Welcome from the Development Director

I am delighted to send you the latest edition of the Former Pupil Magazine.

As you will read, we have organised a number of very successful year group reunions again this year as well as the annual Club Dinner. For many of our former pupils, this has been the first visit back to their old school in a number of years, and for many the first visit to the School at Anniesland, and we are delighted that so many have commented on how much they enjoyed the experience.

We would be delighted to assist with some more former pupil reunion events this year. Perhaps the class of 1964, 1974, 1984, 1994 or 2004 are thinking about a reunion lunch or dinner? If you were in one of these year groups and would like to organise an event, or any other year group who would like to get together with their contemporaries, please get in touch with the Development Office, we would be delighted to help.

We hope you will enjoy reading of the achievements and memories of our former pupil community along with the news items on births, marriages and graduations. We hope you also enjoy reading some news on the activities of our Junior and Senior School pupils.

We are currently in the early stages of planning a former pupil event in New York in April, hosted by the Rector. If you are living in or around the New York area and would like to attend, please contact the Development Office for further information.

Finally, we would like to thank all of our former pupils who have already given to the recently launched Annual Fund Appeal. We have been encouraged by the support which we have received. You can find information on the Annual Fund and ways to donate in this Magazine, but if you would like any further information, please contact the Development Office.

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The launch of our first Annual Fund

In October last year we launched our first Annual Fund Appeal and we have been delighted by the support we have received from the High School community.

The Annual Fund will play an important part in the provision of additional income for bursaries each year to further reinforce the School's commitment to making a High School education available to able pupils regardless of personal circumstances. It will also help to fund short term projects within the School. In addition to bursaries, our projects for this year are: Junior School Assembly Hall Upgrade, Senior School Lecture Theatre Refurbishment, Additional Pipe Band Equipment or you can opt to allow us to allocate your donation where the need is greatest.

All donations, at any level, are very welcome and greatly appreciated. We have enclosed a gift form which you can return to the Development Office, or alternatively you can donate on-line by going to the following link:

www.glasgowhigh.com/giving

Legacy Appeal

As a former pupil you will appreciate the benefits of the education you received at the School and how it helped you in your adult life. While many families can afford our fees, there are a number of circumstances when some financial assistance is required. Insofar as our resources allow, we therefore offer bursaries through the High School of Glasgow Educational Trust in cases of need. The Trust is financed entirely by legacies and donations.

Legacies are a vital part of our Development programme and any letter and brochure on Legacy giving will be mailed this spring.

All those who pledge a Legacy will be eligible to join the Legacy Society, receiving newsletters and an invitation to a specifically designed recognition event. We hope you will consider this important venture.

Benefactors’ Board Unveiling

At a special ceremony at the Senior School on Thursday, 5 June 2013, Professor Sir Michael Bond, former Chairman of Governors, unveiled a Board in recognition of school Benefactors since 2005 in the main corridor beside Reception.

This Board is in gratitude to all who supported our Science Extension Appeal, bursaries and the Development Fund during this period, and is on permanent display in the Senior School.

If you would like to view the Board, please contact the Development Office.

Dates For Your Diary

Please note the following dates for events happening in 2014:

- **Ladies’ Coffee Mornings**
  - First Wednesday of each month at 10.30am (During term time only)

- **Ladies’ Lunch**
  - Sunday 2 March
  - The Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow at 12 noon

- **The 2nd Annual Unite Against Cancer Charity Dinner**
  - Saturday 15 March
  - The Hilton Glasgow Grosvenor Hotel, 6:30pm

- **London Club Dinner**
  - Friday 21 March 2014

- **Hong Kong Dinner**
  - Tuesday 25 March

- **New York FP Event**
  - April 2014 (TBC)

- **Class of 1964 Reunion**
  - Sunday 14 September 2014
  - Any enquires to Katy Drake née Caldwell: katedrake@hotmail.co.uk

- **High School Club Dinner**
  - Friday 3 October 2014

- **London Lunch & Young FPs Drinks**
  - October 2014 (date TBC)
Imagine my surprise in May 2013 when I arrived home from a research meeting in Elba to find a letter telling me that I had been awarded an OBE in the Queen’s Birthday Honours list for 2013 for services to Science. How did this come about?

I came to the High School as a first year entrant in the summer of 1957, young and somewhat naïve having spent my primary years at Hillhead Primary School in Cecil St. I found science fascinating and also was intrigued by the introduction to Latin in my first year, which then encouraged me to add Greek in second year. Thus, onwards I went, with a great interest in both the sciences and the classics but with a realisation that it was important to be good at Maths and English as well. Unfortunately the enthusiasm for sport never got through to me at any time and I was a highly reluctant rugby player and an even more reluctant participator in athletics and this lasted throughout my school and University career, although I was always open to a game of golf.

What to apply for at University was a challenge – classics, science or indeed Veterinary Medicine, as I always liked animals. Helped by my physics teacher Alastair Grant, who inspired me about the real excitement of physics, aided and abetted by the Bandit (David MacKenzie) who assured me that chemistry was even more exciting, I decide to leave thoughts of vet medicine and study physics, chemistry and maths at Glasgow where there was faculty entry and I could put off a final decision for another year. So, going into second year, decision was not easy but Physics won out and again on I went achieving a first class honours degree in 1967. But what next? I really enjoyed true experimental physics – fiddling with wires, voltmeters and high voltage, and so clearly the way ahead had to be research towards a Ph.D degree in experimental physics, in my case developing imaging detectors for X-rays and high energy charged particles. During the last stages of my Ph.D. a really exciting discovery in physics was announced by Professor Joe Weber at the University of Maryland – the detection of gravitational radiation from collapsing stars in the galaxy. Now gravitational waves are a prediction of Einstein’s General Relativity theory, one of the few predictions that have not been confirmed experimentally and which had the promise of opening up a whole new area of astronomy. So excitement was high but so was skepticism about whether the claimed detection could be real. This skepticism inspired a number of research groups around the world to plan more sensitive experiments to verify and extend the findings of Joseph Weber. One such group was being set up by my then research supervisor – Professor Ron Drever at Glasgow – and I was given the opportunity as a young postdoctoral researcher to join this highly challenging project. Thus we built up an experiment looking for tiny mechanical excitation in two systems of aluminium bars, seismically isolated, and shielded from acoustic signals by being mounted in vacuum systems. Problem was we only saw one unexplainable coincident excitation in our detectors during several years whereas Weber was seeing one signal per day, and it soon turned out that similar experiments in the USA, Italy, and Germany were also not seeing the signals that Weber was. Eventually after much controversy it was deduced that the signals being reported by Weber were not of astrophysical origin but were due to thermal fluctuations in his detectors. Nonetheless the search had started and along with some of the other research groups in the world we decided to concentrate on making even more sensitive detectors to verify Einstein’s predictions. More than 40 years later we are still doing this and believe that, at last, with a number of large laser interferometers around the world – LIGO in the USA, Virgo, a French-Italian detector in Italy and GEO 600, a German-British detector in Germany – we are on the verge of making a discovery perhaps by 1016 Or 2017, close to the 100th anniversary of Einstein’s original prediction.

What have I been doing in these 40 years? Essentially I have been leading a UK group in Glasgow developing technology of unprecedented sensitivity to look for the tiny fluctuations in space time caused by gravitational waves; and our developments of ultra-stable lasers and very low noise mechanical systems have had many spin-offs into other areas of physics and technology. Thus I became a lecturer, senior lecturer and then professor of experimental physics at Glasgow, winning several international research prizes along the way, being elected to the Royal Societies of Edinburgh and London, serving on the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council from 2007 to 2010 and being appointed in 2010 to the Scottish Scientific Advisory Council (SSAC). Working with colleagues in the SSAC we have been instrumental in shaping science and educational policy in Scotland and we have a particular interest in developing support for school teachers involved in the recently introduced Curriculum for Excellence in Scotland. I also am Chief Executive of the Scottish Universities Physics Alliance – a collaboration between the physics and astronomy schools of eight of the Scottish Universities and more globally I have chaired the Committee of Directors of Gravitational Wave Observatories world-wide, have advised the OECD in this area and serve on the Council of the Institute of Physics and the Executive Committee of the European Physical Society.

For all of this involvement in forefront physics, and in science and education policy, I deduce I was awarded my OBE. And I have no doubt that none of the above would have happened without the inspirational teaching of science at the High School of Glasgow.

As a postscript I must add that my old physics teacher, Alastair Grant, now aged 83, has been working in the Institute for Gravitational Research at Glasgow - the institute I and my colleagues built up - for the last 25 years!
Tom Riddell Trophies Donated to the School

On a recent visit for his class reunion, Bob Rowan, class of 1953, donated a collection of trophies and a copper plaque won by former pupil and International athlete, Tom Riddell. The collection had been given to Bob by the executors of Tom Riddell’s daughter Jan’s estate. Two of the trophies donated had been won by Tom whilst he was a pupil at the High School.

Bob shared some memories of Tom with us:

“Tom Riddell may not have been the greatest athlete of his generation, for that honour, he would concede unequivocally, belonged to his contemporary, the Chariots of Fire inspiration, the 1924 Olympic 400 metres champion, Eric Liddell. Yet Tom won more Scottish titles, set more national records, and in his own right was one of the most remarkable and charismatic of this nation’s twentieth-century sporting figures.

Tom McLean Riddell was educated at the High School from 1917 until 1923. Tom won the first of his mile titles at the age of 20, and would undoubtedly have won more but for a three-year absence, while working in Ireland. He set two Scottish mile records, the second (4min 15.0sec) at a packed Rangers Sports in 1933, when he finished close behind Jack Lovelock. The New Zealander was then the British all-comers’ record holder, and became Olympic 1500m champion three years later. Shettleston Harrier Riddell also set several records at 1000 yards, three-quarter mile, and one and a half miles. He was named for the 1930 Empire Games and 1932 Olympics, but rejected both because of work commitments. His last two recorded public races, in 1935, saw him take 11 seconds from Alfred Shrubb’s 31-year old UK best for a mile and a half.

He took up riding competitively after he retired from athletics with some success. After he returned to Scotland he became Managing Director of a company in the construction industry, retiring at the age of 75. In a local survey on long life he attributed his to longevity undertaking two and a half hours of physical labour per day which he usually spent grooming his horse and mucking out its stable.

An anecdote: During his last stay in hospital before he died, a nurse came on him in his room doing his exercises. When she questioned it, he said, “You have to keep fit you know” and the next morning had all the nurses in the ward, bar one who was six months pregnant, lined up doing exercises. What a man!”

Dr Hemang Yadav: Outstanding Achievement Award

We are delighted that Dr Hemang Yadav, who left the High School in 2001 and graduated from Imperial College, London in 2007 has been selected to receive the 2013 “Outstanding Achievement Award” for the Internal Medicine Residency Training program of the Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education, Minnesota, USA.

In recognition of his significant scholarly achievements, the Academic Appointments and Promotions Committee of Mayo Clinic have independently recognised Dr Yadav with the academic rank of Assistant Professor of Medicine which is a rare accolade for residents to achieve.

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Having finished Sixth Year at the High School, I really didn’t have a clue what I was going to do. I had offers from Universities which I didn’t take up as I couldn’t think of anything worse that sitting in a lecture theatre or class room for hours a day. I read about the Merchant Navy and visited a few open days at Maritime Academies and thereafter speculatively sent some application forms to try and find something to do. As luck would have it Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines had a deck cadetship available, and I had no hesitation in taking up the offer. The course is made up of five phases, three of which are at college while the other two are set aside for time at sea and cover subjects such as ship stability, cargo operations, celestial, terrestrial and tidal navigation, chart work and navigational aids as well as compulsory short courses covering personal survival techniques, firefighting and first aid. The course is run by Warsash Maritime Academy near Southampton and a majority of the lecturers are ex-Master Mariners with years of experience, so the course is exceptionally well taught.

The first phase concluded in January 2013 and after a few weeks at home I was ready to join my first ship. The initial qualification that I hope to achieve is an Unlimited Officer of the Watch licence, which allows me to take charge of a navigational watch of any ship. The majority of the lecturers are ex-Master Mariners with years of experience, so the course is exceptionally well taught.

Some confusion surrounded ship appointment and after initially being told that I would be heading to Barbados to join Boudicca, but because I turned eighteen after my joining date, I was subsequently told I would be heading to Tenerife - a little less glamorous - to join Braemar, the 23,000 tonne cruise ship. She bucks the trend of the new, colossal, floating cities of modern cruise ships fantastically, and is a beautiful little ship.

A bizarre journey to Tenerife, namely via London and Madrid, I clocked eyes on to my new home for the first time. After a few weeks at home I was ready to join my first ship. The ultimate qualification that I hope to achieve is an Unlimited Officer of the Watch licence, which allows me to take charge of a navigational watch of any ship. The majority of the lecturers are ex-Master Mariners with years of experience, so the course is exceptionally well taught.

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The first itinerary I had was very much out of the ordinary. From Tenerife we sailed east to Fuertaventura, then south west to the ports of Porto Novo, Mindelo and Praia in Cape Verde, and then east again to Banjul, The Gambia and head back north to Tenerife via Dakar, Senegal, and Gran Canaria. Despite the hard work, we found time to have fun as we stayed in Mindelo overnight during the Caraval de Mindelo. It was a fantastic experience and an evening in one of the nicer hotel bars helped me get to know some of the British crew on board. As you can imagine, British crew are minority on board and we tended to stick together when going ashore or going to meals.

Our turnaround port was Tenerife, meaning at the end of each cruise we would spend a night in Santa Cruz before beginning the next one. The itineraries were very similar, circumnavigating the Canary Islands before heading to West Africa again, and on a few occasions calling in at Madeira and Agadir, Morocco to the North. At the end of the season we headed home, to Dover, after which we spent a majority of our time crossing the Bay of Biscay to come back south to the Canaries, as well as one or two cruises to the Western Mediterranean.

My second contract was much shorter, and indeed different in so many more ways. Instead of accruing sunburn in the tropics, it would be a much chillier affair as we cruised through the Norwegian Fjords, going as far north as Ny Alesund at 77°N, as well as taking in the Baltics and Kiel Canal, which from an operational point of view was a great experience. The ship, Balmoral, was also very different to the first, indeed it had space for twice as many passengers and was double the gross tonnage of Braemar. Again I saw how varied the work we carried out was and instead of carrying out remedial and cosmetic work I was given more demanding and crucial tasks such as lifesaving apparatus inspections and firefighting equipment maintenance. I also spent a lot more time on watch that is working on the navigational bridge and understudying the duty officer, who is in charge of the ship for eight hours of the day, split into four hour watches, which is really what I want to be doing.

The first six months at sea have been nothing short of amazing. Having been initially anxious, I settled in after a few weeks and made some fantastic new friends of so many nationalities. My personal highlight of my first six months at sea would be the 12-day cruise around the Western UK and Ireland. From Southampton we steamed down to Guernsey before heading north to Dublin, and carrying on to Tobermory, Ullapool, Kirkwall, Stornoway, Belfast and back to Southampton. It featured a fantastic overnight stay in Dublin meaning the few could relax for a few hours at night and go and let their hair down in the city. However I was more excited about visiting ‘Balamory’ and sampling some real Stornoway Black Pudding. It was also quite a tiring itinerary because we had to tender passengers in and out of four ports, meaning very long days for the deck crew, in some cases they lasted thirteen hours.

Currently I am back down in Warsash studying until May, after which I head back to sea. Needless to say I can’t wait to be back on ship. This year I will both see some familiar faces and meet new people. I am delighted that I took this opportunity as it offers both a stable career, an immediate job with Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines when I finish studying and some amazing experiences.

They say start as you mean to go on, and hopefully the first six months at sea will be a precedent for the next six.
The Newlyweds & New Parents

Congratulations to our Former Pupils who married last year and became parents!

Gordon Porteous (class of 2001) married Laura in October 2013. Gordon currently works as a ski teacher at New Generation Ski School, Switzerland.

Kirsty Millar née Brown (class of 2005) married Stuart in April 2013. Kirsty currently works as a Recruitment & HR Director for an Oil & Gas Organisation.


On November 15 2013, Robert (class of 2000) and Sarah MacNeill welcomed their first child, William James MacNeill into the world. Born in the city of Bluffton, Indiana, USA.

Robert is originally from Killearn and left the High School of Glasgow in 2000. After graduating from The University of Glasgow with a Bachelors in Virology 2004, he moved to the USA to do post-graduate studies, on a soccer scholarship, and completed an MBA at Lincoln Memorial University in Tennessee.

Sarah Oswalt MacNeill is from Bluffton, Indiana. They met at Lincoln Memorial University as Sarah obtained a golf scholarship and studied Fine Art and History. Sarah also has a Masters in Library Science from Indiana University.

They married in January 2008. They reside near Indianapolis, Indiana where Rob is Head of European Sales for DeRoyal Industries and Sarah is Head Librarian for Youth and Teens at Wells County Public Library. They return to Scotland regularly and look forward to bringing Will to visit his Scottish family.
The musculoskeletal system holds so much potential. Movement is born through a cycle of chemical energy transforming into mechanical work. We become an expression of electricity. It is the way we connect with our environment; we become part of things. We leave footprints in the sand, atoms crash and whirl as we strip the willow, we shake a hand, kiss a loved one, crush a butterfly.

When an electrical current is applied to our mammalian muscles, we twitch and dance. All at once, come alive.

Of course we do not need such drastic measures to move. The nervous system does it all for us. Creating everything we understand as movement; the coordination, the release, the response, the communication. From our first breath of oxygen we begin to influence the random walk. We are given the privilege of movement and get to keep it until our last. Some develop it, some ignore it. Some lose it, forever.

You can be forgiven for taking movement for granted. After all, everyone is adequately distressed at the idea of having ‘Locked In Syndrome’ or Motor Neurone disease. Even if plastered limbs tend to attain more excitement than is necessary - a gleeful adventure into new sensations: the swing in a crutch step, the glide in a wheelchair, the mastery of calling a lift - the inconveniences overcome the novelty in the end.

For any of your most common physical disabilities, immobility of one limb is not the issue. Damaged command and feedback centres in the brain, severed connections, myelin destruction, networks of nerves lying disused and barren, other circuits overactive and epileptic, muscle wasting, contractures, spasticity, hypotonia. A body with physical disability is one out of control. You may have to heave along a stookie, be forced to give yourself armpit burs from the crutches, have to wear a plastic bag in the shower, but you can move at will. You still have the power. To truly experience physical disability to have to surrender that power.

Sport is exploration of movement. Often sport is so directed, tested and controlled that exploration seems impossible to the observer. To the player the experience is very different. To the player it is the only form of release in a world most of us cannot imagine.

The confidence I have gained made me explore further and attempt to match my newfound fitness with a sporting ability. Whether it is pushing me towards an allegorical landmark or towards an allegorical landmark it has let people bleed away from them, fitting nowhere, their competitive potential imprisoned within them.

RaceRunning and completing an Honours Degree in Physiological Sciences is as likely as someone making it up the 2329ft and touching Jesus’ stone feet.

Thank goodness I am a former pupil of HSG; sursum semper rings more keenly now than it ever did before. Whether it is pushing me towards an allegorical landmark in the next home of the Paralympics or just reminding me to keep reaching in all areas of my life I will do so. The basis of a supportive school which nurtured me is the basis I needed for success in all my races. For cycling and RaceRunning, wherever my three wheels may take me.
**Former Pupil News**

Some short updates from and about our Former Pupils

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**Euan Sutherland Appointed Group Chief Executive of Co-op Group**

Our warmest congratulations go to Euan Sutherland, class of 1987, who has been appointed as the Group Chief Executive of the Co-operative Group with direct responsibility for the Group on a day to day basis.

Euan joined the Co-op Group from Kingfisher where he was Group Chief Operating Officer. He also held previous executive management positions at Boots, Mars, Coca-Cola and Superdrug.

Euan enrolled at the Junior School in 1978 and left in 1986 to study first at Heriot-Watt University, reading Finance, and then at Aston University, graduating in 1993 with a BSc 1st Class degree in Managerial Studies.

Euan now lives in Guildford with his partner Jacqueline and their 4 boys.

We wish Euan every success and we look forward to time to put these down in writing for us to share with our former pupil community.

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**Memories Shared...**

**Daniel McNicol, class of 1942,** kindly contacted the Development Office with some memories of his time at School during 1933 to 1942. We thank him for taking the time to put these down in writing for us to share with our Former Pupil community.

“The number who can recall the War years is now diminishing. I am one of those diminishing numbers. My years at the High School of Glasgow were from 1933 to 1942. In the Junior School my teachers were Miss Ralston, Miss Lawson and Miss Logan.

My name is Dr Max Tookey and I was a student at the preparatory school of the High School of Glasgow when it used to be known as Drewsteignton in Bearsden. I left the school in 1975 when my family moved from nearby Milngavie to a small village called Chiddingstone in Kent. I never forgot the send-off my class gave me and I still have the copy of Enid Blyton’s “The Wishing Chair” that I got as a leaving present! My family later moved to St Leonard’s on Sea, near Hastings, and after school I worked in various jobs in the local area before entering Higher Education and subsequently working in research and University lecturing.

I achieved a degree in Psychology from the University of Bath, a Diploma in Social Administration from the University of Oxford, a Masters Degree in Occupational Psychology from the University of Wales, and more recently, a PhD in Management from the University of East Anglia. I have been a University Lecturer for 17 years now, and have held positions at the Universities of Cork, Bath, East Anglia, the West of England, and presently Greenwich (where I am a Senior Lecturer in Organisational Behaviour). I am currently undertaking research in how psychopaths have infiltrated the workplace and plan to write more about this area.

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We wish Euan every success and we look forward to welcoming him back to Anniesland in the near future.

Dr Max Tookey, Class of 1982

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**I am sorry to say that I have fallen out of touch with almost all my classmates. I left part way through first year but am still very proud of the school.**

I live in Bosnia and Herzegovina and have done for the last twenty years. I am currently the COO of a new international organisation that seeks to clarify the fate of persons who went missing during the conflict. I am married and have twin girls of 15 years old.

Mr Gibb, the PE teacher, always used to say that I had all the makings of a fine rugby forward if only I was on better terms with the ball. In my last game at the school he decided that he and I would be on one side against all of the rest of the class. We had to try to score a try and the rest had to stop us. They would have to run round the pitches if we scored so there was competition. We managed, though mainly because Mr Gibb was a very fit man and a strong player. Still, it was an incredible feeling and entirely changed my sense of confidence.

Adam Boys, Class of 1985

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I attended the High School from 1934 until 1942 when I left to join the R.A.F., where I flew as a pilot until discharge in 1946. On discharge aged 22, and unsure what I should do, I began in accountancy but soon recognized that this was not for me. I was able to have my ex-service grant switched to allow me to attend Glasgow University where I completed an Honours degree in Psychology.

Following graduation, I worked for a while in England as a psychologist at an Industrial Rehabilitation. In 1959 I returned to academia and completed a Ph.D. in Psychology at the University of London. In 1961 we (my wife Joan and our 2-year old daughter Sally) emigrated to Canada where I worked for some years as a psychologist in the Mental Health Services of British Columbia and Alberta, before moving to the Department of Psychology at the University of Calgary. I was there for eighteen years, before retiring in 1985 as Professor (now Emeritus).

Although I have lived in Canada for over 50 years I still have vivid and mostly fond memories of my time at the High School and the various friends I made there. The years have inevitably thinned out my age group but I would be very happy to hear from any of them who still remember me.

Stewart Meikle, Class of 1942
This can seem harsh but ultimately in our profession “the show must go on” always and we have to learn this from a young age. The days are very physical with approx. 3 hours a day... unlike most students, I am fitter and healthier than I was at school. With competition so fierce it is not enough to be good in just one area and it is also important not to “blend” and dancing together... my current role is Polly in “The Boyfriend”.

The aim of the course is to hone our audition skills and become “triple threats” i.e. excel in singing, acting and dance. With competition so fierce it is not enough to be good in just one area and it is also important not to “blend” with the crowd. Whilst you have to be highly skilled, it is equally important to stand out as an individual whilst auditioning.

A lot of our tutors are still working as professional actors in their own right which means we have great insight into the industry and being in London we have agents attending all our shows resulting in 99% employability rates for graduates of Mountview. I already feel completely different as a performer having learned how to approach songs through acting as well as developing good audition technique. The first few months have been absolutely incredible and I can’t wait for the rest of the year!

Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts
Elle Mackenzie, Class of 2012

The Home and School Association are delighted to announce that tickets are now available for the 2014 Ladies Charity Lunch and Fashion Show, which is being held on Sunday 2 March in the Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow at 12 noon. The ticket price for this glamorous event is £40 and includes lunch and a glass of fizz on arrival.

The charity we are supporting this year is Action for Children Scotland, a national charity in the heart of communities throughout Scotland. As well as supporting Action for Children Scotland, we have decided to give 20% of the funds raised at the lunch to the High School of Glasgow Educational Trust for the Bursary Fund. We believe this ethos of the provision of opportunity for children with ability to be able to attend the High School whatever their family’s financial circumstances is very important and are keen to support it.

To order your ticket(s) please contact Mrs Sarah Bell (Treasurer) either by email sarahbell888@btconnect.com or by phone on 07977 920418. Sarah will coordinate the tables, which will seat 10 ladies.

If you are able to donate a prize for the Raffle or the Auction please contact Susan Gibson-Smith, email: susangs@doctors.org.uk

Your donation will be printed in the luxury brochure together with your name/business. If you would like to advertise your business in our luxury brochure please contact Mark Higgins, email: mark.higgins@irwinmitchell.com

I do hope you will consider supporting us either in person by attending the lunch or in kind by your donation of a prize or advertising and help us to raise money for these two worthwhile causes.

Susan Gibson-Smith, Chairperson
London Scottish Rugby
Welcomes the High School of Glasgow

Alumni of the High School of Glasgow and other Scottish Schools turned out in force to support rugby football club London Scottish for their British & Irish Cup match against London Welsh in January at Richmond. After two resounding wins against the Welsh earlier in the season hopes of a hat-trick were high. Sadly it wasn’t to be – despite rousing support from the home crowd and visitors.

Ian Brodie, former High School Old Boy whose son Adam is a member of the London Scottish Executive Committee, was responsible for arranging hospitality invitations for his contemporaries to this inaugural “Scottish Schools” event designed to welcome fellow Scots in London. Along with High School of Glasgow, representatives attended from Stewart’s Melville, Trinity Academy, Mary Erskine, St Aloysius’, and Marr College. Further “Welcome” events are planned.

London Scottish was established in 1878 and is based in Richmond. For an exclusive High School of Glasgow match discount code and details of the next Welcome hospitality events, please email: asj@londonscottish.com
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A Trip Down Memory Lane
We look back at some old School photos sent in by some Former Pupils

Dr Peter Pinkerton, class of 1952, sent in this picture of the Kindergarten Sports Day Prize-giving at Old Anniesland in June 1940.

Dr Peter Pinkerton, class of 1952, also sent in this picture of Miss Barrie’s Junior 3 class from 1942-3.

Robert Cairns, class of 1960, shared this picture of his class 5C taken in October 1958.

Doug Parkin, class of 1946, sent in this photo of his class in 1942.
Graduations

Congratulations to the following recent Graduates:

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List of Deaths

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The High School of Glasgow Chamber Choir is enjoying major success as the current holders of the title “BBC Songs of Praise School Choir of the Year” for 2013, having previously been runners-up in 2011. As a result of this success, they have twice featured on BBC Radio 4’s Daily Service, and have made two further television appearances on “Songs of Praise”.

The choir is drawn from senior pupils in the school, following auditions. It rehearses once a week, in school, during lunch-time. A number of the choir members receive individual singing lessons in the school, and many are experienced choristers in other choirs, such as the Junior Chorus of the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and the National Youth Choir of Scotland.

With regular performances at school events, and more recently to various outside organisations and charities, future plans include an appearance at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall in February 2014, with another possible Radio appearance, and the recording of a CD for release later in the year.

Sports

Cricket

Congratulations must go to former pupil, Gavin Main, and current S6 pupil, Andrew Umeed. Gavin has been selected for Durham CC Academy, and Andrew has been selected for Warwickshire CC Academy. Both are representing Scotland in the U19 World Cup in Dubai in February.

Rugby

The 1st XV have had a very promising season in 2014, with a convincing win over Glasgow Academy before a record victory over Hutchesons’ Grammar School in the Scottish Schools’ Brewin Dolphin Cup competition. They therefore qualified for the quarter finals where they were beaten by the eventual winners, George Watson’s College.

Hockey

At the West District Senior Tournament in October, the girls won all three section games, Craigholme School in the semi-final and progressed to the final where they drew with Glasgow Academy, eventually losing on running penalties. Having qualified for the BP Cup Final with a semi-final victory over Glasgow Academy, the 1st XI squad played exceptionally well to win 6-1 against Hutchesons’ Grammar School at Titwood to win the cup for the third year in a row in November. In December, the indoor team competed at the West District Indoor Tournament. In the section games they won, drew and lost a game, they beat Hutcheson’s Grammar School in the semi-final, narrowly losing 3-2 in the final to Jordanhill School.
Fundraising
Bannerman House

It has been a busy and exciting term in Bannerman! Alongside the usual house competitions and events, was our fundraising week. We chose to support Build Africa’s work with Miti Mingi Primary School in the Gigil District in Kenya. We took on the specific challenge of raising the funds to build a new toilet block for the school, to assist with health concerns, by organising a series of toilet-themed events under the heading, ‘Build a Bog with Bannerman’. The programme included a treasure hunt, called ‘Game of Thrones’; a whole day relay event, called ‘Pass the Plunger’; and sought to involve Bannerman families by inviting them to twin their toilet at home with those we are hoping to build in Kenya. In addition, we managed to persuade a large proportion of the school to wrap themselves like a mummy in toilet paper and dance to Michael Jackson’s classic zombie anthem, ‘Thriller’. A great time was had by all and lots of money was raised for a wonderful cause.

Mr Ford, House Master

Clyde House

After the visit of Sister Lucy to Assembly at the beginning of the school term, Clyde House decided to fundraise for the charity ‘Maher’. Maher’s mission is “to care for and to shelter destitute women and children, while enhancing their capabilities, and to bring about the general advancement of the underprivileged in our society.” Throughout our fundraising week Clyde House organised a number of events aimed to attract every year group; these included a ‘Bring and Buy Sale,’ a Clyde-themed Cake and Candy, and the chance to soak the Captains. We also hosted the annual non-uniform day, as well as having Clyde’s answer to Paddy McGuinness (Jonathan Gibson) present a special edition of ‘Teachers Take Me Out’, with some highly entertaining adverts provided by the Clydies. We raised over £3000 which will go towards funding 27 children’s homes and 5 women’s homes in India. The whole of Clyde House would like to thank everybody for their amazing support and contribution!

Mrs Anderson, Housemistress

Drama
Me and My Girl

The Assembly Hall was transformed again at the end of November into the 1930’s and the stately residence of Lord Hareford in Rose & Fuber’s “Me and My Girl”. One of our biggest senior casts ever, with over 40 pupils from S4-S6 performing, took to the stage over four nights and had the audiences laughing and toe-tapping at the hilarious one-liners and well known songs.

The lead characters were superbly played by Graham Callison (S6) and Anna Crawford (S6) as Bill and Sally. Anna was touching in her portrayal of a spurned lover, and Graham gave a rambunctious performance, his physical comedy working well against the gentle humour written into much of the dialogue.

Eleanor Kane (S5) and Jonathan Gibson (S6) were equally well cast in the roles of Lady Jaqueline and Gerald, playing their parts with great humour and timing. The Duchess of Dene, who tries to teach Bill to be a gentleman, was played by Sophie Price (S6) with Paul Grindlay (S6) adding more humour as her secret admirer for over 30 years, Sir John Tremayne. Completing the principals were Andrew Woods (S6) as the family solicitor, Parchester, Euan Campbell-Birkett (S5) and Charlotte Gilbride (S5) were Lord and Lady Battersby and Ross Duncan (S6) controlled the staff as Charles, the butler.

The large chorus gave stunning performances of the Lambeth Walk and The Sun Has Got His Hat On, adding to the whole team effort. Hayleigh Rossetter (S6) produced some superb and energetic dance routines for the cast as choreographer. An excellent orchestra, including two current pupils, brought the music to life and contributed greatly to the atmosphere in the hall. The production was well supported by pupils and staff backstage assisting with roles in stage crew, light and sound, costumes and make-up.

The highly successful production was Directed and Produced by Mr Kenneth Robertson, with Mr Doug Fleming as Musical Director.

Junior School
Glasgow Christmas Carol Cancer Research UK Concert

In December the Junior School Chamber Choir performed at the biennial Glasgow Christmas Carol Concert at Glasgow Cathedral in the presence of HRH the Duke of Gloucester KG, GCVO. All proceeds from the event went directly towards Cancer Research UK’s life-saving research in Scotland. The choir performed alongside Capercaillie star Karen Matheson (pictured), Britain’s Got Talent winner Jai McDowall, the Erskine Stewart’s Melville School Choir and the ScottishPower Pipe Band.
On Saturday 22 June 2013, 50 years, almost to the day, after leaving the School, 34 members of the ‘Class of 1963’ assembled at Old Anniesland for a 50th Anniversary Reunion lunch. Two had travelled from USA, two from South Africa, one from Spain, 5 from England, and the 24 strong Scottish contingent hailed from a’ the airts - literally! - with representatives from Stornoway and Gretna!

Contact had been made with a further ten classmates who sent apologies and good wishes from USA, Australia and Italy, as well as places nearer to home. A Reunion Newsheet had been compiled with each classmate submitting a brief CV and a photograph. This made fascinating, impressive - and humbling! - reading.

The School had kindly given us the use of the splendid facilities in the Jimmie Ireland Stand, where we were welcomed at the door by the Pipe Major of the CCF. The Rector, Colin Mair, at a time when he had a lot on his plate with Prize Giving and end of term looming, generously gave us his time to conduct a ‘whirlwind’ tour of the ‘New’ School which was hugely impressive, and his enthusiasm and obvious pride in what the School is achieving and to what it aspires was infectious and inspiring.

It was then on to the bar and the socialising began in earnest! We took time out to have a group photograph and had a lot of fun re-creating photographs from the 1963 School magazine. We had eight from the rugby; 1st XV, eight from the CCF’s senior NCOs and the four surviving ‘High Heid Yins’. All surviving 6th form Prefects from the School Council were present. We had a young lady from the School taking pictures throughout the morning and these, plus the group photos, produced a scrapbook which we will all treasure in the future.

Allan James and his catering staff laid on a superb buffet and we were privileged to have the Rector join us for lunch. After he left us, the serious nostalgia and reminiscing began. We drank a toast to ‘absent friends’, the 16 (as far as is known) classmates who had passed away since leaving School. Thereafter, one story sparked off the next. The 50 years just rolled away! They had to throw us out at 6 o’clock! As one of our number said afterwards, it was a once in a lifetime event that we would not have missed.

We are grateful to Karen McDonald and her team for their support in organising the event and we would like to record our most sincere appreciation of all that everyone at HSofG did to make our day so memorable. We look forward (dv!) to celebrating our 60th Reunion in ten years’ time!

Stuart Shields

It was with some trepidation I undertook this exercise. After all, it was going to be the first time I had communicated with most of my peers since the day we walked out of Elmbank Street some forty years earlier. Additionally, I didn’t want to come across as a refugee from Friends Reunited. Full of embarrassing anecdotes from a time some people would like to consign to the history books.

An informal chat with Kenny Hamilton did nothing to improve my motivation, “What do you talk about once you get past, so what are you doing with yourself these days question and answer?” was his response.

Fortunately, Karen McDonald, the School’s excellent and inspirational Development Director, was more supportive but unfortunately her database was minimalistic - around twelve names from a final year photograph of over seventy!

Nevertheless the ball started rolling. Despite his somewhat dismissive reaction KH came forth with a few names who showed guarded support. Alan Moffett was co-opted and he spent a number of evenings phoning around to see whatever happened to so and so. Out of left field came communication from Allen (Frank) Sternstein who turned up trumps as our man south of the border.

And then the emails started! For months my inbox bulged each morning with the dribbling’s of those who should know better. Remember, dear reader, this is a generation for whom the mysteries of Facebook remained that… a mystery! Next to the phone, the next best way to communicate was to email. If you wanted a chat, you emailed. If you wanted to discuss the detail of an anecdote there was an email. A correction warranted a second email or even a third email. If you wanted to tell people how excited you were about the prospect of the event there was an email. John Roots must have held the record! Boy, was he excited!

Finally, the date was set - 18 May 2013. Through a spot of benevolent dictatorship by yours truly a format was decided upon. A spot of coffee, quick tour of the School followed by a champagne reception and lunch.

The list began to build. Soon we were in the mid-teens for attendees. The arid John Cumming (ex-French teacher) and the eponymous Barry Finlayson (ex-Economics teacher) agreed to endure our company again.

Flights and hotels were booked. Mike (Rev) Johnstone announced he was prepared to travel from the far east - Edinburgh! But there were others such as Gordon Glover and Barrie Mason for whom this was a genuine offer.

Our man in the south, Allen Sternstein was good to his word. Soon more names were added. Cliff Connelly from the Channel Islands, Alan (Manny) Brodie from London, Graham Lyall and Vic Leverston from the North West. Could we possibly get a couple of dozen along? Now that would be magic!

Some sincere apologies appeared. Guys who genuinely wanted to come along but had other commitments. Tony Boston from Canada was a regular contributor on the email circuit. Pete Lacey, Kenny (now called Kenneth!) Robb and wee Davie Elder.
And so the great day arrived. Glasgow was at its finest - it rained. But they travelled from near and far. No last minute call-offs just thirty one guys and two teachers ready to meet, reminisce and ask in hushed tones how could Kenny Hamilton have no grey hair and was Tony Caplan really in our year looking twenty years younger than anyone else.

Dougie Flint, for those of you who don’t read papers now the Chairman of HSBC, won the award for true commitment and endeavour flying in from London as part of his onward travels to Hong Kong to attend a dinner for bankers.

The day itself surpassed all of my wildest expectations. There were no pregnant pauses, no defectors from the tour of the school, just unbridled camaraderie and laughter. Yes, Sammy Kingsley still has the noisiest, most infectious belly rumble of a laugh!

Speeches were made and absorbed. Our School Captain and almost astronaut David Jamieson gave us his perspective of life at Elmbank Street. A letter from Diane Firth, now back in residence in her native Australia was read out. In 1973 this young Maths teacher, wearing a wonderfully audacious mini skirt, was the dream of every acne ridden teenager at the school.

And then to the spontaneous round the table bout of anecdotes. Favourite of all had to be the class of 4F4, John Cable and the trap door in his classroom. Or was it Paddy O’Neill’s raid on the Film Club? Even the teachers chipped in! Laughter abounded, a few tears were shed but more than anything a real feeling that it was good to see each other and that we must do it again in either five or ten years’ time.

Thanks are due to the many who made the commitment to attend. But most importantly to the Rector, Colin Mair, Bursar, Juliet Simpson and Development Director, Karen McDonald. The School is indeed in excellent hands.

Stewart MacAulay

The class of 1993 got together in June last year for our 20 year reunion at the Pavilion. We had a great turn out of almost 40 folk, including Mr Mair and Mr Broadbent. Needless to say, after a few nervous minutes it descended into a party reminiscent of school discos in the Pavilion - minus the teenage shenanigans! We raised £428.57 for the Meningitis Trust in memory of our classmate Julia Birkbeck, so a very successful evening in more ways than one.

Victoria Devane née Lunn and Gail MacFarlane née Hamilton

Yet another decade slips by at Old Anniesland and it is with great pleasure we can announce that the class of 92 managed to make it to 9.35pm. The proof is in the pudding… well, in the picture really but the 20 year reunion cake was nice too.

When we announced the reunion dinner we were delighted to have the opportunity to invite all our former teachers and our retired rector Robin Easton kindly joined in too. Some of us would fare well if we were placed in the rugby teams front row now but considering the strain we put our teachers under they looked much better. It was a delight to mingle with old friends over a few libations and as one English teacher pointed out everyone looked so well. We took this hidden meaning (as we did in his interpretation class) to mean fattened up for Christmas.

Sadly one of our old friends and former pupil Lyle Pointer passed away during 2012. However I’m glad to report we raised over £2000 at our auction on the night for an Orangutan sanctuary in Borneo on his behalf. He will be sorely missed by us and the animals were very appreciative of his kindness too.

I would like to pass on my thanks again to Colin Mair and Karen McDonald at the school for their kind hospitality and to all my fellow FP’s who worked so hard to pull it all together. All that remains to be said is let’s not try and get to 9.35pm again, at our age, it’s all a bit much.

The next big class of 92 reunion will be planned for May 2022 (30 years).

For further info email Neil Watson at: neil@watsontowersgroup.com

Neil Watson
The Glasgow High School Club

New President: Eric Hugh, Class of 1972

I am honoured to be once again the President of the Glasgow High School Club.

As we know, the raison d’être for the Club is to promote the interests of the School and its former pupils. In recent years, this promotion has taken the form of the Club doing its best to ensure that the facilities at Old Anniesland were maintained at a high standard for use by the School and by our affiliated sporting sections. To some extent we have not catered so well for former pupils who are not involved in sport or who have moved away from the west of Scotland. While we run a very successful annual dinner, and provide you with updates via newsletters such as this, we recognise we could do more. My predecessor Barrie Stobo, started a consultation exercise with former pupils part of which was an on-line survey where we sought the views of FPs as to what they would like the Club to offer. Barrie will pull together the results of this consultation exercise over the next few months and we will share the results with you.

I am also conscious that we need to look at the membership of the Club. At present, all School leavers receive free membership of the Club for five years. Unfortunately very few then go on to become full members of the Club. This is not a healthy situation and is one which must be sorted. I am therefore investigating a scheme whereby all former pupils, past and present, would become full (life) members of the Club without the payment of an annual membership fee. We have had life membership schemes in the past, but these have had to be terminated as proper funding for the scheme was not in place. I believe that we now have the opportunity to introduce a properly funded life membership scheme. I will write to you again on this subject when I have done all of my sums and got the agreement of the Club committee and other interested parties, principally the School.

I noted earlier that the primary focus of the Club in recent years has been to make sure that OA continues to be maintained to a high standard. I think we have managed to do so and it is due in no small measure to the efforts of the House and Ground convenors, most recently Barrie Gray and Colin Wilson. However, it is now impossible for volunteers to look after a facility such as OA in their leisure time. We are therefore very grateful to the School for employing Keith Hodgson as full time Estate Manager. This has proved to be an inspired appointment and Keith is working very well with the Club to keep the fabric maintained and running in a cost efficient manner, as well as keeping us right on regulatory matters such as Health and Safety.

Maintaining a 90 year old pavilion brings its own issues, but by far the biggest problem we face seems to be the climate in the west of Scotland. I will let others debate whether this is caused by Global Warming or not, but the rainfall we are experiencing means that the drainage of the playing fields at OA is an ongoing problem. Over the past decade or so, the Club has spent hundreds of thousands of pounds upgrading the drainage of the grass pitches. The state of the pitches has improved over the years but it is a never ending battle to keep them well drained. Rest assured, the Club will continue to invest in drainage and equipment to try to ensure the pitches remain playable in wet weather.

No matter how well we drain our grass pitches, we must accept that hockey can no longer be played on grass; indeed GHK Hockey Club have been told by the Scottish Hockey Union that not only must they play league matches on a synthetic pitch, but that pitch must be of a specific standard. Accordingly the Club is proposing the construction of a second synthetic pitch at OA. This pitch would meet the standards required by the SHU. Consultants have been engaged to advise on the project. Their advice will cover not only the specification of the pitch, but its location and the layout of the remaining grass at OA. As I write this, there is still a possibility that we will have the new synthetic pitch up and running by September 2014, but 2015 remains the more realistic timescale.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, the achievements of the affiliated sports sections of the Club are noted. In summary, all sections are in good heart and as amateur clubs are generally achieving great results on the park, often against semi-professional opposition.

The Club; well what can you say? All FPs can be proud of their Alma Mater, not only because of the academic results it achieves but also the extra-curricular activities it excels in, both sporting and cultural. Winning the “Songs of Praise” choir of the year was an outstanding example of this. We must thank and congratulate the School staff, senior management team and Rector Colin Mair for what they have done for our old School. I must also extend my personal thanks to Colin for the support he gives me as President.

I would also like to thank the Development Director, Karen McDonald, and the School Development Office for all they do for the Club including the admin around the annual dinner and the preparation of this newsletter.

As a date for your diary, the 2014 annual dinner will be held on Friday 3 October in the School assembly hall. I am trying to line up some interesting speakers and look forward to welcoming you at the dinner.

In the past, presidents held office for more than one year, but I believe I am the first person in 140 years, to have been your president for two separate terms. In what is a very interesting period in the long history of the Club, I take it as a huge compliment as well as an honour that I have been “asked back”.
The London club had another good year in 2013, and continues to be a focal point for school former pupils based in London and the southeast.

Our annual dinner at the Caledonian Club in March proved to be a highlight of the year once again. In a change of format, we were entertained by illusionist and magician, Scott Penrose, who proved to be extremely popular. Everyone was amazed, and frustrated at being unable to work out the secrets, in equal measure.

Gordon Low, president of Glasgow Academicals in London, handsomely proposed a toast to the club and the school. The Rector, very ably assisted by the school captains, replied.

In October, the annual President’s lunch at the Caledonian Club was well attended as always. We were lucky to have Colin Mair and Karen McDonald from the school as our welcome guests once again. Later that evening the Rector and the club co-hosted our autumn drinks reception at a City wine bar, principally for younger FPs living in the London area.

It was great to see so many - at lunchtime and in the evening - taking the chance to catch up with old friends and get involved with the London Club.

The golf section remains in fine order under the excellent leadership of convenor Ross Gibbons. We were content to allow another team win the Scottish Schools’ Championship in June at Denham golf club. It was also the turn of the Glasgow Academicals to engrave the Anniesland trophy. No doubt it will be back in High School hands next year. Our own outing, for the club’s Denham Trophy - which has been competed for every year since 1960 - was at Beaconsfield Golf Club, and enjoyed by all in October. Alastair Watson took home the trophy, in some style.

The golf section is always looking to recruit new, younger, players (of any standard!). Everyone is very welcome, and the Scottish Schools’ Championships and our own outing are great opportunities to play some fine courses.

As I come towards the end of my time as President, my sincere thanks to all former pupils and friends of the School who support our events. We aim to make the London Club relevant for everyone, and will continue to try and achieve this. Our efforts are aided by the kind support of the school, and not least the Rector and his team, and the Development Office.

Especial thanks to Donald Abbott for organising the autumn drinks reception and being the club’s link with newer FPs, to our dinner convenor Christine Ansell, and our treasurer Angus Cameron for looking after the club’s accounts calmly and efficiently. Many thanks also to my vice-president Ian Brodie and my predecessors as president David Eales, Jennifer Cameron and Dougie Attrill for all their support and advice.

NB: The 2014 London club dinner will be at the Caledonian Club on Friday 21 March.
Our record last season in West League Division One was - Played 18, Won 14. To win 14 games would be enough in many leagues to win promotion but this was a season dominated by Marr who deservedly won the league with all their matches won. The priority this season is to gain promotion. Preseason strength and conditioning sessions were started early in various gyms and in outdoor circuit sessions across Glasgow. This determination has led us to be top of the league by January 2014 by winning nine games out of twelve.

We have been very lucky to have had Kenny Hamilton as Head coach over the last few years. Kenny has put in countless hours for the team on the training pitch, game days and organisation behind the scenes. He was also a major driving force in the recent successful GHK tour to America.

Our 2nd XV, coached by Glenn Woolard and Henry Gray, worked along with the 1st XV and many players moved between the two teams. The team secured their position in West One League by once again gaining fifth place. Our thanks to Glenn and Henry for their sterling efforts this season made harder by many cancelled games due to the weather. In the West Regional Shield, GHK once again had a good run and reached the semi-final only to be beaten by eventual winners Marr. A new fixture was a GHK vs. Exiles game that welcomed back many former players and High School pupils to Old Anniesland.

All at GHK are delighted to congratulate Mike Borthwick on his award for SRU and RBS West Regional Player of The Season. This is the second time that Mike has gained this award. It is decided by votes garnered from opposition clubs who vote for their Player of the Match. Mike is joined by many Former Pupils of the school in contributing greatly to the success and enjoyment of playing rugby at GHK - Greg Woolard, Colin Neilson, Gordi Reid, Paul Polson, Cammy Brown, Phil Forrest, Barry Gray and Euan and Craig McPhee are hugely involved. If you have an interest in playing rugby when you leave school or to return to playing rugby then contact any of the above for information or email: info@ghkrfc.com

Our coaching team this year is led by Liam McIntyre. Liam had great success as a player with GHK and Hawks. He has coached senior club rugby for several years now and is also a SRU age grade coach with Caledonia District. Liam will bring an uncompromising and winning attitude to our teams backed up with the latest in coaching methods.

Our season ended last year with the GHKRFC Awards Dinner. A great night in the Jimmie Ireland Stand shared as usual with the GHK ladies from the hockey section.

News of the passing away of some Old Anniesland stalwarts has saddened the year. Former Presidents, Gordon Anderson, Jimmy Martin and George Arthur. John McCrossan who tirelessly and efficiently led the mini rugby section through many years. Mima Hamilton who was an ever present supporter on our touchlines. Their work and support are never forgotten and is built on for future generations of players at Old Anniesland. GHK look forward to this season’s League games with confidence and anticipation. The players appreciate supporters watching and you are always assured of a warm welcome at OA.

Scott Inglis, GHK Rugby Convenor
2013 brought better weather but somewhat less success to GHK CC than the two previous summers.

It was a frustrating year for the 1st XI - having been lodged in the top 4 of the WDCU Premiership all season, an agonising one-wicket defeat in the last game at Kilmarnock saw them slip to 5th. This didn't really reflect how well the team played - all but two defeats were by narrow margins while most of the wins were emphatic. The blow was softened by beating Glasgow Accies both on the pitch and in the table and things improved further when a post-season points penalty for an opponent returned the team to the top 4 in the final reckoning.

The 1st XI were also unlucky not to progress in the Western Cup, having won every group game going into the last round. This would have guaranteed qualification from any other group, but the way rivals' results panned out meant a solitary defeat to West's 2nd XI was enough to bring about a premature exit.

The Evening team had an even narrower miss - ultimately losing out on cup progression by just 4 runs - but had the rather large consolation of winning Evening League Division 2 to secure promotion back into the top tier.

The 2nd XI had a nightmare season. Competing in a badly structured new league, which started with too few fixtures and was further decimated by opponents conceding or folding altogether, only 6 games got played across the whole of a beautiful summer. For what it was worth, the team won 3 and lost 3 to finish mid-table, but did manage to make national headlines in June when Tariq Mehmood's 236 not out led the team to a total of 403-2 off 45 overs against Kingholm at Anniesland. Both his score and the team's are believed to be new club and ground records.

The other individual highlight of the season was the emergence of young all rounder John Allan who, at 15, forced his way into the 2nd XI and almost immediately into the 1sts with a series of outstanding performances.

The ground was well presented all season and the club would like to thank the groundstaff for all their efforts. Now all we need is similar weather (and a favourable league restructure!) to set us up well for a successful 2014. Indoor training will begin in early spring and all players of any age and ability are welcome to join us.

Please visit www.ghkcricket.co.uk or our Facebook Page to find out more.

Adam Rixon

I am pleased to report that our ladies have had a most enjoyable season.

At the beginning of February we held our Dinner and AGM in the Jimmie Ireland Stand. The meal was delicious and we were well attended to.

Our summer outing, in which we play for the Jean Smith Salver, was held at Virgin Active Golf Club on a warm and sunny day. Sheena Niven played well and won the salver.

The autumn outing was played at East Kilbride Golf Club the weather was finer and on this occasion Cherry Jamieson returned the best score winning the Anne Greig Cup.

Our knockout competition, the Marion Smith Quaich, was won this year by Maggie Rutherford.

New lady members are always welcome, no matter how high or low their handicap.

Further information is available through the Development Office.

Margaret Ramsay, Secretary