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Editorial

Moving up in the world...

Mole had to scrape and scratch, and scabble and scrooge with his little paws, muttering to himself all the time, 'Up we go! Up we go!' At last — pop! — his snout came out into the sunlight, and he found himself rolling in the warm grass of a great meadow...

THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS, Chapter 1

There's an air of excitement in the basement. We stand on the brink of something new. It's like that memorable moment when Mr Mole sniffs daylight for the first time.

For two and half years, the grandly entitled 'External Relations office' has actually been a cupboard - admittedly a fairly large cupboard - deep down in the bowels of the main building at Kelvinbridge. Those of you of a certain vintage will remember it as one of the below-stairs cloakrooms where small boys were left hanging on coat hooks, sometimes for weeks at a time, until an inquisitive master happened to notice they were missing from class. (I may have listened over-credulously to rather too many slightly-exaggerated accounts of life at The Academy in the 'good old days'.)

Now - like Mole - the office is making a break for freedom and moving across the road to the newly-vacated Colebrooke Terrace since the Prep School has taken up residence in its wonderful new home. We're moving, lock stock and barrel; we're taking everything. Well, almost everything...



Karen McDonald

Karen McDonald was in at the start and took charge long before there was anyone else around to help. Her knowledge of databases, and her tireless efficiency allied to her bubbly personality and infectious laugh have all shaped the way in which the External Relations office has developed. Karen has time for everyone - a quality that is as rare as it is essential in an office like this one.

Now her many talents have been spotted and she has been offered a post managing the Development Office at Wellington College, Berkshire. We will miss her and we know that many of our readers will miss her too.

Thank you for all your calls and e-mails. This time last year *Etcetera* was slim to the point of being emaciated. This year, the added weight of your news has ensured that we're looking in better shape for summer.

Do keep in touch.

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It's how we communicate best!**

Keeping in touch

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Letters to the Editor

A Yank in Silk Trousers

Dear Sir,

I have just read with interest your article on the Academy website. In January 1953 my parents enrolled me in the Academy and I left in May 1956 with my Scottish Highers, qualified for my next adventure: Engineering at McGill University, Canada. What a fabulous experience for a young boy who had grown up in an enjoyable and reasonably sheltered life in Hamilton! I had spent ten years in Hamilton playing sports and going to school with a group of ten other boys. At age fifteen when we moved to Glasgow, one could qualify in Hamilton for a car driving licence and co-ed parties were starting. I thought I was a 'man of the world'.

In retrospect, I looked like Fonzie, that young hot-shot American boy on 'Happy Days'. With my ducktail haircut, and draped gabardine trousers that shone from their every-day pressing, no wonder that my new Academy classmates spent my first day at the Academy asking their friends if they had seen the new 'Yank in the Silk Trousers'. I felt very much on the outside during my first six months at the Academy, but life improved. I developed many great school friends, enjoyed playing rugby and even played a few games on the 1st XV in my final year. I became Drum Sergeant in the bagpipe band and life was good. We still have wonderful friends in Glasgow and this year I am celebrating my 70th birthday by again visiting Glasgow and other parts of Scotland and including some games of golf and whiskey nose trail experiences. Is Dr Rob Chatfield on your list of graduates? He was a great friend and I would like to contact him if he is still in Glasgow.

Kind regards,

William G. (Bill) Hutchison

(Class of '56)

Stand and deliver!

Dear Mr McNaught,

The reminiscences in *Etcetera* (Winter/Spring 2007) and particularly the photograph of Batchie on the back spur me to add a few lines. I left the Academy in December 1942, and put in two terms at College before joining the Army in September 1943.

Up to 1939, my summer sport was rifle shooting. Each Friday afternoon I drew a 303 rifle from the OTC armoury together with 20 rounds, and took them home. On a Saturday, a tram to Central Station and a train to Bishopbriggs brought me to Dechmont Range, where I shot at 200, 300 and 500 yards. Home, I boiled out (pouring boiling water down the rifle shaft for anyone too young to have performed the ritual) and oiled it, and on Monday took it back to school. At the time I was 13 or 14. Can you imagine a young teenager going by public transport with a rifle today?

The OTC held a corps camp each summer. They stopped at the outset of the war. Thereafter we went on forestry camps to Braco in 1940, to Roy Bridge in 1941 and to Alness in 1942, and in each felled pines and dressed them for use as pit props.

Academically, I was a classicist, and am eternally grateful for the intensive tuition I got from Batchie, Freddie Reid and the Rector. Four years in the Indian Army unfortunately undermined my facility with Greek and Latin, and I completed my degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics. J & P Coats was thereafter my 'home' for 36 years, initially overseas and later in the Glasgow Head Office, but constantly travelling to overseas markets.

Yours sincerely,

Jamie Cowan (1934-1942)

Happy birthday, Frank!

Just a couple of weeks short of his 102nd birthday, one of the guests at our Summer Evening on the Roof Terrace was Colonel Frank Saunders. The evening offered an opportunity to see round the new Prep School building and Colonel Saunders showed enormous interest in everything on show - from the Reception area to the Roof Terrace itself. Colonel Saunders is surely one of the best-informed and liveliest centenarians in the country!



Open Golf Reception

We are very grateful to Iain J McNair (1966) for organising a reception on the evening of Friday 18 July to mark the Open Golf Championship which was held this year at Royal Birkdale. At the time of going to press, he is looking forward to welcoming a number of friends - old and new - at his home in Southport.

Andrew seeks your contributions...

We have published a fair number of stories from wartime in our first few editions of *Etcetera*. If you attended The Academy or Westbourne during the war years and would like to contribute a tale of school life in wartime, then Andrew Wylie is interested in hearing from you. Andrew has agreed to be the point of contact in gathering stories or reminiscences about your schooldays during the war - which we hope to publish as a collection. Please send them either by post or by e-mail to one of the following addresses:

Rev Andrew Wylie, Wellrose Cottage, Peat Inn, Fife, KY15 5LH or ajw.wellrose@btinternet.com



ACADEMICALS ETC

The new President of the Academical Club – Hugh Barrow

Hugh attended Glasgow Academy between 1949 and 62 whilst his sister Diana went to Westbourne. He has family connections with The Academy going back to the 1870s with his grandfather being one of the pupils who transferred from Elmbank Steet to Colebrooke Street when the new building opened in 1878.

During his school days, his love of rugby was overtaken by athletics (when you are about 6ft but only weigh 9st 7lbs in old money you don't have a lot going for you in rugby terms!). He took himself off to Scotstoun Showgrounds, joined Victoria Park AAC and within a year won the Scottish Boys' Cross Country Championships over Hamilton Racecourse.

He captained the Scottish Schools Athletics team beating the All-England Schools Mile Champion in successive years. Hugh set a World Age Group record for the 1 mile at Santry Stadium, Dublin in 1961 of 4m 10.9s. This record stood for several years until it fell to Jim Ryun from Wichita East High School Kansas. (Jim Ryun went

Hugh Barrow succeeded Wally Mitchell as Academical President in June.

But who is this man Hugh Barrow?

on to set a world record for the mile at 3m 51s and Hugh went on to be secretary of Glasgow Hawks.)

The following year whilst still at The



Academy he gained his first full international vest, being selected for the match against Ireland at Celtic Park Belfast. He represented Britain in 1967 and also gained AAA and English Northern Counties vests.

He failed in his ambition to become the first Scotsman to break the 4 minute barrier by 1 second, recording 4m 1.0s in 1968 in Manchester. He was a founder member of the British Milers' Club set up in 1963 to raise the standard of British middle-distance running. The members included the likes of Roger Bannister, Derek Ibbotson and Steve Ovett.

In 1967 he took part in Kip Keino's unsuccessful assault on Jim Ryun's world record for the mile. During this time, he ran on several occasions at both Ibrox and Parkhead at half-time during Old Firm matches and also at Hampden in an international mile prior to Scotland v England match.

He has served as president of Victoria Park AAC, secretary of West of Scotland FC and for the past ten years has been secretary of Glasgow Hawks.

Rugby tickets - Autumn Tests

Tickets for the following games can be ordered through the Club:

Scotland v New Zealand, on Saturday 8 November at 5.15 pm (Murrayfield)

Scotland v South Africa, on Saturday 15 November at 2.30 pm (Murrayfield)

Scotland v Canada, on Saturday 22 November at 2.45 pm (Pittodrie)

Please phone Alastair Lockhart on 0141 223 8704.
Last date for orders is Monday 15 September.

126th Academical Dinner

Last year's 125th Academical Dinner coincided with the announcement that Glasgow had been awarded the 2014 Commonwealth Games, so it is appropriate that this year's dinner is being held at the stadium that will become the centrepiece of the Games. The Dinner will be held on Friday 7 November at Hampden Park, Glasgow.

Russell Andrew Trophy

The Russell Andrew Trophy was presented to the Club in 1980 in memory of Russell Andrew who was regarded by his contemporaries as the finest all-round sportsman of his generation as he excelled in athletics, cricket, golf, tennis and especially in rugby. Over the years, the trophy has been presented to Academicals who have represented Scotland in their chosen sport or made a major contribution to Academical sport over a number of years.



On Sunday 18 May, Club President Wallace Mitchell was pleased to present the Russell Andrew Trophy to Johnnie Beattie in recognition of his full international caps and his selection to tour Argentina with Scotland in June.

The presentation took place at a dinner in the clubhouse to mark the 30th Anniversary of the formation of the Mini Rugby section at New Anniesland. Johnnie Beattie and his father John Beattie spoke to 62 boys

and fathers about the part that rugby played in their lives saying how pleased they were that mini rugby was continuing and being successful. Their theme was that rugby was a game for life and those who played it would be welcome in any clubhouse in the world. Johnnie Beattie is the first former Accies mini rugby player to have been capped for Scotland in the professional era.

Earlier in the evening Alasdair Graham, one of the founding members of the

'mini' section, said a little about the early years and was pleased to note the re-establishment of the end-of-season dinner for boys graduating from mini rugby to midi rugby.

Stuart Neilson, the current Chairman of mini rugby, reported on a highly-successful season that had culminated in a tour to Malone RFC in Belfast to take part in their annual tournament. Ross Swanson of Transitus proposed the vote of thanks, and James Mortimer, also of Transitus, said grace in verse.

After dinner, prizes were awarded to Angus Neilson as outstanding player in the Trans group, and to Calum Tilston as most improved player of the year. In the Prep 5 Group, the player of the year was William Prentice and the most-improved player, Ryan Sweeney.

At the end of the dinner, John and Johnnie Beattie played rounders with the boys to complete a highly-enjoyable evening.

Alasdair Graham (1959)

News from Academical Clubs Abroad

Message from South Africa

To all Accies: Just a note to inform you all that SA is alive and well (well just...). The Academical section in Johannesburg does exist and we cordially invite any visitors to these shores to contact us en-passant (any excuse for a lunch!).

With no political slant all, I can say is that we 'live in interesting times', in the Southern African Area, but the encumbants enjoy the country and would welcome any visitors/part time/full time employees to get in touch.

A brief note, but perhaps the start of 'letter from South Africa'!

Regards to All

Ronnie McLeod Veitch (1972)

rveitch@global.co.za

Antony Cunningham (1962)

After more than forty-two years representing the interests of the Glasgow Academical Club and the School in Toronto, Canada, Antony Cunningham has decided to relinquish these responsibilities. Since 1966, Tony has worked tirelessly to welcome visiting Academicals, pupils, teachers, and school teams to Ontario. Through the '60s and '70s, Tony coordinated a thriving Academical presence in Toronto that held annual dinners and golfed and curled together and against representatives of other prominent Scottish schools. Together with Sandy Ferns, and with the support of Doug Gibson, Jimmy Murray and several other Academicals across Canada, Tony was instrumental in founding and financing the Canada Prize at School.

A past-president of the Toronto Scottish RFC, the XL RFC, the Toronto & District Rugby Referees' Society, and the Ontario Rugby Referees' Society, Tony is well-known in the rugby community in Canada and in Scotland. He founded a successful, annual refereeing exchange programme between the SRU and the Ontario Rugby Union and, for many years, has been an international-level refereeing coach and match official for the IRB, Rugby Canada and the Ontario Rugby Union. Academicals at Anniesland may well remember his refereeing performances as well as his several appearances for the Furious Fourths during extended visits to Glasgow.

We understand that Tony and his wife Rena, originally from Gramisdal, Benbecula, will be making their home in Scotland by next year.

Golf Section

Summer meeting 14 and 15 June 2008; Shiskine Golf and Tennis Club Blackwaterfoot, Arran

Thanks to the innovation of Gordon Wilson, the summer outing was held for the first time at Blackwaterfoot. The Saturday lunchtime ferry from Ardrossan was full, and among the passengers were members of the golf section making their way to Arran for the summer outing over that twelve hole gem of a course at Shiskine.

For your captain in particular this was a trip down memory lane, a memory that was fully-stretched some forty years to halcyon days of youthful exuberance. Fortunately readers will be spared the sordid details of these events (your captain's memory is thankfully somewhat hazy, but he does recall that in those days the first hole was a drive and six iron {mind you it was his mother's six iron}, and now it is a drive and a seven iron – 'Doctor am I getting stronger?') This article will, however, concentrate on the golfing and social events played out by the thirteen members who attended the outing.

Before taking to the course on Saturday afternoon, the visiting players were entertained by the local residents (Gordon Stewart to name but one) in the bamboo lounge of the Kinloch

Hotel; not much changed there then over forty years – a wall removed and the dart board covered by a big telly screen.

And so to the practice round to check pin positions, speed of greens, wind direction and whether the railway signals at the Himalayas 7th hole still worked after forty years – and of course they did!

Light refreshments (that's something of a euphemism) were taken in the Kinloch after the Saturday practice round; still no sign of Robert Waine to welcome his old Accie mates, and then the visitors were dispersed to the various residences in Blackwaterfoot where overnight accommodation was generously provided by messrs Wilson, Stewart and Howie.

Saturday night and once again back to the Kinloch where a splendid dinner was taken, after which a visit (for some several visits) to the compulsory Blackwaterfoot barbecue (that tradition hasn't changed in forty years and your captain is sure he recognised some of the same people – how they have aged!).

Suitably fortified, the golfers returned to their billet ready for the early start on Sunday morning – unfortunately some members were a bit late for the early start, and the pairings had to be re-arranged to suit. Nonetheless, some excellent golf was played followed by a quick lunch in the clubhouse.

The afternoon round saw the leaders challenged by the laggards from the morning, suitably recovered by now and charging through the field. Angus Wright (who travelled from the mainland carrying clubs, trolley and suitcase) was prominent, as was Billy Peacock who had travelled from Perth by several buses and trains to make the outing. Roy Dingwall failed to recover from an unpromising start, and – despite his magic touch on the greens – Boog Barclay remained in the pack.

The main prize-winners were Alan Howie (the Coronation Cup – handicap), Martin Ker (scratch prize) and Malcolm Petrie (Veterans' prize), in spite of Brian Ker playing the last six holes in eighteen shots. The prize-giving now complete, the somewhat weary golfers made their way on the public bus over the string road to Brodick where an equally busy ferry transported them back to reality. Thanks are due to Gordon Wilson whose organisational skills were much in evidence, so much so that it must be a matter of time before he is voted back into high office in the golf section.

Such was the success of this outing it is certainly intended to repeat it next year, so be ready to book up early to avoid disappointment.

Robin Hopkins (1965), Captain of the Golf Section



(Caption) Thirteen, unlucky for some: prize-winners and also-rans at Shiskine



As we reported in the last edition, Ricky Munday is spending much of this year in Kenya working at Thomas Barnardo's House Orphanage in Nairobi before attempting to climb the continent's three highest mountains in the company of Ally Maclay, late of Glasgow Academy's PE Department. After a launch party barbecue at Anniesland on 7 June, Ricky left for Africa a few days later.

Here's his first report from Kenya...

Daily Bread

I've had a busy old time so far since arriving three weeks ago and had my first day off yesterday. The kids are great - they live in houses of 9 or 10 kids with a House Mum who looks after them. We have 200 kids from newborns to 18 year olds, although the older kids are at secondary boarding school right now. The Home runs a wedding and events business to generate income, which is very successful and we also operate a bakery where we bake bread (sponsored by Kelvinside) and either sell locally or donate to other needy children's homes nearby. The Home also operates an outreach programme for about 150 kids who stay with their families but are supported financially for school

fees and upkeep (there is no free secondary education in Kenya). Some of the homes I've visited to deliver bread are operating under incredibly difficult circumstances, but it's heartening to know that there are people doing great things for the kids despite the difficulties.

Ally Maclay gives Alexander Millar a leaving present before going off to join Ricky in Kenya.



We also operate another home near the Masai Mara for Masai girls who are at risk of female genital mutilation or under-age marriage and there are just over 50 girls living there, although they currently have no running water or electricity. Finally, we have taken over the running of a school in the Kibera slum area where hundreds of kids have access to education and are fed properly during the day. It's been an incredible privilege so far to spend time with the kids. I spend most of my time in the office providing admin support to the various projects but have an hour and-a-half of homework supervision with the kids at the end of every day and I'm on duty at the weekends for clubs, games (and church duty!).

Any support you can give for any of these amazing projects at the orphanage would be very welcome.

Ricky Munday (1994)

You can support Ricky and Ally by visiting www.justgiving.com page. The money goes directly to help the projects outlined above.

Leavers' Day



Robin Hopkins presents the Keith Deighton Quail to Scott Perry, captain of the Academy Golf Team, after the school's convincing win over the Academicals in the Leavers' Day competition at Killermont.

The Academy team have had a successful year with wins over Fettes, Hutchesons' and Gordonstoun.

This year's School Leavers' Day on 25 June was unfortunately hit by the weather with the annual cricket match against Accies at New Anniesland having to be called off - although the golf match, organised by Robin Hopkins, did go ahead at Glasgow Golf Club. The weather failed to dampen the spirits of the many leavers who turned up for the barbecue however. They were welcomed to the Glasgow Academical Club by president Hugh Barrow and presented with their mementos of the occasion.

The Sports Club was represented by Chairman Colin Atkinson and Colin Dawson. Also in attendance was Peter Wright, the newly-appointed director of rugby at Glasgow Hawks.

Our thanks go to Ally Maclay for helping with the organisation of the afternoon and we wish him well in his fund raising expedition along with Ricky Munday under the banner 'kilts2kenya'.

Hugh Barrow, President

In search of lost former pupils...

If you attended Glasgow Academy at any time between 1994 and June 2008 but completed your education at another school, you are automatically a life member of the Glasgow Academical Club as soon as you leave your current school.

If you fall into this category, you should write to or e-mail Malcolm McNaught giving him your name, address, telephone number and e-mail and dates you attended The Academy. In return, we will send you a leaver's certificate entitling you to all the privileges of Academical Club membership.

The Club welcomes all school leavers and will be pleased to keep you informed of its activities. You will also be sent a copy of the *Chronicle* and *Et cetera*, the magazine for former pupils.



1963-76 Westbourne Reunion

It is just as well that Wellington Church on University Avenue is not in the middle of a residential area as, on the night of Saturday 17 May, the noise emanating from the hall might have resulted in an ASBO!

The 44 old girls of 1963-76 who were meeting up that night could not stop talking. Indeed most of the delicious food provided by the caterer went untouched as there was just no time to eat. Catching up on 30+ years was the priority!

We had a fantastic evening as the years just fell away. Pam Coats gave a magnificent Head Girl's speech and we had plenty of old photos and memorabilia to prompt floods of nostalgia. Special mention must be made of Fiona Marshall in her Westbourne Blazer (Still a perfect fit!) and Angela Roberts' orange cushion, made in Mrs McIlvrde's first year sewing class.

It was a wonderful occasion and we hope to keep in touch via our newly-set-up Googlegroup and more frequent get-togethers.

Kath Manners (1976)

A Date for your Diaries



The Glasgow Academicals Ladies Golf (Westbourne Old Girls) 2008 Outing

This year's Annual Golf Outing will take place on Friday 22 August at The Hags Castle Golf Club

Any Former Pupil of Westbourne or Glasgow Academy, Mum, Gran or anyone with any other connection will be most welcome!

For further information please contact
Carole Hill on: 01360 860 435 or
Elaine Horner at: elainemh@sky.com

Two of the people you cannot expect to meet on Friday 22 August!

Westbourne News

Fiona Lawrie (1989)

I was married at 19 to Jamie (Johnstone), and moved to the Isle of Skye seven years ago where until recently I held the position of the only trained female sheep skin tanner in the UK. I am currently working in a very whacky clothes shop named 'Skye Batiks'. I get involved in amateur dramatics in the winter and have had many hobbies, but the children are paramount for the time being and we have so much fun. I enjoy my work and love where I live with my family.

Graduation

Sheenah Buchanan (1980)

(now Sheena Fletcher)

I have just graduated with a Masters of Science in Chartered Teacher Studies from Strathclyde University on 26 June. It's never too late to study!

Births

Philippa Graham (1984)

To Philippa Cantwell (nee Graham), and her husband Peter, a son, Harry, born on May 14, a little brother for Joseph and Alexandra.

I would love to hear from anyone who remembers me. pipcantwell@tiscali.co.uk

Heather Stewart (1993)

On 28 February 2008 to Warren and Heather Tracy (nee Stewart, 1993) a daughter, Jenna Lily.



Westbourne Christmas Dance

The fashions and hairstyles suggest late 1980s, but do you recognise the girls? And who is the rather bashful-looking young man?

Back row left to right

Muriel Bone, Betty Thomas, Marion Lawson, Liz Greer, Mary Buchanan, Irene Dyson(Turnbull), Moira Cram, John Cross, Ruth Walkinshaw, Sheila White, Lucy Thomson, Sheila Crawford, Maggie Price, Elaine McCallum, Effie Crompton, Rena McGregor, Elsie Murray, Tessa Littlefield, Dorothy Stewart.

Seated left to right

Joan Deane, Janette McDougall, Betty Henderson, Marjory Duguid, Carol Crook

Front row left to right

Violet Baillie, Elsa Hamilton, Rae Murphy, Elaine Horner, Elizabeth Clarke, Valerie Stewart, Marion Bendoris

Westbourne Former Staff Dinner

This year's Westbourne reunion for former staff was its usual success as teachers past and present celebrated their shared memories of Westbourne School. However, this year, it was not Westbourne alone that was being celebrated, but also the retiral of Elizabeth Clarke. Liz taught at Westbourne School for Girls and then at Glasgow Academy for a total of 29 and a half years, influencing hundreds of young men and women during these years. Those who were taught by Mrs Clarke will have their own memories of her: some in the French classroom, some up mountains or crossing rivers on Duke of Edinburgh's expeditions and some on trips to far-flung corners of Europe and beyond. Needless to say, most with be punctuated by her flair, sense of style and dedication.



William Thomson MacKinnon

(1923)

Willie, as he was universally known, was born on 5 February 1916, the first of four, and the eldest of three brothers, all of whom attended The Academy, in his case between 1922 and 1933.

During this time he took up Scouting, and enjoyed camping and family holidays on Arran and the Clyde coastal resorts. Indeed, it was on Arran that he met his wife-to-be, Isobel.

The two lasting passions he took up at The Academy were Rugby and Sailing. He represented the Accies at hooker, until at the age of 32 he came home with a fractured cheekbone that brought a premature end to his career. He will, however, be remembered by many rugby aficionados as 'the man on the gate' at the Accies home games for a number of years.

His real passion though, was sailing at which he excelled, initially with his brothers, Stephen and Kenneth, and a great school chum Mickey Benson; and later with his wife Isobel on Fabiola.

He had many happy years around the West Coast with the Royal Scottish Motor Yacht Club, and from 1974 to 1977 was greatly honoured to be their Commodore.

Willie became engaged in 1939, just before the war. As there were no places in the Navy, Willie immediately joined the Cameronians and served in Northern Ireland, from where he was posted to India via Madagascar, where he took part in the invasion of the island.

On his arrival in India, he was advised by his brother Kenneth to apply for a transfer to the Navy and in 1942 his application was granted. He was transferred to the Royal Indian Navy as a Lieutenant commanding an M/L around the coastal waters of India, and then on the Arakan coast of Burma.

Like many servicemen, he was reluctant to discuss the rigours of his wartime experiences, but he was involved in a number of operations

against the Japanese. Two of these require special mention. He was instrumental in rescuing an Army Captain (who subsequently died of his wounds and was posthumously awarded the VC) and his men; and also the crew of an US Air Force bomber that had been shot down and ditched off the Burma coast. He later took command of the Flotilla as Acting Lieutenant Commander.

He was a modest man, and he always said that his greatest accomplishment arising from his time in India was his curry. Whilst this was superlative, his culinary skills in many other areas were also legendary.

In 1946, after his return from the war, Willie married his childhood sweetheart, Isobel and in 1948 was blessed with a daughter, Sheila. He rejoined the family knitwear company, MacKinnon of Scotland, where he continued to work until his retirement in 1981.

He loved his Opera, his Gilbert and Sullivan, and his monologues - particularly those of Stanley Holloway. Any of you who have heard him recite 'Albert and the Lion' will testify that he knew how to deliver them too. He could joke with the best of them, and as a raconteur his sense of fun and boyish humour oiled the wheels of life, for his family, his friends and those with whom he worked.

In 1998, following a period of ill health, he moved to Dundonald to be cared for by Sheila.

Willie had always been a churchgoer, steadfast in his faith, and as an Elder of Newton Mearns, transferred to the Church in Dundonald and enjoyed his stroll up to the Sunday Service, even though in recent years his mobility was severely restricted.

His great joys were his Grandchildren, Victoria and Alistair, and his Great Grandchildren, Eve and Ferdie.

Willie was a gentleman in every sense of the word. Always dapper and immaculate, both in dress and in manners. Reserved; giving consideration to all things and all men; but steadfast in his word, evidenced by the many friendships he enjoyed, many

of them to last a lifetime.

He will be greatly missed - for his wisdom, his compassion, his wit and his joie de vivre. We will always remember him for these qualities, and the love and affection he generated in his fellow man and in all his family and friends, however widespread and far-flung.

William Bowie

(1921)

In our last edition, we reported the death of William Bowie on 10 March at the age of 97. A memorial service was held for Willie on Friday 2 May to which many came to remember him. His friend Rev Andrew Wylie (1944) gave the tribute. Here is a short excerpt which tells us something of the man:

"Wars are not won by evacuations and the horrors and ignominy of the retreat to Dunkirk distressed Willie. He returned to France four years later and, when reliving those days, his eyes would cloud over when he talked of the Normandy lanes and the bocage where around every bend a violent death could lie in wait. They were the grimmest of times memorably detailed by Peter White in his book *With the Jocks*. He writes: 'The news was that the 1st Battalion of the HLI was passing through us in the evening to make an attack. The dim forms of the infantry plodded forwards like links in an enormous chain. There were no calls of greeting as they passed and the figures themselves were silent. Our silence was one of sympathy and theirs eloquent of their pre-occupation, each with his mental Gethsemane, so often the worst part of an attack'. This was the world of the personal Gethsemanes Willie knew for too long. The citation for his Military Cross noted his leadership, coolness, and total disregard for personal safety. And yet even in the grimmest times Willie's sense of humour could make light of hair-raising incidents. He talked of visiting a forward position of his Company and of his return to headquarters through a cornfield trying to avoid the attention of a somewhat enthusiastic sniper. Then his eyes shone with that inimitable twinkle: 'You know', he said, 'he was a rotten shot'."

Announcements

Deaths

Iain Russell MacMillan (1970)

We were informed in April of this year of the death of Iain MacMillan at the age of 55.

Iain Alasdair Morrison McCully (1956)

Antony Cunningham and James Waddell attended the funeral of Iain McCully who died on March 24, 2008 after a prolonged battle with declining health. A large body of friends travelled from across Canada and the USA, and from as far afield as North Uist, to celebrate Iain's life at the church and at his home in Greenwood, Ontario. Professionally, Iain was an accountant and well-regarded in business and community circles during a productive and busy life in North America. Iain is survived by his daughter Shiona and her family, his son Alasdair, and by his long-time partner, Andrea Burry.

Alexander (Sandy) Douglas Morton Ogilvie (1956)

Sandy Ogilvie died on November 11, 2007. Sandy was a pupil at The Academy for all of his school days and his father also taught at the school for many years. Sandy had a long and distinguished Army career, and enjoyed a short but happy retirement in Cornwall with his wife Gillian.

David R Williamson (1983)

David Williamson died in April of this year at the age of 42 after a short illness. David attended Glasgow Academy before going on to study economics at Edinburgh University. He was the sixth-generation descendant of the founder of the 144-year old company Matthew Algie, the Glasgow-based coffee importer and roaster. David took over as managing director from his father Charlie in January 1995 and his customers included the House of Commons, the Scottish Parliament and Gleneagles Hotel. An online book of condolence has been set up on the Matthew Algie website with friends, family, colleagues and workers praising his incredible passion, drive and spirit. David leaves behind his wife, Morag, and five children.

Births

Craig Alexander (1991)

This is just a quick note to announce the birth of James Gordon Alexander, born on 26 January 2008 at The Queen Mother's Hospital weighing 7lb 12oz. Mum, Shirley Anne, and baby are both well. Craig is very busy both being a dad and with his new venture www.govisitit.com.

Rory Anderson (1992)

Rory and his wife Jenny are delighted to announce the birth of their son Jamie on 6 May 2008.

Thuri Bjornsson (1997)

Magnus Jon Moor was born on 26 May and he weighed 8lb 10oz.

Jamie Black (1997) Deceased

To Louise on 12 January 2008, Lucie Marie, a new little life continues Jamie's legacy. A Gift like no other. A very special sister for Alicia.

Below: Jamie, Louise and Alicia, and Baby Lucie Marie Black



The Cockburn children

Dougie Brown (Class of 1990 and current parent)

Cathy and I are delighted to announce the birth of Ramsay Brown on 20 February 2008, a brother for Finlay and Matilda.

Alasdair Buchanan (1984)

Astrid and I are delighted to announce news of the birth, on 16 February 2008, of our third son, Finlay Alexander. Gregor (13) and Ruaridh (10) are thrilled with their wee brother, as are we.

Jonathan Cockburn (1985)

Jonathan and Kirsten are delighted at the arrival of their third daughter Zara - sisters for Charlotte (Atholl, Prep 2) and Jessica.

Martin Franks (1992)

My son Adam Franks was born on February 29 2008 weighed in at 9lbs 14oz. A brother to Jenna (born Aug 5 2006).

Ross McDermid (1989)

Ross and his wife Lesley are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Harris John, at The Queen Mother's Hospital, Glasgow, on 11 June 2008. A little brother for Hannah.

Craig McMaster (1991)

Irene and I have had another daughter, Judy, who was born on 30 December 2007. Our oldest daughter Ava will be going into Prep 2 at The Academy next term and she can't wait. She is loving the new school.

Gayle Owens (Academy Staff)

Gayle and John are now the proud parents of a beautiful baby boy, Josh. Baby Owens was born on Monday 14 April at 5.34 am, weighing 7lbs 9oz. Mum and baby are both doing well.

90th birthday celebrations

One of Scotland's most colourful characters, Brigadier Frank Coumts, celebrated his 90th birthday on Tuesday 8 July. The occasion was marked with a large lunch party in the company of his many friends and colleagues at Dreghorn Barracks, the home of The Royal Scots Borderers (1st Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland) which is the antecedent Regiment, The King's Own Scottish Borderers, which Frank Coumts joined on commissioning in June 1941. During his Army career, Frank was honoured no fewer than three times with an MBE, an OBE and a CBE.

Engagement

Richard Inglis (1999)

To Katy Raven in January. They plan to marry in October of this year. Richard is currently working for the corporate finance team at Deloitte & Touche in London.

Marriages

Peter J Hall (1976)

Laurie and I were married on 7 June 2008 (6 June in the US!) in our back garden in Boulder. In Colorado you are able to marry yourself without the aid of an Officiant. We also created our own vows and here are the lines:

There was never one so lovely nor so pure in heart,
And I, my days, will strive to keep thee as thou art.
A precious love to cherish through and through,
And now it's time for me to shout: 'I DO'.

John M Chapman and Ian L Dunsmore

Right: Andrew Kraszewski

(That's what living in America does for you.)

Rhona Murray (1998)

Murphy - Murray On 28 December 2007 at Oran Mor, Glasgow, Rhona Murray to Richard Murphy.

David Smith (Class of 2004)

Smith - Hayward On 21 June 2008 David married Amanda in an outdoor ceremony on Thetis Island, British Columbia. After honeymooning in London and Scotland, they return to Canada to start married life together.

Congratulations

Robert W Barclay (1966)

Congratulations to long-serving SCU secretary Bert Barclay who has recently been acclaimed as the first-ever Scot to become an Honorary Life Member of the MCC.

Iain G Breckenridge (1984)

Iain was awarded an OBE in the March Operational Honours list for his role as Commanding Officer, HMS TIRELESS, after an explosion under the arctic ice-cap in March 2007 which killed two of his ship's company. Iain received his award at the Palace on 11 June from the Prince of Wales.

Darius Danesh (1998)

Darius has just been voted Scottish Style Icon of the Year in the Scottish Fashion Awards, 2008. Getting rid of the ponytail was undoubtedly the best move he ever made...

Ian L Dunsmore (1956) and **John M Chapman** (1963) are currently Deacon Convener of the Trades of Glasgow and Lord Dean of Guild

(Merchants House of Glasgow) respectively. Ian was elected in October 2007 and John was re-elected for a second year in May 2008. The Lord Dean of Guild is Second Citizen of Glasgow, after the Lord Provost, and the Deacon Convener is Glasgow's Third Citizen.

Nick Jewell (1969)

I so enjoyed my brief visit to the school last spring - how it has changed since I left in 1969! Since returning to California from my sabbatical, I have been appointed as the Vice Provost, Academic Personnel at the Office of the President of the University of California system. This position involves responsibility for approximately 18,000 faculty and lecturers at 10 campuses including Berkeley and UCLA. I continue to hold my position as Professor of Biostatistics and Statistics at the University of California, Berkeley.

Andrew Kraszewski (2007)

Many congratulations to Andrew, last year's Head Boy, who has won a place at Yale to study Economics.

Charles Lewis (1973)

From the beginning of July, I will be transferring from PwC New York office to PwC Los Angeles where I will be a partner in the systems audit group. Our permanent home will be the house we just built in Sedona, Arizona and we will be renting a flat in the Los Angeles area.

John L Marshall (1958)

John has been chosen as Mayor of the London Borough of Barnett for the coming year 2008/09. He is Barnett's



44th Mayor and has been a Barnet councillor since 1998. He was previously a councillor on Aberdeen and Ealing councils and was an MEP (79-89) and MP for Hendon South (87-97). A well-deserved honour to a dedicated and honourable man.

Keep in Touch

Davie Kerr (Prep 5A 1955-56 and Trans A 1956-57)

Davie has recently returned to the UK after many years overseas, and would welcome contact at daviekerr@hotmail.co.uk from former friends and classmates.

Sandy Nelson (1998)

Having graduated from Glasgow School of Medicine in 2003, I got married to the lovely Elaine in September of 2006. We sold up our flat in Glasgow last year and have been working as volunteer doctors in the Billy Riordan Memorial Clinic in Cal Maclear, Malawi, for the past six months. We're now preparing to leave the Cape and move back to Elaine's homeland (the exotic County Tyrone in Northern Ireland) and applying via the vagaries of MMC for new jobs in the province. Be great to hear from any FPs and old teachers at sandy.nelson@gmail.com

Eunah Shin (2003)

After a year or so of exile in London, Eunah Shin is moving back to Scotland for the first part of her legal traineeship. After a summer in Korea and Japan, she will be in banking in Edinburgh. Eunah will be glad to hear from any Accies in Glasgow or Edinburgh as of August 2008 until February 2009. Her e-mail is eunahshin@hotmail.com.

Brian Wilson (1956)

Hello from freezing Germany. For the people who might still remember me from schooldays 1946 to 1956, here is my homepage:

www.myspace.com/brianscottwilson

Sporting Achievements

Scott MacLennan (class of 2005)

Scott played in the Varsity cricket match at Lords on June 17, 2008 and was awarded his blue from Cambridge University. He is at St John's College reading Classics.



Kylie Walker (2004)

To add to her recent run of golfing success, Kylie was placed highest overall Brit in the Scottish Open Stroke-play (the Helen Holm Tournament) which is an event open to all of Europe. On Royal Troon, Kylie shot -6 in her final round of the tournament, and finished in an impressive 4th place overall.

Kylie is also the new St Rule Trophy champion after she held off the challenge of France's Audrey Goumard to win the prestigious tournament by a single stroke. Kylie's two-round total of 148 (75, 73) was a creditable four under par and represents superb play in difficult conditions, with an easterly wind blowing in off the sea at over 25 mph throughout the day. Kylie led after the first round and her total was eight under the CSS for the event at St Andrews Links.

Graduations

Rachel Alcock (Class of 2005)

I have just completed my history BA at Lancaster University and have shocked my family by getting a First! I have had a wonderful three years in Lancaster, socially and academically.

Lyn Ferguson (2004)

Lyn graduated with a First Class Honours in her intercalated degree, Bachelor of Medical Science (Anatomy), at Glasgow University. She was also awarded the Lorimer Bursary for the student who achieved the highest overall performance in the final degree examinations. Lyn has also been awarded a Wellcome Trust

Scholarship to work in the Cardiovascular Research Centre, Glasgow this summer and will be returning to her MB ChB degree in September.

Other News

Graham Inglis (1997)

After graduating from Aberdeen University with a degree in pharmacology, Graham joined the Royal Navy where he successfully completed the officers' training course at Dartmouth. Then, after serving on a number of ships, Graham was selected in July 2007 to represent the Royal Navy as the navigator on board the American destroyer, USS Winston S. Churchill. He now lives in Virginia Beach and is currently deployed in the Gulf.

Stuart Storr (1990)

Former pupils and teachers alike may be surprised to hear that I'm running the New York Marathon on 2 November this year. Most people will remember me for my ability to evade sports; however I will be running this insane distance to raise £10,000 towards Marie Curie's Big Build Appeal for a new purpose-built hospice in Glasgow. Donations to <http://www.justgiving.com/derekstuartgavin> and sarcastic comments are welcomed and expected.

Congratulations to **Martin Brook**

(1969) who ran the New York marathon in November 2007 in just 3 hours 32 minutes. Beat that, Stuart!

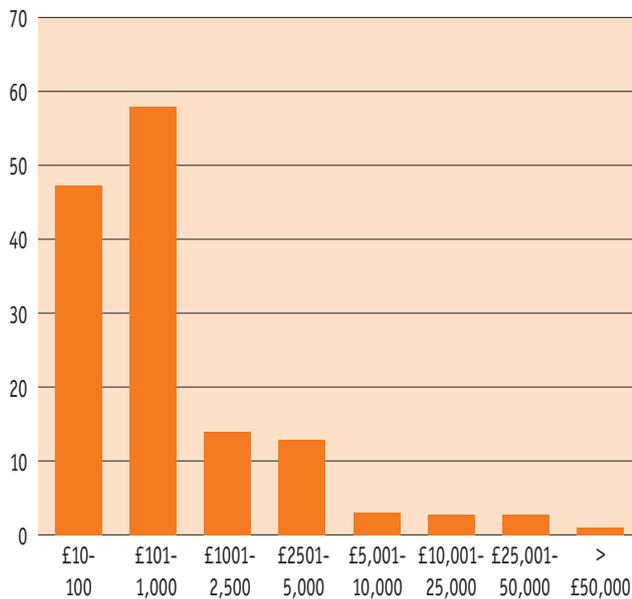
Gary Thompson (2002)

In November I graduated with a Masters in Banking and Finance (MSc) from the University of Stirling, concluding five years of both study and tennis. In my final year the Tennis Team won a number of University competitions as well as retaining the top Scottish Club competition by winning the Scottish Cup. Away from University, I was selected as one of 12 new hires to complete the Graduate programme at Cisco a large American IT firm working in the finance department of the head European office in London.



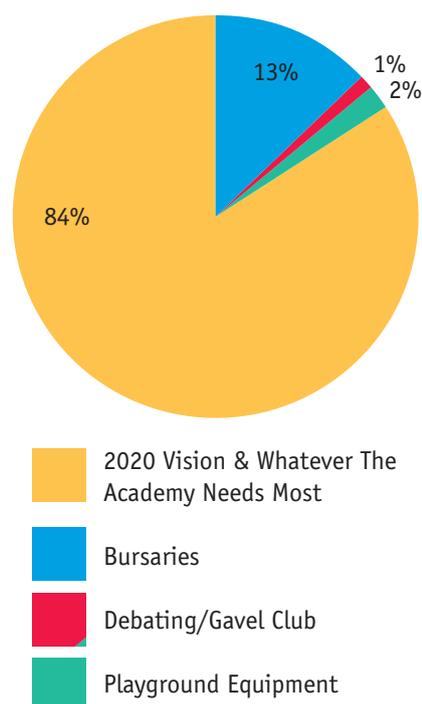
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We know that all sections of The Academy community will be interested in the level of support that there has been for The Academy’s development plan, as outlined in the 2020 Vision published in May 2007.

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We are delighted to say that every section of The Glasgow Academy community – former pupils, current parents and grandparents, staff and Governors – has been involved in giving to the school. We have printed a full list of donors overleaf – apart, of course, from those who wished to remain anonymous.

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The diagram opposite shows the areas to which our donors have indicated that they would like their gifts to go.

All monies given to the External Relations office have been allocated to projects already outlined in the Rector’s 2020 Vision document published in April 2007 and in the Regular Giving brochure published in October 2007.

Please contact Malcolm McNaught at the External Relations office if you would like to be sent copies of these documents.

We will give a fuller account of how gifts have been allocated when we publish our Regular Giving materials this autumn.

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Frozen in time

For any of you still arguing over the class photograph from Trans 'A' of 1942-43, Mr TS Mann suggested we reprint the full class lists of the day. All the names of the boys who were in Mr Hunter's Trans 'A' are therefore printed below:

WC Allan, JL Blackwood, KF Brodie, GD Burnett, DWM Burnell, CAB Campbell, AB Carlaw, EL Cunningham, JC Dietrichsen, RW Drever, J Guthrie, JG Hill, J Jamieson, JR Jekyll, KA Kelly, GBC Lawson, AD McCurdie, WG MacKinlay, RJ McWhirter, RF Morrison, DGS Parker, JKL Pearmain, RN Prentice, WG Robertson, RD Storti, J Summers, JA Thomson, TG Todd, ER Veitch.

All you need to do now is fit the faces to the names. There does, however, remain some dubiety over the Master who appeared in the photograph. Guesses in last edition included Mr Frank Batchelor, and Mr Hunter himself, but since then Jimmy Murray, himself in the Trans 'B' of the same year, has thrown a spanner in the works by insisting the Victorian Form Master is Mr Sam Skilling. Perhaps we'll never be sure...

In the last edition, we published a photograph and challenged you to guess the year it was taken and the names of the boys who appeared. We thought we had posed you with a tricky one, but Hugh McCash (1981) astounded us by knowing not only the class and year group, but managing to put a name to every face in the picture. Top marks for memory!

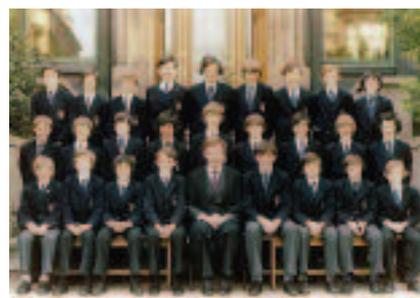
Class 2G1 in the academic year 1976/77

Back row

Grant Walker (sadly no longer with us), Douglas Campbell, David K Fraser, Peter Conkie, Robin Green, Niall Cameron, Alasdair (Alfie) Hammond, John McIntosh, Robin Harper

Middle row

Hugh McCash, Sandy Burnett, Malcolm Wardlaw, Ralph Strang, D Martin Oliver, Douglas Hendry, Mark Reid, 'Smiffy', John King



Front Row

Peter Guthrie, David Gillon, Gregory Benson, Gordon Carlise, Mr 'Bill' Webster, Alan Jope, Russell Cohen, Mark Nicol, Ian MacBeth

Class list for 2G1 1976/77: GJ Benson, AJ Burnett, NC Cameron, DJM Campbell, GC Carlile, RSM Cohen, PB Conkey, GA Dron, DKS Fraser, DM Gillon, RA Green, PJ Guthrie, AD Hammond, RTR Harper, DL Hendry, AC Jope, JA King, IC Macbeth, WH McCash, JLD McIntosh, GG Murray, MF Nicol, DM Oliver, MA Reid, RA Strang, GC Walker, MJ Wardlaw

In this edition, we're giving you this rather dusty photograph to see how many faces you can identify. The class list for the year names 34 boys, but the photograph features just 25. From the old school cards we have pulled out for this year group, it is no wonder the number of boys in this photo are fewer

than expected. The year is 1940/41, and the cards read: 'Has not returned since air raids in March. Not officially withdrawn'; 'Withdrawn during spring term on account of air raids. Clever boy. Unsure of whether he will return'. They appear to have been uncertain times.



Here are a few teasers to get you started:

Which boy now has the third generation of his family at The Academy?

Which face went on to become Britain's most senior judge?

Which boy was class captain for the three following years?

Best guesses along with a full class list will appear in the next edition of *Etcetera*.