



Allan Glen's School Club

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"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



Of particular interest in this Newsletter to those who contributed to the STEM Project, is the article summarising the debate arising from the Special General Meeting. Unfortunately, the Project collapsed because the Scottish Government withdrew funding to the Regional Education Department. There are a number of possible outcomes to the use of the monies, these are outlined in the article.

I would like to remind Members of the upcoming Bishopbriggs Lunch on 23 March, which is the Annual Bishopbriggs Ladies' Lunch. Obviously, all are welcome, partnered or not.

At a recent Committee Meeting, it was resolved to approach a number of younger Members of the Club to ascertain if they might be interested in coming onto Committee. I for one will be resigning from Committees at the Annual General Meeting as I can no longer access the Meeting Rooms. If you would like to put your name forward for consideration, please contact the President or the Vice-president. In the interim, I shall continue as Newsletter Editor until a successor can be found as, in the age of the internet, this can be undertaken remotely.

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Last Friday of the month - Bishopbriggs Lunch - (0141 563 8723)

Saturday 2nd June 2018 - Pitlochry Festival Theatre Outing - see page 4

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Alex Grant (AGS 1961-) 7th July 1949 to 30th December 2017



Alex Grant 7th July 1949 to 30th December 2017 Alex Grant died very suddenly on 30th December 2017.

Alex left **Allan Glen's** in 1967 and went to Strathclyde University to study Marketing and Economics; he was awarded a 2:1 in 1971 and went on to take up an undergraduate post with H J Heinz in Uxbridge (London), as a trainee product manager. Three years later he left to travel the world but only got as far as Norway, returning after six months to be with Amanda; they met as he left Heinz. On his return to the UK, Alex secured a job with Plumrose

in Hull, working as a Product Manager. He married Amanda in 1981. Their children were born in 1987.

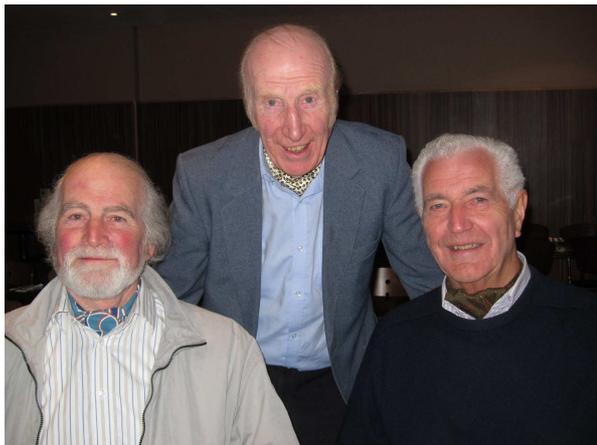
Alex and Amanda left Hull in 1985 when Alex was appointed Marketing Manager at British Midland Airways, and so started a job which he greatly enjoyed. He set up their Marketing Department and added significantly to the fortunes of the company - as the company grew, so did Alex's reputation for his commitment, determination and plain speaking. As an ex-pat, he flew the Scottish flag and nurtured a burning passion for his homeland which often led to heated debate amongst family, friends and colleagues; something Alex thrived on.

During the 24 years Alex worked for BMI, he held many posts and responsibilities; his clear vision and forthright approach resulted in a well-earned reputation for getting things sorted out, and turning fortunes round. Highlights during his career were: being made MD of BMI Regional and returning it to a profitable company; negotiating a deal with the Star Alliance that saved the fortunes of the company; and finally being made their Chief Operations Officer for the last few years of his career. He worked with many outstanding people and would have found the transition to retirement difficult were it not for returning to his beloved Scotland where he threw himself into fighting on her behalf.

Alex dedicated himself to the SNP and Scottish Independence with the same passion he demonstrated in his working life. He went straight to the top to tell Peter Murrell how to run things 'properly'; when Peter heard that Alex had died he commented that 'he always kept me on my toes'. Alex found local politics frustrating but could always be relied on to push pamphlets through letter boxes and man polling stations. He became the local delegate at SNP Conference and added his support to many causes, particularly joining the Constitutional Commission and spending time with Canon Kenyon Wright before he died. During the Independence Campaign he joined three colleagues on the Aye Right Radio Station and delivered a weekly broadcast and afterwards became the fourth voice on a weekly broadcast called Three Men and a Blog.

Alex celebrated Christmas with his family, was delighted to be in his new home and was looking forward to an active New Year, out and about in the motorhome and exploring the country on his electric mountain bike. He leaves behind his wife Amanda and his much loved triplets, Maeve, Hannah and Thomas.

The Cravatees - is this a new fashion?



At a recent get together of some of the 'Coronation Boys' (First year 1953), 3 of them turned up wearing cravats. Bill Montgomery, Joe Miller and Tom Bell. Is this a new trend? We sent the picture to Bill Rowland in Australia and he replied:-

"Gentlemen,

I am suitably impressed, I admit to some doubts and concerns as to the outcome (oh, ME of little faith!). I would still like a report on the day, for instance did you all arrive home safely and was there any pre or apres "pocketing" of the cravat. Thanks to Mike for solving your technological problem of actually having a picture sent to Oz. It is certainly an impressive trio, I love the positioning of Kilroy, he appears to be looking over the wall formed by Bulldog and the Saint.

Tom, the wee glass you refer to is for the Drambuie, the larger one was for the 12-year-old malt.

Mike, any plans for the 65th Coronation boys celebration?

Again, congratulations on a mission accomplished.

Regards Bill"

ALLAN GLEN'S BOYS MEASURED UP

During the past months, the "Scotsman" has been printing a weekly feature which focuses on a copy of the newspaper drawn from its archives. Occasionally, the chosen date coincides with a major news story of the time but, more often, it recalls human interest or unusual stories. On the 5th of December last year, the selected edition was from Saturday 23rd October 1947. Not a lot appeared to have been happening – there was a rumour that Hitler's deputy, Martin Bormann, was still alive; protests about demolition of houses in Edinburgh's George Square to facilitate University expansion; most prominence, however, was given to Scot Walter Donaldson's defeat of Fred Davis, brother of the legendary Joe, in the World Snooker Championship at Leicester Square. Incidentally, the winning score of 78 frames to 54 made me wonder just how long the final lasted in these days !

However, as I scanned the page somewhat desultorily, my eye was suddenly attracted by a totally unexpected reference to **Allan Glen's School** and, in particular, one of the school's longest-serving teachers, George Sommerfield (1917-1959). I myself had been one of his pupils and can proudly boast my Higher Engineering to sit alongside my Higher Physics ! Here is the article as it appeared in 1947:

Mr. G. H. Sommerfield, of Allan Glen's School, Glasgow, yesterday disclosed that while investigating the possibility of grading boys for school athletics by a combined age, weight and height factor, he had discovered that during the war years there was an average increase in the weight and height of secondary schoolboys between the ages of 14 and 17 years.

Mr. Sommerfield said that in collecting data for his research he had carried checks of age, weight and height for the school population of Allan Glen's in 1932, 1936, 1939 and 1945. The figure for 700 or so boys had not varied greatly on the first three occasions.

In 1945, however, it was discovered that in the 14-17 years age group there was an average increase of 2 ½ to 3 lbs in weight, and an increase of between one and two inches, compared with the 1932 figures.

All of which begs a couple of questions:

1. Why was the head of the engineering department carrying out these investigations ? A quick reference to James Murray's indispensable history of the school (page 78) suggests the answer. George Sommerfield was sports secretary of the school from 1926 to 1931, founder secretary of the Scottish Schoolboys Athletic Association, chairman of the western district of the S.A.A.A. and a member of their coaching committee. Perhaps the real mystery is how he found time to teach engineering. Professor Murray, incidentally, points out that George Sommerfield carried out this work in collaboration with Dr. Talman, rector of Glasgow High School, and that the purpose was to allocate boys to appropriate physical development groups, rather than age groups, for the annual sports day (tough luck if you were big for your age).
2. How was it that boys brought up during the privations of wartime rationing should have outgrown their predecessors ? Having discussed this with a number of friends, the only conclusion we can come to is that food rationing made for a healthier, more wholesome diet – less of the things we enjoyed eating and more of the things that were good for us. It's a lesson that might be considered seriously in view of the current problems with child obesity.

One final thought for our times. If Messrs. Sommerfield and Talman were found measuring up boys aged 14 to 17 nowadays, they would probably be reported to the authorities for suspected child abuse. Long lost, innocent days !
Bill Greenock

Pitlochry Festival Theatre - Saturday 2nd June

CHICAGO

"Chicago" is this year's musical show at "The Theatre in the Hills", otherwise known as Pitlochry Festival Theatre.

We have four spaces available for what promises to be a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. Come and meet your friends, eat, hear the music, see the action and go home humming "All That Jazz" and "Razzle Dazzle". You will love it!

The date is Saturday 2 June 2018. We will meet at the theatre about 11.45, allowing ample time to savour a leisurely lunch, perhaps with a glass of wine and a look round the picture gallery. The afternoon performance starts at 2pm.

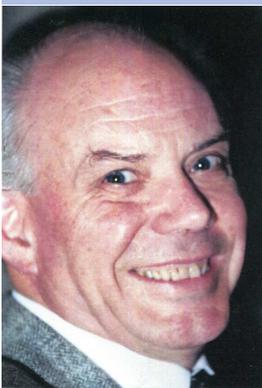
The cost is £42 per head, including lunch.

Please let me know if you wish to attend this event. I can be contacted at 0141-639 7844 or by email at cairns.i@sky.com

I look forward to seeing you at PFT.

Iain Cairns

William Wallace Somerville (AGS 1943-1948)



Wallace was born on 20 September 1929 in Kirkintilloch to Agnes and John Somerville. He was educated at Lenzie Academy and **Allan Glen's School** where his father was Headmaster. (1956-1968) After school, he went to work for Dunlop in the Adhesives and Chemicals Division as a salesman, then as Sales Manager at Scottish Adhesives, before he started his own company, Adhesives, Chemicals and Coatings.

Wallace met Isobel Gray at a dance at the YMCA in Kirkintilloch and courted her for 2 years before they were married on 6 March 1956 at St. Mary's Church, Kirkintilloch.. They had two children, John and Susan and moved to Southbrae Drive in Jordanhill, subsequently in 1968, moving to Myrtle Avenue in Lenzie. Wallace enjoyed swimming, being a member of Arlington Baths in Glasgow for many years, but his main hobby was golf. As Isobel would say, it was his second great passion in life after her.

He enjoyed doing the daily Glasgow Herald crossword and Sudokus. Isobel and Wallace had a passion for travel, visiting Australia, Hong Kong, America, Canada and all over Europe, particularly Portugal and Spain. Latterly, they enjoyed cruises, visiting the Caribbean and many European destinations.

Wallace lived a full and happy life with Isobel by his side, surrounded by his children, grandchildren and his great-grandchild, Jodi.

Ronnie Keenan (AGS 1961-67)

On 23rd December Ronnie passed away in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Glasgow . He had successfully fought throat cancer diagnosed in summer of 2016 but unfortunately developed a brain tumour in September 2017 .

A Southside boy Ronnie attended Carnwadric Primary and entered **Allan Glen's School** in 1961. On 26th May 1967 he sat his "O" level Spanish, left school and that night with an AGS pal set off to hitchhike to Nuremburg to see his beloved Rangers in the European Cup Winners Cup Final. As he often said, AGS taught him the 3 R's : Rangers and Rangers Reserves.



Despite living the life of a West End Boulevardier he graduated from Glasgow University with an MA (hons) in Sociology and Economic History. Jordanhill training was followed by three years teaching modern studies at Shawlands Academy. His love of Spain and all things Spanish then took him to Madrid, where for five years he subliminally propagated his socialist principles to the offspring of ambassadors, captains of industry and even real Madrid footballers at a very posh private school. So surreptitious was he, that a glowing tribute from the school was read out at his funeral service.

Returning to the Southside of Glasgow Ronnie taught in many schools : St Margaret Mary's in Castlemilk, for 15 years, being his favourite.

He married his love of travel and football (he was a fully paid up conscript of the Tartan Army) by travelling to 75 countries.

In many of those countries he forged lasting friendships, evidenced by the messages of sympathy on the news of his passing. At home he had forged many lifelong friendships with pals from AGS and indeed had been instrumental in organising the very successful 1961 Reunion when we tracked down more than 40 boys from the schemes of Glasgow to return from far and near to Bishopbriggs . Doctors, lawyers , teachers, professors , engineers and scientists. We should have burned an effigy of Vince Cable and his Labour Councillor Cronies.

Ronnie was gregarious and generous of spirit. On being given his terminal diagnosis in September he convened a group of pals and gave us a printout of his funeral service. Amongst his requirements were that there was to be "no ministers, priests, humanist celebrants or tree huggers "

He then headed off to Slovakia and Slovenia with the Tartan Army and then to a last stay at his flat in Crete.

His funeral plan was implemented at Linn Crematorium on 11th January 2018 when in excess of 800 friends gathered to celebrate his life. And celebrate they did with pipers, rousing socialist anthems , speeches serious and humourous, and an amazing 800 voices in unison chanting " one Ronnie Keenan, there's only one Ronnie Keenan "

Over 230 made their way to Ronnie's bowling club where courtesy of his plan there was a magnificent "purvey" , a folk group playing his favourite nationalist and internationalist songs and a free bar until closing time!!

Ronnie never married. He will be sorely missed by his partner Judi and many , many more than the 800 at the Linn Crematorium.

Bill Copeland

Abode Report - Ross Ballanyne

In response to the complaints Gregor had collated following the December Lunch, the Operations Manager and the Sales Executive requested a meeting with John, Graham and me before the January Lunch to explain what they are doing to address the issues.

On price, the Arc Suite is normally charged out at £675 for a full day and £475 for a half day. We get it for free. Private dining for the Arc Suite is for numbers over 30. Below 30 they use the Assembly Rooms (at £375 for a half day and £550 for a half day). Currently we are running at less than 30 – but still get the Arc with all its advantages and space. (Gordon has recently made a particular appeal for younger members to come along to fill in for progressive loss of lunch-club stalwarts through bereavement and health issues, which hopefully will progressively bear fruit.)

We get Committee Rooms for free if they are not already pre-booked, and a special setting in the Arc Suite when they are.

The projector and screen are normally charged at £70 per day. We get it for free.

With an (albeit limited) choice of menu there is inevitable wastage which has to be factored in.

Regarding the order of service, their standard practice is to start at the back left table and work round clockwise – but for us they will now start from the President's Table.

On the limited coffee service at the January Lunch, they said one of the girls had walked out extremely upset because she had been berated by one of our members, who had been pointing his finger into her face as he did so. They were loath to go into detail, having raised it only to explain the single server on coffee – and expanded on it only when I pressed them for more information. There were certainly more servers in evidence on the February Lunch (and chilled water) – so clearly the message has got through

On the heat-sink/surface-to-volume-ratio issue, they are buying in fine soup bowls to reduce both. (On a personal basis I eschew excessively hot food and chilled water – which I'll (hopefully) now have to tolerate for the greater good.)

I had personally raised the limitations of the current menu – which I had noted when organizing the October Lunch had reduced considerably both in volume and range. They have now given us a new menu selection offering a reasonable range of chicken, beef and fish options with which to work.

Regarding food quality I certainly noted some fluctuations over my period of tenure, usually relating to chef changes (who tend to be an itinerant breed).

My overall reading of the situation is that they have taken our issues on board and are keen to respond appropriately within their cost constraints.

Regarding disabled access, in the early stages of my tenure I asked the ABode about a handrail up the front staircase, but apparently because it's a listed building a handrail is not on - so clearly there is no chance of a ramp. I would assume that, impractical though it may be, the disabled access in Bath Lane meets the minimum regulatory requirements, However, Gregor has suggested a relatively low cost enhancement that I shall float with the hotel.

We are looking around for alternatives - but, disabled access apart, I personally believe we will have difficulty bettering (or even matching) the city-centre deal we have for £15 a head (plus a £1 tip) - but if anyone is aware of potential alternatives **please let us know**. Returning to the Mercure is certainly an option. It scored well below the ABode in the scorecard I circulated in March 2014 - but perhaps revisiting the scorecard would be worth considering now? Any thoughts?

The Mercure is certainly excellent on disabled access - with its lift and free blue badge parking across the street (although I have a feeling Murdo might have said that facility had been discontinued).

Remember, if you are aware of any alternatives we could usefully check out, please let us know. We have approached the Marriott at Anderson, but they have not rushed back with a response, which bodes ill.

Special General Meeting 5 March 2018

A lengthy and verbose meeting, which lasted some two hours finished with a proposal from Ian Valentine duly seconded and with general agreement from the Meeting that :

Those who had donated to the now-defunct STEM Project will be contacted by letter and given two options viz :

That they either be given a total refund of their monies or, that it remain "parked" in the Allan Glen's Account in which it is currently "ring-fenced" while the General Committee considers a number of different options and comes forward with a Final Recommendation. There needs to be a defined time limit to their considerations.

The options being considered are :

- 1) A joint STEM Project with Jordanhill School ;
- 2) A joint STEM Project with Kelvinside Academy ;
- 3) Placement of the monies with the present *Allan Glen's School Club Endowment Scholarship Trust* . If monies were placed with the AGEST it would consolidate the awards to potential scholars and we could apply to modify the AGEST Constitution to extend the approach to younger pupils as the Robertson Trust has done.
- 4) An On-Line interactive Lecture Programme of STEM Subjects which could be sold to schools and colleges Nationwide and be self-financing. Robert Gemmell AGS 1970-1976 outlined this and he and Mike McCreery were instructed to look into the matter and report back to the School Club Committee.

Allan Glen heroes of the Great War - Ralph Erskine and Robert Cameron

John McGee attended the commemoration of Ralph Erskine at the Glasgow University Chapel on behalf of the Allan Glen's School Club. The eulogy was read out by Robert Lee a descendant of the Erskine family. Ralph Erskine was born on the 10th March 1893 in Camlachie, Glasgow. He was the youngest son of Captain James Erskine of the Gordon Highlanders, and his wife Janet (known as Jenny). He had an older brother Thomas, and a younger sister Agnes (known as Nancy). He also had two siblings who died in infancy, James and Margaret. His mother died of tuberculosis when Ralph was 6 years old. He was educated **at Allan Glen's School, Glasgow**, from 1906. Whilst still at school he won a number of athletic and boxing prizes including the Amateur World Featherweight Championship in the Nickerbocker Club in New York in May 1911. He enrolled at Glasgow University in 1912 to study medicine, taking classes in Chemistry and Zoology in his first year and Anatomy and Physiology in his second. In his second year he was awarded University Sports Blues, full colours, for his athletic achievements. He lived at 8 Deerpark Gardens, Tollcross, Glasgow with his father and brother while at University.



He left the University in 1914 to enlist, joining the Royal Scots Fusiliers where he was given the commission of Captain. He was posted in France during the Battle of Loos (25th September – 18th October 1915). His older brother, Captain Thomas Barrie Erskine, died the same year in Flanders. In December 1915 Ralph joined the Royal Flying Corps, spending some time training with the Australian Forces Royal Flying Corps. He was then posted as an observer in France where he was wounded in the leg on the 14th January 1916. From September 1917 he was a pilot with the 66th Squadron of the Royal Flying Corps, flying a 'Sopwith Camel' first in France, and later in Italy.

On 1st January 1918 Ralph was reportedly chasing down an enemy plane when his own aircraft was shelled and crashed. He force-landed in front line trenches near Flers and the aircraft was destroyed by artillery fire. It was subsequently confirmed that Ralph had died on the 1st January 1918, aged 25. In April that year, the Presbyterian Messenger reported that: "Captain Erskine, who was married to Miss Higgins little more than a year ago, had been for some weeks on the Italian front, and had highly distinguished himself on several occasions. After an engagement on New Year's Day he was reported missing, and some weeks' later news was received, through a neutral country, of his death. Captain Erskine was a man of splendid physique, one of the finest athletes perhaps in the whole Army, a complete master of aircraft, extraordinarily cool, resourceful, and courageous." Ralph had married his wife on the 9th March 1917 at St Columba's, a congregation of the Church of Scotland in Pont Street, London. The couple's son Ralph Barrie Erskine was born 16th of January 1918 two weeks after Ralph's death. His son subsequently died in Tunisia during the Second World War, on 23rd April 1943. Captain Ralph Erskine is buried in the British military cemetery in Tezze, near Venice. He is remembered on the *Allan Glen's Roll of Honour*, on the University of Glasgow Roll of Honour in the Memorial Chapel, and on the Roll of Honour of Trinity United Reformed Church in Wimbledon.



Robert B. Cameron was born in Glasgow c.1896, to Archibald and Annie Cameron. His father was a teacher, and the family lived at 21 Ailsa Drive in Langside, Glasgow. Robert attended Queen's Park Higher Grade School and **Allan Glen's School**. He then entered the University of Glasgow in 1912 as a medical student, earning a First Class Certificate for Practical Anatomy for the Winter Session of 1912-13. In August 1914, after completing two years of his course, Robert enlisted as a private in the Scottish Rifles. In the spring of 1915 he was gazetted to the Highland Light Infantry, and as a Lieutenant he was wounded in March, 1916. He subsequently volunteered for the Royal Flying Corps. He was killed in action aged 22 on January 7, 1918. Robert is buried at Mendingham Military Cemetery, and his gravestone reads "Lord Remember Me When Thou Comest Into Thy Kingdom". He is commemorated on the Allan Glen's Roll of Honour and the University of Glasgow Memorial, as well as the Memorial in Clincarthill Parish Church.



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Dear Member,

The **96th Annual General Meeting** of the Club will be held in the Abode Restaurant, 129 Bath Street, Glasgow on **Monday 9th April 2018 at 5.30pm for 6.00pm**. A buffet meal will be provided following the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Apologies - I. Dale
2. Notification of deaths in 2017 - I. Dale
3. President's Remarks - J. Cochrane
4. Minutes of 95th AGM, held on 10 April 2017 - I. Dale
5. Honorary Secretary's Report - I. Dale
6. Treasurer's Report - J McGee
7. Money Spinner Draw - D. McLaren
8. Allan Glen's Endowment Scholarship Trust - R. Wright
9. Young Persons' Lecture - G. Egan
10. S.T.E.M. Initiative - H. Dargie and Ian Rogers
11. Allan Glen's 2012 Trust - A. McLaren
12. Report from the Golf Section - B. McAllister
13. Report from the Sports Club - R. Leckie
14. Report on the Newsletter - A. McLellan
15. Report on the Website - C. Dick
16. Report on the Annual Dinner - R. Leckie
17. Report on the Lunch Clubs - G. Graham
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. Nomination and Election of Trustees for the 2012 Trust
22. Any Other Competent Business.

Yours sincerely

Ian Dale (Honourary Secretary Allan Glen's School Club.)

Minutes of the 95th Annual General Meeting of Allan Glen's School Club, held in Abode Restaurant, Glasgow on Monday 10th April 2017

Present: President Allan McLaren and 21 Members

Introduction: President Allan McLaren welcomed the members and explained that Ross Graham was standing in for Ian Dale, Secretary

Apologies: Apologies were received from Mike McCreery, Tom Bell, Allan Garrity, Alistair Munro, Ian Dale, Alan Chalmers, David Sandford, Alec Hay, Bob Haddow, Kenneth Anderson, Ian Valentine, Iain Cairns, David Heron, John Campbell, David Holmes, Bob Graham, George Ewart, Donald MacDougall, Raymond Miquel, David Tanner

Minutes of 94th AGM: The minutes were accepted, subject to amendments to the list of deaths, proposed R. Wright, seconded A. McLellan

Deaths: Alex Morrison (first year 1927), Ewan McDonald (1932), John Wintersgill (1939), Bill Cox (1941), Alex McQueen (1944), Alexander Murison (1944), Adam Fleck (1944), Harvey Smith (1945), Fred Frayling-Kelly (1947), Campbell Ferguson (1950), Hamish Young (1950), David Davidson (1952), David Kewney (1953), Ian Connolly (1955), David Bayvell (1956), Kenneth Little (1957).
The members were asked to stand for a minute's silence.

President's Remarks: President A. McLaren reported on another busy year representing the club, chairing meetings and lunches and chairing meetings of the 2012 Trust and the STEM initiative. He thanked the committee members for their hard work during his tenure as president.

Secretary's Report: The secretary reported that the committee meetings had been well attended with much hard work completed by the members. This year the decision to support the STEM Academy entailed particular efforts in the production of suitable literature and contacting former pupils. While it is too early to gauge the results it is hoped that the name of Allan Glen will continue to be associated with education in Glasgow. The work of the Allan Glen's Endowment Trustees and Allan Glen's 2012 Trustees will be described in the appropriate sections of the AGM.

Treasurer's Report: The 2016 Annual Accounts were circulated. These had been prepared on the usual lines and scrutinised by George McDonald. The treasurer dealt with questions and the accounts were approved on the motion of N Kilpatrick, seconded by J. McGee.

Money Spinner Draw: John Cochrane reported on behalf of D. McLaren, convenor. Tickets sold had dropped to 187 in 2016 thus curtailing income. To continue with MSD effort is needed beyond the annual circulation of members each autumn. The purpose should be explained by Newsletter and at the Annual Dinner. No donations had been made in 2016 but in 2017 it should be made to the Endowment Trust. The 2015 donation to the Sports Club had been very much appreciated.

Endowment Scholarship Trust: R. Wright presented the report.
During session 2016-17 AGEST has been supporting 11 Engineering Students at Universities. Three scholars graduated and three new students came on board to start their first year courses. At a ceremony in the City Chambers, Ellen Crosher, reading EME at Heriot Watt, Laura McShea, reading Biomedical at Strathclyde and Emanuel Ineza, reading Mechanical also at Strathclyde were presented with their first bursary cheques and duly welcomed as our latest students. No doubt you will have read a selection of student reports forwarded by Ian Valentine in the latest newsletter. Under Ed's notes Alan McLellan wrote, and I quote "I am sure that the remarkable progress of the students is due, in no small measure, to the time and ability exhibited by Scot McGregor and Ian Valentine in selecting and interviewing students". I think that deserves an appreciative acknowledgement.
Now to the investment fund. As you all know investments have changed enormously since our Trust was formed. We used to fund the Students' bursaries with the income our investment realised. Unfortunately this is no longer the case due to the pathetic yields and interest rates we suffer today. We therefore are relying more on Growth, and I am pleased to report that the latest figures I received from GCC this morning were as follows: Investment Balance £369,264, which is a gain of around £44,000 since March 2016, an increase of over 13%. If this were to continue, and we all know it may not, we could comfortably afford the annual sum of £11,500 supporting our existing students. The Trustees, of course, will continue to be prudent, when deciding on the number of new bursars we take on each year.

Tribute Lecture: Gregor Egan reported on the lecture.
The tenth Allan Glen Tribute Lecture was held in the University of Strathclyde and was given by Dr. K. Anderson. The attendance was lower this year due to the failure of Glasgow City Council to circulate the schools.
Professor Scott McGregor and the University of Strathclyde were thanked for hosting the lecture at no cost to the Club.
Gregor was thanked for all his work.

S.T.E.M. Considerable discussion took place regarding the STEM initiative and the possible involvement of the Club and members. Donations were to be channeled through the 2012 Trust as this was the only appropriate charitable fund which was available to receive donations.
It was noted that there was some confusion as to the objects of the 2012 Trust as the stated purposes include support for both sporting and educational endeavours. Interested members agreed to request a SGM in writing.

School 2012 Trust: Allan McLaren summarised the present position and the restrictions involving the process. Sale of the portion of the ground which may be built on was not imminent. Ongoing contact with the Sports Club relating to the lease of the property continued.
R. Wright expressed the club's gratitude for all the hard and careful work undertaken.

Golf Section: Alan McLellan advised that the 2017 outing at Pollok Golf Club would be held on 7th September 2017.

Sports Club: Bob Leckie reported the sports club continues to be active with membership between 350 and 400. Finances are stable and adequate. The rugby teams are young and results are expected to improve with experience. The annual dinner will take place on 10th May.

- Newsletter:** Editor Alan McLellan noted that four issues were produced again this year. Content is very much reliant on the members. In future winners of the monthly MSD and lunch raffles would be reported. The newsletter was greatly appreciated by the members and Alan and Mike McCreery were thanked for their efforts.
- Website:** Callan Dick described the updates which have been made to the website. The most visited section is the Newsletter.
- Annual Dinner:** Bob Leckie, the new convenor, asked members to organise and create tables for groups such as rugby, golf, Knightswood, etc. Raymond Miguel was warmly thanked for providing the club with generous amounts of Bell's Whisky which is raffled at the dinner and at both of the lunch clubs. The date for the next Annual Dinner is Saturday 25th November in Trades Hall.
- Lunch Clubs:** Gordon Graham recalled reasonably successful years at the Abode and Bishopbriggs. Outstanding at the Abode were speakers from Glasgow University Fem Engineering and at Bishopbriggs the Burns lunch and the Ladies' Lunches at Bishopbriggs.
- Strathclyde of the Year:** Strathclyde University are reviewing a number of awards and the Allan Glen's trophy was not awarded this year. The committee will contact the university to try to obtain information as to the future.
- Strathclyde Alumna of the Year:** Debbie Crosbie (B.A. (Hons) in Industrial Relations) was awarded the 2016 Alumna of the Year Award. She has been Clydesdale's Bank Chief Operating Officer since 2015. In that year she became the first woman to have her signature appear on a Scottish banknote. She was presented with the Allan Glen's Claret Jug.
- Glasgow University Young Alumnus of the Year:** The Allan Glen's trophy was presented to Matt Fountain (M.A. (Hons.) 2011). He made his name as the brains behind an innovative initiative to help prisoners find employment after release – Freedom Bakery at Low Moss prison, Bishopbriggs.
- Nomination of President and Vice-President:** John Cochrane – President and Gordon Graham - Vice-President – agreed by acclamation.
- Elections:** Ian Dale was re-elected Secretary and John McGee, Treasurer. The following committee members retire by rotation, Henry Dargie and Allan McLaren and they have offered themselves for re-election:– agreed.
- Elections:** Trustees of the Education Scholarship Trust were elected by acclamation: Allan McLaren, Alan McLellan, John Cochrane, Ian Dale, Ian Valentine, with Gregor Egan and R. Wright in attendance. The Trustees of the 2012 Trust were previously appointed for three years and will continue in office – John Cochrane (President), Allan McLaren (Vice-President), Ronald Wright (Past-President) and Ian Dale (Secretary). The other trustees are Professor Scott McGregor (Strathclyde University), Barrie Bryson (Glasgow University), Past President John Kelly will continue as a Trustee representing the Trades House.
- Vote of Thanks:** R. Wright proposed the vote of thanks.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Date of the 96th AGM is 9th April 2018 in the Abode Restaurant, Bath Street.

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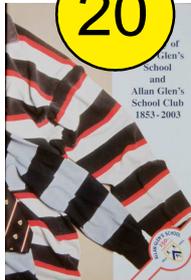
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