Jasmine Neufeld

On a wonderfully sunny day, Jasmine Neufeld, Glenalmond’s Assistant Director of Music, married Jamie Nicholson on 19 August in the school’s historic Chapel. The service was presided over by Glenalmond’s own Father Giles. The reception for 130 was held in the hammer-beam Dining Hall, with a sit-down meal followed by a ceilidh and local band ‘Sugarush’. Head of Rugby Graham Smith’s wife, Loz, made the beautiful cake. All at Glenalmond send the happy couple every good wish for their future.

Rachel Mullan

In September 2015, Rachel made the long journey across the Irish Sea to join us in the Maths department at Glenalmond. Fresh out of university, she was full of enthusiasm and new ideas and quickly threw herself into life at Coll. She is an excellent mathematician and a great teacher. Rachel taught a full range of pupils, from the young Third Form intake to the slightly older hands in Upper Sixth and will be sorely missed by all the pupils she taught.

On the pastoral side, Rachel was a tutor in Home House and was very good at keeping a lively bunch of girls on track, helping guide them towards a successful set of A Level results. Beyond teaching, Rachel became involved in musical productions, lacrosse coaching, Duke of Edinburgh, Third Form activities and camps, contributing hugely to life at Glenalmond.

We all wish her the very best as she moves on to take up her new post at Merchiston in Edinburgh.

Gareth O’Neil

Lesley Sangster

Lesley Sangster is a staff nurse at Glenalmond College. During Easter 2017 Lesley volunteered her medical services on a much-needed hospital ship in Tanzania. Here, she tells us about her vital work...

I have just returned from a two week mission, volunteering on board the ‘Jubilee Hope’ medical ship, sailing around the ‘Forgotten’ Islands on Lake Victoria, Tanzania. The trip was organised by the Vine Trust; this is my third trip with them - a Christian based charity whose head office is on a barge in Leith dock, Edinburgh.

Jubilee Hope arrived at Lake Victoria in 2015 and this was my first trip out to it. The 150-tonne, former Royal Navy bender’s 246 day journey from Scotland to Mombasa was televised on STV when it travelled the 8,585 miles by sea and land to serve 400,000 people in ESG isolated communities.

The islands are collectively referred to as ‘Forgotten’ as the people on them have been neglected and live in extreme poverty with no access to any form of healthcare and education. Disease prevention is non-existent. The lack of fresh water is a recurring problem.

The islands are small; some of them are mere rocks. They are covered in thick vegetation and heavy clouds cover the sky. There is no electricity. Fuel to power generator was brought from Kenya. It is a hard and challenging environment to work in, but the people are so warm and welcoming.

The medical team was inspirational and I plan to return next year to play a small part in helping those in the Forgotten Islands.

I fundraised for this trip and part of that went towards buying essential medicines. I feel so privileged and very humbled to have served on board the Jubilee Hope. The small dedicated medical team was inspirational and I plan to return next year to play a small part in helping those in the Forgotten Islands.

Gareth O’Neil

Allan Downie

Allan Downie was the College’s Electrician for many years having arrived at the school in 2005 initially as a contractor. He retired in February 2017 but continued on a part-time consultancy basis while the new member of staff bedded in.

Allan was responsible for all things electrical, from an emergency generator called upon to run the school in times of power cuts, to the fixing of hair straighteners and the removal of rodents from extractor fans!

An all-round nice guy and cheery chappie, Allan was always happy to tackle an electrical challenge including the overseeing of the ongoing full installation of the new cable network throughout Glenalmond, which started in 2006 together with the highly successful ‘generator powered ‘2017 Leavers’ Ball’ in a marquee on the lawns. Interviewed for Glenalmond Life, Allan commented, when asked about the worst part of his job: “Not being young enough to see the improvements completed!”

We wish Allan a very long and happy retirement.
Sarah Young

Sarah Young left Coll on 14 October 2016 after two and a half years as its External Events Organiser. Coming from a background in events management, Sarah brought a high degree of professionalism and experience to the job, organising successful occasions throughout the country. In a tribute to her departing colleague, Coll’s Press Officer Mairi Fraser wrote and read out an ‘Ode to Sarah’ – with tongue just a little bit in cheek!

Oh Sarah, oh Sarah, you leave us high and dry without your Events Organiser; I can hear a collective sigh... Standards have been raised, deadlines ripped apart. The entertainment stakes have morphed – Standards have been raised, deadlines ripped apart.

Sarah, the lass from Wormit certainly leaves a loss. I know I am joined by all in saying Glenalmond’s Waterfront retail! Now lass, away from the hills and the sheep we wish you all the very best in your new venture. Jenny Dowie.

Michelle Gardiner

Michelle joined the EAL department in 2010 when it was undergoing a period of change and galvanised the teaching of the subject in the College, bringing all her high energy and enthusiasm to bear. As the only full-time member of the Department she was utterly committed to improving the learning experience of all our EAL pupils, particularly those in the Fourth and Fifth Forms, where she excelled.

She quickly introduced the IGCSE qualification as an alternative to the mainstream GCSE English exam, and her subsequent record of success, in terms of successful exam entries, was second to none in the College.

It should be pointed out that her ‘exam season’ ran the whole year and there was never a term when she was not preparing candidates for examinations. Her was an exhausting schedule, but nevertheless she was determined to see to it that all her pupils left the College with an EAL qualification, whether that be the First Certificate (FCE), the IGCSE or the ECTS exam, and in this role she succeeded magnificently. Her attention to detail, organization and administration were admired by all her colleagues (not least by myself) and she left absolutely nothing to chance. Her classroom was run with rigorous and discipline, tempered with patience, humour, tolerance and understanding. Michelle had a fine reputation as an EAL teacher in the EAL community in Scotland and many times she was sought out for advice and guidance. We wish her every success with her new role teaching in Perth and Kinross primary schools.

Jeremy Gardner
Head of EAL
Best David

SCR

Council to improve our internet access in an

Success in school fixtures, tournaments training for boys.

introducing some Summer Lacrosse worked hard at developing the Girls’

experience and enthusiasm to Coll and tremendous lacrosse knowledge, second of those years. David brought position as Head of Lacrosse for the Glenalmond for two years, including the

Term 2017. David coached lacrosse at Mr David Best at the end of Trinity We said goodbye and thank you to schools in Manchester.

his career in Lacrosse with Clubs and We wish David well as he continues

plus representative success, have all been a feature of David’s time with us and we thank him for his contribution to our school lacrosse programme and its development.

In addition to his role as Head of Lacrosse, David also enjoyed being Resident Tutor in Reid’s House, teaching sign language as an extra-curricular activity, helping with junior hockey teams and assisting with stage construction and management in several school drama productions. We wish David well as he continues his career in Lacrosse with Clubs and schools in Manchester.

Andrew Rowley

Isabelle Cox

Isabelle Cox sadly died on 24 May 2017 after a courageous fight against cancer which she was diagnosed with shortly after leaving Glenalmond in the summer of 2016.

Today it is hard to imagine a classroom without computers. They now form a vital part of teaching and learning but when Isabelle came to Glenalmond in 1999 there were only a few in the school. Mike Feather, Head of IT, knew that the development of an academic network was much-needed and brought Isabelle to the school to work as an IT Technician and to assist him in setting it up.

By the time pupils returned after the summer holidays of 1999, there were network points in all teaching areas and houses and Isabelle and Mike had begun to introduce computers into all classrooms. When Mike retired in 2003, Isabelle, a qualified teacher as well as a computer specialist, was appointed Head of IT. She supported and worked closely with departments and members of staff - from the most ardent buddles through to enthusiastic beginners and creative innovators - to facilitate the use of ICT in teaching.

Major developments during Isabelle’s 18 years at Coll include the development of the Learning Resource Centre in Matheson's. This was made possible by a grant from the Wolfson Trust Resource Centre in Matheson’s. This was made possible by a grant from the Wolfson Trust

With the increasing workload involved in the management, maintenance and security of the systems, came a need for more IT staff. Isabelle was creative in encouraging new graduates to work at Coll, either through work experience or temporary positions, and by the time she left, the department consisted of four full-time employees, each with different areas of responsibility.

Isabelle leaves behind a legacy which continues to impact on the working lives of both pupils and staff at Glenalmond. We extend our deepest sympathies to her son and daughter, Kenneth and Julie, as well as to her wider family. As well as a colleague, Isabelle was a friend to many and it was always a pleasure to socialise with her, other colleagues and members of her family in her lovely home and garden across the glen in Harrietfield.

Elaine Mundill

Ian Hems

Ian returned to his alma mater in 2007 as the ICT Help Desk Engineer, leaving in November 2016. There is no debate that the IT Department’s choice of exotic coffees has declined since Ian departed!

Always friendly and welcoming, Donna was an asset to the Accounts Department for over two years. Joining the team in July 2014, Donna performed a mainly outward facing role, in particular, to parents. She was ever helpful in enabling parents and staff alike to successfully carry out their financial tasks, providing a wealth of wisdom for all College money matters.

Moving to work in a fully self-employed capacity from December 2016, Donna quickly built up a client base of local businesses in need of her efficient accounting skills. She is much missed in the Accounts Department and we all wish her well in her new endeavours.

Bronwen Godsey

Andrew Rowley

Isabelle Cox

SCR

Donna

Kinmout

Always friendly and welcoming, Donna was an asset to the Accounts Department for over two years. Joining the team in July 2014, Donna performed a mainly outward facing role, in particular, to parents. She was ever helpful in enabling parents and staff alike to successfully carry out their financial tasks, providing a wealth of wisdom for all College money matters.

Moving to work in a fully self-employed capacity from December 2016, Donna quickly built up a client base of local businesses in need of her efficient accounting skills. She is much missed in the Accounts Department and we all wish her well in her new endeavours.

Bronwen Godsey

Ian Hems

Ian returned to his alma mater in 2007 as the ICT Help Desk Engineer, leaving in November 2016. There is no debate that the IT Department’s choice of exotic coffees has declined since Ian departed!

Always friendly and welcoming, Donna was an asset to the Accounts Department for over two years. Joining the team in July 2014, Donna performed a mainly outward facing role, in particular, to parents. She was ever helpful in enabling parents and staff alike to successfully carry out their financial tasks, providing a wealth of wisdom for all College money matters.

Moving to work in a fully self-employed capacity from December 2016, Donna quickly built up a client base of local businesses in need of her efficient accounting skills. She is much missed in the Accounts Department and we all wish her well in her new endeavours.

Bronwen Godsey

Isabelle Cox

Isabelle Cox sadly died on 24 May 2017 after a courageous fight against cancer which she was diagnosed with shortly after leaving Glenalmond in the summer of 2016.

Today it is hard to imagine a classroom without computers. They now form a vital part of teaching and learning but when Isabelle came to Glenalmond in 1999 there were only a few in the school. Mike Feather, Head of IT, knew that the development of an academic network was much-needed and brought Isabelle to the school to work as an IT Technician and to assist him in setting it up.

By the time pupils returned after the summer holidays of 1999, there were network points in all teaching areas and houses and Isabelle and Mike had begun to introduce computers into all classrooms. When Mike retired in 2003, Isabelle, a qualified teacher as well as a computer specialist, was appointed Head of IT. She supported and worked closely with departments and members of staff - from the most ardent buddles through to enthusiastic beginners and creative innovators - to facilitate the use of ICT in teaching.

Major developments during Isabelle’s 18 years at Coll include the development of the Learning Resource Centre in Matheson's. This was made possible by a grant from the Wolfson Trust Resource Centre in Matheson’s. This was made possible by a grant from the Wolfson Trust

With the increasing workload involved in the management, maintenance and security of the systems, came a need for more IT staff. Isabelle was creative in encouraging new graduates to work at Coll, either through work experience or temporary positions, and by the time she left, the department consisted of four full-time employees, each with different areas of responsibility.

Isabelle leaves behind a legacy which continues to impact on the working lives of both pupils and staff at Glenalmond. We extend our deepest sympathies to her son and daughter, Kenneth and Julie, as well as to her wider family. As well as a colleague, Isabelle was a friend to many and it was always a pleasure to socialise with her, other colleagues and members of her family in her lovely home and garden across the glen in Harrietfield.

Elaine Mundill
The winter of 1946-7 was one of the harshest of the century. There was heavy and prolonged frost and snowfall throughout Britain from the end of January until early March. On two occasions the College was cut off from Methven. Coal supplies could not get through to power stations and domestic users, so that heating and lighting were severely curtailed. There were no morning Chapel services during the week and on Sundays everyone wore heavy overcoats. Hot water was severely rationed. Food rationing, including bread, was still in force and, for a time, at a lower level than during the war.

Spring came late in 1947. For the first fortnight after the start of term on 2 May no cricket was possible and it took a full month for the pitches to dry out. Barely two years after VE day, on 29 May, the War Memorial on the north side of the Chancel, which commemorates the 102 OGs who fell in the Second World War, was dedicated by the Bishop.

It is difficult for those at Coll today to visualise the times of seventy years ago. Physical conditions were harsh, there were shortages of goods that we now take for granted and many families had lost loved ones in the recent conflict. An OG at Coll just after the war recalled being cold most of the time. Above all there was a feeling of drabness and making do.

Therefore it was a matter of great rejoicing when the Queen came to Coll on 19 July. It was a brilliantly fine day and the College and its surroundings were looking their best. The occasion was to commemorate the centenary of the College, which had opened with fourteen boys in Trinity Term 1847. After such dark times, this was a real opportunity for Christopher Smith, Warden since 1938, to raise morale and celebrate the achievements of the College over the last one hundred years.

The Royal Party left Waverley Station on the Aberdeen train at 9.20 am. At Perth Station they were met by local dignitaries and conveyed swiftly to Glenalmond by a Daimler, arriving promptly at 11.45 am. The Queen’s Standard had been sent in advance from Buckingham Palace so that it would be flying over Front Arch when the Queen arrived. It was the middle of the examination period and Kenneth Mackenzie (1945-1949) recalls that some boys had already sat an examination that morning before the Queen arrived. He had to hurriedly change into his piper’s uniform to be ready for her arrival.

The Queen was wearing a blue-grey dress with a loose waist-length jacket and a matching hat with ostrich feathers. She had grey furs and white accessories and wore a triple pearl necklace with diamonds in the upturned brim of her hat and pinned to her jacket. Her Lady-in-Waiting, Lady Jean Rankin, chose royal blue with black accessories.

During her journeys to and from Glenalmond, many people, keen to have a glimpse of the Queen, lined the route, including some German POWs who still remained at Myreside, a small farm just over a mile east of Methven near the Tibbermore turning.

On her arrival at the Warden’s House, the Queen was met by the Warden and the Primus, the Most Reverend JCH How. To a young boy such as Russell Sanderson (1946-1951), the Primus seemed a very old man dressed as he was in gaiters. After ten minutes the Queen emerged from the house and took up position on a specially erected dais on the Avenue to receive the Royal Salute from the Junior Training Corps on Hockey Ground. She inspected the cadets and spoke to many of them, as well as some of the officers. She returned to the dais for the March Past by platoons. She complimented the drill of the JTC and stopped to speak to Pipe Major Bruce Thomson (1944-
48. He had become Pipe Major at the early age of 13, having won the piping competition. He remembers the Queen as being very interested in the pipes and, although nerve wracking, found it a real thrill to meet and talk to her.

The Warden then escorted the Queen to the Chapel, where the Bishop of St Andrews and the Sub-Warden, HD Roberts, were presented. She inspected the new War Memorial and the Book of Remembrance. Outside the Library were members of the College Council and their wives who were presented to Her Majesty. In the Library she examined some memorabilia connected with the early history of the College and signed two specially prepared sheets of paper. Later, photographs were taken of these and they are still on display in the school. In addition, boys had been given permission to take photographs of Her Majesty. From the Library she made her way across the Quad to North Cloister and, with a friendly smile, as recalled by John Izat (1945-1950), spoke to several boys who were waiting for her. She looked in on Small Schoolroom, one of the rooms off North Cloister, and passed into Back Quad for a view of the Sidlaw Hills. Her party then adjourned to the Warden’s House where she was taken to sit on a table set in the body of the Hall.

With the Queen’s party on Top Table were the Primus, the Warden, senior members of Council and FR Goodacre, Glenalmond’s longest-serving master. In the body of the Hall were other members of the Council, the members of staff and their wives, parents of School Prefects, other guests closely connected with the College and some ex-Captains of College of all generations. The oldest, at 79, was GFM Oghly, who had been Captain in 1887.

The luncheon was provided by the Matron and Housekeeper. The 122 guests were waited on by the Prefects, dressed in blazers and whites. The Captain of College, RW Henderson, had the honour to wait upon the Queen. The Chronicle reports:

“The speed, quickness and efficiency with which the waiters’ carried out their duties came in for universal praise, as did the floral decorations of the tables and window-ledges. After lunch, the Queen and her party adjourned to the Prefects’ Common Room for coffee. On the way down the Hall the Queen spoke to the Matron and Housekeeper. In the Common Room she signed the Prefects’ Book and Kenneth Mackenzie remembers being told by Henry Reddin (1943-1947) how completely charmed the Queen was to find her.

Meanwhile, boys and guests assembled round a dais at the entrance to Clock Tower Staircase. The Captain of College brought the Queen through the Cloisters and stood beside her with the Warden, Primus and Sub-Warden.

The Primus spoke first and thanked the Queen for her visit:

“It is indeed a high honour you have paid us this College and I have little doubt that all will agree with me when I say that this day will stand out as the proudest and happiest day in all the history of Trinity College, Glenalmond, throughout the hundred years of its life.”

The Queen expressed her thanks for the warm welcome she had received. Well-briefed as ever, she recalled that an earlier Queen, Adelaide, Consort of King William IV, had supported the foundation of the School. She applauded the tradition of service engendered by the school:

“The days before are so bountiful with less testing for us all than those which we oversee in the war. There, too, we shall overcome, but only if those who are soon to be mere, are ready to play a man’s part and bring to this task the quality of service which only can bring us into the sunlight once again.”

After expressing her good wishes to the boys she asked the Warden for an extra week’s leave. It is not known if the Warden had been primed for this request, but he assented readily to the delight of the boys. Finally, the Captain of College called for the three cheers for Her Majesty, which was vibrantly given.

The Queen made her way slowly across the Quad to the Warden’s House, speaking to people as she went. Promptly at 2.30, the Royal Daimler glided up the Avenue. The Queen’s Standard was hauled down from the Tower and the Glenalmond flag flew in its place. Members of the Pipe Band were allowed to sit some of the leftovers from the lunch and Kenneth Mackenzie remembers consuming large quantities of strawberries and cream.

In the afternoon the 1st XI, who were in long whites during the Queen’s Speech after lunch, played a cricket match against the Wayfarers. Some unfortunates had to sit Higher Certificate exams in History and German and School Certificate from 5.00 to 7.30. Other boys were allowed out on dockets or with parents until Roll Call at 7.30. Evening Chapel was followed by supper and a film, The Ghost of St Michael’s, an Evening comedy about a school in a remote part of Scotland which is haunted by a ghost. At 11.15 there were fireworks on Front Slopes. It is hardly surprising that the Warden decreed a compulsory rest period from 2.30 to 3.45 the following afternoon, when boys had to be in their dormitories or rooms.

The day after the visit, the Queen’s Treasurer, Major Arthur Penn, who had accompanied her to Glenalmond, wrote to the Warden to thank him for all the pains which he and his colleagues had taken to make the occasion pleasant:

“Her Majesty was greatly impressed by the charming manners and the unaffected welcome of the boys, many of whom seemed equally competent whether on parade or at the table-side. The Queen recalls that Mr Gladston’s choice of the location of the College is said to have been influenced by the quality and the presentation of luncheon, and is happy to observe that this is among the many other commendable traditions preserved at Glenalmond. Her Majesty will long recall the beauty of the day which combined with all your arrangements to make the centenary celebrations memorable.”

The Warden wrote to the Queen on 21 July:

“The Warden was greatly pleased by the cheerfulness and the unfailing welcome of the boys, many of whom seemed equally competent whether on parade or at the table-side. The Queen recalls that Mr Gladston’s choice of the location of the College is said to have been influenced by the quality and the presentation of luncheon, and is happy to observe that this is among the many other commendable traditions preserved at Glenalmond. Her Majesty will long recall the beauty of the day which combined with all your arrangements to make the centenary celebrations memorable.”

“Madam,

Today all the boys have had the opportunity of seeing the cup displayed, of admiring its exquisite workmanship and its beauty, and of reading with pride the inscription engraved upon it. This beautiful commemorative present will remind everyone of what Your Majesty so truly described as the proudest and happiest day in the whole hundred years of the school’s history. May I on behalf of all of us at Glenalmond express our gratitude and our deep appreciation of this gift.

I have the honour to remain,
Your Majesty’s most humble servant,
Christopher Smith”

When one reads the correspondence with the Palace, one finds a marked contrast in the straightforward phrasing of the Private Secretary and Treasurer and the fulsome language of the Warden in addressing the Queen. Today this seems overblown.

A parent took a cine film of the visit, which can still be viewed as it has been transferred to DVD, though the colour is grainy. Black and white photographs were gathered into a commemorative album and there is a large file preserving the correspondence and administration relating to the visit. All of these are retained in the College Archives together with first-hand recollections of some boys who were at Coll at the time.

Everyone agreed that this was a very special day in the life of the College. The Council decided to spend £80 in total as a bonus for the domestic and grounds staff for all the additional work occasioned by the visit. The Warden had barely six weeks to prepare for the visit after Buckingham Palace had approved it and it is a tribute to his administrative skills and meticulous attention to detail that all went so smoothly. John Izat remembers the respectful and dignified way in which he conducted the visit. No doubt there had been a wet weather contingency plan, but it was not needed. For most of his Wardenship, Christopher Smith had had to contend with the exigencies of wartime and the visit was one of three factors which elevated his last years in office, the other two being the acquisition of the Cairmae in 1946 and the Centenary Celebration the day after Common Commemoration of Trinity Term. These significant events were recompenses for the hardships of the past. Christopher Smith became Master of Halesworth and Imperial Service College in 1954, a post he held for fifteen years. He was Chairman of the Headmasters’ Conference twice and was regarded to be one of the most successful schoolmasters of his generation.

Queen Elizabeth, as Queen Mother, visited Glenalmond College on one more occasion on 14th October 1966 when she opened the new Swimming Pool and Gymnasium. In her speech, she recalled her visit of 1947 and spoke in a way which still resonates to both boys and girls today:

“I am so glad to be at Glenalmond once again, for I remember vividly the happy day which I spent here on the occasion of your Centenary – now nearly twenty years ago. Boys have set forth from this school for well over a century and have made their mark in the world in many and varied careers. But your achievements, to be of enduring value, must be founded on courage, faith, tolerance and a love of justice – qualities which will uphold and strengthen you all your lives. I am confident that all who stand here and all who come to learn will keep before them these ideals, tested by time and experience, and that in the years that lie ahead, young men will continue to add further glory to the proud history of the School.”

David Willington, Hon DL, Glenalmond staff 1973-2006

Elaine Mundill, Glenalmond Archivist
OGs have many fond and often fabulous memories of their time at Coll... in a current world of electronic wall and scrapbooks, here, former pupils share some good old-fashioned notebook memories...

One of my more interesting memories of Coll was a fire which was found in a letter dated 1 October 55, which I wrote home to my parents relating to the Great Fire on 27 September, and was earlier. On Wednesday I was shooting and we had a Fire Drill before we dashed off. On Tuesday we had shooting and we had a Fire Drill. I loved being at Coll, I remember attending the Science Fair opening the new science wing on 24 October 1956, but more exciting perhaps was the same time of a capsicum flying into one of the windows and taking splitting into two. The next time, before anyone had had a chance to use it.

My Head of Chemistry was Andrew Russell Business (Andrew Russell Richardson) who really ignited my interest in the subject. After completing my degree of Chemical Engineering at Leeds, I was back in at 13.00 in March 2017 for the first time in over 40 years, it was very moving to stroll down the corridor again and see pictures of my fellow students up in the walls.

On my way back from the Scottish School's Pipe Band Competition in Edinburgh, in 1963 I had a small bottle of vodka tucked into my plaid needing to be able to get out of the bus being an adult. It fell out and as a consequence into my hip pocket... I must thank Ian 'Froggy' Vandyke and his wife Zoe for allowing me to share this memory.

At home in Surrey we didn’t have many games so it was a real thrill when deep snow came to Glenalmond and I spent hours rolling snow balls down the hill on my ‘Flexible Flyer’. Other marks of allegro are available.

The friends I made at Glenalmond remain like family members to me... the sense of community is very powerful.

Alice Jenkins Home 97-03

My favourite season at Coll was the autumn when you could try and win an apple from the Almond after rugby practice.

Hamish Prestige Patchells 2008-13

My amateur stage career — now a big part of my life — began in 1969 when I played Lady Carolinea in a farce called “Caught Napping” with Duncan Harrison (now Lord) mensing playing my husband, his most memorable line, “in an explanation of my odd behaviour, was, ‘Can’t I just phone you later?’”

Marion Vander Weyer Carmines 68-72

The great event of my early years at Coll was the traditionally annual feast of Adrian Woods my friend and fellow Goodacre Fourth Former (1978). It was in the second year of 1978. He caused a sensation at the climax of the Steeplechase that lived on in school legend for years afterwards.

As well as being a rebel, Adrian was a supremely talented long-distance runner. He trained usually alone after lights out, at least during the summer months. As well as covering two and more conventional feats of daring like wrapping up car park round the ‘pooper’ on top of Hill, he hatched a plan that would guarantee maximum exposure for his defiance of school authority, in particular his unfortunate young housemaster David Willington.

As was expected by all, Adrian entered the third from, which stretched the Steeplechase miles in front of the next competitor. But instead of breasting the finishing line at Front Arch, half way down Front Ave, Adrian turned sharply right, and to general gasps, started running up slopes.

As he did so he shouted to general perplexity, “Phillipshott Netflix!”. Except he shouted it in ancient Greek. This was a reference, he told me beforehand, to the original runner at Marathon. Clearly this was a gesture almost squarely against his housemaster, a distinguished classicist.

As in the novel of Anthony Powell, others will remember this famous incident differently, but I was able to watch it (somewhat shaking around the stepples) from my study window. I think Adrian, KP still running, and stayed away for the days to come, and as soon as he and Coll parted company permanently...

Whatever happened to him?

Colin Donald Home 77-82

(N.B. Colin and Adrian have since been in touch through social media!)
Professor Peter Weigl

OG Professor Peter Weigl (Matheson's 57-58) is an eminent biologist at Wake Forest University in North Carolina, USA. Here he tells The Chronicle a little about the path to his chosen career...

Young people today often receive stern warnings about how to succeed in school, at university or in snagging that crucial first job. "Plan ahead, stay focused, avoid distractions, specialize, perform assertively and get noticed!" they are told.

On projects: "Ask manageable questions, construct assertively and get noticed!" they are told.

Focused, avoid distractions, specialize, perform assertively, and get noticed! If you are lucky, some inspired instructors, helpful staff members and the generous hospitality of Glenalmond families. While I enjoyed many experiences - learning two new sports, doing some singing, and participating in the CCF - the academic challenges turned out to be especially significant.

The quality of the French and History A Level program and an array of other courses added a dimension to my travel and cultural experiences that year. And to my surprise, I gained some recognition for work in Religion and Natural History. The end result of all this was a student still not very focused, but an individual with an insatiable curiosity about places and people, past and present, and an overwhelming desire to explore.

In short, academics and travel became major themes in my life. And, it all started at Glenalmond!

I spent nearly 45 years teaching and research at Wake Forest splitting my time between teaching diverse courses, conducting scores of field trips, and supervising undergraduate and graduate students in ecological studies of rare animals and vanishing landscapes on five continents.

Because of my interest and background in the humanities, I often collaborated with faculty in other fields to teach interdisciplinary courses. In addition, much of my time was spent monitoring 27 masters and doctoral students who investigated a wide range of topics and a great variety of different species. As a result of this research diversity, I was often chided for not specializing enough - but not concentrating on a single field or topic - a process, it was argued, that was sure to lead to more publications and grant money.

Sounds like the old warning of the elders in my early days at Glenalmond, and I responded in the same contrary way.

This idea surfaced again in an odd fashion twenty years ago, when a friend who taught seven and eight year old students asked me to visit a classroom to talk about animals I had studied and places I had visited.

So, I scurched down at one of the diminutive desks they used and described animals, objects and familiar study sites. The kids were incredibly enthusiastic - a great audience - but then one little guy, with a worried expression, raised his hand and asked: "Gosh, that's really neat, but what are you going to do when you grow up?" Wow, that caused me to stop and think - for two reasons. First, I enjoy the work I do and make no apologies for it. If "growing up" means abandoning this work, then I shall never grow up! I shall remain a scientist, Peter Pan!

Second, what had happened to this kid that caused him to think that the very ideas that excited him were not what serious grown-ups might be interested in? According to this view, what is worthwhile really shouldn't be enjoyable, should it. Unfortunately, this is a common attitude. If you want to rattle a group of serious scientists sometime, tell them you pursue your research simply because it is "fun."

One has only one life to lead, so why not make it especially rewarding and enjoyable?

In addition to academics and travel, I have spent my free time working with conservation organizations, consulting and writing, singing in chamber groups and choirs, following some art interests, and tending a diverse orchard on a tract of North Carolina red clay soil.

Although I have enjoyed my research work and travels to exotic places and can say that I have finally got my act together, I have come to realize, as did I at Glenalmond, that it is the people I have met and interacted with - especially students - who have meant the most over the years and who represent the real legacy of my profession. Indeed, it has been a great journey from Glenalmond to North Carolina.

A doctoral program in Zoology at Duke University in North Carolina followed. I was still unsure about my research direction, but participation in an expedition to East Africa to study ice Age climate and vegetation in a way that complemented contemporary research on human evolution convinced me to select ecology as a specialty. Thus, on return from Africa I pursued field and laboratory studies of some little known species in the southern Appalachian Mountains. I was interested in testing theories under real-world conditions.

When I finished my degree, I had planned a post-doctoral study in Australia. Three weeks before I was to leave, the US government cancelled the funding for the whole program, and I found myself without a job or any idea about what I might do. "Adapt or die" an evolutionary biologist declared. So in 1968, after checking out a number of schools, I took a job at Wake Forest University. Wake Forest was a small but growing university near both the Appalachian Mountains and the Atlantic coast - an ideal locality for an ecologist.

I hadn't planned to stay at Wake Forest, but, to my surprise, I really liked the place and found the right balance between teaching and research. Today, in 2017, though largely retired, I am still working in the same office and lab. I guess one could say that I had finally found some direction and settled down.

...academics and travel became major themes in my life. And, it all started at Glenalmond!
Mairi Fraser meets the winning appearance on Trainspotting 2, and a trendy movie, with a little help from 02-06) is making a name for himself. As a Trotter condiment king, inspired by Boyle’s hit film, Trainspotting 2, included Trotter’s Independent Condemns was born!

For two years it really was kitchen-table talent with everyone pitching in to produce labels, stir, scoop and deliver. “I’ll never forget a day when, to my surprise, I received a call from a restaurant called Hawaiian Aloha. They were having a special event where they wanted 500 jars of jam in a day. I remember thinking, ‘This is impossible!’”

Byam determined to pursue a career as a barrister, preferably a barrister. To prove himself, he entered a national jam-making competition, set up by the Scottish Federation of Women’s Institutes. The judges were impressed by his confident and polished presentation, and Byam was declared the winner.

“People thought I was mad, but I knew I could do it,” Byam recalls. “I had always been interested in cooking and I knew I could bring a new perspective to the industry.”

Byam’s success in the competition led to a string of high-profile commissions. He began to work with top chefs and restaurants, and his jams quickly became a sought-after product.

Byam’s success in the competition led to a string of high-profile commissions. He began to work with top chefs and restaurants, and his jams quickly became a sought-after product.

“I was born, a long way from Perthshire, in Hong Kong in 1962 when it was still a British colony, with strong links to Scotland going back to its earliest days. My father was Chinese, born in Hong Kong. My mother, now aged 92, is a Scot who, born in Glasgow, grew up in Edinburgh. They met shortly after WWII at medical school in Edinburgh where my father went on to complete his studies interrupted by the Pacific War. Thus my connection with Scotland and how I ended up at school there: first at prep school at Clifton Hall and later at Coll, where, like my three brothers1, I was placed in Skrine’s. This was not a time of diversity in British boarding schools in general or Coll in particular but, coming from colonial Hong Kong and being half-Scottish, I did not feel especially out of place at school since I was, and remain, a British national. (So, whilst I witnessed the return of Hong Kong to Chinese Sovereignty in 1997 with a sense of nostalgic optimism, the possibility of Scottish independence causes me unease. To borrow loosely from Oscar Wilde, to lose one connection to your country may be regarded as misfortune, to lose both looks like cancerous decay.)

Ironically, by the time I went to boarding school in Scotland, my parents were living in Canada. Because the register at Coll recorded my home address in Canada, at least one of my schoolmates believed that I was, in fact, an Eskimo. This probably says as much about the propensity for drawing false inferences as the exoticism of the Eurasian appearance.

Perhaps due to my reaction to that syllogistic fallacy, or my innate sense of justice as a Libran, I determined to pursue a career as a lawyer, preferably a barrister.

On leaving Coll, I read law at UCL, joined the Middle Temple, ate a number of dinners in my Inn, took the Bar exam, and was duly called to the Bar. After pupillage at commercial chambers in the Temple, I returned home to Hong Kong and joined a set of barristers’ chambers from which I practised for just over 23 years, the last eleven as Senior Counsel (the status previously called Dawson’s Counsel). I was also admitted as an advocate in Singapore where I practised on a part-time basis.

Practice as a barrister in Hong Kong provided me with a challenging, varied and rewarding career. If it is unlikely Coll prepared me specifically for that, I have no doubt that the characteristics that we were encouraged to develop there in our formative years stood me in good stead professionally.

The Handover in 1997 was a significant feature of my career at the Bar. Constitutional law became a distinct area of my practice and I was fortunate to be involved in a number of cases on various aspects of Hong Kong’s new constitution, known as the Basic Law. I was fortunate enough to be one of the lawyers who were ultimately counselled to the Hong Kong’s Court of Final Appeal (the CFA), which had replaced the Privy Council in London as Hong Kong’s final appellate court.

I considered the Bench as the natural culmination of a career as a barrister and, having sat as a judge on a part-time basis when in practice, I was offered and accepted appointment as a Judge of the Court of Final Appeal in 1999. I was fortunate to be in Hong Kong when the CFA was appointed, and was later appointed to the Court of Appeal in February 2011 and luckier still to be appointed as a Permanent Judge of the CFA in October 2013.

As the final appellate court within Hong Kong’s court system, the CFA plays an important role in developing Hong Kong’s common law and upholding the rule of law here. This is fundamentally Hong Kong’s existence under the principle of “one county, two systems”. In this twentieth anniversary year of the Handover, one can look back on two decades of what has been a generally successful constitutional arrangement. I am grateful to count as close friends in Hong Kong a circle of my Coll contemporaries. Hong Kong’s connections with Scotland endure. Whilst Coll is now more diverse than before, with pupils from all parts of the globe, I hope the shared heritage of my two cultural homes will ensure that Coll values the particular bond it has with its Hong Kong Alumni.

With a Champagne reception in the Music Recital Hall, guests were treated to background accompaniment on the grand Piano by Music Scholar Alexander Wallace. At 7pm everyone raised a glass to the camera which was ‘live screening’ via Facebook, to mark the moment Glenalmond joined the worldwide Glenalmond gathering, #GlobalGlenalmond. OGS throughout the world posted ‘selfies’ wherever they were in the world at 7pm local time, creating a global timeline. After this excitement, guests proceeded through the dark Front Quad where flaming torches ringed the clock-tower doorway, guiding them up to the Dining Hall.

Gathering on the stairs for a ‘team shot’, the spirit of Glenalmond was encapsulated by a jovial atmosphere with calls of, “No, after you, please.” Parent, Lady Diana Godfrey-Faussett, noted that, “It’s always a very enjoyable evening,” while, on a more prosaic note, her husband Christopher toasted the “excellent grub!”

OG The Hon. Jenny Linehan (Lothian 92-94), in her capacity as Dinner Chairperson, spoke on behalf of the OG community, welcoming new members and old. “As a borders girl, living just a few hundred yards from the centre of Melrose, I can confirm that the sense of belonging and community demonstrated in the Borders is vividly reflected here tonight,” she said. Warden Elaine Logan – having just stepped off a plane from a gruelling ten-day recruitment trip to Nigeria, Beijing and Hong Kong – highlighted the increased ‘footprint’ Glenalmond is making both internationally and at UK schools: “We cannot sit back in rural Perthshire and wait for new pupils to arrive - it simply won’t happen.”

As ever, excellent local fair was on the menu with venison, lamb shank and salmon on offer, followed by a hearty mixture of passionfruit and chocolate in the form of the legendary ‘Melrose Tart’. Formalities were kept to a minimum and conversation continued to well after midnight. As ever, a special thank you must be offered to John Gordon (Patchell’s 71-76) for pulling together and preserving this enjoyable occasion and to Tim Wishart (Matheson’s 82-86) for reciting the Rabbie Burns. “Some have meat and canna eat. And some wad eat that want it. But we hae meat and we can eat. And sae the Lord be thanked.” And so say all of us.

Mairi Fraser

Scottish Dinner

Coll’s magnificent Dining Hall hosted the inaugural OG Club Scottish Dinner on Saturday 15 October. More than 100 members of the Glenalmond Community, including over forty post-millennium pupils, gathered to celebrate in style.

Grace was read by OG Victoria Clark (Lothian 10-15) before a delicious dinner of smoked salmon, fillet of beef and raspberry pannacotta, served amid fine china and beautiful flower arrangements.

Captains of Coll Rory Sandison and Georgie Flowers spoke to the assembled guests of their fondness for the school and its positive influence on their development. Warden Elaine Logan gave an inspiring address on the subject of being the ‘new girl’ no more and her experiences during her first year in office. OG Club Chairman Rupert Morgan (Matheson’s 77-82) delivered an hilarious speech about his life at Coll with various anecdotes about fishing at Buchanty Spout, his talents on the shot putting field and the many benefits of being a prefect.

Accompanied by several school photos, the presentation had the audience in stitches, not least at the changing style, volume and colour (?) of Mr Morgan’s locks...

As ever, a heart-warming rendition of ‘Floreat Glenalmond’ completed the evening although the small typeface on the programme proved a slight challenge for many.}

Mairi Fraser

The OG Club

Borders Dinner

As ever The Townhouse in Melrose provided a perfect backdrop to the popular annual, Borders Dinner.
Glenalmond’s Major Benefactors’ Dinner

Dinner was held in the baronial dining room, under 30 tons of carefully hewn stone...

The evening began with drinks in the well-appointed lounge before the assembled guests moved outside to enjoy the late evening sunshine and the appropriately martial sounds of pipers and drummers from the College’s pipe band.

Dinner was held in the baronial dining room, under 30 tons of carefully hewn stone, according to John Macaskill. The Warden presented an outline of the progress at the College, highlighting some of the very recent positive coverage in The Good Schools Guide, and the Chairman of the Council, Lord Menzies, took the opportunity to thank the benefactors for their valuable contributions to Glenalmond.

Those in attendance included some long standing supporters of the College whom it was good to see in fine fettle as well as some newer faces who were very welcome.

John Macaskill then introduced the guest speaker – his contemporary at Coll, Hugh McLay MBE. Hugh gave a very enthralling and vivid description of his career in the army and MI6, complete with examples of exceptional courage, and what John Le Carré would no doubt describe as outstanding trade craft. Sadly these cannot be reported on in more detail, but they did provoke questions and debate which continued into the small hours beside the well-stoked fire, and accompanied, or maybe fuelled by Fenton Tower’s exceptional single malt.

The manager of The Tower, Alan Thomson and his staff, provided excellent food and wine and a friendly and efficient service which continued into breakfast the following morning.

We would like to thank John Macaskill for his generosity in hosting the event and making Fenton Tower available, and the benefactors for their generous support of Glenalmond College.

Niall Booker, OG

We would like to thank John Macaskill for his generosity in hosting the event and making Fenton Tower available, and the benefactors for their generous support of Glenalmond College.

Niall Booker, OG

Glenalmond’s Major Benefactors’ Dinner was held in the splendid surroundings of Fenton Tower, East Lothian on May 10. Perhaps better known to younger readers as Balmory Castle, the Tower has been meticulously and beautifully restored by John Macaskill OG and Ian Simpson.

It was fitting that Wadham was our venue as our Chairman of Council, Duncan Manzies (a former student of the College), featured as our Principal speaker at this, our tenth, Oxbridge dinner.

What began at Peterhouse, all but ten years ago, has taken us to Pembroke, Kings, Caius and Emmanuel in Cambridge and Christ Church, Lincoln, Oriel and Balliol in Oxford.

Several new and some nearly new Oxbridge Blues displayed their regalia - lacrosse, golf and swimming were the most recently awarded.

It was fitting that Wadham was our venue as our Chairman of Council, Duncan Manzies (a former student of the College), featured as our Principal speaker at this, our tenth, Oxbridge dinner.

What began at Peterhouse, all but ten years ago, has taken us to Pembroke, Kings, Caius and Emmanuel in Cambridge and Christ Church, Lincoln, Oriel and Balliol in Oxford.

Duncan’s alma mater did not disappoint. The food and wines were outstanding throughout. Duncan gave a gracious, erudite and amusing address in praise of kitchen and cellarers - at Coll & Wadham - with his taste and discernment much in evidence. Niall Booker gave the vote of thanks on behalf of the Cambridge "away team" contingent.

We all thoroughly enjoyed the traditional opportunity to sing three verses of the Carmen. As Chairman of the Dinner, I offered the loyal toast to Glenalmond, reminding us all that Oxford, Cambridge and Glenalmond alike offer us an oasis of settled calm and opportunity for scholarship in these unsettled and unsettling times. It is not hard to see how our founding fathers had the values of Oxbridge in mind when they founded our school 170 years ago.

To conclude the evening, we all repaired to the undergraduate bar for a farewell refreshment. We will meet again in Cambridge 2019.

Saturday morning provided a brief closing to our wonderful dinner. We said prayers in the beautiful chapel of St Frideswide in Christ Church cathedral and were reminded of the very strong links between Christ Church and Glenalmond, typified by the first portrait in the Great Hall of William Murray, Earl of Mansfield, sometime of Scone Palace.

We concluded with a private viewing in Christ Church Upper Library of a Lectionary of 1526 commissioned by Wolsey himself and an almost priceless charmeuse-bound book of The Prudence of Kings’ owned by Edward II, still unexploded in the early 14th century royal velvet.

Oxbridge Alumni Dinner

It is not hard to see how our founding fathers had the values of Oxbridge in mind when they founded our school 170 years ago.

We were also shown Lewis Carroll’s personal photo album, featuring several significant pictures of Alice, daughter of Dean Lidall and the inspiration for his most famous literary works.

Our special Oxford weekend will live long in the memory and only deepen our resolve to maintain the best of our traditions and scholarly values for each other and the betterment of the College.

John Wright
Hon OG and retired Head of Classics
1847 Dinner

On Saturday 10 June, a small number of the members of the 1847 Society (the year of Glenalmond’s foundation) assembled at what is still known as the Warden’s House, for the annual 1847 Dinner. The evening was hosted by the current Warden, Elaine Logan. Drinks were offered in the elegant drawing room, overlooking Front Slopes, before we moved to the equally impressive dining room; both rooms being greatly enhanced by the notable art work of former pupils. It was lovely to be back in ‘my’ old house and vastly improved it is too! The caterer, Tony Abbott, once again excelled, presenting a dinner of the highest quality, enhanced by a selection of superior wines. Alas, I was driving.

Fellow guests included Iain McCrone (Matheson’s 50-54), David McRobert (Goodacre’s 67-72) and Dsire Mackenzie-Smith (Matheson’s 80-85). There was little formality, and the Captains of Coll, Rory Sandison and Georgie Flowers, impressed by the ease with which they contributed to the evening.

Jim Wainwright, Former Warden (50-62), Glenalmond staff (62-92) and Honorary OG, contributed to the evening.

Drinks were offered in the elegant drawing room, overlooking Front Slopes, before we moved to the equally impressive dining room; both rooms being greatly enhanced by the notable art work of former pupils. It was lovely to be back in ‘my’ old house and vastly improved it is too! The caterer, Tony Abbott, once again excelled, presenting a dinner of the highest quality, enhanced by a selection of superior wines. Alas, I was driving.

Fellow guests included Iain McCrone (Matheson’s 50-54), David McRobert (Goodacre’s 67-72) and Dsire Mackenzie-Smith (Matheson’s 80-85). There was little formality, and the Captains of Coll, Rory Sandison and Georgie Flowers, impressed by the ease with which they contributed to the evening.
Good movement of the ball from Stodart, Sandison and Kirkpatrick brought some lovely interchanges and chances up front for Pritchard and Stodart.

The defence stood strong, very well marshalled by Woodcock in goals. Unfortunately, during the opening exchanges, Wills took a bang on the knuckle, causing it to balloon and sadly ending his participation. McCallum and Waterston shored up the centre of defence with Illingworth and Martin either side. Both sides had chances either end but it was the OG side who broke through first. Again, lovely interchange into the D and it saw Sheila Mill who got on the end of a move and swept the ball past the school keeper. A great goal and a really solid team effort from the OG team, but as we knew from years gone by, that meant nothing if we didn’t back it up in the second half.

A short break and buoyant talk at Half Time brought that same energy back for the second half. However, it was the school who struck first. Some really good work overall of a couple of their boys and girls in midfield using the full width of the pitch and a technical player broke the OG defence and squeezed the ball past Woodcock. Not to be denied the OG team did not let their heads bow. Illingworth and Martin, neither having played hockey in a number of years yet both were pressing high, displaying good stick work and creating opportunities. Pritchard was forever causing problems in the school defence providing chances for others. Waterston hit the post and Sandison was unlucky not to score. But the definite man of the match for the OG team was the outstanding Woodcock in goals. He was the one that kept the OG team in the fixture. The school could have easily scored at least three goals in that second half were it not for a strong world class saves from Woodcock. He has played a serious standard of hockey before but not for a number of years.

Today it seemed that he could walk straight back into the top leagues again. He also kept the defence well marshalled, as McCallum and Martin stood resolute making sure that nothing more can come through. With the school pressing high searching for chances the OG attackers sensed more goals on the break.

Good movement of the ball from Stodart, Sandison, Mill and Kirkpatrick led to Pritchard again squeezing the ball in after a mackie in front of goals, with the result as the OG team sensed victory. The final few minutes played out with no further scores with the final whistle bringing an end to an enthralling fixture. Both teams had a wealth of chances throughout the match but largely thanks to Woodcock the OG team came out victorious. A great team effort from everyone including Wills, who stayed right to the end even though his hand was the size of a small football.

The fixture was played in such an outstanding spirit, something that embodies OG sport. Both teams went out to win in a very competitive match. The school were so very generous in their hospitality and provided a delicious sit-down meal in the cricket pavilion afterwards for both teams. The game both sets of players a chance to interact with each other, something that is also very important in OG Sport. I would like to thank David Stott and Andrew Rollo for umpiring and organising everything at the school. And, of course, the Warde for hosting us.

I hope that in years to come the club can continue to grow and have both a ladies’ and mens’ fixture against the school. If you are interested in joining the club please contact the Alumni department on alumni@glenalmondcollege.co.uk or Matthew Waterston at matthewwaterston@hotmail.co.uk

The OGRC was very pleased to see shooting at Coll making something of a comeback and for there to be four more cadets shooting in the Schools meeting at Bisley. We look forward to more so that a full VIII can be fielded for the Ashburton.

Sally the DJs failed to raise a team for the Glen Five Generations Match at Coll. To be rectified next year.

Colin McEachran, Simon Glen and Jon Sweet shot in the Scottish Rifle Association Open Meeting in June but since Colin was shooting F Class (telescopic sight) we did not have the required quorum (of 3) shooting Target Rifle for the Club’s championship to be held in Scotland. Simon Glen was second in the Caledonian Shield, second in the Grand Aggregate and second in the Scottish Championship but won the President’s Cup (EODs) and the Saturday and Sunday Aggregate. Simon Glen, Peter Glen and Jon Sweet shot for Scotland in the Lawrence Trophy against England. Simon was the top scorer in the match (on both sides) and was the winner of the Hossack Memorial Trophy.

In the Imperial Meeting at Bisley, Colin McEachran and Jon Sweet competed in the match rifle events. Jon Sweet shot for Scotland in the Elcho Shield.

We had nine DJs shooting in the Veteran’s Trophy match but with Jonathan Glen’s son Andrew we were able to field a second team. We were very pleased to see Douglas Birrell again after so many years, who managed to demonstrate that he had not forgotten what it was all about.

Simon Glen won the Peirs-Duncombe Medal as our highest scorer and the Thomson Cup as the highest aggregate for a certain age.

Simon and Peter Glen shot for East of Scotland in the Counties Short Range and Counties Long Range Double.

In both the National Match and the Mackinnon, Scotland finished second to England. Simon and Peter Glen both shot for Scotland in both matches. Andy Sturrock was a coach for Scotland in both matches.

Only five DJs shot all or some of the individual events with four competing in the whole Grand Aggregate. Many of the competitors proved to be an inter-generational battle between father and son and Simon and Peter Glen did battles and made a clean sweep of the OGRC Silverware. The Glen’s bill for the engraving will be eye-watering.

Simon and Peter Glen were neck and neck for much of the Grand Aggregate with Peter winning through as Simon crashed to 72.9 in the final EODs competition. Peter finished 50th overall and the Ollie Beckett Trophy for the highest under 23 living in the UK, Simon Glen and Peter Glen stormed to victory in the Familiar pairs competition, shot in the first stage of HM Queen’s Prize – both scoring a maximum 125. Needless to say they both qualified for the second stage but, in extremely difficult conditions, only Simon qualified for the Queen’s Final and this won the Glen Alms Dish. Simon Glen and Andy Sturrock were the only DJs to qualify for the second stage for the St George’s Vase and only Simon qualified for the final where he finished 32nd but was conceded by winning the Wilson Cup. The Boys Cup is awarded to the OG with the highest score in the long range competitions where Peter Glen was narrowly snipped by 1.5 bull by Simon.

Simon Glen won the Caledonian Shield for being the highest placed Scot in the aggregate of the Scottish Open Championship at Blair Atholl and the Grand Aggregate at Bisley.
OG Robert Duncan Milne

The Cupar man who saw the future - but was forgotten in mists of time

Yet the name, life and work of Robert Duncan Milne (Glenalmond 1858-82) were almost completely forgotten until Courier archivist Barry Sullivan stumbled across him. The 45-year-old Barry went to Dundee University as a mature student, studying English literature and film. One day he picked up a book by American sci-fi historian Sam Moskowitz.

It contained a short section about Robert Duncan Milne, a 19th Century science-fiction author who became a major figure in the Californian literary scene.

“Milne was born in Cupar, which is my home town, so immediately my ears pricked up,” Barry explains.

“I checked with the local historical society and with the library but no one had a clue who he was.”

Barry set about unearthing the mysterious writer’s past, discovering details of his life and reading his stories. “The more I read the more I realised he deserves recognition.”

Barry brought his findings to his tutor, Dr Keith Williams, who has now commissioned a PhD on Milne’s life and work. Another student will be carrying out the PhD – Barry doesn’t have time, although he is working on a graphic novel based on Milne’s life and works.

The son of Reverend George Gordon Milne, the town’s Episcopal minister, Robert Duncan Milne was born on 7 January 1844 at Carselect House in Cupar. He went to Glenalmond College (1858-1862) and then Oxford, where he studied classics.

After university he emigrated to California where he dropped off the radar for the best part of a decade, working as a shepherd and then, somehow, becoming an engineer. When his reserve unit was called up to the 1874 San Francisco Mechanics Fair where he was demonstrating a new type of rotary engine. It failed to generate financial success, however, and Milne turned his hand to writing, publishing a series of apparently biographical short stories in the city’s Argonaut newspaper. These detailed his time working as a shepherd, cook and labourer in California and northern Mexico during 1872-73.

It’s unclear why he had to turn his hand to manual labour in addition to being Oxford educated he regularly received money from his wealthy uncle, Duncan James Kay – a founder of Baring’s Bank.

What’s also unknown is why he switched from folksy autobiographical tales of itinerant labouring to imaginative and inventive works of science fiction.

Whatever the reason, his stories were popular and around 60 of them were published in The Argonaut before his death.

They were filled with densely packed detail about fantastical inventions. “The clever thing he did was mixing real science and engineering in with the speculative stuff,” Barry explains. “The reader has to work hard to unpick what’s real and what’s made up.”

Among the inventions Milne presaged was the mobile phone, which featured in a story called The Great Electrical Diaphragm.

“He also envisaged a film around the earth which signals could bounce off and be transmitted all around the world,” Barry says.

Other stories predicted the rise of cinema as an entertainment form, the ravaging of the earth by a comet strike, drone bombers, self-guiding missiles and suspended animation.

Although all forgotten today Milne was a major figure of his time. His stories were hugely popular. He was friends with Robert Louis Stevenson and, indeed, helped the Treasure Island author sell his stories when he washed up penniless in San Francisco.

Milne was a high-functioning alcoholic and it appears his uncle eventually stopped him money after he blew a large transfer of cash on a bender.

His end came on December 15, 1899 when he stumbled drunkenly in front of one of the first cars in San Francisco. It was a sad end for the 54-year-old sci-fi pioneer. “In the end it was modernity that knocked him dead,” Barry explains with a wry smile.

With thanks to Jack McKeown and The Courier

OG Hugh C Shields

Amazing true story behind the Oscar-winning film Chariots of Fire written by OG Hugh Shields

Their (Liddell and Abrahams) achievements at the 1924 Paris Olympics are the stuff of legend

‘Bring me my Charriot of Fire’ is the recently published, true story of the Oscar-winning film written by OG Hugh Shields (Reid’s 78-82).

With a forward by spritzy Olympian Alan Wells MBE, “Bring me my Charriot of Fire” tells the story of two of Great Britain’s finest Olympic athletes, Eric Liddell and Harold Abrahams, whose life stories were immortalised in the award-winning film, Chariots of Fire.

“Liddell and Abrahams’ achievements at the 1924 Paris Olympics were the stuff of legend,” says Shields, “I want to place on record straight away that I think the film is magnificent. It beautifully evokes the two main characters and captures their respective entourages, including the great coach, Sam Mussabini, with great charm.”

He continues: “Like many films, Chariots of Fire contains elements of dramatic licence. In writing this book, I have sought to tell the true story to the extent that it is possible to glean after all these years.”

Shields’ viewed Liddell as a long-held hero, having first learnt about the great runner – and committed Christian – while at school in Glenalmond’s Chapel.

“Then, morning of the first day at the Glasgow House for the 20ميلاً intercourse is a story called The Great Electrical Diaphragm...
Andrew and I were first cousins, our fathers being brothers. Our early lives in Glasgow followed similar patterns, although being 13 years my senior, he was more of an older brother than a best friend. We were both born in the West End of the city and went to the same junior school, Kelvinside Academy.

Shortly after the end of WWII, Andrew’s family moved to the Gare Loch on the Firth of Clyde, to a wonderful Scottish, mock-Gothic, country house with extensive grounds, including a working market garden producing flowers for the Glasgow market. The commercial garden was run by Andrew’s aunt and uncle. As a young boy, I admired the place and was quite envious of Andrew and his sister’sydie surroundings.

Andrew’s early life had been marred by the death of his mother as a result of complications at birth. As a result he was brought up by his devoted aunt until his father remarried in 1948. This happy event allowed the market garden business to be developed and Andrew to take the next step in his education by coming to Patchell’s in 1952. It was here that he developed a life-long passion for rugby. He played for the 1st XV in winter 54/55, but throughout his life Andrew was always interested in rugby, either through playing or watching.

Andrew follows a long and distinguished line of Scottish philanthropists, most of whom sought to approach the family for permission to name the new stand in Andrew’s memory. The icing on the cake is that they moved the location from the far side of the pitch to this side, thereby ensuring that Andrew was always looking towards the Miller Burn that he remembered so fondly.

Andrew was always modest - much more interested in the people he worked with, planning and reluctant to talk about himself and his successes. My father was just the same.

Bill was a great admirer of the New England scene. The city awarded him an Outstanding Philanthropist Award. It’s not flashy, it’s in Scotland, it supports his first sporting passion, rugby. It was inaugurated by two of Scotland’s past rugby captains last month, and in more ways than one it can be said to put “bums on seats”.

Andrew was the CFO. He took the company through one of the largest leveraged management buyouts of a US public company at that time. The Chairman of Malone and Hyde, Pitt Hyde, was to introduce Andrew to the concept of Corporate Philanthropy, supporting the needs of the local community where the company’s profits were generated. This struck a loud chord with Andrew, since his father had instilled in him a valuable lesson for life, first you EARN, then you EARN and finally you RETURN, a philosophy that was enthusiastically endorsed by the Warden at a recent Commem. Andrew would have liked that.

As his corporate commitments were winding down, he would devote more time to his family. As his corporate commitments were winding down, he would devote more time to his family. As his corporate commitments were winding down, he would devote more time to his family.

Andrew followed a long and distinguished line of Scottish philanthropists, most of whom sought to approach the family for permission to name the new stand in Andrew’s memory. The icing on the cake is that they moved the location from the far side of the pitch to this side, thereby providing the opportunity for Andrew to always be looking towards the Miller Burn that he remembered so fondly.

Andrew would have loved to have been with us. His generosity and far sightedness saw that this was a practical, un-showy, value for money project that would make a significant difference to the school he held in such regard.

Andrew is survived by his wife Carole and their two adult children who are carrying on the Foundation’s excellent work.

Andrew Clarkson, 9 July 1937 - 16 December 2015, aged 78 (Patchell’s 50-55)

Colin Clarkson, cousin
The waters at the mouth of the Meikong River were even murkier than those off the west coast of Scotland where Adam Bergius had trained. Yet the 20 year old Scotman was determined to carry out his mission in spite of the risk of detection.

Bergius exited his 15ft mid-keel XE4 submarine via the wet and dry chamber, then collected his specialist cutting equipment from a locker on the hull and swam down to the seabed, using a line from a grappling hook to guide him. It was late in the evening of 30 July, 1945, and the grappling hook had snagged the underwater telegraph cable of a Japanese-occupied Saigon (now known as Ho Chi Minh City) used by the Japanese military for communications between Hong Kong and Saigon.

Operation Sabre was one of the final and most successful Allied covert actions of the war in the Far East. Its goal was to sever two undersea cables — the other linked Singapore to Saigon — and force the Japanese to use overland radio communications that could be more easily intercepted.

The young Scotsman was committing himself at a depth — so much so that Admiral Chester Nimitz, of the US fleet, declared “this was a dangerous mission was in 1945, in the Pacific.” Bergius, who retired from the Royal Navy in 1975, was awarded a Distinguished Service Cross for his part in the mission.

But the truth was far from this Glasgow home. From the late 1950s he criss-crossed the Atlantic in Scapa Flow and laid on the seabed for a full twelve minutes on his first dive and then nine minutes on his second. To start with he found that his hydraulic cutters would not work properly and he was only able to cut the copper. He then had a breakthrough when he switched to the sub to retrieve spare cutters he had swum back to the seabed, where he successfully sliced through the cable at the point of his earlier missions. Just an hour or so earlier his fellow specialist diver, Sub-Lieutenant Ken Briggs, had successfully cut the cable linking Singapore to Saigon.

Bergius's XE4, named after its owner, was a director of William Teacher and Sons, the company, which would have relieved his younger brother of the plan to crash an engine to its destination. Bergius, who retired from the Royal Navy in 1975, was awarded a Distinguished Service Cross for his part in the mission and took Teachers Highland Cream.

Together with his colleagues and the secret cargo of XE-craft midget sub, Bergius arrived in Saigon by rail and headed for the Royal Navy's 12th Submarine Flotilla headquarters at HMS Valiant, a top secret base at Port Bantryarine on the Isle of Bute. They trained intensively on Loch Striven and Loch a Chàirn Bhàin, where discretion regarding manoeuvres was essential. When the decision was made to deploy them in the Far East, they set sail on their ship HMS Bonaventure.

Further training was undertaken in the Caribbean and Australia, and while on a survival exercise in the Whitsunday Islands Bergius fell dangerously ill after standing on a sting ray while scavenging for food. He then lay semi-conscious for a day, diligently cared for by a colleague, Engine Room Artificer Ginger Coles, who improved a tourniquet and copied blood-letting to rid Bergius's body of the venom. Bergius credited him with saving his life and they remain lifelong friends.

After the war Bergius worked in the family firm, but his dream had been to farm. An ambition deemed impossible after the death of his brother Carl, lost when HMS Gold was sunk by a U-boat off Africa in 1944. Cecil had been expected to join the company, which would have relieved his younger brother of the difficult job of helping with his father's drying fleet, he then felt bound to fullfill.

He learned the ropes as a clerk working up, became a director in charge of exports and took Teachers Highland Cream to virtually all corners of the world. From the late 1950s he crossed the Atlantic in Scapa Flow and laid on the seabed for a full twelve minutes on his first dive and then nine minutes on his second. To start with he found that his hydraulic cutters would not work properly and he was only able to cut the copper. He then had a breakthrough when he switched to the sub to retrieve spare cutters he had swum back to the seabed, where he successfully sliced through the cable at the point of his earlier missions. Just an hour or so earlier his fellow specialist diver, Sub-Lieutenant Ken Briggs, had successfully cut the cable linking Singapore to Saigon.

Bergius was a humorous book, Make Your Own Scotch Whisky, with a spoof spokesperson for the Scotch Whisky Association and the author of a spoof article for the Scotch Whisky Association.

He was also a director of William Teacher and Sons. Since photographing these gentlemen I have had the picture I had of them, many years before. I arrived at Mr Bergius's home in late afternoon, after travelling from Ayrshire for the picture I had had in my head for several weeks. They were so modest and didn't really understand why I was bothering, but it was lovely to see them re-united.

As chairman of William Teacher and Sons Ltd in 1980, was also a director of Scottish Opera and chaired the board of Helensburgh’s new Lomond School, a merger of Larchfield School and St Bride’s School for Girls. Together with his wife, Fiona (née Sillars), whom he married in 1951, and their friends Sir Ian Darienm and his wife, Liz, he owned Hira, a 1911 vintage sailing yacht in which they spent their holidays, sailing around Scotland and to France on family cruises. One of his last big voyages was in his 80th year, when he navigated from Crinan in Argy and Bute to the Round of Harris and out to St Kilda. He and Fiona, who died in 2011, had five children: Charles, Cara, Peter, Johnny and Pol, who runs a mobile sawmill and timber supply business.

They were brought up at the family home and found themselves on the government’s list of dangerous people, which unfortunately included my husband and his colleagues. Bergius and Fiona, who died in 2011, had five children: Charles, Cara, Peter, Johnny and Pol, who runs a mobile sawmill and timber supply business.

”I met Adam Bergius in September 2013 when I travelled to his home in Kintyre to take a portrait of him ahead of a chamber of commerce ceremony at Kyleskine to mark the 70th anniversary of Operation Target. Then, in September 1943, six Royal Navy midget submarines [X-Craft] sailed from Loch Currabawn, in Assynt, bound for north Norway to attack the German battleship Tirpitz with its consorts.

The X-Crafts were cramped — just 6ft 124

Over lunch, after travelling from Ayrshire for the picture I had had in my head for several weeks. They were so modest and didn’t really understand why I was bothering, but it was lovely to see them re-united.

As chairman of William Teacher and Sons Ltd in 1980, was also a director of Scottish Opera and chaired the board of Helensburgh’s new Lomond School, a merger of Larchfield School and St Bride’s School for Girls. Together with his wife, Fiona (née Sillars), whom he married in 1951, and their friends Sir Ian Darienm and his wife, Liz, he owned Hira, a 1911 vintage sailing yacht in which they spent their holidays, sailing around Scotland and to France on family cruises. One of his last big voyages was in his 80th year, when he navigated from Crinan in Argy and Bute to the Round of Harris and out to St Kilda. He and Fiona, who died in 2011, had five children: Charles, Cara, Peter, Johnny and Pol, who runs a mobile sawmill and timber supply business.

They were brought up at the family home and found themselves on the government’s list of dangerous people, which unfortunately included my husband and his colleagues. Bergius and Fiona, who died in 2011, had five children: Charles, Cara, Peter, Johnny and Pol, who runs a mobile sawmill and timber supply business.

”I met Adam Bergius in September 2013 when I travelled to his home in Kintyre to take a portrait of him ahead of a ceremony at Kyleskine to mark the 70th anniversary of Operation Target. Then, in September 1943, six Royal Navy midget submarines [X-Craft] sailed from Loch Currabawn, in Assynt, bound for north Norway to attack the German battleship Tirpitz with its consorts.

The X-Crafts were cramped — just 6ft
Kirsty L Bailey 1988-2015

Kirsty Bailey is best remembered for her brightness: her unmistakable laugh, big grin, golden calf hair and brightly coloured... everything.

She came to Glenalmond for Sixth Form, straight from Oman - perhaps that has something to do with the Sub Warden and Anthony a pupil.

It was a day pupils who integrated into Home House as quickly as any other boarder

and warmly welcomed people to her home in Bankfoot, a tradition that lasted our school days.

After her two years at Glenalmond, Kirsty read Modern History at the University of Manchester. After graduation she returned to Scotland and completed a Master’s Degree in World History at the University of Edinburgh.

During her time there, she founded the Second World War Society and co-founded the union blog. It AIN’T Necessarily so, for what she wrote and edited.

Whilst studying, she also volunteered at the Lothian Health Service Archives cataloguing neurosurgical case notes. She had been accepted for University of St Andrews to undertake a PhD shortly before her death on 3 September 2005.

Kirsty was diagnosed with bowel cancer in the summer of 2012 and over the next three years underwent numerous rounds of treatment. She exhibited tremendous courage throughout this time and to her family. As a result of her courage, she continued to think of others, remembered what was going on in the world, and kept on fighting to make them feel encouraged and loved.

Just as her cancers, her parents and hands always that shade brighter. Kirsty’s shorts were that little bit tighter, lasting that extra second longer, she was an extraordinarily alive person.

Family was hugely important to Kirsty and she always cherished the time she spent with her brother Stuart, her parents Ros and Martin and West Highland Terrier Ziggy.

Anthony was keen to do his National Service in mountain photography and open air; rediscovering his interest in mountain photography and enthusiasm for opera.

In 1984 he handed over the Physics Department to Martin Grist and shortly after he succeeded Jim Watt and was Housemaster. The new regime was perhaps more liberal than before. Cans were considered not just for a weekend among the houses and success in competitions. It was agreed to allow the boys both to boys and Housemaster when economic necessity brought about the construction of the house in 1989.

However, Desmond had other responsibilities to absorb his energies, taking on the 1st Xi Cricket from Alwyn James.

In 1997 Desmond was appointed to the Army in Michael Haas. Began the job to the Army, he was to the scenes his advice and influence contributed greatly to the successful administration of the College. Retirement in 1998 did not diminish his appetite for life. He and Rosemary frequented the USA, Italy and France to visit family. Desmond continued to enjoy the open air: rediscovering his interest in mountain photography and enthusiasm for opera.

He is survived by his wife Rosemary, children Andrew and Rooby and six grandchildren.

Desmond Basset 5.10.36 - 24.6.37

David Willington

Paul ChapPELL 1936-2017

When Paul entered Colcl, (as a Fil. Clar. Bursary, given to sons of the Clergy of the Scottish Episcopal Church) he arrived with two severe disadvantages.

Firstly, his step-father, who had lived in London, had been in the Navy, so was in no way helping him in his studies. He had been deeply unpopuler with his Common Rooms colleague. The second problem was his height - he was the tallest of the third form, and there were only a few others of less permanent 'off games'. The social disaster among his contemporaries that this represented must be difficult to convey to the more casual wonders for the prestige of Peter and his fellow marksmen.

Having won both scholarships, he went to Clare College, Cambridge, in October 1937, and gained the advantage of a further two of his fellow marksmen. This latter was nearly Peter’s downfall as the company was being broken up by service in the war and two weeks on, in which he had worked as Finance Director before joining the company and acquired a minor interest in a software, ringpassless business.

This latter was Peter’s downfall as the company was being broken up by service in the war and two weeks on, in which he had worked as Finance Director before joining the company and acquired a minor interest in a software, ringpassless business.

He is survived by his wife Rosemary, and five grandchildren.

Desmond Basset 5.10.36 - 24.6.37

David Willington

John Desmond Basset 1936-2017

Desmond will be especially remembered by all as a very special man of mountains. Not only did he complete all the Munros twice but also all the Corbetts. He led climbing and hill-walking excursions to Skye, North Wales and the Alps among others. The camaraderie engendered on those excursions was highly valued by the boys and girls who took part. In retirement he became a life member of the Scottish Mountaineering Club. As President and later Hon. President. Desmond was educated at Manchester Grammar School and Manchester University and won a Senior Scholarship to read Physics in 1936. In his time there he was awarded a Goldsmiths’ Scholarship to study the Geomorphology of the Rift Valley, and took his family to Kenya for a sabbatical term.

The Bassett’s came to Glenalmond in 1974. Desmond soon established himself refereeing matches as the Head of the Boys’ Rugby Union. He also refereed all but was a Scottish Country Dancing. Desmond was always present at the CCF and his ideas and experience were communicated between them by a process of osmosis!

In 1984 he handed over the Physics Department to Martin Grist and shortly after he succeeded Jim Watt and was Housemaster. The new regime was perhaps more liberal than before. Cans were considered not just for a weekend among the houses and success in competitions. It was agreed to allow the boys both to boys and Housemaster when economic necessity brought about the construction of the house in 1989. However, Desmond had other responsibilities to absorb his energies, taking on the 1st Xi Cricket from Alwyn James.

In 1997 Desmond was appointed to the Army in Michael Haas. Began the job to the Army, he was to the scenes his advice and influence contributed greatly to the successful administration of the College. Retirement in 1998 did not diminish his appetite for life. He and Rosemary frequented the USA, Italy and France to visit family. Desmond continued to enjoy the open air: rediscovering his interest in mountain photography and enthusiasm for opera.

He is survived by his wife Rosemary, children Andrew and Rooby and six grandchildren.

Desmond Basset 5.10.36 - 24.6.37

David Willington

Peter Ogilvie was born in Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne in 1939, the son of a well known surgeon. After school at Corstorphine Prep, Corbridge, Newcastle, and then at Goodacre’s for a number of years in 1954, Peter had become a scholar of considerable distinction at a time. He leaves five children and ten grandchildren.

Peter Ogilvie was born in Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne in 1939, the son of a well known surgeon. After school at Corstorphine Prep, Corbridge, Newcastle, and then at Goodacre’s for a number of years in 1954, Peter had become a scholar of considerable distinction at a time. He leaves five children and ten grandchildren.

Peter Ogilvie was born in Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne in 1939, the son of a well known surgeon. After school at Corstorphine Prep, Corbridge, Newcastle, and then at Goodacre’s for a number of years in 1954, Peter had become a scholar of considerable distinction at a time. He leaves five children and ten grandchildren.

Peter Ogilvie was born in Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne in 1939, the son of a well known surgeon. After school at Corstorphine Prep, Corbridge, Newcastle, and then at Goodacre’s for a number of years in 1954, Peter had become a scholar of considerable distinction at a time. He leaves five children and ten grandchildren.

Peter Ogilvie was born in Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne in 1939, the son of a well known surgeon. After school at Corstorphine Prep, Corbridge, Newcastle, and then at Goodacre’s for a number of years in 1954, Peter had become a scholar of considerable distinction at a time. He leaves five children and ten grandchildren.

Peter Ogilvie was born in Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne in 1939, the son of a well known surgeon. After school at Corstorphine Prep, Corbridge, Newcastle, and then at Goodacre’s for a number of years in 1954, Peter had become a scholar of considerable distinction at a time. He leaves five children and ten grandchildren.

Peter OG Obituaries

MYLES GORDON (PETER) OGILVIE 1936-2017

After a few years Peter took an opportunity to move into the world of City & Investment Management Consultancy and joined PA Management Consultants in Manchester. The varied work Peter did next saw him take on the challenges of improving working methods and improving lighting management in Liverpool, working at Board level to improve efficiency in the NW Electrical Board and, ultimately, becoming involved with P&O’s entry into drilling in the North Sea. At the age of 40 Peter changed direction, setting up his own company and delivering services to companies including Shell, BP and Shell. Peter’s company worked on the oil platforms. This meant he was working predominantly in the North Sea and two weeks on, in which he had worked as Finance Director before joining the company and acquired a minor interest in a software, ringpassless business.

This latter was Peter’s downfall as the company was being broken up by service in the war and two weeks on, in which he had worked as Finance Director before joining the company and acquired a minor interest in a software, ringpassless business.

He is survived by his wife Rosemary, and five grandchildren.

Desmond Basset 5.10.36 - 24.6.37

David Willington
Leavers’ Ball Donor List

128 | Glenalmond College | Chronicle 2017

OG Donors

1920s
M H McQueen (Matheson’s 1929 – 34)**
Angus C Macbeth (Goodacre’s 1929 – 34)
John Glen (Matheson’s 1933 – 34)

1930s
M H McQueen (Matheson’s 1929 – 34)**
Angus C Macbeth (Goodacre’s 1929 – 34)
John Glen (Matheson’s 1933 – 34)

1940s
Dennis R Burt (Skrine’s 1940 – 44)
George Davidson (Skrine’s 1940 – 44)*
Harriett M Maxwell (Patchell’s 1940 – 44)**
Alastair W Anderson (Patchell’s 1943 – 45)
A Brian J Forman (Patchell’s 1943 – 45)
David M Alexander (Skrine’s 1943 – 45)
Michael A Wolfe (Patchell’s 1943 – 45)
John B Stevenson (Patchell’s 1943 – 45)
Richard D Miller (Patchell’s 1943 – 46)
Robert D Scott (Patchell’s 1944 – 46)
Timothy G D McGinn (Matheson’s 1944 – 46)
William D Boyd (Skrine’s 1944 – 48)

1950s
Alasdair D Campbell (Matheson’s 1950 – 54)
Allan A Angus (Skrine’s 1950 – 55)
David R Kilpatrick (Patchell’s 1950 – 55)
Iain A McCrone (Matheson’s 1950 – 55)
W Andrew M Clarkson (Goodacre’s 1950 – 55)
David R Oliver (Matheson’s 1951 – 55)
John R Purvis (Patchell’s 1951 – 55)
Andrew H Primrose (Matheson’s 1952 – 57)
C Gordon Dilworth (Goodacre’s 1952 – 57)
David M Richmond (Patchell’s 1952 – 57)
Denis A Roberts (Goodacre’s 1952 – 57)
Duncan K Macmichael (Goodacre’s 1952 – 57)
Hugh D Maud (Matheson’s 1952 – 57)
Michael J Young (Goodacre’s 1952 – 57)
Alasdair B Spies (Skrine’s 1953 – 58)
Christopher A Emmerson (Matheson’s 1953 – 58)
Ian M Macmichael (Goodacre’s 1953 – 58)
John A Black (Skrine’s 1953 – 58)
Peter R Atkin (Skrine’s 1953 – 58)
Timothy A Grant (Skrine’s 1953 – 58)
Colin M Brown (Patchell’s 1953 – 59)
David R Hill (Cairnies 1954 – 59)
Frank E Gerstenberg (Patchell’s 1954 – 59)
I Gordon Thorburn (Matheson’s 1954 – 59)
Robert A Thomson (Goodacre’s 1954 – 59)
Robert D McFarland (Patchell’s 1954 – 59)
Robert D Sherwood (Goodacre’s 1955 – 60)
Andrew F Thomson (Skrine’s 1955 – 60)
Peter D Weigl (Cairnies 1955 – 60)
David J MacRobert (Goodacre’s 1955 – 60)
Malcolm J Moss (Matheson’s 1956 – 61)
Irvine D McFarland (Goodacre’s 1956 – 61)
Ronald A McMillan (Skrine’s 1956 – 61)
Robert Briggs (Skrine’s 1956 – 61)
Malcolm J Moss (Matheson’s 1956 – 61)

1960s
Alastair D Thomson (Matheson’s 1965 – 67)
Douglas R Munro (Patchell’s 1965 – 67)
Geoffrey R Ballantine (Matheson’s 1965 – 67)
James E Oliver (Goodacre’s 1965 – 67)
Timothy J Workkedge (Matheson’s 1965 – 67)
A Gordon Morison (Matheson’s 1966 – 67)
Michael J Walker (Goodacre’s 1966 – 67)
Robert K Butt (Matheson’s 1967 – 72)
Jonathan D Kellen (Matheson’s 1967 – 72)
Charles E Jones (Patchell’s 1968 – 74)
Gordon A Murray (Matheson’s 1968 – 74)

1970s
Alastair D Hope (Goodacre’s 1970 – 75)
Anthony C Stoker (Skrine’s 1970 – 74)
David M Brown (Patchell’s 1971 – 74)
James D Hotchkis (Patchell’s 1971 – 74)

1980s
Alastair D Hope (Skrine’s 1980 – 85)
John N Frame (Skrine’s 1980 – 85)
Peter R Recordon (Matheson’s 1980 – 85)
David G Bibbdid (Skrine’s 1980 – 85)
James F Watt (Reid’s 1980 – 85)
Keith A Thomson (Skrine’s 1980 – 85)
Andrew D Wilson (Matheson’s 1982 – 86)
Christopher M Munro (Matheson’s 1982 – 86)
David G Scott (Patchell’s 1982 – 86)
David R Emms (Patchell’s 1982 – 86)
Douglas M Wiseman (Patchell’s 1982 – 86)
Martin W Fraser (Matheson’s 1982 – 86)
Nigel B Christie (Matheson’s 1982 – 86)
Robert F Foster (Matheson’s 1982 – 86)
Ian C Simpson (Matheson’s 1983 – 86)
John Macaskill (Matheson’s 1983 – 86)
Seymour H Monro (Skrine’s 1983 – 86)
Mark B Dykes (Reid’s 1984 – 86)
R Alastair Dunlop (Patchell’s 1984 – 86)
Alastair D Thomson (Matheson’s 1965 – 70)
Douglas R Munro (Patchell’s 1965 – 70)
Geoffrey R Ballantine (Matheson’s 1965 – 70)
James E Oliver (Goodacre’s 1965 – 67)
Timothy J Workkedge (Matheson’s 1965 – 67)
A Gordon Morison (Matheson’s 1966 – 67)
Michael J Walker (Goodacre’s 1966 – 67)
Robert K Butt (Matheson’s 1967 – 72)
Jonathan D Kellen (Matheson’s 1967 – 72)
Charles E Jones (Patchell’s 1968 – 74)
Gordon A Murray (Matheson’s 1968 – 74)
John D Gordon (Matheson’s 1968 – 74)
A Peter Paisie-Duncombe (Matheson’s 1969 – 74)
Bruce S Montgomery (Matheson’s 1969 – 74)
Mark G Atkinson (Matheson’s 1969 – 73)
Roger A Christie (Skrine’s 1969 – 74)
Roger B Burton (Skrine’s 1969 – 73)

1970s
Alastair D Hope (Goodacre’s 1970 – 75)
Anthony C Stoker (Skrine’s 1970 – 74)
David M Brown (Patchell’s 1971 – 74)
James D Hotchkis (Patchell’s 1971 – 74)

1980s
Alastair D Hope (Skrine’s 1980 – 85)
John N Frame (Skrine’s 1980 – 85)
Peter R Recordon (Matheson’s 1980 – 85)
David G Bibbdid (Skrine’s 1980 – 85)
James F Watt (Reid’s 1980 – 85)
Keith A Thomson (Skrine’s 1980 – 85)
Andrew D Wilson (Matheson’s 1982 – 86)
Christopher M Munro (Matheson’s 1982 – 86)
David G Scott (Patchell’s 1982 – 86)
David R Emms (Patchell’s 1982 – 86)
Douglas M Wiseman (Patchell’s 1982 – 86)
Martin W Fraser (Matheson’s 1982 – 86)
Nigel B Christie (Matheson’s 1982 – 86)
Robert F Foster (Matheson’s 1982 – 86)
Ian C Simpson (Matheson’s 1983 – 86)
John Macaskill (Matheson’s 1983 – 86)
Seymour H Monro (Skrine’s 1983 – 86)
Mark B Dykes (Reid’s 1984 – 86)
R Alastair Dunlop (Patchell’s 1984 – 86)
Alastair D Thomson (Matheson’s 1965 – 70)
Douglas R Munro (Patchell’s 1965 – 70)
Geoffrey R Ballantine (Matheson’s 1965 – 70)
James E Oliver (Goodacre’s 1965 – 67)
Timothy J Workkedge (Matheson’s 1965 – 67)
A Gordon Morison (Matheson’s 1966 – 67)
Michael J Walker (Goodacre’s 1966 – 67)
Robert K Butt (Matheson’s 1967 – 72)
Jonathan D Kellen (Matheson’s 1967 – 72)
Charles E Jones (Patchell’s 1968 – 74)
Gordon A Murray (Matheson’s 1968 – 74)
John D Gordon (Matheson’s 1968 – 74)
A Peter Paisie-Duncombe (Matheson’s 1969 – 74)
Bruce S Montgomery (Matheson’s 1969 – 74)
Mark G Atkinson (Matheson’s 1969 – 73)
Roger A Christie (Skrine’s 1969 – 74)
Roger B Burton (Skrine’s 1969 – 73)
Prizes & Awards 2017

SECOND FORM PRIZE Freya Khogali

PRIZES IN THE THIRD FORM
English
- Willa Radcliffe
- Rosie Porter
French
- Archie Butler
- Lucy Seymour
Physics
- Zak Morrison
- Technology
- Harry Leakey
Biology
- Jake Spurway

Geography
- Katherine Wallace
Economics
- Marcus Fforde

PRIZES IN THE FOURTH FORM
Computer Science
- Carlos Mar-Noguera
Physical Education
- Miguel Lopez-Escoriza
Spanish
- Amy Cameron
Greek
- Scarlett Hamilton
History
- Scarlett Hamilton
Technology
- Sacha Miller-Salzman

Art (shared)
- Beatrice Threipland
Art (shared)
- Beatrice Threipland

PRIZES IN THE FIFTH FORM
Art
- Angus Grierson
French
- Ben Morrison

Physical Education
- Lauren Dunee
Spanish
- Charlotte Raffe
Technology / Electronic Products
- Gordie Graham
Technology / Graphic Products
- India Fraser

Technology / Resistant Materials
- Charlie Aldridge
Drama
- Thomas Reynolds
Greek
- Alexander Wallace

Latin
- Alexander Wallace
Mathematics
- Alexander Wallace
Physics
- Alexander Wallace
Biology
- Marcus Fforde
Chemistry
- Marcus Fforde
Economics
- Marcus Fforde
Geography
- Marcus Fforde
History
- Marcus Fforde

PRIZES IN THE LOWER SIXTH
Art
- Amy Gospal
Business
- Kirsty Addicott
Chemistry
- Catriona Ban
Drama
- Harriet Barra
Economics
- Anthony Mannell
Further Mathematics
- Desmond Dong
History of Art
- Marina Drysdale
Mathematics
- Rosie Forsyth
Montgomery Prize for Divinity
- Ope Ajanu
Physical Education
- Ratu-Houston
Politics
- Noah Khogali
Technology
- Joslyn Pringle

PRIZES FOR ART
Alasdair Paterson Memorial Prize
- Polly Armstrong-Wilson
Hugh Price Prize
- Olivia Wise
Ron Craig Art Prize
- Jenna Goodfellow
Visual Communication Prize
- Teddy Dickson

PRIZES FOR MUSIC
Hall Piano Prize
- Alexander Wallace
Kerr Quaich for Keyboard
- Elle Ridley
Senior Instrumental Prize
- [two and saxophone] Alexandra Mine
Senior Singing Prize
- Emily Jaron
Tamblyn Cup for Chapel Singing
- Owain Kobalek

PRIZES IN THE UPPER SIXTH
Business
- Jack Cross
Chemistry
- Cameron Gravelle

STAR PRIZES
Highest number of Academic Stars awarded in each year group
- Freya Khogali
Second Form
Third Form
- Sophie Farquharson
- Rose Porter
Fourth Form
- Suise Anderton
- Amy Cameron
Fifth Form
- Beatrice Threipland
- William Laird
Lower Sixth
- Emma Kirkland
Upper Sixth
- Edward Grierson

DISTINCTIONS
- Distinction in Computer Science
- Cameron Sale
- Distinction in Computer Science
- James Goodfellow
- Distinction in French
- Sandy Stewart
- Distinction in History
- Jamie Arnaud
- Distinction in Politics

It has been such a pleasure to be Captains of Coll, whilst also witnessing the school progress from strength to strength. We have both thoroughly enjoyed our year and the added responsibility that was inevitably required.

The role has definitely kept us on our toes, but the life-lessons we have gained are invaluable and will certainly stand us in good stead for the world beyond Glenalmond.

We wish the very best of luck to the new Captains of College and very much hope that they enjoy the role as much as we did.

Georgie Flowers and Rory Sandison

Captains of College: Georgie Flowers and Rory Sandison
A year at Glenalmond

2016/2017

Representative & Notable Honours

Academic

2016 GCSE
48.3% A*/A grades
11 pupils achieved straight A* or A grades
31 pupils achieved 5 or more A* or A grades
Three pupils achieved nine A* grades
23% of the grades were A*
99.8% A* to E

2016 A-LEVEL
26.6% A* to A grade; 56% A*- B grades
Six pupils achieved all A* or A grades.
Five of these candidates undertook the extended project (EPQ) and achieved A* grades
97.5% pass rate

University Entrance

2 Oxbridge
30% Russell Group

Other Academic Highlights

Five geographers achieved a perfect score of 100% in AS and A2 examinations
Over 60% of pupils taking French, Spanish and German achieved A* - A grades
52% A*- A grade in Extended Project Qualification (independent research projects)

Mathematics

Senior Mathematics Challenge: 7 Gold, 6 Silver and 23 Bronze awards. This is the highest number of SMC certificates achieved by the College with the highest number of Gold Awards. Jack Su achieved a silver medal in the British Mathematical Olympiad placing him in the top 50 pupils in the UK.
Intermediate Mathematics Challenge: Third, Fourth and Fifth form pupils achieved a total of 20 certificates with 4 Gold, 7 Silver and 9 Bronzes. Alex Wallace, Hilda Ma, Ben Morrison and Luis Walther achieved the Gold Awards
Intermediate Olympiad and Intermediate Kangaroo in the follow-on rounds to the Intermediate Mathematics Challenge Hilda Ma achieved a distinction placing her in the top 25% of entrants. Alex Wallace also achieved a merit. In the Intermediate Kangaroo Ben Morrison and Luis Walther achieved a merit placing them in the top 25% of entrants.

Music
Music Scholars: Mini Tour to Balhavich Hill, Ayaphath, Mowden Hall & Tarrington Hall prep schools; St Mary’s Prep School Melrose; St Ninian’s Cathedral, Perth; St Itius Music Circle
House Singing Competition; Junior Schools Choral Day, Autumn Concert; Spring Concert Choralists took part at Choral Evesonq, St John’s Episcopal Church, Forth; Charnock
Choir at Falkelon Wester Charity Concert, Carol Services; Concert at St John’s Kirk Perth
Jesus Christ Superstar; Glenalmond Theatre and Gala Performance at Perth Concert Hall
Royal Marines Band workshop and joint concert with Glenalmond Concert Band
Appin Mackay-Champion National Youth Jazz Orchestra of Scotland
Alexandra Mine: National Youth Orchestra of Scotland & National Chandlors’ Choir of Great Britain

Angus Grierson won local heats of UK-wide Rotary Young Musician of the Year competition and also won the Perth Chamber Music Society 2017 Bursary Prize
Alexander Wallace won the 2017 Perform in Perth Premier Prize
6 distinctions (at Grade 6), 9 merits (at Grade 6), 5 passes with the average mark of 124/150 being significantly above the UK national average mark of 118
Cameron Bullard is playing with the A Grade Vale of Atholl Pipe Band and will perform at the World Championships on Glasgow Green this summer; having already played at the British, UK and European Championships this term – the first Glenalmond pupil to play at this adult level whilst still at school.
CCF Trio piping competition in November: trio of Edward Hanney, Laurence King, Tom Porter placed 4th out of 12 entrants
Cameron Bullard, Hercules Bulloch, Gregor Cochrane, William Goodall, Edward Hanney, Ramsay Pagett. George Stansfield won prizes at the Vale of Atholl piping and drumming competition

Sport
Rugby
1st XV and U16 both qualified through knock-out rounds to play in the BT Scottish Rugby Shield Final at Murrayfield
George Brasea. Scotland U16 in Scottish Rugby terms George is considered an International Player of Note
Kaleem Barreto: Scotland U13; Kaleem has progressed from a Scottish Rugby Stage 2 athlete to a Stage 3 athlete. He will train and play rugby closely aligned with Glasgow Warriors
Rafe Houston and Angus Fitzpatrick: selected for Caledonia U16 this summer; Farke Weir and Toby Adamson for Caledonia U16

Hockey
Eleanor Skinner U18 Midland and full U18 Scottish honours; U18 National recognition for selection in the Futures Cup and games against Ulster and Ireland
Susannah Godfrey-Faussett U18 Midland and full U18 Scottish honours; U18 National recognition for international games against Wales, Ulster and Ireland
Lorna Porter U18 Midland, inter-district championships
Louisa Forsyth, Katherine Wallace and Isabella Laird U14 Midland, inter-district championships
John Stephen U18 Midland and full U16 Scottish honours and National Captain. U16 National recognition for international games against Wales, Ulster and Ireland
Sacha Forbes-Leith, Igee Porter and Ben Porter U16 Midland level inter-district championships
Louise Skora, Andrew San and Sacha Miller-Salzman U14 Midland inter-district championships
Tour to South Africa July 2016

Equestrian
British Eventing Scotland U18 team 2017
Alannah Irvine; Laura Landale (reserve)

Cricket
George Godfrey-Faussett scored a century against Merchiston; Toby Adamson. Duncan Laird and Tristan Kings scored half centuries during the season.
Toby Adamson has been selected for the Scotland U15 team
Tom Godfrey-Faussett has been selected for the Scotland U17 team
The U18 team were runners up in the National U18 Cricket Cup

Lacrosse
History was made at Glenalmond when girls played on Neash’s pitch.
Alisa Conway, Jules Porter, Rosie Forsyth, Holly Riches played in Scotland’s U19 A team home international tournament
Vedel McGonig, Amy Cameron, Clara Cameron, Ella Cowie, Sophia Bunnett and Scarlett Hamilton played in Scotland’s B team home international tournament
The 1st Lacrosse team lost only one match, scoring 177 goals in a 10 week term.
The Open Lacrosse Tournament: Glenalmond were the first Scottish team to reach the final of the Open in its 40 year history
In the National Schools Competition held in Surrey, the team reached the division 2 semi-final

Cross Country
Michael Lamb, National Kelpies 5km 1st place; Callander 5km 2nd place; Strathallan Marathon 6th place
William Boy Callander 5km 1st place and National Kelpies 5km 3rd place

Golf
Campbell Gibson: Perth & Kinross Schools’ Individual stroke-play Championship 2017 runner up in the U15 age range in ‘The U15s European Golf Championship’, played on the New Luffness course. East Lothian. He then partnered the winner and represented the Western Europe team against the Rest of the World to win the final day on the Galliana No 2 course. Runner up: Paul Lawrie Foundation Junior Jug 2017
Moray Golf three day tour in September - included playing at Castle Stuart GC

Swimming
Tom Jeffers: 11th in 1500 freestyle and 5th in the 400 freestyle at the British Championships and 2nd place junior in the 1500 freestyle with a 13 second personal best at the Scottish National Short Course Championships; included for 5 events at the Scottish Summer National Championships
Water Polo: Lauren Dundas in the U18 British squad; 18 caps in the U18 Scotland squad; member of the Caledonian Woman’s Team

Athletics
Ope Ajakanu Gold in High Jump at Scottish Schools Athletics Competition

Mountain biking
Charlie Aldridge won the British XC MTB Championship 2017

Other events
English trip to Stratford upon Avon
Geography and Biology Field Trip to Arran
Animal Farm performed by Second to Fifth Form
The Cagebirds performed by the Second Form
Duke of Edinburgh Awards: 20 Silver, 12 Gold
100 Mile walk raising funds for charity

Glenalmond College | Chronicle 2017
135
Glenalmond College | Chronicle 2017
134
The Glenalmond Fellowship was established in 2005. Fellows are major benefactors and persons who have given distinguished service to the College and who have since left office. Fellows contribute to the Bursary Fund, and act as ambassadors, but play no part in the governance of the College.

President
Mrs Joyc Mackie
Hon Secretary
Dr Craig Fleming
Mr William Black
Mr Mark Cornwall-Jones
Sheriff Robert Dickson
Rt Hon Lord Kin garth
Sir Angus Farquharson
Mr Frank Ger stanberg
Sir William Gladstone
Mr John Izat
The Right Rev O Dr Tes Luscombe
Mr John MacAskill
Mr Alan Mackie
Mr David MacRobert
Lady Menzies
Mr Harry Morgan
Mr John Musson
Mr Kenneth Prain
Mr Andrew Primrose
Lord Sanderson
Mr John B Stevenson
Mr John M Stevenson
Dr Ian Templeton
Mrs Aline Templeton
Dr Keith Thomson
Mr James Walm righth
Mr Michael Walker
Mr Robin Wilson
Mr James Wilson
The Rt Hon Lord Wilson
Mr Gordon Woods
Mrs Emma Woods

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”
Benjamin Franklin

Now protect your investments with Lycetts.

Lycetts has nearly 60 years’ experience of looking after the insurance needs of our clients. We offer specialist, impartial advice on your personal insurance and wealth management requirements, in addition to an extensive range of products and services for estates, farms, equestrian and commercial enterprises.

Please contact Geordie Ogilvy-Wedderburn or William Barne for a complimentary review of your insurance needs.

01608 811 310  geordie.ogilvy-wedderburn@lycetts.co.uk
0131 225 9119  william.barne@lycetts.co.uk  www.lycetts.co.uk

Lycetts is a trading name of Lycett, Browne-Swibram & Dougliss Limited which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Lycetts is a trading name of Lycetts Financial Services Limited which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.