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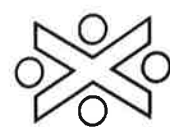
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It was officially opened by King Edward VII in 1908 and has functioned continuously as a School for the sons of Servicemen since 1909; over 4,400 boys have passed through the School in that time. There are places for 270 boys.

Admission to the School is open to the sons of Scottish Service personnel and of those who have served or are serving on a regular engagement in Scotland. This applies to all ranks, including Officers. The main point of entry is between 10/11 and 12 years.

The educational policy is in conformity with the practice of Scottish schools, leading to Standard and Higher Grades of the Scottish Certificate of Education, SCOTVEC and CSYS, though the School does not bind itself to keep all boys after they have reached the legal leaving age. Boys leave Q.V.S. bound for Universities, Colleges, business and industry. Every encouragement is given to boys who wish to enter the Services but no pressure is put on them, though many do so, with several gaining commissions.

Tuition and board are free. All Service clothing and equipment is issued free. A charge of £115 per term is made to defray in part the cost of providing a full range of non-military clothing and for hair-cutting. Parents are also expected to provide pocket money at laid-down scales, to pay a charge towards the cost of the School transport, to subscribe to the School magazine and a personal accident insurance scheme.

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Wavell — G. D. M. Carroll, B.A., D.C.E.
 Cunningham — G. Borking, B.Ed., H.N.C. Electronics
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Teachers in Secondary School

M. J. Boast, B.A. (Trenchard Asst. Housemaster)	Mrs J. Howie, M.A. (Hons.), Dip.Ed.
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G. A. F. Halyburton, L.T.C.L., Dip.T.Mus. (Acting Wavell Deputy Housemaster)	I. T. Williams, T. Cert.
	C. J. N. Willman, M.A. (Hons)

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 G. J. Beattie, M.A., M.Ed., P.G.C.E. (Cunningham Asst. Housemaster)
 I. Dow, B.Ed. (Hons.), T. Cert., Dip. S.E.N., (Wavell Deputy Housemaster)
 G. A. F. Halyburton, L.T.C.L., Dip. T. Music (Acting Wavell Deputy Housemaster)
 Mrs S. Johns, Dip. Ed.

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School Sergeant Major — D. Duthie (late SG)
 Pipe Major — A. T. Dippie, B.E.M. (late BW)
 Drum Major — H. W. G. Tomkins (Late GORDONS)
 Highland Dancing Instructor — Mrs A. M. MacDonald, A.U.K.A.

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Resident Hospital Sister — Mrs J. Wharton, S.R.N.
 Nurse — Miss B. McNeil, S.E.N.

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 Cunningham — Mrs J. B. Kean
 Trenchard — Mrs M. Willey
 Haig — Miss K. Johnstone



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The School Ceremonial Party: 1993 - 1994

Headmaster's Notes

When I started to write my first Notes for the Victorian of 1980, I was faced with a blank page in a school in which I had been for little more than weeks. Now, fourteen-and-a-half years later, I write again for the last time with full experience and countless memories of QVS. Yet I have no wish for sentiment or cosy reminiscence. Those fourteen years have seen immense change, most especially in the organisation of the school - the change from Commandant to Headmaster as Head of Establishment, the move in 1992 to Agency with the consequent increase in Commissioners' control, the considerable change and increase in staff, as well as a very marked change in the ethos of the school to the benefit of boys' life-styles and opportunities, which I will comment on later. It has also been a period in which the staff and school have faced and met enormous developments in education, both internally-driven as well as those dictated by National guidelines. Yet, at the same time, those things that are intrinsic and unique to QVS have not been allowed to slip but been jealously and, I hope, proudly preserved, and in some instances bettered - I am thinking of the Ceremonial traditions of the School: the Pipe Band, the Highland Dancers, the Parades, respect for the Colours, and the standards of the Chapel. That there are major changes to come is true also: I believe that much of the groundwork necessary for the future is in place. There is an infrastructure and potential available for further innovations - such as the introduction of girls - and I would hope, an ultimate

expansion of the school roll - so that in all there will be a positive and interesting future for QVS in the last decade of the century.

Today the school roll is larger than it was when I came; it is good to see that next Session pupil numbers will be increased further and that it is only lack of beds that prevents the Senior School from being larger, so that once again, after an earlier drop in applicants, we are in the position of building up a waiting list for places. Our standing with parents, who are our best PR advertisers, is high, and prospective parents are impressed by the standards of facilities and provision for pupils. Over the last years, a great deal has been achieved in improving the boarding accommodation of the Houses, a process that is now to be on-going in Wavell. Old Victorians shake their heads at what they see as pampered Three-Star pupil life-style, but the School has rightly modernised and upgraded with the direct result of improving and mellowing the way pupils live in their own space. Another major facility has been the provision of the MacMillan Sports Hall, which was funded by so many people, and provides such pleasure and opportunity to boys.

This Session will have produced a number of staff changes, most markedly that brought about the death of Mr Ben Philip, Primary Teacher and Housemaster of Haig House. My tribute to Ben is printed in this magazine and I hope encapsulates not only all that he did for the School but also the affection and respect with which he was held by pupils, former pupils, parents and staff. He gave so much as master, colleague and friend.

Other teaching colleagues are retiring: Mr Hugh Brown, Mr Bill Williams, Mr Malcolm Kelly and Mr Mick Squires. Two of our

Housematrons have also left during the Session, Mrs Evans of Haig House to a boarding school in England to be nearer to her family, and Mrs Craig of Wavell House who has retired to live locally. Tributes are to be found elsewhere in the magazine but on behalf of the Commissioners and the School I wish to thank them all for their various and often multiple contributions. We congratulate Mr Graham Carroll on his recent appointment as Housemaster of Wavell House and welcome as Housematrons, Miss Johnstone to Haig and Miss Chalmers to Wavell. Potted biographies of those new teaching staff members coming to the school at the start of the next Session also follow these notes. I wish to express my appreciation to all who contribute so much to the running of the school: not only the teaching Staff, but the Bursar and Assistant Bursar and the Administrative Staff for whom Agency and Accounting have made such demands on their time and skills; the Uniformed Staff and Porters; the Hospital personnel; the Housematrons and Housemaids; the Maintenance staff, the Stores, the Sewing ladies, Grounds and Catering and Cleaning personnel - all of whom, whether Agency or Contract staff, provide such smooth-running support to the School.

The School has had three new Commissioners appointed during the Session: Mr H Belton, Mrs N Howe, and Mr D MacLehose. We are delighted to welcome our first lady Commissioner.

The process of pastoral care of pupils has continued in line with Scottish Office Education Department guidelines, with the Tutor system strengthening as experience grows and the intrinsic value increasingly recognised. That, coupled with the benefits accruing from the Personal and Social Education courses conducted throughout

the school by Mrs Hainey, A/Head, have brought boys individually closer to all staff. Parents received a Parent Handbook at the start of the Session which has provided them with detailed information on how the school, its Years, Houses and overall pastoral care operate. Expectation of high standards is a proper ideal for any community and all those involved with it; School Management and all staff work for it. But it has to be remembered that they are not the only party involved. The quality of the boys' response at any age is vital, and human nature does not always oblige. I regret that there are occasions when we feel let down. One particular area is with our concern to get all pupils to respect the facilities and fabric of their school which some of them seem to see as provided free by others. That we have on occasion imposed charges on individual boys or parents should not be surprising; but to us it is not the answer - what we seek is greater respect from everyone for the enormous benefits provided to the pupils.

In contrast to that chastening yet necessary statement, one should also be appraised of the enormous variety and standard of participation and achievement that has happened this school year. But before commenting on in-school involvement, it is most pertinent to remark on the achievements of those who have previously benefited from QVS. No names - but how good it is to see so many young QV's achieve Degrees (often better than those of us who taught them!); how many have done well in the Services, an increasing number with Commissions; others making successful careers in the arts or business. An expression of the boys is, 'If you can hack QV, you can hack life'. It would indeed be proved so. An expression of mine has been, 'You don't just teach boys, you 'learn them' for all their potential'. Later pages in the magazine should show what I mean about trying to lead out the young to have the right experience, confidence and attributes: even the list of hobbies, sports, and other extra-curricular activities - in excess of 55 - demonstrates the opportunities. This particular year, I would draw attention to what is being achieved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme - at last we are going for Gold; the excellent assessments given on those who attended Outward Bound Courses or the pupil who sailed on the Malcolm Miller; the number of first-class CCF and Shooting courses, camps and competitions so many attend; the Fifth Year boy who achieved his Black Belt in Karate; the Sixth Year pupil who was selected to play for Scottish Schoolboys Rugby and the Third year boy who played for the Midlands, or those selected to represent Scotland in Athletics. The boys know how much is there for them - we bring them to a great deal of 'water' if they will only 'drink' of it.

So to next Session. Academically, QVS has always achieved exam results above the National average: we would wish to do better and in pursuit of this we are widening the curriculum with the introduction of the teaching of French in Primary next August and bringing in Geography as a Standards Grade Option, as well as Religious Studies at the same level; at the same time, History is being offered at

Higher level. In short, the Certificate curriculum will include 18 Standard Grade subjects, 16 at Higher Grade, and 8 in Sixth Year Studies, as well as an increasing number of SCOTVEC modules. For a school of our size, parents will appreciate the breadth and hopefully the quality of what is offered academically.

Mr Brian Raine, the present Deputy Head, is my successor; in the last year and a term, he has had the opportunity learn much about the School. He will be an admirable Headmaster whom I am delighted to recommend to all. I can only say if he does for QVS what he has done for our 1st XV last season, then there is much to look forward to.

I retire in August, and I will leave QVS with innumerable and special memories - most of them good and no realist would expect otherwise. I will have memories of so many boys with the varying vicissitudes of their individual lives; of events and occasions of special meaning or success; of particular places and parts of QVS - the Chapel especially so, but also the beauty of the grounds; and of people, whatever their standpoint. I have found personal fulfilment here over the years. I commend Queen Victoria School to those who will be its custodians in the future.

Continuity is all: my very first day at QVS I saw Wavell boys playing marbles. I saw Wavell boys again today playing marbles.

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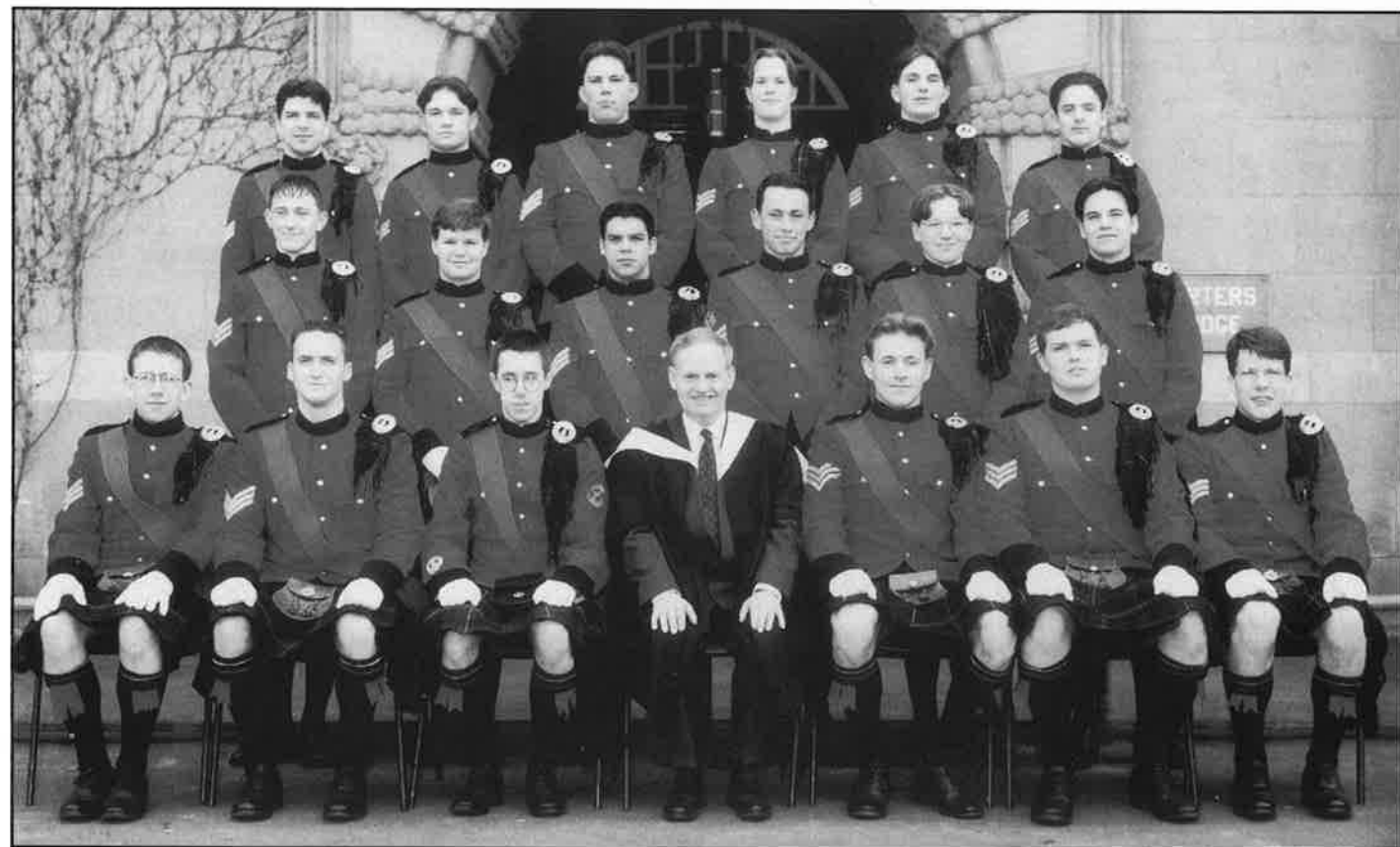
MR BEN PHILIP: Teacher and Housemaster

On Saturday 11 December, 1993, as a result of an accident whilst doing things for boys, Ben Philip died in the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh. He was 46. His death was a bewildering and tragic loss to the School he had loved and worked in for over 20 years. The Staff and boys joined in grief at the loss of such a fine schoolmaster, mentor and friend. The numbers of former pupils present at the Crematorium and at the Service of Thanksgiving held in Dunblane Cathedral on the 14 December demonstrated the affection and respect with which he was held. To his family there continues everyone's sympathy.

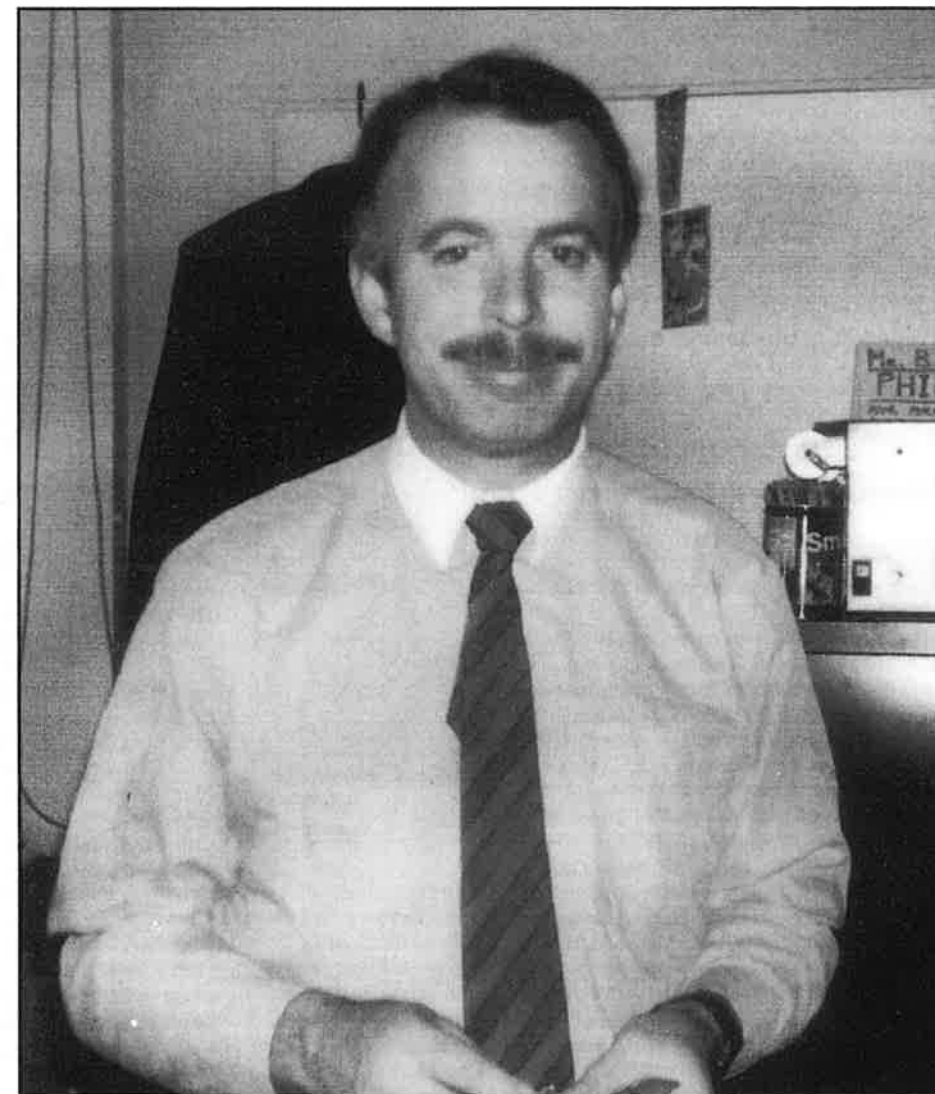
What follows is the Tribute paid to Ben by the Headmaster at both Services: it can only fall short in words of that which he merited.

"Nothing can harm a good man, either in life or death". For we are here today, inevitably to mourn for Ben Philip, but much, much more, we meet to give thanks for his life, rejoicing together for all that he was - as a man, as a member of a loving family, as a colleague, as a teacher, as a Housemaster and as a friend.

Everything became him in his life, especially his liking of it to the full. That, of



The Headmaster, Monitors and Prefects: 1993 - 1994



Mr Ben Philip - Teacher and Housemaster

course, is not uncommon. What stamped him as especial in all our eyes, was that he lived, and worked, and played for others, that their lives might be fuller, richer and, in many cases, often better.

It is then, a privilege for me to remind us today of what Ben stood for, and what he gave so actively to others, and so generously: "For God loveth a cheerful giver". I speak on behalf of the School he loved, and lived for: others know better than I of his early years, but what is clear to me is that the faith, integrity and enthusiasms of his boyhood and youth, were what moulded him as a man. It was those things that provided the motivation and dedication of his adult life, to give so much to the younger and older boys in his charge. For him, as teacher and Housemaster, the expression "in loco parentis" was a reality. He was a second father to many boys, not only when they were at School, but for some, long after it. He practised counselling before the word was coined.

Ben joined the Staff of QVS in September 1973, as an Assistant Primary Teacher, and he lived and worked in Wavell House for many years, so that in 1979 he became an Assistant Housemaster (later Deputy Housemaster) with those 80 young boys in the School. In September 1985, he was appointed Housemaster of Haig House for the Senior boys. It was an inspired appointment for the School, and for Ben it came to represent the fulfilment and greatest happiness of his career. He did not merely perform that role; he defined it. His

organisation and administration was of such an efficiency that we lesser mortals of the Senior Management Team were kept properly humble.

But for Ben, these were only things that were necessary infrastructure. His drive and energy were manifested in what he provided for boys: survival swimming, life-saving, canoeing, expeditions, innumerable outings, football, rugby, theatre visits, concerts, Highland Dances, the Scottish Night, discos, parties, plays as stage manager and lighting expert, choirs and his lovely singing voice; oh, and horror of horrors he introduced a sitting room in School for Haig boys' girlfriends. One of the plays he did with me was Robert Bolt's "A Man for All Seasons". There are some lines there when Sir Thomas More tells a young man to be a teacher. "But who would know if I was a good teacher?" asks the young man, and More replies, "God will know, and your pupils; not a bad audience." Ben was a good teacher. And a man for all circumstances.

Ben loved God and eschewed evil. He was a practising and practical Christian who lived out his principles. He was an Elder of the Cathedral and Senior Elder of the School Chapel, the Chapel where he worshipped for 20 years and heaven help any boy who behaved without respect in the sight of God and his beady eye. But most times he was a cheerful Christian who loved laughter, and laughed with us, and sometimes at himself. He was one who enjoyed the idea of the Staff meeting he

forgot to come to which consequently ended an hour early; or the Housemasters' meeting he missed because he was asleep in his bed where despite 'phone calls, door ringing and loud knockings, it was only when the school Pipe Band marched past his bedroom hours later that he awoke. Or the ceremonial smoking of a cigar at the end of Term after the boys had gone, which he puffed round the playingfields on his own, so that no one would see how he wasn't enjoying it. Or was it having taught once in a List D school that he learned the art, very useful to a Housemaster, of picking locks, and opening doors? But then Ben opened doors in people's lives. If I have punned, I do so deliberately, because we recall that Ben's puns were the worst of all.

Thus it is we have every confirmation that his was a life richly lived, and he assuredly found rich reward. It is not his death, but his life, that counts, though he was not one who counted the cost. He, as a true Christian, would tell us it is his living, not the leaving of it, that matters. And in his life he engendered the affection and admiration of his colleagues and friends; he won the respect and gratitude of his pupils. Indeed his being was from a mould not often found.

In conclusion I find no better words of tribute to him than those suggested by an epitaph on a first Elizabethan:

Of him then, let us say and let us remember with gladness:

"O rare Ben Philip".

GENERAL SIR ALEXANDER FRANK PHILIP CHRISTISON Bt. G.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., B.A., D.L.

General Christison was one of Her Majesty's Commissioners of Queen Victoria School from 1947-1983, that is for 36 years. He was a great and distinguished soldier. On his 100th birthday last Autumn, a piper and Highland dancers were privileged to visit and perform for him. The Headmaster and three monitors attended and assisted at his Memorial Service on 28 January, 1994. His contribution to the School as a wise and encouraging Commissioner was considerable and unstinted. Those who met or knew of this famous and senior General may wish to be reminded of his military achievements:

SUMMARY OF SERVICE CAREER, HONOURS AND POST-WAR ACTIVITIES of GENERAL SIR PHILIP CHRISTISON Bt.

Military Career

Private Edinburgh Academy OTC 1909, Piper 1910, Bass Drummer 1911-12
Trooper Oxford University Cavalry Squadron 1912-13
2Lt RAMC 1914
6th Bn Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders 1914-1918. LOOS, SOMME, ARRAS, PASSCHENDAELE
CO 7 Camerons, 21C 6 Black Watch 1918
CO 6th Seaforths 1919
Adjutant 4th KOSB 1920-23
Adjutant 2nd Camerons 1923-26
Brigade Major 3 Inf Bde 1929-30
Instructor, Staff College Camberley 1934-36
CO 2nd Bn The Duke of Wellington's Regiment 1937
Brigade Commander 4th Gurkha Brigade Group 1938-39
Commandant, Staff College Quetta 1940
GOC 15 (Scottish) Division 1941-42
GOC 15 Corps 1943-45
GOC 14 Army and C in C Allied Land Forces South East Asia 1945
C in C Allied Forces Netherland East Indies 1945-46
GOC in C Northern Command 1946-47
GOC in C Scottish Command and Governor Edinburgh Castle 1947-49. (Retired as the senior Army General)

Honours and Awards

BA Oxford
MC Battle of Loos 1915
Mentioned in Despatches 1916
MC Battle of Arras 1917
Mentioned in Despatches 1917
CB Burma 1943
KBE Burma 1945 (Knighted on the field of battle)
DSO Battle of Ramtree 1945 (as a Lieutenant General)
Mentioned in Despatches 1945
GBE 1948
Chinese Order of Cloud and Banner 1st Class 1949
ADC General to the King 1947-49
Honorary Fellow University College Oxford
Fellow of the Society of Antiquities Scotland
Honorary Fellow, Mark Twain Society of USA, for services to the Free World
(succeeded Field Marshal Montgomery)
Member, Bombay Natural History Society

MR HUGH BROWN. HEAD OF PRIMARY AND WAVELL HOUSEMASTER

Mr Hugh Brown retires at the end of the Summer Term 1994 after over 22 years at QVS. He joined the staff at the start of the Summer Term in April 1972, taking up his appointment as a Primary Teacher and Assistant Housemaster to Wavell House. He came from Dundee, where he was born and educated. In 1979, he became a Deputy Housemaster with Primary Boys, and contributed and shared in what some must have seen as the "halcyon days" of Wavell House during the idiosyncratic yet benevolent rule of Norman Bruce.



Mr Hugh Brown,
Housemaster and Head of Primary

Hugh Brown's contribution and loyalty to the School has been considerable. Not only because he has remained a living-in member of staff throughout his time here, while his wife and he brought up their own sons, but he has given also great support in a number of important areas of the School's life, the pupils' lives, and to the staff.

On his arrival he found that the younger boys did not play rugby, whereat he introduced it and maintained it as a sport until Mr Carroll took over. He and his wife, Barbara, took part in the Wavell Summer Camps at Rothiemurchus Hut at Aviemore for over 10 years. Most importantly, on the sad death of Norman Bruce, Hugh took over as Housemaster and Head of Primary in April 1984. It is for his 10 years as Housemaster to 80 10 - 12 year olds that the School is most indebted. His has been an avuncular, wise and understanding approach to the young, and his knowledge of them, their backgrounds, their problems and the way towards solutions, has been the hallmark of his tenure.

In 1985, Mr Brown was at last "allowed"/persuaded to join the CCF RAF Section, which has benefited from his interest, support, attendance at Camps, and, if he will allow the expression, very smart presence in uniform.

Hence, over the years, Hugh Brown has

made a major pastoral contribution, promoted Games, served the CCF, helped as a Duke of Edinburgh Assessor, and been a mine of information to all on local Geography, Scottish History, and the importance of being Scottish! He has been a schoolmaster as well as a teacher, and will be remembered by boys and parents as a fair and generous counsellor. Finally, in 1992, as Head of Primary, he became a member of the Senior Management Team.

We wish also to thank Barbara, his wife, for supporting him in all the years in Wavell, helping out when needed, attending the Aviemore Camps, running Hobbies, testing the School's First Aid candidates, and supporting School functions and activities. To them both we wish a very happy future.

MR ISLWYN 'BILL' WILLIAMS

Any tribute written about Mr I T Williams is likely to prove inadequate in reflecting all he has done and been in Queen Victoria School over many years. He first taught in the School as an RAEC Officer between 1950 and 1955. During those years he was a Company Commander (predecessor of 'Housemasters' terminology) of 'C' Company. After leaving the Army and teaching for 4 years at Strathallan School, he returned to QVS in January 1959, as Assistant Housemaster in Wavell, a post he held for the next 4 years. Retiring as he does at the end of June 1994, Mr Williams has been on the staff of the School for 39 years.



Mr Islwyn 'Bill' Williams,
OC CCF and Housemaster

Over those years, he has carried out a multiplicity of roles, several of them simultaneously. His teaching was originally largely with Primary classes and later he taught increasingly in the Junior years of the Secondary School. Even there he has taught a range of subjects, most especially in Maths, Geography and English. That being so, it is obvious that over 40 generations of boys have been taught by him;

equally, as a trained PE teacher, he has contributed in a major way to sport in the School: coaching and refereeing Rugby (something he continued to do long after lesser mortals claimed that age or infirmity precluded their participation); boxing (a sport he had excelled in, in the Army); canoeing, which he ran in the School for over 20 years, carrying out the instruction as well as organising river expeditions; and athletics and cross-country.

He and his wife first spent 4 years living and working with Wavell and then, in April 1967 he was appointed Housemaster of Cunningham House, a post he held until 1 May 1989 - 22 years, the first part of which was in a House which was organised for S1 to S6 but later organised, as it is today, for boys in S1 to S3, an Intermediate House. Such a length of time as Housemaster is a remarkable record.

In 1976, he took over as Contingent Commander of the CCF, a CCF which for many years he had been an Officer in, and introduced the RAF Section. It was in 1981 that the Naval Section was brought in. When he hands over as retiring Contingent Commander in June after 18 years, only perhaps he and his family will know how many Camps he has run and attended. For the last 6 years he acted as OC RAF Section as well as OC Contingent. He will hand over a Contingent this summer that received an excellent report from this year's Biennial Inspection.

Somewhere in a Welsh valley there may be still a mould such as Bill came from. He has always given and never counted the personal cost. He and his wife brought up their family in QVS, and brought up generations of sons of others' families. We recognise his dedication to the School which has been his life's work, and how much he has given to teaching, to pastoral care, to sport, hobbies, to the CCF, and to the Chapel. Thank you, Bill.

To Islwyn and Ruth, his wife, may their years of joint retirement be as long and happy as they are deserved.

MR MALCOLM KELLY

Mr Malcolm Kelly was appointed as Principal Teacher of English at QVS in September 1970 and was one of several "civilian", teachers appointed to replace the then RAEC Officer/Teachers when it was decided that the Corps neither could nor should continue to staff much of the School. In the 24 years he has been at the School, Mr Kelly has seen great changes in his subject of English - the introduction of what we now refer to as the "old" O Grades and Higher, but, more recently, the major developments with the introduction of Standard Grade, Revised Higher and Sixth Year Studies. Mr Kelly not only effected these changes efficiently, but was the first Department to introduce Standard Grade. Obviously, English is a major subject for boys' qualifications, and he has managed his department skilfully, most especially when it is remembered that it is only in the most recent years that he has had a second qualified English specialist working with him. The English results over the years have been most laudable.

From 1980 to 1982, Mr Kelly was Housemaster of Trenchard House, a post he was prepared to take up at a very difficult

time for the School when that House had had no Housemaster for many months. He has more recently acted as a Tutor in Wavell House. Up until the last few years, he coached and refereed Junior Rugby, and has presented Hobbies in film and TV Appreciation. It would be presumptuous to comment on Mr Kelly's abilities but it should be recorded that the School Management and Staff have benefited over the years from his clear and constructive analyses and contribution to meetings. In a lighter but complimentary note, let it be recorded that no member of Staff has such a good record for not being ill!

Malcolm retires in August 1994 and we wish him and his wife, Joyce, who also retired recently, happy years of contentment ahead.

MR MICHAEL SQUIRES

Mr Squires was appointed as Principal Teacher of Art and Design in September 1975, coming to QVS from Rannoch School, having previously taught in Lancashire and the Bahamas. The Art Department over the last 19 years has developed well under Mr Squires' guidance, and has had the benefit and use of its pottery bay with a good kiln and, more recently in line with developments in course work, camera work has been introduced. The laudatory comments written by a recent visiting SCOTVEC Assessor demonstrated the extent to which Mick has kept up with educational change and innovation. Looking back over the years, one notes the number of boys from the School who have gone on to pursue Art and Design, and in particular achieve the high standards necessary for entry to Art College - they are witness to Mick Squires' abilities as a teacher. Closer to home, the Art Department has always made a major contribution to the Exhibition for parents on Grand Days; once again the quality of work has been evident, especially to those who are best able to judge.

Mick has always been a sports enthusiast, especially for Rugby, which has mani-

fested itself in his recent Presidency of Stirling Rugby Club. Until the onset of a knee injury, he has coached Junior Rugby Teams in the School, has organised table-tennis, and assisted in Games generally. He has also provided Art work for School productions. For a short period he was Assistant Housemaster in Haig. As a col-

league, his wry humour has been enjoyed as much as his company.

Mr Squires retires in the summer of 1994 and will no doubt pursue his own painting. To his wife, Gwen, who once taught for a short time at QVS, and to Mick, we wish years of happiness in their new home.

RETIREMENT OF PRESENT HEADMASTER J. D. HANKINSON, MA (HONS): 1980 - 1994



*Julian D Hankinson,
Headmaster QVS: April, 1980 - August, 1994*

At the end of Summer Term 1994 Mr J D Hankinson MA (Hons) retires after more than 14 years as Headmaster of this School.

After graduating from Selwyn College, Cambridge and a spell on National Service with the Royal Norfolk Regiment, and before taking up his appointment at QVS at Easter 1980, Julian taught for 18 years at Kelvinside Academy, gaining experience for the role ahead through promotions to PT English, Assistant Rector, Deputy Rector and Commander of that school's CCF Contingent.

The departure of a Headmaster is of considerable moment for any school, particularly when for so many years he has given unstintingly. As for rewards, there have been many occasions where pride in the performance of an individual boy, or of the whole school, must have brought him great pleasure and satisfaction. This is a fitting time for us to record our appreciation of the vast amount of time and energy he has expended on our behalf, keeping the school together and trying to satisfy so many conflicting demands. He is in fact nearly a "workaholic" and might well

have succumbed to the stress of this demanding post but for the constant support and assistance of his wife Jeanette ("Mrs H" to the boys), especially when doubling up as Housemaster/Headmaster in difficult times. More than two generations of QVS boys have benefited from Julian's patient, caring nature, his ability to see good in every boy and a willingness to give offenders another chance.

A strong believer in the value of all-round education, he has promoted a wide range of extra-curricular activities and supported the military traditions of the school.

He is, of course, a Teacher of English at heart and loves the written and particularly the spoken word. Whilst his own handwriting is only just legible to the practised eye, we have all admired his skill as a public speaker and indeed as a preacher in Chapel. We remember with pleasure boys' performances in Public Speaking Competitions and in school plays such as "A Man for All Seasons", "St Joan" and "Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde", where Julian's talents as a producer were most evident.

The years from 1980 to 1994 have seen great changes, some actual and some

threatened! All have made great demands on the staff and not least on the Headmaster. We have been re-roofed, re-glazed, re-wired, re-drained and even 'removed' for a Term to Drip Camp Stirling and Ballater, i.e. we have been built-up, boxed-in and barracked! Dormitory accommodation has been upgraded and room made for older boys to return for 5th and 6th Year. Contracted-out catering, cleaning, laundry, tailoring and ground maintenance have all had to be introduced. New buildings appeared such as the conversion of the "Covered Way" from a wind tunnel to a most spacious and useful Reception Area, the generous provision of the MacMillan Games Hall and the Wavell Games Room extension. Additions and adjustments of existing rooms were made to accommodate the introduction of Music, Games, Computing and Electronics and to satisfy the requirements of the major teaching and curriculum changes "suffered" by the teaching profession over these 15 years.

That all of this has been achieved in addition to the normal academic and domestic work involved in running this boarding school speaks volumes for the Headmaster's determination and dedication. A lesser man would have buckled under the onslaught of Feasibility Studies, Consultancy Studies, Working Parties and Inspections. Some of these did bear fruit, not least the long-awaited move to Agency Status, giving the Headmaster an even more demanding role as Chief Executive.

As Julian and Jeanette depart to a well-earned retirement on the Isle of Bute, they take with them our very best wishes for long years ahead of happiness and good health.

Mr B Paterson

APPOINTMENT OF NEW HEADMASTER. MR BRIAN RAINE, BA Hons.

Mr Raine was appointed Deputy Head of QVS as from 1 April 1993 and takes up his appointment as Headmaster and Chief Executive for Session 1994-95.

He was educated at Durham Grammar School and Durham University, and before coming to QVS he taught at Strathallan School from 1971. There he had been Head of History from 1979 to 1981, a Housemaster from 1981 to 1991, and Master in Charge of Rugby and Coach of Strathallan First XV 1975-1993. While at QVS he has continued his wide involvement with Rugby, both at Midlands and Scottish Schoolboy levels for whom he is a Selector. He is also a prominent member of Rotary.

Mr Raine has had four Terms at QVS as Deputy Head, which he will admit has been a steep learning curve, but sound experience that will undoubtedly help him in carrying out his new role. At the least, he knows his School well - the good as well as warts of its life and ethos. He has many challenges to meet: further educational changes, the introduction of co-education, the development of the School as an Agency, as well as leading this community into the 21st Century.

The School is therefore fortunate in his appointment as Headmaster. We wish him and Jean, his wife, continued happiness and success.



Mr Brian Raine BA: Headmaster Designate

New Appointments

NEW DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Mr Leslie Clark BSc Hons will take over as Deputy Headmaster at the start of the 1994/95 session. Originally educated at Glasgow High School and Glasgow University, Mr Clark was a Squadron Leader in the RAF and an Executive Staff Officer with MOD and NATO. Since leaving the RAF, Mr Clark has taught at Dollar Academy where he was a Principal Teacher, Officer Commanding the CCF and a Head of Year. He will bring a wide range of skills to the job and we wish him and his wife Lynda every happiness and fulfilment in his new post.



*Mr Leslie Clark,
New Deputy Head - August, 1994*

PRINCIPAL TEACHER OF ENGLISH

Mr Alan Kirk BA Hons, Dip Ed. Tech will take over as Principal Teacher of English at the start of the 1994/95 session. Originally educated at Montrose Academy and Glasgow University, he has taught at Jordanhill School since 1984 where he was a Senior Teacher. He was responsible for the annual School Magazine, master-in-charge of Senior Debating and Public Speaking and is keen on hill walking and weight training. We wish Mr Kirk, his wife

and their young family every happiness in the boarding school environment.

PRINCIPAL TEACHER OF ART

Mr David Gilhooly BA Hons will take over as Principal Teacher of Art at the start of the 1994/95 session. Originally educated in Forces Schools and latterly at St Mary's Academy, Bathgate and Heriot-Watt University, he has taught at Deans Community High School since 1983. He



*Mr Mick Squires,
Principal Teacher of Art and Design*

was a Deputy Group Head within their discipline structure, chair of the creative and aesthetic faculty, a member of the Staff Development Team and a member of the Events Committee. His sporting interests include swimming, water polo, football, basketball, rugby and squash. We wish Mr Gilhooly and his wife every happiness in their time at Queen Victoria School.

PRIMARY TEACHER

Mr Tom King B.Ed., Dip R.S.A. will join our Primary Department for the start of the 1994/95 session. Originally educated at Lornhill Academy, the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and the University of Wales, he has had considerable teaching experience in Tameside and Wales. Since 1989 he has been teaching at Ardvreck School, Crieff and from 1991 he was a resident Housemaster. His interests include Music, rugby (he is a qualified Rugby Union referee), cricket, cookery and hill walking. We are indeed fortunate to have someone of Mr King's boarding school experience joining us in the Primary Department and we wish him and his wife Anne every happiness while at Queen Victoria School.

TEACHER OF GEOGRAPHY/HISTORY

Mrs Lorna Shannon MA Hons. PGCE, will join our Social Studies Department for the start of the 1994/95 with a specific view to broadening our curriculum in the above areas. Originally educated at Shawlands Academy and Glasgow University she has taught at Queen Anne and Kirkcaldy High Schools. Her interests include sailing, windsurfing, hill walking, camping, badminton, squash, aerobics and hockey. She was also a member of the Royal Naval Reserves.

Mrs Shannon is already a resident, as her

husband teaches in the Technological Department, but we hope that she will find great fulfilment in establishing a new subject area, Geography, and a full involvement in boarding school life.

MR SHANE WILLIAMSON - GAP STUDENT

Mr Shane Williamson joined us at the beginning of January as a GAP student. Born in South Africa and a native of Durban where he attended Glenwood High School, Shane went on to the Technikon Natal to study for a Diploma in Personnel Management. As a mature graduate student, he decided to broaden his horizons before settling down to work in South Africa.

Shane epitomises the talented all-rounder. Academically able, he has also been involved in rugby, cricket and athletics at school and university at a fairly high level. Prior to coming to QVS, he represented the Natal U23 XV and it came as no surprise to see that Stirling County were very interested. His rapid promotion to their 1st XV has meant that already he has had a number of first division games. The greatest compliment we can pay him is that he has fitted so easily and positively into QVS routine and has been a great help in the Wavell boarding house and with games. He will no doubt be able to contribute even more to the coaching of senior teams next session.

Bursar's Notes

Another year has flown by but, on the other hand, quite a lot has been achieved. As promised, Haig south dormitory has been completely refurbished with 22 individual study bedrooms. In addition 5 single

rooms, complete with washbasins, have been constructed on the ground floor for senior boys. The Staff have not been forgotten and I am pleased to say that we have been able to double-glaze all the houses in Nason Avenue and Victoria Green. This coming year we shall continue with our improvements to dormitory accommodation by upgrading the ground floor to Wavell and creating 8 four-boy rooms in the existing 2 dormitories. In addition to the high-profile work, we are committing extensive funds to the more mundane areas of drains, roads and haring.

I mentioned last year we were beginning to generate income by letting School facilities to outside organisations. This income we are able to use for the benefit of the School and last year's "profit" is to be used in providing washbasins in the remaining boys' single rooms.

The Norman MacNeil Trust Fund

Some of you may have heard of the new fund which has been established through the generosity of the son of one of our Old Victorians. Norman MacLeod MacNeil was at the School before World War One and emigrated to Canada where he led a distinguished life. He always attributed his success to the education and guidance he received at the School and his son has donated £100,000 to be held in trust, the income from which is to be used to help pay for physical and culturally-demanding activities for selected boys. This summer 2 boys will be attending Outward Bound courses and another will attend the Edinburgh College of Art to study water-colour painting. It is expected that proceeds from the Trust will enable us to expand this programme further in the coming years.



Queen Victoria School Administrative and Support Staff: 1994

Nova Scotia International Tattoo 1995

For many years the members of the Pipes and Drums and Highland Dancers have given pleasure to many thousands of people and the standards they achieve are the envy of many. However, high standards are the result of hard work, enthusiasm and self-discipline, which they all demonstrate in abundance. It was felt that it was long overdue that they be given some reward for their efforts. Mr Tomkins, the Drum Major, was aware of the Tattoo held in Halifax Nova Scotia each year and we approached the organisers who welcomed us with open arms. Fund raising is well under way and I must express my sincere appreciation to the many parents, Old Victorians and friends of the School who have contributed to the various fund-raising activities. Planning is proceeding smoothly and I am certain that those boys fortunate to be selected for the trip will have the experience of a lifetime.

ADMINISTRATION STAFF

The previous edition reported 1992/93 as being an interesting and challenging period for the Admin Staff. 1993/94 is probably best described as a year of hard work. Handling our own affairs highlights areas previously taken for granted. Procedures and accounting systems are fairly settled but the sheer volume of accountancy information passing through the department has taken us all by surprise.

The accounts staff especially are totally immersed in paper. Copies of everything are held "just in case". Computers, we were told, make life easy. Sales talk! Information is certainly readily available and the ladies have the answer to most problems at their fingertips, but the monsters need continuous feeding. Fortunately we have our own computer expert to hand!!

Recruitment of staff, too, has taken on a whole new meaning. Gone are the days when a phone call was all that was necessary. Now, as our Personnel Office has discovered, from advertising to selection is a

long-drawn-out business requiring constant attention. A dozen replacements all happening at the same time is a lot of paper.

The mere mention of auditors is guaranteed to wipe the smile from faces, keep heads down and turn dreams to nightmares. The Defence Internal Auditors visited the stores early February for a period of five days. Despite prior visions of horror, results were encouraging and not too bruising. Hard work by all concerned. The writer is waiting for a good day to tell the stores that members of the National Audit office are due shortly. Replenishment of Snopake is urgently required.

Those who tackle all sorts of jobs, the General Hands, continue to plod along. Readily available at short notice, any task is attempted. They try very hard to keep everyone happy. Even Johnny Miller is proving to be a good apprentice joiner or so we are told. We welcome Alan Gordon to the crew, Jim Yare having joined the Army. All got too much for him.

Assurances from 'He who plays golf' that it will get better are constantly given. Must be talking about his putting!



Headmaster and Teaching Staff: Session 1993 - 1994



School Bursar, Colonel Tapp and Lieutenant Shannon and the Sons of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines: 1994

GRAND DAY 1994

Inspecting Officer
COMMODORE B. B. PEROWNE, Royal Navy
Commodore Clyde

PRIZE-GIVING

Prize Giving takes place in the School Memorial Chapel at 1130 in the presence of Her Majesty's Commissioners, distinguished guests, parents, staff and boys. Due to limited accommodation it is regretted that attendance at Prize Giving is restricted to those holding personal tickets.

PARADE

On Parade

Parade Commander, Senior Monitor	Murray Wilson
Guard Commanders:	
No. 1 Guard	Ian Finlay
No. 2 Guard	James Wilson
No. 3 Guard	Gordon Donald
No. 4 Guard	Euan Redpath
No. 5 Guard	Keith Murray
No. 6 Guard	Brian Sherwood
No. 7 Guard	Peter Mitchell
No. 8 Guard	Steven Nelthorpe
i/c Colour Party	Andrew Riddell
Ensigns	David Graham
	Gary Simpson
Escorts	Scott Kintrea
	Ryan McLachlan
Orderlies	Darren Robertson
	Christopher Semple
School Sergeant Major	Mr D. Duthie (late SG)

The Parade

The School will march on and the Colours are marched on with the parade at the Salute.

The Inspecting Officer will be received with a General Salute at 1500; he will then inspect the Parade.

The Parade will then March Past in Slow Time, break into Quick Time, Re-form Line and Advance in Review Order. After the General Salute the Parade will form a Hollow Square for the Inspecting Officer's Address and the Presentation of Prizes culminating with the Prince Philip Medal. The School will then give three cheers and re-form line.

Having sought permission to march-off, the Senior Monitor will lead the Parade off the field in Column of Route.

All spectators are asked to stand when the Colours are marched on to Parade, during General Salutes and when the Colours pass during the March Past.

TEA

After the Parade, Tea will be served for HM Commissioners' Guests in the Marquee behind Enclosure A. Refreshments will be available on repayment in the Playhall for all other spectators.

RETREAT

At approximately 1610 the Buglers will sound the five minute call. Five minutes later the Pipes and Drums will march on to Beat Retreat which will include a display of Dancing. Spectators are asked to remain to watch this display which will last approximately 20 minutes. Spectators are asked to stand during the sounding of the Retreat Call and lowering of the Union Flag.

PARADE MUSIC

March on to Parade	The Bugle Horn
	Hot Punch
	Bonnie Dundee
March on the Colours	The Victorians
General Salute	Loch Leven Castle
Inspection	The Skye Boat Song
	Westering Home
	Morag of Dunvegan
	The Mingulay Boat Song
March Past in Slow Time	The Dark Island
	My Home
	The Cradle Song
Break into Quick Time	Leaving Port Askaig
Advance in Review Order	Scotland the Brave
March off in Column of Route	Highland Laddie

RETREAT MUSIC

March on	Within a Mile O' Edinburgh Toon
	Caber Feidh
Retreat Call	
Drummers Call	
Retreat Marches	After the Battle
	The Green Hills of Tyrol
	Cullen Bay
Dancers March on	Teribus
	Corriechoillies Welcome
Strathspey	Marquis of Huntly
Reels	The High Road to Linton
	The Piper of Drummond
Dancers March off	The Victorians
March Off Parade	Highland Laddie/Black Bear

Pipe Major	Mr A. T. Dippie B.E.M. (late BW)
Drum Major	Mr H. W. G. Tomkins (late Gordons)
Dancing Instructor	Mrs E. MacDonald AUKA
Boy Pipe Major	Scott MacFarlane
Boy Drum Major	Murray MacDonald
Senior Dancer	Murray Wilson

Chapel Notes

The Life of Queen Victoria School Chapel was forever changed with the tragic and sudden death of its senior Elder, Mr Ben Philip, Housemaster of Haig House. Time and space do not permit me to relate all the many and varied tributes that I have heard over these many months. I am also aware that many former pupils of his class or of his house did not get the opportunity to attend his funeral service but might well have the opportunity to read this magazine, so I would commend to you one of the prayers used in his service at Dunblane Cathedral. A prayer of commemoration and thanksgiving for the life of Mr Ben Philip. If, like me, you have many things to remember about Ben and to give thanks to God for, you might like to use the words of this prayer to express your own feelings. "Gracious Lord, we give you grateful thanks for your gift to us of the life of Ben, that we remember especially this day."

A man in whom we have recognised the light of Your nearer presence, the graciousness of your generous spirit, the warmth of Your love, care and concern for others.

We give you thanks for the Christian love of his parents, family and friends, love, which surrounded him in infancy, shaped his mind in adolescence, and sustained him in Christian manhood.

We acknowledge before You the many, and varied ways in which our lives have been enriched by the gift of his life.

his wisdom and judgement.
his tolerance and energy.
his correction and guidance
his integrity and enthusiasm
his steadfastness and humour
his deep Christian commitment.

All these, and even more, were so freely given that the strengths of his character will always live on in our lives, and the lives of those privileged to have come under his care. We treasure his memory for we hold him in great respect and that cannot be broken or diminished by the passing of time.

Paul wrote to the Church at Corinth (9:6 & 7) that Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, but whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

Lord we acknowledge before you a man who gave his life generously for others.

In the classroom
In his house Haig
On the rugby field
On theatre visits
At concerts or discos
At Scottish county dancing
In the swimming pool
Out on some Scottish hillside
Singing, with his gifted voice.

Above all we remember with thanksgiving a man of great personal faith and devotion. A man who loved to sing the great hymns of faith. An Elder by whose hand we have received the bread and wine of the Communion Service.

A man who fulfilled the instruction of

the apostle Paul, (Colossians 3:16) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. Gracious Lord, by the example of others teach us in our turn to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to labour and to seek for no reward save only the knowledge that we do Your will. For only then shall we be worthy of those great souls who, in every age, have ventured all in obedience to Your call; of whom this world has never been worthy, but for whom all the Heavenly trumpets sound and choirs of angels sing. Father, hear these our prayers of commemoration and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Congregational Roll.

The following school members were admitted to full communion within the Church of Scotland at our Admission Service held on Sunday 6th March. Guest Preacher, the Rev Colin G. McIntosh, MA., BD.

Cunningham House;

Robert Barclay
Leigh Bissett
Jason Bruce
Craig Cunningham
James Kelly
Paul McGrory
Mark McLeod
James Martin
Stephen Page
Barry Prowse
Stuart Watt
Ross Wylie

Trenchard House

Callum Allan
Andrew Boyle
Malcolm Cook
Paul Crawford
Scott DeGernier
Graeme Hancock
Ryan Kerr
Craig Kintrea
Gordon Laughlin
Richard McConnell
Mark McCubbin
James MacDonald
James Matthews
Robert Milne

Mr Julian Hankinson, MA. Elder.

This is also the correct place to express the most sincere thanks from the Chapel to the Headmaster as Chapel Elder. Mr Hankinson has been totally committed to the Chapel and has preached from the pulpit many many times. 1, as the present Chaplain, on behalf of the Chapel, the Clergy past and present, and the Boys wish him and Mrs Hankinson (who has annually organised the Chapel Flower List and a hundred other little unknown tasks,) God speed and many happy years of retirement.

The Chaplaincy Team.

The writer, and the School in general, are deeply aware of the week-by-week contribution made by its officiating Chaplains, Canon O'Sullivan and Dr Gian Tellini for the pastoral care of all the boys. I would take

this opportunity now to express to them my sincere thanks and the thanks of the whole School Community.

The Chapel Stewards.

The Chaplain's life would be just impossible without the cheerful and daily help of a fine band of young men, led by Gordon Donald and William Milne, the Chapel Prefect. The School acknowledge that of all the tasks delegated to senior pupils theirs are now of the most demanding. To William and all the Stewards I would wish to say, thank you, and well done.

JRS

Old Victorian's Association

President: Lt. Col. Ron Smith
Secretary: Peter Gilchrist
Treasurer: Bill Carruthers

It is always a pleasure to contribute the OVA input to the Victorian, especially as it provides the opportunity to emphasise the aims of the Association and to record both general and individual items of news, showing how we try to meet these aims. This year is no exception, as can be seen by initially summarising the aims as a continuation of comradeship, making the school known and upholding its good name, promotion and sustenance of close liaison with the school and the arrangement and encouragement of reunions, sporting and social occasions at which Old Victorians can meet.

Undoubtedly the most memorable occasion during the past year at which our aims were illustrated was the Memorial Service for Ben Phillip — Old Victorians of many generations helped to fill Dunblane Cathedral in a most emphatic demonstration of respect and thanksgiving for a man who had done so much for so many Victorians. As President of the OVA I was deeply proud to see so many there and to read the messages of condolence from those who could not attend.

The Association has gained 61 new members since May 1993, increasing the membership to 802. The 800th member is Angus Cameron (3585) who joined shortly before setting off on a motor-cycle on an overland trip to India (no word as yet on his progress!). It is always a delight to welcome so many new members, no one more to than our one 'Dukie' OV this year — my old friend Vic McGuirk — plus our new Honorary Member Denis Cadman who returned to visit on Grand Day 1993 some 45 years after teaching here as an AEC senior NCO. A simple message to all members is to encourage recruitment amongst all your OV friends/relatives who are not members.

Elsewhere in the magazine you will read of the forthcoming Nova Scotia Tattoo trip and the need to finance it. I am delighted to report that the OVA has featured already in the fundraising activities. Many individual members have donated both through the Draw and by donations and the 1994 AGM voted unanimously to donate £500 to the fund. I hope all Old Victorians will continue to support it as generously as possible.

It was a great pleasure during the 1994

Reunion Weekend to welcome back a 'young' Old Victorian to take the salute at the Parade Service. Captain Robert Bruce (3541), the Adjutant of The Royal Scots, withstood the vagaries of one of the windiest days on record — congratulations to him and to all the boys on parade, particularly the pipes and drums for their staunch efforts under most difficult circumstances. During the Reunion the OVA lapel badge was introduced after many years of discussion. It is patterned on the original OBA badge and retails at the very reasonable price of £3.50 (I seem to remember that the OBA badge cost 2/6 in 1951!). Orders to the Treasurer, please.

As usual there was a good turnout of OVs on both Grand Day '93 and for the Reunion. It is gratifying to see so many returning both for the group occasions and individually. The effort made by members is much appreciated. The London Branch is also keen to welcome contact with any OVA's who are either permanently or temporarily in the London/South East area. A photo of their 1993 'get-together' shows a small but enthusiastic group who enjoy an annual family day of fun and reminiscence. The school numbers listed indicate a concentration last year on one particular generation but you are never too old (e.g. Frank Pyott (367) celebrating his Diamond Wedding in 1993) or too young to enjoy the occasion. Regrettably Bob Gill (2900) is relinquishing the post of Secretary this year after some very hard work during the re-establishment phase of the Branch. Anyone interested in taking over his duties or in general participation please write to Bob at 19 Hollies Avenue, West Byfleet.

Contact through correspondence and visits is a mainstay of OVA life. Our annual news was despatched to 20 overseas countries last December (+BFPO). The newsletter is available for all members but please update your address when appropriate. It gives us the opportunity to expand more on OVA activities than is possible in this article.

Mention of overseas mail reminds me of many who have been in contact from farflung (or near) spots, they include:—

Spain — Ben Duncan (2047), France — Aubrey Watts (1811), Cyprus — David McArthur (2139), Holland — Allan McKean (2961), South Africa — Willie Jones (2331), Belize — Colin McGrath (2945), Canada — Alf Loats (1345), Bill Geddes (2314), USA — Don Macay (1717), Jim Wiseman (2158), Paul Kent (3520), Euan Wallace (3531), BAOR — Ross McKinnell (3385), Bruce Leslie (3430), Australia — Derek Burns (3365), Ian Ross (1180), David Rogers (3481), Robert Grey (3140), Derek Peachey (Dukie), Colin Campbell (Dukie), New Zealand — Jim (Bonzo) Currie (1251). At sea — Captain Ernie Bruce (2530) aboard MV Courtney.

The ongoing deployment to Bosnia has resulted in several contacts there, albeit of a temporary nature — Bruce Leslie, D. Balloch (3839) and Ewen McLay (3610). Ewen was accompanied by Vitez by his bagpipes and took the opportunity to entertain both the Coldstream Guards and the local villagers. He is not certain whether he contributed to the ceasefire there or made matters worse!

Paul Kent is based in The British Embassy in Washington DC and invites any visitors to the area (or residents) to contact

him there.

I am sure our Canadian and American members are thinking seriously of visiting the Nova Scotia Tattoo — perhaps a Reunion event there would be possible, so if you are interested please contact either Bill Geddes or Central Branch.

Congratulations are in order to Paul Evans (2946) on his promotion to Brigadier. Paul is, I believe, our senior serving Old Victorian.

I would wish to record the appreciation of all Old Victorians who have visited or been in contact with the school during the last 12 months for the hospitality and kindness shown to us all.

Perhaps a final note to illustrate our feelings, as expressed by Gary Anderson (3187). He moved house in 1993 and grew webbed feet as he now lives on a narrow boat on the Grand Union Canal at Rickmansworth. He has renamed his boat 'The Old Victorian' — what more can I say!

OBITUARIES

Sadly I have to report the deaths of eight Old Victorians which have been notified since the last issue of the Victorian.

25 E.J. MacDonald 76 N.G.C. MacDonald

Ernest MacDonald died on 20th July 1993 at the age of 97. He was our oldest known Old Victorian. His younger brother Norman died in 1992. Both had left the school to join the Royal Artillery Band, Ernest serving therein for 33 years, retiring as a sergeant. They had travelled extensively with the Band in Europe and North Africa.

850 E.B. High

'Tiny' High also served in the Royal Artillery in North Africa and Italy during the 39-45 War before transferring to Royal Engineers (Postal). He died on 23rd January 1993.

1224 R. McKay

Ron served in the Royal Air Force, died March 1993.

1653 J.F. Georgeson

Left school for Army Technical School and subsequently served in the Royal Army Service Corps in France and Germany. Jim was a sales representative until retirement and he died on 21st August 1993.



Old Victorians Association London Branch Fun Day: September, 1993
Back Row: Jim Fraser (2609), Malcolm Arnott (2731), Andy Kerr (3338), Ian Lorimer (2759), Malcolm Cooper (2792), David Issit (2852), Jim McDonald (Dukie), Frank Blake (2089), Bill Kerr (2225). Front Row: Graham Johnstone (2956), Ian Roe (2973), Bill Barclay (1579), Frank Pyott (367), Bob Gill (2900) and Gary Anderson (3187).

2110 A.R. Williamson MBE

Roddy left school for Army Apprentice School in 1949, served initially in Royal Engineers and after passing out of Sandhurst in 1955 was commissioned in Royal Army Ordnance Corps. He served in Malaya and Germany, passed Naval Staff College and awarded MBE. He retired as a Major in 1976. He subsequently worked as a Sector Administrator, Forth Valley Health Board. He died on 30th October 1993.

2239 J.W. White

Jimmy, the son of CSM 'Pearl' White, died on 13th December 1993. He spent most of his life in Dunblane, working in the BP at Grangemouth, but primarily working for the Old Victorians in the roles of Treasurer, Secretary and briefly as President. Jimmy worked with Campbell McQueen in the original production of the OVA Register and on the Coordination Committee which produce the OVA Constitution. An outstanding servant of all Old Victorians.

2601 E.R. Marshall

Ted went from School to the Lawers School of Agriculture, — subsequently he served in the Royal Air Force for 5 years and then retired to agriculture, initially as a sales representative and then sales manager for BP Nutrition (UK). Latterly he established his own successful agricultural merchant business. He was a past captain of Lochmaber Golf Club. Ted died at the age of 47 on 14th January 1992.

18th December 1993

Dear Headmaster,

I am enclosing a copy of "Societas", which is the magazine of the College where I have been working for the past 11 years. The reason for my sending the magazine is that on page 32 there is a profile entitled "Holy Haggis," which is about me. Who am I? I am an old boy of Q.V. who was there from 1956-1961, and the article explains that it was at the School that I decided to become a chef. Actually, what happened was that one day some of the Directors of the School came around on a visit and were asking various boys questions. In the dining

room Brigadier Collingwood, who was G.O.C., Scottish Command, asked me what I thought of the food. I replied, "Not much, I'll be able to do better myself one day." Shock! Horror! Frank Morrow, the Head Chef who was in the party, almost had a heart attack, and before the meal was over all the boys in the dining room knew of my comments.

After hearing those comments, Frank Morrow decided that I should spend time in the kitchen instead of going to hobbies at night. I washed many pots and pans, peeled countless potatoes and cried over numerous onions — the more that this happened, the more determined I became to beat the system.

I was not an academic pupil, nor was I a sports person. I lacked co-ordination but later went on to win many silver and gold medals for speed walks and marathons, including taking part in the famous 4 Days Nijmegen Marches in Holland. I was such a poor student that the then Headmaster, Lt. Col. Fowler, wrote on my final report card, "Colin will not go far in life — and he will have to try very hard if he is going to get on." I've often wondered if being 12,500 miles away in Sydney is far enough.

As I look back over the years at School I have always treasured what the School taught me, because many of my interests stem from the foundations given to me at QV, e.g. my love of History from Mr Hughes, a love of Robert Burns and Scottish Literature from Mr Brown, an appreciation of art from Mr Lemaistre, model-making and making lead soldiers from Mr Findlay and Captain Turner. I also remember with great fondness the persons who had faith that one day things would come together for me: R.S.M. Loudon and C.S.M. George Martin. Most of all I remember the cooks, Frank Morrow, Jimmy Walker and Johnny Girven who helped me choose a great profession.

I just thought that I should share this article with the people to whom I owe so much, the people at the QV. You may want to share this article with the housemasters of Wavell and Haig where my kit numbers were 250 and 109.

There are many old boys that I would like to know the whereabouts of now, mainly: Johnny Bell, Malcolm Maclean, Charles and James Brown and Colin Hamilton — all these boys' School numbers were 27 - -.

I do hope that you enjoy the article, Sir.
Yours most sincerely,
"Jock" Colin Stewart (2701)

OLD VICTORIAN CAPTAIN LEE SMART AT WORK IN VITEZ

The photograph above was taken last year when Lee, who left QVS in 1982, was serving for six months in Bosnia where he acted as an Army press escort officer. When at school he was a keen and most competent student in the Art Department, and went on to study architecture at Dundee University before joining the army in the Royal Signals. Some of us still possess today the first school mug which he designed and drew, the artwork depicting the School buildings.



Old Victorian Captain Lee Smart, Royal Signals, sketching in Bosnia

OVA WEEKEND PARADE SERVICE

The Headmaster preached in Chapel on Old Victorians' Sunday. Several people have asked for copies and it is therefore printed below, as his statement to the School and Former Pupils.

I will take as my text a line from the hymn that I asked should be sung at my first service in this chapel and I came to the school: Lay hold on life and it shall be. We sang it again just now.

It is odd to think that the two most important facts in one's life are one's birth and one's death, as if what lay in the years between was not even more important. For our being alive, our having this one and only chance, what we might call this one-off marvellous experience of living, is something which we undervalue if we do not constantly hold in our minds life's uniqueness, its wonder and its potential. The most disturbing and fearsome philosophies that some men have turned to over the past 2 or 3 hundred years, have been those which have belittled the special and wonderful opportunity of individual life. In the 18th, 19th and 20th Centuries, Western philosophy has produced several pessimistic and negative views of man's position in society and the universe. These philosophies have denied the idea and meaning of each individual life having significance and importance. From the acute Nihilism of the German philosopher who suggested that nothing is worth while, nothing has purpose - to the French modern philosophy of Existentialism which denies the idea that we have Free Will to control and shape our actions and happiness, and posits the idea that all human existence is finally ludicrous - a kind of bad joke played on poor humanity: so it is that from such philosophies the old Western Christian beliefs and creeds have taken severe blows. Yet, at the heart of things, remains the claim of the Christian believer that life has a meaning, creation is purposeful, and that behind all the mystery, wonder

and multiplicity of the created world is an order and shape, wherein ordinary people's lives are precious and important.

To me one of the saddest figures in the 19th Century was the man, John Stuart Mill, who was educated by his father and by his father's friend, Jeremy Bentham, on a new philosophy they had thought out and which became known as Utilitarianism, which said that man did not need religion, only the right teachings based on how useful they were to the greatest happiness of the greatest number of people. Little John Stuart Mill was educated in a special way: he did not go to school, but was taught only by his father: he started Greek at 3, by the time he was 8 he could read Latin fluently, and Virgil, Ovid, Horace, Cicero, and Aristotle's works in Greek; by 12 he had mastered Arithmetic and all the branches of Mathematics, including Algebra and Differential Calculus; studied Logic, Political Economy, and Classical History and Literature. And yet when a man, and his father and Bentham were dead, he found he couldn't live up to the teachings of Utilitarianism; he found he needed a faith, a religion, to make him want to live up to those teachings.

In many ways our society is no better off than John Stuart Mill: our society has rules for life but seldom applies them. We hear so often on every side: Who cares? Why should I? What's the point? That's their business. And above all the constantly heard: ME, ME, ME, ME, ME. In the Middle Ages they used to speak of the 7 deadly sins - such things as Greed, Pride, Laziness, Jealousy. Today we still have these sins, but they are not the great sins of our age. For those are the modern sins of not loving our neighbour, or our fellow human; of greed — not for food — but for money and material goods, the modern sin of jealousy of "I'm all right Jack"; and the sins of intolerance, of apathy, and couldn't care less.

The young of today are presented with a world made slick by the media; made selfish by adult example, where to have more than the next guy or do less than the next guy are seen as the greatest good; and a world made empty, by those things which matter least, being shown as mattering most; and what matters often most, seeming forgotten. How can we wish to see the young people of today LAY HOLD on such a life: I would wish to hold out to you instead a view of the world which is not so cheap, so nasty, so demeaning.

For man has done so much to achieve progress, to be so technologically clever. We can transplant hearts yet not stop things happening that breaks the hearts of people; we can reach the moon, yet not reach across an ocean to stop human suffering on an enormous scale; humanity has learnt more certainly to produce the horrors of chemical warfare, germs and nerve gas, napalm and H-bombs, more certainly that it can even yet learn to counteract the effects of neglect, malnutrition, brutality, disease, loneliness and despair. Yet all the time Man has a key to all his ills, a preventative for all his harms - it comes from and is still to be found in the teachings and example of a carpenter's son who taught the values of giving, of loving, of sharing - of seeking those things that do not fade, as material things surely do. In the words of St Ignatius Loyola: "to give and not to count the cost, to toil and not to seek for rest, to

labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do God's will" - and I might add, being decent to others.

I cannot suggest to you better how we might realise our own potential to be positive in our lives, make more of what we are so blessed with, and be better than we are now, today and in the future, than by telling you of Hilary Poole, a girl who was totally physically handicapped, though mentally and intellectually active. The only single movement she had in her whole body was to move her left big toe one sixteenth of an inch. In 1967, a medical scientist who had developed a machine called the POSSUM, adapted it for her to operate electronic equipment with her toe, including typing up to 40 words a minute. In 1973 she was awarded the MBE for her work for the handicapped. She died in 1975 aged 37.

Let us think of her achievement, with one toe moving 1/16th of an inch. Think then of the miles more we have than she, and let us go not just the second mile it talks of in the Bible, but miles and miles more.

I know that young people want advice like they want walking sticks, yet I know too, that you who sit here today are or were at this school to be educated, that you might go out into life to do well for society, to do well for yourselves; but it is a poor education that only fits one to know, teaches you only to pass exams, gives you only the means to earn your daily dough. That is not enough: education in its fullest sense, most humanly responsible sense, is to give you as well an understanding of how to live, how to find fulfilment, as a human, in spirit as well as in mind and body. You have the classroom for your minds, the games areas for your bodies, and the chapel, not least or last, for your spiritual basis and nurturing. It is meet and proper that we meet daily together in this chapel that we are seen and reminded that our lives should be based on God: His purpose, His teachings, and His Grace.

I would never advocate Christianity as a meek, mealy-mouthed, dull and cheerless thing. The good Christian enjoys happiness,

the company of others, and gets and gives the most he can in life. My text to you is LAY HOLD on life and IT SHALL BE. I said at the beginning for each of us life is precious and unique. Value it; do all you can to achieve all within your capabilities, your potential and your zest for things; BUT you will never finally find real riches, real satisfaction unless all you do is based on the firm foundation of the faith in the Christian religion. You will be best, if you follow the best; through the teachings of Christianity you will find true peace.

In the words of St Paul: "Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; If there be any virtue, and if there be any praise,

Think on these things."

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

Contingent Commander:
RN — OC:

Army — OC:

RAF:

Wg Cdr I.T. Williams, RAF VR(T)
Lieut. T. Shannon RNR
Sub Lieut. G. Borking
Major J.R. Silcox, CF
Att. from 32 Sig. Regt. (V)
Major J.D. Hankinson
Capt D. Garden
Lieut. G.D.M. Carroll
2nd Lieut. H.W.G. Tomkins
WO1 D. Duthie (SSI)
Flt Lt. M.J. Boast, RAF VR(T)
Fg Off. H.D. Brown, RAF VR(T)

Having commenced my final term as Contingent Commander, I am tempted to look back over the years to when and where my association with the cadet movement first started. The seeds were sown in a conversation that took place in the School's staff-room some time during the winter months of 1954-55 when I served as a member of the R.A.E.C. staff. However, it wasn't until September 1956 that the 1st

Perthshire (QVS) Ind. Coy. ACF was formed under the command of a Mr Jimmy Stewart, a civilian member of staff and the then Head of the Mathematics Department. By that time I had left the services and was teaching at Strathallan School, where I became involved with the Army Section of their CCF. On returning to QVS, and transferring to the ACF in the early 1960s, the school's 1st Perthshire Ind. Coy. was well



Wing Commander Williams, OC Contingent with the CCF Staff

established with three platoons — No. 1 Platoon (Cunningham House), No. 2 Platoon (Haig) and No. 3 (Trenchard). By the mid-60's a demand had arisen, mainly from the sons of RAF personnel, to provide cadet training for those interested in seeking a career in the Royal Air Force, which culminated, in 1967, in four army cadets being accepted for officer training in the RAF — Gordon Slater for a University RAF Cadetship, and Graeme Fox, Hamish Grigor and Colin Lannen for places at the RAF College, Cranwell. The 1st Perthshire Ind. Coy. ACF was disbanded and the Queen Victoria School Combined Cadet Force, with Army and Royal Air Force sections, was formed in September 1967 under the command of Major George Reid and with the current Contingent Commander transferring from khaki to the light blue uniform to command the RAF Section. It wasn't until the beginning of the 80's that the third element of the CCF was introduced with the formation of the Royal Naval Section under the command of Lieut. Cmdr W.G. Webster, RNR. Membership of both the ACF and CCF remained compulsory for all boys from S2 and above until, in 1991, we saw the introduction of "optional" membership for the more senior boys. Whilst membership is still compulsory for the first two years (i.e. Secondary 2 and 3), members of S4 to S6 may opt out of the CCF but, in doing so, they must be seen to be spending their time on some worthwhile activity. It was anticipated that, with the innovation of a "voluntary" aspect, there would be a mass exodus from membership of the CCF: but not so! During the three years since its introduction, only 11 boys have opted out.

Apologies for the reminiscence (on entering retirement one is surely allowed a certain latitude to indulge in nostalgia!). May I return to where this report should have started — summer term '93.

Once again our members of the Pipe Band and Highland Dancers played a prominent part in the Ceremony of Beating Retreat by the Massed Pipes and Drums of the Scottish Schools Combined Cadet Forces on the Esplanade of Edinburgh Castle in May '93. We were further honoured by Jamie Baird of our own RN

Section leading the Massed Bands as Senior Drum Major of the 11 schools participating. May I add my appreciation to the many compliments received from guests and spectators on the Esplanade for the contribution made by our Band and Dancers? Many thanks to Pipe Major Dippie, Drum Major Tomkins and Mrs MacDonald for their teaching, support and encouragement.

Congratulations also to the winners of the QVS/CCF Recruits' Cups, 1993: Ross Robertson (RN), Paul Kane (Army) and Craig Donnelly (RAF) — well done.

Well done, too, the members of our Full- and Small-Bore Shooting teams for their many successes at Bisley, National Championships and various other competitions. May I congratulate James Law (Army), Stephen Nelthorpe (RAF) and Graeme Antrobus (Army) on their selection for the National Team and on gaining their Scottish Full-Bore Shooting colours? Many thanks to Major Silcox, Capt. Garden and SSM Duthie for their time and expertise in preparing and coaching not only members of the team, but cadets of all three service sections throughout the year.

1993 was the year of our Biennial Review. The contingent was inspected by Maj. Gen. M.I.E. Scott CBE, DSO, General Officer Commanding The Army in Scotland. Accompanying Staff Reporting Officers were Lt. A. Cameron, RN, PELO, HMS Neptune, WO1 G.B. Jones APTC, OC 23 CTT and Flt Lt. E.J. Boyle, RAF, CCF LO, RAF Turnhouse. The weather was good for the GOC's visit and the reports, covering the two years' training, were most favourable and complimentary. The encouragement given by the inspecting officers and the letter received from HM Commissioners in response to the reports were much appreciated by CCF staff and cadets.

The Officers' Training Day during the Easter break proved challenging and rewarding, and our thanks to Major John Silcox for preparing the programme and to Major Burrows for the use of facilities at Cultybraggan Camp. Congratulations to Lt. Graham Carroll on winning the shooting competition against fierce, aggressive and envious competitors!

In addition to my retirement as Contingent Commander, we are also bidding farewell to two other members of the CCF Staff. The Headmaster, in his other guise in donning his khaki uniform (but not the kilt!) and becoming Major Hankinson for two hours each Wednesday, has supported us since coming to the School as Headmaster. His contribution in accepting responsibility for the training and assessment of the tri-service cadre section has been greatly appreciated by both cadets and staff. Our thanks and appreciation also go to Fg Off. Hugh Brown who, by the end of this academic year, will have completed nine years with the CCF/RAF Section. Mr Brown has been responsible for the training of the RAF recruits as well as assisting with the Air Experience Flying and Gliding. I wish them well in their retirement and thank them both for giving so much of their time to the CCF from their busy schedule of other school responsibilities.

In saying farewells, it is always good to be able to welcome newcomers to the fold, and so we thank Mr Bert Tomkins, our School Drum Major, and formerly of The Gordons, in joining our staff and being pre-

pared to give of his free time — we also congratulate him on his commission. I would also like to thank Major John Silcox for his willingness to assume command of the contingent at the end of this academic year, and having to add yet further responsibilities to his current heavy commitments.

May I take this opportunity, in writing my last report as Contingent Commander for the Victorian magazine, to thank all my former colleagues as well as current members of the CCF Staff for their support and understanding over the years — the time, energy and expertise that you have so readily volunteered has been a source of encouragement to me as well as to generations of cadets. To the School's Management and HM's Board of Commissioners, to HQ(Army) Scotland and to the support units of the three Services, my sincere thanks.

I.T.W.

CCF ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

This year we have seen CPO Richards leave the Royal Navy, although he is still going to be associated with the RN CCF in Scotland. We are very grateful to him for the enthusiasm and help he has given the Section over the years. Our new Area Instructor, CPO Kay, has now settled into his new job, lending the same invaluable support as his predecessor. Thanks to CPO Kay we now have a Dell Quay Dory and trailer which will be used as a safety boat for the various water-sports carried out by the Section. It will also be used for RYA power-boat training.

Last June nine of our cadets took part in the Scottish Schools Windsurfing Championships at Lochore Meadows. AB C. Murray, AB R. Robertson and AB M. Harris made up the Junior Team, and did very well by winning the Junior Cup. Our Senior Team took second place in their competition. In August PO I. Findlay, PO W. Milne and PO B. Sherwood represented the Section at the CCF Sailing Regatta at HMS Osprey in Portland. They sailed Topper and Bosun dinghies, and although they won no medals, everyone had a great time. In October Sub Lt. Borking and Lt. Shannon took part in the RYA Windsurfing Instructors' Course and are now qualified instructors, which means they can award RYA Certificates to cadets.

Division 1, made up of our Second Year cadets, took part in two Self-Reliance Weekends at Cultybraggan Training Camp. They were issued with the AS 80 cadet rifle and were allowed to fire blanks for the first time, thanks to the Cadet Rifle Instruction now introduced into the syllabus. These are very popular weekends, as the cadets are issued with combats, camp out overnight and cook their own 24-hour ration packs.

In November we had our Biennial Inspection. The Inspecting Officer was GOC Scotland, General Scott, and he gave a very good report to the Section. During his inspection he saw Division 1 cadets taking part in a practical leadership test; Division 2 cadets took part in Windsurfing Instruction in the pool, and the Senior Division carried out a navigation exercise — with some of the most senior cadets giving the instruction.

Those Cadets who went on Easter

Courses this year all received good reports from the Course Co-ordinators, especially LS P. Coupar, who went to sea on the Tall Ship *Malcolm Miller* for a 10-day deployment. All in all, it has been a good year for the Naval Section.



Army Section Summer Camp on the Range

ARMY SECTION

Summer Camp — Fort George

Last year the Army Section's Annual Summer Camp was held at Fort George on the Moray Firth, where we were guests of the 1st Battalion The Royal Scots. We were looked after very well by C Company and our boys developed a good working relationship with the Royal Scots staff very quickly.

We had a very interesting and varied training programme which kept us busy throughout the week.

Our first day was spent having a tour of the fort, which has been fully refurbished to a very high standard. It's certainly worth a visit. The second and third days were spent doing intensive weapon training to prepare the cadets for further activities on the ranges and training areas later in the week. Day four saw us on the full bore and pistol-ranges, which was an activity thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. This was integrated with a march and shoot competition which was enthusiastically contested.

We then spent considerable time preparing for a 48-hour exercise before setting out for the training area. The exercise was a huge success, with the boys' ability and leadership being well tested. There were section attacks, platoon attacks, ambushes under cover of darkness, smoke grenades, trip flares and a myriad of other pyrotechnics.

However not everything was work. We also enjoyed some leisure time. This included football, rugby, ten-pin bowling, Pizzaland and the NAAFI. All in all, the camp was a great success.

That success, however, was due in large part to the excellent organisation and commitment shown by C Company and the support given by Sub Lt. Borking, SSM Duthie and the senior cadets. Thanks to everyone — by the way Mr Borking, Mr Duthie and I coped with the mosquitoes — we didn't sleep in the minibus!

G.C.
Signals

SIGNALS SECTION

It is my very great pleasure to report on one of the busiest years the section has ever known. It is now larger than at any other time in its history. This has placed greater than usual strain upon the cadet signal instructors, especially in the Voice Procedure year, and its Instructor, Sgt Murray MacDonald.

Sadly however we are still experiencing difficulties in establishing the 320 with its National Radio Net and also with the morse packages but solutions are in hand.

For the reader's benefit I would explain here the present Signal Syllabus.

- 3rd Year. Theory and Voice Procedure. Introduction to 249 Radios. Classification and Test.
- 4th Year. 320 Radio. National Radio Network. Introduction to Morse. Test and Classification.
- 5th Year. National Dada Net. Morse increased from 8 to 12 wpm.
- 6th Year. Preparation for Department of Trade Licence, Amateur Radio Class B.

Together with our Signals advisor from 32 Scottish Signal Regiment in Glasgow we continue to seek to offer an interesting alternative to the traditional Infantry training of the Army section.

I would extend the school's thanks to our Signal Advisor from 32 Scottish Signal Regt and to its Commanding Officer, Lt Col W. Brewin for all his willing help and assistance.

JRS
Signals Officer



Major Silcox on a Tewt

RECRUITS

Twenty recruits joined the Army Section this year and they have, in general, been enthusiastic and keen.

Throughout the session they have had a combination of theory, tests and practical work, although the amount of the last was seriously hindered due to the dreadful weather we have suffered over the last

seven or eight months. Nevertheless, courses in skill-at-arms, campcraft, map and compass and fieldcraft have been pursued for the recruits to qualify for the APC part 1. On achieving this first award, the recruit has the right to wear a half red star on his brassard. At the time of writing, all the recruits are well on their way to gaining the award. All that remains are practical tests for skill at arms and map and compass.

As a last note, may I take this opportunity to thank Cadet Sgts S. Kintrea and S. Allan for their support and also to all those who helped with the recruit training programme during my absence in the first term.

G.C.

RAF SECTION

Cadet NCO's and Instructors: Sgt G.G. Donald; Cpls P.D. Mitchell, K.G. Murray, S.P. Nelthorpe, B.M. Sherwood, J.B.P. Fenwick, R.W. Veitch; J/Cpls B.W. Espie, I.M.D. Porter, I.A. Smith.

Summer Camp '93 at RAF Finningley — always a very popular venue — was a very intensive, action-packed camp, offering a wide variety of activities shared with cadets from Glasgow Academy, Kelvinside Academy and Allhallowes School, Lyme Regis. The Station presented a well-prepared programme and the Section attachments with "hands-on" work experience were greatly appreciated. The 15 QVS cadets flew a total of 7 hours 51 minutes in Chipmunks and an additional 11 hours 15 minutes in Jetstreams and/or Dominies. Whilst restrictions were placed on range and swimming activities, the on- and off-camp navigation exercises were challenging and competitive. The "Night-Ex", popular as always, proved enjoyable (thanks to the favourable weather conditions this year), all cadets were accounted for in the early hours of the morning and were informed that the mission had been accomplished. Another highlight of Camp was the visit to the Yorkshire Mining Museum, Caphouse Colliery near Wakefield, where the cadets had the experience of contrasting life underground with flying above ground!

Field Day '93 was spent at Prestwick Airport, during which cadets visited the Flying College, the British Aerospace Jetstream Aircraft Factory and HMS Gannet — 819 Squadron (Search and Rescue). Cadets visiting the latter were winched up and "rescued" by a Sea King helicopter.

Air Experience Flying at No. 12 AEF, RAF Turnhouse has been severely restricted by unfavourable weather conditions so far this year but, at the time of going to press, we have been allocated a further three dates during the summer term; the prospects for more favourable weather conditions, however, are not too good — one of the dates allocated is Friday 13 May!

We have enjoyed more gliding this year and visits have been arranged to 662 VGS at Arbroath. Gordon Donald was allocated a week's course at No. 614 VGS located at RAF Wethersfield. Although the experience was valuable, weather conditions prevented his gaining the requisite number of launches to go solo and to be awarded his "Gliding Wings".

During the course of the year, cadets



L/Cpl Craig Donnelly,
Winner of the RAF Recruits Cup

have participated in a number of out-of-door activities including abseiling on the kitchen wall and Lednock Dam, joining the Forth Valley Orienteers in various locations in the vicinity, overnight self-reliance exercises at weekends, as well as skiing on the dry-ski slopes on training afternoons and at Glenshee at the weekend. Every cadet has the opportunity of shooting both full- and small-bore during the year, and it has been good to see a number of the RAF cadets representing the School at Bisley and at National level — Stephen Nelthorpe, Russell Stephen, Keith Murray, Gordon Donald and Craig Donnelly in particular doing themselves and the Section much credit.

The cadets who took part in the RAF Proficiency Part 2 examinations and their instructors are to be complimented on the high standard of performance achieved. All nine candidates passed the external exam, with six of them gaining over 70% — Cadets Paul Sowton and Alistair Thomson achieving 78%. Well done.

Cadets Craig Donnelly and Ian Stewart were selected to join cadets from schools throughout the UK in attending camp at RAF Rheindahlen, Germany, during Easter '94 — a more detailed account by the two cadets is included with this report.

My thanks to Flt Lt. Terry Boast and Fg Off. Hugh Brown for their help and encouragement during the year, and to the support received from HQ Air Cadets staff at RAF Newton and, in particular, Flt Sgt Roger Thomas for his regular and loyal support.

RAF GERMANY CAMP — EASTER '94

The camp was hosted by the RAF Rheindahlen Support Unit from 6th-13th April, and was attended by L/Cdts Ian Stewart and Craig Donnelly. Having travelled down from Scotland by rail, we met up with the rest of the UK party at the fore-

court of Euston BR Station. The remainder of the journey involved a long coach trip and an overnight ferry crossing, arriving at camp in mid-morning.

No Air Experience Flying was available, but there were many adventures and cultural visits, including rock-climbing, shooting and visits to Arnhem and Overloon — a war museum in Holland.

Many lasting friendships and some "special" relationships were formed during the camp, and addresses and telephone numbers were exchanged on the return journey.

For Ian and for me, the highlight of the week was seeing the finishing line of the "Brueggen 10" — a gruelling ten-mile road race that we foolishly entered.

The return journey was uneventful, apart from a couple of RAF cadets being seasick during the Channel crossing — reasons for not being in the RN Section as well as the need for the Channel Tunnel!

The camp was a most enjoyable experience — thanks to Wg Cdr Williams and all who made our trip possible.

C.T.D.

TRI-SERVICE ACTIVITIES

CCF CADRE

As in previous years, the CCF has conducted two potential NCO Cadres run by the Headmaster. These are primarily for cadets in S4 from all three sections of the CCF, with the aim that each 4th-year cadet will follow a course in, and have practice in, methods of instruction. The first cadre of ten cadets began in September and had the benefit of good weather at the beginning. The second cadre had to wait till the Summer Term to get out of School.

The course began with discussion and agreed note-taking on the principles of good (and bad) teaching. From this start point we then went on to look at how a lesson plan should be put together — the perfect recipe for a lesson. On other weeks we received instruction in weapon-handling from a Sgt from 23 Cadet Training Team. We also went up into Sheriffmuir and to the Loch Carron area to practise carrying out map-reading on orienteering courses.

Finally, cadets were given the task of choosing a lesson, preparing a lesson plan and teaching the lesson to the rest of the cadre. We had the opportunity for a trial run, and then were assessed in our second lesson. After this, each cadet then had an assessment report written on him, with a final grading, which would hopefully lead to promotion.

SELF-RELIANCE WEEKENDS

This year's programme of self-reliance weekends, which go towards the basic recruit award for all services in the CCF, was memorable from the point of view of the weather, which devastated our plans.

Apart from the obvious objective, another important aim is enjoyment. When you are soaked to the skin, the wind blowing at 50 m.p.h. and the rain and sleet coming at you horizontally, the fun factor diminishes somewhat! As a result of these conditions throughout the first two terms, a number of our exercises had to be cut short.

However, despite these setbacks, much was achieved. For example, the boys

learned very quickly that if they did not have their kit properly prepared as instructed, they would end up in a state of disorganisation that would prevent them from achieving their full potential. Having the right kit became very obvious once someone became soaked because everything becomes so much colder. The cadets have learned, as a result, not to underestimate our weather, which can deteriorate rapidly into quite hostile conditions in minutes. They have also learned the importance of wearing warm, protective clothing and being able to procure a hot drink fairly quickly despite adverse conditions.

Overall, despite not completing a number of our weekends, many useful lessons were learned. Thanks are due to all the senior cadets who volunteered to help and to all the staff who gave their time and expertise.

G.C.

1994 Senior School Ski-Trip — France

On 18th March 20 boys and 2 Staff boarded a Classic Coach from County Durham at 0800 hrs bound for Valloire. A detour round a snowbound pass and a 21/2 hour wait for a toppled lorry meant that we would not arrive at our hotel until 2000hrs the following evening. We were able to do ski-fitting straight away so that we could get out nice and early for our first morning's ski-ing.

The 150kms of pistes were well groomed and, even though it had not snowed for 3 weeks, all runs were open and in good condition. The weather was ideal with hot sunshine every day. This did make the snow soft after lunch from the mid-station down but there was still plenty of good ski-ing on the upper slopes.

The instruction given by the local Ecole de Ski Française was excellent and the following awards were gained:

Gold	Russell Fleming, Douglas Greenhowe, Callum Kennedy, Scott H. Murray, Iain Murray, Alistair Paisley, Barry Prowse, Ian Ramsey.
Silver	Craig Antrobus, Robert Barclay, Leigh Bissett, John Black, Richard McConnell, Donal McDiarmid, Nicholas Kerr, Christopher Murray, Robert Milne, James Sutherland, Ryan Tervitt.
Bronze	Stephen Page

M.J.B.

AVIEMORE, FRIDAY 25TH MARCH — FRIDAY 1ST APRIL

As we set out on what seemed to be another day of typical Scottish weather, we arrived to be welcomed by glorious sunshine. But, as all good things come to an end, as the week progressed, so the weather took its course for the worst.

Based at the military "Norwegian Lodge", Aviemore, the 15 cadets who took part in the adventure camp thoroughly enjoyed the skiing, alongside numerous other activities including orienteering, ice-skating and ten-pin bowling. A highlight of the week was the educational visit to Fort George. Thanks to School Sergeant Major Duthie's ties and influence, we were able to explore the Fort at our own discretion, with a popular attraction being the Historical Museum.

With the main intention being skiing, we awoke each morning having enjoyed the previous day filled with the Highlands' most famous attractions — skiing (boys), whisky (staff) — to listen eagerly to the ski-report.

After lengthy discussions between the powers that be, decisions were made regarding the day's events and activities.

After arriving safely at our destination, thanks to drivers Mr Dale and Mr Borking, we enjoyed an eventful and somewhat painful day of skiing.

Although this did not discourage us, and with the slopes and lifts scheduled to close at 4.30 p.m., it was the boys who waited at the minibus, shivering and half-frozen, for staff (Mr Borking) to get one last run in.

The unique experience offered from the ski-centres, The Lecht and Cairngorm, extends beyond skiing to other activities such as hillwalking, climbing and sightseeing.

It was at Cairngorm where we were able to get a cup of coffee at Britain's highest snack bar and on Saturday fortunate enough to get a clear view across Ben Nevis, Scotland's highest peak.

All in all, the skiing and adventures experienced by everyone involved will be cherished and remembered, thanks to the hard work of staff and instructors — Wg Cdr I.T. Williams, Maj. J.R. Silcox, Sub Lt G. Borking, SSM D. Duthie, Mr T. Dale and Mr Tommy Thomson — and excellent food by Mr W. Beveridge.

Special thanks to the instructors for their hard work and effort out on the slopes, and also to the boys for participating and co-operating with such enthusiasm.

Mr Thomson qualified the following cadets for skiing awards:

G. Hughes	Silver
A. Morton	Silver
S. Morton	Bronze
M. McLeod	Bronze
D. Tose	Silver
A. Paisley	Silver
P. Rae	Silver
P. Sowton	Bronze
P. Bates	Silver with credits
A. Milne	Silver with credits
P. O'Donnell	Silver with credit
M. Henderson	Silver with credit
G. Greenhowe	Gold
P. Clark	Silver with credits
Mr S. Williamson	Silver

Again I extend my thanks and gratitude to all involved in making the camp a truly memorable occasion.

Shane Williamson

Full-Bore Shooting Notes

The 1993 session proved very difficult for the full bore Rifle Team because of several unexpected factors totally outwith our control. First, came the sudden and unexpected closure of Blairadam Range just before the beginning of the shooting season, then various school commitments prevented us from being represented at the Brock; the Cadet Rifle Meeting; and the Blair Atholl Scottish Schools' Meeting.

Scottish Full Bore Rifle Championships, Barry Buddon Ranges, Friday 11th to Sunday 13th June.

The School was represented at the Championships by James Law; Stephen

Nelthorpe and Graeme Antrobus. All enjoyed the experience of this premier Scottish Shoot, especially at the longer ranges on the Sunday of 900 and 1,000 yards even amidst difficult and testing wind conditions.

Scottish Cadet Rifle Team.

The School was honoured to have James Law selected as the Captain of the Scottish Cadet Rifle Team during the Scottish Full-Bore Championships and both Stephen Nelthorpe and Graeme Antrobus were selected for the National Team, thereby earning their Scottish Full Bore Shooting Colours.

National Rifle Association Cadet Meeting, Bisley

Sunday 11th to Thursday 17th July.

The School was represented by fourteen cadets at the National Meeting and competed in the following competitions during the week's shooting;

The Wellington	300 yds	L81	7.62 Rifle
The Iveagh	500 yds	L81	7.62 Rifle
The Marlborough Cup	200 yds	L98	5.56 Rifle
The Schools' Snap	200 yds	L98	5.56 Rifle
The Reserve Man	300 yds	L81	7.62 Rifle
The Cadet Pairs	300 & 500 yds	L81	7.62 Rifle
The Cadet Four	300 & 500 yds	L81	7.62 Rifle
The Ashburton	300 & 500 yds	L81	7.62 Rifle
The Spencer Mellish	500 yds	L81	7.62 Rifle

The weather proved to be rather showery during the week of the meeting but despite the conditions the team put in some very respectable scores for all the Target Rifle Competitions.

At the half-way point of the competition, after the 300 yd shoot, the Team were placed twelfth out of 64 Schools, and it was encouraging for the Cadets to see our School name on the leaders' Scoreboard. However, the 500 yd scores were inexplica-



The Ashburton Eight at Bisley: July, 1993

bly disappointing and below our usual standard and this pushed us further down the overall Prize List.

Scottish Full-Bore Cadet Rifle Team, Bisley.

Friday 18th saw the traditional National matches with Scotland V England, Ireland and Wales. The Scottish Cadets shot very well and our own James Law has to be congratulated on his selection again this year as 'Vice-Captain'.

National Rifle Association's 124th Annual Meeting, The Queen's. Friday

Ashburton Scores

Score Board Register Keeper, Neil Campbell.

Competition	Distance	Sighters/Score	Total
Reserve Man			
Craig Donnelly	300 yds	22/3454444333	37.1
Cadet Pair			
James Scott	300 yds	55/4533342	24.
	500 yds	24/3224344	22.
James Gallacher	300 yds	02/3333344	23.
	500 yds	54/4542244	24.
Cadet Fours			
Stuart Ford	300 yds	44/534V3V2	27.2
	500 yds	44/4V42425	26.1
Philip Coupar	300 yds	44/4344444	27.
	500 yds	33/4444543	28.
V III			
Iain Northey	300 yds	04/44VV45V	32.3
	500 yds	4V/5444444	29.
James Law (Capt)	300 yds	VV/V5444VV	32.3
	500 yds	22/5445454	31.
Stephen Nelthorpe	300 yds	43/4545V44	31.1
	500 yds	02/44V4544	30.1
John Leitch	300 yds	44/4345444	28.
	500 yds	44/3V5442V	28.2
Murray MacDonald	300 yds	25/33534V3	25.1
	500 yds	42/4453404	24
Russell Stephens	300 yds	45/5434V4V	30.2
	500 yds	24/5434344	27.
Graeme Antrobus	300 yds	43/44V4VVV	32.4
	500 yds	42/4432444	25.
Kevin Stacey	300 yds	44/VV45553	32.2
	500 yds	44/544V4V4	31.2

18th to Saturday 24th July.

The School was represented at the British Full-Bore Rifle Championships by James Law, Stephen Nelthorpe and Graeme Antrobus. All the Cadets enjoyed the experience of shooting beside National and International Team members. On the all-important day of the 'Queen's Qualifier', Stephen Nelthorpe had the best score, dropping only one point at 300 yds; one at 500 yds and one at 600 yds. Despite this very accurate shooting with his Military Cadet Target Rifle he was just counted out for the second stage of the Queen's on the number of shots he had in the inner centre of the bull. Stephen's score of 102 out of a possible 105 remains the best Queen's I score so far achieved by a cadet from Queen Victoria School and placed him in the top three hundred of Europe's finest Full Bore Marksmen. Well done, Stephen.

J.R.S.

THE NATIONAL SMALL-BORE RIFLE ASSOCIATION, THE SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIPS, BLAIRGOWRIE

SATURDAY 26TH JUNE TO FRIDAY 2ND JULY 1993

Queen Victoria School sent four of our best Small Bore Marksmen to compete in the National Championships.

Over seven days, in five different classes, and 37 competitions, at 50 metres and 100 yards, the cadets matched their skills against the International, National, County and Club Shots of Scotland, England, Ireland and representatives from overseas.

The weather was really hot and sunny for all but one day, when it rained continuously, but the clear skies brought very difficult wind conditions for firing with fish-tail winds which changed direction and force, making firing a real test of skill even for the Internationalists!

Accommodation was provided by the School within the School Hospital and



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transport to and from the range at Blairgowrie took just over an hour each day through beautiful countryside.

My thanks to Mr David Garden and Mr George Antrobus who acted as coaches with me for this Cadet Shooting Camp and to my wife and Mrs Wharton who did all the cooking.

J.R.S.

The School has welcomed a new addition to the Coaching Team over this past year. Mr Robin Law of Stirling Infirmary Rifle Club has kindly agreed to assist with Small Bore Rifle and possible Air Rifle in the future. Mr Law is an International shot and currently a member of the Great Britain S.B. Rifle Team. He holds, with fellow Scot Bill Murray, a Bronze Commonwealth Medal in the "Pairs Competition". He is currently training to compete in the next Commonwealth Games in Canada this summer, representing Scotland in the Men's Air Rifle Section of the Competition. The School would wish him every success in his competitions, and looks forward to hearing all about his experiences at the beginning of the new session.

J.R.S.



The Small-bore Shooting Team with Mr Silcox and Mr Antrobus, a parent



The Great Duck Race for Charity

QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL PRIZE-GIVING 1993

ADDRESS GIVEN BY MR ROBERT R. C. TAYLOR, CHAIRMAN OF FORTH VALLEY ENTERPRISE

General, Commissioners, Ladies, Gentlemen and members of the School. Presenting school prizes for academic achievements to 96 students whose vice-like grip, vigour and enthusiasm have given new meaning to the slogan, "it's what your right arm's for" - given time I will recover. At this moment I feel greatly honoured to have been invited to perform such a prestigious task, and when I look back on my own achievements it makes me feel somewhat humble. So what qualifications do I have to address such a distinguished audience? I suspect it's because I'm an industrialist - a manufacturer - someone who makes things, and that, whilst not exactly a rarity, curiously seems to be regarded by many as, at worst, unnecessary or, or, at best, as a not very important element of our British economy.

My background is in the foundry industry where we cast items for pumps, compressors, earth-movers, and mine sweepers, e.g. non-magnetic winch barrels, tooling dies for aircraft body panels and gearboxes for fighting vehicles - metal is poured into moulds at temperatures in excess of 1400 degrees centigrade - it's hot work - and there is danger if you don't treat metal with respect, but for those who work in the foundry there is a great feeling of tradition, of romance and, above all pride in what we do.

We open our doors to local schools and give them guided tours of the foundry to help share and promote that feeling of pride and excitement - but it doesn't always work. At the end of one such tour the accompanying teacher was overheard to say, "Now, class, if you don't do well in your Standard Grades this is the type of place you will end up working in."

As mentioned in my opening remarks manufacturing does not always enjoy good press and those who work in it do not generally receive the status in society, which I believe they deserve. So, to help change perceptions within Central Region, the Enterprise Company with which I'm involved, Forth Valley Enterprise (whose aim it is to lead and facilitate the economic development within this area through assistance in Business Development and Training) pioneered the Forth Valley Education Business Partnership. This we launched at Stirling Castle in June of last year with the help of Prince Charles. Now I notice that his father is your patron, and think it appropriate to share with you some of his thoughts contained in a lecture he gave recently to the Royal Society of Arts. He said, "Manufacturing industry is vital to the prosperity of this country." He also recognised the importance of education when saying, "Academic standards always had a high priority but emphasis was also placed on physical, spiritual and moral development and the encouragement of civilised behaviour." It's clear that his association with the Queen Victoria School has had a considerable influence on his thinking, and looking around today I can see where he got - most - of his inspiration from! He goes on to say, "Put very simply, the community needs clever people, but they must also be clean, honest and polite. No enterprise can succeed unless there is a high level of personal honesty and company integrity." From my own experience it is just these qualities which makes a company or organisation successful.

At Forth Valley Enterprise we launched the Business Education Partnership because it was recognised that for too long education and industry had been allowed to develop independently. We needed urgently to encourage, develop and co-ordinate better links between the two. To this end the Initiative offers work experience, work shadowing, industrial site visits, competitions, business games and training exercises such as communication skills and mock interviews. And don't think it's just a

one-way process - both parties learn from each other. As an example of learning from others, I recently heard at another school, that an old Stonemason was called in to do some delicate rebuilding work on the school facade. He had a piece of string which was used as a plumb line and some ancient-looking wooden measuring devices. A keen pupil from the Craft, Design and Technology Department offered to lend him equipment that would measure to the nearest micron - "What's a micron," asked the Stonemason. "Oh, a thousandth of a millimetre," replied the student. "No laddie, that's nae use to us, we've got to be spot on in this job."

A number of you will join the Services on leaving school. A career for which we all have the highest regard and it's not been my intention today to suggest any alternative career path, but rather to raise in you a greater awareness of the importance of manufacturing to society and of the interdependence and mutual respect which we must have for each other. This respect applies to all aspects of life, both in our chosen careers and socially. I learnt an early lesson when doing my residential course for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, twenty-six years ago. I attended a residential week in Dunblane to work on the restoration of Scottish Churches' House. During the week we worked alongside other "D of E" participants from a wide variety of backgrounds and schools. At the end of the week we all had to say a few words about our experience. One character said that he had not been looking forward to working alongside a load of "toffee-nosed neuchs" from independent schools, but had quickly changed his mind when he'd discovered we were all "neds" just like himself!

Headmaster, if the school wishes to develop stronger links with Business, then I would be only too happy to help. It's been a privilege to address you all today and I wish those of you leaving success in your chosen careers, and may I also wish the school yet another year in which your well-deserved reputation continues to grow.



Pipes and Drums: 1993 - 1994

PIPES AND DRUMS QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL

Yes, another hard, but very gratifying year, for the band has passed and another begun. 1994 began relatively slowly for the band, but soon became as hectic as ever, with the annual Piping and Drumming competition quickly approaching. The competition enables boys to compete in a solo competition against other boys, and at the end of the day, gives the younger members of the band, a great boost and fills them with the confidence to play in front of an audience, thereby overcoming their inhibitions as to public performance. Congratulations to the prize winners and well done to those who have just started on their instruments and were brave enough to enter, win or lose.

Straight after we returned from our Christmas holidays, things were warming up with Murrayfield being in the near future, which of course puts the Band in the public eye, as well as on television (which seems to be our lads' greatest aim).

Even though the results for Scotland weren't good, the Band as usual, played superbly whilst there.

Events that were a highlight were;

5th February	Murrayfield
	Scotland v England
19th March	Murrayfield
	Scotland v France
25th May	C.C.F. Beating of Retreat
	Edinburgh Castle

To say rehearsals for the C.C.F.'s most prestigious event are disappointing might help one realise that everyone is both happy and relieved that the shows, both at Edinburgh Castle and Holyrood House, will be a tremendous success.

The 'Mini'-band, which never seems to get much of a mention, again did well, under the strict control of acting Boy Drum Major J. Leitch, at the 'Rookies' passing out parade which was held in March this year, when it luckily was 'Fair' for a change.

The event that the Band is now preparing for, (donations gratefully accepted!) is the 'Nova Scotia Tattoo' which will be held in 1995. This trip will undoubtedly bring fame and popularity to the school in general, but also means that boys will have to give up part of their well-earned summer holidays (somehow I don't think that they will need much persuading).

As usual the members of (Thee) Band, would like to thank both Mr Dippie, (Pipe Major) and Mr Tomkins, (Drum Major) for their support and dedication, in teaching and preparing the Band for its trials and tribulations over the past year.

Lastly, welcome to all the new members of the band, who, through their hard work and dedication, have progressed to the ranks of the playing band.

B/P.M. S. MacFarlane

COMPETITION PIPING PRIZES 1994

Wavell House. Chanter competition (Presented by Pìob Mhor)

Slow March — 1st S. Cairns, 2nd J. Hanlon, 3rd S. Watson
March — 1st R. MacKenzie, 2nd S. Cairns, 3rd J. Hanlon
Prize Chanter — Highest Agg. Score — Winner S. Cairns

Junior Piping Competition. C Class Pipes

Slow March — 1st D. O'Connell, 2nd J. R. J. McCulloch, 3rd J. A. Cox
March — 1st D. O'Connell, 2nd J. A. Cox, 3rd R. A. Fleming
Group Captain T. Kean C.B.E. A.F.C. Prize. Highest Agg. — D. O'Connell

Intermediate Competition. B Class Pipes (II & III Years)

Slow March — 1st C. Murray, 2nd C. Kennedy, 3rd K. M. MacFarlane
March — 1st C. Murray, 2nd A. A. Milne, 3rd C. Kennedy
The Gordon Stobo Cup. Highest Agg. — C. Murray

Senior Competition. A. Class (IV & V Years)

S. M. and March — 1st K. Stacey, 2nd J. Scott, 3rd G. Antrobus
Str and Reel — 1st G. Antrobus, 2nd S. MacFarlane, 3rd J. Scott
The Piping Shield. "School Champion"
Highest Agg. — G. Antrobus

The Scots Guards Special Prize

Presented to the piper who has done the most during the past year, to enhance School Piping and Dancing
Winner — P. Matuszczyk

House Points — Cunningham 3311/2
Trenchard 1601/2

DRUMMING AND BUGLING COMPETITION RESULTS 17 MARCH, 1994

	Side Drum	Tenor Drum	Bugling
Senior			
1st	M. Crease	D. McDade	S. MacKinnon
2nd	R. Veitch	P. O'Donnell	A. Murdoch
3rd	S. MacKinnon	A. Morton	R. Veitch
Champion Drummer 1994 - S. MacKinnon			
Intermediate			
1st	R. Kerr	J. McQuade	R. Kerr
2nd	P. Barlow	J. MacLeod	A. Boyle
3rd	T. Whittle	A. Kintrea	P. Barlow
Wavell			
1st	S. Noy	S. Dunsmuir	S. Noy
2nd	M. McConnell	J. Pennycuik	M. McConnell
3rd	A. Whiteford	R. Adams	A. Whiteford

House Points — Trenchard 342
Cunningham 96

HIGHLAND DANCING

The school dancing teams have had a busy year in 1993-94. A team of SI boys went to Melrose in November to dance at General Sir Philip Christison's centennial celebrations. In March four senior dancers plus four pipers entertained the Deans of

the Science Faculties of European and Scandinavian Universities at Old College in Edinburgh. Senior Dancers also participated at concerts given by Central Scotland Police Concert Party in Alloa and Stirling. During May senior dancers performed at The CCF Beating Retreat at Edinburgh Castle and Palace of Holyrood House. The Lady High Commissioner's Dinner at Holyrood House was another notable event.

The Wavell team carried out their engagements throughout the year with a great deal of the poise, skill and dedication that we have come to expect of them.

During the year the boys put a lot of hard work into improving the overall standard of their dancing. In April 36 boys took 48 United Kingdom Alliance Medal Tests with excellent results. Murray Wilson, the Senior Dancer, once again proved his high level of competence attaining a mark of 94% in the Laurel Award medal test.

Highland Dancing Competition

Beginners: 1. G Fenwick, 2. R Stevenson, 3. B Gault

Most Promising Dancer: 1. A Colquhoun, 2. D Robertson, 3. D Greenhowe

Junior Competition:

Highland Fling	Gillie Chaluum
1. B Marshall	1. B Marshall
2. R Blackwood	2. A Moffat
3. J Trousdale	3. A Colquhoun
Overall Winner- B Marshall	

Intermediate Competition:

Highland Fling	Gillie Chaluum
1. B Haldane	1. G Cornelius
2. G Cornelius	2. D Robertson
3. C Cunningham	3. B Haldane
Overall Winner- G Cornelius	

Senior Competition:

Highland Fling	Gillie Chaluum
1. M Wilson	1. M Wilson
2. P Kane	2. A MacKinnon
3. M Finlay	3. A Denholm
Overall Winner- M Wilson	

Victorians Broadwords Competition 1. Team D
R Givens, G Cornelius, M Logue, D Greenhowe.

Seann Truibhas Competitions

Junior Competition: 1. B Marshall 2. P Crawford 3. G Cornelius

Senior Competition: 1. M Wilson 2. M Finlay 3. R Givens

Reels Competition: 1. Cunningham House
P Kane, R Givens, M Harris, A Paisley.

United Kingdom Alliance Medal Tests

(Highly Commended = H/C, Honours = Hons)

Pre Bronze Medal Test: A Colquhoun H/C, C Marshall H/C, S Ruthven H/C, A Gault H/C, R Stevenson H/C, C Dewar H/C, L Jones H/C, J Trousdale H/C, B Gault HC, J Campbell H/C.

Bronze Medal Test: A Colquhoun Hons, C Marshall H/C, S Ruthven H/C, M Logue Hons, R Blackwood H/C, J Donald H/C, B Marshall Hons, A Moffat Hons, N Seaton Hons, S Thomson Hons, S McLachlan H/C, I McMillan Hons.

Silver Medal Test: R Blackwood H/C, J Donald Hons, B Marshall Hons, A Moffat Hons, N Seaton Hons, S Thomson Hons, S Connolly Hons, M Logue Hons, A Moore Hons.

Gold Medal Test: G Cornelius H/C, B Haldane Hons, P Crawford H/C, C Wood Hons, A Paisley Hons, C Cunningham Hons, D Robertson Hons.

First Gold Bar Medal Test: D Greenhowe Hons, B Haldane Hons, A Blackhurst Hons, P Kane Hons, A Denholm Hons, R Givens Hons, M Harris Hons, A MacKinnon Hons.

Second Gold Bar Medal Test: M Finlay Hons.

Laurel Award Medal Test: M Wilson Hons.

Eileen MacDonald,
Highland Dancing Instructor.

A TRIBUTE TO HIGHLAND DANCING AT Q.V.S.

by Mr R. GIBSON, UKA EXAMINER

As a Highland Dancing Examiner of the United Kingdom Alliance, I was privileged and honoured to examine the Highland Dancers at the Queen Victoria School, Dunblane in both 1993 and 1994. The dancers consisted of boys and young men of various ages. They performed positions, movements and intricate steps with great skill, combining finesse and strength to the dances. Highland Dancing, which was traditionally performed by males, is now equally performed by both sexes. The boys of

Queen Victoria School will be great ambassadors both at home and abroad, and are a credit to themselves, their School and their instructor. I congratulate Queen Victoria School for keeping our great tradition of Highland dancing alive. I wish both the dancers and the Pipe Band good luck on their planned trip to the Halifax Tattoo in Nova Scotia in 1995.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

This session was highlighted by a marvellous concert given by the school Swing Band on Sunday, 6th March. It was the culmination of several years' devoted practice on behalf of the individual boys to become fluent in playing and mastering their instruments together with several months of rehearsal to learn a programme of pieces to support an evening of entertainment in the style of the Glenn Miller era.

Numbers such as Watermelon Man, String of Pearls and Caravan were warmly received - and of course the evening would not have been complete without our signature tune, Tuxedo Junction. Special mention must be given to Mark Finlay who gave an outstanding and very professional vocal performance of the Hoagy Carmichael classic - Georgia on my Mind - in addition to his saxophone contribution within the band. Although the swing band has been up and running for two to three years now, it is the first time we have been able to present a concert devoted entirely to the music of the 'Swing' band era. Well done all - and thanks boys for the commemorative tie(s)!

Other band interests are pursued with the Central Region Youth Symphonic Wind Band in which Stewart Allan, Murray Mac Donald and Stephen MacKinnon participate, rehearsing most Friday evenings over the winter months under the baton of Mr Alan Bell, our woodwind tutor. Their concert programme included themes from Indiana Jones as well as 'Selections from Les Miserables'. These boys were also fortunate to tour Germany with the band last summer vacation and an account of that highly successful tour is given later.

Indeed the boys of Q.V.S. have been extremely lucky in terms of the opportuni-

ties afforded them by participating in Central Region activities, for it was last autumn when Ian Findlay and Colin Urquhart set off for an educational visit to Paris with the Central Region Youth Choir. There they performed Fauré's Requiem and Handel's Coronation Anthems amongst other items. Again an account of that excursion is given later.

Both of these organisations were also involved in performances at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, as they have done for the last few years, establishing themselves as a regular feature in that annual event.

These excellent opportunities however could not possibly fall the way of our boys were it not for the dedicated work of the team of instrumental instructors who visit the school in the evening on a weekly basis and give so much professional expertise and coaching. It was with regret therefore that we had to say farewell to Miss Carol Mulgrew - our piano teacher for the past three years - who (bravely) decided to re-enter studentship in order to further her qualifications. We thank her for her tutoring during that time and for her loyal service to us. We are however very glad to welcome Miss Angela Ferguson as her successor, who has already established good relations with her pupils. Miss Ferguson is musical director at Palmerston Place Church in Edinburgh.

It has been a number of years now since we were last able to offer guitar tuition out-with the coursework of the school curriculum and so it is with a sense of enthusiasm - from the many boys who have elected to do this - that we welcome Mrs Rosemary Series to our instrumental staff. We wish both ladies a long, happy and rewarding time with us.

The increase in our teaching staff - now numbering seven - means that even more boys can now take advantage of music lessons on offer. Currently sixty-five boys receive instrumental tuition - almost one quarter of the pupil population!

A rewarding experience it was for the boys who sat Associated Board musical examinations at the end of last summer, for all were successful, with the following grades.



The Senior Highland Dancers with their Instructor, Mrs A MacDonald



Mr G Halyburton with the school's Instrumentalists

Distinction	James Martin	Pianoforte	Gd 1
Merit	Callum Kennedy	Alto Sax.	Gd 3
	Christopher Murray	Pianoforte	Gd 3
Pass	Stephen MacKinnon	Trumpet	Gd 5
	John Nelson	Piano	Gd 5
	Colin Rostant	Tenor Sax.	Gd 5
	Andrew Paisley	Trombone	Gd 4
	Malcolm Cook	Trombone	Gd 3
	Richard Kerr	Trumpet	Gd 3
	Gordon Laughlin	Trombone	Gd 3
	Barrie Wood	Trumpet	Gd 3
	Paul Crawford	Violin	Gd 2

We wish a similar success rate to those candidates who undertake exams this summer term with both Associated Board and Guildhall examinations.

It was a pleasurable experience too, for the four boys who took part in the local Young Musician of the Year competition organised by the Rotary Club of Bridge of Allan and Dunblane. All four; Stewart Allan, Malcolm Cook, Richard Kerr and Gordon Laughlin, gave a good account of themselves and each gained a certificate of participation for their efforts.

Looking back to last Christmas and to what was sadly a rescheduled carol service, there were however some very pleasant musical contributions to the memorial service of lessons and carols; one thinks of Leigh Bissett with the treble solo 'Walking in the Air' which was accompanied by Paul Matuszcyk at the piano, or of the first year percussionists along with Wavell Choir performing 'Do You Hear What I Hear?' with a pureness of tone and clarity of diction, one could not help but hear; and of the Wavell Choir themselves singing 'A Starry Night' and the 'Sens Day Carol'. Every boy gave of his very best for that service which was a most fitting tribute to Mr Ben Philip. The following evening we were welcomed by the cheery smiles of the residents of the local homes for the elderly, when the 'concert party' went 'on tour' - an occasion which both boys and residents look forward to.

Finally, the music-making and enjoyment have not been all outgoing from the boys. It has also very much been a case of the boys going out - to see and hear a number of excellent performers in beautiful surroundings - The Queen's Hall (Edinburgh), the RSAMD and the City Hall (both Glasgow), the newly refurbished Albert Hall in Stirling and not forgetting, of course, the luxurious Royal International Concert Hall in Glasgow, to see such widely diverse stars as the singer Peter Morrison or The Danish Big Band Radio Orchestra and to hear such musical items as contrasted as Pictures at an Exhibition, Peter and the Wolf and Lawrence of Arabia. Of those who were there, who will forget the RSNO playing 'Ghostbusters' and the zany antics of the world famous composer/conductor Carl Davies? Let us not forget also the day that the RAF regimental band visited Q.V.S. giving such a varied and entertaining performance of popular music - and the even zanier antics of the brass section, competing to play the 'Post-Horn Gallop' through/down/via a loo seat! Well done also, the two recruits who performed that day with the band - Stewart Allan and Stephen MacKinnon.

A compact little year - looking back!

CENTRAL REGION YOUTH SYMPHONIC WIND BAND GERMAN TOUR '93

Wednesday, 30th June - Wednesday, 7th July
Rhein-Hunsrück Kreis, Germany

By 8.30a.m. on Wednesday, 30th June we had arrived armed with passports (which were useless) and instruments (mainly musical) set to invade Germany with our comrades and with the aid of Mr Bell (our conductor, the musical variety) ready to teach those Germans what music is all about.



The QVS Music Department Swing Band Concert, 1994

While Scotland heaved a sigh of relief, we heaved a sigh of boredom as the journey took its toll on all of us but the thought of Germany, no parents and the paradise awaiting us kept us on through England across the sea to Hoek van Holland and onwards to our destination - an old castle which had been converted into a youth hostel in a small town called Bacharach. The musicians had landed!

The sun was intense, the accommodation adequate and the food reasonable. We had arrived to invade Germany with music.

The concerts took place in a school, outdoors, in a church and at a beer festival! They began with the first performance which was not as good as it could have been but by the second and at the end we were pulling in crowds and were teaching them a thing or two about music. The programme included highlights from "Phantom of the Opera", The Pink Panther tune featured part of "Mancini Magic" and a Scottish flavour created in performances of the "Hebridean Suite".

In the final concert we met up with members of the Rhein-Hunsrück Kreis Jugendorchester, who invaded Central Region last Christmas, and despite the language barrier made some lasting friendships.

The tour was not all music as we visited old castles, an army camp, a red rock and Macdonalds! There were also escapades on the ferry and at night that should remain behind locked doors. In short, by the end of the week we were sorry to leave but Germany had had enough and we were packed off to Scotland. We are looking forward with eager anticipation to the next tour as fun was had by all without exception. The members who went were Murray Macdonald, Stephen MacKinnon and myself, Stewart Allan

Stewart Allan, Music Prefect

CENTRAL REGION YOUTH CHOIR PARIS TOUR

Between Friday, 2nd and Sunday, 13th September, Colin Urquhart and myself, Ian Findlay participated in a Central Region Youth Choir and orchestra tour of Paris Region. The group stayed in a youth hostel in Choisy le Roi, 15 miles south-west of central Paris. The accommodation could not be said to have been luxurious, but the concert venues fully compensated for this. Performing Faurés Requiem and Handel's Coronation Anthems in such places as Rheims Cathedral, Fontainebleau Palace and Chamford Chateau (in the Loire Valley) were experiences I will remember for the rest of my life. We performed six concerts in total and fully enjoyed the entire 'holiday', although it was very hard work! Hopefully the school will continue to participate in such events, as they are an essential social link between our school and state schools within Central Region.

Ian Findlay VI Form

RAF REGIMENT BAND

It was the second time that the RAF Regiment Band had visited the School in the last 8 years. Under their Director of Music, they gave a Concert to the whole School in the Theatre on the morning of Thursday 24 February. They provided a very varied and popular programme in both senses of the word "popular". It was particularly good to see the Music Department represented by Stuart Allan and Stephen MacKinnon playing with the Band throughout, a clarinet and trumpet respectively. The School also enjoyed the musical quiz run by the Band in which the Headmaster scored Nil Points! Senior boys entertained the members of the Band to a Buffet Lunch afterwards. Our thanks to the RAF Regiment for blowing their own trumpet, though sadly, perhaps, for the last time.



Ian Findlay, Colonel Blashford Snell, Steven Nelthorpe and Andrew Riddell

EXPEDITIONS UNLIMITED

On Thursday 13 January, the Senior School spent an enthralling hour-and-a-half listening to, being entertained and shown slides and films by Colonel John Blashford-Snell who for many years organised and led "Operation Raleigh". If anyone thought they were going to receive a pompous and patronising lecture, they were most mistaken. 'Blashers' gave a most professional and riveting presentation, following a structure of why go on expeditions, what sort of people go, how they are selected, what the preparation and financing

involves, all interspersed with sections of film, slides and sound-track. The real quality of the presentation was to bring far-fetched parts of the world home to us, and make us realise that if we wanted to enough, we, too, could get there.

BARKER COLLEGE VISIT TO QVS

On February 23rd we were treated to a visit from Barker College, a co-educational, bilingual private school on tour in the UK from Buenos Aires in Argentina. The Headmaster, Jimmy Cappanera, introduced the evening and thereafter we were entertained by the mixed group. The first part of the programme was performed by the whole party as a choir; but the main part of the evening was a conducted tour round the different regions of Argentina, using slides, and extremely well-presented in English by the Barker College students. Each region was then represented by its traditional dance in the appropriate costumes. The dances were Carnavalito, Cueca Cuyana, Chacarera Doble, Chamame, lalambo, and last but not least the Tango which was developed in La Boca zone of Buenos Aires.

The boys, girls and staff of Barker College had put a lot of hard work into what was a very professional performance. It was interesting to see the way the boys very much appreciated the performance and socialising with them in the all-too-brief time they were at QVS. Certainly, the Haig Office was a very popular place while both boys and girls of Barker came up to the tuck shop.

What rounded the evening off beautifully was a reciprocal piece of entertaining by our pupils. An impromptu mini-band and some Highland Dancers entertained everyone in the Central Hall. Our visitors, especially Christina Dadds, one of the staff who was well versed in dancing, were very impressed.

The Headmaster's brief speech at the end illustrated clearly how important he felt their visit had been and how much they had learnt from being at QVS. Conversely he hoped that we had all learnt from the experience and it was his belief and commitment that this sort of dialogue and interaction between our nations could only help to improve relations and mend bridges.

FUND-RAISING FOR CHARITIES

Over the past two years charity fund raising, over and above that which is given in Chapel collections or by sponsorship, has come to figure much more in school life. In total, there have been four events, all held in Stirling, and three of these have involved a major contribution from the Pipe Band and Highland Dancers. By playing and performing for the public in Stirling the three occasions raised over £3000, for such worthy charities as the Children's Hospice Appeal, the Royal Diabetic Society and the Somalia Appeal. More recently, four teams of boys and staff took part in a schools' Blindfold Bowling Match (which one of our teams won) to raise money for the Royal Institute for the Blind.

Our thanks must go to Mr Dale, without



Presentation of cheque to SRI Diabetic Unit by the Senior Monitor, Murray Wilson

whose efforts and persistent nagging none of the events would have been organised or indeed conceived. Our thanks also go to the adults involved throughout the three 'campaigns'. Lastly, thanks to the boys who volunteered in their free time to participate so willingly. We have set the precedent and the pattern - we hope others will maintain the ideas and practice.

Ian Findlay

THE GREAT DUCK RACE

This was a fun Charity Event on behalf of the Crossroads (West Stirlingshire) Care Attendant Scheme. The race took place in September when the burn on the fields was expected to be fairly high and free-flowing. The small yellow ducks, all with numbers painted on their backs, were 'sold', and on a fine, sunny afternoon the Race started under the guidance of some SU helpers and some welly boot encouragement from Mrs Hankinson. The burn was incredibly low that day, and, in some places the water was non-existent. The heats went well with much sloshing of water from the helpers, but 500 ducks are a lot to send off at one time! The Grand Final, upon which hung monetary prizes, was breath-taking as the ducks became more and more sluggish and bank-hugging. Mrs Hankinson wishes to thank all those who supported the Crossroads cause by 'buying' a duck and came to watch. The amount raised was £130.00

SPONSORED WALK - NOVA SCOTIA 1995

On Saturday, 7th May, Miss McNeil, the hospital nurse, organised a sponsored walk to help raise funds for the Band and Dancers for their appearance next year at the Halifax Tattoo. Twenty three boys and nine others took part. The whole occasion was very well organised from the first idea to the last step of the way. We set off from school at about 1230 that Saturday morning in two minibuses and a car and headed for Callander and the Falls of Leny, our start point. Our route was along the West Highland Way to Strathgryre which Miss McNeil had solemnly assured us was a mere seven miles! The more aged in the party wish to dispute this bland assertion of hers and had the sore feet to prove it. Nevertheless, it was a great fun walk - the weather was beautiful, the company excellent, and the packed tea, eaten in the gracious surrounds of Strathgryre Village Hall, a testimony to our caterers. En route, the boys got nicely dirty and deliberately wet, we are convinced we spied an eagle or an osprey, and we saw an early lizard and caught tadpoles in our lemonade bottles. It was a great afternoon walk, a good cause, and those of us who took part wish to congratulate ourselves. Those being: Ross McKenzie, Stuart Dunsmuir, Stuart Gregory, Scott Taylor, Stewart Noy, Peter Sutherland, Gavin Heseltine, John Trusdale, Edward Porter, Ian MacMillan, Christopher Taylor, Ben Marshall, Jason Morrison, Mark Lovell, Darren Mackie, Miss Johnstone, Miss Chalmers, Mrs Graham, Laura Graham, Miss McElroy, Mr Paul Warner, Mr Carroll, Miss McNeil, Mrs Tapp, Mrs Hankinson and a very footsore Headmaster. At time of going to press, the magnificent sum of £500 has been raised.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

In past magazines Community Service involvement for the School has only reported on that which takes place directly with the Old Peoples' Homes in Dunblane. That is not a representative picture. All schools are or should be part of the com-



Mr Burnett, PTI at QVS 1918 with Jamie Campbell, Jason Bruce and Brian Gault at his 100th Birthday

munity they are within. For a Local Authority day school that is a straightforward matter. For QVS, our community reaches much wider than the bounds of Dunblane. The boys participating and taking part for a wide community of people over a wide area is very evident over the course of a Session.

On the more public side, the Pipe Band play at many functions from Edinburgh Castle and Holyrood Palace to Dunblane Primary School and the local Masonic Homes. The Highland Dancers carry out a great deal of social involvement - much of the best is done for various Retirement or Church Associations and Clubs, where, often coupled with a talk on the School by the Headmaster, they entertain and clearly delight hundreds of old people throughout the year who so appreciate their visits. Equally, older boys go every Thursday evening throughout the Session to Stirling Pool to help with Swimming for the Disabled. Yet, other groups of pupils appear at functions like Burns Suppers, Carol Singing, mini-Concerts, local dinners, and Acts of Remembrance. A nice example is that of visiting old former staff or pupils, such as their visit to Mr David Burnett, a former PE Instructor at the School who celebrated his 100th Birthday.

The School also visits four Old People's Homes: Aultwharrie Masonic Home, Ardnablane Masonic Home, Dunblane Nursing Home and Randolph Hill House. This takes place on Monday evenings between tea and prep, when three or four boys are "dropped" at each house for about an hour. Each Home is different and there is to be observed an interesting and varied interplay of boys' and residents' personalities and interests - from an unaccountable fascination with Home and Away, or in snooker, or serving meals or exchanging of news and views - all is grist to the mill, and undoubtedly it is the boys who gain and learn by the experience, for which we are grateful to the residents.

How pleasant it is then that on the day of the Dress Rehearsal for Grand Day so many of those we have met, worked with, entertained and visited, come to QVS to watch the boys.



Philip Coupar not being sea-sick at the wheel of the tall ship, The Malcolm Miller

SWIMMING FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Throughout the Session, on every Thursday evening in term-time, Mr McIntyre takes seven Fourth-Year boys to the pool in Stirling; this is arranged so that we have two teams of seven who go on alternate weeks. There they assist with members of the Arion Club, which was set up many years ago to provide swimming for the handicapped children and adults. The boys see this as part of the school's contribution to Community Service, and while at the pool they help people to change and then assist them in the water. For most boys this means that they have a buddy whom they meet up with every other week. It is a most worthwhile and commendable hobby.

THE TALL SHIP EXPERIENCE

I arrived in Portsmouth harbour on the 21st March after an eleven-hour train journey. I joined my ship, a 14-sail schooner, The Malcolm Miller at about 12:00.

Once on board I was introduced to my watch leader, Barry, and was shown to the Half Deck where I was to spend the next ten days.

After having been introduced to all the permanent crew and told what their jobs entailed, we were told what was expected of us. This basically fell into the category "If you are told to do something, do it."

That night we stayed in Portsmouth so that we could set off with the tide first thing in the morning, at which point we were told to climb up the rigging to the yard arms (these are the sails on the top of the mast) and stand there while we left the port. It was very comforting to know that you are only attached to a ton weight of wood by a safety harness and standing on a piece of rope. This was the most frightening experience of my voyage.

The following 24 hours were probably the worst in my life. Getting used to a boat that is constantly moving on a moderate-rough sea in force 6-8 wind is not an easy task. The majority of the crew spent this part of the voyage clipped onto the rails on the deck. This is the only place you are allowed to be sick or you will just start up a chain reaction. Being sick itself was not too bad, but once all the food has gone and all you are bringing up is stomach acids, it becomes very sore and the only thought going through your mind is, "Leave me alone. I want to curl up and die." However you are not allowed to let this interfere with any tasks you are given. After the first day the actual sickness stopped but all the feeling remained.

Our voyage involved us motor-sailing west into force 7-9 headwinds. This futile effort was suspended at Swanage Bay where we anchored for 24 hours while we hoped for the weather to settle, it did not and we had to press on regardless.

Upon approaching Penzance we were given a display by a RN rescue helicopter on how not to do an airlift. The diver of the original helicopter got caught up in the rigging and fell 15ft onto the deck. He was immediately airlifted as his condition was quite serious. This little adventure also meant that we had to put in at Falmouth to

drop off the other casualties that the diver landed on.

We stayed in Falmouth overnight. The shore leave produced a definite boost to moral, especially as we all had fun finding out that when you have been on a ship for five days in very rough weather, everything still moves when you stand on solid ground.

We left Falmouth the following morning and went around Land's End and up to Cobh. This is a nice quiet Irish town which provided great entertainment for a now very tired crew.

From Cobh we had an easy run to Birkenhead. We had force 6-8 winds tailing us all the way. We ended our voyage in Birkenhead.

I am going to remember this voyage for a long time, especially the aptly-named happy hour which entailed scrubbing the ship from top to bottom. I made a lot of good friends on this voyage. All that remains is for me to thank all those people who made this all possible. I would especially like to thank Mr Shannon who organised all the paperwork. This was a thoroughly enjoyable voyage that I would definitely recommend to anyone who gets the opportunity.

Philip Coupar



Monitor Stephen Nelthorpe wondering why he was on a three-week Skye Trek

THE SKYE TREK OUTWARD BOUND ORDEAL — SUMMER 1993

The aim of the expedition was to trek from Loch Eil in the North West of Scotland to the West Coast of Skye in a set time, on a set route. The ordeal lasted 10 days in which 90 miles of difficult terrain was covered and a total vertical climb of 19,200 feet.

'Ordeal' is an accurate description. Atrocious weather, combined with a basic fitness level hardly coming up to Gladiator expectations, made those 10 days the longest in my short, and as I was soon to learn, sheltered life.

The body-count increased steadily throughout the trek, with only six from an original 13 finishing. Exhaustion took on new meaning when there was not enough energy left to eat. A test of character would be far too light a description of the expedi-

tion. Character-destroying and then rebuilding would more adequately convey my feelings.

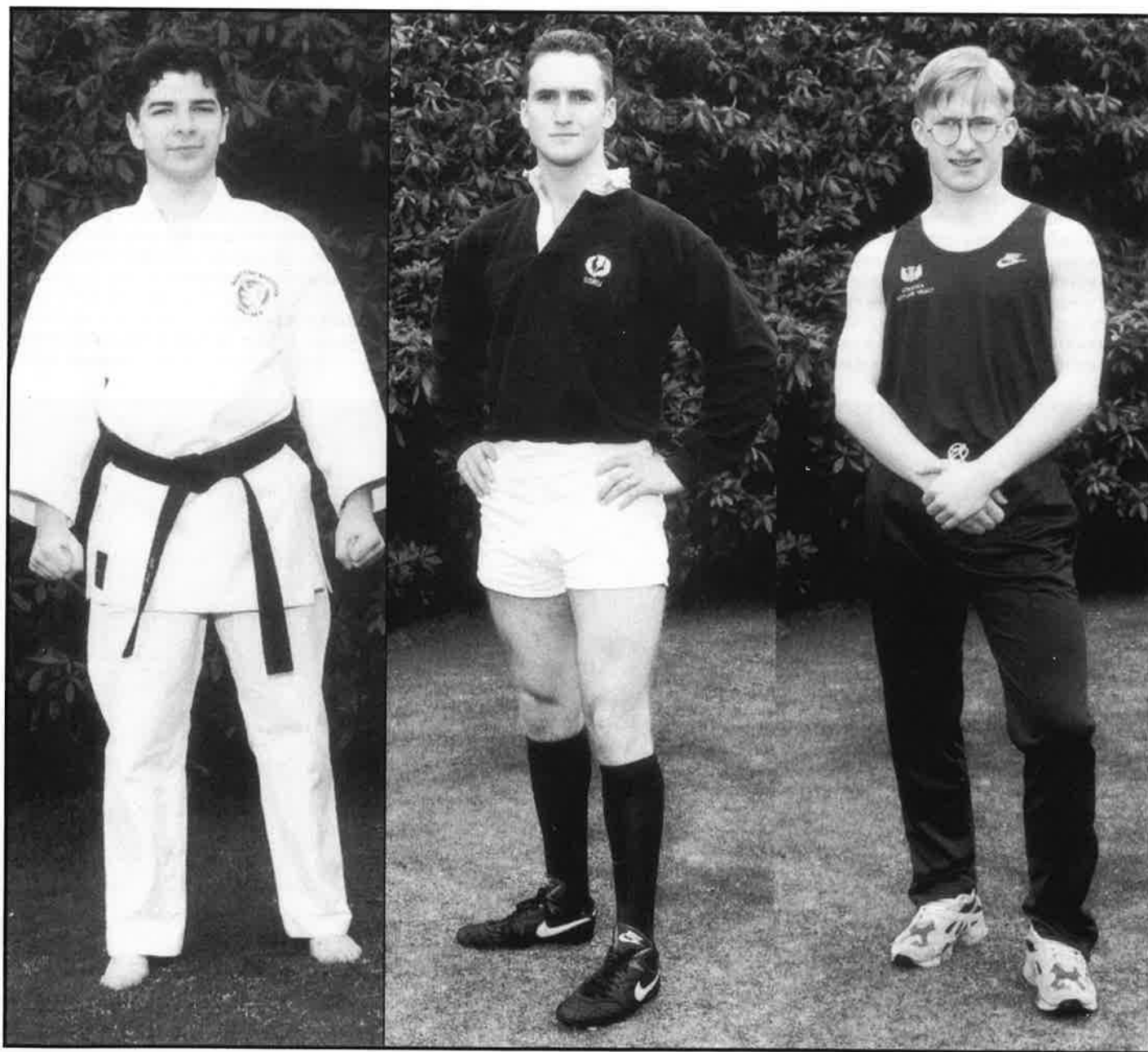
This course, as far as I was concerned, was most definitely not enjoyable and I did not make many new friends (although not through anyone's fault). I did, however, learn a lot about myself, my limitations, and that the old cliché "Where there's a will there's a way" has got a lot of truth in it.

I would like to thank the school for financial support and hope to hear of more boys venturing on this course. But beware, it is no picnic!

Steven Nelthorpe

1st XV RUGBY REPORT 1993/94

The narrow victories against Perth Ac (12 - 5) against a very big pack and, especially, against Strathallan 2nd XV (7 - 5) created the right note for the season. As can be seen by the results both were very close but they were also hard-fought victories against sides that went on to do very well.



A Sporting Triptych - Mark Finlay - Black Belt Karate, Jamie Wilson - Scottish Schoolboy Rugby, Stephen MacKinnon - Scottish Schools Athlete

The tackling both in attack and defence in these games made the victories: e.g. in the Strathallan game the try came from good cover tackling and pressure with Steven Nelthorpe in the vanguard and the ball being moved to the narrow side and Jamie Wilson counter-attacking to score.

Unfortunately, we were to suffer our first defeat at the hands of Glenalmond 2nd XV

17 - 25. However, this was a game that should have been won - we started slowly and rucking was poor and lacking in dynamism. In addition, having allowed a 12 - 0 lead to develop we came back to 12 - 12 and, with the slopes, should have been in the driving seat but we allowed Glenalmond to pull away again.

The 39 - 3 victory against Dollar 2nd XV after a very sticky first half did, however, give a lot of satisfaction. The score was only 5 - 3 at half time but the backs took Dollar on in the second half and with some superb support play and running off the ball six tries were scored in the second half: Jamie Wilson scoring 5 overall, with Alex Smith and John Nelson the other two.

Our first game after half-term against

Robert Gordon's 2nd XV was a very sound 51 - 5 victory. Nine tries were scored but the best was probably the first in which we won a line-out ball at the back through Steven Nelthorpe and the ball was very swiftly out to Jamie Wilson who had time and space to beat back his man on the outside - a classic try. Another good try in this game illustrated the growing confidence and vision of the team. Ian Porter broke to the right of a scrum, passed to Scott Kintrea; James Welsh came in from full back outside John Leitch, drew the man and passed back inside to John Leitch who scored.

The next game against Lomond School was to prove extremely hard and competitive. A penalty by James Welsh was followed by a good try from John Leitch which started with good rucking and keeping the ball alive. Daniel McDade broke and almost got through, the ball was re-cycled and moved out to the left where Ryan McLachlan cut through and fed John. Lomond came back and led 14 - 8. Good pressure on their fly-half by Alex Smith resulted in a try for himself which was con-

verted by John Leitch. The final score came from Jamie Wilson who crashed over after a short penalty to make the final score 20 - 14. St Columba's Kilmacolm provided our next opposition but this proved to be less competitive and we won 37 - 0. Another seven tries were scored here (Jamie Wilson 4; John Leitch, Alex Smith and Ryan McLachlan). There was to be quite a contrast between this game and the following one against Rannoch which we lost 39 - 0. Certainly they were a good and a big side but we did not seem to have the confidence of our own convictions in the first 20 minutes when we did have them under pressure. Thereafter, I'm afraid it was one-way traffic for most of the game.

The balance was redressed somewhat by a 43 - 5 victory against Fettes 2nd XV. Again we showed that going forward with the ball we were very difficult to stop and there were some excellent tries e.g. (1) in which the initial work was done by forwards and particularly Ian Findlay who linked with Ryan McLachlan who fed Jamie Wilson to score; (2) in which Steven Nelthorpe moved the ball to Alex in our 22 who cut through and linked with Jamie Wilson to score; (3) we drove through their line, Ian Findlay won the ball, drove on, we rucked, the ball was moved to the backs - Scott Kintrea made a half-break and Ryan McLachlan scored.

Morrison's Academy, however, brought us down to earth with a shattering 53 - 3 defeat. I'm still not sure why this game was so one-sided but we did not take them on up front, tackling was weak or inconsistent and cover marking in the backs was poor. It did show that we had a lot to learn.

Interspersed throughout the season and running through into the second term we played a number of games in the Scottish Schools Cup. Our progress through the Cup was one of the delights of the season because it meant putting QVS on the map.

Our earlier ties proved to be comfortable victories against Kinross HS 62 - 5 and Montrose Academy 46 - 0 but the 39 - 10 victory against Dunfermline HS was not so easy. This was a good, combined effort in which forwards and backs performed equally well and supported one another. Having got through to the national rounds we lost 12 - 0 to Peebles HS in a game in which we could so easily have won if we had converted all the pressure in the first half into points. However, it has to be said that this was another very good and determined effort from the whole team with some very stout and courageous defence.

I have been impressed by the way that the fourth year boys have stuck in and come through the season, in particular John Nelson, Steven MacKinnon at the 'pit face' in the front row; Steven Marshall in the 'boiler house'; Alec Smith and John Leitch in the backs - both of them have shown excellent individual skills. In addition, there have been fourth-year reserves who performed very well at crucial times e.g. James Scott and Daniel McDade. Speed, athleticism and footballing talent was also evident in some of our fifth year backs e.g. Ian Porter, Scott Kintrea, Ryan McLachlan and James Welsh, who contributed significantly to the success of the season.

We have also been fortunate to have such good loose lead props in Willy Milne and Mark Sutherland, both of whom seemed to be susceptible to injury. With the sixth year contingent of Steven Nelthorpe, Ian Findlay, Stuart Allan and Andy Riddell, the pack overall coped well with the rigours of the season and were a match for most sides.

I was also very pleased to see that we did so well in our first 7's tournament at Perth: it was a great effort winning our pool and beating Glenalmond in the process. Unfortunately Strathallan were a little too

strong for us in the semi-finals. However, our first seven did win the mini-tournament against the Old Boys.

I would also like to mention the success at another level: Richard Givens who represented the Midlands U-15 and Jamie Wilson and Steven Nelthorpe who were in the squad for the U-18 Midlands. We were all delighted to see Jamie make progress through the trials eventually to represent the Scottish Schoolboys against the Scottish Youth and Ireland, he was on the bench in the English game. Jamie has not only performed well for the School but as captain he has been a great support to myself and I would like to thank him, Steven Nelthorpe and Ian Findlay (the management team!) for all their hard work and support for myself and the team throughout the season.

Finally my thanks are due to all the coaches in the School because QVS is a rugby club and we have more than just one side. Without these coaches who are prepared to give freely of their time and effort we would not be able to offer rugby at the various levels - on behalf of the School and the boys I thank them most sincerely. I would also like to pay tribute to Ben Philip's contribution - he was a great help and support to myself and the boys and I know that he was delighted with the way the season progressed and he would have revelled in Jamie Wilson's representative success.

My thanks are also due to the Groundsman who worked very hard and co-operatively throughout the season to get pitches ready, to Mr Warner in the stores, Mr Henderson and the kitchen staff for their support on the catering side and to Sister and Nurse whose care and attention to injuries is so important.

1st XV Results:

Played 14: Won 10: Lost 4: Points for 378 against 181

RUGBY — 2nd XV REPORT

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
7	4	0	3	124	101

As the statistics suggest, this season was a bit of an eye-opener compared to last season and some of our regular opponents must have been left wondering if Sutcliffe's had been adding a special ingredient to the Queen Victoria School victuals.

We had a larger player pool than in previous years due to the disbanding of the 3rd XV, so when influential players such as Scott Kintrea, James Scott, Tom Wilson, Daniel McDade and Philip Coupar were drafted into the 1st XV to cover injuries we were not short of able and willing substitutes.

Winning our first game 29-7 at home against Perth Academy indicated that this season was going to be very different. There was, however, still a lot of work to be done as we found out after losing our next game against Strathallan by 7 points. Our next game took us to Glenalmond, a fixture which the team has not won in at least 3 years. So coming away with a comfortable 20-7 victory was a sign of what had already been achieved with only three games played.

Our opponents were now McLaren High School, a team we knew nothing about, but as the score 41-7 suggests, they did not pose too many problems. We now, unfortunately, lost a valuable player in Ian Logue due to a broken arm sustained in training. Our travels then took us to Lomond, a game we had, in the past, enjoyed much success in. We were worked hard this year and only won thanks to Scott Kintrea's miraculous penalty kicking — the score being 12-15. We counted the cost, however, as we lost a confident player when Barry Ramsay broke his ankle.

With these injuries and others, it was not

surprising that we lost our last two games. This did not detract from the fact that the team had had a glorious season and left all our opponents with something to worry about for next season, such was the commitment of the whole team including Colin Boyle, James Cornelius, Matthew Donald, Bryan Espie, Mark Finlay, Stuart Ford, David Graham, Mark Henderson, Alex McCartney, Scott McFarlane, Darren McQuade, Peter Mitchell, Keith Murray, Euan Redpath, Craig Roberts, and Steven Rogers.

Results

Perth Academy	(H)	29-7
Strathallan 4ths	(H)	5-12
Glenalmond 4ths	(A)	20-7
McLaren HS	(H)	41-7
Lomond 2nds	(A)	15-12
Rannoch 2nds	(H)	7-19
Morrison's 2nds	(H)	7-37

Peter Mitchell

3rd YEAR RUGBY XV 1994

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points For	Against
8	4	4	0	212	157

The 3rd Year XV had quite a good season — but should actually have had a very good season.

If the team had played as well as they could, then they should have been unbeatable. The points 'For' show how much good work was done.

The team displayed excellent commitment, determination and a certain flair at times. Importantly, they did the basic things well and were willing to put a great effort into developing new skills and game strategies.

The team undoubtedly benefited a great deal from the high level of skill displayed by one or two outstanding players, who have the potential to play rugby at a very

high level.

It all bodes very well for the future of Q.V. rugby.

Unfortunately, the team didn't play as well as they should have over the last two matches. This resulted in two defeats, that should have been certain victories. The last match against Morrison's was actually a quite shameful performance, where the boys let themselves down badly. Let's hope that their attitude is better for senior rugby next season.

On the whole, though, a fairly successful season and particular congratulations must go to Richard Givens, who was selected to play for the 'North & Midlands District U15 Schoolboys' team against 'Glasgow District' and the 'South District'.

I.D.

2nd YEAR RUGBY RESULTS

A team

Perth Academy	— won	70-18
Strathallan	— lost	32-10
Glenalmond	— lost	96-0
McLaren High	— won	96-0
Glasgow High	— won	14-10
St Aloysius	— lost	52-0
Rannoch	— lost	82-10
Morrison's	— lost	36-16

B team

Strathallan	— lost	32-0
Glasgow High	— lost	24-6
St Aloysius	— lost	39-0

This year was not a bad year as far as the training sessions were concerned since the boys put a lot of effort into learning some new skills which would help compensate for their lack of height and weight. However when it came to games they did not employ the newly-learned skills and in some cases were convincingly beaten by some much bigger and heavier sides.

Throughout the season the full back — C. Kintrea — and one of the centres — S.



The 1st XV Rugby Team: Season 1993



The 3rd Year Rugby Team: Season 1993

Connelly — made some superb tackles while the forwards slowly learned some badly-needed scrummaging techniques but failed to realise that a good platform is essential in the ruck and maul situation. To summarise the results — The A team won three out of their 8 games The B team lost all of their games

T.D.

A team P. 8 W. 3 L. 5 Points for 206 against 306
B team P. 3 L. 3

1st Year Rugby 1993/4

The season started off very well with the team playing good open rugby with some strong rugby. The first real test came at St. Aloysius when the team's defence was put to the test. It soon became apparent that few of the team were willing to tackle with the result that St Aloysius were able to run in five tries to our one. Probably the best match of the season came at Rannoch where both teams were evenly matched. The team managed to win through some hard running and good support play. Gary Cornelius captained the side and deserves special mention for his tireless running throughout the season, also Andrew Kintrea for his tackling from the full-back position.

'A' Team: W. Knowles, R. Fleming, J. Sutherland, J. McLeod, J. Williams, J-R McCulloch, G. Cornelius (Capt.), A. Nelthorpe, I. Murray, D. MacDiarmid, N. Kerr, D. Robertson, A. Kintrea, T. Whittle

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Points Against
'A' Team	8	5	0	3	191	96
'B' Team	2	2	0	0	43	14

Athletics 1993

The Athletics season got off to a very slow start with the track only able to be marked out three weeks into the term. We attended the usual meetings, open graded and championships, with a first year team going to the Central Region Schools Championships. Barry Ridley came away with the 100m Gold Medal as did the 4 x 100m Relay team of B. Ridley, P. McGrory, S. Connelly and M. Logue. Special mention must be given to Philip Coupar who competed in two schools championships, at the indoor at Kelvin Hall and the outdoor at Grangemouth.

Our thanks to Mr and Mrs Laing for all their support throughout the year.

Stephen MacKinnon was selected to represent Scotland at the British International Meeting in Dublin on July 17th, to throw the Hammer.

CROSS-COUNTRY REPORT 1993/94

The boys were, as usual, thrown in at the deep end by being taken on the annual cross-country weekend after only a week back at school. When we discovered that Central Region no longer uses Corlaw House, our usual four-star residency, we headed north instead to Bailefuill near Balquhidder where the boys were gently reintroduced to the rigours of cross country running with Mr Laing, and had their energy levels maintained through the cordon bleu cuisine of Mr Boast (Campbell's meatballs and Sonic the Hedgehog spaghetti shapes). Although we did have electricity, and showering facilities, the boys slept in an old cows' byre. On the



The Central Region 1st Year Relay Champions, 1993 - Michael Logue, Barry Ridley, Scott Connelly and Paul McGrory

Saturday we toured the local countryside, eventually finding a suitable spot for the boys to splash about in, near Oban. After Sunday's long morning training run we headed back to school via St Andrews, and another dip (which once again the staff declined).

The Monday night training session (1st and 2nd year) was generally well attended. Typical sessions consisted of steady runs, most popular because we went out of school; hill work on the 'Boat Shed Hill'; 'fartlek', which is a Scandinavian word meaning fast and slow running; the 'Bleep Test' indoors when the weather was bad; and the 'Time Trial' where the boys ran

Scottish Schools Athletic Association Boys Track and Field Championships Saturday 19th June 1993, Grangemouth Stadium

Over 17	Pa. Clark	P.V.	3.20m	2nd
	R. MacKinnon	Hammer	43.26m	2nd
	M. Wilson	T.J.	11.17m	8th
15 - 17	Pe. Clark	P.V.	2.40m	4th
	P. Coupar	400H	65.2	
	S. MacKinnon	Hammer	38.48m	2nd
Under 15				
Under 14	C. Cunningham	Hammer	20-70m	2nd
	A. Boyle	Hammer	21.88m	1st
	G. Hancock	P.V.	2.20m	4th
	R. J. Kerr	P.V.	2.20m	2nd
	C. Kintrea	1500m	5:02	p.b.
	M. Logue	T.J.	10.30m	2nd
	J. Martin	1500m	5.21	



The Senior Cross-Country Team

approximately 2,000 metres twice round the school and Victoria Green, hotly pursued by an assortment of staff children and dogs. This year Craig Kintrea had the fastest time of 7 minutes 40 seconds.

The Tuesday night training for 3rd year and Haig included boys doing cross-country as part of their Duke of Edinburgh's award. Andrew Paisley obviously needed more work on the navigational side of his D of E award as he got lost somewhere behind the Hydro in the dark, eventually arriving back at school half an hour after the rest of the group. The Haig Housemaster completed his weekly mileage in one evening, running round

Dunblane trying to locate this stray member of his flock.

Colin Murphy (III) and Kyle MacFarlane (III) both attended well. Colin returned a time of 7 mins 30 on the time trial course, but the best time came from Alex Smith (IV) with 7 mins and 8 seconds which put him 13th on the school all-time list. Senior monitor from 1990, Stuart Cook, holds the record of 6 mins 26 secs.

The school was involved in 14 events around the country during this season. Arguably the best team performance came in the East District Championships at Alloa when the Junior Boys team of Craig Kintrea (15th), Gary Cornelius (17th), and James

HOUSE RESULTS

HAIG RELAYS	—	(lap of school fields)
Fastest laps	—	C. Kerr 4.42
		S. Kintrea 4.44
		A. Smith 4.44

			Individual				
Under 14	1st	Cunningham	297 pts	1st	G. Cornelius	T	9.29
	2nd	Trenchard	353 pts	2nd	J. Black	C	10.22
				3rd	D. McMenemy	T	11.08
Under 15	1st	Trenchard	145 pts	1st	C. Kintrea	T	12.29
	2nd	Cunningham	210 pts	2nd	J. Martin	C	12.44
				3rd	R. J. Kerr	T	13.17
Over 15	1st	Cunningham	43 pts	1st	C. Murphy	T	18.14
	2nd	Trenchard	75 pts	2nd	S. Connelly	C	19.16
				3rd	K. Smith	T	19.48



Cross-Country Weekend at Bailefuill Centre, Balquhidder - August, 1993

Martin (32nd) finished fourth team overall. Craig finished 2nd at the Edinburgh Open Race while Gary won his race against St Aloysius and Glenalmond schools. We were again invited to the prestigious St Aloysius Road Relay around Kelvingrove Park but with less success this year due to the large number of invited schools from south of the border. The team was Alex Smith, Colin Murphy, Craig Kintrea, James Martin, Gary Cornelius and Adam Moore. They finished in 21st position, but 7th Scottish school. James Martin was the school's most prolific competitor being involved in 12 events, but once again it was disappointing that the older boys did not turn out regularly with the result that we did not field an older boys' team at the Scottish Schools.

The season finished with Scott Kintrea, Alex Smith and Craig Kintrea winning the Central Region Schools Relay. Other regulars worthy of mention in training and racing are Andrew Kintrea, Barry Ridley, Scott Connelly, James McQuade, Dale McMenemy, Jamie Campbell, Barry Prowse, Ryan Tervitt, James Matthews and Barry Wood. Well done to all boys who turned out for races and training in what is an arduous sport.

Central Region Schools Ski-ing Event 1993

The Central Region Secondary Schools Ski-ing Championships took the form of a slalom at Firpark Ski-Centre. The Juniors and Seniors both do the same course comprising of a combination of vertical and horizontal gates. All competitors have two runs and the combined times decide the places. Iain Murray did extremely well to gain third place in the Junior Event.

Results Juniors		
Iain Murray		3rd
Scott Connelly		6th
Paul McGrory		8th
Douglas Greenhowe		15th
Seniors		
Callum Kennedy		14th
Geoffrey Greenhowe		24th
Richard Givens		Disq.
Kyle Macfarlane		Disq.
Scott Murray		Disq.
Colin Urquhart		Disq.

The School Athletics Team

FOOTBALL — HAIG 1st XI

This year's football had elements of both success and disappointment. Our successes featured commanding victories over respectable opposition in the form of Merchiston, Strathallan and Glenalmond, plus a convincing 8-3 trouncing of Perth Academy in the Perthshire cup quarter-finals.

Disappointment came in the semi-final of the cup against St Columba's. There was an inexplicable drop in team confidence during this game despite taking a totally unexpected 2-0 lead in the first fifteen minutes. The second half did not go our way. We hit the woodwork on several occasions and two late penalties clinched the match for St Columba's. The commitment of the players, however, was never in question, each one playing with pride.

I would like to thank Mr Raine, Mr Laing and Mr Williamson for their valued support. Thanks are also due to the older players in the team and to James Welsh whose role as vice-captain made my job a lot easier.

Ian Porter (V)

INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL

A major step forward in a nation's sporting history is something for a schoolboy to treasure and some boys from Queen Victoria School had that experience on Wednesday 23 March, when they attended the opening of the refurbished Hampden Stadium, in a trip arranged by Mr Dale, to see Scotland v. Holland. Football greats from Meiklejohn of Rangers to Johnstone of Celtic were present on the pitch before the game and the fixture featured the modern Dutch Masters who used the greensward as their canvas.

How different was the ancient stadium! The European record-holder for a crowd at any sporting fixture, now shrunk to a capacity of 38,000. An orderly seated multitude. Floodlights that worked. But some great traditions never change. The queue for the pies and Bovril was just as long.

But did we play any games ourselves?



Haig House Football Squad with Mr Raine, Deputy Headmaster

Indeed we did. Once again we got to the Final of the Perthshire Cup, this time in Under-14 division. One of the best teams the school has ever put out ran onto the sacred turf of Scone Athletic FC to contest the Final with St Columba's, Perth. In the first half we had eighty per cent of the pressure. By half-time we had had six corners to their nil. Wave after wave, the black-shirted onslaughts burst on the sea-green rocks of the St Columba's defence. Then they slammed in a couple of quick ones in the second half and beat us 2 - 0.

In the B & Q All-Scotland Cup, the U-14's reached the second round which was played in a howling gale, near-zero temperatures and semi-darkness at Arbroath. This character-building exercise ended in our going down 3 - 2 to Arbroath Academy.

Graham Hughes and James Speirs represented the school in the B & Q Skills Competition in Edinburgh in March and were ranked eight and nine against boys who had already mostly been signed for senior clubs.

Spectator

HAIG HOUSE - NOTES

"To die completely, a person must not only forget, but be forgotten, and he who is not forgotten is not dead." These words, by

Samuel Butler, could have been written about Ben Philip, such was his influence and input as Haig Housemaster.

On taking over as Acting Housemaster in such tragic circumstances, I was given many pieces of advice from different quarters, and possibly the most sound advice came from our ex-chaplain Archie Orrock who advised me not to try to emulate Ben, but to "be myself". Certainly my new job was made much easier due to the highly organised state that Ben left Haig House in, with literature on the word processor covering everything from dress codes to disco invitations.

I will be forever grateful to Ben for his quotation: "The more the litter — the less the tuck" which has been used to great effect in getting the common rooms tidied up.

When the boys came back to school at the end of August, they were very disappointed to find that our much-appreciated House Matron, Liz Evans, had left quite suddenly. Until the appointment of our new House Matron, Kath Johnstone in October, this position was filled very ably by Helen Duthie to whom we owe a debt of gratitude. Kath came to us after seventeen years in the Army and can show the boys a thing or two about fitness and can always threaten them with 'square-bashing' if they do not have their laundry in on time.

The refurbishment of the Fifth Form living quarters was completed along with the new Sixth Form suite.

On the social side, the boys were invited to a variety of functions at other schools — reels and discos — and a Burns Supper at St. George's in Edinburgh, and held their own discos throughout the year. Theatre visits took in 'Les Miserables' and 'To Kill a Mocking Bird' among others, and plans are underway to take in the musical 'Cats' before the end of term. The Glasgow Royal Concert Hall was the venue for the very enjoyable 'Heroes and Villains' concert.

On the sporting side, the indoor football league proved very popular — the staff team footwork being particularly awesome — the only major casualty, the Housemaster's specs which were dislodged during a crunching tackle on Steven (Nellie) Nelthorpe, and subsequently trodden on by the aforementioned Housemaster, succumbing to a temporary state of blindness.

The staff-pupil basketball match finally took place after a two-year wait with the Dream Team taking the huff after a trouncing by the staff team (shades of Harlem Globetrotters, if slightly vertically challenged in that respect).

As we go to press the Haig boys are busy organising their own Highland Ball which will bring to an end a somewhat traumatic two terms which has seen the boys pulling together to ensure the smooth running of the House under difficult and uncertain circumstances during which time we were lucky enough to have Mr Raine as Assistant Housemaster whose previous experience as a Housemaster was invaluable. We welcomed Mrs Howie, the school's first female tutor, as a duty person in Haig and I am indebted to the regular Haig House staff for their input and support and also to Mr Beattie for his help at the House discos and Paul Warner for his assistance with House sporting events and John Alexander for his refereeing. Many thanks indeed to all those who work quietly behind the scenes, giving their valuable time so willingly for Haig.

MRS ELIZABETH EVANS — HAIG HOUSEMATRON

From November 1990 until the summer of 1993, H.H. was fortunate to have as matron Mrs Elizabeth Evans. With her warm personality, sense of humour and ample patience, Liz built a good rapport with the boys, who would seek her out to discuss matters which concerned them. While proving herself to be a highly competent Housematron, Liz's participation in the lives of the Haig boys extended far beyond her formal job remit. We wish Liz all the very best in her new post.

TRENCHARD HOUSE NOTES

If last year was a vintage year when everything seemed to gel, it is important to note that this year too has seen no lack of accomplishment. Boys are healthily involved in all areas of school life and are committed in the extra activities that develop as each year progresses. Our Seniors have stuck to their tasks well.

Parental support is gratefully acknowledged. In particular, Mr & Mrs MacKinnon donated an addition to our electrical suite

which allows the main computer to focus entirely on educational areas and leaves the "play-and-learn" area as an individual location. I should like to remind parents that the House can find good use for many of the items that get ditched when a move occurs or an attic is cleared.

The House continues its support for the Mouth and Foot Painting Artists, Lincolnshire Homes (The Order of St John Trust) and the Nevada-Semipalatinsk group through Boyan Orumbaeva in Alma Ata, Kazakhstan. Substantial donations have been made to all of these causes.

Sadly the House says farewell to Mr Squires this year. We shall miss his gritty Northern sense of humour, his plain speaking and his mots justes. Above all his objectivity, his professionalism and his skills in tutoring, qualities and abilities which have enhanced all our lives, have set a standard that will be difficult to emulate.

Finally, I should like to thank the House staff, Mrs Willey and Miss McInroy, for putting in so many unpaid hours, and our House tutors who seem to me to be light years ahead of everyone else; their paperwork is always in place and their information current. It is this hard work that makes the House what it is.

CUNNINGHAM HOUSE NOTES

Cunningham has seen considerable changes in the period since I became Housemaster, not least being two Assistant Housemasters. Mr Shannon was Assistant for one year and was succeeded by Mr Beattie, our current Assistant Housemaster.

Mrs Kean, our Housematron for two years, along with the rest of the house staff have made an excellent effort in making the house attractive and pleasant to be in.

We have had several events within the house group including our Summer Bar-B-Q and our own Christmas party.

We also have regular shopping trips to Edinburgh and bowling in Stirling which both Mr Stewart and Mr Beattie have helped with. The Christmas Panto was a great success but next time we hope to go to one of the major pantomimes. Mr Hannah has taken several cinema trips which were much appreciated and Mr Shannon continues with his First year hill-walking excursions — however Matron despairs of ever getting the boys clean and dry afterwards.

Also this year we now have Sky television thanks to the Bursar. The House has new table tennis equipment, more sports equipment, an expanding library and the new Mega CD computer.

Our next expenditure will be on some comfortable furnishings for the TV rooms and the constant recovering of the pool table.

We have been successful in many of the Inter-house competitions, not because of any individuals but because of the efforts of all the House. This team effort is reflected in much of the school's success on and off the Sports field.

I will close with my thanks to the boys themselves, especially the House Captain, Paul Kane, the Vice-Captain, Chris Murray, and all the Prefects and I will ensure next year one of their successors produces this article.

G. BORKING (Housemaster)

WAVELL HOUSE

MRS CRAIG — WAVELL HOUSEMATRON

This is an extract from Mr Brown's speech to pupils and staff of Wavell House at a special meal to mark the retirement of Mrs Craig on Thursday 17 March 1994.

'As you realise, this is the last opportunity we will have as a House to say farewell to Matron. I have known Mrs Craig for the past ten years, but how many of you know that before she came to Dunblane in January 1984, she had seen more of the world than all of us here?

In 1983, she accepted the appointment of Wavell Housematron, and moved to Dunblane to work for my predecessor, Mr Norman Bruce. However, this working relationship lasted for a tragically short time, as Mr Bruce, who was recovering from a serious operation, died suddenly, and I unexpectedly found myself as Housemaster with Mrs Craig as my Matron. Over the last 10 years, Matron and the other staff have helped me to look after and be responsible for over 400 of you, which is not an easy task, as you all know. During these years, I have always been very grateful to Matron for the extremely thorough and conscientious way in which she has fulfilled her duties.

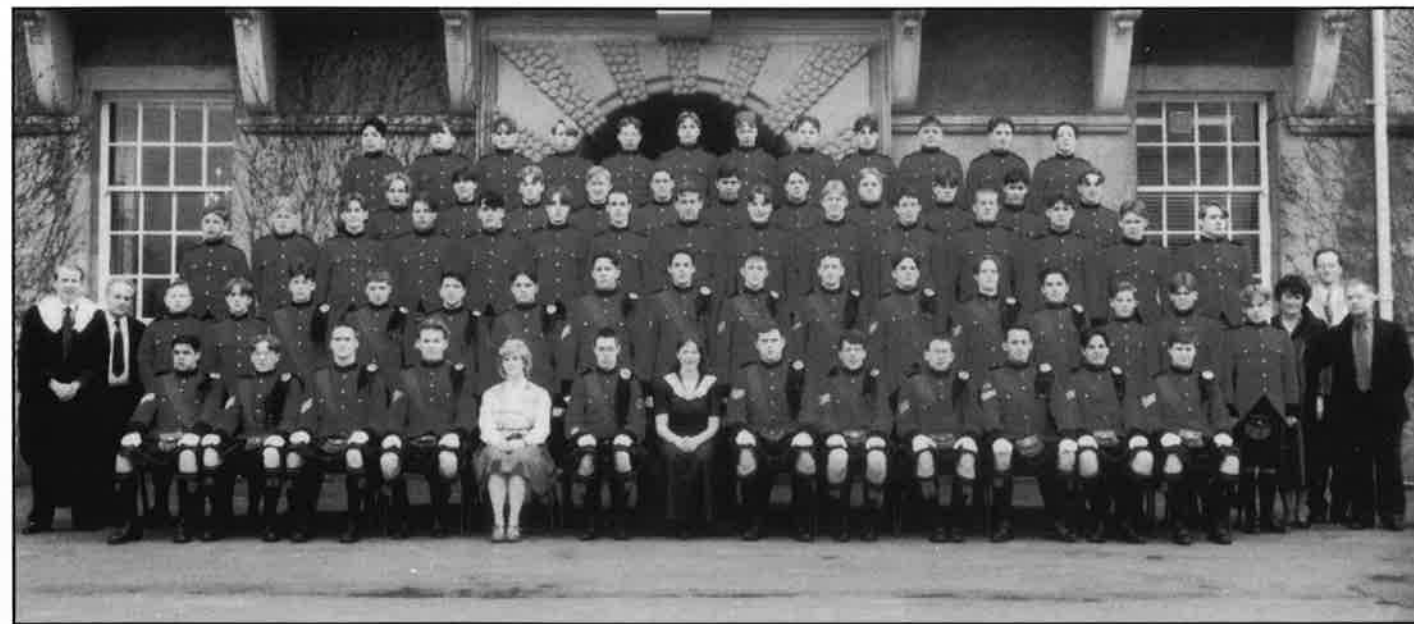
Mrs Craig is an exceptionally well-organised lady as I had the greatest cause to be thankful for when in 1988, the whole House was transferred for one memorable term to Queen's Barracks in Ballater. It was a major upheaval, but one which Matron took in her stride, demonstrating a number of hitherto hidden talents, e.g. irritatingly beating everyone, including Mr Carroll, at Trivial Pursuits!

My predecessor used to believe that all boys ought to be treated with firmness, fairness and kindness and I know that these are standards that Matron, like me, believes in and has always aimed to adhere to in her dealing with boys. It is with our very best wishes for a long and happy, if well-travelled retirement (Matron is off to New Zealand soon) that we are gathered here to show our appreciation to her now, and for the major contribution she has made to Wavell House, and I would ask you now Matron to accept this gift from us.'

WAVELL HOUSE NOTES

Another session has passed with much staying the same and much changing. The new boys or "rookies" arrived in August with a mixture of anticipation, enthusiasm, trepidation and anxiety — a fairly volatile mixture! However, after the initial bouts of homesickness were confronted, they all settled down to the new experience of living in a boarding school fairly well.

The little boys never seem to change. They have boundless energy, very few inhibitions and an insatiable appetite for doing things and going places. However it is an important philosophy in Wavell that if the youngsters want to enjoy taking part in activities and trips, they must learn to accept that they have a responsibility to be helpful and considerate to one another and to those who look after them. This hopefully ensures that the House is a happy place, is comfortable to live in and, most important of all, helps to develop a positive attitude in the boys.



Haig House: Staff and Boys 1993 - 1994



Wavell House: Staff and Boys 1993 - 1994

The role of the staff in this philosophy is important, and this year we have to say farewell to a number of people who have contributed to Wavell over many years.

Mrs Craig, our Housematron, retired just before Easter after serving Wavell for 10 years. The House held a farewell tea at which she was presented with some parting gifts. Mr Brown's speech is reproduced above in the magazine. We all wish her well and hope that she enjoys a long, happy and, if I know Mrs Craig, a far-travelled retirement.

Also leaving us after this term are Mr Williams and Mr Kelly. Both have helped and contributed to the well-being of the House and have participated in extra activities to give the boys a more fulfilled life in Wavell. Once again we wish them both a long and happy retirement.

Last but not least, after 22 years' service to Wavell House, 10 of which were as Housemaster, we say goodbye to Mr Brown. He has steered the "good ship Wavell" through years of change and innovation, and he has stamped his own personal trademark on the House. He deserves

his rest, because being responsible for the welfare of the 800 or so boys who have passed through his care is never plain sailing. Everyone wishes him all the best for the future and I know that the gift of a revolving bookcase presented to him from the boys will be well used in the years to come.

As old faces leave, obviously new ones arrive, and in that area we welcome our new Housematron, Miss Chalmers, and her dog Misty. She has very quickly settled in and has got to know the boys well. She has come to us from Butterstone House School and, if you will pardon the cliché, Butterstone's loss certainly has been QV's gain. We all hope that Miss Chalmers will be with us for a long time and that she enjoys her stay here to the full.

An innovation this year has been to invite a young person from overseas to work in various areas of the school. In that capacity Wavell welcomed Mr Shane Williamson in January and he will be with us until December. He arrived from Durban, South Africa, on January 6th. The weather that greeted him was definitely a shock to his

system. However, within a very short time he adapted to the weather and to Wavell. He has been a very helpful addition to the staff and his contribution to games and extra activities has been impressive. His expertise in rugby has been an influential factor contributing to the excellent progress of the junior rugby teams. I know that the boys value his advice highly.

It now only remains to say thank you to all the members of staff who contribute to the life of the boys in Wavell House, for without them the children's lives would not be as enriched as they are. On behalf of all the boys, I extend our appreciation to them all.

G.C.

ROOKIES' PASSING OFF PARADE

The Rookies' passing off Parade took place on the last day of the Spring term. The weather, for a change was reasonably pleasant for participants and onlookers alike. The inspection and parade went well, especially the march-past in quick-time. A mini band from the Pipes and Drums were on parade.

The parade was commanded by Nicholas Brown and the Guard Commanders were: No1 Guard Gareth Martin and No.2 Guard Gary Houston.

The John Walker Cup for 'Best Rookie at Drill and Turnout' was presented to Alister Colquhoun.

WAVELL FOOTBALL

With the 5-a-side indoor football finishing in a flurry of goals, Wavell's football team is hoping for the same this summer term.

From past experience we will not be disappointed. Last season saw the emergence of Stuart Noy as the player of the year. His strength and ball control gained him great respect from the other players, even though this was his 'rookie' year.

Another rookie player stood out for particular praise: Gary McCulloch. Gary with his natural abilities on the left of field crossed in ball after ball into the path of Stuart Noy and Darren Robertson. Darren played superbly as the front man, taking on defence after defence particularly against Kilbarchan. Noy and Robertson made a great partnership.

In the mid-field Gary Cornelius exuded that degree of class that only good mid-field players know: timing, poise and understanding of space. His perfectly-timed through ball led to Andrew Nelthorpe running on to score on numerous occasions throughout the season. John Ross McCulloch also deserves a mention for his stalwart determination and drive. Andrew Kintrea will no doubt say that he is simply the best Kintrea to don the Wavell team jersey. Scott and Craig might disagree, but they can't deny his innate ability. Who is best? I leave to the gods to decide.

The defence must share equal praise. They gave the team confidence and stability — Gannon, Barlow, Biggart, Whittle and our Goalkeeper Neil Seaton never really put a foot wrong.

Dale McMenemy reminds me of Jimmy Johnstone, but maybe that shows my age rather than Dale's ball skills and ability to dribble past opponents.

But what of this season?

We still have Noy up front and Gary McCulloch on the left with a new star, Alan Gault, on the right. So far this combination

is looking good. In his rookie season Alan looks like a fine replacement for Dale. Simon Patience is also in his rookie season and is up front with Noy. Mid field is shaping up with Gary Houston and Andrew Crease playing well together. The back four are McConnell, Biggart, Donald and Marshall. Goalkeeper is Nicholas Brown. Replacements are at the moment Ben Hawsford, Craig Allan, Gerard Robertson, Neil Seaton, and Shane Thomson.

At time of writing we haven't played any matches but the signs are very promising. Here's hoping we have a season like last year.

5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

Wavell

It is at this time that I sit in front of the word processor and try to put a few words down on the page about Wavell Football. It is not an easy task.

To the outsider it might appear to be simply a trivial pursuit worthy of little comment. However, if you were the goalkeeper collecting the ball from your own net, having failed to save the shot which cost you the game, it is not in the slightest bit trivial.

I remember a famous moment in the history of Wavell 5-a-side football where the late Mr Harry Berry (S.S.M.) had had enough of bad-tempered play — he then threatened to ban one boy from football for life. The threat was taken seriously and resulted in tears. I mention this incident to highlight the serious nature of the 5-a-side league and cup fixtures.

This year's hobby was approached with dedication and skill that would put the Scottish National team to shame (in fact should put them to shame). I was also impressed by the boys' team spirit and enthusiasm.

The cup final was as exciting as ever with the inevitable tears of joy and despair. The cup winners were Dunblane Destroyers with the runners up being 99% Lynedoch. The winners received the Porter-Mitchell trophy which is named after Ian Porter and Peter Mitchell (both Haig boys who have been involved in organising the fixtures and score-keeping for a number of seasons). Thanks must go to them for another successful season.

The league winners were Stirling Strangers with Dunblane Utd. close runners up.

I would like to thank the rest of the teams for an extremely enjoyable hobby.

Seniors 5-a-side Football Hobby

This hobby was just as enjoyable as the Wavell one but for different reasons. All involved were there for a bit of fun. I even got to play, which shows it wasn't that serious. Thanks must go to Ian Logue, who refereed when my old legs wouldn't carry me any further or I was attempting to play for one of the teams. Thanks again, lads, it was great fun!

CROSS-COUNTRY

Once again, with a great deal of help and organisation from Mr Boast and Mr Laing, the junior boys have enjoyed another successful cross-country season. They have competed in meetings all over the country from Irvine to Aberdeen and they have achieved varying degrees of success.

Internally, our inter-sports group event was keenly contested, with Liddell coming out winners on a pleasant spring afternoon. The following week we held our annual inter-schools meeting to which Heriots, Stewarts/Melville, Hutcheson's Grammar, Dollar and Glasgow Academy came. The conditions underfoot were treacherous, but despite this, each of the three events was run in a good time, with the visitors doing particularly well.

G.C.



Wavell Ski Trip Party: Easter 1994

Wavell Ski Trip '94

Les Carroz- France.

This was my first ski trip abroad with Wavell, but it certainly won't be my last! I can honestly say that the whole trip was a great success from start to finish. As a veteran Scottish skier of some 22 years, there is just no comparison between skiing in Scotland and skiing in the French Alps. (I don't think I'll ever ski in Scotland again!)

The Alps are superbly spectacular. The weather was fantastic (I still have the sun-tan to prove it!). The skiing was tremendous. The instruction first class. The resort extremely picturesque. The hotel and staff marvellous. The food excellent and the boys were very well behaved and a pleasure to be with on holiday.

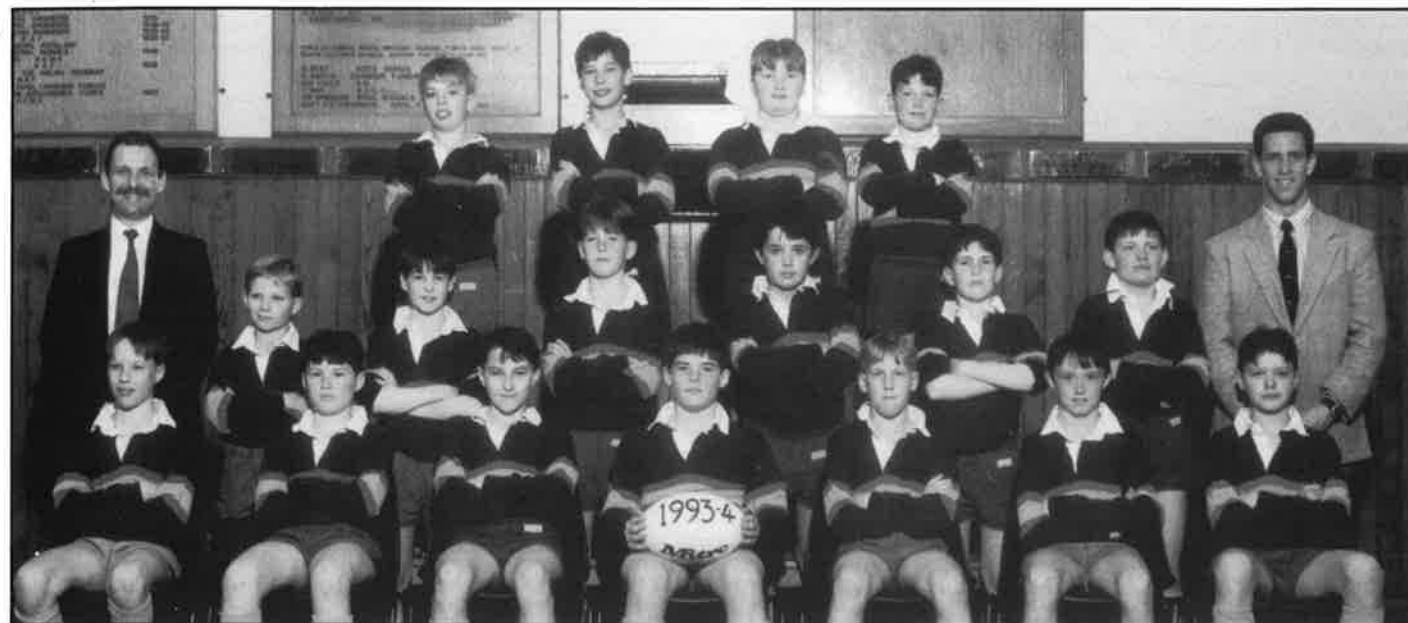
I know I speak for all the boys in saying that we had a great holiday. The boys were a credit to the school and caused Mr Carroll and me virtually no problems. The

Results

	Inter-Sports Group	Inter Schools
Under 12	1st Liddell - 32 2nd Ormond - 39 3rd Bannerman - 50	Under 13 Hutcheson's Grammar -16 Glasgow Academy - 39
Under 11	1st Liddell - 27 2nd Ormond - 39 3rd Bannerman - 60	QVS - 40 Under 13 Stewarts/Melville - 54 Champion - Gary Cornelius - QVS
Overall	1st Liddell - 59 2nd Ormond - 78 3rd Bannerman - 110	Under 12 Hutcheson's Grammar - 16 Dollar Academy - 38 QVS - 47 Stewarts/Melville - 60 Heriots - 85 Glasgow Academy - 86
Under 11 Champion - A. Crease 7 mins 51 sec.		Under 12 Champion - S. Weingarten-Hutchesons
Under 12 Champion - S. Noy 9 mins 36 sec.		Under 11 Stewarts/Melville - 24 Hutcheson's Grammar - 36 QVS - 44 Glasgow Academy - 48 Dollar - 77 Heriots - 82
		Under 11 Champion - A. Paterson - Glasgow Academy



Junior School Leavers: 1993 - 1994



Junior School 1st XIII Rugby Squad

hotel staff and other hotel guests often commented on how well-behaved, well-mannered, polite and helpful the boys were — I agree. I really was very proud of them. Thank you boys for making this such a memorable holiday.

Finally, on behalf of all the boys — and their parents — thank you, Mr. Carroll, for all your hard work in organising everything, for looking after us all and for seeing us all safely home.

Roll on next year's ski trip — and if any parent is interested — we still have one or two places left for P7 boys.

Iain Dow

JUNIOR RUGBY

"You make your own luck" — statistics can be misleading, but a glance at the figures provides insight into the junior rugby's progress throughout the season.

The 1993-94 season was memorable for the way in which the boys improved and worked at their game.

As in all walks of life, rugby revolves around a belief in yourself and your

peers/team-mates.

Unfortunately, with the poor weather and inability to get the boys out and training, a lot of their enthusiasm was, you could say, washed away. We were not able to work through many training programmes or build up good team spirit.

We started the term off with big defeats for all four teams. But as the weeks progressed, we could see a definite all-round improvement, and the big losses were being reduced to just a marginal point or two. Our first victory came in style against Glasgow High, with both the JA1 and JB1 teams winning their games. In the JB's, it was Andrew Moffat's flying dive to the try line which started the ultimate comeback.

We were then faced with about four weeks of continuous rain and no rugby, which put a halt to the enormous progress we were achieving.

A highlight of the season came in the final game and was one which must be built on for many seasons to come. Morrison's got off to a great start, scoring a try from the kick-off and another shortly after. As the game progressed, the Q.V.

boys began showing their guts and determination to win. Going into the second half two tries down, Mr Beattie's inspirational team talk brought out a completely different team. Hard work and belief in themselves proved to be the key elements for success. Second half tries by S. Noy (2) and N. Seaton (1), together with brilliant defence, took the team to their best victory of the season. A player who stood out in this area was Andrew Crease, who through his courageous tackling saved two certain tries.

The games played against George Heriot's brought about another highlight of the season. We fielded five teams, with the JB1 and JB2 and JA1 and JA2 teams losing narrowly. The excitement, however, was at the other end of the grounds, where the heroes of the day were the JB3 team. Included in the team were A. Porter, C. Bissett, D. Aitken, R. Waldron and C. Jones, who hadn't played a lot of rugby and did very well. It was through their hard efforts and complete enjoyment of the day that they came out victorious.

Weather permitting, there were certain

aspects of play which we concentrated on during the practice sessions, one being ripping the ball from a player who is held up, another being the setting up of the 'back line players in defence. Both of these were very well carried out during the Glasgow Accies tournament with G. McCulloch, R. Innes, M. McConnell, J. Donald, N. Dunnachie and S. Thomson all playing their roles in making it a very successful day for Queen Victoria School.

It is very difficult to point out individual players, as rugby is a game which needs to be played as a team, or success is impossible.

Throughout the season, all the players did indeed contribute to the success, and there were a few who stood out. The Captain, S. Noy, led by example with his powerful running and ability to stay on his feet. F. Mackinnon and N. Brown stood out amongst the forwards, with N. Seaton, R. McKenzie and A. Crease doing well in the backs. With a lot of talent coming through the primary 6s, C. Allan, S. Patience, A. Gault and K. Finnegan will be at the top of the list in next season's plans.

Two players who really did do well this season by contributing to their teams' success and will continue to do so in the future were S. Watson and J. Sproat. S. Watson's contribution was immense, and he never gave up. He always came off the field looking as if he really enjoyed himself.

A player who was thought by many to be the most improved was J. Sproat. Joe always got stuck in and did his best. Although lacking in aggression, he made up in other areas and gave his all for the team.

The sports group championship was held towards the end of last term. This was fiercely contested, with Liddell and Ormond reaching the final. After some exciting and entertaining rugby, Ormond emerged as the champions.

With continuous improvement in all aspects, it has proved to the coaches and the players that we certainly do have the talent and ability needed to produce winning teams. With the correct attitude and willingness to learn, Mr Carroll's plans to

become a force to be reckoned with will not fall short, and the boys will be able to make an even more tremendous impact in their own right.

Finally and most sincerely, I must express my heartfelt gratitude to the boys, Mr Carroll, Mr Beattie, Mr Brown, J. Wilson and S. Nelthorpe, who through all their hard work made it a memorable season, one which we can grow from strength to strength.

I extend my thanks to all the parents for their support and encouragement.

Well done, lads, and keep up the hard work.

Shane Williamson

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The School seeks to provide at least 50 out of class activities - physical, practical and cultural - involving at least 3 hobbies per week per pupils aged 10 - 15, and at least 2 for those aged 16 - 18.

Abseiling	Indoor Bowling
Air Experience Flying	Karate
Aircraft Modelling	Library
Aircraft Recognition	Life-Saving
Art	Mathematics Club
Athletics	Model Making
Badminton	Model Railway
Basketball	Multi-Gym
Boat Repair	Orienteering
Board Games	Photography
Bugling	Piping
Canoeing	Pottery
CCF: RN, RAF and Army	Public Speaking
Chess	Rugby Training
Choirs	Sailing
Community Service with the Elderly	Scripture Union
Computing	Shooting
Cross-country	Ski-ing
Debating	Soccer
Dinghy Maintenance	Squash
Drumming	Survival Swimming
Duke of Edinburgh's Award	Swing Band
Expedition Work and Camp Craft	Table-tennis
Swimming for Handicapped	Tennis
Film/TV	Volleyball
First Aid	
German Club	

Gliding
Highland Dancing
Hillwalking

Windsurfing
Woodwork
Young Engineers' Club

KARATE HOBBY

1993-94 has been an incredibly busy year for the school Karate club. In June last year Mr. Iain Dow took two boys - Mark Finlay and Bryan Espie, to France to train with and compete against the French Karate team. This proved to be a highly successful visit and a great experience for all three.

Both Mark and Bryan competed for the Scottish cadets' team, against the French cadets' team and although the French team won, both boys put up a very strong and spirited fight. Mr. Iain Dow (3rd Dan) was captain of the Scottish team and successfully beat the French team captain by scoring a full one point with a kick to the face. (Normally only half-points are awarded in competition.) The scoring technique had the crowd cheering ecstatically - even though their own French captain had been defeated. At least we came away with some glory, as the French went on to beat the Scottish team by half a point.

The whole event has been captured on video and has been shown over and over again, as an inspiration to the karate club members.

During their stay in France, the Q.V. 'boys' (Mr. Dow included) - were treated like royalty. We cannot thank the 'host' family enough for making our stay such a memorable experience.

Since the start of this academic session we've had a variety of events and several training courses throughout Scotland.

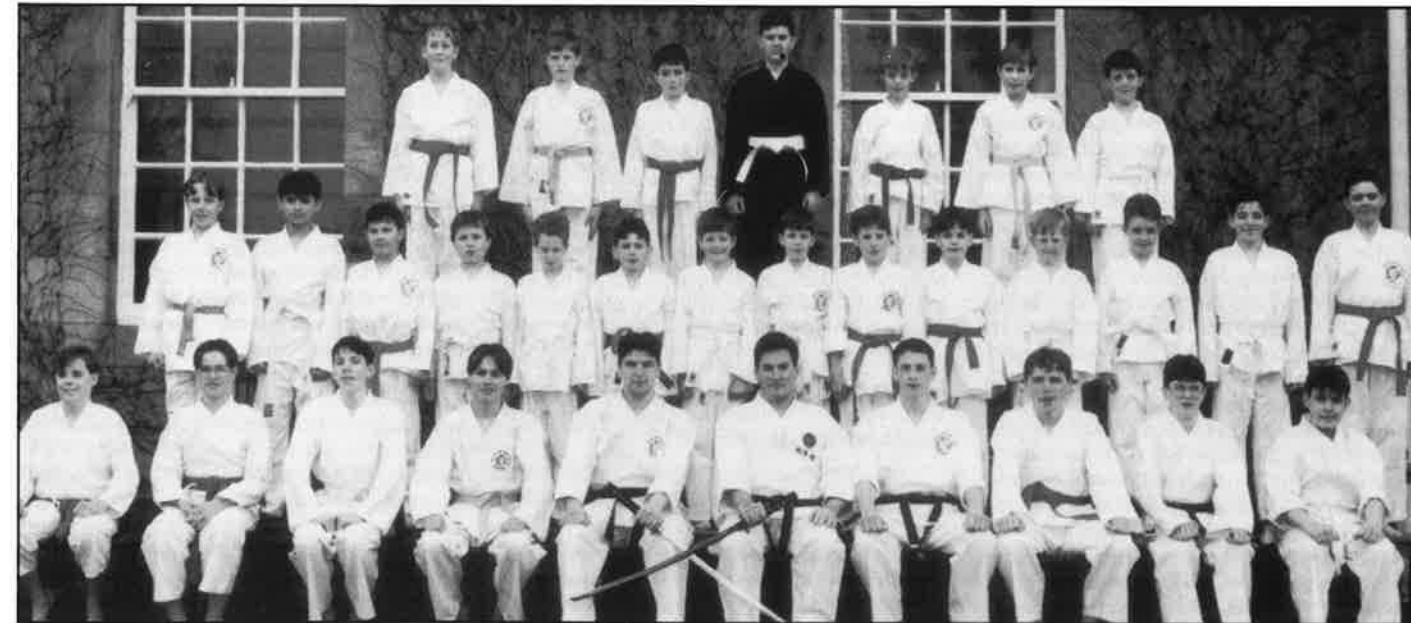
Several senior boys attended courses with such names as Sensei Terry O'Neil 6th Dan Karate expert, journalist and film star, Sensei Hamish Adams 6th Dan Scottish National Coach and of course Sensei Ronnie Watt, SSKCA National Coach and Examiner - recently promoted to 6th Dan.

Sensei Watt conducted a grading examination in the school before Easter, where 23 boys were successfully promoted to a higher grade.

Before the summer holidays, we will be holding a further grading exam with Sensei Watt.



Junior School Inter-Sports Group Rugby Champions: Stuart Noy - Captain



The School Karate Squad with their Instructor, Mr Iain Dow

We will also have the inaugural event of the Q.V. championship - and of course, preparation has already begun for this year's Grand Day display.

Without a doubt though, the highlight of the club's year has been achieving our first 'boy' BLACK BELT.

On Sunday 24th April, 1994 Mark Finlay was successfully promoted to Black Belt 1st Dan at his very first attempt at the examination.

Surely there can be no greater incentive to other boys than to try and follow in Mark's footsteps.

Congratulations, Mark, we are all very proud of you.

So come on, the rest of you, let's get down to some serious training.

Finally, on behalf of all karate club members and their parents I would like to thank the Headmaster most sincerely for all the support he has given to the development of the karate club over the years - not just the financial support for certain events or courses, or for allowing the boys (and myself) time off from classes to attend special courses, but also for the real interest that he has shown in developing Karate within the school.

INDOOR BOWLING

This was a year of Wavell players and, mainly, an enthusiastic group they turned out to be. The Hobby ran on two evenings with different boys which made the Championships a little complicated to organise. However, the very keen players worked hard in practice and had fun whilst learning the game.

The Championships took place at the end of the Easter Term in the Sports Hall. Mrs Hainey very kindly came to watch the Finals and to present the Trophies.

The Singles Champion : Gareth Martin
Runner Up : Stuart Ruthven

The Triples Champions : Greg Fenwick (Skip)
Craig Allan
Liam Dowdswell

Runners Up : John Halley (Skip)
David Kelly
Jason Morrison

Well done to all twenty-two boys who took part in the Hobby throughout the year.

J.M.H.

INTERMEDIATE DEBATING

It is not given to everyone to represent the School on television but such was the fortunate lot of those boys who took part in the Intermediate Debating Hobby this year. There were preliminary visits to the School by the BBC, after which on a wintry December evening, four boys - Ian Stewart, Alastair Thomson, Ian Ramsey and Craig Donnelly made their way to Queen Margaret Drive, Glasgow, to argue against the proposition that 'Young People Nowadays Have Nothing To Do'. The programme was recorded and shown as part of the BBC's 'Jawbox' educational series, designed to help pupils all over Scotland with the Speaking part of their Standard Grade Course.

However, the actual debating exercise was only part of a much bigger effort which all the Intermediate Debaters made before the programme could even reach the debat-

ing stage with the other schools taking part in the programme. It was a revelation to see how much has to go into the preparation and production of such a programme. First, there was half a morning with the Director at QVS while scripting and 'casting' was scheduled. Then the director and the BBC film crew spent eleven hours with the boys while the introductory four-minute film was shot to show how young people (in this case our QV young people) can find profitable and interesting things to do. To produce the coverage necessary, an hour was spent with each of : a Rugby Team, the Swing Band, the Karate Club, the Highland Dancers, a Football Group, those who take part in Swimming for the Handicapped, and Constable McGregor, the local Community Policeman, who is forming a Biking Club. All this was to prove what young people can do, and indeed some of the boys found they could do things they never thought they could do : Ross Seaton as an interviewer, Graham Hughes as the voice-over. (Producers of 'commercials'! Why spend thousands on Angus Deayton when Graham will do it for half the cost?). Thanks must also go to Colin Murphy who played a major role in getting the script together, with Shaun Fenwick, and the teachers and Mr McIntyre who led their groups during filming. The final production in the Jawbox programme reflected well not only on the QV boys who contributed but also on QVS as a provider of activity and achievement for its pupils.

However, the business of a Debating Society is to debate and this year we are sorry that we did not progress so far in the Dundee Courier Competition as last year. Our 'C' Team were not able to take part because there were too many teams entered in the competition; our 'A' Team - Craig Roberts and Paul Matuszyk - sailed through the first round but foundered in the Second Round and were put out by the same teams who defeated them in the Semi-final last year, Madras Academy and the home team. Madras and a home team also put out our 'B' team in the first round, despite virtuosi performances by Alastair Thomson and Paul Sowton.

The Club has held popular internal debates, principal of which was a Cunningham v Trenchard debate on the motion: 'This House favours the admission of girls to QVS'. That the motion was heavily defeated did not reflect the quality of debating or arguments put forward but rather that Trenchard had more supporters present and used their block vote to carry the day. Our last 'fixture' of the year will be a 'jolly' against the young ladies of Kilgraston School here at QVS. This will be a friendly debate and seen as something of a party for those who have toiled in the verbal vineyard and laboured in the heat of the dialectical day over the past year.

The Intermediate Debaters wish to thank Mr Frize for all his support and organisation, without which the Club would not have been able to function.

POTTERY

The Pottery Hobby was run by Mr D Stewart and once more was a popular activity with some good results achieved. In particular, Tommy McDonald and Paul

Sowton are to be congratulated on successfully using the hobby as a means towards achieving a part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

LIFE-SAVING

The school has been attending Life-Saving for a few years now. This year saw more boys than ever signed up for this worthwhile activity at Grangemouth and at the school pool.

The boys all went in order to obtain their Bronze Medallion which is the fourth award out of six. Two boys, Stuart Ford and Scott MacFarlane went on to do their Award of Merit which is the fifth award. It proved to be a very successful year with a high pass rate as follows: Paul Bates, Andrew Blackhurst, Philip Coupar, Brian Espie, Mark Finlay, David Graham, John Leitch, Stephen MacKinnon, Craig Roberts, Gary Simpson, Tom Wilson, Matthew Donald, Mark Henderson, Peter Little, Danny McDade, Gavin Slater, James Speirs, Colin Urquhart.

All in all it was a very enjoyable and fun year, and our thanks go to our instructors, Jim Hay and the two Daves, as well as trainee instructor Beverley, and also to members of staff who took the trouble to bus us to Grangemouth and back again via the chippie.

**STUART FORD (V)
SCOTT MacFARLANE (V)**

Dry Ski-ing Hobby

37 Boys attended the 6 ski-ing sessions at Fir-Park Ski-Centre, Tillicoultry. All standards were catered for and most skiers were able to ski down from the top by the last session.

After Christmas we went to Hill End Ski-Centre, Edinburgh. 49 different skiers attended the 8 sessions. Many Thursday afternoons were very windy and cold and proved very useful for conditioning to Glenshee-type weather.

Ski-Racing Leagues

We have been entering the Central Region Racing Leagues for 5 years and this year we achieved our first success. In the second league our 'A' Team came 1st and the 'B' Team 7th. In the first league our 'A' Team came 4th and the 'B' Team 8th. Congratulations to Ian Findlay, Douglas Greenhowe, Geoffrey Greenhowe, Scott H. Murray, Iain Murray and Callum Kennedy.

Ski-ing Glenshee

This year the snow conditions were quite good at Glenshee and we were able to go on 5 Sundays. 31 boys managed to get up for a 0615 breakfast and early getaway in the dark. Most boys were preparing for one of the two Senior School ski-trips and it proved most worthwhile. It would be nicer to go mid-week when there are not the long queues for the lifts but even so it did give boys who had not skied on ice a sample of what Scottish skiers have to put up with.

COMPUTER HOBBY

'Please sir! "... Could I come along on Wednesday to your hobby?', and from someone else, (usually sometime later in the year), "Please sir!. Could I maybe join your hobby next term?"

What is it then that draws many pupils to

play yet more computer games in their Hobby time when they might, at least to adult eyes, already appear to be overexposed to videogames systems during most of their free time? I might prefer pupils to employ computers actively for more educational purposes; but at the same time I have to recognise the sheer compulsion of a fully-interactive system employing multi-channel stereo sound and 32-bit graphics. After all it could be argued historically that had it not been for the creative skills of our much-maligned games programmers, the development of sophisticated modern interactive computing would never have occurred in the first place!

The trick in my opinion is to provide pupils with the correct balance of serious and non-serious activities, carefully vetting the contents of games to cut out those games guilty of promoting gratuitous violence, and positively to encourage problem-solving activities like those intrinsic to strategy games such as adventures, most good simulations - including simulations of board games - and puzzles.

Does the present Computer Hobbies strategy work? To the degree to which the majority of 'serious' pupils return year after year I personally believe it does - ultimately to everyone's benefit!!

MODEL RAILWAY REVIVAL

Model Railway, once a flourishing hobby in the school, has been re-introduced. During the autumn and winter terms several boys in fourth year followed Mrs Hainey around saying, "Have you done anything about a model railway hobby yet, Miss?". Eventually, their rail-roading persistence paid off and permanent premises were found by taking over the Maintenance Officer's former building on the small square. Mr McIntyre was approached and 'capitulated', and the hobby began anew in the spring term. At present, only four boys are involved because the size of accommodation is relative to their ambitions for a big layout. All the boys are keen, attend regularly and under Mr McIntyre's guidance have set up their first track and are constructing buildings as part of the layout. The intention of this hobby, which continued in the summer term, is to give boys 'hands-on' experience. The School has and is prepared to invest money into this popular hobby which we hope will thrive for years.

MATHEMATICS HOBBY

The main aim of this hobby was to provide a tutorial group format for those boys preparing for Higher Grade Maths. There is no doubt the concept was good and the practical value to them in a recreational period useful. However, the choice of a Friday evening proved a conflict with too many other activities and it would be sensible another year to run such a hobby on another evening.

YOUNG ENGINEERS' HOBBY

This session saw the school joining a rapidly-expanding educational activity, the Young Engineers, which is for schools, colleges, and even some universities in Scotland. The Young Engineers' Club of which we are now members, represents an excellent opportunity to extend the teaching of this science of technology into real-

life situations and thereby demonstrate their relevance; it also encourages teamwork and co-operation among members of the club, that is the pupils who involve themselves in the designing, construction and testing of solutions to engineering problems. The club's activities culminate in an annual competition among all clubs. As this was our first year, we did not compete but did attend rounds to see how things went. We are confident that had we participated we would have had some success. This year's non-competing team was Stephen Nelthorpe, Philip Coupar and Ian Ramsey. In preparation for next year, we are currently contacting local companies to obtain an industrial liaison for expert advice in design and construction matters. We are grateful to Mr Hannah for leading us in this new venture.

FIRST AID - RED CROSS

As in past years, Junior and Senior First Aid classes have run during the winter months - the Senior or Adult class in the Braeport in Dunblane, and the Junior First Aid class in school from October to March. Only Philip Coupar was able to sit and pass the Adult First Aid exam as unfortunately it took place in the Easter holidays. The Junior class had twenty members, mostly from S3 and two boys from S4, all of whom followed the course as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award bronze qualification. The school is grateful to Mr John Fraser and Mr Alan Turner of the Dunblane Red Cross for running the course with their inimitable style of cheerful but determined efficiency. Our thanks also to Mrs Barbara Brown who examined the boys in their First Aid knowledge and skills, and we are pleased to report that they all passed. One of the highlights of the course was a visit one evening of the Dunblane Fire Brigade with their tenders and background on rescue.

SCRIPTURE UNION

The Scripture Union continues to meet on Friday evenings throughout the Session for its hour of 'fellowship and fun'. It tends to attract the younger members of school but one is nevertheless reminded of a car sticker seen recently - 'Joiners wanted by carpenter of Nazareth'. We have held one or two very successful extra Saturday afternoon functions such as Bring and Buy Sales, which have raised money for good causes. A very positive vote of thanks goes to so many of the ladies and parents who have helped or supported these occasions. Our last Fayre was to help raise funds for Nova Scotia.

Our summer outing this year is to a canal barge trip, setting off from Linlithgow (the mind boggles), and in preparation for this, we look forward to a talk and slide show to the SU by a member of the Linlithgow Union Canal Society. We thank everyone who has helped with SU over the year, but most especially the Hospital Sister, Mrs Wharton, who does so much to keep SU alive and kicking at Q.V.S.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S SCHEME

This session, Philip Coupar, Brian Espie and Tommy Wilson successfully completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award in the Borders, doing a water analysis of the River Esk. They are off to Gairloch in Rosshire in June this year for their Gold Award practice

which involves a four day expedition of 80 kms in wild country. John Nelson and John Leach are also going up to Gairloch at the same time where they will be assessed for their Silver Expedition which is a three day trek of over 48 kms, while studying land use. Twenty two other boys have been working towards their Bronze Awards this session, having all passed their practice expeditions, luckily in perfect weather in the Ochil Hills. These boys are: Ross Seaton, Andrew Blackhurst, Paul Kane, Christopher Kerr, Andrew Denholm, Colin Murphy, Mark Harris, Christopher Murray, Calum Kennedy, Kyle Macfarlane, Andrew Morton, Gary Simpson, Geoffrey Greenhowe, Stuart Ford, David Graham, Ian Logue, Scott H Murray, Paul Sowton, Tommy MacDonald, Mathew McLeish, Richard Givens, Graham Hughes.

The boys taking part in this activity are very fortunate in that there are so many other activities and hobbies going on in the School that allow them to gain the other qualifications for their awards. Equally, they benefit in that the Outward Bound Activity can now provide the equipment to equip 20 boys on the hills overnight; this has meant an expenditure of approximately £10,000. Finally, the Scheme in QVS is grateful to Mr Laing who in the past started this activity, and wishes to say a very special thank-you to Mr Shannon whose enthusiasm, certificated expertise, and giving of so much time have provided such opportunity to the boys.

HILLWALKING

This activity had a very good season this year. A number of groups went up to Glenshee to take part in Winter Mountain skills training which involved snow-holding, belaying and ice-pick work. Although the temperature was well below zero, the weather itself was on the whole good. Earlier in the year, before the first snows of winter, two first year groups went on a climb up through the Carron Valley Forest and up the Meachil Binn in the Campsie Fells. Some of the boys collected parts from the remains of a plane which had crashed on the hill years ago. A second and third year group climbed Ben Vorlich which is the closest Munro to the School.

Most of the hillwalking we do is in the 'local' Ochils, where over the past year on Thursday afternoons and Friday evenings we have climbed 17 different peaks, amounting to 9,284 metres - incidentally, Mount Everest is 8,848 metres high. Mr Shannon has given much of his own personal time to provide this activity so thoroughly for boys. We thank him.

SAILING AND WINDSURFING

Last June, we entered our Wayfarer 420 and a Mirror dinghy in the Brown Cup in the Scottish Sailing Competition on Loch Earn. The Mirror did well, coming first in its class: the helm was Brian Sherwood and the crew member was Colin Rostant. Our biggest success was at Lochore Meadows which is our main sailing/windsurfing/canoeing venue. We took part in the Scottish Schools Windsurfing Championships. The junior team won the Scottish Junior Windsurfing Cup and each boy received a medal. Our senior team did well too, in a very close finish, coming out medal winners as runners up. Once again

it is the Summer term and we are back on Thursday afternoons at Lochore Meadows, sailing our Topper dinghies and our windsurfers. Boys are fortunate that so many of them can take their turn at these sports so long as they continue with their membership of the CCF: S2 - S6. Additionally this year, first-year boys are being given the opportunity of trying their luck at sailing and windsurfing.

Scottish Schools Windsurfing Champions: Mark Harris, Chris Murray, Ross Robertson. Scottish Schools Windsurfing Intermediate Team: William Milne, Andrew Blackhurst, John Leach. Scottish Schools Windsurfing Senior Runners-up: Ian Findlay, Colin Rostant, Brian Sherwood.

CANOEING

Now that the school has two 'Canadian' canoes, Mr Shannon can take first year boys for a taster session in the Summer term on Tuesday evenings. All first year boys have been given the opportunity of trying canoeing - six boys per week.

The older boys use our various makes of Kayak. The venue for canoeing is Loch Ard, which is an ideal and idyllic setting, providing us with good flat-water canoeing and islands to explore, as well as a gentle river connecting with smaller lochs.

Finally, the school and all the boys connected with water sports wish to thank Mr Borking and Mr Shannon for their encouragement and enthusiasm.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

The Camera Club has continued to increase its skills, popularity and productivity. As always, the chief object is to teach further skills to its young members, both old and new. It is also interesting to note that we have been increasingly in demand to photograph and record aspects and events in the school year, and consequently our output is being used in school publications such as the latest School Prospectus. With continued financial support from the Headmaster, the club

has continued its expansion of last year's colour photography and has considerably improved the quality of work. Equally, our black and white photographs have gained admiration from boys and staff alike. A new development (no pun intended) is the purchase and use of a studio lighting kit. This has been used for the 'mug shots' of those going to the Nova Scotia Tattoo in 1995, and the results will appear in the brochure which is being produced this term for that event.

Our thanks go to Mr Dale, whose gallant efforts at fixing the difference between film and paper developer have not gone entirely unheeded and hopefully is reflected in our final prints.

LIBRARY

The two volunteers, pupil librarians for 'where the shells fall' did very well this session - one of them including his contribution as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. The hobby itself is one of hard and unrelenting graft, in that librarians have to continue when others have left the library. It is one of those activities that help to make the School work.

Our thanks also go to Mr Tomkins for his unstinting work and to Mr Webster who oversees the library operation.

TABLE TENNIS

We are pleased to report that this hobby has invented a new stroke - the 'Salami Slice'. This is not so much a match-winning shot as the time the club seems to be able to operate when the theatre is so much in demand as a venue

for activities. However, when complete club sessions were possible, play proved enjoyable.

WOODWORK HOBBY

Although this hobby is held at a time when boys are either at Pipe Band or free-time, a regular bunch attended and a wide variety of items were produced (or a good attempt made!). The most popular project over the past couple of years has been the Chess Board with cast resin pieces which has shown very good results. Also this session in wood turning, stools and various kitchen things were made. This proved to be a genial and hardworking band and special mention must be made of Darren McQuade and Colin Urquhart of the Fourth Year who did not miss a night in two years.

BASKETBALL HOBBY

The Basketball Hobby has again proved popular with a large number of boys in the School from S1 - S6. Without doubt a major factor of the game's popularity has been the superb facility of the Macmillan Hall. The full-size court and practice boards provide us with every opportunity to develop our ball skills and game techniques in an environment that we know many schools would envy. Nevertheless, we have yet to branch out into playing competitive games against other schools - it is something the boys would derive a great benefit from and we look for encouragement in achieving this aim. It is hoped however that we will be able to enter two teams into a two-day Open Competition in Stirling during the summer term. One in-school match that has to be recorded was the recent meeting between the Haig's best 'Dream Team' versus 'The Old Crocks' - a staff team; a major tactical error on the part of the 'Dream

Team' - allowing the 'Old Crocks' to score more baskets - allowed the latter a memorable victory. The members of the Basketball Hobby wish to thank Mr Tomkins for giving of his time, expertise and enthusiasm.

INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL

Two sixth year boys, Gordon Donald and Keith Murray, gave generously of their time to coach some second and third-year beginners in this sport. It was a good experience from both parties. The boys attended regularly and developed their skills considerably. Gordon and Keith hope that their protégés will continue to play next session after they themselves have left. Well done, Gordon and Keith!

BADMINTON - WAVELL AND SENIOR

Badminton has been played throughout the winter with enthusiasm and varying degrees of skill at all age levels, Wavell to Haig. It is hoped that the youngest derived an enthusiasm for the game so as to want to continue with this hobby next session and that the older ones will wish to continue after leaving school and join their local club. We thank Mr Willman for his time, patience and coaching.

HIGHLAND DANCING BEGINNERS' CLUB

This year, over and above those boys who are part of the School's Highland Dancing programme, this activity was offered as a hobby for the first time for those boys who had not had the opportunity to take part. Mrs MacDonald, the school's Highland Dancing Instructor, was both surprised and delighted at the number of boys who came forward to enrol in this hobby. They worked hard and quickly mas-

tered some of the basic steps, and showed great enthusiasm for an activity that requires dedication and is physically very demanding. So successful was the hobby that two of the boys, late entrants to first year, Brian Gault and Jamie Campbell, did very well in the School Highland Dancing Competition and also in the UKA Grade Examinations. Thank you, Mrs MacDonald, for teaching us so much.

WAVELL ART HOBBY

The Primary Art Hobby was well attended throughout the Christmas and Spring terms by a fairly large and enthusiastic number of boys - helped latterly by Adam Moore and Robert Stevenson of first year. The programme we followed included: pottery, producing several well-crafted pieces as well as the odd weird-and-wonderful creature; T-Shirt Printing - using Silk-screen and direct drawing with fabric pens and paints; and kite-making - the results of which we hope to try out on some bright and breezy day.

The boys of this hobby wish to thank Mrs Thornton for making our activities so interesting.

WAVELL GERMAN HOBBY

This year, for the first time, German was introduced as a hobby for ten boys, mainly from Primary Six. Much fun was had by all, as the boys coped with a new language by playing games, singing, acting and a little formal study. The sessions in the language lab were the real favourites, when the boys enjoyed listening to their newly-acquired German accents!

Auf Wiedersehen till next Session! And thank you, Mrs Howie, for running such an enjoyable hobby.



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