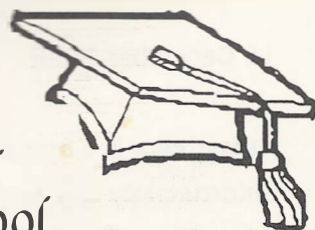




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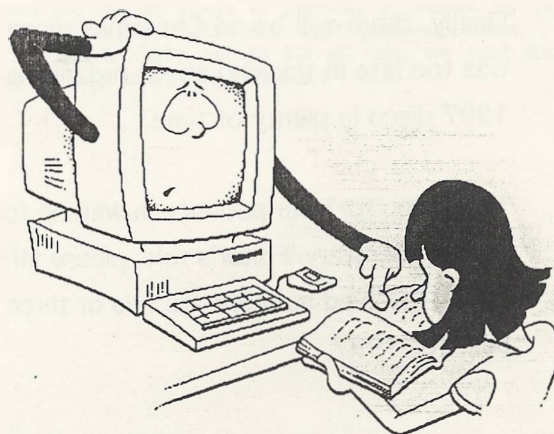


Former Pupils'  
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## 1996 Magazine

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# Editorial

15 December 1996

At last here is a first attempt of the Former Pupils' Magazine by the new committee. Unfortunately due to the untimely death of our President John Duncan, resignation of the new Editor before getting off the ground and illness of one of the committee, but mainly due to inexperience and trying (unsuccessfully) to follow in Ian Smith's footsteps, we have run into a lot of problems. Hopefully though all our readers will bear with us and our next attempt will be an improvement. For this issue we are printing letters received from FP's and the list of members which may be slightly out of date.

Margaret Masson

Unfortunately there is no Editor this year and I do not have time to compile the magazine. I should be writing my Christmas cards and putting up the Christmas tree, but I have decided that the magazine must go out before Christmas . . .

First of all, thank you to all FP's who kindly contributed to Ian Smith's retiral gift. At a special committee meeting, it was decided to present Ian with an engraved silver tray at the Biennial Dinner on Saturday 22 March 1997 in the Coppice Hotel. (More details about the dinner on the last page of the magazine.) It was also decided to present the remainder in the form of a cheque and that this should take place before Christmas. The presentation of a cheque for a four figure sum was therefore handed over to Ian and Iris in the Craig Revack Hotel this week.

Secondly, we must thank Shirley Findlay for typing up all the replies on the information slips and her Mum, Margaret Masson, for lending a hand.

Thirdly, Betty Grant and Bill Mitchell must be thanked for taking on the task of organising the Biennial Dinner. It is intended to be more informal than in previous years with no speakers and no dance, just the dinner and Ian's presentation, but with ample opportunity to catch up with everyone's news. There is a limit to the number of tickets this year as the Coppice can only accommodate 70 persons, so please reserve your tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Finally, there will be no Christmas disco this year for several reasons, but basically because I was too late in thinking about organising one. However, I will endeavour to plan the Christmas 1997 disco in plenty of time.

Thank you for your patience in waiting for the magazine and if you know of anyone willing to take on the Secretary/Editor's role, please inform a member of the committee. There would be no typing involved as there are two or three committee members able and willing to type. All the best for 1997,

Daphne Ritchie



## Obituary

MRS SHEILA ARCHIBALD

MRS JEANNIE B. McLAREN

JOHN MILNE M.A. F.E.I.S.

JAMES (JIMMIE) McLEOD

MRS JENNY GRANT

JOHN DUNCAN

Our Clubs lost one of their longest serving and most loyal supporters with the sudden death last August of Vice-President MRS SHEILA ARCHIBALD (Sheila MacPherson). Sheila was involved in the running of our affairs from the early years of the two Clubs, through the time of the merging of the Old Guard and the F.P.s. right down till her death. Her fine record of service to us was recognised by her appointment to the office of Honorary President during 1990 and 1991.

Sheila devoted a great deal of her time and energy also to the running of the local Baptist Church which she served selflessly in many capacities, as Secretary, Treasurer, Deacon, Sunday School Teacher and Leader of the Women's Guild. Her successor as Secretary seemed to us to sum up the essence of Sheila Archibald when he wrote of her "never pushing to the front, but always there when advice or help was needed".

It was just 20 years ago (Christmas 1975) that Sheila was predeceased by her husband, Jimmy, who ran his own upholstery business in Grantown. Many of our readers will remember Sheila and him taking leading parts in the music and drama Shows put on by the Clachan Players.

We send sincerest sympathy to their daughter Susan (Mrs Alistair Jack), their son Stuart, and to Sheila's brother, Mr Ian MacPherson.

Dux of the School in 1915, MRS JEANNIE B. McLAREN (née Nicol) died in Grandview Nursing Home on 19th November 1995 in her hundredth year. Mrs McLaren returned to her old school as a member of staff, and taught the Primary 6 class for many years till her retirement in 1958. A year later however she was back in harness again, obligingly assisting the late Miss Legge in the Infant Department during a vacancy. Her former colleagues and pupils remember her as a dedicated and effective teacher. Before infirmity necessitated her entry into the Nursing Home in 1989, she lived in Silver Ridge, Grant Road with her husband John, who was a game keeper, and who predeceased her by 31 years. We extend our sympathy to her sister, Mrs Edith Mitchell, who lives in Elgin.

After completing his secondary education with distinction at Grantown Grammar School, JOHN MILNE proceeded to Edinburgh University where he graduated M.A. He then joined the Heinz foods company in London as a management trainee, but his career was interrupted by the outbreak of World War Two, during which he served with the Auxiliary Fire Service in the London Blitz. Later he became an instructor at the Fire Service College in Sussex. At the end of the war he returned to Scotland, completed teacher training at Moray House, and joined the teaching staff of the former Moray and Nairn authority where he was to spend his entire teaching career, serving in Nairn and Mosstowie, before being appointed to be the first headmaster of Seafield Primary School in Elgin, a post which he held for 23 years. His qualities of understanding and dedication and not least his pawky sense of humour made him an outstanding

headmaster. Paying tribute to his memory at the Annual Lunch of the local branch of the Retired Teachers' Association, his fellow headmaster, Alistair Glashan of Elgin Academy, recalled how John had once told an argumentative gathering of Head Teachers that they resembled a pile of farmyard manure, odouriferous and objectionable when assembled together, but reasonably useful and productive when distributed in small quantities around the countryside! A large gathering of his fellow Former Pupils also appreciated his talents as an entertaining speaker when he and his wife Ethel were our guests at our Biennial Dinner in 1978, the year in which he retired from Seafield. His contribution to education was appropriately recognised by his professional colleagues by the award of the Fellowship of the Educational Institute of Scotland.

John was also a devoted servant of the Church throughout his life, serving as an elder of St. Columba's in Elgin, and in demand as a lay preacher in many congregations in the surrounding district.

John's funeral took place in St. Columba's, but his remains were buried in the family plot in Grantown New Cemetery.

We extend sincere sympathy on behalf of the Clubs to his widow Ethel and to his daughter Rosemary.

JIMMIE McLEOD died last April in the Ian Charles Hospital after a long period of illness. He was 82. A master mason, he trained in the building firm set up by his father in 1908, and now carried on by his six sons, who are all directors of the firm which bears their name. There are many buildings in Jimmie's native Grantown which are testimony to the energy and skills of the man who oversaw the development of the family firm into one of the major sources of employment in the town. Besides his success as a businessman, Jimmie was also a keen sportsman and excelled at badminton and curling. In both of these sports he made his mark at county and even national level. He was particularly fond of the outdoor bonspiels where McLeod family teams often enjoyed success in Grampian Province contests. Jimmie is also well remembered as a knowledgeable and skilful angler, whether with his double handed salmon rod on the Spey, or throwing a delicate fly for the Lochindorb trout in the days of the Old Guard competitions.

To his widow Cathy and to his six sons we send sincerest condolences on behalf of our members.

DR JAMES ALLAN promises to let us know when he wins the National Lottery. With the recent passing of Jimmy Mcleod and Jock Paterson, he wonders how many of the original Old Guards are still with us - David Bisset, Edwin Munro, James Calder, Jock Cook..?

MRS T D ALLAN (MONA MCLEAN) - just glad to be alive and fit.

MRS F. E. ANFIELD (WINNIE SHAW) elder son Alan now retired from Army. Lives in Melvern, Worcs. Younger son Frederick received B. A. degree in Electronics from O. U. 2 years ago. Station Officer Northampton Fire Service.

MRS GEO ANGUS (ELLA WOOD) recently been in hospital having a hip replacement.

MRS ISOBEL J ASHER (ISOBEL BRUCE) nothing to report.

MRS E ATKINS (EUNICE ALLAN) had a baby boy -Sam- on 25-10-95.

MRS CHRISTOBEL BAHZAD (CHRISTOBEL TERRIS) nothing to report.

MRS ADRIAN BANKS (LORNA STEPHEN) nothing to report.

IAIN BEANGE now working at the north of England Protection and Indemnity Association Ltd. Thomas has started at a new school in Gosforth. Katie will start at the same school in September.

MRS ARCHIBALD BEVERIDGE (ELIZABETH GORDON) nothing to report.



CRAIG BEVERIDGE still enjoying army life and working hard!! At the end of 1995 was promoted to Lance Corporal. Have been away skiing for 3 weeks on the German Alps with the army and has just been competing in the army ski races on Cairngorm-winning the individual Championship in the RLC and being a member of the RLC winning team.

GILLIAN BEVERIDGE doing a National Certificate on Social Care and hopefully going on to do an HNC this coming year with a view to following on to study Social Work. Has thoroughly enjoyed placement work at Grant House and Holmhill M.S. Home in Grantown. Inverness nightlife is pretty good!!

MRS M BROCKLEHURST (MARGARET McWILLIAM) celebrated our Golden Wedding in Sept. 1995 - treated the family to a holiday in Tenerife by way of celebration.

MRS D C BUTLER-LEE (EMILY CAMPBELL) nothing to report.

ALASDAIR CALDER a very sad time for us last year with the passing of sister Eileen after a very brave battle against cancer, but happily Eileen was able to celebrate the birth of our son Ross on the 5th August 1995.

ALEXANDER CALDER

D. GILLIES CAMPBELL our daughter Kristina graduated last summer. She is now a teacher in a Nursery school in Edinburgh. Hamish, our son, who is a member of the West Lothian Schools Brass Band (Scottish, British and European Champions) is to travel to Australia this summer where the band will participate in an International Music Festival which is to be held in Sydney Opera House.

VERA M CAMPBELL nothing to report.

MRS RICHARD J CHAPMAN (ELIZABETH M McDONALD) another nice summer for us. Beginning to feel "old(er)"! but keep busy with Riding for the Disabled and Scottish Country dancing. Daughter Janet is a nurses aide in psychiatric ward and son Richard is in final year of BE(electrical) at Canterbury University, Christchurch.

MRS R JOHN CHAPMAN (IRENE EDWARDS) managed to break Grantown's drought when we visited sister and brother-in-law (Amelia and Ernie Oakes) in Aug. 95! We did have a few days of sun but could last the full ten days- history repeats itself- we did the same in 1976!

ALLAN CHISHOLM career change- now Managing Director, Lend lease Projects Ltd.

MRS A CLARK (ALISON RONALDSON) nothing to report.

MAJOR J S CLARK now in permanent residence in Inverness and not missing the world travelling one bit.

MARK M CLARK yet another year past with CSC Crop Protection. Change from present canine family with a new baby addition due in June, oh no!!

MRS THOS COWAN (WILMA IRVINE) not a lot to report this year. Paid two fleeting visits to Grantown last year. Best wishes to Mr and Mrs Smith.

MRS GEORGE A CRAIG (DOROTHY F CALDER) nothing to report.

MRS MURRAY CRICHTON ( LORNA FORBES) nothing to report.

MARGARET K E CRUICKSHANK nothing to report.

IAIN CUMMING

MRS I CUMMING (FIONA LEDINGHAM) nothing to report.

J A CUMMING nothing to report.

MRS DAVID DAVIDSON (ELIZABETH KIRKWOOD) elder son, Peter, graduated BSC in Property Management in Oct. 1995. Now doing requirements for certificate of Professional Competency from Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors. Matthew, hopefully, will graduate in July 1996! more news later!!

GEORGE A DIXON nothing to report.

WILLIAM DOBSON we are now residing in the Home counties, where a drive in the country means once round the local round-a-bout! I am now a student on the RAF Advanced Staff Course - homework comes hard after 18 years. Please pass on my best wishes to Ian Smith.

ANDREW DUFF still Forensic Medicine Technician and still doing voluntary counselling in Aberdeen.



MRS PETER EDMUNDS-JONES (JANET DIXON) 1995/96 was an eventful year as I graduated MSc- at 57 years, rather older than my colleagues! Now I am, upon the amalgamation of Avon College of Health with the University of the West of England, a lecturer in the Faculty of Health and Social Care.

KENNY EDWARDS nothing to report.

MARGARET E EWEN (BETTY ROBERTSON) nothing to report.

MRS A H (MAUREEN MACAULAY) moving to Elgin but not got a house yet. Youngest daughter has been in and out of hospital since mid-Sept. so there has been little time for anything else. Hopefully things are improving at last. Looking forward to going back to Elgin and a bit nearer to Grantown. Kindest regards to Ian and Iris and looking forward to Biennial Dinner in 1997.

MRS T FERGUSON (PAMELA MACDONALD) I was very pleased to read in last years magazine that I had gained the initials MBA after my name. Unfortunately I am not clever enough to get an MBA. My job title however is "DL MBA Administrator" - I administer a distance learning MBA Degree at Heriot-Watt with a student base of 11500 students and rising. The job keeps me quiet and very, very busy. Family growing rapidly. Husband Tom going grey rapidly - teaching two teenagers to drive.

SINE H FERGUSON nothing to report.

MRS I FINDLAY (SHIRLEY MASSON) roped into typing up all this!!

MRS JANE A FORSYTH (NANCY GRAY) had five anecdotes printed in "A Dash O' Doric"- which was first in the top ten for weeks- one took place in Grantown. Taking part on Canadian Television this year - Re women and wisdom called "Kitchen Goddess". Still busy gardening, SNP-ing, raising money for neutering (cats and dogs).

MRS WILLIAM J FRASER (ELSPETH MITCHELL) nothing to report.

JAMES FRASER nothing to report.

SHONA FRASER nursing in Dharan, Saudi Arabia since April 1995 will be home May 1996.

ROBIN U FRASER taking early retirement from Boots Chemist at the end of July 1996 - so looking forward to golf, bowls, gardening etc!!

MRS PATRICK GALLAGHER (AMANDA DUNLOP) the last year has been fairly eventful. Two of our three daughters are at school now so 1995 marked my return to paid employment. Since last January I have a part-time post teaching History/Humanities in Loughborough. We moved house but stayed in the same village. Patrick continues to work for Powergen and I became a Parish Councillor.

JOHN A GILL nothing to report.

MRS DONALD M GORDON (ANN PATON) nothing to report.

MRS DAVID L GORDON (JESSIE W M LAING) nothing to report.

MAIRI GORDON personal secretary - Diabetic Outpatients Dept. - Edinburgh  
Royal Infirmary.

MRS JAMES GRANT (DEBBIE MILNE) secretary/book keeper at Beale & Pyper  
since 1985. Ladies Captain at Grantown Golf Club.

EVELYN GRANT nothing to report.

MRS GEORGE GRANT (JANE STEWART) nothing to report.

JENNIFER GRANT returning to Turkey for a fourth season in travel  
administration after a winter spell in Tenerife.

MRS JOHN GRANT (MARY ELIZABETH TEMPLETON) nothing to report.

FIONA M GRANT still working in Eye Pavilion Edinburgh.

SHELAGH M GRANT still enjoying life to the full with British Midland.

J STEWART GRANT just completed 20 years at Aviemore Photographic and we  
have now moved into the computer era, enjoying the challenge of  
electronic data immensley.

MRS GORDON GREENLEES (SALLY GRANT) nothing to report.

MRS VINCENT GREENWOOD (MARY WINCHESTER) nothing to report.



DONALD GUNN I look forward to receiving the School Magazine every year. I would like to add my thanks and appreciation to Ian Smith for his untiring and splendid work over the years in ensuring the continuance of this tradition.

MRS G HAMILTON (EVELYN MACKINTOSH) daughter Margaret married Oct. '93 now Mrs Simpson.

HARRY HARRIS no changes in career; just going into my 7th year as manager of the Alonsa Conservation District. Mother Dorothy died unexpectedly last August. Father Harry is planning a seven week visit to Manitoba in May/June and is looking forward to seeing his grandchildren, Geoffrey (15), Sara (10) and Andrew(8).

MRS DENNIS HARRISON (GRACE GORDON) since leaving school in 1944 I have spent more than 50 years teaching in Scotland, Sudan, Sierra Leone, Nigeria & England. Now I am happily retired with my husband, 3 children & 8 grandchildren and have very pleasant memories of my days in Grantown Grammar School.

GILLIAN HENDERSON I continue to work part time as a physio, back at university part time as well. Katie now 7 and Hamish 4. Husband Richard continues to travel overseas frequently as an ecologist.

PETER HENDERSON Kirsty is a great draw card for visitors. Last April my parents stayed with us and are coming back for April 96. In July my sister Fiona brought her two children out for four weeks which was great. At Christmas we returned to Perth W.A. to visit my sister Gillian and family.

Mrs M Higgins (Pam MacPherson) would like to express appreciation of Mr & Mrs Smith's unstinting efforts over the last 22 years in keeping the GGS Magazine alive. The annual arrival of the information slip (with handwritten 'Best Wishes' always in the corner) heralded the arrival of the magazine. As all Grantown exiles will recognise, this is an important link with home. Peter MacPherson and family left our home at Struan, Grant Road, 40 years ago, and in the manner of many Scots, are now scattered far afield - in our case, in Scotland, England, Spain and Canada. To be able to follow the fortunes of former school-mates through the pages of the magazine is a feature unique to GGS, and much envied by others domiciled far from home! How we have enjoyed reading everybody's contributions to the former pupils section, with the editors warm and witty accompanying comments! What disappointment we felt last year at the possibility of the magazines demise! To Mr & Mrs Smith we would like to express our thanks, with very best wishes for a long and happy retirement. To the new editor, all good wishes and gratitude for taking over the task. We wish you a long and successful tenure - and look forward with anticipation, as always, to the annual arrival of the magazine.

MRS I M HEPBURN (RITA MACKAY) nothing to report.

MRS MALCOLM HIGGINS (PAM MACPHERSON) no family news to report this year.

JOHN S HOLMES has enclosed two pages of reminiscences.

ANDREW HOWLETT nothing to report.

MRS JOHN HUNTER (FIONA HENDERSON) visited Australia last summer to see my sister Gillian and brother Peter - both are well and seem very settled. Despite the cold I am not tempted to emigrate!

D M MARR ILLINGWORTH nothing to report.

EDWARD ILLINGWORTH nothing to report.

GEORGE G ILLINGWORTH nothing to report.

JOHN IRVING nothing to report.

GORDON JACK nothing to report.

MRS MARY JACK (MARY McWILLIAM) nothing to report.

RODENA J KELMAN still in the same job, still in the same flat, still waiting to win the lottery!!

GRACE KIRK as the years move on, this is such a good way of keeping in touch and looking over ones shoulder.



John S Holmes kindly sent us two pages of reminiscences which he wrote on  
24/10/95

On the Sat. 21st October, 1995 my wife and I attended a 50th anniversary  
for teachers who had been at Teachers College at Sydney University during  
1944 & 1945.

In my case, being just a husband, I had had reservations about attending,  
because although there are only three years between us, I had joined the  
Royal Navy in January 1940 as a Boy Seaman, and particularly as during  
1944 & 1945 I was in the Submarine Service fighting for my very  
existence.

On the Saturday, I went dressed discreetly minus any ex-service badges,  
ties etc., only wearing my name tag as everyone else there did. After a  
brief period my wife went off to renew old acquaintances which left me  
time to stroll about the corridors, Chemistry and Particle Physics taking  
my interest. Interests developed during and since my service career.  
The very fact of the day evoking so many memories of that time for so  
many people, certainly evoked mine with a vengeance, and strolling along,  
was aware of glances in my direction, no doubt wondering why I seemed  
reluctant to mix. The truth was, there seemed to be so much between  
us...

March '44, while lying on my back in the Fore-ends trying to relax during  
a depth-charge attack when the pressure hull above me was blown in  
several inches and then jumped back out again. Apparently only myself  
because of my position saw this. N.B. After the war on another boat of  
the same class, I spotted two hairline cracks about three inches long  
near the torpedo hatch from where the pressure hulls thickness could be  
measured. The thickness measured with a ruler was not less than five  
eighths of an inch thick steel, and maybe more. Those cracks were duly  
reported. Nothing was said to me. (Ratings Don't Have Souls) however some  
time after, there were two of the most beautiful overhead welds covering

the cracks.

The above attack, on my first patrol, lasted six hours, and by the time it was over, dawn had broken so we could not surface until night-time with our partially charged batteries and the oxygen starved air. A match could not remain lit at the end of a normal day down below. Coupled with that, the enemy knew that we could not have gone far at one and a half knots.

The patrol had started with us seeing the S/M Tally-Ho tie up ahead of us with a huge list and very severe damage after being rammed by a Japanese anti submarine vessel. Less than an hour later we were at sea. (After her repairs some three months later I was to join Tally-Ho.) A patrol of countless crash-dives followed, one for a UFO sighted initially by me, we returned to Trincomalee, Ceylon, to hear that the S/M Stonehenge was overdue and presumed lost, and with her a new found friend of mine from Spare Crew. Yesterday, on referring to a book at home, it lists her as missing nine days after the attack on us and in an area very close to the one we were in at the time.

There were many many memories, including our gun-action with a submarine chaser and an aircraft in which our Gunnery Officer was mortally wounded. His dying groans could clearly be heard hours later from the Captains cabin by those of us in the control room.

The gun action had started because we had surfaced to attack a Coaster escorted by a Chaser, however an aircraft appeared, so we crash-dived and were subsequently depth charged. Being still in the vicinity of the Gun Tower we could see and hear the goings-on in the control room. George on the Asdic, "A/S Impulses Sir". Immediately from the Captain after rising to periscope depth and a quick look round, "Stand by Gun-Action Quietly". Following this there was a clanging and banging. From the Asdic, "Chaser coming in fast Sir". "Surface" from the Captain. Immediately we engaged the Chaser and also the Aircraft which now strafed us, mortally wounding

the Lieutenant and also wounding one of the Gun's Crew. A lull while he came down and I went up top. Meanwhile Layer and Trainer got on the target so that with the next round the Chaser was hit and blew up. It was then crash-dived again followed by a bang and a trickle of water from the upper lid of the Gun-Tower.

The memory of May Day 1942 whilst in the Arctic on a Battleship when in heavy fog we collided with and sank the Tribal Class destroyer "Punjabi". Her depth charges set at "shallow" went off underneath us. This event indirectly was the cause of my going into submarines several months later. Two hundred boys aged fifteen to eighteen lived in the bows of the ship. Our bathrooms thin bulkhead had to be shored-up and because of the u-boats etc. we were doing twenty two and a half knots on that bulkhead which was bulging. Consequently the boys only access to the rest of the ship was shut, leaving open only a very small man-hole. Apart from stops at Iceland and Scapa, we lived under those conditions until reaching Liverpool many days later.

The tall Petty Officer on the KGV who so calmed everyone, "Don't Panic!" when everyone was rushing for the ladder to the upper deck, not knowing, and before " Collision Stations" came over the speakers.

Memories of the Bismarck Chase, the Hood, being possibly the last to leave her motor cutter before she sailed. Memories of my near draft to the S/M Porpoise more than three years later... She never returned.

The second night after the teachers reunion I could not sleep, the memories encroaching. Where had I been in 1944/45? was I a teacher? they could not cope with even the Time-Frame. What could one say? Because of these things I feel moved to write, but then to whom shall this be addressed? and who will take the trouble to read it? and after all my war was so much easier than that of so many others.

Fifty years on... How does one fit in any more?... How can one wear the Dolphins, the badges in such a strange environment ??? One still has to



live, compete, until one day it becomes too much.

We do of course live on. That much I do know, while so many millions of brainier folk falter, doubt or just don't believe.

OH LORD GOD, WHO ALONE SPREADST OUT THE HEAVENS, AND RULEST THE RAGING OF THE SEAS, BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE INTO THY ALMIGHTY AND MOST GRACIOUS PROTECTION THE PERSONS OF US THY SERVANTS AND THE FLEET IN WHICH WE SERVED.

MRS J M LAING (KATHERINE TEMPLETON) I am still working as a community midwifery sister at the Eastern General Hospital, Edinburgh.

MRS A LAING (SHIRLEY ROBB) married 23.4.94 to Andrew Laing. Still working for Abtrust Fund Managers - now an Assistant Fund Manager (Private Clients). Living in the Banchory area.

IAIN LAING

MRS I LAING (WENDY MACBEATH) birth of our daughter Kirsty Iona on 11.7.95.

WILLIAM LEDINGHAM nothing to report.

ARCHIE M S LIGGAT left the Royal Air Force after 17 years service and joined Air 2000 Ltd as a First Officer flying the Airbus A320 out of Glasgow Airport. Mainly Mediterranean destinations. Joined a growing group of ex-RAF (Leuchars) pilots who now fly airliners and live in St Andrews.

MRS JOHN LILLEY (JANE MACAULY) nothing to report.

DOUGLAS LOW working as Research Assistant, University of Cambridge.

KAREN LOW no exciting news this year. I was home in June 95 for 14 days and had fantastic weather and also in Dec. for 2 weeks. Will be going to Alaska in June 96 until Sept. with a visit home beforehand, and then back to Grindelwald.

MRS K J LUGG (JEAN BURGESS) living a quiet life. Friends have to come to me now. Visited by friends from South Africa last year. This year expect visitors from USA and New Zealand.

SIMON MACAULAY major current involvement is with EIS on underfunding of education.

MRS W McCLELLAND (ELIZABETH M LAWRENCE) nothing to report.

JOHN A (SANDY) McCOOK nothing to report.

MRS WILLIAM T McCURDY (ALICE KING) nothing exciting to report unless one can count surviving the coldest, snowiest and longest winter in living memory. However I was pleasantly entertained by reading "Discovering Speyside" and "A Naturalist on Speyside" two nostalgic forays into the past - sent on to me by Jean Lugg - another exiled FP.

EVAN MACDONALD last year received BSc in Mathematics and Physics from the University of Warwick 1st class. Presently studying part 111 of the Mathematics Tripos at Cambridge University.

JAMES MACDONALD greatly enjoyed the 1995 Biennial Dinner and after a lapse of 50 years to meet old classmates.

RHONA MACDONALD travelled Australia for 6 months after leaving school in June 95. Now commenced a career in nursing with the Argyll and Clyde College of Nursing.

MRS ALISTAIR A MCDONALD (SUSAN F LOW) birth of son Callum on 20th June 1995 - delight of his sister Kirsty.

GORDON MACGREGOR daughter Lynn recently appointed to Head of Dept. of Home Economics - Blairgowrie High School. Retired from Rectorship of Alyth High School Aug. 95. Now seeing 4 grandchildren and schooling from the other side of the fence!

DOUGLAS McINNES sad to say, my mother passed away last May - just over a year after my father died.

REV JOHN McINNES I am on pastoral placement here in Leslie until 7th April, returning to Scotus College to complete a BD degree on 21st April & looking forward to ordination to priesthood on Wednesday 26th June 1996, in St Mary's Cathedral Edinburgh...almost 30 years since leaving old GGS!!!

ANGUS McINTOSH nothing to report.

MRS H D McINTOSH (IRIS FORBES) prior to leaving for our holiday in Canada last summer my husband had to deliver a prescription to one of our neighbours who is a cousin of the late Mrs George Donaldson. The neighbour reminded us that Kamloops which we would be visiting was where Keith Donaldson lived. I rummaged among my old magazines found Keiths address and naturally was hopeful we might look him up. I had not bargained on Kamloops being so "big". We did not track Keith down and I have felt quite disappointed we did not make a greater effort but maybe next time!



DONALD B McINTYRE my work in computing language took me to San Antonio, Texas and Toronto where I gave workshops at international meetings. As chairman of Perth Civic Trust I have what seems like a full time job. I have re-organised the Trust and provided a new constitution. Several main issues needed to be tackled. I still lecture at St Andrews from time to time, and I play the pipes just about every day!

RANALD C McINTYRE still investigating vehicle accidents and part time helping out with computers at internet and BBs Provider. I see less of my brother Donald who has retired to Kinfauns than I did when he was in the USA!

MRS BETTY McIVER (ELIZABETH MACBEATH) little to report this year. Brother Donnies wife died in January and although he is not too good at present, hopefully he will make a good recovery. Sister Isabel recovered well after an alarming health incident in Autumn and is her old hyper active self again, her family are well and thriving. I had two short and one prolonged break abroad last year (isn't retirement wonderful?) and if health and finances allow, further afield this year!

DR A S MACKENZIE continue to be actively involved with Aberdeen University - President of Alumnus Association - much involved during the Quincentenary celebrations of the University.

JAMES S MACKENZIE nothing to report.

MRS MATTHEW MACKENZIE (JESSIE M CAMPBELL) nothing to report.

GRAHAM MACKENZIE still at the Registers of Scotland.

JOHN T MACKENZIE now working in Aberdeen at Bell Ingram, Chartered Surveyors.

STUART MACKENZIE spent last 1½ years travelling and working in Australia & South-East Asia. Now back home.

MRS EDITH MACKINTOSH nothing to report.

SHEILA McLAREN (SHEILA MACDOUGALL) nothing to report.

ANGUS McLEAN nothing to report.

MRS HELEN MACLEAN (HELEN CALDER) nothing to report.

ISOBEL MACLEAN nothing to report.

P McLEAN

ALISTAIR McLEOD son Norman Arts Editor "Melody Maker" in London. Colin is a musician in Manchester/London.

MRS DONALD A McLEOD (ELIZABETH R MACGREGOR) nothing to report.

DR RAYMOND McMURRAY 2nd child due on May 18th '96.

IAN MACPHERSON nothing to report.

IAN J MACPHERSON freelance writer and artist. Trepidation at the prospect of becoming a Grandfather!

JAMES MACPHERSON nothing to report.

PETER S MACPHERSON my daughter Patricia - now in Chesterfield- and I were recently talking about the school magazine regretting the fact that Mr Smith was giving up after all his splendid work for so many years and we were hoping that someone would come forward to keep the magazine going. It has been a unique effort as no other school has produced anything like it and the record of all the former pupils has been magnificent. I had my stint of the work when I was Secretary of the Old Guard when I came back from the Scots Guards in 1945. John Laing preceded me and sadly was killed in action in 1940. Like many other activities-Secretary of the Strathspey and Reel Society, committee member of the British Legion, piper in the Clan Grant Band-I had to leave them all behind when I had to leave Grantown where I had been manager of D. Strachan Grocers and Wine Merchants. I am still an elder of the Church of Scotland having served for fifty years, as did my grandfather, who had attended Inverallan Church since before the present one was built. My father had been organist and Sunday school Superintendant in the Ness Bank Church in Inverness, so between us we have done our bit. My elder son is Scottish Manager with Hamiltons ltd. Pharmaceutical Wholesalers in Glasgow and my younger son was Manager of the Grampian Social Work department in Aberdeen before becoming a Psychotherapist with his own office in Aberdeen.

ALAN McTAGGART nothing to report.

MICHAEL H McTAGGART now retired but still finding plenty to do, ranging from magistoriol duties to photography, skiing and island exploration.

NEIL McTAGGART grandson, Cameron Boston Smith born on 2nd July 1995 to daughter Elspeth & Rev. Stuart J Smith of Partick Trinity Manse, Glasgow. Balfour & Manson have resumed former brief name having fully absorbed Nightingale & Bell ("tweet, tweet, ding dong"!)

ELIZABETH MAIN (ELIZABETH MCGILLIVRAY) I finish this year as a Grantown District Councillor after 12 plus years - a job I enjoyed and felt very privileged to do. Still working in the family business of Beale & Pyper. Having five grandchildren helps to keep me alert!

LYNN MARSHALL nothing to report.

BILL MITCHELL still involved in golf tuition, golf course design and consultancy. Latest creation is a 9-hole course at Craggan which is soon to be extended to 18 holes.

JUDY MITCHELL (JUDY STUART) I have thoroughly enjoyed opening the flood of mail from F.P.s and O.G.s and would like to thank all those who included a personal letter. N.B. I am not the new secretary/editor but part of a large team!

MRS CRAIG MITCHELL (DENISE GRANT) still a police officer in Tayside Police. Married a policeman in October 1995 and then moved to our new house in Arbroath.

MRS JAN D MITCHELL (JAN TEMPLETON) nothing to report.



MICHAEL J MOIR both children Nicky 16 and Stewart 14 in Fettes College in Edinburgh. Still a Director of Swire Properties Limited, property developer. With 1997 almost upon us it is still "business as usual" in Hong Kong.

SHAW MORTIMER had a very busy year business-wise with projects in Argyll, Wester Ross, North and South Wales and recently Sherwood Forest. And of course visits to the grandchildren in Newmachar and Middlesbrough.

ANNE MUNRO last year I joined the National Museums of Scotland as Resource Planning Manager for the Museum of Scotland (which is due to open on St Andrews day 1998) - it is an extremely exciting project to be involved in and I am finding it very challenging.

JEANNETTE I MUNRO nil of interest! sorry! (old age making itself felt!)  
With best wishes\* to the new team.

MRS BRIAN M MURRAY (ANN STEWART) very best wishes to Mr Smith on his latest retiral! New job since August 95 as Nursery teacher in Townhill Nursery, Dunfermline - hard work but less stress!! Losing sight of my independence (ie. my car) with Stewart now driving and Eilidh about to learn!!

MRS DOROTHY MUSTARD nothing to report.

ELIZABETH D MUTCH almost 85yrs old, and still going strong! The lower extremities are not what they were, but I'm fine from the waist upwards. Spend much time solving cryptic x-words, playing Bridge and Scrabble and compiling quizzes. Have now successfully dug up (not literally!) one line of ancestors back to 1689.

MRS K NEWBOULD (RACHEL SMITH) catering business at RAF N. Luffenham Golf Club still going well. Apologies for delay - typical of me these days always doing things at the last minute!

MRS E OAKES (AMELIA EDWARDS)

MR E OAKES nothing to report.

MRS JOHN O'CONNOR (DOROTHY M CAMERON) I am still very much involved with the Royal Canadian Legion - I am now in my tenth year as Chaplain of the United States Branch in Seattle and last year I was awarded a Certificate of Merit - "in recognition of dedicated service to the Branch".

MRS P OLLASON (MARGARET GRANT) glad to hear that the magazine is going to survive despite the retiral of Mr Ian Smith who has done a magnificent job for so long.

MRS B V ORFORD (ISOBEL CALDER) nothing to report.

JEAN PATERSON nothing to report.

MRS J PATERSON (MARGERIE MACAULAY) enjoying the busy life of a ministers wife. Still finding time to do the odd bit of supply teaching when required.

RONALD PHILIP I enjoyed the Open Golf Championship at St Andrews with brothers Raymond and Bob and Angus McIntosh, the summer was a real scorcher for a change.

TIMOTHY POTT currently supply teacher in Grampian and Highland Regions after qualifying as History & Modern Studies teacher from Jordanhill.

MRS S RITCHIE (DAPHNE DUNCAN) my job on the magazine committee is keeping the database of members up-to-date. Apologies for any errors! If there are any corrections, please let me know.

DAVID RITCHIE nothing to report.

IAN RITCHIE nothing to report.

MRS MYLES J RITSON (WILIAMINA KEITH) our sincere thanks to Mr Smith for all the years he has kept the magazine going. For some of us around the world it may be the only contact with "home" and our younger days. May Mr and Mrs Smith enjoy to the full many more years of retirement. 1995 was kind to us, healthwise, allowing us to still enjoy golfing. We wonder where all the years have gone as our youngest grandchild graduates this year.

MRS MARY ROBERTSON (MARY HASTILOW) nothing to report.

MRS J ROBERTSON (DAVIS THOMSON) as a peripatetic teacher, supporting bilingual pupils in the present Dunbarton Division of Strathclyde, the single word causing gloom and doom is DISAGGREGATION!! I wonder what the late Mr Donaldson would have had to say about this word!! Like many of the other FP's I'm rapidly approaching my half century - commiserations to all the others!! My husband and I are paying a visit to Wilma Watt (also an FP) in July - South Africa.

SUSAN J ROBINSON nothing to report.

JESSIE D RONALDSON nothing to report.

MICHAEL G RONALDSON nothing to report.

ALEXANDER ROSS no change - still in the same company etc.

DAVID ROSS nothing to report.

MRS R ROSS (MARGARET DAVIDSON) nothing to report.

MARGARET A ROSS 1995 - a good year- a joy to meet with some classmates of the '45 leavers at F.P. Dinner and making contact with others unable to attend. Holidayed in Nova Scotia & Newfoundland & was reminded of foresters who came from the latter to work in Strathspey in WW2. I now have a small book on history of their unit in UK.

VICTOR J ROSS hoping to visit daughter Carole in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada during summer.

WALTER ROSS nothing to report.

MRS G G SELMAN (ELSIE KIRK) thank you once again for the warm welcome we always receive when we come to the Biennial Dinner. Greetings to everyone at our table. Hope you received a copy of the photo we tried to circulate - very distinguished we thought!

MRS C H C SHAW (CONNIE GORDON) I enjoyed my short stay in Grantown at the time of the Biennial Dinner. It was lovely meeting my old school pals again and it brought back so many happy memories of my childhood days with my brother Alistair at Stonefield Cottage. I also enjoyed the "Strathie" of that week showing the senior girls of my class. I send best wishes to all FPs.



MRS R SHOESMITH (ELIZABETH STUART) moving towards 9 to 9 job! Only one night on call a week now in GP. New career in Occupational Health. Diploma in Occupational Medicine Nov 95. Looking forward to holiday in Costa Rica with Rita perhaps visiting via Ann in Canada. Deferred from April because neice wedding for Rita in Macau China.

MRS I SMITH (EDNA WEST)

MR I SMITH nothing to report.

MRS IAN SMITH (JANETTE MACDONALD) Calum started school last September, so is no longer my little baby. Both Stewart and Jenna are at senior school and have settled in well and appear to be enjoying life. Stewart is well in to rugby - look out Rob Wainwright! Jenna loves playing clarinet and is making good progress. I've just been promoted to Assistant Head of Year which involves looking after the welfare of the 300 odd pupils we have in that year, all aged 13-14. Fortunately there are two others who are involved in the work. I'm looking forward particularly to Easter this year as I'm going to Austria on a ski trip with 50 pupils and four other teachers. Mum's settled in well to her new house and seems to be enjoying life to the full also.

IAIN SMITH

MRS IAIN SMITH (JOAN FRASER) we have been trying, in vain, to think of something exciting or witty to say!!

SHEILA M G SMITH nothing to report.

MRS PETER G SPALDING (ISOBEL M GUNN) best wishes to Mr Ian Smith on his  
retiral as editor, secretary, treasurer etc. of the clubs. He did a fine  
job over the years, and we thank him for helping us all keep in touch. I  
was deeply saddened by the death, in August, of my very dear friend  
Sheila Archibald. A friend since school days, she will be greatly missed  
by many, and a deep loss to her family.

MRS FRANK SQUIRES (ISA MOYES) grandson Michael Gould graduated from York  
University, Toronto as Bridge Engineer with Highest Honours - since then  
has been sent to Japan, Korea, Germany, Rio de Janero and S. A. Life goes  
on much the same for me in Laval. In my 95th year often recalling  
Grammar school days. Inow reside in a small private nursing home owing to  
a near fatal car accident some years ago in which all major bones were  
broken. At present am writing my autobiography since 1901 (some job)! I  
hear from many FPs, pleased to hear of our museum in Burnfield House.

HELEN M STEPHEN nothing to report

LAURA STEVENS doing an HND in Adult Nursing at Raigmore Hospital College,  
Inverness to become an RGN.

MRS MORTON STEVENS (META KING) nothing to report.

MRS R M STOREY (BARBARA SMITH) this is the first time since leaving  
school that I have had to officially fill in one of these forms -  
normally I just cajoled the previous editor into writing something  
appropriate - I can see I will have to put on my own thinking cap in  
future! My main news this year is that we have a new Border Collie, who  
is a real handful. This puppy makes Catrionas "terrible twos" period  
look positively idyllic.

LACHLAN STUART nothing to report.

NEIL STUART working at a hectic pace on "Higher Still". Looking forward to growing up in August (50) and then taking it easy for the remainder of my career. Best wishes to all the BULGE BABIES! (does that mean everyone?)

MRS J STUART (MARION N G PATERSON) nothing to report.

THOMAS B STUART still working part-time but hope to finish work completely in the spring. No news of any great interest.

ALISTAIR SURTEES things are gradually taking shape after an awful three months of ill health, I am now on the mend but still a bit "fragile". I am busy organising a celebration for June for my family and friends. We do not get together too often nowadays so I thought my 70th birthday would be a good opportunity for a re-union.

MRS G SUTHERLAND (ELSPIT McINTOSH) didn't receive 1995 mag. so didn't know Mr Smith had retired. My best wishes to him and my total admiration for a job well done! Have become a granny again - Peter was born to daughter Mhairi in Sept 95 and just this week son Colin announced an expected arrival this year. We are delighted - we just love being grandparents. We have not been to Nethy Bridge since last July - mainly because of the house move and Gordons commitment as Rotary President. We hope to get up to Garlyne for a spell at Easter.

MRS C SUTTON (KAY MACKAY) nothing to report.

MRS JOHN B TAYLOR (MARJORY CATTANACH) last year our youngest son got married and we had quite a few Scottish relatives here for the wedding. We decided we didn't need to go home as so many friends from Scotland came here!

WILLIAM TEMPLETON

MRS W TEMPLETON (RITA MARSHALL) always enjoying retirement at Nethy Bridge. Family expanding - now grandparents to three - Mairi, Ross and Kirsty.

MAREE THOMPSON doing an Honours Degree in Marketing Management at Napier University.

JAMES THOMSON company secretary/controller. Barb and I now in Crystal Palace Ballroom Formation Team.

MRS V THOMSON (VERA MORTIMER) sadly my sister Marion died very suddenly on January 26th this year.

MRS W VICKERMAN (SEONAIID GRANT) nothing new to report this year, just working hard.

JANE WALLACE working still for Scotsman Publications Ltd in branch office in Glasgow - 7 years now - selling advertising space - still enjoying it after all this time.

MRS R WALMSLEY (ELLA SLATER) nothing to report.



JAY WARD still with Premier Beverages. I am now National Account Manager for major hotel groups in UK. Having resisted computer training for years, I now find I need computer literacy. Ancient Chinese would be easier for old timers! Children doing well - Elaine now a Pharmacist in Grimsby. Mark and Carol looking good for Honours in Accountancy at Stirling.

MRS M WEBB (MARGARET J TEMPLETON) nothing to report.

MRS ROY WESTON (SHEINA M DONALDSON) pleased to know that the magazine is going to continue. It is a huge job to tackle and we, who live outside Grantown have to depend on the hard work of those still living locally. Roy and I are enjoying retirement, we play quite a lot of Bridge and spend quite a lot of time keeping in touch and visiting friends and relatives. Met Marion Stuart on return journey from a holiday in Orkney!

MRS NICHOLAS WHITE (MARJORY MACKINTOSH) looking forward to my son's wedding in 1997.

MRS JOHN WILSON (AUDREY MURRAY) nothing to report.

H JOHN WRIGHT

MRS H J WRIGHT (SHONA CALDER) enjoying retirement. Have a new grandson Alexander James, born to son Iain's wife Heather on Valentines day 1996. Just celebrated our 45th wedding anniversary. Had a visit recently from Marion Stuart - spent all day talking over old times!

And finally, the following FP's returned their information slips after the deadline in March, but we have had time to squeeze them in after all!

Mrs J E Allan (Evelyne Geddes) from Kirkcaldy

Mrs Shona Anderson (Shona MacDougall) from Learnie, Cromarty who informs us that she is just back from Australia where they now have three grandchildren (making a total of five). Australia is a lovely country she says and some of the *older* Grantonians may be interested to hear that she spent an enjoyable weekend in Sydney with her cousin John Holmes (ex Craggan House) who is now retired. He has fond memories of Grantown and district.

Fiona Donn from Inverness who had lost last year's information slip and was most disappointed to have missed out on Ian Smith's last magazine as Editor. However, Judy Mitchell came to the rescue and sent on a spare copy.

Jessie E Fraser and Lewis Grant in Grantown and Martin and Chrissie Grant in Dulnain Bridge

Neil Paterson who has taken over the family business of L Paterson & Son, which was originally run by his father, the late 'Jock' Paterson.

Mrs Mona Rae (Mona Grant) informs us that life is plodding along. Heather is home from the US and staying with Granny. Mona is working flat out at the college doing more hours than she would have been doing on a full contract. Fiona and Peter are well, Peter - her baby - is now 20. Mona herself was 50 this year and would love to see her class mates again and find out what they are all doing now.

Mrs Patricia H Ross (Patricia MacDonald) from Ontario has reserved the first dinner ticket for March!

John Stuart (Grantown) wishes Ian and Iris all the best and agrees that they deserve something for all their hard work over the years.

Gordon Templeton in Aberdeen

Hugh R Tulloch from Orillia, Ontario writes that 'Computer Mania' has struck there too and wonders how so much got done in the days before retirement. He met with his sisters Mary and Christine in Tenerife in February.

Mrs Sherie Walker (Sherie Sutton) informs us that she started a job with a holiday firm organising walking holidays - mostly a desk job, but she has enjoyed trips to France, Italy, Ireland and all over the UK setting up holidays. She gained her GCSE in Spanish last year. Lucy, her second oldest daughter is in the States for a year attending school. Tricia, her eldest, sits A Levels this year. She hopes to study medicine, but is going to Malaysia with Raleigh International for a year off. James (15) captains the school rugby team and Alice her youngest is 13. Four teenagers and the grey hairs are showing!

Mrs Ada R Wilson (Ada Imray) is still teaching in Poland and enjoying the experience. She visited Mary Tulloch in Spain last September and caught up with all her news.

Mrs Elizabeth Young (Liz Wallace) is still working as a practice nurse in Colinton, married to Stuart, a company accountant. No family, so she spends her spare time decorating their house, having holidays, playing golf badly and socialising.

PS

Thanks to Ian Smith for the Obituary and to Rona Milne in the school for all the photocopying. There seems to be more pages but less news this year. However, that problem will be tackled before next year. In the meantime, please send in your information slips for 1997 and they will be passed on to a new Editor as soon as a volunteer comes forward.