he helped to crew a Tall Ship 'The Eye of the Wind,' up the East Coast of the United States and then across the Atlantic. The journey took 4 weeks and was greatly enjoyed despite some awful weather.

Apparently his culinary skills were not legendary. He really had only one signature dish – the boiled egg. The boiled egg was a natural experiment for a scientist. A complex set of variables - the depth of the water, whether to start cold or hot, how long to boil, the shape, size and mass of the egg. By the age of 91 he had mastered it! The answer is 5 minutes and 30 seconds using his methodology, which is described in detail in a 2 page recipe he put together.

Many of you will have enjoyed a conversation with Henry, and will have your own memories of his story telling and his humour.

Henry was ill for a year with a gastric cancer and decided not to undergo major surgery. He continued to enjoy a good quality of life for the next 9 months. He died peacefully in his sleep at home.

Many of us knew this remarkable family man, a proud and humble Scot who took full advantage of his 91 years to enjoy live a long, happy and fulfilling life.

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Ed's Note : Iain, Henry's Son presented us with a copy of his Eulogy to his Father. Unfortunately, lack of space prevents us from reproduce it in full.

The Year of the Green Pennies

In 1948 I went to my first school camp at Sluices, at the bottom end of Loch Katrine and had the time of my life so I went back again in 1949 and 1950. In my first camp I was the youngest boy there; I left my final camp with a letter in my pocket telling me that I had been accepted into Medicine at Glasgow University. How things change!

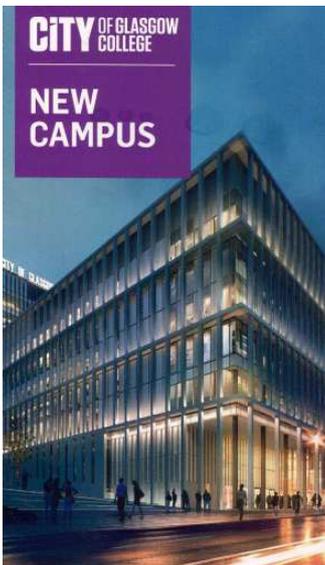
Five days a week for a month we justified our existence by climbing into a boat and chugging over to a portion of Loch Katrine's shoreline, then seeding endless trees until 4 pm when we returned to camp. After that our time was our own during the evenings and at weekends. Among the many athletic activities available was the possibility of rowing a great heavy tub of a boat on to the Loch where we could paddle to our heart's content but were forbidden to dip our hands into Glasgow's drinking water. Often we rowed round to the inlet parallel to Sluices where the steamer, 'Sir Walter Scott', has been based since time immemorial. Opposite the boat's berth was a sheer wall running down into the water and under water it formed horizontal ledges which proved irresistible to tourists who threw money - mostly pennies - on to them. So, as we rowed past we could see all this coinage gleaming dully under water - water that we were forbidden to put our hands into.

1949 saw a severe drought in Scotland and this caused a progressive fall in the water level in Loch Katrine. Gradually these ledges rose towards the surface and one after the other emerged into the air. Ever the entrepreneurs, those of us who rowed made a regular habit of making for the inlet where we could now simply lift the pennies (and occasional threepenny bits) into the boat. The drought went on and we harvested lower and lower, sometimes watched by curious tourists. We were a motley-looking lot, mostly clad in dirty rugby jerseys, and one lady, looking down at us said pityingly, "Oh, look at these poor boys," and threw us a sixpence.

Back at the camp the stash of coins, mostly big, heavy old pennies and many of them greened by immersion, rapidly accumulated. The harvesters themselves did best for a while (although we would sometimes pass out a few ha'pennies to the lesser mortals), but then the disadvantage of having stacks of these weighty coins began to dawn on us. As well, local shopkeepers were starting to object to lads paying for their purchases with nothing but green pennies. At this point, entrepreneurship once again reared its head. One of the boys became a usurer, offering shillings for fifteen pennies and he soon made a killing, though how he dragged the mass of change home at the end of the camp I never learned. We all thought we were getting a good bargain because, for the first time in our lives, we were finding difficulty in getting rid of dosh.

The following year those of us with long memories took out the tub at the earliest opportunity and rowed round to the inlet. Sadly, Loch Katrine was back to its normal level and though there were some recently deposited pennies there they were unattainable. Ah well, but we had had our fun!

Alister Munro.



David Tanner and Mike McCreery met with Roy Gardner in the Riverside Campus on Friday 5th December.. We had first met Roy in August 2013 when we had the opportunity to view the School building before it was demolished to make way for the new Multi storey building.

The proposal is to call what was Allan Glen Place (i.e. originally Montrose Street North) – “Allan Glen Way”. It doesn't sound much but the new “Walkway” as described in the draft plan is an extensive and impressive frontage to the new College building - the area is far bigger than the original street as we knew it. It will also include the space of the present 'Commercial College' buildings which will be demolished – and this area is to be tastefully landscaped for the use of the students.

This means that the AG name will be prominent to all at the Campus, students and visitors alike, as the nameplate will appear at the corner of Cathedral Street, just where the old Allan Glen Place sign was located. As this is on their (Private) property, they can call it what they like.

This is an artist's view of the corner of Allan Glen Way and Cathedral Street

David Lindsay (AGS 1932-) Civil Engineer

Born: December 12, 1920; Died: 7 September, 2014.

David Cameron Lindsay, who has died aged 93, made significant contributions to both the civil engineering profession and the construction industry throughout his business life, and to his alma mater, the University of Glasgow, in his retirement

Correspondence

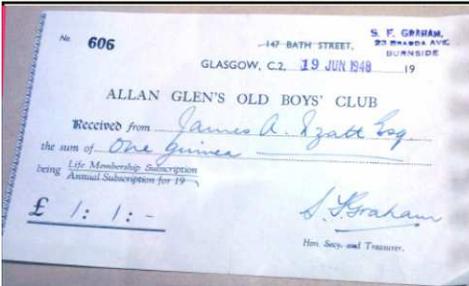
Dear Alan

I recently visited the **AGS Toronto Club** for a most enjoyable lunch in a private room at a downtown restaurant. We talked about events that had taken place fifty or more years ago, about what we had been doing since leaving school, about personalities at school (some unpleasant masters were mentioned), and about the possibility of a new AGS. The conversation grew louder as more alcohol was consumed!

Attached is a picture of the group. Their only complaint was that no-one from the UK ever visits the Club (apart from yours truly - my second visit in four years). They would welcome any Old Boys travelling through Toronto. Left to right those present are James Dunsmuir, Ken Clark, Howard Kahn, Herb Saravanamuttoo, Wilson McArthur, Dave Munroe, Iain Murray.
Regards,
Dr Howard Kahn



ED's Note. I had booked to attend the Toronto lunch in 2009. Unfortunately, the day before we were due to fly, I suffered a mini stroke and spent the week in the Southern General Hospital. Another Day...



Jim Izatt attended a recent lunch claiming that he was a life member of the Club and brought his receipt to prove it. Unfortunately the old Boy's Club is no more and so he will need to join the Allan Glen's School Club.
Nice try Jim!



Alec Morrison, our oldest Old Boy is 100 on 31 Jan 2015

Since we last communicated I have reconnected with The Kents, spent a lovely evening with Eleanor 'et al' at Hampton Court and had yet another Hutchy reunion, this time at Roganos and wept in front of the devastation of my alma mater in Renfrew Street! And of course I have spent time in Largs with Alec Morrison. He had been coughing when I had lunch with him in Hertfordshire last Spring during a visit to his nephew in London. Family members had accompanied him on the train from Largs but he developed a chest infection on the return trip and was sent immediately to hospital from Central Station! He was very ill for a few days but discharged himself and now has daily help at home and a motorised buggy to get him out and about. He is physically quite fragile but his mind is still sharp and he is looking forward to a big party for his hundredth on January 31st. The family and friends get together is on Sunday January 18th at the seat of his dear friend Dick Carmichael, the chief of the Carmichael Clan but a party in the communal lounge of his apartment block is being organised on his actual birthday, Saturday 31st January, by all the residents and which I shall be attending. I am just investigating the procedure for receiving the birthday card from the Queen and thus you came into my mind. Hopefully you can relay all this to your brother for whatever wheels get put in motion for FP's of note!

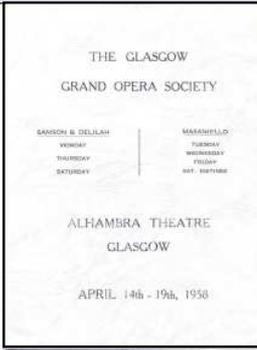
My reunion with Ian and Anne was just before you all went to Sicily and it was great to hear that you chaps also choose old pals to have fun with with, especially when you have reached the high echelons The Kent's have! He really does seem to have fingers in many pies. I hope you and all yours are well. Lindsay Wadey (Niece)

Ed's Note. We will try to arrange to meet Alec before his birthday to produce an article for the next newsletter.

"Stinker" Murdoch (AGS 1941 - 1947)

John died in late November and his funeral celebration was in Marr Hall, Bishopton on 4th December. It was attended by 6 Allan Glen's old boys. We will post a full obituary in the March Newsletter.

Samson and Delilah - Eddie Gatner



Sometime in early 1958, the Music Master Mr Lockie asked for some volunteers who would appear as extras in the Glasgow Grand Opera Society's productions of Samson and Delilah (Saint-Seans) and Masaniello (Auber). The boys who appeared were Stewart Baird, Andrew Fraser, Kenny Irvine, Ian McWhirter and myself.

In Samson and Delilah we were made up as Philistine soldiers and amongst our on stage duties was the requirement to uncouple Samson from a mill wheel and escort him off stage. Samson was mighty in stature but a bit of a big jessie as I remember him asking us not to be too rough with him when removing the manacles. This was in stark contrast to our experience with Fenella (the dumb girl of Portici). When our role called for us to arrest her in Massaniello, we had a serious problem. Fenella was in her early twenties and luscious and we were fifteen and a bit short on girl-capturing technique.



Unlike Samson Fenella was a good sport and enjoined us to 'just grab' her. The other major on stage problem in Massaniello was for four of us to contrive lose a sword fight with the hero, who happened to be on the short side, and it was a hell of a job to do this whilst denying ones basic instinct to decapitate the little tick.

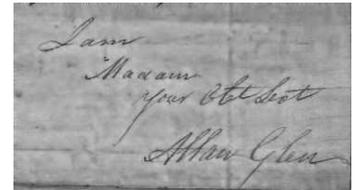
In the pictures above the Philistines are (left to right) myself, Andy Fraser, Ian McWhirter and Stewart Baird.

The guys doing their national service in the Spanish Army are (rear) Stewart Baird and myself and front Ian McWhirter and Andy Fraser. I had lost these pictures during my travels but when I contacted the Society in 2002 a nice lady Miss June E Caunce supplied me with copies of the pictures and a program.

By coincidence Miss Caunce's brother Alexander is an AGS old boy.

Allan Glen's Signature

A wee Christmas treat for you all - the signature of the Great Man himself, written to Miss Wilson in 1828 regarding the building of her new cottage at Dullatur. The cottage was completed around 1831, when Glen was around 44 and probably at the peak of his career. I wonder if it still exists today and then we could see Glen's craft in action, but I guess it might be long gone? - John McGee



Class Photo of 1943



Who can put names to these faces?

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Mackintosh was certainly a Glen's Boy

Scotland Street Public School was designed by the celebrated Glasgow architect, Charles Rennie Mackintosh, between 1903 and 1906 for the School Board of Glasgow. Since 1873, the School Board of Glasgow had been responsible for providing education and school buildings for all children in the city between the ages of five and thirteen.

When Mackintosh was appointed architect in June 1903, he was already working on the construction of some of the most significant projects in his career, including The Willow Tea Rooms on Sauchiehall Street and The Hill House in Helensburgh. Scotland Street was Mackintosh's second public school - his first was The Martyrs' Public School in Townhead, 1895.

Mackintosh had to include the standard school requirements of the time into his design: separate playgrounds, outside toilets, entrances and staircases for girls, boys and infants; teachers' rooms on each floor; a drill hall and electric lighting. He had to allow accommodation for 1250 pupils and include a cookery room in his design. Classrooms were to be stepped and allow for a maximum of 66 pupils. Infant classrooms were to be located on the ground floor and senior years on the top floor. Mackintosh designed the school around a corridor system, allowing the rear - south facing - wall to be a bank of windows, letting maximum sunlight and solar heat into the classrooms.

Mackintosh produced two sets of drawings for the school. The first set he passed for approval by the School Board. The second set - with a more elaborate decorative scheme - he issued direct to the Clerk of Works for building work to start in December 1904. It was not until November 1905 that the Board discovered that significant changes in the design of the tiling scheme, windows, doors, stair railings and drill hall were being made. After much heated correspondence, Mackintosh revised his designs and the school was completed to the Board's wishes, in the summer of 1906. The school cost a total of £34,219 1s 1d - Mackintosh was £1,500 over budget! (4.5%)

Our museum includes a Mackintosh room where you can study the architect's designs for the building.

His style in the early 1900's, along with his wife and friends who were known as "The Four", is now inextricably linked with Glasgow, with examples of his work across the city.

NEW insights into the work of Scotland's most famous architect, Charles Rennie Mackintosh, are to be revealed at an exhibition being staged at the country's oldest museum.

The opening in July at the Hunterian Art Gallery in Glasgow coincides with the culmination of a four-year research project which charts the evolution of his iconic style and identifies previously unrecorded works. The exhibition runs till 4th January.

The largest study of Mackintosh's architectural works yet undertaken was led by experts at the University of Glasgow.

The findings from the project will be made public on a website, which launched in July to accompany the exhibition. <http://www.mackintosh-architecture.gla.ac.uk/>

Professor Pamela Robertson, professor of Mackintosh studies at the University and principal investigator of the project, said the findings would not only be of great public interest, but will play a vital role in conservation and restoration of Mackintosh's buildings.

She said: "The resource we have created will provide both academics and amateurs with a much broader understanding of his achievements as pragmatic professional as well as exceptional artist-designer."

The team conducted an exhaustive investigation of archival material from around the world and visited all of the accessible buildings that Mackintosh worked on.

Prof Robertson added: "The project has allowed us to understand more about the context within which Mackintosh worked, and his wide network of clients, contractors and suppliers, which challenges the familiar description of Mackintosh as an isolated genius."

She said that by looking at the 126 architectural works into which Mackintosh had design input, the landmark project challenges the familiar view of Mackintosh as the isolated genius. She added that not only has it defined Mackintosh's role in the buildings produced by the firm Honeyman & Keppie - a major architect firm based in Glasgow whose most famous employee was Mackintosh, who started as a draughtsman in April 1889 - it closely charted the evolution of his style, found unrecorded works, and confirmed previously uncertain attributions.

The Mackintosh Architecture exhibition features more than 80 architectural drawings from the Hunterian and collections across the UK.

Many have never been exhibited before and are on display alongside specially commissioned film, models and rarely seen archival material.

Highlights from the project website include a catalogue of 126 architectural projects involving Mackintosh, a catalogue of more than 1200 architectural drawings and an interactive map detailing locations of all the buildings that Mackintosh helped create. The project, which has more than 3,000 images, was funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council with additional support from the Pilgrim Trust and the Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art.

Historic Scotland and the Royal Commission for the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland provided collaborative input.

The Mackintosh Architecture exhibition at the Hunterian will run from 18 July to 4 January, 2015.

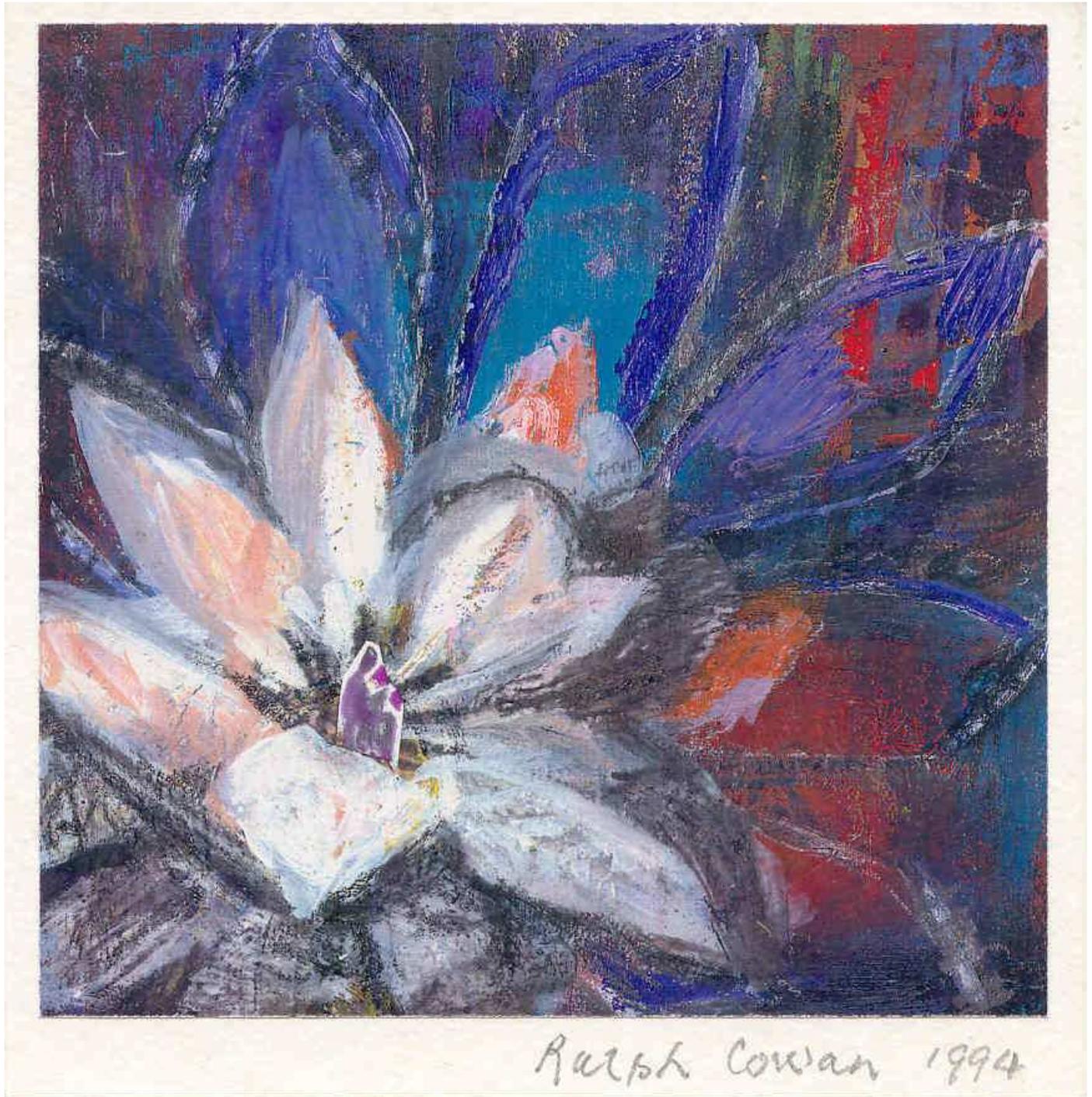
The new exhibition opens weeks after a fire ripped through parts of one of Mackintosh's most iconic buildings, Glasgow School of Art.

The blaze, which destroyed about 10 per cent of the building, including the Mackintosh library, broke out on 23 May.

Hollywood star Brad Pitt and Doctor Who actor Peter Capaldi are leading efforts to raise £20 million to restore the building. Pitt is a fan of Mackintosh and Capaldi is a former art school student. The school estimates the cost of restoring the building at up to £35m.

Last week, it was announced that chairs designed by Mackintosh and made for Miss Cranston's Willow Tea Rooms in Glasgow are to be sold at auction, valued at more than £10,000.

Season's Greetings from The Allan Glen's School Club



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Message from the Committee

The recent publicity surrounding the proposed new Allan Glens STEM Academy has raised a number of issues for Club members. Some are underwhelmed by the project while others are eager to have different proposals aired and considered by the Club. This has brought forward a number of additional very commendable suggestions and proposals for how we should perpetuate the name of Allan Glen. Never-the-less the Club has finite resources both physically and financially and we should remember what we have already achieved.

In pursuit of the Allan Glen's School Club objective of perpetuating the name of Allan Glen, a number of important initiatives have been embarked upon since the very first day that the school ceased to exist.

1. The first is the continuation of the School Club itself with its regular meetings and activities.
2. The second is the continuation of Rugby at Bishopbriggs and the separate Sports Club which encourages young people to take up the sport under the name of Allan Glen. This also recognises the influence of J G Kerr our former headmaster who was responsible for introducing sport into the Allan Glens School curriculum.
3. The Endowment Scholarship Trust which was established in 2002 financially supports young people in the pursuit of a science based career in any branch of engineering and fulfils the charitable objectives of Allan Glen in the manner dictated by E M Dixon (Headmaster 1878).
4. The Allan Glen Tribute Lecture encourages young people to think about engineering as a career and gives them awareness of engineering experiences which fulfils the industrial objectives of Allan Glen originally stipulated as an Industrial School.
5. The new proposal for an Allan Glen's STEM Academy Hub extends the objectives of 1, 3, and 4 with the ultimate prospect of becoming a dedicated specialist school bearing the Allan Glen name.

For these reasons it should be appreciated that, at this point in time it would be imprudent for the Club to dilute its efforts in securing the success of the Allan Glen's STEM Academy. Consequently the Club's Committee, for the foreseeable future, are duty bound to defer even the most wonderful of schemes and focus all their efforts on this one additional project.

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