

FOKHS

*Friends of
Kirkcaldy High School*



2000

KIRKCALDY, 27.6.1907.

NOTICE.

The Provost and Magistrates having arranged to lay the Foundation-Stones of the Burgh School and Extension of the Harbour, on Thursday the 20th instant, such of the Inhabitants as are disposed to join the Procession are respectfully invited to meet at the Town-House at half-past 11 o'Clock.

Dinner in the Town-House at 5 o'Clock, which the Inhabitants are also requested to attend.

Tickets 7s---to be had at the Shop of Messrs THOMAS RONALD & Co.

Kirkcaldy, July 15, 1843.

J. Jeffers Wilson, Printer.

To the Staff

The higher pupils have been very irregular since Monday, & yesterday I had to send for them to their houses. Their excuse was they had been about their classroom for a long time & nobody came so they went for a walk. I wish the teachers to be as punctual as usual in starting their classes, & if anything specially urgent requires their absence from the school or their classes that I should be informed of it. Kindly initial.

J. D. Rose
 John D. Rose
 Rector

Burgh School Fees.

By Authority of the Magistrates.

At a MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL, held on the 16th instant, the following SCALE OF FEES was established, to be paid Quarterly, and in advance, viz. :-

English alone,	3s. 0d. per Quarter.
English, with Writing,	4s. 6d. "
English Grammar, Arithmetic, and Writing,	5s. 6d. "
Arithmetic, Rudiments of Latin, Geography, and Writing,	6s. 6d. "
Writing alone, for One Hour,	2s. 6d. "

The above Fees include Pens; and no Extra Charge is to be made for Coals, or Janitor, as heretofore.

Any Branches taught besides the above, to be by special agreement with the Teacher; but in no case can more than 3s. 6d. per Quarter be charged, in addition to the highest rate of 6s. 6d. as above, making in all 10s. per Quarter.

In case of difference with the Teacher as to the Rate of Fees, where not fixed, the same is to be referred to the Magistrates for their decision.

The SCHOOL will be OPENED, by Mr LOCKHART, on MONDAY the 21st September current.

KIRKCALDY, 17th September, 1840.

J. BIRRELL, PRINTER, KIRKCALDY.



KIRKCALDY HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT

ADAM SMITH HALL
 On FRIDAY, 3rd July, 1925.

The proceeds of the Concert to be given to the School Petio Fund

PROGRAMME

- Psalm Tune, "Doversdale" (Ps. cxlv.) ... *Sturdy*
- Cantata: CHRISTMAS SCENES. Music by Sir F. H. Cowen.
 Words by CLARET BISHOP. Solistes: Misses ADRIE COOPER, MARGARET STODOLSKA and JESSIE NOLAN.
- I. "Old Father Christmas is passing by" ... *Christmas Eve*
- II. "The Carolers" "We cannot singe come to-night" ... *Christmas Eve*
- III. "Santa Claus" Solo and Chorus "In the deep of night I come" ... *Christmas Eve*
- IV. "The snow lies white on hill and vale" ... *Christmas Eve*
- V. "In Church" "Lull on the organ playing" ... *Christmas Eve*
- VI. Solo "Gloria" ... *Christmas Eve*
- VII. Christmas Festivities. "Now comes the sturdy Yule log in" ... *Christmas Eve*
- Song, "Love that's true will live for ever" ... *Handel*
- Mr JOHN SCOTT (V.C.)
- Songs, "When the birds go North again" ... *Wittley*
- "Kossuth" (German folk-song) ... *Wittley*
- "Chanson de Florian" (French) ... *Gotard*
- CLASS III
- Play, "A Mother of Dreams" ... *Oliphant Lower*
- Dances, Miss JEAN WALKER: Dances, Miss FORBES; ... *Oliphant Lower*
- Manufacturer--Miss MARGARET MESSING
- Song, "Jockey Dance" ... *Scottish Creed*
- "Sombra Woods" ... *Lully*
- Mr SCOTT
- Songs, "Serenade" (French) ... *Grand*
- "Alla Be with us" ... *Woodforde-Pudon*
- CLASSES IV, V, VI
- Dances, Minuet, "Pipers' Dance" ... *Robinson*
- Mute Solo, "Melody in D" ... *Robinson*
- Master IAN ROSS
- Song, "The Campbells are coming" ... *Scottish*
- "LA MARSILLIANE" ... *Scottish*
- "GOD SAVE THE KING" ... *Scottish*

Plans--Miss ISABEL FORSYTH. Organ--Mr GEORGE M'CREA (V.P.)
 Conductor--Mr J. GRAY, Music Master.

Tickets--2/- and 1/-

Welcome... to the F.O.K.H.S. Magazine!

At the invitation of the School, a "Friends of Kirkcaldy High School" inaugural meeting took place in November 1999 at which two committees of former pupils and teachers were set up, one to organise the September 2000 three-day event, and the other to prepare a magazine which would celebrate the life and work of the school since its creation by the then Kirkcaldy Burgh Council way back in 1582.

We hope that our efforts will evoke memories of your own time at KHS. There is no doubt that the school became a very successful educational establishment, one of the top selective schools in the country

from which many influential young people emerged. Now, as a comprehensive school serving the north of the town, it carries forward many of the old traditions, and at the same time caters very well for the educational needs of all of the youngsters in its care. KHS continues to be a well-respected part of the local community.

My grateful thanks are due to Eunice Cameron, Margaret Fraser, George Grant, Lexi and Marjory Greig, John Methven and Russell Sharp for their efforts in helping to compile the magazine, to Bill Ritchie and others for the help they gave me in supplying information for the

'Didn't they do well?' section, and to David Mackay for his much appreciated financial support.

As you will read elsewhere in these pages, we got off to a flying start in September, and we are now looking to you to keep up the momentum. Send in your ideas for future FOKHS events and development either to myself or to Judith Kerr.

Thanks for subscribing to the magazine and "Enjoy the read!"



Bob Docherty

One Week in September at the start of a Millennium



As a former pupil and a current member of staff, I have always been keen to see Kirkcaldy High School recognised for what it is today as well as for what it was in the past. Standing as it does on the outside edge of the town, KHS does not always feel part of the Kirkcaldy community and I felt that the 'Get Together for the year 2000' was an opportunity to bring the school and community much closer. The contacts we received through George Millar's e-mail group and subsequently from the website designed by Bruce Durie showed me how proud former pupils are of this school and I wanted our current pupils to recognise this and begin to value KHS just as much.

During the Get Together week 500-600 people came in to the school, many of whom had never visited the building. Their association with KHS ranged from early 1930s to the present day and they travelled from Canada, Australia and many parts of Europe and the UK. Throughout the week 30 S6 pupils were

involved in car parking, ushering, selling tickets, doing tours, serving teas etc. They carried out their duties well and this was acknowledged by our visitors.

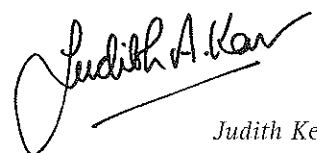
The Cheese and Wine on the Thursday evening made a good start to the week, with many people renewing old friendships and catching up on news. Friday's concert was very successful, with soloists performing a wide range of music and almost 100 people singing in the choir with Miss Mackenzie. After the concert there was time to chat. Fewer people managed to join us for the ceilidh on the Saturday. However, for those able to attend on this evening only, there was still a chance to talk with old friends.

I spent some time at each event watching the present pupils speaking to the former pupils. It was clear when I spoke to them and heard them speak to each other, that they were impressed and proud to be associated with all

these influential adults who in turn were able to see that the present generation wants to keep the traditions alive. The displays of photographs and memorabilia were placed outside the assembly hall for all pupils to see and it was gratifying to hear them talking about them as they went around the school.

The unexpected happened; we managed to pass on a sense of pride to the current pupils by bringing together former pupils, important people in their own fields, people proud to have been at KHS and who had memories they cherish.

What I hope to do now is to keep our pupils in contact with all former pupils and help them to see they are part of a school with a great history and a great future.



Judith Kerr

Brief History

An extract from the annals of the Burgh of Kirkcaldy, dated 10th July 1582, records how authority for the foundation of a Burgh School came about.

“Convenit in the tolbuith of Kirkcaldy the baillies & counsall underwritten, viz:- James Lilljhour and Alexr Dalzell, Johne balcanquell, Alexr Auchmutie, James Malwill, robert hay, Johne Lowdown, Alexr Scott, ro. maisterloune, Thomas Lambe, David Halkheit, Johne Mure. First, ordanis ane contract to pas betwix the baillies, counsall & communitie heirof, on the one part, & mr David Spens, minister, on the other part:- That the said mr David sall tak uppe & teche ane grammer scoil b̄ ñe him selff as principall, he to conduce upoun his chairgis ane sufficient qualifeirt persoun to be as Doctour under him, for quhome he sall answe and for his panis and laubouris the said mr David to haiff of everie tounis bairne iiii. in the quarter, reservand his advantage off the curtrie baairnis, always befginand thair quarter paimmet at the entres. And quhen the number of bairnis increassis so that mr Davidis hous will nocht easelic contene thame, the tounie to find him ane sufficient rowme hous meit for the purpoiss, & the baillies to interpone thair authoritie ordinar, quarterlic, for redddy paimment to be mai to the said Mr David.”

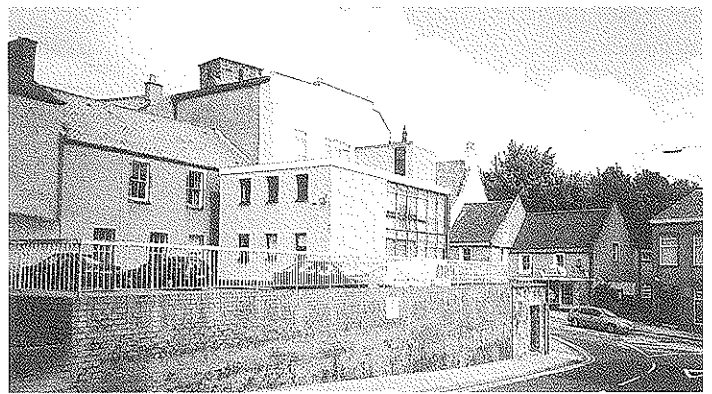
Kirkcaldy, like most other Scottish burghs of the 1580s, enthusiastically took up John Knox's call to establish a school within its boundaries. The creation of the Kirkcaldy Grammar School later known as the Burgh School is the direct antecedent of Kirkcaldy High School, a title first used in 1893.

Mr David Spens, appointed the first schoolmaster by the Burgh Council, also served as a minister of the Kirk and that created a bond between school and church which survived the centuries.

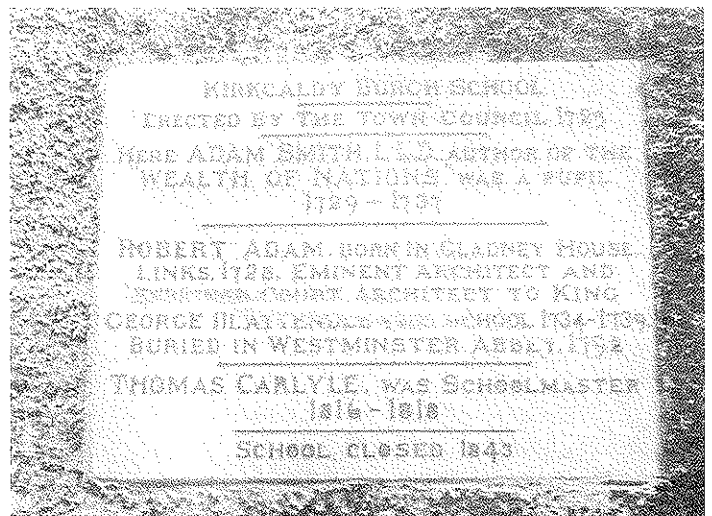
Although the Council jealously guarded its right to make academic appointments, the Presbytery regularly advised members on all sorts of matters, religious or otherwise. Clerical influence on the educational system rarely wavered and well into the eighteenth century pupils were rigorously examined on Monday mornings on the contents of the previous days' sermons. An early 18th Century document reminds the *“maister and doctor (the second master) to give ane holy example in a sober and circumspect... and conversatione and are to take pains to instruct the schoolers in fear of God and principles of the true reformed religion established amongst us.”* Around the same time the schoolmaster was reprimanded by the council for allowing boys to play on the Sabbath and during the weekday sermon. 'In loco parentis' had a wider meaning then than now.

Five years after the foundation of 'ane grammer scoill', the Council built Kirkcaldy's first new school. Previously, between 1582 and 1587 it is assumed pupils had been accommodated in church premises in Kirk Wynd. Nothing is known about the site of this new school or its immediate successors in the seventeenth century but they are likely to have been in close proximity to the kirk.

The growth of education for the sons, but apparently not for the daughters, of merchants and tradesmen of the burgh demanded by 1725 another more expansive site. The old building was reported to be in a ruinous state and the Council discussed a replacement. That came about in Hill Street, close to the present Fife Free Press building.



Agreement was reached in April 1725 to proceed with a new building and construction began immediately. Not surprisingly delays occurred, especially with the roof, and it was August 1726 before the school accepted its first pupils. This building served the burgh for nearly one hundred and seventy years and a plaque records that Adam Smith, author of "The Wealth of Nations" and Robert Adam, architect, received their education there and Thomas Carlyle taught in it for a brief period.



Throughout the 18th Century disputes between the teaching staff and the Council abounded. Then, as now, employees disagreed with their employers on their financial worth and hardly a year passed without arguments about salaries. Religious

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matters too caused concern with frequent reminders to the Council by the Presbytery about Sunday observance by pupils and teachers. Presbytery influence must have been felt when a second master, previously reprimanded for not teaching church music, was dismissed in 1748 for swearing.

The Council tired of these unending confrontations with schoolmasters and on the resignation of Mr John Dougall appointed someone from another burgh, Mr Andrew Nevison, a man apparently untainted by previous bickering. This selection, however, obviously did not satisfy the Council or Mr Nevison and he had gone within a year, the briefest tenure of office of any one master or Rector in the last three hundred years. Mr Nevison's term is significant in another regard in that he is the first man to be described as Rector rather than Master.

The practice of wealthy citizens of the burgh sending their children to schools in other parts of the country gathered pace in the early decades of the 19th Century. Concerned by the decline in standards of the Burgh School in 1841 the "Town Council was roused to the necessity of some measures being adopted whereby new life and vigour might be infused into the system of Education in the Burgh School and that it might be rendered at least not less efficient than other establishments of a similar kind in the country".

The Council took the drastic step of dismissing the Rector, Mr Kennedy, and seeking someone better qualified to give 'a new and powerful impulse' to the school. A committee of the Council, consisting of a minister, banker and iron founder examined the credentials of those applying for the post, to the extent of visiting the school in which they taught. Unanimously they decided upon Mr John Lockhart, then a teacher in Glasgow.

Mr Lockhart quickly transformed the fortunes of the school. In his first year the roll rose from 50 to 150 and within another two years numbered 202.

The Hill Street building had outgrown its usefulness and in 1843 plans, drawn up by Mr David Cousin, architect, were accepted and costed at £1298 10/- for a new school in what is now Carlyle Road.



Mr Lockhart's Rectorship surpassed the expectation of the Council and his 33 year stewardship of the school saw standards constantly improved and the roll increased. The new school had been built to accommodate 300 pupils but during Christopher D Scott period as Rector it became obvious that an extension was needed. The restyled school with a second storey

added and which stood until the 1960s came into use in 1895. The generosity of Sir Michael Nairn who provided the funds for construction was widely appreciated in the town. This new school carried the name Kirkcaldy High School for the first time.



Throughout its history Kirkcaldy High School has had to respond to the needs of the Community it serves. As the population of the burgh grew and the nature of the curriculum changed, needs



of the school quickly outgrew the 1895 building. There was opened in 1929 what was usually known as 'the new building', still part of Fife

College and between 1929 and 1958 shared between the High School and Kirkcaldy Technical School. The extension linked

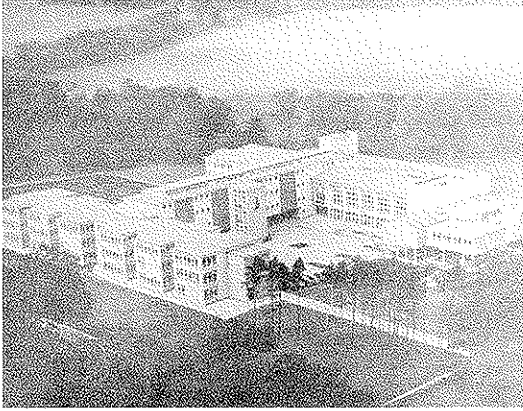
to the existing building provided accommodation for technical and commercial subjects in the first instance although other subjects came to be taught there as well.



Kirkcaldy's expansion continued apace after the Second World War and it became apparent by 1950 that a new school on a new site would be needed with the roll over 1300 and likely to grow further in the years to come.

On 20th October 1958 a new school in the western corner of Dunnikier Park, set in its own grounds with extensive playing fields, was formally opened and thereby ended a link with the town centre which had lasted from 1582. At that time Kirkcaldy High School provided senior secondary education not just for the burgh itself but also for a wide area of east-central Fife including Leslie, Markinch, Thornton, Glenrothes, Auchtertool, Kinghorn and Burntisland.

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The coming of comprehensive education in 1972 changed the nature of Kirkcaldy High School with the amalgamation of Templehall Secondary School. The

pupils from S3 - S6 with earlier years at Templehall, usually referred to as the Junior Building.

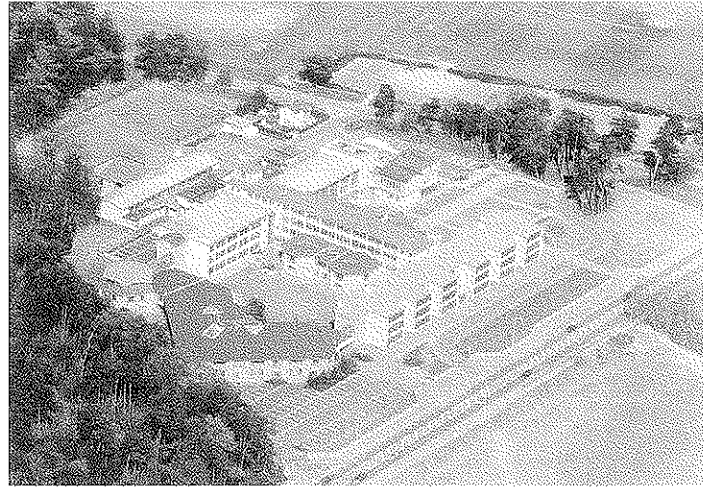
Educationally and administratively this split site arrangement posed huge problems and, before the 1980s were out, a staged expansion at Dunnikier was underway. The Templehall 'annexe' closed and the rebuilt Kirkcaldy High, able to accommodate all pupils on one site and also to provide social and leisure facilities for the wider community, came into use in 1994 just over 400 years after the foundation of "*one grammar scoill*".

John Methven

school leaving age increased at the same time and KHS now had a roll of 2350 making it the largest school in Western Europe. The catchment of the school altered drastically in the 1970s and ultimately consisted of those living in the west and north-west of Kirkcaldy.



To cater for the needs of that decade, a series of hutted classrooms appeared at Dunnikier which accommodated



1582 – 1600 – 1700 – 1800 – 1900 – 2000

The production of this definitive history of our school marks a milestone in the life of one of the great traditional schools in Scotland. As the current Rector, I am delighted to have been involved in a small way.

Our grateful thanks go to Bob Docherty and his team who gave so much of their time to the production of this publication.

R.D. Fraser

R.D. Fraser, Rector

Rectors

1711 - 1720	John Dorward
1720 - 1750	David Miller
1751 - 1762	John Murray
1762 - 1787	John Dougall
1787 - 1787	Andrew Nevison
1787 - 1820	John Hume
1820 - 1843	John Kennedy
1843 - 1873	John Lockhart
1874 - 1878	William Maybin
1878 - 1906	Christopher R Scott
1906 - 1929	John D Rose
1929 - 1947	Frank M Earle
1948 - 1971	Robert M Adam
1971 - 1989	Thomas Fraser
1989 -	Robert D Fraser

Didn't they do well?

We all know about Adam Smith, William Adam and his sons Robert and James, Sandford Fleming and others, all of whom were pupils of the Burgh School, predecessor of the High School.

This section highlights the careers of more recent former pupils of Kirkcaldy High School who have made a name for themselves in one way or another. I think you would agree that there are some amazing success stories!

What must be said at the outset is that these are the people we know about – inevitably there will be many more who have done particularly well and for whom a place in this section would be well merited. If you know of such persons, please get in touch with us so that we can add to the list.

Thanks for your much-valued assistance.

Bob Docherty



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Forrester ADAM 1978

On leaving KHS in 1978, Forrester joined Kirkcaldy District Council as a joinery apprentice. He is now Managing Director of Haldane UK, Glenrothes, a market leader in specialist wood machining. The client list has included Windsor Castle, EuroDisney, the British Embassy in Moscow, Cruise Liners, The Overgate Shopping Centre in Dundee etc. The firm recently won the Fife Business Award.

Donald ADAM 1985

Head Boy in 1984-85, Donald, (MBCHB, FRCS), is presently Senior Registrar at the Western General Hospital in Edinburgh and is working towards his MD which would open the door to Consultancy. Although General Surgery is his present area of 'operation', he hopes to specialise in Vascular Surgery in due course.

Michelle ADAM 1987

Like her brother Donald, Michelle studied medicine at Edinburgh University. She worked for two years in the Flying Doctor Service in Australia during which time she spent several months caring for the Aborigines in the Outback. What a wonderful experience! Now back in Scotland, she specialises in Accident & Emergency work in Glasgow.

David ANDERSON 1952

When David was 15 his parents emigrated to USA. David had a highly successful career in the Diplomatic Service, culminating in his spell as US Ambassador to Yugoslavia from 1981-85. He then became a visiting Professor of International Relations. David died in July 1997, aged 60. Former US Secretary of State, Lawrence Eagleburger, said of him "The Foreign Service of the United States is replete with talent, but David was the best of the best."

Graham BAYNE 1991

Ramsay BAYNE 1991

Robert HARRIS 1991

Graham and Ramsay, along with cousin Robert, started canoeing while at St John's B. B., soon progressing to Canoe Polo. From 1990-92 they represented Scotland at U-18 level, while in 1993 they were in Scotland's men's team and in 1994, in Great Britain's U-21s. From 1995-2000 Graham and Ramsay have represented Great Britain, winning the World Championships in Rome (1995) and São Paulo (2000). Robert now works in Luxembourg as a Project Leader with Scottish Equitable.

Ian BEATTIE 1972

Ian is currently Depute Chief Investment Manager, Edinburgh Fund Managers.

David BEAUMONT 1981

David was capped for Scotland at under-16, under-18 and under-19 level before becoming a professional footballer with Dundee United, Luton Town and finally Hibernian FC. Since hanging up his boots he has joined Fife Constabulary. One of the highlights for David was representing Scotland in front of a

crowd of 90,000 spectators at the Azteca Stadium in Mexico City in the final of the FIFA Youth Championship. One of his team-mates was Paul McStay.

John BECK 1963

John (now retired) was Detective Sergeant (Special Branch) in the Metropolitan Police. He was involved in National Security and was the last Met. Officer to serve full time in Scotland (at Prestwick Airport). After a spell at Gatwick Airport, John became Personal Protection Officer for the Israeli Ambassador. He is now Secretary of the London Branch of the National Association of Retired Police Officers and serves on the National Executive Committee.

James BEGG 1946

James, now retired, was for many years Consultant Pathologist at the Fife Area Laboratory.

Ian BEGG 1944

Ian, brother of James, has had a highly successful career as a well-respected Architect (in the Scottish tradition) Now retired.

Norval BLACK 1958

Norval left KHS in 1958 and took his degree at Aberdeen University. He entered the world of Further Education where he lectured at Dundee College of Technology. He became Assistant Principal there. In 1988, he was appointed Principal of Elmwood College, Cupar, from where he retired in 1997.

Fiona BOWMAN 1974

Fiona studied at Queen Margaret College, then joined the Clydesdale Bank. After seven years with the Standard Chartered Bank, London, she took a career change and spent seven years in Education in a Management capacity. In 1995 she returned to banking as Facilities Manager with the Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corp., and in 1998 became European Contract Manager, Goldman Sachs International, London.

Robin BRIGGS 1957

Now in the process of handing over the reins to his son, Robin has built up a Group of Marine Companies with operations in Europe, the Caspian region, Egypt, Malaysia and Vietnam. ("Briggs Marine Contractors" and "Briggs Marine Environmental Services"). As of now, Robin has taken on the position of Group Chairman.

Gordon, Rt. Hon. BROWN 1967

Gordon is without doubt the most famous living Former Pupil. Chancellor of the Exchequer since 1997, Gordon is MP for Dunfermline East. Brought up in St Brycedale Manse, son of the school's chaplain, he was Joint Dux Boy in 1967. He continued his studies at Edinburgh University where his debating skills were no doubt honed. He had the distinction of becoming the first student to be Rector of the University.

John BROWN

John, brother of Gordon, is Head of Public Relations &

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Marketing, Glasgow City Council. He has been Director of the Scottish Foundation since 1990.

Tom BROWN 1973

Tom left KHS in 1973 to study medicine at Edinburgh University. After graduating in 1979 he trained in General Medicine and then Psychiatry. He is now Consultant Psychiatrist at St John's Hospital, Livingston, W. Lothian.

Malcolm CAMPBELL QPM 1962

Malcolm retired in December 1999, having spent 16 years as Commander in the Metropolitan Police. Latterly he was responsible for crime detection, intelligence, crime prevention and criminal justice for NW London. He was awarded the Queen's Police Medal in 1991 for distinguished police service.

Alex CARRUTHERS 1981

Alex left in 1981, having achieved a feat never likely to be repeated! In the space of 10 days that year he had played rugby at Cardiff Arms Park and Murrayfield and football at Hampden Park! First a civil servant (MOD), then an employee of BA, Alex then spent five years as Development Officer with the SRU before creating his own Edinburgh-based Training Company, Rewards plc. A successful rugby player, he is now Coach to Kirkcaldy RFC and to the Scottish Universities XV and Caledonia u-20s.

Robert CARRUTHERS 1978

Bob left in 1978 and took his degree in Economics at Edinburgh University. He is now a highly successful Producer/Director of Films. He was Producer of 'Chasing the Deer' starring Brian Blessed, Producer and Director of 'The Bruce', Oliver Reed's penultimate film, and also produced and directed 'MacBeth' starring Jason Connery and Helen Baxendale. He has recently sold his company to a German concern for an undisclosed sum!

Julia CHANNING (nee GIRDWOOD) 1978

When in SIV Julia, along with some 400 young musicians from all over the UK, entered a national woodwind competition, which was organised by Shell Esso and the London Symphony Orchestra. As winner she was awarded a £3,000 music scholarship to the Guildhall School of Music in London. Julia is currently Principal Oboe with the orchestra of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

Melville CONNELL 1954

Now retired, Mev was Stored Product Entomologist, CEO, Grain Elevators Board, Victoria and became Director of the Australian Wheat Board.

Ivor DAVIES 1961

After graduating from Edinburgh University, Ivor joined the staff of Lakehead University, Thunderbay, Canada. He returned to Scotland in 1973 to join the Scottish Sports Council. Ivor is now Director of SportsScotland Lottery Fund, and is also Advisor in Sports Management to most of the countries of Eastern Europe.

Bruce DAVIES 1974

Bruce left KHS in 1974, having twice won the Music Prize. He has had a variety of occupations including being an Appeals Organiser, a Prison Officer, a Retail Manager and a Lecturer in Retail Studies! Since 1986, Bruce has had a very successful career as a Professional Musician, first with folk group Beggars Mantle, and more recently as a solo singer/song writer. He is an award winning song-writer, and has often appeared on radio and TV.

Ian, DEWAR OBE 1954

Now retired, Ian was Secretary of the Historic Buildings Council for Scotland, and Head of the Grants Division.

Robert DOCHERTY 1958

Bob retired in 1996 after spending 22 years as Assistant Rector at KHS. He previously taught Maths at Glenwood Junior High School and Glenrothes High School. Schools' Football is his passion! He was General Secretary of the Scottish Schools' FA from 1982-94 and has subsequently served as President of that organisation. He represents the SSFA on the Council of the SFA, and is in his third year as Secretary of the Schools' Association Football International Board (with 18 National Associations in membership).

Kate (Ann) DONEGAN (nee FARGIE) 1971

Kate, or Ann as she used to be known, joined the Prison Service from the Scottish Office Home Department in 1977. After a spell as Deputy Governor of HMP Barlinnie in 1994-5, she became HM Inspector and then Deputy Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland. Since 1996, Kate has been Governor of Her Majesty's Prison and Young Offender's Institution, Cornton Vale. She is also Commander, National Incident Command Team.

Dugald EADIE 1962

Dux Boy 1962. Recently retired to Perthshire, Dugald has enjoyed a highly successful career in Finance during which he has held the following posts: Partner, Wood Mackenzie (Stockbrokers, Edinburgh), Managing Director, Wood Mackenzie, then Senior Vice-President of The Bankers Trust, Group Managing Director, Henderson plc (London). He is now Chairman of IIMR (Institute of Investment Management and Research).

Lord Murray, ELDER of Kirkcaldy 1967

Murray Elder left school in 1967 and graduated in Economic History from Edinburgh University. After a successful career in the Bank of England, he became Political Advisor to Denis Healey. After further spells as Political Advisor to Merlyn Rees and John Smith he succeeded Helen Liddell as Scottish Secretary of the Labour Party. A member of the Scottish Constitutional Convention, he was also Head of Office during John Smith's leadership and when Donald Dewar was Secretary of State for Scotland.

John FRASER 1953

John graduated in Civil Engineering at Edinburgh University in 1957. In 1959 he left his post as an Asst. Engineer on the Forth Road Bridge construction to do Research at Imperial College,

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London. The lure of the outdoor life was quickly manifest, and, in 1961, he took part in an Expedition to Spitzbergen. He was tragically lost, along with four other members of the expedition, on 25th June. His parents presented the school with his diary of the Spitzbergen Expedition.

Alan FRASER 1970

When Alan 'Fritz' Fraser left school in 1970, he went directly into journalism with D. C. Thomson in Dundee. He spent more than a decade there and became the Courier's top sports reporter. Alan then moved on to 'Scotland on Sunday' before crossing the border to work firstly for the 'Observer' and then, latterly, for the 'Daily Mail'. He has become one of the best known sports journalists in the UK, his specialisms being golf and football.

Robert FYFE 1948

Dux Boy in 1948, Robert is best known for his role as Howard (Marina's paramour!) in 'Last of the Summer Wine'.

George GRANT 1960

George left KHS in 1960 and after graduating from Edinburgh University and Moray House, taught Maths at KHS and then became Principal Teacher of Maths at Glenrothes High School. After returning to KHS as Assistant Rector, George's career culminated in a 15 year spell as Rector of Buckhaven High School from where he retired in 1997.

Colin GRAY 1961

Colin is a Chartered Civil Engineer. He is now a partner in the highly reputed William Fairhurst & Co., Civil Engineers, Edinburgh.

Harry GRAY 1952

Harry went straight to Leith Nautical College from KHS and then served his time with the City Line (part of the Ellerman Group). There he got his Master's Ticket and subsequently spent 15 years as Ship's Master with the Ben Line.

David HERD 1958

David, whose nickname was 'Sam', took his degree at Aberdeen University. After a spell as lecturer at Dundee College of Technology, he moved to Sunderland Polytechnic. In 1980, he became Principal of The Lancashire College, Chorley. Sadly, he died in 1991 at the age of 51 after a long illness.

Derick HERNING 1948

Dux Boy in 1948, Derick was Principal Teacher of Modern Languages at the Anderson Institute in Shetland from 1967 until 1996. Now retired, his name appeared in the Guinness Book of Records as the 'Polyglot of Europe' – he can converse in 23 languages! In his spare time he was, until recently, an Auxiliary Coastguard.

Barry HEYWOOD 1964

Barry has been for the last nine years Regional Procurator Fiscal for Dundee, having been Assistant Procurator Fiscal for Glasgow from 1983-86, and, subsequently, Procurator Fiscal for Inverness from 1986-91.

Sandy HINSELWOOD 1955

Sandy (A. J. W. Hinshelwood), a Scottish Schools' Rugby cap, went on to play for London Scottish and was capped 21 times for Scotland. He also had the distinction of playing for the British Lions.

Robert HOWIE 1920

Robert Howie (deceased) was a Scottish Rugby Internationalist. He played in the Grand Slam winning team of 1925 and also represented the British Lions. He farmed at the Grange Farm.

Archibald HOWIE 1954

Eldest son of Robert Howie, Archie is Professor of Physics at the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge University. He is also President of the International Federation of Societies for Electron Microscopy.

Joyce HUME (formerly WILLIAMS) nee BARCLAY 1968

Joyce became one of Scotland's most famous tennis players, having played at Wimbledon for several years in the 70s. She is now a member of the BBC commentary team at the annual event.

Alastair HUTCHISON 1965

On leaving KHS, Alastair studied Medicine at Aberdeen University. He is now Professor of Neonatology at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, USA.

Eleanor KINGSBURY (nee WILKIE) 1955

Eleanor was, from 1980 to 1990 Head of Springside School, an independent preparatory college for girls in Philadelphia USA. After a five year spell as Executive Director of The Ohio Humanities Council, she became Head of The Bermuda High School for girls in Hamilton, Bermuda in 1995. She retired this year and now spends her time between Philadelphia and Falkland where she now has a cottage.

Bill KIRKPATRICK 1964

Bill left KHS in 1963 and studied at Edinburgh University. His teaching career included a spell as Principal Teacher of Physics at his old school before becoming Assistant Rector and Depute Rector at Auchmuty High School. He is now Rector at Blairgowrie High School. Bill remains a staunch Raith Rovers fan and was, until recently, a season ticket regular.

Basil LAIDLAW 1958

Basil taught mathematics in Kirkcaldy Secondary (which became Balwearie High School) before moving into Further Education at Kirkcaldy Technical College. He retired recently from the post of Depute Principal at Bell College of Technology, Hamilton.

Kim LITTLEJOHN 1988

While at KHS, Kim represented Scotland at gymnastics. At Edinburgh University, where she took a 1st Class Honours degree in Computer Science, she captained the women's rugby team in her second year. She also represented Scotland at volleyball. Kim has subsequently won 42 caps for Scotland at rugby,

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captaining the side on 30 occasions. She also played for the women's Barbarians team (British Isles select).

John MACKAY 1954

General Manager, Royal Mail (Scotland, N. Ireland and N. England) – now retired. John is now Chairman of the Earl Haig Fund.

David MACKAY 1960

Chief Executive, John Menzies Ltd. Brother of John, brought up in Burntisland.

David MARTIN CBE 1933

Now deceased, David was Secretary of the Royal Society of London.

Keith MASON 1973

Having graduated in Law at Edinburgh University, Keith has spent most of his working life in Local Government. He was Dunfermline District Council's Principal Solicitor before becoming Chief Administrative Officer for the Council. He now works for Fife Council and is Law and Administration Manager for West Fife area.

David MASTERTON 1959

Dave left KHS in 1959 as Dux Boy and took his degree in Physics at Edinburgh University. During the course of his teaching career he held the posts of Principal Teacher of Physics at both Waid Academy and Glenrothes High School before becoming Assistant Rector at Queen Anne High School. He joined the Advisory Service of Fife Regional Council as Science Advisor and subsequently became Advisory Service Manager, a post from which he retired two years ago.

John McCORMICK 1950

John was Dux Boy in 1950, and graduated in Medicine in 1956. He became a world authority on rheumatology and immunology having worked at Stoke Mandeville and the MRC Rheumatism Centre at Taplow. In 1970, he returned to Edinburgh as Consultant Rheumatologist. Ill health led to early retirement in 1988, but in 1993 he was elected as a member of the New York Academy of Sciences. He researched the role of coal dust in producing lesions in the lungs of miners with arthritis.

Valerie McDERMID 1972

On leaving school in 1972, Val went on to St Hilda's College, Oxford University. She worked as a journalist for 16 years, culminating in three years as Northern Bureau Chief for a National Sunday Tabloid. Val is now a celebrated authoress. Of her many books, 'Mermaid Singing' won her the 1995 'Gold Dagger Award' for the Best Crime Novel of the Year. At school, she made her TV debut as a member of the 'Top of the Form' team!

Scott McDONALD 1962

In his final year at KHS, Scott was runner-up in the Scottish Boys' Golf Championship, and in the same year he was semi-

finalist in the Scottish Amateur Championship. Higher things were to follow! Scott was a member of the successful Walker Cup GB and Ireland team which defeated the USA at St Andrews in 1971. He is now a Selector for the Walker Cup side and is also Team Manager of the GB Boys' Team.

John McNEIL 1952

After getting his degree at Edinburgh University, John emigrated to Canada where, in due course he became Chairman and Chief Executive of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada from 1988 to 1998 and then served one more year as Chairman. Now retired.

John METHVEN 1954

John retired from his post as PT (Geography) at KHS in 1991. He still is very prominent in the Rugby world, having served on the SRU Championship Committee for 23 years until 1992 when he became Midlands District Secretary. He was President of Kirkcaldy RFC from 1983 to 1987 and has written a book celebrating the Centenary of the Midlands District.

Gordon MILLAN 1959

Gordon left school in S.2 following the death of his father. Having taught French in Broughton High School (Edinburgh) for four years, he joined the Modern Languages Department at Strathclyde University. He was appointed Professor of French at that University in 1990.

Stewart MILLER CBE 1951

Aeronautical Engineer, Stewart became head of the Rolls Royce Aerospace Group and was directly responsible for the 1970s project which put the RB211 engine into the Boeing 757 taking it right from the conceptual stage to the point of carrying passengers. By the 1990s 300 airlines and 100 armed forces were using the RB211 or its developmental results. Something to think about when you are flying at 30,000 ft!

James MORRIS CBE 1954

Air Vice-Marshal Jim Morris was, until he retired in 1991, Air Officer, Scotland and N. Ireland, and held the NATO post of Commander, Maritime Air Forces, North Atlantic. He is now Chief Executive of the Scottish SPCA, is President of the Scottish Area RAFA, is a Commissioner of the Queen Victoria School and is on the Governing Board of the Scottish Food Quality Certification Association.

Paul MOTION 1978

Paul left school in 1978. He is Solicitor-Advocate at the Edinburgh Law firm of Ledingham Chalmers & Partners. He is currently Chairman of the Law Society of Scotland's e-commerce committee. Paul spent three years in New Zealand – no doubt a very valuable experience.

Frank MURRAY 1953

Frank's career culminated in his appointment as Managing Director, Nobel Division, ICI, and is a world authority on explosives. Frank is now Secretary General of the Federation of European Explosives Manufacturers, chairs CENTCC (the

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regulatory body, based in Brussels) and is Secretary General of SAFEX (a world-wide regulatory body).

Alan ORMROD 1958

Professional cricketer (retired). Alan went straight from school to Worcestershire County C. C. where he enjoyed a long and successful career.

Aileen PATERSON 1951

Aileen left school in 1951. She is an artist with a particular love for pottery. After a career in teaching, she started writing children's books. She has become internationally well known for her 'Maisie' books about the adventures of an Edinburgh cat.

Harry RITCHIE 1975

Harry left school in 1975. His career in journalism culminated in several years as Literary Editor of The Sunday Times. He has now decided to concentrate on writing, and will no doubt enhance his already high reputation now that he has become an author.

William RITCHIE CBE 1946

Bill taught Physics at KHS from 1952 to 1962 before joining the Inspectorate. He rose to the position of Depute Head of H. M. Inspectorate, Scottish Education Department. Since his retirement, Bill has become Chairman of St. Andrews Links Trust.

Alan RODGER 1965

Alan took his BSc in Medical Science in 1968 and then graduated MBChB in 1971. He is now the Professor of Radiation Oncology at the Monash University**, Victoria, Australia. ** see Euan Wallace – how is that for a coincidence?!

Anneilla SARGENT (nee CASSELLS) 1959

Anneilla Cassells as she was then left KHS in 1959. She is now Professor of Astronomy, California Institute of Technology. Anneilla is President of the American Astronomical Society as well as being Director, Owen's Valley Radio Observatory and Director of the Interferometry Science Centre.

Eric SAUNDERS 1954

After a brief spell in the Civil Service and with D. C. Thomson, Eric studied at Jordanhill College. He spent six years as a PE teacher at The Edinburgh Academy before joining the staff at Loughborough College. From 1972 until his retirement in 1999, Eric held the post of Professor of Education at the University of Ulster at Jordanstown. Eric has recently been appointed Chairman of the Northern Ireland Sports Council. Eric and Christine's son Rob, born in England of Scottish parents, has played 13 times for Ireland at Rugby and captained the side on his very first appearance!

Christine SAUNDERS (nee ROBB) 1955

On leaving KHS, Christine studied at Dunfermline College of PE in Aberdeen. She became a PE teacher. Then, following a break when son Rob came along, Christine resumed her teaching career.

A change of direction and further study saw her entering the Tertiary Education sector, and she has recently retired from her post of Senior Lecturer in Psychology at Queen's University, Belfast. She has written several books, one of which is a definitive text for first year Psychology students.

Isobel SHARP 1973

Isobel left KHS in 1973 and took her Accountancy degree at Edinburgh University. After training as a C. A. at Thomson McClintock, she soon became Technical Director of the Scottish Institute of Chartered Accountants. Isobel has been, for the past six years, Technical Partner at Arthur Anderson in London (a multi-disciplinary finance business which has 80,000 employees worldwide). She is a member of the UK Accountancy Standards Board and has written several books and papers on her subject.

William SINTON 1964

Bill joined the Diplomatic Service. He is currently British Ambassador to Algeria having previously held a similar post in Panama.

David SINTON 1967

David, brother of Bill, is a Director of Deloitte & Touche and currently works in Edinburgh. His specialism is Tax Consultancy.

Anne SMITH 1984

After graduating from Queen Margaret College, Edinburgh, Anne worked in Repertory Companies in Perth, Exeter and Liverpool. She then moved to London where she appeared in many West End Shows. She has played Svetlana in 'Chess', kd Lang and Dusty in 'Only the Lonely', and was Eva Peron in 'Evita' when the show toured the UK. Currently, she is understudy to the lead in 'Mama Mia' at the West End. TV appearances have included episodes of 'Birds of a Feather' and 'Taggart'.

Ian SMITH 1967

Now retired Ian was, until recently, Chief Executive of Dumfries & Galloway Council and, for three years prior to the reorganisation of Local Government in 1995, held the equivalent position with Dumfries & Galloway Regional Council. From 1985-92, Ian had been Chief Executive of Clackmannan District Council. He is now Parliamentary Ombudsman for Scotland.

Mark SMITH 1980

Mark served his time as an Engineer and then joined BrandRex in Glenrothes. He then moved on to Sales, and had three years with 3M as Business Manager (Scotland & N. Ireland). After a successful spell with ISA International, first as Corporate Business Manager, and later as Business Manager (Scotland, N. Ireland and Rep. of Ireland), Mark moved to his present position which is National Business Manager (UK), Telewest Communications with a £400m. annual turnover in the UK.

George SMUGA 1965

George, who left KHS in 1965, took his degree at Edinburgh University. He spent 13 years teaching History and Modern Studies at Portobello High School where he eventually became Assistant Rector. He was appointed Depute Rector at Beeslack

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High School, Penicuik in 1983. In 1990 he became Rector of North Berwick High School and in 1997 he was seconded to East Lothian Council as Manager of Quality Assurance. Since 1998, he has been Rector of the Royal High School, Edinburgh.

Margaret (Meg) STONE (nee RITCHIE) 1968

Meg Ritchie was always good at sports. While at KHS she represented the Scottish Schools at Shot Putt in N. Ireland. At Dunfermline College she took up the Discus. Meg represented Scotland in three Commonwealth Games (winning Gold in 1982). She also competed in the Moscow and Los Angeles Olympics (gaining 5th place at LA). Meg is now High Performance Coach for the Scottish Institute of Sport dealing with the elite.

Paul TAYLOR 1981

Paul left KHS in 1981, having played that year for the Schools' 1st XI at Hampden Park in the Secondary Shield Final. He successfully completed a joinery apprenticeship and learned double-glazing techniques. He became self-employed in 1987, and is now the joint owner of Abacus Developments (Builders & Joiners) in the town. The company is a significant local employer and the firm is growing in size and reputation, building private and commercial properties.

Shona URQUHART 1982

Shona made a name for herself in the world of athletics. She was originally a heptathlete, but represented Scotland in the Javelin at the Commonwealth Games in 1986 and 1990.

John URQUHART 1939

Johnny Urquhart became very well known as a professional footballer who played for many years as an outside left for Heart of Midlothian FC in the Conn, Bauld, Wardhaugh era. He was capped by the Scottish League. He returned to Fife in the 1950s to finish his career with Raith Rovers in the Young, Colville, Leigh side which finished fourth in the Scottish League. Other KHS FPs who played for RRFC were Harry Colville (who played in the same KHS team as John) and Johnny Maule. John was Chairman of Raith Rovers in the 80s and is now the club's Honorary President.

Euan WALLACE 1981

After graduating in Medicine at Edinburgh University, Euan spent two years in the Medical Research Council. For the past four years he has held the post of Consultant and Professor of Obstetrics & Gynaecology at Monash University, Melbourne. (see Alan Rodger)

Graham WALLACE 1979

Graham, elder brother of Euan, is a C. A., and is currently Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice-President of the multi-national company MTV Networks Europe (whose parent company is Viacom).

John WHYTE 1958

After teaching mathematics at Templehall Secondary and Rutherglen Academy, John moved to Dundee where he held the post of Depute Rector at Morgan Academy. He was Rector of Arbroath High School for 12 years until his retirement in 1997.

Ian WOOTON 1975

Dux Boy 1975. After taking his PhD at Columbia University, New York, Ian became Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Western Ontario in Canada. He is now the Bonar-Macfie Professor of Economics at Glasgow University. Adam Smith would have been proud!

Scott WRIGHT 1988

Head Boy in 1988, Scott captained the Scottish Schoolboys' under-18 football team in his sixth year. He took both his first degree and PhD at Edinburgh University and is now a Research Scientist. Scott, who initially worked for ICI is now employed by Tioxide, a subsidiary of American giant Huntsman, as 'Anatase Development Team Leader' involved in product development.

David WRIGHT 1973

David, Head Boy in 1972-73, has recently been appointed Rector of Portobello High School, having held a similar post at Dunbar Grammar School for the past three years. He was formerly PT (Biology) at Balerno High School, Assistant Rector at Musselburgh Grammar School and Depute Rector at Firrhill High School. David used to play rugby at KHS, but he and his daughter are staunch Raith Rovers supporters, attending Stark's Park every second Saturday!

John YOUNG 1979

John took a degree in Biochemistry and Microbiology at Dundee University. He is now an acclaimed Associate Professor of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics at Harvard Medical School in the USA.

Robert YOUNG 1952

Robert capped a successful career in education by becoming Rector of Whitburn Academy, W. Lothian.

As stated earlier, the above cannot possibly be a definitive list. There are bound to be others who deserve to be included. Please keep us informed.

No doubt, many of today's KHS youngsters will, in time, be similarly worthy of mention! The school is delighted to learn of the achievements of its former pupils.

The Sporting Life – An Appreciation of H. R. M.

Most readers of this magazine will forever associate KHS with R. M. Adam who arrived as Rector in 1948 and oversaw the move from St. Brycedale Avenue to Dunnikier Way. Under his leadership KHS became one of, if not the, premier High Schools in Scotland. The school then was in many ways more comprehensive than it is now. A look through Admissions Registers for the period shows a complete cross-section of parents' occupations – miners, lawyers, linoleum workers, doctors, company directors, and labourers. Pupils got there on merit. Discipline was strict and you were expected to learn! It was often said that the 'Bod' equated success in strictly cash terms i.e. the number of University Bursary Competition winners from the school each year and how much they received. Indeed, he was not averse to awarding a half-day holiday if results were particularly good!

However academic excellence was not the only successful feature of life at KHS. The extra-curricular aspect also flourished. The sporting sphere of the school was synonymous with H. R. Moultrie. 'Harry' was head of P. E. from 1948-71 when he became Assistant Rector i/c Leisure and remained such until his retirement in 1983.

Rugby

It has often been said of Harry that Games meant football – RUGBY FOOTBALL!! The game with the round ball was referred to by its correct name 'soccer'. There is no doubt rugby was considered the major sport for boys. Fifteen teams from S.1 upwards would turn out regularly every Saturday morning from September through to March. Senior pupils who had achieved dates /colours on their blazers, if not role models, were certainly admired. Boys, to Harry, could be easily categorised. If you played 'soccer' you were a type, whereas if you played rugby you were a chap! Even those who had played some soccer at school, but later opted for rugby, were welcomed by Harry into the fold as errant sinners who had seen the light!

Harry was always justifiably proud of his rugby teams over the years and two sides, in particular, stand out. The 1956 side, captained by David Mathieson, was undefeated in 20 games, amassing a grand total of 410 points for, and only 42 against, evidence that they played a very attacking game. It contained several outstanding players. Gordon Tyrie, Bob Page, Alan Clarke, Willie Coull, Jim and Cecil Johnstone, Eck McKenzie, Mev Duncan and Colin Speed all went on to play for KRFC. The Midlands Sevens Tournament at Perth was also won by members of the side. One notable ploy used by Harry to intimidate opposition was to make a great show of collecting the false teeth worn by some members of the side. This was done in full view of the opposition just before kick-off. He maintained it was worth five points of a start against certain teams – an early example of Sports Psychology, perhaps? It may have also given another star of the side, Durrie Rankin, the incentive to go in for a career in Dentistry! Harry had nurtured this side since S.1 and had Adam Robson to assist him in the coaching. Adam Robson was an art teacher at KHS and also a Scottish Internationalist.

Interestingly enough, the 1968 side captained by Rab Yeaman had many similarities to the 1956 one. Harry had also developed the team since S.1 and had another internationalist, David Whyte, of the English Department, to help him with the coaching. A very mobile pack which included Jim Miller at hooker, Ian Stewart at prop, and Alastair Brunton in the second row, plus Alan Francis in the back row, ensured a steady supply of ball which the backs could capitalize on. The half-back combination of Alan Sharp and John Turnbull, who had played together since S.1, was crucial to the team's success and they could release the power of Rab Yeaman and the pace of Ian Gray. This team played a very expansive game and were capable of scoring tries from anywhere on the pitch, as can be confirmed from their points total of 391 in 21 games with only 61 against. All of these players mentioned represented Midland Schools and went on to play senior rugby.

Not surprisingly, they also captured the Alloa Sevens Trophy. On a lighter note this side was adept at inventing initials for those who had only one christian name – hence John Turnbull was christened J. T. and this pseudonym stuck. It was felt that a clutch of initials looked more impressive on team lists – especially in the Fife Free Press.

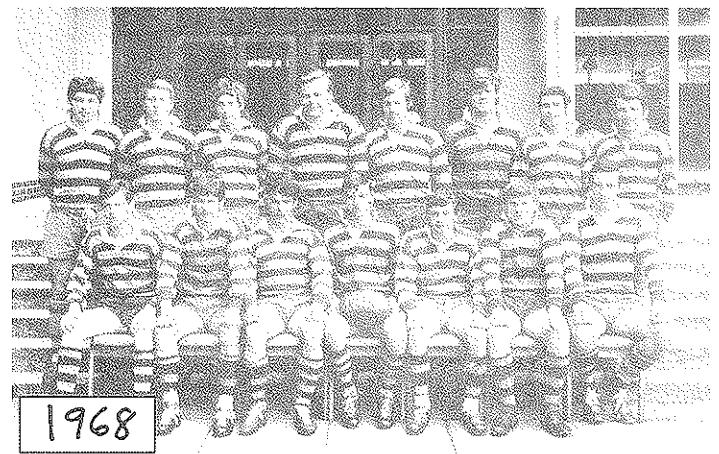
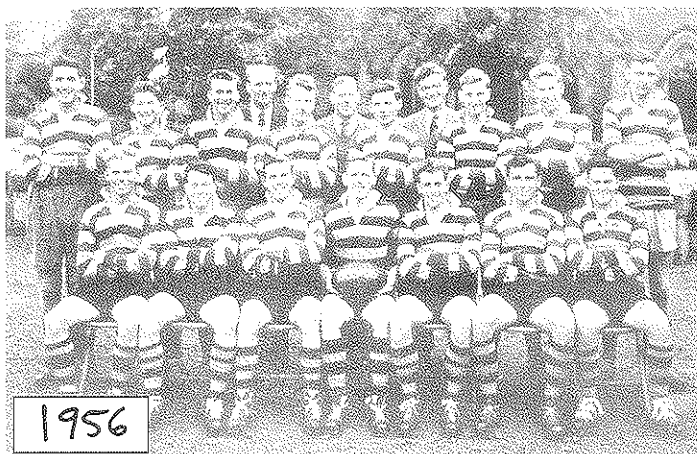
Harry always encouraged his school-leavers to join Kirkcaldy Rugby Club and these included gifted players such as Eric Saunders, Robin Briggs, Ally Morgan, Bob Bease, Ian Moffat, Jimmy Grieve, Jock Anderson, George Owens, Dave Sellar, Ian Donaldson, Charlie Scobie, Ian Smith, Ken Mackenzie, and Ian Beattie, to name but a few. Even after his appointment as AHT, Harry continued to entuse youngsters in the 70s and 80s with Derek Harper, Dave Foster, Steve MacKenzie, and Alex Carruthers all going on to captain KRFC.

Love him or hate him, there is no doubt that H. R. M. broadened the curriculum of KHS from the 40s to the 80s and encouraged the introduction of sports such as: canoeing, gliding, basketball, netball, lacrosse, sailing, curling, archery, badminton and cross-country, as well as the mainstream rugby, hockey, cricket, athletics, tennis and golf.

Hockey

Hockey enjoyed success for both boys and girls. Mary Urquhart, for the girls, organised and ran several excellent sides. Like their rugby counterparts there were two outstanding sides. The 1968 team, captained by Ishbel Smith, was undefeated in 17 matches, winning 15 and drawing 2. This team also won the Fife Cup for the first time. The composition of the side was as follows: P. Falconer, J. Duncan, J. Smith, I. Millar, M. Wallace, E. Dryburgh, J. Robertson, L. Henderson, I. Smith (captain), R. Wood and J. Winter.

However, pride of place has to go to the side of 1957 who played 19 games and won all 19 games. They scored 119 goals against a



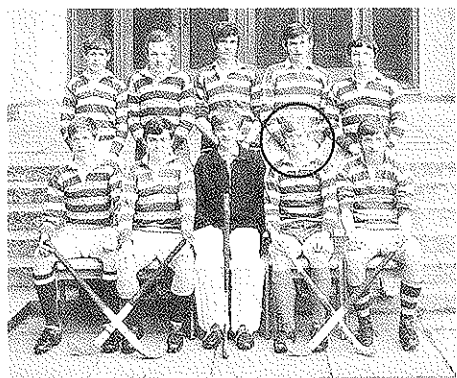
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paltry 18 conceded. This averaged out at 6.2 goals per game with only 0.8 against. The team was made up of: A. McLean, E. McIntosh, A. Scobie, R. Basham, A. Pryde, C. Fisher, J. Cross, O. Drummond, A. Nicholson (Captain), A. Geddie, and R. Brindle.

Jeanette Nicholson (1954) went on to play for Scotland, as did Jean Robertson (1969). Large numbers of players also went on to join Kirkcaldy Ladies Hockey Club when they left school.

Boys' Hockey was introduced in the 1960s, with coaching from Ron McGill. Many fine players emerged with Billy McLean (1969) (circled below) going on to represent Scotland and eventually becoming something of a legend in Scottish hockey!



Summer Sports

Athletics, cricket, tennis, and golf were the main summer sports. To many, the high point of the Athletics season was Sports Day. A large number of trophies could be won and the athletes performed in front of large crowds. A lot of work had to be put into organising this, and Harry was fortunate to have many willing and able assistants. Alex Jack and Bob Easson took over the running of the Sports in the 70s, but Jack Ketchin was always official 'starter' and Christine Stewart, Marjory Greig, Linda Trotter and Ian Docherty were

prominent track and field judges. KHS produced many fine athletes who won medals at both the Fife and Scottish Championships. In fact, Scott Ferguson (1973) still holds the Fife Schools Junior Shot Put record. There were several outstanding athletes from the 70s and 80s - Bruce Livingstone in the 100 /200m and Tom Ritchie in the 800 metres, while Meg Ritchie won a Commonwealth Gold medal for the discus in 1982 with a throw of 62.98 metres. Shona Urquhart also represented Scotland in the Commonwealth Games in the javelin.

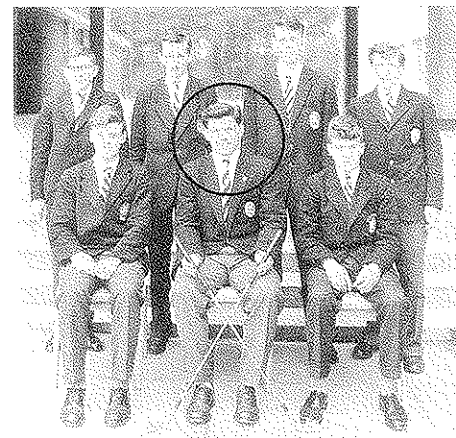
The 50s and 60s witnessed the development of cricket, with local clubs enjoying a steady supply of players from KHS 1st XI. Alan Ormrod went off to play county cricket for Worcestershire. Also worthy of mention are Sid Smyth and Terry Trewartha who spent many hours coaching school teams in the nets in the 60s and 70s. Ten cricket teams turned out regularly every Saturday morning.

Tennis was mainly available for girls and teams competed in inter-school matches with considerable success on the Beveridge Park courts in the 50s and on the school courts in the 60s and 70s (now a floodlit 5-a-side football area). Joyce Barclay (1961) was an outstanding player and played many times at Wimbledon and also in the Wightman Cup.

As far as golfing prowess was concerned the outstanding player was Scott MacDonald (circled) who went on to star in the Walker Cup victory over the U.S.A. at St. Andrews in 1971. However, there have been a large number of top quality players to emerge from KHS over the years e.g. Ken Stewart, Tony McIntyre, John Noble, Michael Grubb, and David Gray. Derek Paton (1980) went on to become a Scottish internationalist, while Brian Lawson and David Whyte have become well-known and respected professionals. All of these players were encouraged and advised by Jack Ketchin who helped organize inter-school matches. Golf lovers may be interested

to note that the game continues to flourish at the school today. In 1996 the KHS team won through to represent Scotland in the 25th staging of the International Final of the Golf Foundation Championship for Schools. Teams from 12 countries competed and the side consisted of Brian Mason, Steven Mackie and Stuart Main. The current side has also much potential.

Even though sport in schools generally has been in decline since the mid 1980s - due largely to a different emphasis in the curriculum - we can but hope that the government will eventually do a lot more to encourage timetabled sport in schools. One did not have to be a 'star' to enjoy the camaraderie, friendship, fun and team spirit engendered by competitive games and I am sure many people reading this magazine will have had fond memories rekindled of happy times spent on the sports fields of KHS.



Harry Moultrie was Mr. Motivator and his contribution to sport in the school will not be forgotten. In his team talks he had a word of encouragement for everybody and was always prepared to use his own special brand of vocal support to incite his boys to greater things on the playing field.

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It can also be said that Harry had mellowed sufficiently before his retirement to make the journey to Hampden Park to support the school football – sorry, soccer – 1st. XI which had reached the final of the Scottish Schools' Secondary Shield. He was clutching his bible (a copy of Rugby World!) and was heard to state several times to anyone within earshot that this was "against his religion" as the devil incarnate (his Soccer equivalent at KHS, Bob Docherty) ushered him into the Director's Box! Bob Docherty has declared on numerous occasions since that his greatest achievement, in a career devoted to Guidance, was the broadening of Harry's sporting horizons! However, no-one cheered more loudly than Harry. H. R. M. really cared for Kirkcaldy High School and will always be remembered fondly as one of its most respected and admired characters.

Russell Sharp

Postscript!

Football (Soccer as Harry called it) did take a back seat in KHS from war time through to the early 1970s, when it was re-introduced when the school became a Comprehensive. Shown here is the archive photograph of the KHS Football XI team of the 1938-39 Season with Johnny Urquhart (of Hearts and, later, Raith Rovers) and Harry Colville (RRFC) sitting side-by-side in the front row right. The rest of the side was: Standing: I. Dick, T. Bennett, A. Baird, T. Simpson, D. Gilchrist, P. Hutchison. Sitting: J. Linsay, J. Ferguson, A. Walker.



When the round ball code resumed in 1972, the 1st XI contained players such as Martin Henderson, Bobby Graham and Alan Young. Martin and Bobby went on to play professionally for Rangers and Raith Rovers respectively, and Alan stayed on at school. He was capped as a schoolboy in 1974, playing against Wales at Tynecastle and England at Old Trafford. Alan later went on to have a successful career with Leicester City FC.

Other Schoolboy Internationalists were Derek Matthew (79), Kenny Linton (81), Ronnie

Hildersley (80) and Scott Wright (89), the last-named captaining his side.

Three sides stand out. Dr Alan Fraser's team of 1975 reached the final of the Scottish Schools' under-14 Shield, having survived five rounds before beating Holyrood Secondary School (Glasgow) at home in the Quarter-Final, Penilee Sec. (Glasgow) 1-0 in the Semi-Final at East Stirling FC. In the final at Linlithgow Rose FC, they met their match and lost 2-0 to All Saints Sec. (Glasgow). Of that side, Drew Paterson became professional with Alloa Athletic and Stenhousemuir, and Scott Ferguson was an outstanding goalkeeper.

In 1992 Andy English's side got to the semi-final of the under-14 Scottish Shield competition, but unfortunately lost at Bathgate.

The highlight of our footballing history has to be the 1st XI's campaign in the Scottish Schools' Secondary Shield of season 1980-81. 146 teams had entered the competition and the final was to be at Hampden Park. Having survived two local rounds, a difficult visit to Harris Academy in Dundee and a quarter-final against Cults Academy in Aberdeenshire, the semi-final was played in West Lothian against St Patrick's High School, Coatbridge. It took four games (there were no penalty kick deciders in those days!), and we eventually triumphed by 4-1 at Linlithgow. Six days later, on Thursday 21 May 1981, we were at Hampden with 12 double-decker buses of uniform-clad weans to support us! It was indeed a very special occasion and probably united the school (both buildings) in a way in which nothing else has, either before or since.

The opponents were Dumfries Academy, seasoned campaigners, and the result was, yet again, a draw after extra time! The replay was held at Carlisle Rovers FC and, once again, the game ended in a draw after extra-time. The Scottish Schools' FA decided that the huge trophy, the oldest in Schools' Football in the world (donated by Queen's Park FC in 1903), should be

shared by both schools. It is the only time that it has ever been to Fife!

The team was: Back row, left to right: Bruce Penman, Alistair Scott, Graeme Pithie, Kenneth McIntosh, Morris Methven, Drew



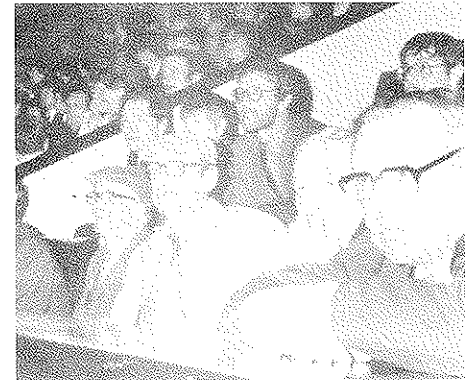
Law. Front Row: Paul Taylor, Derek Pollock, George Zielinski, Stuart Tait, Garry Scott. The subs were Alex Carruthers, Ronnie Hildersley, Billy Lambie and Kenny Mitchell. The referee was Brian McGinley who had flown up from London that day, having refereed England at Wembley on the previous evening!

Two stories regarding this squad are worthy of re-telling.

Alex Carruthers has the distinction of playing a) for Scottish Schools' v Wales at Cardiff Arms Park, b) for Kirkcaldy RFC Youths in the National Youth Final at Murrayfield, and c) playing for Kirkcaldy High School at Hampden Park in that Final – all within the space of ten days! Surely a feat that will never be equalled.

Secondly, on the most recent KHS S.2 trip to London, led by the late and very much missed Jim Pollock, the youngsters were standing at the end of Downing Street which is, nowadays, protected by large iron gates and defensive ramps on the road. The sergeant on duty asked where the youngsters were from. They told him 'Scotland!' He said that he realised that – but from where in Scotland? When they told him they came from Kirkcaldy, he then asked them which school they hailed from. On being informed that they were from Kirkcaldy High School, he asked 'Does Bob Docherty still take the fitba' team there?! He was George Zielinski who had been captain of the side at Hampden. It is a small world!

R. M. D.



The Rector was there as well...

SPORT

1971

Dedication to Mrs Blair

From the furthest fields of Kilmacolm
To St. Andrews by the sea,
We've fought in many a noble fight
And won a victory.
And Lynne and Kay and Sal and Jane -
With Mrs Blair the boss -
And all the rest, we did our best,
At the great game of Lacrosse.
So come on all you young ones
And give the game a try.
You know the pitch is limitless,
You're reaching for the sky.
And K.H.S. is sure to smile
And Mrs Blair will beam
On next year's soaring, super-soaring,
Swinging Lacrosse team.

Anon

A Day in the Life of a Chepp 1970

In the confines of the temple - "DRE SINGH RHOOM" thirty Chepps sat around the high priest - HARA MOAL TREE. Clad in gold and blue, they brought him offerings of great value - SPOARSAB SKRIPT SHAANZ.

"KEW APP!" chanted the great Hara Moal Tree, handling his badge of office - RALASH!
One poor Chepp (LEY-NEY - to those who know him) brought no gift of Spoarsab Skript Shaanz, and told Hara Moal Tree of his plight.

"SICKSA RALASH!" cried Hara Moal Tree in anger, and took the tall Chepp into his private shrine.

In the distance, the sound of thunder, the gnashing of teeth and screams of agony told the remaining twenty-nine silent Chepps that Ley Ney's crime had been revenged.

The high priest, Hara Moal Tree, returned with his victim, who uttered curses never before heard on the face of the earth (only in K.H.S.).

"TOOTHA PICHIZ CHEPPS! GOA!" cried the great high priest who followed, carrying two other symbols of office - TU RUGAAB EEBOLZ.

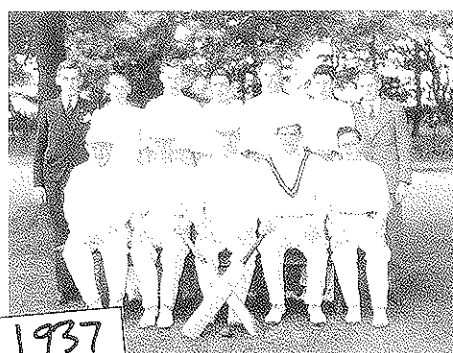
After lining up, in two groups facing each other, the Chepps were given one Rugaab Eebol and told. "SINKRA BITTINIT, CHEPPS!"

During the onslaught which followed, one innocent Chepp dared to touch Rugaab Eebol.

The next thing he remembered was lying in hospital, recovering from an operation to remove three aluminium studs from his left nostril, and looking up into the face of Hara Moal Tree.

The great high priest blessed him with the words. "HARL U-KOALDCHEPP! BETTALUK NEXTYME!"

Kenneth Porter and Richard McAuliffe, SIV



ABOVE PAR 1960

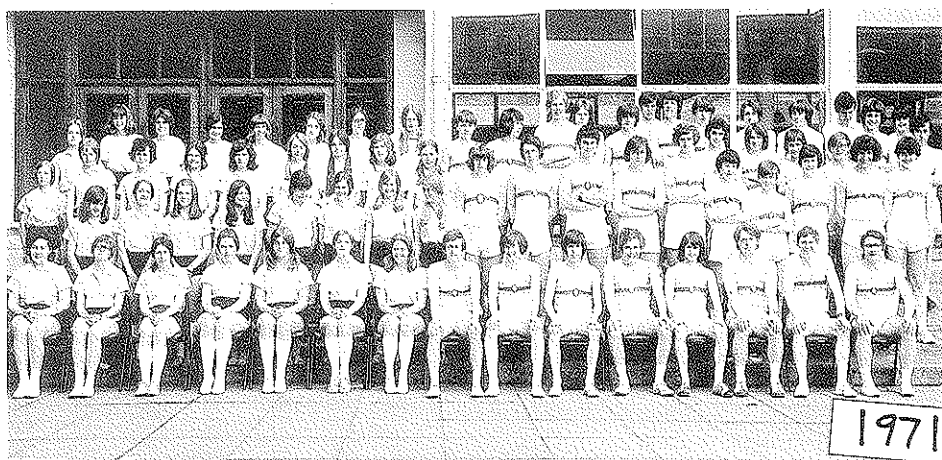
Once more the Golf Team has fared well, having been defeated in only one out of four inter-school matches. Confident of victory, we look forward to our annual matches again the staff and the F.P.s.

The school has been well represented in outside matches by 'veterans' like McIntyre and MacDonald. Four of our team members did fairly well in the Scottish Boys' Championship this year and, most surprising of all, out of

an eight man Fife Boy team versus Perth Boys, three of the players were from Kirkcaldy High School. We are also quite sure of a place in the East of Scotland team with Tony McIntyre's splendid one over par 73 on Kingsknowe Golf Course.

On behalf of the Team, I should like to thank Mr Ketchin for his encouragement and I wish all our team members the best of luck in all their golfing days.

John Davies, Captain



Netball 1970

Captain - Margaret Ritchie

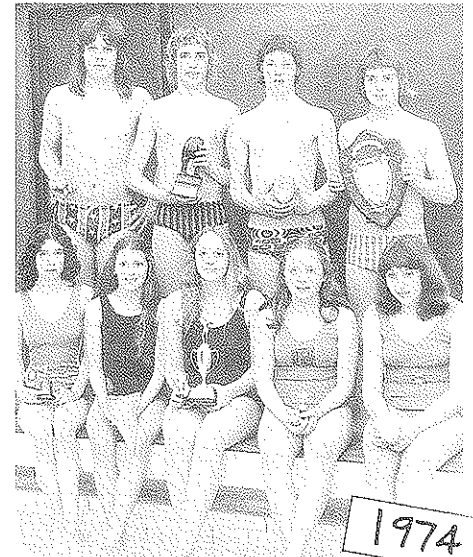
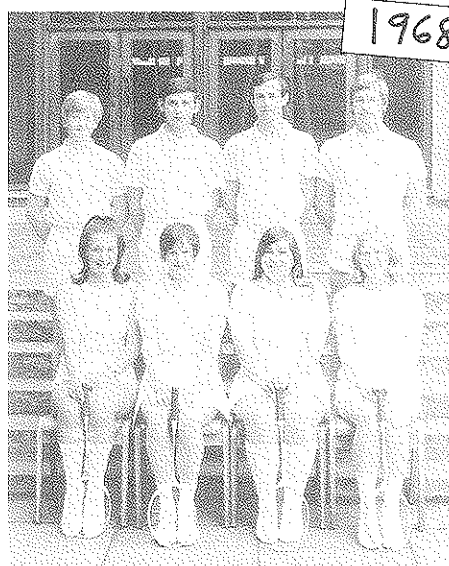
This season has proved reasonably successful and the senior, intermediate and junior teams have maintained the high standard previously set by the school. It is for this reason that we confidently go forward into the Rose Bowl competition with high hopes of winning.

Margaret Ritchie managed to secure the position of travelling reserve for the Scottish Team and already plays for the Fife Team along with Janice Christie and Alison Stobie.

Our thanks must go to Miss Halley, Mrs Blair and Mrs Bonthron for their help throughout the season.



An incident in the Staff v. Pupils' Hockey Match



"THE LADY KILLERS" 1968

The dressing-room was a-buzz with conversation. It was a struggle but eventually after heaving, tugging and re-arranging balloons, wigs, tunics, they were ready and, to the chorus of "Viva-la KHS," Yeaman's Terrors sallied forth to do battle against the exquisite, feminine charm of eleven buxom ladies.

Depleted due to injuries, the boys fought to win. With Yeaman power-housing his way through the middle, brushing aside feeble attempts to up-end him, but unfortunately minus the ball, the pattern was set. Hitching up their skirts, the boys found themselves more often than not on the ground minus the ball (and female) and they began to look undignified. Interesting

duels were taking place between Jennifer Duncan and "wee" Gary, Ray Wood and Ken Mottram, Dave Boswell and Lorna Henderson. The latter ended with Boswell ploughing a furrow with his nose through several inches of mud while Lorna scarpere away. Despite their frequent excursions into the boys' half, the girls' "strong arm men?" could do little against the crash-helmeted goalkeeper cum centre-half Ian Stewart. Thanks to "Big Jean" more often than not Ian Gray landed up in the mud or in one of the sand-pits (victimisation). Bodies were everywhere as Ray Wood chopped her way through but was hauled down outside the circle; a penalty flick, the maestro herself, Ishbel

Smith, attempted to actually hit the ball for a change but "spring-heeled" Stewart saved brilliantly for the boys. Mr Couper eventually blew "no-side" with both teams more than a little tired by their exertions and a draw as a result.

Girls - I Millar; M Wallace; J Robertson; J Duncan; I Smith; V Richardson; L Henderson; R Wood; J Smith; J Winter; E Dryburgh.

Boys - I Stewart; A Francis; G Melville; R Lazmirski; D Boswell; A McCormick; I Gray; R Yeaman; K Mottram; I Gould.

Kenneth Mottram, SVI

1971

THE BOYS V GIRLS HOCKEY MATCH

(with due respect to Robert Burns)

Lynn skelpit on thro' dub and mire
Despising wind, and rain, and Weir.
Whiles glow'ring round wi' prudent cares,
Lest Moffat catch her unawares.

The swats sae ream'd in Johnny's noddle
Fair play, he car'd na deils a boddle!
Inspring bold Ian Henderson!
What dangers thou canst make us scorn!

But Mary, far before the rest
Had upon noble Fraser prest.
There sat big Val in shape o'beast
Guarding the goal posts to the east.

And the goal mouth dinna miss.
Now do thy speedy utmost, Chris
Her gym slip o' Paisley harn
That while a first year she had worn.

O Jan! had'st thou been so wise
As ta'en Miss Halley's guid advice.
But nae girl can tether Jim Tait
So now this ditty must abate.

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ATHLETICS

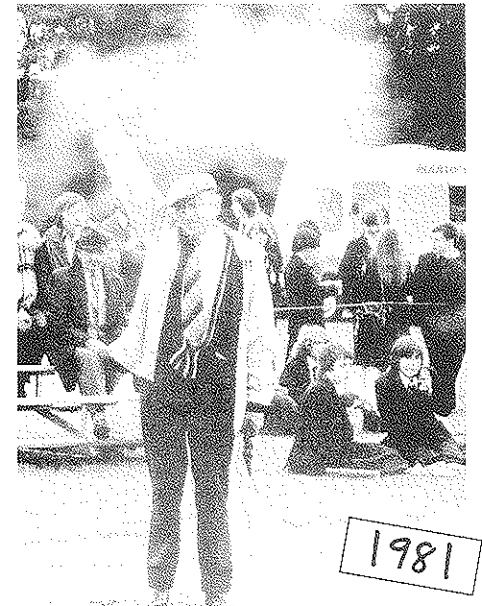
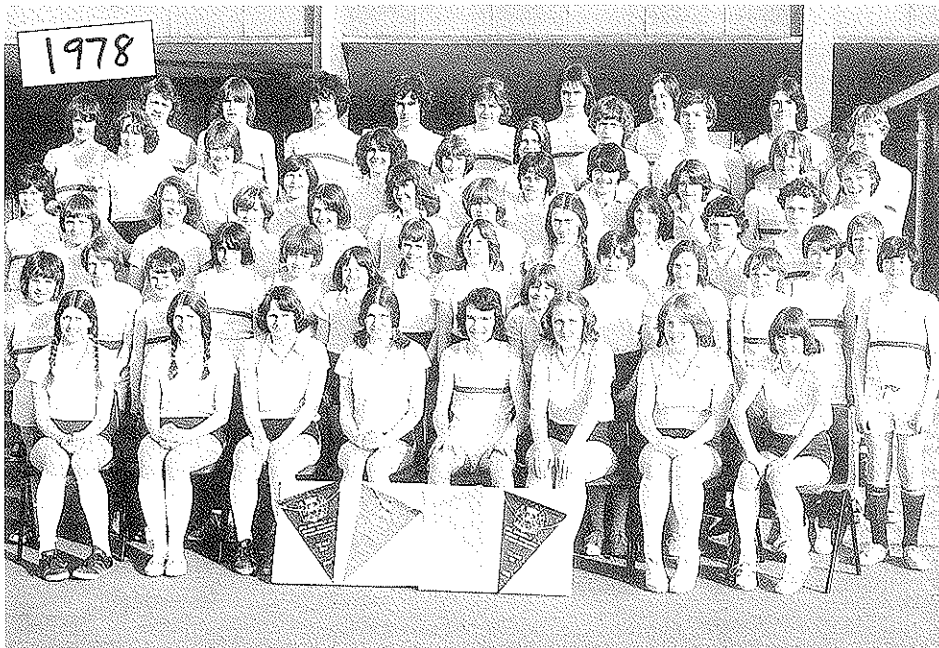
Captains - Robert W Birbeck, Valerie C Chalmers

To date the athletics team has competed against seven schools. A good all round performance resulted in convincing wins over Queen Anne, Glenrothes, Buckhaven, Beath, Madras, Mary Erskine and George Watson's Ladies and a narrow defeat by George Heriots.

It is to be hoped that we shall maintain the high standard achieved by last year's team who won all six athletics matches. The team's endeavour throughout the season was rewarded at the Fife Schools Championship where they won 59 track and field badges. G Morton was presented with the cup for the most meritorious performance of the day after

establishing a new championship record for the 75m hurdles. Gwen also won the Fife Schools Pentathlon for the under 15 age group.

Several members of the team also did well in the Scottish Schools Championship, with the under 15 girls finishing second in the relay and the under 17 boys finishing third. Individual medals went to N Henderson who won the silver medal in the under 19 javelin. Angela also represented Scotland in the Schools International in Wales and this year she has been selected to compete for Scotland in the Senior Women's International team.



Get off to a good start with Mr Ketchin

Around the Houses

BALWEARIE

1966

Nearing the end of session 1965-66, it is time to review the progress and achievements of Balwearie this year.

Firstly, however, we recall the success of last year, when Balwearie won the Academic House Championship and the Athletics House Championship for the second year in succession, and we hope to retain possession of these cups this year.

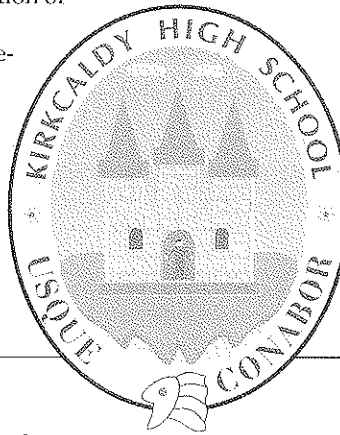
As a result of the winter games, Balwearie stands in second place to St. Serf's a position which we hope to rectify on Sports Day and thus continue our success of the last four years.

Despite brave efforts by our speakers in the inter-house debate "Talk Yourself out of This", they were talked into second place by Ravenscraig.

Passing on to individual merits, we congratulate Jessie Laird on being selected for the East of Scotland hockey team, David Gordon, who played rugby for the Junior Midlands team, and James Robb and Michael Wood who, by being picked for the East of Scotland hockey team, are among the first boys to represent the school in this sport since its introduction to K.H.S. three years ago. Michael Wood was also given a trial for the Scottish Schoolboys' side. In the academic field we would like to offer our congratulations to Joyce McFarlane who gained third place in English, and John Reid and Keith Oates who took sixth and eighth positions respectively in the Science Section of the Edinburgh bursary competition.

As house captains we would like to thank our vice-house captains, Margaret Ainslie and Arthur McCulloch, for their support, our house mistress, Miss Mackenzie and house master, Mr Sommerville who continued the good work done by Mr Ness. We are sorry that he is to have such a short period as house master, but we wish him well in his new post, and the house and our successors all the best in future years.

*Kay Elder, SVI and Michael Henderson,
SVI, House Captains*



TWO, FOUR, SIX, EIGHT

Which House do we appreciate?

1968

Rugby

Despite our failure to come out on top in the Inter-house matches, John Turnbull and Alex Latto's prowess on the rugby field was duly rewarded by their selection for the Midlands District Senior and Junior XV respectively.

Academic Achievements

We offer our congratulations to David Dempsey who was awarded the John Welsh Bursary for Mathematics and also gained first place in Mathematics in the Edinburgh University Bursary Competition. Isobel Bell, too, must be congratulated for being awarded fourth place in the St. Andrews University Bursary Competition for Arts.

Inter-House Music Festival

We proved that last year's victory in the Music Festival was no fluke by carrying off the trophies for the best house and the best choir - the Raith Senior Mixed Choir under its conductors Elidh Brown and Vincent Chudy.

Team Participation

Although, overall, we have not achieved distinction in the Winter Games, it was not due to lack of team spirit. Here, once again, we offer congratulations to Jean Robertson, whose skill and determination on the hockey field earned her a place in the East of Scotland District XI. Evelyn Hamilton also brought honour to the house when she was selected to play for the Fife Schools' Senior Netball Team.

House Captains

In conclusion we, the captains, would like to thank all those who have done so much to help the House. We thank our Housemistress, Miss Leslie and Housemaster, Mr Grant, for all their support throughout the year.

Thank you for an enjoyable year - Good Luck, Raith!

Marian Wallace, SV and Robert Yeaman, SVI, House Captains

RAVENS CRAIG

1965

As session 1964-65 draws to its close, it is once again our duty as house-captains to report the progress of Ravenscraig throughout the year. Although we did not retain the Academic Cup last year, we hope to do better this year. While on the subject of academic ability, we would like to congratulate Richard Allison and David Meldrum on their outstanding achievements in the St. Andrews Bursary Competition and Gordon Gair and Geoffrey Taylor on their outstanding achievements in the Edinburgh Bursary Competition. The session began on a high note when Ravenscraig triumphed in the "One Minute Please", but our spirits were a little dampened by our performance in the Music Festival where we finished fourth; but we would like to say, however, that our position was due to lack of competitors and not to any lack of quality.

Our sports prospects do not seem too good after the winter, where the only bright performance was the 100 per cent record of the Soccer team. However, if there is a determined effort by all house members, the picture should change quite substantially on June 26th, when the Annual School Sports are held.

In conclusion, we would like to thank our House Master and Miss, Mr Couper and Miss Thompson, and our vice-captains, Douglas Neilson and Lynn Gray, for their unwavering support throughout the session. We hope that Ravenscraig will go from strength to strength in the coming years.

*John Lumley and Joyce Phillips,
House Captains*

ST SERFS

1954

We cannot claim to have covered ourselves with glory so far this year.

Our musical talent gained us last place in the Inter-House Festival, and we were knocked out of the first round of the Quiz by the narrow margin of one point. We have, however, by no means given up hope. The House matches have restored a little of our confidence and this is largely due, so far as the girls are concerned, to the juniors. Both junior and senior boys have held their own and, of course, the sports have still to come. Who knows what budding Bannister and Pirries St. Serf's can boast.

This year marks are to be awarded for the scholastic achievements, so perhaps our lack of ability in other spheres will be counteracted by our I.Q.s.

But even although we do fail to make our mark, the year cannot be considered a failure, for in enthusiasm at least we equal the best.

Graham Warrender, Heather Finlay

Music and Drama

Music and Drama have for many years been at the heart of the extra – curriculum of KHS. Music teachers such as Mr Binnie, Miss Millar – a legend in the world of choral music – Mr. MacIntyre and Miss MacKenzie involved hundreds of pupils in choirs, orchestras and bands. The choirs sang in several venues outside Kirkcaldy, including St Giles, and broadcast on radio. Many Christmas Eves were spent standing on the steps of the Town House, followed by an informal performance with Scott Couper at Bethelield Church. The orchestra and bands became of such quality and size that during the 60s and 70s they were split into house orchestras

winners, to a competition in London.

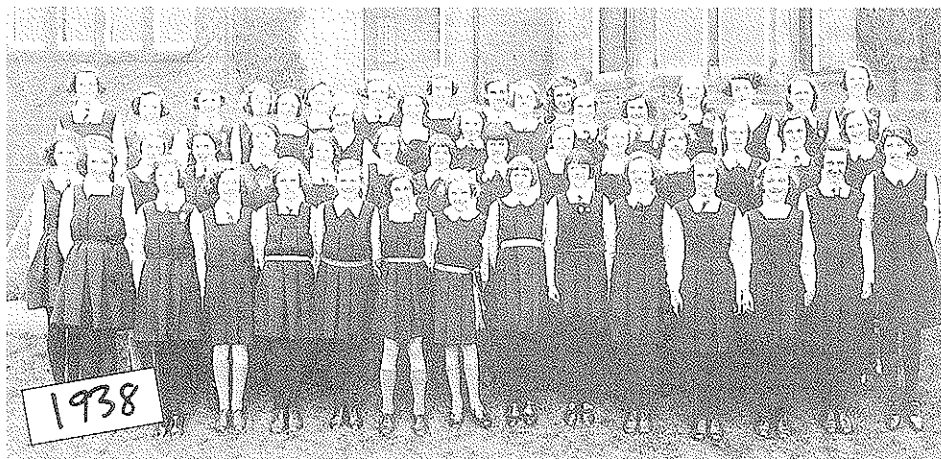
In recent years Robert and Moira Anthony, along with the other instructors, have rebuilt the orchestra, windband and string group to the level where they can sustain public concerts of quality. These groups have toured Germany, France and Holland and will play in Euro Disney during their tour of France in 2001. They also play locally for charities and entertain the elderly.



American Times. Those were the years of 'the cast of thousands' when the principle was that anyone who volunteered was given the opportunity for a moment in the spotlight. These productions were adapted and produced by Colin Lambie in order to involve as many pupils as possible.

There was a break in productions from 1984 until 1993 when the renaissance of stage productions took place thanks to the enthusiasm of staff – Mrs McIntyre, Mrs Muir, Miss Greig, Ms Janas, Mrs Kerr and Ms Cameron in particular. These are now produced biennially. Starting from 1993, the musicals *Oklahoma*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *Viva Mexico*, *Godspell* and *The Sound of Music* have been staged. In alternate years dramas were produced. In 1998 the Drama department took *The Lark* to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

It is clear when you talk to former pupils that some of their strongest memories of school revolve around concerts, plays and musicals, but learning to work as a team, sometimes under pressure, is the lesson learnt.

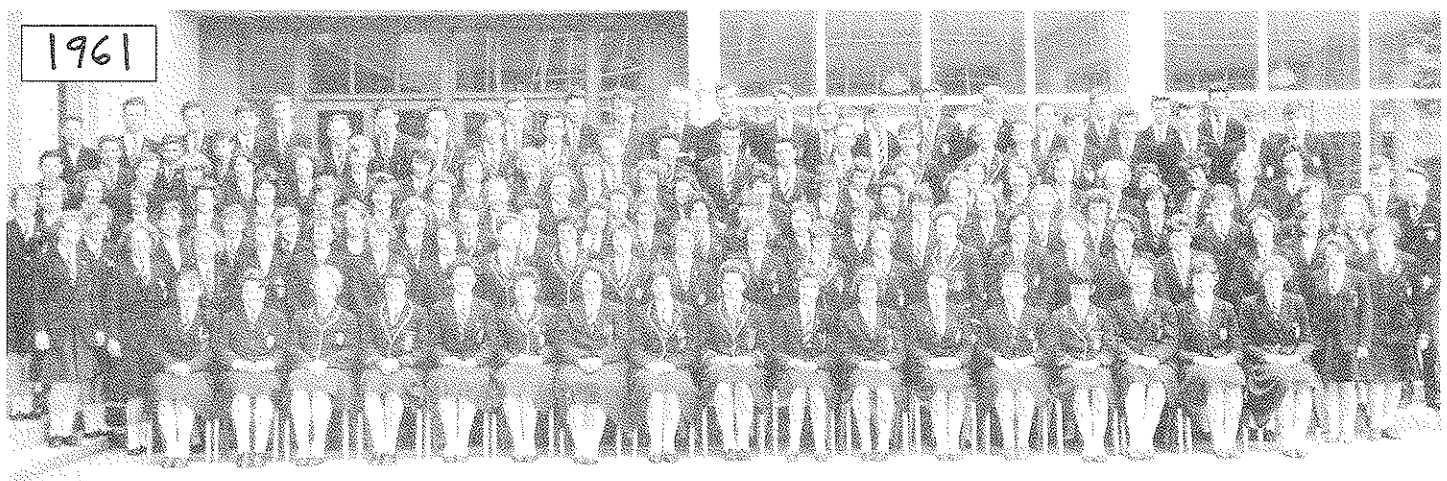


to join the house choirs for the Inter-house Music Festival. The orchestra and choirs took part in a live broadcast of Songs of Praise from the Old Kirk just after the interior was redesigned in 1969.

Under the leadership of John Vance and Maurice Abbott, the Brass and Military bands flourished. At one point the Brass band numbered 50, and Maurice Abbott took the Military Band, as Scottish

The Adam Smith Halls were used for concerts until the school moved to the Dunnikier Way site, when productions on the stage became more frequent. The 1960s saw dramas such as *The Caucasian Chalk Circle*, *Twelfth Night*, *The Crucible* and many others.

In the 70s and 80s the juniors took to the stage with musicals – *Tales from the Jungle*, *Mary Poppins*, *Smikey and*



Music and Drama

PASSING NOTES 1962

At the beginning of the session, the Music Department was very happy to welcome back Miss Mackenzie after her trip to Canada.

The House Festival at Christmas was, as usual, a resounding success, with St Serf's winning the House Championship and Isobel Mann (Raith) and Stephen Salmond (Ravensraig) winning the individual awards for the best choir and solo performance respectively.

The Senior Choir again triumphed at the Edinburgh Festival winning the "Marion L Ritchie" trophy for the third year running. A Third Year Class Choir (with the help of some senior voices) won the "Joan Simson" trophy for School Hymn Singing. Under Miss Mackenzie's able direction, a Senior Girls' Choir gave a very meritorious

performance after only three practices and were placed third in their class.

The Orchestra continues to flourish under the combined influence of Miss Kay and Mr Binnie. A keen interest in violin playing is shown by the number of pupils attending violin classes. A new sound in the school this year has been that of brass band instruments which pupils are learning to play under the guidance of Mr Jackson.

We were all sorry that Mr Binnie had to go to hospital this year, but he is now well and continuing his good work again.

Not only the music department, but the whole school, was deeply shocked to hear of the death of Miss Agnes Millar, MBE who was held in high esteem for her work both in school and out.

On behalf of all the music pupils we

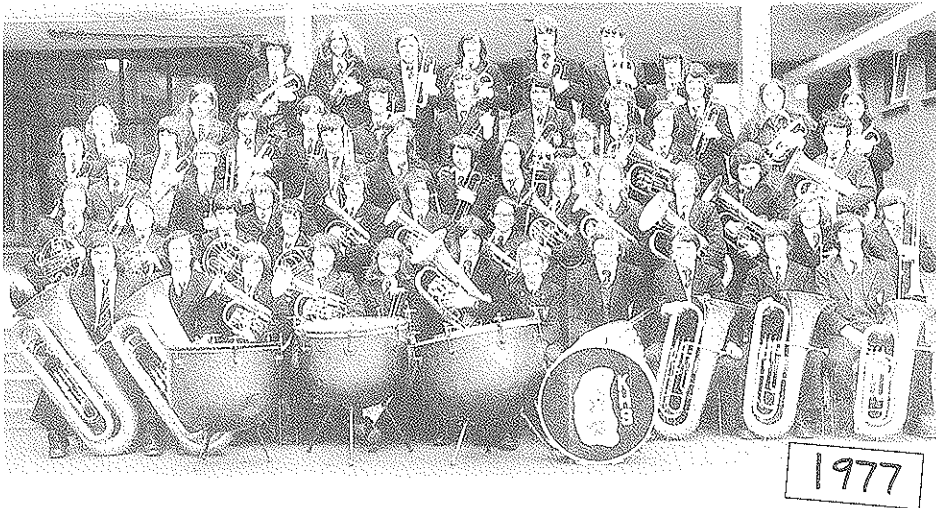
should like to thank Miss MacKenzie, Miss Kay, Mr Melville and Mr Binnie for their unfailing help and encouragement in all branches of the department.

R Imrie, VI and D Adams, V

From the St. Brycedale Supplement of the *Life and Work*.

The Late Miss Agnes Millar, MBE

"In the passing of Miss Millar, Kirkcaldy has lost one of its outstanding personalities. As a school teacher until she retired from her post at Kirkcaldy High School last summer, when she was but a few months from her 75th birthday, she influenced many, but it is with music that her name has been specially associated over a long period. She loved music and loved to teach others to sing. Her standards were high, so high indeed that she was an exacting teacher and not the most gentle of critics, but the demands she made, coupled with the love for music she inspired, were rewarded in the undoubted popularity and many honours which came to the choirs she trained. For her notable services, she was made an MBE by the Queen in 1957, this recognition being timely and well-merited."



MUSIC CAMP 1951

"Wakey! wakey! Rise and shine! – at 7.30 a.m. on a bitter March morning with the wind and rain lashing outside! Not likely! However, needs must when the devil drives – and with Mr. McQuillen in the role of devil, you just had to rise, otherwise you were deposited on the floor with your mattress on top of you, and all the bed-clothes strewn to the four winds. After that, cold water to wash with, unless you braved the elements and dashed to the wash-house, and then breakfast – lumpy porridge dished out of a pail, burnt black pudding and bread and marge, laid on thick – the bread was thick, I mean.

However, music camp wasn't as bad as all that. It only seemed that way at 7.30 a.m. The twenty-one representatives of K.H.S. had a terrific time and we were all very sorry to leave. We made many new friends, both male and female, among staff and pupils alike. The staff were human! By that I don't mean that they walked on their hind legs and waved their front paws in the air – they really were human! They did their utmost to make sure we enjoyed ourselves, and we certainly did.

We sang our way through that fortnight and it passed like a flash. We could not believe that it was all over, until a few days after we were back in school again. I could talk all day about Broomlee Camp School. However, I won't. Au revoir, Broomlee! – into battle, and the best of luck!

Elise Dawson, V

THE MAKING OF THE SIXTH YEAR CONCERT 1979

Due to there being only thirteen of us sticking it out to the bitter end, we decided to ask Miss Greig and Mr Lambie for their help. After some discussion about red Y-fronts and a train journey to Cupar, we decided on "Godspell" with two songs from "Jesus Christ Superstar". The next thing we had to do was to obtain permission to use the hall. For this we had to ask Mr D. Fraser, who gave us a lecture about brown paper and twenty-one years of varnish.

Then we began in earnest, well some of us anyway! We don't know whether or not it was because there were thirteen of us, but we had quite a few mishaps, e.g. HB versus HG shutting the curtains in the hall, and two passionate people (perverts) who will remain nameless. Various parts were given out to us. Jeff was given the leading role, that of Jesus Christ (JC) because of the similarity in initials.

Grant's little charmer stole the show. What with a weep from Susan, a "nae sweat" from Sandra I., three fingers from Norah, a kiss from Sandra J., a squawk from Nancy, a strangle from Derek, and a "beam, beam, beam" from Jeff, we can honestly say that making this show was the most enjoyable, but most constructive thing we've done in our years in Kirkcaldy High School.

Once again, all our thanks go to Mr Lambie for his good humour and patience, to Miss Greig for her skill in dancing (somewhat wasted on us!), Miss MacKenzie, Mr Hood and Miss McFarlane for their valuable help, and last but not least to the fourth-year choir and our wee second-year protégé.

We hope you got as much joy in watching the concert and we got in making it.

Remaining SVI pupils



KHS DRAMATIC NOTES 1946

After a long period of inactivity, the KHS Dramatic Society made a welcome reappearance in a year which has seen the resuscitation of several of the school's former functions. The Society's first essay was a masterly presentation of *Zwyrtala*, the fiddler. The entire production was of a high standard, costumes and settings being artistic and pleasing to the eye. The music, specially written by Dr M'Court, was bright and lively and the singing by Jack Robertson-Brown, Eilidh Macnab and a

well-chosen school choir, did full justice to a varied, tuneful musical score. On the same programme, the younger pupils entertained us with a delightful offering entitled "*The Charcoal-burner's son*". Their performances were confident and assured, and with such a wealth of young talent to draw from, we can surely look forward to many more such pleasing entertainments.

Last November, we again had the pleasure of seeing Dr Earle's pantomime, "*Guy Fawkes*". In an excellent cast, Ethel

Mentiplay as *Chicot the Jester*, Julian Lindsay as *Guy Fawkes*, and Diane Crawford as the *Minstrel*, distinguished themselves, although indeed each member of the company combined to present us with a competent production.

At the end of the year, a musical and dramatic evening proved a great success. In conclusion, we would like to say how glad we were to see the revival of this worthy school function.

Budding Authors

A TRAVELLER'S GUIDE TO THE K.H.S. 1952

Of the many interesting and picturesque buildings of which Kirkcaldy is justly proud, one edifice is worthy of the sightseer's particular attention. As it stands in the heart of this fair city, it commands an unparalleled view of the police station, the linoleum factory, and Jock's Shop.

The facade of this unique building presents various styles of architecture. The Graeco-Roman pillars of the original wing offer an imposing contrast to the plate-glass of the modern section, while the exquisite line of the stove-pipe in juxtaposition to the side-door has gained the tin hut world-wide acclaim.

The interior has its own attractions. A gracious flight of marble stairs, tastefully adorned with plywood, lures the visitor through magnificent portals to be confronted by a genuine antique timepiece of unknown origin. On climbing another flight of stairs, the traveller will find much to interest him on the first floor, not the least of whose attractions is Room 30, open to the public on week-days between 4.10 and 4.40 p.m. The music lover will be in his element here, but he is advised to stand in

the region of Room 34, where he will best hear the mingled harmonies of Rooms 32 and 36, with the undertones caused by many bass drums being so enthusiastically beaten on the other side of the quad, that the whole building shakes.

About this time, the traveller will be assailed by an inexpressibly beautiful sound which will continue at irregular intervals for the rest of his visit. Anyone who has been awakened on New Year's morning by a particularly obtrusive alarm clock will recognise the sound immediately. The traveller is now advised to cling tightly to the nearest radiator or jump out of the window, as a twenty-foot drop is infinitely preferable to the assault which now faces him.

When this subsides, he will now find himself somewhere in the original building. Having dropped his radiator in one of the many dark corridors, he should climb the nearest flight of stairs to an interesting relic of the Stone Age. This room's walls are covered in green plaster, relieved by an amazing exhibition of modern commercial art, behind which much of the original

structure peeps through. The visitor should pay much attention to the wood panelling decorated with mystic signs and spots of blood, but he should leave quickly, since the ferocious inhabitants have often been seen flinging their women-folk down the back stairs.

As he now descends, the sightseer should view from one of the windows the gracious annexe standing in splendid isolation, surrounded by gun-sites tastefully camouflaged with rack-grass and rhubarb leaves. Further down, he will be met by sounds of childish laughter, buzz saws, and a peculiar sound, which might be thought to issue from a captive lion, did it not resemble Bizet's "Toreador Song."

Apart from unpleasant sounds, this wing can also boast of varied odours arising from Room 62, which are rivalled only by those in the Refectory between 12 and 2 o'clock, Mondays to Fridays.

It is probable that at this moment the traveller will remember with regret his breakfast kippers, and so he is advised to quit this most beautiful of ancient Scottish Monuments before it is too late.

Mary Adamson VI

THE LAST DAYS OF JEMIMA JONES 1953

Ci git Jemima Jones,
A pitiful heap of skin and bones,
Got into this terrible state
Worrying about th' Inspectorate.

Primus venit Inspector Latinae
Who fixed on her his steely eye,
And said, "Decline amo, amas,
And then perhaps I'll let you pass."

Two days after, the English Inspector,
Followed by the anxious Rector,
Said to Jemima, "Now, my dear,
'Sapho and Phas' I'd like to hear."

Jemima quaked, Jemima shook,
"Please sir, I've never read that book."
At this th' Inspector's wrath was oifull,
He promptly sent her zu dem Teufel.

Next to come was Ma'amselle Loopee,
Jemima knew she was in the soupee.
"Parlez en Francais!" sagte sie.
Statim Jemima s'évanouit.

"We'll start with Euclid's No. 7."
Jemima thought that this was heaven.
But then she promptly sealed her fate
By gaily writing No. 8.

Thus the Maths Inspector failed her.
That night her mother asked what ailed her.
Jemima said, "One more to go,
The Science one, Sir H₂O.

As she walked from Room 63,
She wondered what her lot would be.
Would she recognise the smell
Of FeS plus HCl?

Poor Jemima felt so blue,
Th' experiment she could not do,
And to NH₄NO₃
She added some FiRe.

In this way dear Jemima perished.
Her memory will long be cherished.
They salvaged skin and bones and jacket
In which Jemima Jones hic iacet.

Quattor Uberleben della cinquième

Budding Authors

1998 1970

The two doctors entered Ward Three of the maternity hospital. They walked in silence between the rows of cots and incubators, then the senior of the two spoke.

"What's next, Bennett?"

"Nos. 293/4, sir."

"Details?"

"Siamese twins, joined at hips, male, almost perfect, recommended Course 3; reasons, case of separation and non hereditary nature of mutant."

They opened the door and peered into the incubator.

"Ah yes, a 3, almost perfect, no fingers webbed and fourth finger missing."

He looked at the oscilloscope trace showing the heartbeat then turned his attention to the meter, which showed the body temperature. Then he asked Bennett.

"Could I see the X-ray pictures?"

"They haven't been taken yet, sir"

"Get them to me as soon as you can. I'll go on to Ward Two now".

Bennett returned to his normal duties. Number 323 next. He walked to the cot. It was bad:

"Superphosphate: zinc rat poison build-up in mother and also in child. Damage to nervous system. Partially blind and deaf, lack of response to thermal stimuli. Limbs..."

Bennett wrote out his recommendations and for the thousandth time he cursed his fathers. Hadn't they had enough warning?

"1950+ Smog. Carbon monoxide, sulphuric dioxide, etc., etc."

"1960+ Polluted rivers."

"1970+ Poisoned fish, poisoned soil."

"1980+ Chemical build up in animal and humans."

"1990+ Deformed children."

It was a history of greed and half-

hearted measures. They had had many warnings, like the Dow Chemical Plant in 1970. For years Dow's had thoughtfully been dumping mercury into the Canadian Great Lakes. It had built up in the fish in Lake St. Clair until the mercury content of the fish became high enough to kill. As a result, several hundred fishermen lost their livelihood and Dow's promised to get rid of the mercury. Yet it went on, powerful poisons found their way into crops. The end result was deformed or stillborn babies. They knew better now.

The birth rate fell rapidly:

"It is calculated that by the 22nd century there will be only 20,000 people in the U.K., a leper colony in the eyes of clean India and Africa."

"Dr Bennett."

"Uh, yes, nurse?"

"The X-ray plates for 293/4."

"Thanks."

Bennett was too busy to look at the plates just then. He put them down and hurried to Ward Two where the Course 2 babies were put before sterilisation. It was the only way to remove these hereditary defects. There was no Ward One in the building.

It was an hour before he could examine the plates.

He looked at them then went slowly to his private study. A few minutes later the senior doctor entered.

"You've seen the plates?"

"Yes sir."

"The skull is monstrously deformed inside."

"Yes, only half a brain."

"Course 1... I'm sorry."

"Course 1. Why don't you say it? It's the incinerator! My kids. My own kids!"

Alan Sharp, IV

TO AN ELECTRONIC COMPUTER 1964

I am master: you are slave.

There you lie, awaiting my orders.

I write some symbols: these you understand.

You print some answers: these I understand.

How simple 'How useful' How clumsy!

I am master, you are slave.

Not a millionth fragment of my human brain.

There you lie awaiting my orders.

An unfailing memory,

You learn, never forget, absorb, never reject.

Who knows what immense store of knowledge lurks

In your inmost recesses? What fancies now are idling in your brain?

Wall upon wall of silent transistors.

Row upon row of hidden resistors.

Each an unsolved mystery.

No sound, no move, no show of idle thoughts.

Are Diophantine equations difficult?

Or Boolean algebra simple?

Is mathematics beautiful? Do you feel, love, hate?

You are not Frankenstein. He lived with man, about man,

Against man. You live beyond man, beyond space, of

Another reality. Never can vie hope to communicate.

Yet - I am, and you are.

~*~*~

God is master; I am slave.

W Band, SV

1973

KIRKCALDY 2000

Concrete, concrete everywhere,

Swarms of helicopters in the air,

Housework robots do the work,

The people are so lazy they won't even walk.

John Ingram, I AF

SCHOOL NEWSPAPER REPORT

1973

Are you one of the millions who do not read KOSMOS? Do you know what KOSMOS is? Well, read on and we'll tell you.

In the beginning was the word, looking suspiciously like Mr. Hurst. And the word got around that he wanted to start a school newspaper. So a band of trusty individuals (US) got together at the end of the first term and produced a nameless terror, which developed into KOSMOS. We have tried to reflect the opinions of everyone in the school, but, understandably, we can't print everything we

would like to. There are several permanent features - Editorial, sport, pop and Pru, who in every issue has solved the plight of some poor little pupil. We have run multifarious competitions (with prizes even). From time to time we have run into various difficulties which beset every GOOD paper, e.g. the duplicator keeps breaking down, but we must go on. Our finances are fairly healthy, due mainly to adverts, and we hope eventually to buy our own camera etc. This is one venture which can only be as good as you make it, so good luck next year!

The Editors

Budding Authors

FROM A MARTIAN LOG-BOOK

1951

(The following report is taken from the log-book of the Martian Flying-Saucer "Titanic," from the section referring to a recent Terrestrial Observation Flight. It may reasonably be deduced that the activity-phenomenon referred to is the Kirkcaldy High School Association Football Match between Masters and Senior Boys, played on 29th March, 1951).

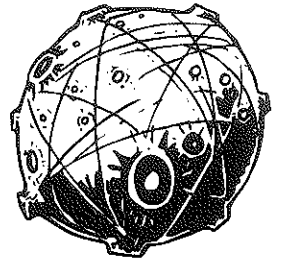
"While cruising as instructed in area S.37 we beheld a spectacle which supplied us with valuable information regarding the habits of that curious biped creature which seems to have attained a slightly higher stage of development than the other animals on earth. They live in communities and have an intelligence and social system very similar to that of the Martian ant.

We came to a large open place near one of these communities where a considerable number of people had gathered, leaving a space in their midst free for some twenty-three others who were acting in a very remarkable fashion. Of these, eleven were clad in peculiar blue and yellow wasp-like attire while all the rest were dressed in an extremely shabby and nondescript manner. Lieutenant Vulcan put forward the ingenious suggestion that the eleven "wasps" might be engaged in

some contest with an equal number of the others while the odd participant might be acting as arbiter. I myself do not subscribe to this explanation and have therefore set down some of my own observations and conclusions:

- (1) The "wasps" had committed some social crime and were being punished in public.
- (2) It was not a contest between two teams since no two of the "wasps" ever co-operated and any seeming team-play among their opponents was purely accidental. The odd man was in league with the eleven others dressed like him. They would attract his attention by waving clenched fists and he would encourage their endeavours by uttering piercing shrieks.
- (3) The small round object which we noticed did not play an essential part. Any "wasp" who handled it was particularly susceptible to attack.
- (4) The "wasps" are all mentally and physically weak. The only possible explanation for their irrational behaviour and frenzied but futile attempts to avoid their opponents must surely be some

degree of mental inferiority. It would appear they have little stamina: one of them spent most of the time reclining against a white wooden structure at the extremity of the cleared space.



- (5) Their opponents (presumably keepers) are cowardly creatures. We observed that fresh numbers of them were standing in readiness in case the "wasps" gained the upper hand. They do, however, possess a small degree of low cunning but their cruelty and ferocity is unbelievable. Whenever one of them caught a "wasp" he would kick and rend him with savage relish. They all seemed to belong to a particularly muscular and gigantic strain of the species. Undoubtedly they will be dangerous enemies when we invade the Earth, for who can doubt that these ferocious creatures will carry on their persons diabolical and formidable weapons?

I shall report more fully on my return to Mars!

Archie Howie, VA

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME

1957

"Check your birth certificate before the Highers." A simple enough statement, perhaps, for some, but for me the end of all peace of mind.

Happily confident I return home at lunch-time to unearth from the treasure-chest of birth, marriage and death certificates of past generations these dusty sheets of paper which govern our lives from the moment we are born till the moment we lay down our heads in our last, eternal sleep.

Then, and then only, does the malignant hand of Fate deal its crushing blow. Surely, surely, that's not my name! Perhaps the dust – perhaps the light – perhaps – perhaps it's not mine! But who else in our family was born on that day.

Throughout the afternoon the dreadful truth gradually penetrates.

I AM NOT ME! Worst of all is the darkness. No longer

the comfort of familiar objects, reminders that, even if the name is different, the person is basically the same. No longer the comfort of other human beings, to drive away the subconscious apprehensions. Only the bleak, all-enveloping blanket of darkness; only the absolute isolation of a world where daytime fears become overwhelming terrors, where dream-created monsters loom up.

Overnight, a dual personality takes shape. Alas, after sixteen years of striving to live up to my name, I have to start afresh – lead a different life to live up to my new-found name. And why? I ask you, is it fair to burden a child with a name at birth, call it a different name throughout its early life, and then tell it that its name is not its name but is just what they've been calling it for fun or what-not? Is it fair? Wonder well: it may be that you too will find that you are not who you thought you were!

Anneila Cassells, V.

Budding Authors

Seasons

1963

Spring - Grass brightens, trees bud, birds sing.
Summer - Crowded trout streams tumble in the sun.
Autumn - Light mellows, swallows gather, mists come.
Winter - Trees are gaunt against the snow.
Spring - The shops are full of Autumn suits.
Summer - Buy your winter coats and boots.
Autumn - Easter outfits now the rage.
Winter - Frocks for summer are displayed.
Nature's way isn't any good.
It's wrong to follow the way of the wood.
Fashion must always be two jumps ahead.
Shall we put our shrouds on before we are dead?

Ann Ednie, IIE

Prehistoric Combat

1963

The scene was set for the battle
The first one of the war,
The lumbering Diplidocus would
Now fight the Stegasaur.
Now signalled the old Triceratop,
Who was the referee,
The monsters charged with a clippety-clop.
Straight into the melee.
On and on and on they battled,
but all to no avail,
The Stegasaur's bony plates just rattled,
When whacked by the 'docus's tail.
They fought through morn and evening.
Until at last came night,
The 'docus was seen leaving.
Put by the 'saur to flight.

D Grant and D Dempsie, SIE

The Kirkcaldy Aviary

1955

The Kirkcaldy Aviary is open from 8:55 am to 4:10 pm on week-days, admission is free and everybody is welcome. We possess the largest and most remarkable collection of wild birds in Scotland. Each is unique, in more ways than one, and we will endeavour to portray to you some of the interesting secrets of their lives.

The bird in cage 74 is guaranteed to cause great amusement. The species was once believed to be extinct but this specimen was trapped somewhere in Dysart and taken into captivity. It belongs to the family Dididae Dunnae (commonly known as the Dun Dodo). Its age is unknown, but it is definitely an old, well-rounded downy bird. According to our ancestors, the species found difficulty in moving fast but this had been continuously disproved at the ritual dances of the aviary. The natural habitat is declared unknown, but this specimen seems to accept the grim surroundings of its cage. It seems a happy bird, but you are asked to keep strict silence; noise makes it nervous.

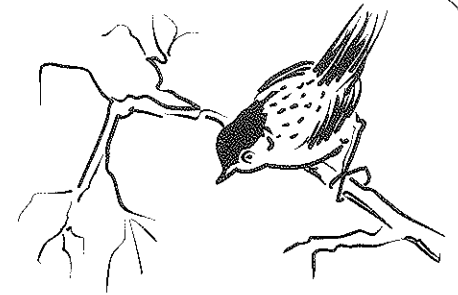
Only the very brave are advised to visit the next exhibit found in cage 20. Of the family Aquilinae Richiae (a Long Bill-ed Eagle) it is actually only a fledgling recently thrown out of the nest but it was all that we could get. We have to admit that this one does look wild when

at work. Having sharpened its mandibles on the floor, it slits up the underside of a rabbit, carefully pulling the inside out, disregarding fleas, tape-worms or whatever it may find. After poking around for a while, it always eats up everything – including the little friends.

In cage 1 is a bird which can be recognised immediately as being a member of the family Strigidus Strachanus Euleus, a wise old owl! We know nothing of its feeding in natural surroundings, but it does well on "wellington-boot-stew". This specimen is made outstanding by the presence of markings similar to thick-lensed, thick horn-rimmed, oversize spectacles, giving a misleading air of elegant ferocity. Don't be alarmed, its squawk is worse than its peck.

The swallow twittering from cage 7 belongs to the species Hirundo Gordena, a small dainty bird, or a migratory habit. Unlike others, this variety does not migrate until the approach of spring and the bad weather. This year it left in a hurry in April for Paris, along with a screaming mob of Scottish finches. The Dididae Dunnae, Parasitically inclined, attached itself to the group and rolled along with the rest.

The occupant of cage 57, ringed in Ayrshire, is a specimen of Ciconia Davidsonia – "The Puffin" stork. Typically



tall and lean, its plumage is grey-black but it is unique in that nothing will flatten the feathers of the crest. The stork comes from warm countries, explaining this specimen's instinctive aversion to mufflers. It thrives on sweets galore and is happiest when swinging gently to and fro on the window cord or squatting comfortably, but hardly gracefully, on the table-top.

Other interesting specimens are Scottus Dixonum – a bird of pray; Corves Stentorius Spadisa – The Brown Crow ("when the crow makes a loose hollow noise, said to presage bad weather"); and the Turtle Dove, a member of the genus Columba Morrissa that coos from its cage periodically. Or for those who delight in listening to sweet music there is Alauda Agnesia – "Hark, hark! the lark!". It is fond of chords, choirs and quips.

Much more could be written about these and the many others of the same feather but perhaps these brief notes will be sufficient to tempt you to visit this unique display of our little feathered friends.

Memories

Swiss Rolls

1970

Once upon a time there was a lot of sun, a lot of snow and a lot of clots. Yes! you've guessed. The intriguing tale of the "Swiss Sweeties" is about to be revealed – 60 of them all told invaded that beautiful and up till then tranquil fairyland one fine March morning. Having collected their weapons and made doubly sure of their lethal capabilities, they made their way up-slope for the first onslaught. They are happy to report that their ingenious tactics of taking the enemy by surprise proved to be thoroughly successful.

Now in the following story there lies a moral – never mock the underdog. One fateful day, clot No. I (who shall remain nameless) was penguining her way uphill when her "friend," having a perfect view from the rear, could not restrain her laughter. The result - a small landslide. Unable to cope with the vibrations, her skis sent her flying downhill. And so the penguin had the last honk!

And then there was April 1st. We look back in shame. A certain Miss S. found herself mysteriously locked in a public convenience and finding this was not too convenient she was actually about to climb out of the window when the door magically opened and a rather flushed Miss S. attempted to walk out with composure (who

didn't want to come with her).

Miss G. and Miss H. called vainly through a key-hole for half an hour – their key, they had found, was unable to be found. Their cries of appeal were met with the loud guffaws of some unknown monsters (oh!



for shame!!) until some kind-hearted fool decided they would waste away without their breakfast.

Needless to say the enemy retaliated. Three hours later Captain U. addressed her crew. War was subsequently declared, the order was given and 54 bodies were soon to be seen sprawled over the snow with their skis crossed above them – then came the cry of triumph from the jubilant, teething enemy – "Ha! Ha! April Fools!" Feeling slightly let down, seething with rage and soaking with snow, the gallant

allies struggled on. Courageous effort and a pang for revenge alone got them panting to their feet again.

An armistice was arranged for Thursday, 2nd April, when the two armies met not in combat but in concert. The enemy was generously allowed to kick off and immediately proceeded to abuse this display of goodwill by presenting the audience with a rowdy marching song mocking their (fat-faced) adversaries. Again the dauntless valiants carried on regardless and at the

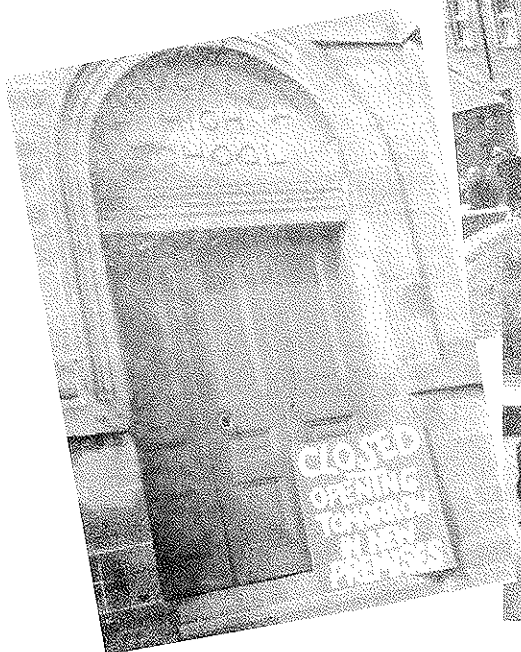
end of the evening Captain U. was actually seen to be clinging to a radiator for help.

The next morning, 60 unidentified persons, eight disfigured pairs of skis and one radiator were seen forcing their way on to a defenceless train. Finally, Captain U mounted the choo choo and the train yodelled off into the distance.

Strange as it may seem, we all arrived home looking as human as can be expected and we would like to express our gratitude to Miss Urquhart, Miss Stewart, Miss Leslie, Miss Halley, Miss Gibb and Miss Robb for their unfailing kindness, tolerance and good humour.

I.M.

1958



Memories

Tour of Roman Britain 1970

On the 27th March of this year a party of 44 pupils, seven teachers and two bus drivers left Kirkcaldy to begin a 10-day tour of Roman remains and places of historical interest in Britain. As soon as we stepped on the bus we were met by Miss Greig flourishing "free illustrated brochures" containing information about every site and town we were to visit. Spirits were high as we left for Corstopitum, an old Roman garrison near Corbridge.

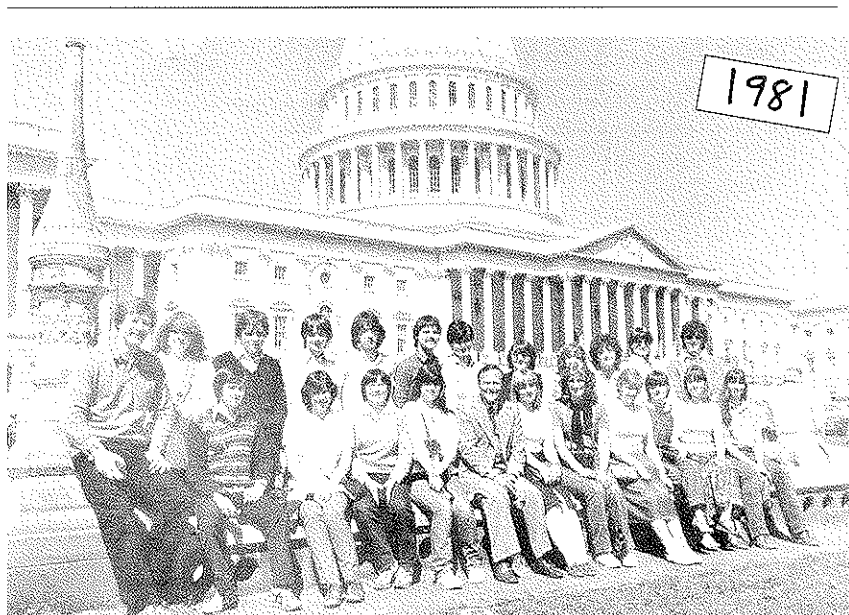
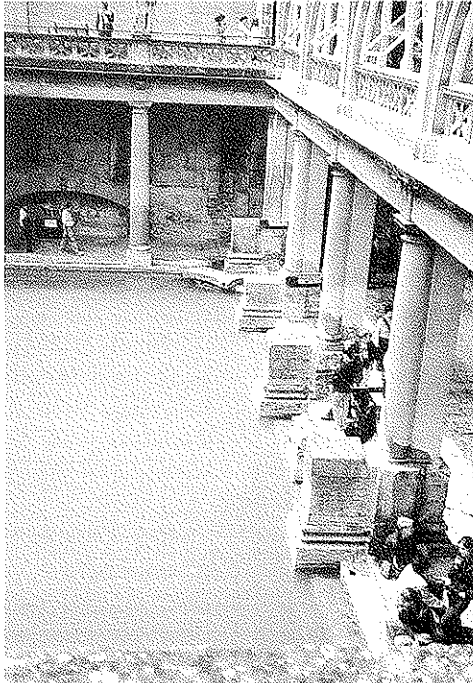
We had reckoned without the weather, however. Cold biting winds, snow and rain seemed to meet us wherever we went. Our visit to Stonehenge was made especially memorable not because of the impressive grandeur of the ancient stones but by the hot sausage rolls sold there which helped bring back some warmth to our freezing, snow-covered, wet, miserable bodies. From this time on, however, the weather improved slightly and some members of the party swear (though we cannot vouch for the validity of this statement) that

there were glimpses of sunshine in both Cambridge and York.

Life in Youth Hostels was an eye-opener for the majority of us who had never stayed in such places before and apart from cries of "Victimization" as boys stood with dish towels at the ready, we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

It will be difficult to forget the city walls of Chester and York which we dutifully walked round (and we still have the blisters to prove it!) or the beautiful cathedrals of Wells, Lincoln and Hexham. The Assembly Rooms and Museum of Costume at Bath will remain forever embedded in our

minds as will the ancient castle of St. Briavels, which has been converted into a very unusual Youth Hostel. The impressive York Minster, although covered by scaffolding both inside and out was still an awe-inspiring sight and for many people was the highlight of the tour.



Apart from Roman sites, museums and cathedrals, we also, on the last night made a trip to the cinema to see the musical 'Oliver!'. Despite the muffled sobs throughout, and the number of red-eyed girls who emerged from the cinema clutching soggy paper hankies, everyone seemed to agree that the film had been a great success. Indeed it was the perfect ending to an unforgettable holiday! It merely remains for us to say a sincere thank you to all the teachers who sacrificed part of their holiday in order to give us such a wonderful time. Our thanks to Mr Docherty who, much to our disappointment, did not fall off Hadrian's Wall this year; to Mr Farquharson for his sense of humour (he certainly needed it!!!), to Mr Clark and Mr Macleod for expert tuition in draughts, to Miss Fleming for allowing us to read one of her books - "Winnie the Pooh" - to Miss Greig for her "skilled" distribution of chores, and last, but not least, to Miss Galloway for "looking nice" all the time.

J Morrison VI

Advertiser's Announcement

1958

K.H.S. Holiday Camp

We beg to announce that we have recently moved into new and commodious premises in the Dumnicker Area, amid pleasant pastoral and woodland surroundings (near new Crematorium). The management continues as before and we hope, by strict attention to business, to merit a continued share of public patronage.

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JOHN DAVIDSON, MM

To his many friends within the School, the death of John Davidson on 11th February, was all the greater shock because it was so unexpected. Yet, in its suddenness and certainty, this was surely the kind of death that a soldier like Mr Davidson would have wished for himself, if it had to come. There are some members of staff who recall in 1958 hearing with a certain awe and curiosity that for our new School in Dunnikier the Head Janitor had just come straight out of the Army, having been Regimental Sergeant Major in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, the highest rank a Non-Commissioned Officer can hold. When we saw the man, he looked every inch the soldier, so much that instinctively he won both our admiration and respect. It is significant that many of those who had known him all the time he was associated with the School were unaware that in the Western Desert he had won the Military Medal for courage under enemy fire. Integrity was the hallmark of his approach to his work, combined with pride in seeing a job well done. He was a man of authority, as thousands of former pupils will confirm, but he had modesty, humanity and goodness. No school in Fife was better maintained than Kirkcaldy High School under Mr Davidson's eagle eye, and for that we remember him with gratitude. But most of all, he was a gentleman who has been greatly missed for his own sake, a fine man whose memory we cherish.



General Notes

1933

We respectfully accord our congratulations to Colonel John Buchan, who has been appointed Lord High Commissioner of the Church of Scotland. Colonel Buchan is a former pupil of this school.

Several changes have occurred in the staff. Mr Cardigan succeeds Mr Low, whilst Mr Duke succeeds Mr Bisset, who has obtained the post of first assistant at West School. To both we offer our congratulations. Mr Braid succeeds Mr Bisset as honorary treasurer of Athletic Union.

On 31st March the whole school assembled in splendid fashion in the Beveridge Park, in order to give HRH the Prince of Wales an enthusiastic welcome to this town.

On 12th January the school was favoured by a visit from Mr Gerald Dudley, actor-manager of the Shaftsbury Players. He gave several Dickens impersonations before the senior pupils, who greatly appreciated them.

We have received magazines from the following schools:-

Dunfermline High
George Watson's
Broughton Secondary
Beath Secondary
Morgan Academy

For those we are grateful and should be happy to receive others from neighbouring schools.

The F.P. Association's Annual Meeting will be held in September. All pupils who are leaving school this year ought to attend.

Three dates to remember:-

July 5th	Sports Day
July 14th	Close of Term
September 5th	Re-opening of School

July

Memories

Various School Trips



1953



1963

Visit to Ingolstadt
 With the background of a handsome church at Ingolstadt, here is a group of Kirkcaldy High Schools pupils and their German friends. It comprises M. Ferguson, Utta, J. Brown, Bernhard and Hannelove.

1947?



1996



1959



1968



ROYAL PRESENTATION

1961

A table cloth which was presented to HRH the Princess Royal, by Mr Alison, Chairman of the East Fife Hospital Board, on her visit to open the Extension to the Victoria Hospital, was specially designed by Miss Miller, of the Art Department, and embroidered by herself and sixty of her senior pupils. It is made of honey-coloured linen supplied by the local firm of Lockart and Sons, and the embroidery which is in a geometric design, was executed in white, counted work. Shortly after the presentation, a most appreciative letter was received from Her Royal Highness's Lady-in-Waiting, complimenting Miss Miller and the pupils on their beautiful work.



NEWS OF FORMER PUPILS

1961

At Edinburgh University last year the following FPs graduated:
 BSc: Janette Cross, John Dewar, Sheena Rankin, Andrew Adamson.
 Hons Physics: Douglas Finlayson, Kenneth Stewart and John Strang.
 Hons Physiology: Douglas Dingwall.
 Hons Engineering: Robert Fraser
 Hons English: Jean Wilkie
 Hons Geography: Helen Law
 Mus Bac: Winifred Baptie
 MA, Margaret Adamson, John Anderson, Olive Drummond, Cecil Johnston, Jane McCrindle.

At Glasgow University, David Mathewson graduated BSc and at St Andrews University Bruce Shawyer graduated with honours in Mathematics and David Carter with honours in English and Modern History. David Herd has been awarded a Dunbar poetry prize and John Smart a bursary for further studies in Arabic at Khartoum University. David Rodger, a graduate of St Andrews, has received an appointment at the British Museum in the Department of Printed Books.

Olive Drummond, sister of Miss M Drummond who recently left the Geography Department, has been awarded her Athletics Blue at Edinburgh University. She is the first woman sprinter to be awarded this honour for several years, she has also been awarded for her Purple for hockey.

Olive, along with Rosemary Brindle and Miss Ann Nicholson, played for East in inter-district hockey matches, the two last named also travelling to Munich to play against German teams. All three were included in the FP team which beat the School 6-1 last term. (The School Rugby 1st XV, however, beat an FP team 5-3.)

David Matheson who left Glasgow University last year has played for London Scottish 1st XV and Durward Rankin for Scottish Universities. Eric Saunders is now on the PT staff at Edinburgh Academy and playing for their FPs. Douglas Dingwall captained Edinburgh University cross country team this session.

The FP syllabus has been re-arranged for next session so that the annual reunion and dance is now to be held on Friday, September 22nd, in the Station Hotel. This means that the debate with the school will have to be postponed until the night of the AGM in March.

FP ties are on sale at the School office.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MR J D ROSE

1945

It was with regret that at the beginning of May we learned of the death of Mr John D Rose, who was our Rector from 1906 to 1929. Former pupils will remember his untiring efforts to promote their physical, intellectual and spiritual welfare, and the high esteem in which he was held by staff and pupils alike.

An enthusiast for the Classics and an earnest teacher, Mr Rose contributed generously to the advancement of education, his published work including books on the teaching of English and Religious Knowledge. He also took an active part in the life of the community, being especially prominent in the work of the Boys' Brigade and of the local Presbytery. His portrait, which hangs in the lecture hall, shows what manner of man he was – clearly one who would always be inspired by the highest motive and ideas.

KIRKCALDY HIGH SCHOOL FORMER PUPIL'S DISTINCTION 1961

Mr Archibald Howie, Grange of Kirkcaldy, has just been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy of Cambridge University. Mr Howie was Dux Boy of Kirkcaldy High School and took first place in the Edinburgh University Entrance Bursary Competition in 1952. Thereafter he took a course in Physics at Edinburgh University and, after gaining several class medals and prizes, he graduated with first class honours in 1956. In the summer of that year he was awarded a King George VI Memorial Fellowship by the English Speaking

Union of the United States and spent the following session studying at the Californian Institute of Technology at Pasadena, where he gained the MSc degree.

Returning to this country, he took up a Studentship awarded to him by Trinity College, Cambridge, where his work for the past three years has been concerned mainly with research into kinetics as applied to the crystallography of metals under Professor Mott in the Cavendish Laboratory.

In the summer of 1959 he was

chosen along with twenty or thirty other young British scientists to attend a conference of Nobel prize winners at Lindau, Lake Constance. In February of this year he was one of the readers of papers at a conference on his special science at St Louis, Missouri. There he visited and lectured at several of the other Universities in the Eastern States. On his return to Cambridge, he was elected a Research Fellow by the new Churchill College, the first Master of which is Sir John Cockcroft.

Do you recognise anyone?



Clubs and Societies

50 YEARS OF SCOUTING

1960

Last December the 5th Fife (K.H.S.) Scout Troop celebrated its Golden Jubilee with an Anniversary Supper in the Scout Headquarters. Amid cheers, Jimmy Christie, representing the Scouts of the Troop past and present, blew out the 50 candles and cut the cake. This event, with its significant, must be the highlight of the session, for not every Troop can look back with such pride over 50 years of Scouting.

Just before the summer camp near Glenfarg, the Troop's Queen's Colour, presented by the Cub Pack on their 21st birthday, was dedicated by the Rev. Scott Dickson. Following the camp, the Troop's entry in the County Flag competition was unplaced, so yet again this trophy eludes us.

In October, Mr Ian Finlayson, became Scoutmaster and with the addition of two new Assistants, Messrs Smart and Manson, the Troop Scouters are now four in number, including Mr Grahamslaw.

During the year, the Troop became a founder member of the Baden-Powell Memorial House being built in London and at home the Troop has been putting its own

H.Q. in order with considerable improvements.

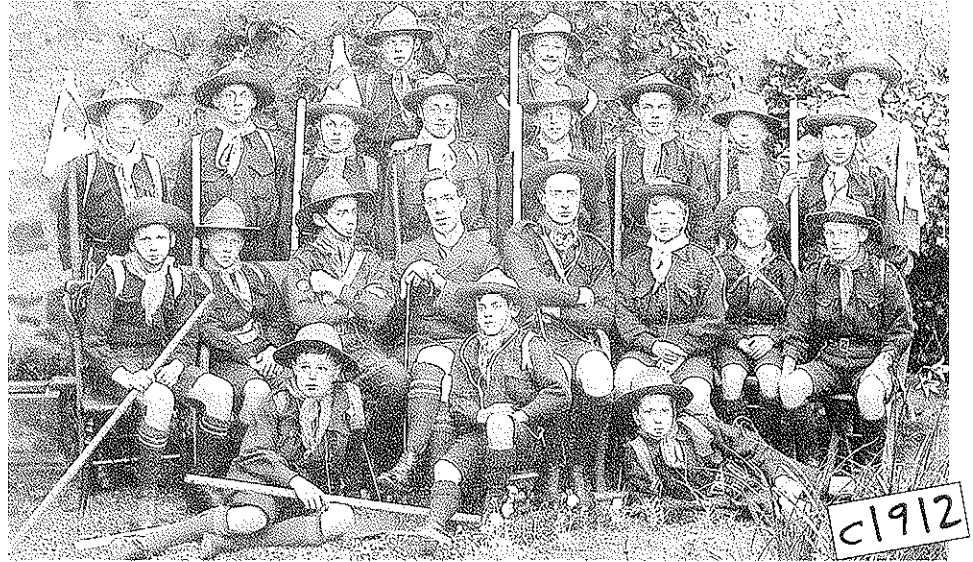
The year's work has seen an increase in the number of hikes of all kinds for 2nd and 1st class. Venturer, Hiker and Explorer badges, which the new regulations have encouraged.

The Troop has now one Queen's Scout

and by the summer it hopes to have one more and also two Scout 'Cords'.

The Camp this year is on a fine site in Glenshee, to end what shows signs of being a very successful year. We look forward to our centenary!

Ian C Fraser, V



IN THE PICTURE

1961

At the commencement of this session, the Camera Club was organised with a view to providing an after school activity solely for the junior pupils.

The response was so great that there are now over eighty members, both boys and girls, divided into seven sections.

The term began with a demonstration of film developing and contact printing, which have, so far, been the most popular activities. During the winter, film strips were shown explaining the various parts of a camera and how they work, and an evening was spent on lighting arrangements for portraits. Other activities were the making of stock solutions, figure compositions and competitions.

We now have an enlarger which, we are sure, will prove a worthwhile purchase. Now that the sunny evenings are approaching, we shall be able to go out and around the school to discuss composition, lighting and allied problems.

Finally we would like to thank Mr Brooks and Mr Gauld without whose organisation the success of the Camera Club would not be possible.

D Meldrum, W Band, G Gair, IIFI



Clubs and Societies

3RD KIRKCALDY KHS GUIDES

1965

From the Old to the New High the Guides have been sent
(They now charge, alas! a much higher rent)
But now much more time outdoors can be spent
Which was, after all, what Lord Baden-Powell meant.

At Christmas, a party with Scouts
we did hold
With music and dancing both
modern and old:
(Although on our toes and our
heels they did tread,
With cakes and ice-cream we
were very well fed.)



At the Thinking Day Service, the
flag we did bear,
Though Guides from the whole division were there:
We held 'Campfire' with Scouts on the Friday before,
Handed in our bright pennies to celebrate more.

At Easter a-hostelling eight Guides did go
Through heather clad hills, over moorlands so low;
We hiked through all weathers, wind, rain and sun
And for five pleasant days had wonderful fun.

The Guides did work hard through winter last year
And will hike and go camping now summer is here:
Tests we have passed and badges have won
And we hope for recruits in the session to come.

Ann Ednie (PL) and Fiona Buchan (PL)

COME AND PLAY CHESS

The chess club has started to brighten our days,
Heigh ho! Come and play chess.
With two bob subscriptions, the sec's job sure pays,
Heigh ho! Come and play chess.
We brought our own chess men and Shawyer made boards.
And Mr Scott Dickson looks after the hordes,
And it's heigh ho! Come and to the chess club.
Along with your friends on a Tuesday.
If you lose a match no-one worries too much.
Heigh ho! Come and play chess.
It's only a game and we treat it as such.
Heigh ho! Come and play chess.
In tournament matches the rules are observed.
Though you lose all your matches you aren't unnerved.
And it's heigh ho! Come and play chess.

So deck yourself up in your brightest array.
Heigh ho! Come and play chess.
For dumb as you are, we can teach you to play.
Heigh ho! Only two bob –
You'd have a job to get more for your money.
So it's heigh ho! Come and play chess.

Helen Stewart, IIIIGI

HILL-WALKING AT CRIANLARICH

On the first stage of the descent, the sun broke through the grey mist, or rather cloud, enshrouding the peak of 3428 feet Cruach Ardrain to reveal a scene of Alpine beauty. Sharp, white peaks rose above snow-filled corries, crisp and gleaming in the early spring sun. We paused, and then, the snow crunching rhythmically underfoot, continued along the ridge and down to Crianlarich.



It was such moments as this one, and similar ones on Ben Challium (3354 feet), Ben Dubchraig (3204 feet), and especially on 3524 feet Ben Dorain – a day that culminated in an impromptu game of "football" on a frozen lochan above the 3,000 feet mark - that captured the imaginations of the dozen pupils who took part in the Easter hill-walking expedition on the Southern Highlands around Crianlarich.

After strenuous but worthwhile days on the hills, we would return to Crianlarich Youth Hostel for supper, a constant source of speculation and eager anticipation thanks to Mr Maclean's gastronomic genius.

The meal was usually followed up by an evening spent either in participating in Mr Maclean's card school or in being initiated into the intricacies of the game of push-penny by Mr Dick.

It would be difficult to analyse exactly what effects the trip produced on us, but, when we remember the 3843 feet Ben More, the highest mountain in the Crianlarich group, dominating the whole of its surroundings and affording us perhaps the most magnificent panorama of the trip from the snowy cone of its summit, we can say this, that we certainly gained a deeper association with, and appreciation of, the Scottish Highlands.

To Mr Dick, Mr Gilvray, Mr McGill and especially Mr MacLean, from whom the idea of the trip originated, we owe a great deal of thanks for their painstaking and patient efforts which made this trip a highly memorable one for us all.

Richard Allison, SV, William Band, SV and David Meldrum, SV

Clubs and Societies

SAILING CLUB

The sailing season having begun in mid-April, the sailing club have now been actively afloat for some time. The fleet, namely two mirror dinghies and other assorted craft, is at present at Kinghorn generously provided by Kinghorn Sailing Club.

Last year's season was a particularly successful one for the club with several members distinguishing themselves in both the sailing and canoeing sections of the Fife Schools Regatta. Some members also enjoyed a trip on board HMS Killiecrankie and it is planned that this year will bring similar trips.

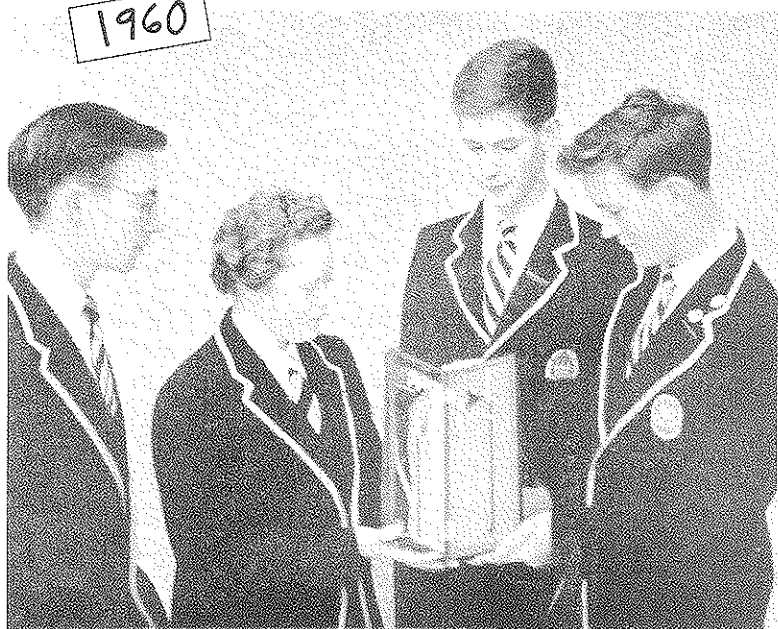
Thanks must go to both Mr Simpson and Mr Payne of the French Department who have supported the club enthusiastically.

A Weir and R Ritchie

1967



1960



Scottish Country Dance Club 1965

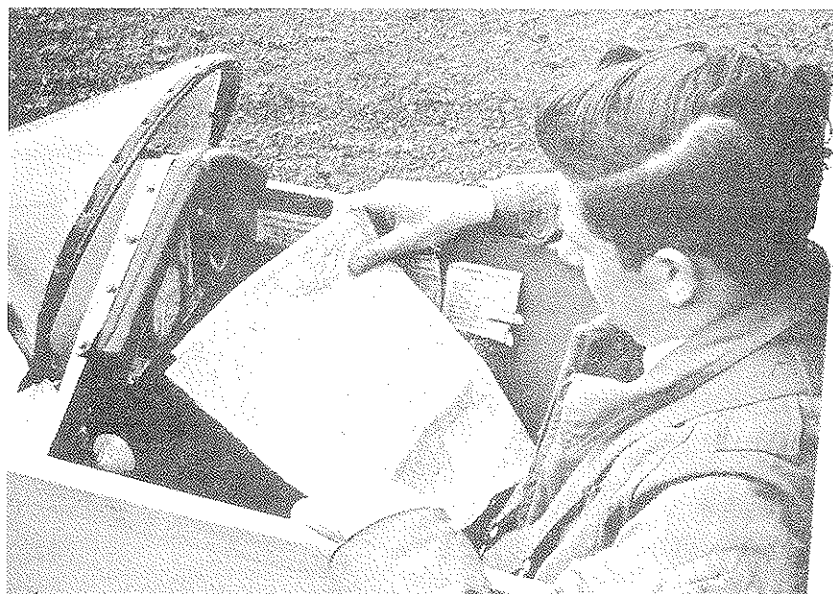
The Scottish Country Dance Club has again proved to be one of the most popular societies in the school. Unlike the previous two years, the senior boys were not attracted to the club, but the enthusiasm of our new members from the third year more than made up for that.

The success of this club is due mainly to our teachers, Miss Urquhart and Mrs Johnson who endured patiently our massacre of such dances as "The Glasgow Highlander". Our thanks must also be extended to Mr Dick who gave up his Tuesday evenings to accompany us on the piano.

I would like to wish the club every success in the future and I hope that both staff and pupils continue to enjoy their dancing.

Joyce Dawkins, SVI

Debating Society – First to win new trophy
 Four of last year's winning team in the Fife High Schools Debating Competition examine the "Battleaxe Trophy" before embarking on Round One of this year's contest.



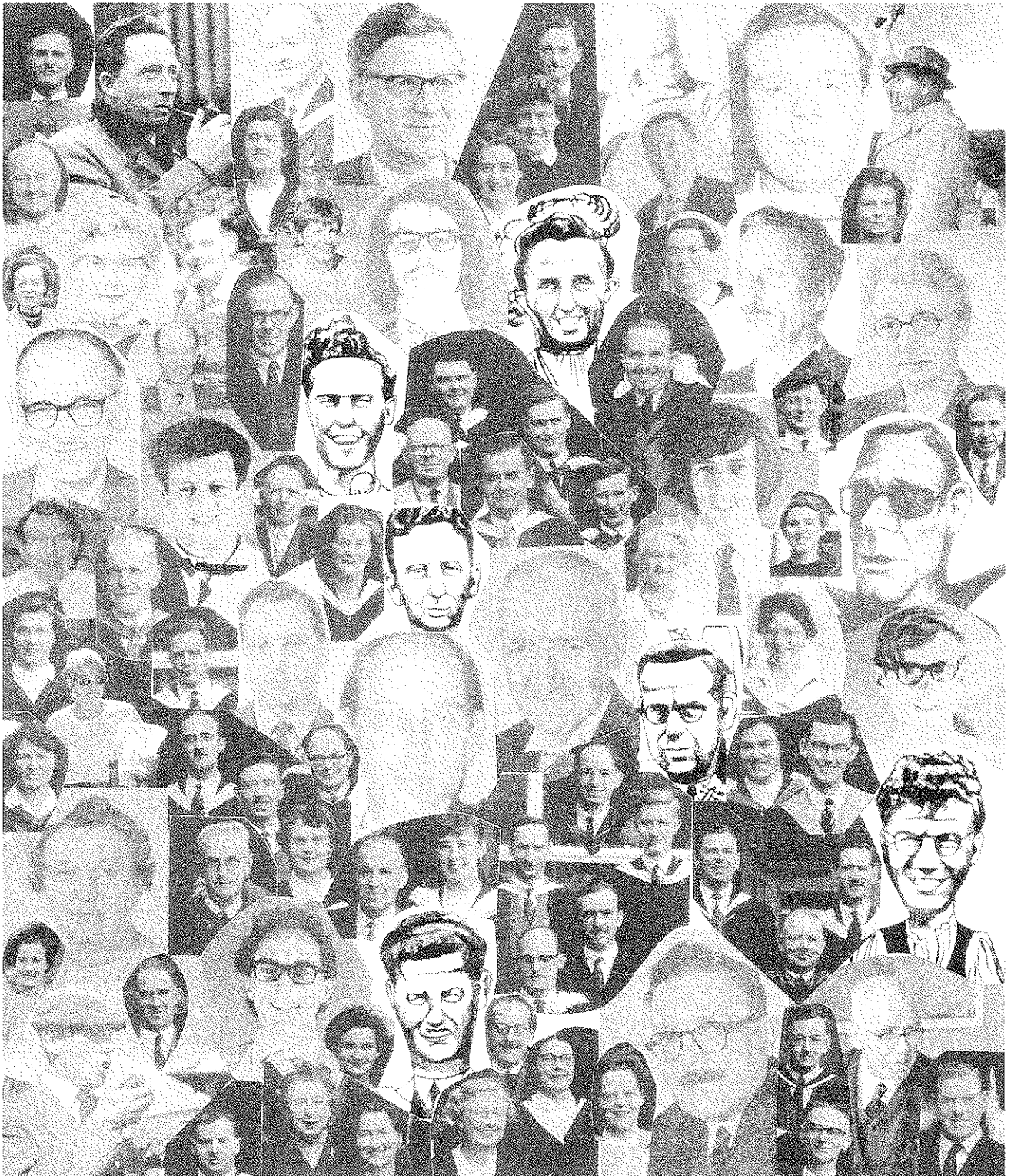
Gliding Club
D. Mackay, S.VI., plots his course

Do you remember YOUR teachers?

“Schooldays are the happiest days of your life!” You don’t think that at the time, but certainly they are very influential days, and what each one of us has achieved is as a direct result of three factors: our own efforts, the input of our teachers and, of course, the support of parents and friends. They say that you remember your teachers for as long as you live! Cast your mind back...

No doubt you will recall specific incidents – I remember getting the belt from wee Tammy Dunn for poking my finger through one of the holes in the partition! Some moments you will remember with affection and, naturally, there will also have been less amusing episodes. Some teachers will have fired you with enthusiasm for their subject while others may have been less inspiring.

We have put together a list of the names of former members of staff in the hope that it will help you to bring back memories of your own time at KHS. No doubt we will have missed a few names. If you can think of anyone who should belong to the list we would be delighted to hear from you.



Do you remember YOUR teachers?

A	Mr Maurice ABBOTT	Instructor	8/64 to 6/88	Miss 'Polly', 'The Dame' CHRISTIE	Woman Adv.	30s to 1953
	Mr Robert 'The Bod' ADAM	Rector 1947-71	4/48 to 5/71	Mr Bill CLARK	History	8/66 to 5/72
	Mr Andrew ADAMSON	Music	8/74 to 12/76	Mr Ian CLARK	Science	9/55 to 7/58
	Mrs Fiona ADAMSON	Latin	8/71 to 4/78	Miss Leah CLARK	English	9/29 to 7/54
	Mr Tom 'Tamas' AIRD	French	11/28 to 12/59	Mrs Marilyn CLARK	School Nurse	1/85 to 1/98
	Miss Edith AITKEN	French	8/72 to 7/82	Mr Sam CLARKE	French & Asst. R.	9/61 to 11/84
	Mrs Evie ALLAN	Home Econ.	1/75 to 7/87	Mrs Lorraine CLARKSON	French	1/82 to 8/94
	Mr Wilf ALLSOP	English & Asst. R.	10/68 to 10/89	Mrs Betty COOK	Maths	9/72 to 8/92
	Mr Bill ANDERSON	English	8/51 to 9/55	Mr Scott 'Noddy' COUPER	Latin	8/51 to 7/68
	Mr Bill ANDERSON	PE	8/60 to 11/79	Mr Tom COWAN	Chemistry	3/37 to 7/53
	Mrs June ANDERSON	PE	8/60 to 6/89	Mr Henry 'Hic' CUNNINGHAM	Latin	1/20 to 7/51
				Mr John 'Jocky' CUNNINGHAM	History	1/29 to 12/46
				Mrs Nana CUNNINGHAM	English	to 2/52
B	Miss BAIN	Art	4/40 to 10/48	Miss Mary 'Cruella' CUTHBERT	History	8/61 to 9/69
	Mr Gerry BAIRD	English	1/73 to 1/77			
	Mr Bill BAND	Physics	1/52 to 4/73			
	Mr Ian 'Bappers' BAPTIE	PE	2/65 to 7/70	Mr John 'Bilko' DAVIDSON	Janitor	3/58 to 2/74
	Mr Archie BATHGATE	German	5/82 to 7/99	Mr Tom 'Hank' DAVIDSON	English & Dep. R.	8/51 to 5/60
	Mr Andrew BEATTIE	Maths	8/49 to 7/52	Mr Jack DAVIE	Chemistry	9/53 to 5/60
	Mr Harry BELL	Art	9/31 to 2/51	Mr Dai 'Humphrey' DAVIES	Maths	1/48 to 7/60
	Mrs Natalie BELL	Home Econ.	8/70 to 7/83	Miss Jessie DEWAR	Geography	8/46 to 10/48
	Mr Tom 'Janny' BELL	Janitor	5/63 to 2/84	Mr Bob DICK	English	9/62 to 4/69
	Mr George 'Ike' BENNETT	Geography	9/35 to 12/58	Mrs Heather DICK	Music	4/64 to 7/68
	Mr John BENNETT	French	8/75 to 6/78	Mr Tom 'Janny' DICKIE	Janitor	6/74 to 3/91
	Mr Tom BINNIE	Music	11/44 to 12/66	Mr Gerald 'Beakie' DICKSON	Latin	8/53 to 9/64
	Mr Bill BLACK	German	12/46 to 6/50	Rev Scott 'Holy Joe' DICKSON	RE	1/55 to 12/70
	Mrs Joyce BLACK	Maths	8/72 to 12/94	Ms Patricia DINSMORE	English	8/82 to 12/87
	Miss Eileen BLICHARSKI	History	8/73 to 7/87	Mr Ian DOCHERTY	History	8/64 to 9/78
	Miss Wendy BOWDEN	Home Econ.	8/68 to 9/78	Mr Robert 'Fat Bob' DOCHERTY	Maths & Asst. R.	1/74 to 3/96
	Miss Elizabeth BRIMMS	Home Econ.	9/29 to 7/67	Mr Jack DONALD	Physics	60s, 70s and 80s
	Mr Arthur BROOKS	Physics	12/59 to 5/67	Mr Alex DONALDSON	History	8/50 to 12/60
	Mr Ian BROWN	Geography	4/61 to 5/66	Mr Alex 'Toffee Teeth' DOUGLAS	Technical	2/46 to 9/71
	Mr James 'Bolsh' BROWN	Latin	9/19 to 7/59	Miss Ann DOWSON	Music	8/43 to 2/46
	Mr John BROWN	History	8/72 to 10/76	Mr Ken DRON	English	9/56 to 7/60
	Mrs Lynn BROWN	English	1/72 to 7/74	Miss Mary DRUMMOND	Geography	4/59 to 3/61
	Mrs Pauline 'Frau' BROWN	German	8/70 to 6/97	Miss Jackie DRYBURGH	German	8/78 to 6/84
	Mr Andrew BUCHAN	Art	4/52 to 4/60	Mr Mev DUNCAN	Physics	9/75 to 8/97
				Mr William DUNCAN	Art	5/27 to 6/52
	Mrs Grace CAIN	Office	6/78 to 6/86	Mr Tom 'Tammy' DUNN	History & Asst. R.	8/44 to 6/78
	Miss Marjory CALDER	Bus. St.	11/69 to 12/94	Mr Colin DYMOCK	Art & Asst. R.	6/72 to 3/88
	Mr Ian 'Pink' CAMPBELL	PE	8/79 to 11/84			
	Mr Jack CAMPBELL	Maths	12/61 to 8/72	Dr Frank EARLE	Rector pre 1947	6/29 to 12/47
	Mr Scott CAMPBELL	Chemistry	8/76 to 8/79	Mr Bob EASSON	PE	4/76 to 12/88
	Miss Isobel 'Fanny' CARGILL	French	9/40 to 12/75	Mr Karl EKEVALL	Art	10/69 to 8/92
	Mr Robert 'Bob' CARGILL	PE	9/19 to 7/46	Mr Tom ELDER	Maths	9/42 to 3/48
	Miss Sheena CATION	Home Econ.	8/74 to 7/77	Mrs Audrey EVANS	English & Drama	5/73 to 6/84

Do you remember YOUR teachers?

Mr Ian 'Farky' FARQUARSON	Latin	11/61 to 7/75	Mr John HANNAH	Technical	2/74 to 8/93
Mrs Olive FINLAYSON	French	8/71 to 12/74	Mr Norman 'Killer' HAY	French	12/63 to 9/68
Miss Margaret FLEMING	English	8/62 to 6/73	Mr Austin HAYES	Art	8/77 to 7/87
Miss Sheena FLEMING	Home Econ.	8/75 to 4/87	Mr Ian HEMSLEY	Technician	2/68 to 4/86
Mr Ken FORBES	English	8/54 to 9/59	Miss Elsie HENDERSON	Bus. St.	4/51 to 4/83
Mrs Mary FORBES	Geography	9/71 to 7/87	Miss Paula HENDERSON	Maths	1/97 to 3/99
Mr John FORD	Chem. & Asst. R.	10/74 to 1/88	Mr Rob HENSON	Chemistry	8/73 to 6/79
Miss Edith FORRESTER	German	11/58 to 9/68	Mr Sandy HOOD	Music	11/63 to 7/87
Miss Christine FOSTER	English	1/72 to 5/74	Mr Bob HOPE	Maths	2/69 to 9/71
Mr Jim FOTHERINGHAM	Technical	8/83 to 8/00	Mrs Elma HOUSTON	French	3/81 to 9/86
Dr Alan FRASER	Chemistry	8/73 to 4/78	Mr Robert HUME	Chemistry	8/60 to 10/67
Mr Donald 'Basil' FRASER	Bus St. & Dep. R.	10/58 to 6/89	Mr John HURST	English	6/72 to 12/86
Mrs Margaret FRASER	English & GD	1/73 to 4/00			
Mr Tom 'Big Tam' FRASER	Rector 1971-89	5/71 to 6/89	Mr Jim IRVINE	Maths	8/73 to 2/80
			Mr John IRVINE	Physics	8/76 to 10/79
Ms Deirdre GARDNER	Geography	8/71 to 4/74			
Mr Bill GAULD	Physics	8/58 to 11/63	Mr Alex JACK	PE	6/72 to 3/76
Mrs Eileen GEDDES	English & GD	8/55 to 7/57 + 3/70 to 11/91	Mr Enoch JACKSON	Instructor	8/61 to 9/69
			Mr Jim JAMIESON	Maths	2/52 to 5/74
Miss Kathleen GIBB	French	1/67 to 6/73	Mrs Andy JOHNSTON	English & GD	4/61 to 3/84
Mr Ian 'Shuggy' GILCHRIST	Chemistry	8/68 to 8/97	Mr Jack 'Killer' JOHNSTON	Technical	4/48 to 9/59
Mr Alastair GILVRAV	History	12/60 to 5/66	Mrs Muriel JOHNSTON	PE	4/52 to 8/65
Mr George GIRDWOOD	Latin	12/75 to 3/92	Mrs Christine JOHNSTONE	PE	4/62 to 9/80
Miss Gertie GLOAG	French	9/26 to 11/46			
Mr John GOLD	Geography	3/68 to 7/70	Mr Bill KEEGAN	English	9/36 to 7/48
Mrs Nance GORDON	French	9/48 to 12/66	Mr Eddie KELLY	Maths	8/58 to 7/62
Mr Ralph GORDON	Music	5/66 to 11/72	Mr 'Knuckles' KENNEDY	Maths	9/60 to 3/69
Mr Chris GOUGH	Biology	8/71 to 10/76	Mr Jack KETCHIN	Technical & GD	8/48 to 6/84
Mrs Lillias GOURDIE	Bus. St.	8/58 to 6/77	Mr Bill KIRKPATRICK	Physics	6/76 to 5/81
Mr Tom GOURDIE	Art	11/46 to 9/73	Mr Ivan KNOX	Music	9/30 to 1/41
Miss Daisy GOVE	Maths	8/52 to 4/55	Mrs Margaret 'Mrs K' KWAPISZ	Office Manager	11/68 to 12/83
Mrs Christina GRAHAMSLAW	English	9/53 to 7/64			
Mr William GRAHAMSLAW	French	12/45 to 7/64	Mr Colin LAMBIE	Geography	8/74 to 10/85
Mr George 'Bugs' GRANT	Maths & Asst. R.	8/65 to 3/70 + 4/76 to 4/83	Miss C LANDALE	Maths/Science	1919 to 7/51
			Mr Ian LAWSON	Art	8/55 to 2/63
Mr Tom GRAY	Biology	8/77 to 6/79	Mr Jim LAWSON	Biology	8/76 to 7/87
Miss Marjory GREIG	Latin & GD	10/68 to 3/94	Mr Jim 'Gripper' LAWSON	Janitor	12/81 to
Miss Agnes 'Aggie' GULLAN	English	5/44 to 7/47	Mrs June LAWSON	Technician	6/74 to 6/81
Dr Alex 'Doc' GUTHRIE	Chemistry	9/39 to 2/64	Miss Margaret LESLIE	Biology	8/53 to 7/85
			Mrs Margaret LETHAM	Home Econ.	8/76 to 7/87
Mr Stuart HADDON	Chemistry	8/73 to 6/76	Mrs Pat LOCKHART	PE	8/67 to 10/76
Miss Jean HADDOW	Asst. R. & GD	8/67 to 8/73	Miss Margaret LOGIE	Music	4/61 to 6/73
Mr Andy HALKETT	Physics	8/62 to 4/66	Mr Martin LUSSI	Geography	5/79 to 8/97
Mr Arthur HAMILTON	Learning Support	3/60 to 3/83	Mrs Sylvia LYALL	Maths & GD	4/70 to 7/82
Mr Hamish HAMILTON	English & Dep. R.	5/60 to 9/69			

Do you remember YOUR teacher?

Miss Hazel MACIOCIA	8/75 to 7/82	French	Mr Ross MITCHELL	Chemistry	8/68 to 1/76
Ms Jenny MACK	8/74 to 7/76	History	Mr Alan MORGON	History	8/74 to 2/79
Mr Alan MACKAY	8/53 to 6/61	History	Mrs Stevie MORGON	Art	8/75 to 6/78
Miss Abigail MACKENZIE	2/52 to 3/83	Music	Miss Elizabeth 'Fanny' MORRIS	Lady Adv.	9/53 to 5/71
Mr Murdo MACKENZIE	9/59 to 1/68	English	Mr Ken MOTTRAM	Mod. St.	8/74 to 12/81
Mr John MacLEAN	4/61 to 12/68	Maths	Mr Harry MOULTRIE	PE & Asst. R.	9/46 to 3/82
Mr Dave MAIDEN	10/79 to 4/82	PE	Mr Harry 'Joe' MUNRO	Maths	8/44 to 12/68
Mrs Cathy MAIN	8/66 to 12/89	Technician	Mr Charlie MURRAY	Biology	9/34 to 7/43
Mr Bill MARSHALL	4/61 to 4/69	English	Mr Neil MYLES	Chemistry	3/76 to 9/81
Mr Jim MARTIN	8/56 to 10/84	Art & GD			
Mr Bob McALPINE	8/73 to 12/75	French	Mr Harry NELSON	English & GD	8/69 to 7/83
Mr Sam McCLEMENTS	8/72 to 5/76	Physics	Mr Tom NESS	Geography	8/54 to 10/65
Mrs 'Granny' McCOLL	10/47 to 7/57	Geography	Mr Leslie NEWLANDS	Instructor	8/66 to 2/71
Mr Ian McDONALD	8/69 to 6/72	French	Mrs Reta NOBLE	Office	3/80 to 8/97
Mrs Elizabeth McGAFFIN	9/72 to 7/76	Music			
Mr Edward McGEACHIE	11/40 to 7/58	Bus. St.	Mr Jim PARK	Biology	10/43 to 9/47
Mr Ron McGILL	8/60 to 12/64	PE	Mr Ken PARKER	Chemistry	8/81 to 11/93
Mrs Betty McGREGOR	10/81 to 1/98	Office Manager	Mrs Marjory PARKER	Technician	9/75 to 8/80
Mrs Betty McIntYRE	8/76 to 12/94	Office	Mr Bob PATERSON	History	8/74 to 3/97
Mr Duncan McIntYRE	11/31 to 1/41 + 2/46 to 2/51	Music	Miss Maud PATERSON	English	11/17 to 7/51
			Mrs Aileen PENNY	PE	8/73 to 10/80
Mr Tom McIVOR	1/66 to 7/74	Geog & Asst. R.	Mrs Obel 'Granny' PEIRIE	English & Asst. R.	1/66 to 7/86
Ms Marie McKILLOP	8/79 to 12/88	English	Mr Alfons PIOTROWICZ	Hort. Science	8/58 to 6/78
Dr Sandy 'Doc' McLAREN	3/61 to 11/66	Chem & Dep. R.	Mr Jim POLLOCK	Geography & GD	3/85 to 3/99
Miss Lil McLAUCHLAN	5/50 to 7/68	Maths			
Miss Mary 'Molly' McLEAN	8/48 to 3/65	Maths	Miss Hester RAINE	Maths	8/47 to 3/56
Mr Allan McLEOD	5/82 to 3/86	Physics	Mr Fraser REDDICK	Maths	8/63 to 7/71
Mrs Anne McPHEE	10/67 to 2/80	French & GD	Mrs Connie REEKIE	English	8/63 to 7/67
Miss Cathie McPHERSON	9/40 to 7/68	Home Econ.	Mr Bill REID	Physics	8/86 to 7/91
Miss Isobel McQUIRE	8/52 to 7/58	Home Econ.	Mr David REID	English	8/66 to 12/70
Miss Sybil McRUVIE	8/74 to 1/88	PE	Mr Jim REID	Mod. St.	8/79 to 8/91
Mr John McWILLIAM	1/74 to 12/87	Geography	Mr Bill RITCHIE	Physics	8/52 to 7/63
Mr David MELDRUM	8/75 to 10/78	French	Mrs Isabella RITCHIE	Chemistry	8/75 to 6/90
Mr Ramsay 'Ming' MENZIES	9/29 to 2/71	Chemistry	Mr Frank ROBB	Technical	4/56 to 12/73
Mrs Claire METHVEN	9/72 to 8/00	Learning Support	Mr 'Sandy Sumas' ROBERTSON	Maths	6/56 to 10/61
Mr Derek METHVEN	8/83 to 11/96	Technical	Mr Donald ROBERTSON	Biology	8/65 to 3/69
Mr John METHVEN	5/72 to 8/91	Geography	Mrs Irene ROBERTSON	Music	9/72 to 5/76
Mrs Margaret METHVEN	9/78 to 12/96	Maths	Mr James ROBERTSON	Technical	10/49 to 9/55
Miss Agnes 'Aggie' MILLAR	4/48 to 6/61	Music	Mr Ken ROBERTSON	Mod. St.	12/74 to 6/89
Rev Jack MILLAR	5/74 to 3/86	RE	Miss Margaret ROBERTSON	PE	8/50 to 4/52
Miss May MILLER	12/48 to 9/66	Art	Mr Adam ROBSON	Art	4/53 to 7/56
Mr Willie MILLER	5/68 to 7/70	Instructor	Ms Andrea ROGERSON	Office	7/74 to 4/78
Mr James 'Plug' MILNE	8/63 to 9/68	Latin	Miss Alison ROLLO	Librarian	5/74 to 7/95
Mr Jim MILNE	8/54 to 7/68	Chemistry	Mr John ROSE	Rector pre Earle	1906 to 1929
Mrs Joyce 'Dolly' MITCHELL	8/69 to 9/78	Maths	Ms Dorothy ROSS	Geography	8/72 to 5/75

Do you remember YOUR teachers?

P	Mrs Margo ROUGVIE	French	8/64 to 7/95	Miss Ruth TENNANT	Maths	1945 to 1949
	Mr Lindsay ROY	Mod. St. & Asst. R.	4/83 to 12/86	Mr Clark THOMSON	Maths	8/79 to 4/84
	Dr Eric 'Doc' RUSSELL	Chemistry	1/68 to 12/72	Mr John THOMSON	Physics	8/72 to 7/75
	Mrs Vicky RYMARUK	Office	11/73 to 5/85	Mr Ron 'Shorty' THOMSON	Maths	8/73 to 12/75
				Mr Andrew THORBURN	Art	1/35 to 6/75
R	Mr Zygmund SADOWSKI	German	8/48 to 3/82	Mr Kevin TREWARTHA	Maths	8/73 to 2/83
	Mrs Margaret SALMOND	Office	11/65 to 10/91	Mr Terry TREWARTHA	PE	8/70 to 11/74
	Mrs Deborah SAXTON	Instructor	2/79 to 7/86	Miss Linda TROTTER	English	5/72 to 8/93
	Mr Mike SAXTON	Instructor	2/79 to 7/86			
	Mr David SCOTT	Technical	8/74 to 5/85	Miss 'Auntie' Mary URQUHART	PE	8/58 to 9/69
	Ms Margaret SCRIMEGOUR	History	8/74 to 12/75			
	Mrs Lorna SHARP	French	8/74 to 12/81	Mr John VANCE	Instructor	10/70 to 10/80
	Mr Dave SILLAR	Chemistry & GD	8/71 to 10/77			
	Mr John SIMPSON	Geography	9/72 to 2/74	Mrs Betty WALLACE	Learning Support	8/73 to 6/83
	Mr Mike SIMPSON	French & GD	8/69 to 12/86	Mr Charlie 'Basher' WALLACE	Latin	4/59 to 7/63
	Mr Ron SKEOCH	Spanish	8/70 to 7/71	Mr Harry WALLACE	Maths	8/69 to 7/75
	Mrs Dorothy SMEATON	School Meals	1981 to 1997	Mr Peter WATERS	French	8/79 to 1/86
	Mrs Chris SMITH	English	9/80 to 10/98	Miss Alice WATSON	Home Econ.	6/83 to 1/92
	Miss Helen 'Granny' SMITH	Geography	1/49 to 2/68	Mr John WATT	Geography	8/71 to 3/79
	Mr Sidney SMYTH	English	8/54 to 9/66	Mr Tom 'Tam' WATERS	Maths	12/23 to 7/46
	Mr Tom SOMERVILLE	English	4/60 to 8/66	Mr Freddie WEBSTER	English	8/46 to 9/53
	Mr Chris SPARLING	Physics	8/68 to 4/73	Mr Simon WELER	Art	11/76 to 8/91
	Miss Marie STAHLY	Music	4/77 to 11/59 + 8/73 to 5/76	Mrs Lesley WESTWOOD	Technician	8/69 to 11/98
				Miss Dilys WHATMORE	French	8/74 to 11/76
	Mr Bob STEELE	Physics	12/45 to 3/48	Mr Jack WHITE	Maths & GD	8/61 to 12/83
	Mr David 'Stuffie' STEPHEN	Latin	11/64 to 12/68	Mr James 'Piggy' WHITE	Maths & Dep. R.	5/45 to 3/56
	Mr Ron STEPHEN	Technical	11/59 to 6/87	Miss Maureen WILLIAMSON	Home Econ.	8/74 to 7/77
	Mrs Anne STEPHENS	Biology	8/78 to 3/83	Mr Bill WILSON	English	2/78 to 11/94
	Mr Graham STEPHENS	PE	12/48 to 7/57	Mr Sammy WILSON	PE	10/76 to 2/79
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	Mr Mike STEVENSON	PE	8/72 to 10/76	Miss Clara YOUNG	History	8/72 to 7/74
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