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GRANGE LOAN

Your chance to hear about plans for continued development the Club and to vote in the election of office bearers, including the successor to Kerry Simpson as President.



SIOBHAN RIDES THE ROLLERCOASTER - SUPPORTING SCOTLAND AT THE U19 WORLD CUP

As a parent, there are many moments when pride in your kids fills you to the brim, and watching Gabriella represent Scotland in the u19 Cricket World Cup in Malaysia was all of those moments times 10.

Following a training camp for the players in Dubai, the tournament started on 18th January. The Fontenlas were lucky enough to escape the January weather and fly out to watch the warm up and group stage matches, along with a large number of fellow tartan army supporters who had also made the long trip.

The warm up matches against India and Nigeria were exciting to watch and served as a tough introduction to playing in the Malaysian heat and humidity. Both games provided the players with a base to build on and they were all delighted to be instructed towards the ice baths at the end of each game.

The group stage was a rollercoaster of emotions for everyone involved. The first match against Australia saw the girls fighting hard against a powerful side, but Australia proved too strong on the day. Unfortunately Gabriella had a chest infection so missed the game but the emotional rollercoaster was only slightly reduced.

Next came Nepal, and what a game that was! Carlton's own Maisie Maceira delivered a stunning five-wicket haul before the final batters* stepped up and put in an outstanding performance to win the game! As the final run was scored, the team erupted with joy, and so did we in the stands. The parents celebrated with hugs, cheers, and tears and shared a moment of triumph that we'll all treasure.

**Siobhan is too modest to mention that Gabriella was part of the crucial final wicket partnership, which raised the fans' blood pressure to the roof.*



Maisie on her way to 5-15 v Nepal

[Watch Maisie's 5-fer on this link.](#)

Gabiella on strike and celebrating her partnership with Kirsty McColl

[Watch the winning runs and the celebrations.](#)

The final group stage match against Bangladesh was another tough battle under the scorching sun (a mere 41°C that day!). Gabriella got the perfect start with a wicket in her first over and the team gave it their all throughout the match, fighting until the last ball, losing by only 18 runs.

Qualifying for the Super Sixes felt like a huge achievement, not just for the team, but for Scottish cricket. The support from home was phenomenal, with Carlton family and the wider Scottish cricket community cheering the team on from afar. Unfortunately, it was time for us to return to the UK and join the other supporters viewing on Sky Sports.

The Super Sixes brought new challenges. The match against Sri Lanka was unfortunately washed out by rain, leaving everyone disappointed but still eager to prove themselves.

Then came India, the reigning champions. Facing a team of that calibre is no small challenge, but the girls showed remarkable resilience. Though India claimed an outstanding victory, the team left the field with their heads held high, having faced one of the best sides in the world with courage and heart and gaining a glimpse of what world class cricket is all about - India's opening batter Trisha Gongadi scored 110* and showed why Mumbai Indians IPL franchise were willing to splash out \$185k to secure her.

Reflecting on the tournament, it wasn't just about the cricket. The girls have had the most amazing time and shared experiences that has brought them closer together as a team and that given them memories that they will cherish forever. They have made friends with girls from other countries (swapped snaps - whatever that means) and joined the India team in signing some autographs. The blistering heat, the rain interruptions, the support from the local cricket fans and the intensity of the matches all became part of their stories that they will tell for years to come.



The Scotland team help out at a local Cricket 4 Good Camp in Kuala Lumpur

Watching my daughter and her teammates represent Scotland on a global stage was a privilege. This World Cup wasn't just about wins and losses; it was about showing the world what Scottish cricket can achieve. And as a parent, I couldn't be prouder of Gabriella but also this incredible team, including Carlton's Maisie, and the bright future they're building for girls cricket.

The next u19 Women's World Cup is in Nepal in 2027 and I'll be keeping my fingers crossed that we can qualify and that we can support again from the side of the pitch (blood pressure allowing).



Gabriella makes an early breakthrough against Bangladesh



[Watch on this link as a local pipe band welcomes Scotland to the Tournament](#)





Kerry Simpson

At the recent awards night, Richard Allardice paid tribute to Kerry as she stands down from the Presidency of Carlton.

As some of you may know, Kerry told the committee last year that this year was going to be her last as president. So I'd just like to say a few words on behalf of the committee and the wider club.

Kerry has been around the club for about 20 years (since Tom, Harry and Grace started and a bit before David was encouraged out of his playing retirement). Kerry was almost immediately spotted by John Boyd as a "club" person and was quickly active on the junior committee and then took on junior convenor role which she did well past her children being juniors.

And then came the call to the big leagues – President, I was lucky enough to be on the "ticket" as VP. We repurposed some old Melbourne Cricket Ground caps for her own slogan ("Make Carlton Great"). That was in 2019, and shortly afterwards Carlton (and most other parts of the world) were faced with an existential crisis of COVID 19 – what to do in a summer without cricket? Open a Beer garden at Grange Loan was Kerry's answer, she worked tirelessly to get the beer garden set up, comply with COVID regulations as they changed or were re-interpreted on what seemed like a daily basis, keeping neighbours happy, she was regularly interviewed by the police – I'm glad to say that no charges are pending. The effort was worth it - a great success which helped keep the club ticking over, allowed people to keep in touch (helping them maintain their sanity if not sobriety through lockdown).

On the cricket front during Kerry's term we had couple of real highs, Scottish T20 cup win v Forfs in the final in Arbroath – which qualified us for the Malaga European adventure, and the Under 15s being first Scottish team to win at Lord's since Freuchie back in the depths of time. Women's cricket continues to flourish.

Kerry is the classic example of someone who rolls her sleeves up and gets on with it, some of it is visible:

- behind the bar,
- in the kitchen doing teas or catering other events (like tonight)
- watching the cricket.,
- and, when absolutely pressed into it, making a speech.

Some of what she does is less visible:

- dealing with cricket Scotland,
- chasing relentlessly to get cricket into state schools so that the opportunity to play cricket is as broad as possible, not just looking for future Carlton players but just getting more kids to play cricket,
- maintaining the licence – any number of hoops to jump through,
- encouraging others to participate – in cricket or as volunteers,
- she has been doing our cricket teas with a dwindling band for a long time,
- coordinating the small number of staff that we employ, (which includes some family members - but they are the easy ones),
- and always looking for ways to raise profile (and funds) for the club.

As a committee one of the most common things we hear is, "I'll do that tomorrow, after I've done that other thing, and just before I do the next thing". I think the only thing she hadn't done here is play cricket – but there's time for that.

Kerry, I know that you will be retaining some involvement around here and I am sure our next president will be seeking your counsel at points in the future. But for now, on behalf of the committee and the club membership, thank you for all you have done over the last 20 or so years and please accept these small tokens of our appreciation and gratitude.



ENJOYING LIFE DOWN UNDER 1 RU MAIN



Sunny greetings from Melbourne. It being my first summer down under, I can truly say I'm loving life!

I am playing cricket for Port Melbourne Cricket Club in the Sub district league, for whom Lewis O'Donnell played last season. The season so far has been a mixed bag of two day cricket alongside one day matches. Port are sitting solidly in Sixth place with an eye on qualifying for finals in March.

The cricket itself has been highly competitive and a lot of hard yakka. The community and club spirit of somewhere like port does remind me of Carlton and cricket at home.

Ben arrived and we took on the Boxing Day test match at the MCG one of life's great sporting events. Sam Konstas heroics was seen from the members area of the G. Not a lot of balls were seen after the lunch interval with the bar being decided as the better venue for some well earned shade from the heat. Overall an amazing day and one I'll never forget.

It's been great to see so many of the Scottish cricketing contingent out here in Melbourne and a friendly match between the Scottish and English was set up by former Grange skipper Tom Foulds. A highly contested game in which unfortunately the Scottish side ended up falling short. Notable mentions to the ex and current Carlton lads Ben D'Ulisse, Joseph Flynn and Nick White and also a favorite Carlton opponent Liam Naylor who it was a pleasure to take the field with for the first time since 2019.

Happy New Year to all back home at the club.

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ENJOYING LIFE DOWN UNDER 2

HARRY SIMPSON

After graduating last June I decided to fill the void of unemployment by following in the recent steps of various Carlton players and have a winter Down Under. After travelling round Queensland in September to visit the Great Barrier Reef, I chose to settle down in Melbourne for a winter/summer of chasing leather.

Initially, I really did intend to copy fellow Arrow, Lewis O'Donnell, and join his club from last year Port Melbourne. When they (understandably) had little appetite for non-turning off spin deliveries and scratchy 20s, I took my trade (and crucially my Australian passport) to Moonee Valley CC.

MVCC are a great family club based about 20 mins from Melbourne CBD. The parallels with Carlton have made fitting in a breeze. With 5 Men's sides, a thriving junior section, lots of dedicated volunteers and vitally a plentiful supply of 20-ish year olds keen for post-game beers. I am currently playing for their 1s in the Victorian Turf Cricket Association - one of the various leagues outside of grade cricket in Melbourne. The standard seems to be somewhere between the top of the ESCA champ and the middle of the Prem - which for those of you who have tracked my yoyo-like appearances for our 1s and 2s in the last couple of years - so it is a pretty good fit!



Harry with his new team mates at Moonee Valley CC

Longer-format cricket still reigns supreme in domestic Australian cricket, with the bulk of my games being 2-dayers over consecutive Saturdays. It has been really refreshing to witness how the game is played in a more traditionally patient manner with both bat and ball over here, which I have managed to learn a bit from (see exhibit A - photo below - H Simpson 0 from 32 balls!) . There is huge passion for the game which is not only audible during games, but reflective in attitudes towards training and throughout all levels.



Outside of playing, I have been working at a nearby golf club to earn some dollars and simultaneously improve my chipping and putting when on break. I have also been getting around the country when time allows; with trips to Uluru in the outback and the scenic Great Ocean Road down Victoria's Coast. I'm spending the 2-week mid season break (a policy I would strongly encourage in the ESCA pyramid) by going to Sydney then travelling round New Zealand's South Island.

Alongside a contingent of Scottish cricketers, including Carlton men Ben D'Ulisse and Ruairidh Main, I went to the Boxing Day test at the MCG to see Australia vs India. It was a great day out, especially seeing Sam Konstas' antics and a packed out stadium of 87000 people.

I'm now looking forward to finishing the second half of the season strongly, hopefully making the end of season finals. Hope everyone has a restful winter and see you in the summer!

CHARLES LEGGET
took 63 wickets at
25.65 in 64 First Team
matches for Carlton.
His best return was
5-31 in victory at
Greenock in 2007.
Charles was part of
the Murgatroyd
National T20 Cup
winning squad in 2009
and 2010.
He is now based in
Sydney.



Hi Carlton,
It's hard to believe it's been almost 13 years since I last played at Grange Loan, but it feels like only yesterday. The memories, both on and off the field, are still so vivid. Sadly, I haven't been great at keeping in touch since moving to Sydney, but I've enjoyed catching glimpses of the club's highlights over the last few seasons and seeing a few familiar names.

My journey with Carlton started thanks to Cedric English, who was coaching at Merchiston when I was there. After a season in Brisbane in 2007, Cedric invited me to get involved with the club, and I'm incredibly grateful for that. The people and environment at Carlton were fantastic, and all my memories of the club are filled with joy – which is a bit surprising for a grumpy fast (well, medium pace!) bowler like me!

Although I've always had a huge desire to win, the results have never been the memories I cherish most. It's the moments spent at the ground – training most evenings, playing in all conditions (rain, hail, or shine!), and traveling to away fixtures (with the bus trips from Aberdeen being the highlight) – that stand out.

One memory that always sticks with me is the buzz at the club on Saturday evenings when all the teams returned, and we gathered to share stories from the day with food and drinks, often with the opposition. It's this incredible sense of community that made me live in Marchmont for a couple years with friends from cricket.

Now, after 12 years in Sydney, I can say it's an amazing lifestyle here. My family and I are fortunate to live near the beach in a place called Caringbah South, in the Sutherland Shire (look it up!).

When I first arrived, I joined the Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club and played a season and a bit. What I found was that, while I loved playing cricket, it was the camaraderie at Carlton that made it normal to never miss a game and happily play both Saturday and Sunday every weekend. At the same time, I got involved with a fantastic group of guys – all from Scotland – and we played Aussie Rules during the winter before getting hooked on Ironman triathlons. I soon realized that mixing triathlon with cricket wasn't ideal after doing an 80km bike session, 8km run, and then bowling 20 overs in a day!

Triathlon became my passion, leading to races across Australia, New Zealand, and even Hawaii, where I battled the heat in Kona at the Ironman World Championships in both 2017 and 2019. Along the way, I also ventured into coaching, running a triathlon coaching business for five years. Interestingly, my coaching journey likely began at Carlton, inspired by Gilly's summer camps.

After my second Kona experience, I felt burned out from the constant training and triathlon focus. Now, I've settled down with my young family – two kids aged 4 and 2.5 – and am loving this stage of life. I still miss Carlton and cherish the memories, which will stay with me forever. If anyone from the club is ever over in Sydney, please reach out – you'd be more than welcome to stay with us!



You'll be happy to hear that I pulled out my kit last season, dusted off the cobwebs, and had a go at a few games in a local league. The L&C kit performed well, and standing at first slip all day was a real joy! I hope that one day, my kids get to experience the joy of playing cricket that I had at Carlton, and perhaps they'll make it over for a season with you too!

Wishing the best for 2025 to the greatest club in Scotland!



Charles crosses the finish line in the Kona Ironman world Championship in 2019. He has just completed a 2.4 mile open water swim in Kailua-Kona Bay, a 112 mile bike ride across the Hawaiian lava desert, and a marathon run along the coast of the Big Island. The present record for the course set in 2024 by Patrick Lange of Germany is 7:35:53.

There is still quite a lot of Legget and Coe gear to be found around Grange Loan. Charles set up the company in 2011. The company wound up in 2016.

Yet More Carlton in Oz and Elsewhere



Another visitor to Melbourne over Christmas was Ben D'Ulisse seen here demonstrating those BBQ skills honed at Grange Loan



Australia has not been the only destination for Carlton travellers. Not to be outdone by all this talk of the MCG, Calum Sibley and Isla visited Newlands in Cape Town to watch the South Africa - Pakistan ODI during a 3 week visit to South Africa.

As part of a Broster family big trip to Singapore, Australia and Mauritius, it would have been remiss not to factor in a day at the Boxing Day Test for Lewis to tick off another cricketer's bucket list item as they joined the record crowd for a Test Match.

Lewis and Dad Jonathan went to day 3 and, as Jonathan reports, 'witnessed a fairly intense and slightly slow day but it was a tense one and included Nitish Kumar Reddy's dogged century which was quite a moment... for the neutral supporter and him. Australia went on to win as India couldn't quite hold on for the draw.'

Jonathan comments that the MCG is a magnificent arena for cricket, with no need to queue for anything all day as the scale of the place is out of this world. It was a brilliant day out and a magnificent place.

All at Carlton hope that Lewis got some useful tips watching Mitchell Starc.



This was Isla's first ever cricket game, not a bad location for a first event.

Calum is still enjoying life at Charterhouse School.

And Even More Carlton in Oz



Also in Oz over the Festive period was lower XI stalwart Jamie Boyce. While Jamie didn't make the MCG he did get to the Gabba for the Big Bash and honed his match reporting skills for the season ahead.

*Brisbane Heat v Sydney Thunder
The Gabba, Brisbane
Tuesday 6 January 2025*

On a balmy 26°C Queensland evening, Brisbane Heat hosted Sydney Thunder at the Gabba, led by pantomime villain David Warner.

Sydney batted first. A solid half century for Warner without any fireworks - 50 (36) - laid a good foundation and Sydney had the 100 up in the 11th over.

Unfortunately regular wickets hampered their progress and they finished on 173-8. A solid total but at one point 200 seemed well within their reach.

Brisbane's chase looked all but finished as they crumbled to 53-3 at the halfway point, with more dot balls than anything else. But a couple of big overs in the power play and a 4th-wicket stand of 108 brought them back into the game. It looked to be heading for the dampest of damp swims squibs (think the Grange Loan nets after a wet March), but some big power hitting by the Brisbane middle order completely turned the game around.

Pick of the batters were Max Bryant - 72 (34) - and Matt Renshaw 48* (33), leaving it to Aussie international all-rounder Michael Neser to score the winning runs with 7 balls and 5 wickets to spare.



COACH MAISIE

Maisie Maceira was among the 8 players who attended Cricket Scotland's first coaching course directed specifically at women. The ICC Level 1 Course was run by the u19 coaching team of Kari Carswell and Charlotte Dalton-Howells and equips attendants to act as support and assistant caching at their clubs. It is part of the overall strategy to make cricket more attractive and accessible for girls and women. Planning for Level 2 courses is underway.



Reflecting on the experience Maisie said,

I decided to take the Level 1 coaching course for many different reasons. Mainly being the lack of female coaches I had while growing up. Being the only female in teams already made it difficult to connect and create friendships. I feel that if I had had a female coach at a young age it would've helped me feel more comfortable and confident while playing cricket. Getting my Level 1 will allow me to help young female athletes feel welcomed and confident being able to help them excel in a comfortable environment. Taking the course was a great learning experience and I can't wait to use what I've learnt in a real coaching environment.

You can hear more from Maisie and other participants, including Charlotte Dalton-Howells, on this short video about the course

<https://youtu.be/yfrdo7Crsbc>

Christmas Comes Late

The last issue of the Arrow reported that no player born on Christmas Day had played for Carlton. But this seems to have been not quite accurate.

Carlton legend Rob Thornton, stirring himself from relaxing in the sunshine beside the Pacific Ocean has sent the following message,

'My youngest brother Peter, born on Christmas Day 1981, who was staying with us in Edinburgh one summer, actually acted as substitute fielder for the 2s (possibly against league rules 🙄) for about the first half a dozen overs of a Grange Loan fixture when someone was arriving late. I recall him fielding the ball at least on one occasion at mid-on. So there you have it, a Christmas Day born player has taken the field for Carlton (kind of).

Cheers, Rob 🏏

CARLTON PRESIDENTS

ROLL OF HONOUR

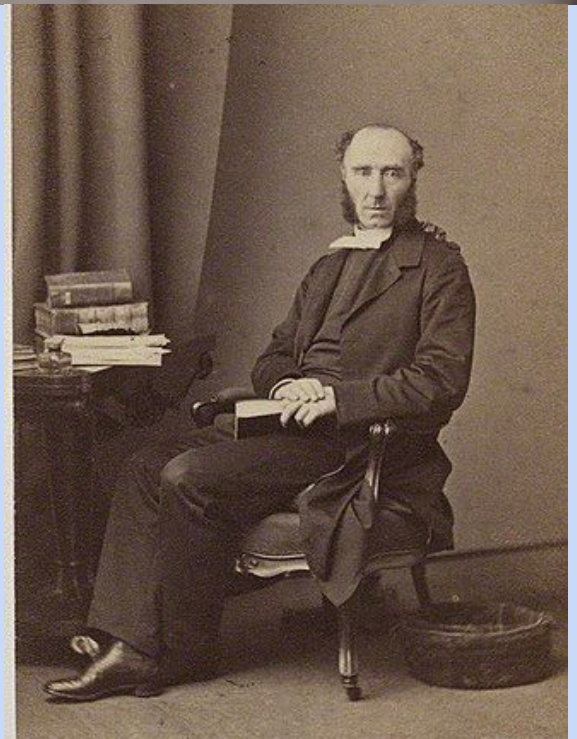
Kerry Simpson was the 22nd named President of Carlton Cricket Club, and the first female to hold that office. What is known about her all male venerable predecessors?

Although the club was formed in 1863 and a full record of captains, vice-captains and secretaries exists, the roll of honour of President is less complete.

The first printed constitution of the club was not issued until 1877. It identifies a President and Vice-President among the office bearers and provides for their election. But there is no complete record of who might have performed this role. A **Mr (Tom) Forbes** was nominated as President the previous year 1876 'as a recognition of his long connection with and valuable services to the Club'. (He is described elsewhere as an erudite, unassuming scholar and a good change bowler). There is also reference to **Robert Christie** variously as President and Vice-President. In a long association with the club Christie, a lawyer, was at various times Captain and Secretary, as well as the author of an early history of the club published in 1904. He was also influential in the initial steps to form the Scottish Cricket Union. Christie features in the oldest surviving club photograph dated 1877, see right.



However there is scope for further confusion about the role, since NL Stevenson, in his history *Play*, suggests that the first President should be considered to be the Rev A K H Boyd, who was the leader of Literary and Debating Society which broke from the larger YMCA group and out of which the Carlton Cricket Club formed as the members sought to occupy themselves in the summer months. Boyd, the very model of a Victorian patriarch as seen right, was an eminent Churchman and author. He was Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 1890. He died tragically in 1899 - poisoning himself by swallowing carbolic lotion which he mistook for his sleeping draught. There is no indication that he was a cricketer of any sort and Stevenson's reference may be no more than a light hearted aside



In 1886 the constitution of the club was further revised and **C J Munro** was elected and is regarded as the club's first President. Munro, a prominent local accountant and a senior figure in the local Unionist Association, was a keen cricketer - even though Stevenson only provides a teasing description of him, 'he could scarcely have been a keener batsman if his run-getting average had been 50, instead of consistently around 5.'

How long Munro retained the position is not wholly clear since the club website does not name any holder of the office until 1900 when **W B Taylor (1900-1902)** is identified. As described in Arrow Issue 68, Taylor was a fine cricketer but he was an even better golfer and his tenure marks the high point of the Carlton Golf club. He was followed by **PR McLaren (1902-1904)** of whom a photo has been unearthed but no further information.



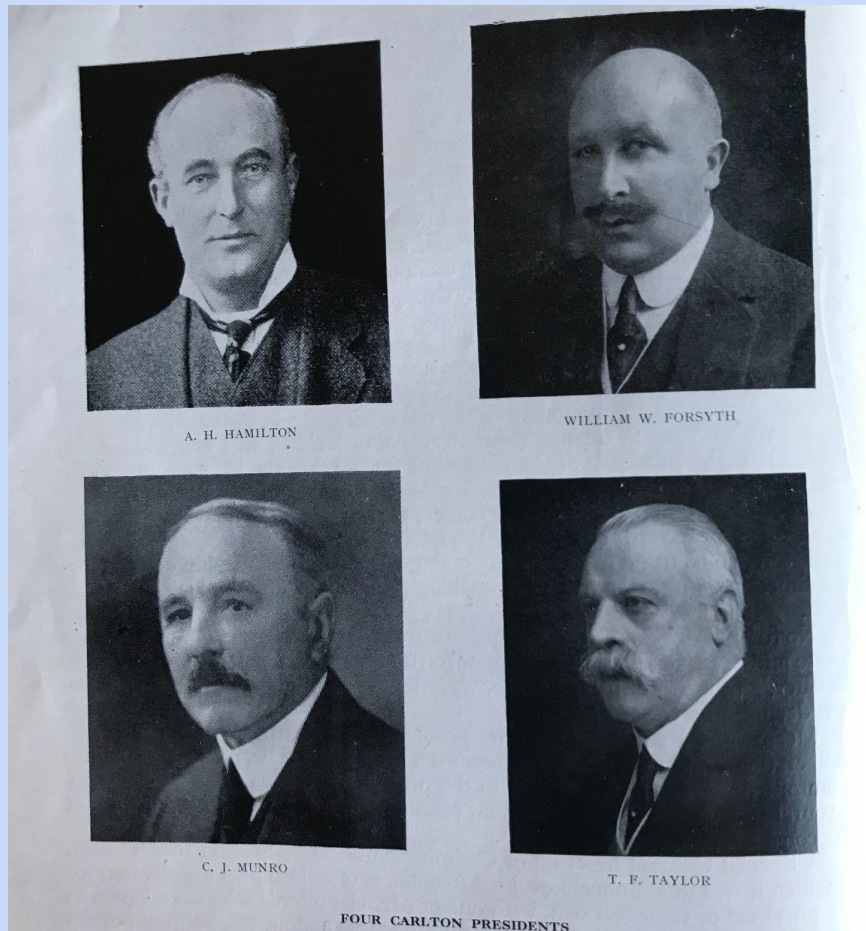
W B Taylor,
PR McLaren

There is a further gap in the record before **Dr F Haultain (1912)** another cricketer/golfer, is named became President in 1912. He was an eminent gynaecologist and the author of Handbook of Obstetric Nursing, a standard text book of the time.

Haultain was succeeded by **Andrew Hamilton (1913-1920)**, an insurance executive, who maintained the club as a viable entity during the suspension of cricket during World War I. He is given great credit for Carlton's resurrection after the conflict ended. He was also Secretary of the Scottish Bowling Association for many years.



Above: President F Haultain cuts a dash at the opening of the 1912 Fair at Grange Loan, with the Earl of Strathmore then Carlton's Patron



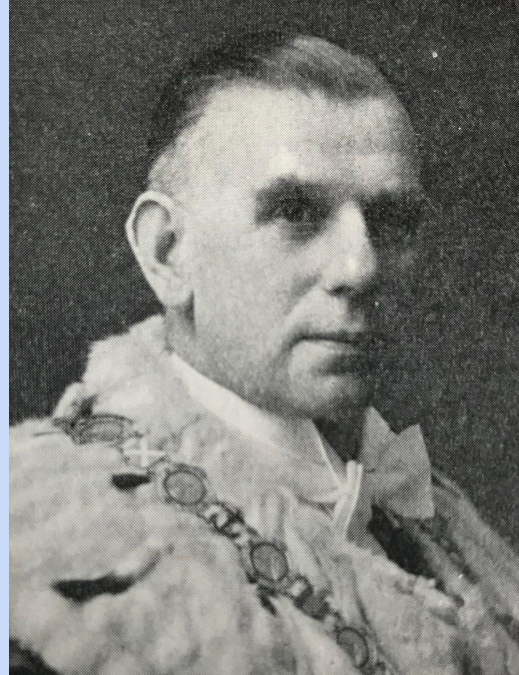
Left: Page from NL Stevenson's Play showing Four Presidents, from top left, A W Hamilton, William W Forsyth, T F Taylor and CJ Munro

FOUR CARLTON PRESIDENTS

In 1921 the Presidency was taken up by **T F Taylor (1921-23)** and then in 1924 by **William W Forsyth (1924-27)**. Even though both of these gentlemen played significant roles in financing the purchase of Grange Loan in 1924 (see Arrow Issue 68), little is known about them (or their cricketing prowess). They were evidently men of means able to guarantee £3000 each to underwrite the purchase. Taylor was associated with William Taylor and Son a prominent Wholesale Grocer and Forsyth with the family of R S Forsyth Department Stores.

The Presidency then passed to the **Rev Horatius Bonar (1928-30)** - son of the eminent Victorian hymn writer of the same name. Bonar was a Churchman and noted naturalist and photographer of wildlife. He died in May 1930 while President.

C J Munro (1931), was also one of the financial guarantors of the GL purchase. Almost 50 years after his first term, he returned to the Presidency in 1931 and stayed in office until 1939. His long service to the club was recognised in a presentation at the start of the 1934 season, photo below. Munro died in 1941 at the age of 78 - coincidentally he shared his birth year 1863 - with that of the club.



James Currie enrobed as Edinburgh's Dean of Guild

Following the Second World War the Presidency was held briefly by **H H Gracie**, who had been Edinburgh's Gas Engineer until his retirement in 1933. He was followed by **James Currie (1945-57)** whose 12 years in service between 1945 and 1957 is longest continuous tenure. Currie was a prominent local builder (Adam Currie and Sons) who served as Edinburgh's Lord Dean of Guild (exercising oversight over building control) between 1943 and 1946.



Currie died in 1957 and was succeeded by **Roy Gourlay (1958-68)**, another CA and another with a long association with the club - he had been a reliable middle order batter in the 1920s and was probably the most accomplished cricketer to have held the post so far - the photo below is from the 1923 First XI photograph.



Gourlay had been Secretary in the 1930s. His tenure continued until 1968, and he presided over the Centenary of the club which included a formal reception in the City Chambers.

The Presidency then passed to **Fred Dall (1969-75)** the father of Fraser Dall, one of Carlton's finest ever batters who featured in Arrow Issue 70. Dall was the first President to be included in the First XI photograph, a convention which has continued. Fred had played pre- and post-war for Kirkcaldy CC. He moved to the area in 1961 and the green space of Carlton was a favourite haunt for his young sons. He soon became a member and being well liked around the club was asked to join the committee. He was a Director of the building company Peter Walker Ltd and was one of the driving forces behind the new pavilion built in the 1960s which was replaced in 2005.



Roy Gourlay (rt) with the Lord Provost Duncan Weatherstone and NL Stevenson (aged 88) at the Centenary Reception in 1963.

Dall handed over to **Jimmy Jappy (1976-1980)** in 1976. This was the culmination of his 33 year association with Carlton which had seen him perform many roles including official umpire - the photo shows him in his umpire's coat in 1959 and Secretary. He served many years on Council and oversaw the ground maintenance for many years.



Jappy owned a local sweet shop and is alleged to have bribed local youngsters to help at the ground with his stock. Following his death in 1980, Since 1981 the Jappy Trophy was instituted and is awarded to the person deemed to have made an outstanding contribution to the running of Carlton.



Jappy was followed by **Gordon Weatherhead (1981-85)**- who had arrived at the club when his Insurance business transferred him north, in the mid 1950s took over from Jappy. He played for a a few years in the 1950s and his son Jeremy was a regular for a number of years. However his other son Adrian was not a cricketer although he was a noted middle distance runner for GB and Scotland.

Alun Davies (1986-94) became the next President in 1986 and served until 1994 when he became Hon Life President. He had played for Carlton since 1961, when he came to Edinburgh to pursue a career at the British Geological Survey. His final appearance was in 1988, He was Captain between 1964-1976, the longest tenure in the role outside NL Stevenson, and was the first Carlton skipper to lift the Masterton Trophy in 1974. In all matches for Carlton, he took 1,110 wickets at 13.33 and scored 8,631 runs at 23.91 incl 113 sixes! He won the 1st XI Bowling prize on 6 occasions and the Batting prize once as well as the Jappy Trophy in 1991.



Alun also served as President of the East League 1985-87 and Chairman of the Scottish Cricket Union 2001-2

He was an inspirational figure, as affable off the field as he was uncompromising on it. He worked tirelessly on behalf of Carlton Cricket Club, and cricket in Scotland, and was the most influential club member on and off the field since Dr. N L Stevenson. Like Stevenson he was awarded Honorary Life President in 1995

Davies was followed in 1995 by another former captain **Hugh Parker (1995-2005, 2013)** who, amongst other things, led the development of the new Masterton pavilion which opened in 2005, when he stood down before returning in 2013 to oversee the celebrations of Carlton's 150th year.



In the interim, **Russell Weir (2006)** held the post for one year before handing over to **David Carter (2007-12)** during which time the nets were significantly upgraded, the junior section rapidly expanded and the Women's team became an essential part of the club.



Following the 150th celebrations, another former captain **Andy Macpherson (2014-20)** took office between 2014-2020, and oversaw a period of conspicuous success on the field, including the winning of the National Championship in 2016 and Carlton's long-awaited first Scottish Cup win in 2017, and the continued expansion of the junior section which has continued during the term of office of **Kerry Simpson (2020-24)**.





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