



Allan Glen's School Club

Newsletter June 2016

"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

As always, it is sad when one of our friends and fellow-pupils dies. Gordon Day served as a Committee Member for many years and was long-time Convenor of the Lunch Club.

There is a notice from Brian McAllister of the Annual Golf Outing on Monday 12 September. For those of you travelling some distance, why not make week-end of it and join us at the ABode for the September Lunch on the 9th.

There is also an link to an article on Chess at *Allan Glen's* contributed by Glenn Miller. It is a very interesting article, in particular I would commend looking at the biographies of the pupils who have been hugely successful.

On a final note, Mike and I would be delighted if there is anyone out there who is interested in becoming Editor / (Compositor/Publisher /Postman) of future editions of the Newsletter. As I have previously said, you don't require to be adjacent to each other, Mike and I have produced several editions 8,000 miles apart. Please get in touch, if can contribute your expertise to the Club.

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Dates for your Diary

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| Second Friday of the month - | Monthly Town Lunch | - (0141 563 8723) |
| Last Friday of the month - | Bishopbriggs Lunch | - (0141 563 8723) |
| Monday 12 September 2016 - | Annual Golf Outing - Pollok Golf Club | |
| Saturday 26th November 2016 - | Annual Dinner - Trades House | |

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Gordon J Day MBE (AGS 1944-1928)

January 3, 1932; - April 25, 2016

GORDON John Day, who has died at 84, was a major figure in the sport of rowing in Scotland, first as an international performer - he represented Scotland at the 1958 Empire Games - and then as a national umpire, international team manager and administrator.

He attended Allan Glen's from 1944 to 1949. In later years, he was a Committee Member of the Allan Glen's Old Boys Club, while in his professional life, he was also a talented and innovative engineer, eventually working with many whisky distilleries to develop the pneumatic cask-filling nozzle that reduced the waste of whisky when filling barrels.

He first took up rowing while a pupil at Allan Glen's School in Glasgow and told The Herald in 2012 how it happened. "I was playing rugby and I broke my nose when a scrum collapsed," he explains. "A pal of mine found out what had happened and suggested I try something different and took me on a tram down to Glasgow Green, where I started rowing. I was tickled pink by it but I wasn't allowed to go out in a boat myself until I learned to swim."

He joined Clyde Amateur Rowing Club at Glasgow Green when he was 14 and went on to be selected for the RAF rowing squad during his national service, racing at Henley Royal Regatta and other international events across Europe. "I don't know how I managed to get away with it; for six months I was out of uniform and into a boat," he told The Herald. "My most memorable race was in Hamburg; the RAF had destroyed the city just a few years earlier but they seemed to have forgotten that when they welcomed us."

He eventually became president of Clyde during a period when its Clyde Rowing Weekend was voted the best regatta in Britain. He also became Scottish Rowing's International Team Manager and was voted into the position of Vice-president of the Scottish Amateur Rowing Association. In this role he had responsibility for delivering the international requirements of the rowing course at Strathclyde Park so it could successfully host the rowing events of the 1986 Commonwealth Games, during which event he hosted the Duke of Edinburgh and the Princess Royal.



He also was the Scottish representative on the Olympic selection committee that picked a certain Steve Redgrave for the first time in 1984.

In later sporting life, he teamed up with partner Ian Stanners to enjoy outstanding success at successive World Masters Regatta, racing as Clyde Masters and picking up world gold medals on several continents, until Ian Stanners' death in 2003. Having competed on the veterans circuit with Stanners for 15 years, his death was hard to take.

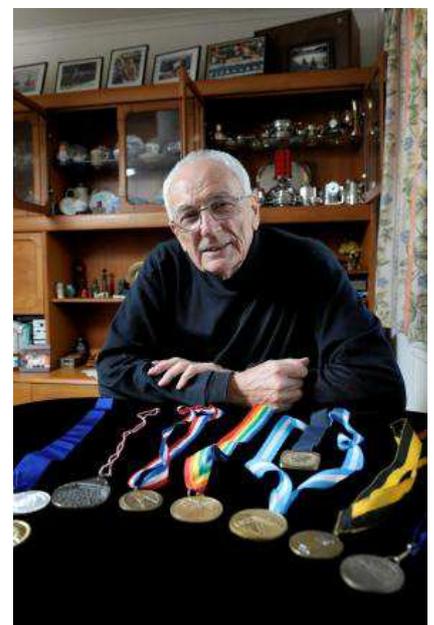
"One Sunday morning, we had a tremendous session then, on the Monday, he phoned to say he wasn't feeling too well," Day recalls. "He thought he had rheumatism or some such so we decided not to bother weight training that week but I never saw him again. Less than a fortnight later he was dead."

After this, the veteran squad at neighbouring Clydesdale Amateur Rowing Club took Day under their wing and he went on to compete successfully with them, winning his last Scottish title at the age of 80. He also became a member of Cawder House Curling Club and was President and Secretary of the Kenmure Probus Club in Bishopbriggs, where he lived for most of his adult life.

In 2013, he was presented with his MBE in 2013 for voluntary services to rowing and his charitable services through the Allan Glen's Old Boys Club.

He is survived by his wife Eileen, children Suzanne, Jacqueline and Simon, their spouses Roddy, Gill and Claire, and his grandchildren.

MIKE HAGGERTY



Catriona Holland (Sponsored Student)

Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2016 3:20 PM

Subject: Re: Femeng in Rwanda

Ian,

Thank you for the copy of Catriona's e-mail which confirms the Club members' strong belief that the Endowment Trust is doing excellent work.

It does occur to me that perhaps the Club members would also be interested in hearing in more detail about FemEng and in particular from Catriona since she is the grand daughter of David McLintock one of our former pupils. Perhaps this could be arranged for one of our lunches at the Abode Art House.

Regards, Gregor Egan

On 08 March 2016 at 11:11 Valentine@aol.com wrote:

Dear Catriona,

It's good to hear from you again. Your involvement with FemEng sounds really interesting. I wonder if Marcia McSwegan (a fellow Allan Glen's Scholar) is also involved in this? I know that she is a member of the GU Women's Engineering Society and of the GU Disability Group.

I'll copy your email to Maureen McKenna, Executive Director of Education at GCC and ask her to suggest a contact name.

The cheques for the second part of the university session were sent out at the end of last week, so you should get yours soon.

Best wishes for the Rwanda Project!

Ian Dale

In a message dated 06-Mar-16 5:06:16 P.M. GMT Standard Time, Catriona-Holland@hotmail.co.uk writes:

Dear Ian

Last semester I joined the committee for female Engineering Society at Glasgow University and became involved in a project called **FemEng in Rwanda**. We are really excited about the project and I wanted to let you know about it in the hope that you could let the the rest of the club know and also maybe give us some advice on who in Glasgow City Council would be interested to hear more about the project in the form of a informal meeting with them and some of the club members. I have included some information about the project below.

"FemEng in Rwanda" is a project led by Ellen Simmons, founder and current co-ordinator of "FemEng: Glasgow University's Female Engineers Group", with the assistance of Professor John Briggs, International Dean for Africa and Vice-Principal at the University of Glasgow. The project aims to establish and develop a partnership between the University of Glasgow (UoG) and the University of Rwanda (UR), with the main goal of this partnership being to further the work of both universities with bringing women into engineering, and supporting them throughout their career. The project entails a six-month preparatory period, followed by a month-long visit to Rwanda in June 2016 to implement the plan detailed below.

The team consists of eight successful applicants, each being a female studying engineering at the University of Glasgow. Most of the applicants are also engaged in the other activities run by the **FemEng** group. A team of Rwandan counterparts are currently being selected by Josephine Malonza, Lecture in Architecture at UR, who will assist us remotely until our visit. Once in Rwanda, our two teams will work together to create a two-week long program of workshops, exhibitions and talks for 12-15 year old schoolchildren. This program will then take place in the second and third week of our visit. Schools will visit UR and take part in a selection of the activities, which we hope will familiarise the pupils with the higher education environment and stimulate an interest in STEM, particularly engineering.

In addition to this program, the teams will make visits to relevant locations in Rwanda to learn more about the work already undergoing to encourage women into STEM subjects, to gain inspiration, and to meet interested parties. It is also anticipated that a chapter of **FemEng** would be founded within UR, to create a foundation from which the partnership can be continued past the end of the visit.

Kind regards

Catriona Holland

Eric H Nicoll (1926-2016) (AGS 1937-1940)

Eric joined the school in 1937 and died on 24 March at the age of 90 following a short illness. Eric's daughter, Julie, provided the following fond memories of his long, fascinating and highly-fulfilling life.

Dad was in the REME during the war primarily as an aircraft engineer in Lancaster Bombers. This is where his love of aircraft began. His good friend Tommy Knox was also at Allan Glen's with Dad and was also part of Bomber Command. Tommy is still with us and living in Australia.

Dad married Mum, Elizabeth McKeever from Penilee, in 1946. They had 2 sons Eric and Ian, both born in Govan. Unfortunately Eric was killed in a motorbike accident in 1969 at the age of 21. For Mum's health reasons the family moved south and settled in a small Hertfordshire village called Sawbridgeworth where I was born in 1961.

Dad had a great passion for cars, motorbikes and aircraft. He raced speedway bikes which he built himself. In the early 1960s he took his love of aircraft to the next level and gained his Private Pilot's Licence. As a family we enjoyed many years flying with him, a unique hobby for us all. We all inherited his love of cars, motorbikes and aircraft, even myself. Eric raced motorbikes at circuits such as Brands Hatch and Snetterton with a view to going professional. Both Eric and Ian were Aircraft Engineers and motor mechanics.

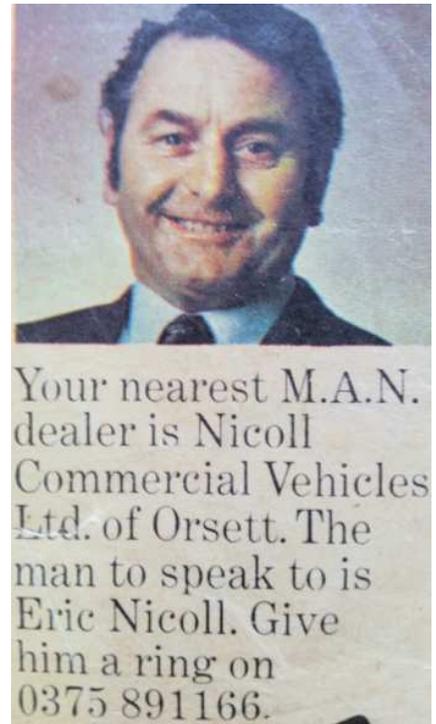
Dad's love of travel took us all over Europe, Canada and America and he inspired us all to have a thirst for knowledge. He loved reading and also hill walking, especially in Scotland, up The Trossachs, Loch Lomond, The Highlands and Islands.

Due to Mum's deteriorating health Mum and Dad left Sawbridgeworth in 2007 to come to live in Welwyn Garden City, also in Hertfordshire, where I live with my husband Lenny and son Jonjo, so that we could look after them. I work for the NHS, Lenny is a Divisional Officer in the Fire Service and Jonjo, who is just like his granddad, is a Property Manager at the University of Hertfordshire, adores cars and motorbikes and also races bikes but purely for pleasure.

Dad loved spending time with his family and had a thirst for education right to the end. Fortunately he had a very short illness and we are all very sad to lose him but he has left us with many great memories and determination to carry that on.

Julie Cleary

Footnote – Eric's family and friends have made a £355 contribution to the Endowment Scholarship Trust in Eric's memory.



Letters and In the News

Hi Mike

Really enjoyed the Tunnock article. I am able to get them over here and am pleased to see they are in good hands. I take them with me on my golf outings and pass a couple around with instructions re their availability. I am sure that helps. I was surprised to note the last batch I bought did not have a note re the number made each week so I am glad to hear we are up to 5 million as my memory said 4. Keep up the good work and thank you and the committee for their efforts .

Neil Hunter 1947- 52. (Canada)

Thanks for the newsletter. I was very sad to hear that Norrie Floyd had died. He and I regularly played in the centre for the FP's and we were the best of friends. Always retained a philosophical approach to the sometimes brutal realities of playing rugby.(for AGSFP) He was always well above all of that.

It was really interesting to hear of his life and career. I always suspected he had music within him.

Thanks again. Ian Rodger.

Mike

Always enjoyable to receive the newsletter even at this end of the world
(New Zealand)

Alastair Nicol (1953-1959)

Lord Clark installed as a Senator of the College of Justice (AGS 1968-)

by [Baktosch Gillan](#) – Tuesday, 24 May 2016, 4:17 PM

Alistair Clark QC has taken his place on the Bench with the judicial title Lord Clark after being installed as a Senator of the College of Justice.

The Lord Justice Clerk, Lady Dorrian, presided over the ceremony in the First Division courtroom in Parliament House on Tuesday 24 May 2016.

“Lord Clark, on behalf of the bench it gives me great pleasure to welcome you as a senator of the college of justice,” Lady Dorrian said.

“Your distinguished career at the bar, and your background in academia, enable you to bring to the bench the many qualities derived from that experience and from your extensive practice in civil and commercial litigation. They will surely help you to adapt to the challenges which this new role will bring.

“Most members of this court have had the pleasure of your appearing before them as senior counsel, and they will be looking forward, I am sure, to welcoming you as a colleague.

“We hope that you will find this new stage in your career both enjoyable and fulfilling.”

Mr Clark, a graduate of Glasgow and Strathclyde Universities, was formerly a university lecturer.

He was called to the bar in 1994, took silk in 2007, and has conducted cases in the Sheriff Court, High Court, Lands Tribunal, Court of Session, House of Lords and the Supreme Court.

He was Convenor of the International Committee of the Faculty of Advocates.

He is the author of the book ‘Product Liability’, as well as contributions to the Stair Memorial Encyclopedia of Scots Law, and a number of articles in legal journals.

Earlier this month it was announced that five new Senators had been appointed, the others being John Beckett QC, Ailsa Carmichael QC, Frank Mulholland QC, and Andrew Stewart, QC.

The installation of Mr Stewart will take place on 31 May, with those of Ms Carmichael and Mr Mulholland still to be confirmed.

Chess in Allan Glen's School

Alan,
I thought you might be interested in this recent article about chess at the school during its latter stages. It was passed to me by Craig Pritchett, probably our most successful player.
Some members might be interested to read it. <http://chessscotland.com/history/allanglenschool.htm> Regards. Glen Miller



Season 1960-61
Back row, from left to right: First three not identified, Norman Bissell, Allon, Edward Davis, Mr D.W. Mack
Front. left to right: John Glendinning, Colin Weir, Wallace, Winter, Peter Messer
All you guys from this era, can you identify the missing persons?

The Annual Golf Outing

The annual golf outing will be held at Pollok Golf Club on Monday 12th September. Tee-off will be 2:00 PM. The cost of the round and high tea will be £30. If you wish only to attend the high tea and presentation of prizes the cost will be £10.

If you wish to attend please e-mail Brian McAllister at---

brian@fizin.com

Payment will be collected on the day of the outing.

Yesteryear

100 YEARS AGO

The record of Allan Glen's School in war service is worthy of its reputation. It has given at least 1000 former pupils to the services and has turned out in its workshops and laboratories quite a quantity of serviceable war material. Dr Kerr is desirous that all former pupils who are expecting the call to military service should be made aware that in the Drill Corps, instituted in 1914, they are provided with an organisation connection with which will give them physical training, military drill and rifle practice.

Glasgow Lunch Club Annual Report

Bookings May 2015 to April 2016 ranged from 34 to 47 – with an average of 37. We had 18 first timers, some of whom have become regulars. A drop on the 20 of each of the preceding two years, but still very satisfactory. The first timers (or Ross's Virgins as David Tanner used to affectionately call them) we've brought in since extending the circulation to the full membership consistently make up over 30 % of the attendance – so the policy is clearly working..

We again had a mixture of guest and internal speakers presenting a diverse and highly interesting range of topics. We've been up Allan Glen's Family Tree (with John McGee), then, through the polluted Glasgow air (with Ken Anderson) down to Yarrows on the Clyde (with Iain Murray), across to Queens Park FC (with Blair James), round the Horn (with Charles Floyd), then back to the Clyde (with Iain Sim) where we will be repairing and berthing the TS Queen Mary while considering (with Gregor Egan) some revolutionary options for financing and building a new school.

Can't be bad!

The Christmas Lunch was again a bit special.. The hotel gave us their Christmas Menu at no extra cost – but no surprise attendance by Santa this year. Done it, seen it, bought the water pistols.



The QM at its proposed berth

We continue to have an excellent relationship with the hotel, who give us committee rooms for project team and Committee Meetings for free when they are available and set us up in the Arc Suite (which we also get for free) when they aren't. They gave us a voucher again for bed and breakfast for two which I used in the October raffle as I didn't have a guest speaker. It was won by Charles Floyd. Couldn't have worked out better, as Charles and Dorothy frequently attend concerts in the city and are therefore better placed than most to make use of it.

Surprisingly, I've not been aware of any adverse reaction to the serious price hike in January following rebranding as the ABode and dropping the Arthouse name – and attendances have not fallen off as a result. Generally members seem to be satisfied with the location and facilities provided by the ABode – but I would be pleased to note and address any issues members have and/or check out alternative venues anyone would care to suggest

Finally, I am bowing out after the May lunch – when Gordon Graham will kindly be taking over both lunch clubs. I'd like to thank everyone for supporting my efforts and for responding so handsomely to my additional rallying calls and cries de coeur over the piece.

Ross Ballantyne

Year of 1956 at the Abode

At the *Allan Glen's School* Lunch at the ABode Hotel on the 13 May, we had a table of Old Boys who began their first year at Glen's in 1956 – so this year is their 60th anniversary – and many of the people at the table had not seen each other in the 60 years. Nine people from 1956 were there: Will Aitken, Allan McLure, Stuart Dryburgh, Howard Kahn, John Bolton, Douglas Tait, Ian Valentine, Bruce Paterson and Chris Whitesmith. Will Aitken and Allan McLure came from Miss McKenzie's QA class, and so were quite familiar with Glen's, but the rest agreed that they didn't know what to expect from the likes of Jimmy Hinds, 'Soapy' Sommerville, 'Butch' Herd, Johnny Ralph, 'Flush' Brackenridge, and many others. The headmaster in 1956 was 'Joe Boss', that is, John B Somerville. Much discussion and stories about the teachers (and other pupils) took place at the table, not all of it generous, helped by liberal amounts of red and white wine. All the first year classes from 1956 were represented, except 1A – wonder why?

There was a School magazine from June, 1957, on the table, with adverts for Rowans, Coplands and Lye, John Smith, Cherry's, Grants, Pettigrew and Stephens, ICI, Crowleys.

Howard Kahn

PITLOCHRY FESTIVAL THEATRE

The Annual Outing to the Festival Theatre was on 4 June. It was attended by a total of twelve Former Pupils with wives as appropriate. There was a total of twenty attendees including the President and his Wife.

A two course lunch was followed by an excellent performance of Rogers and Hammerstein's "Carousel." As always, the performances were first-class. On a personal note, although the singing was excellent, I prefer when the participants play instruments as well as sing, not to detract from the orchestra which excellent but, it demonstrates the incredible range and versatility of talent on display.

Thanks due to Ian Hogarth for booking the seats, although Ian was unable to attend this year, and to Ross Graham for collecting the monies.



Registers - Sandy Howie

There are two school registers in the Mitchell Library that are of real interest to our Members? Allan Glen's School started the first register with the 1933 intake and William Anderson joined QA and became school pupil no 1. If William is still alive, he will be 94.

This register was involved in a fire that destroyed many school records in 1953 and the September intake in the second volume, begins with the school number 3,801 and is shown as Stuart Allan who must now be about 61.

Each entry in the registers gives the pupil's surname, initials date of birth and one first name. The parent or guardian is also recorded along with a first name, address and occupation. The class to which the pupil was allocated, the school number and the date of start completes the information for that pupil.

These registers can be viewed in the archive department of the Mitchell Library in Glasgow with the first one showing fire damage.

The library would not allow the books to be copied as they contained addresses of pupils likely to still be alive but the Club hand copied the non-sensitive information and it is hoped that Callan Dick our web expert will be able to transfer our register records into the members section of our website to allow members to remind themselves of their date of start and of those who began on the same day in their class.

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