



THE ARROW

The Newsletter of Carlton Cricket Club

March 2025

Issue 76

GET READY

HERE COMES

SEASON 2025

Outdoor nets start on 8 April. (Thermals on!)

The first matches at Grange Loan are friendlies against Watsonians on 19 and 20 April, followed by a social gathering on Saturday.

First in league action at GL are the 2nd XI who meet Heriot's on 26 April.

The Primary XI also take on Heriot's earlier that morning. The 1st XI get their league campaign underway at GL against Falkland on 3 May, with the Women's first league match the following day against WOS.

And as the season gets underway all players and parents are reminded that all Carlton communications about matches, availability, selection, cancellation etc are managed through Pitchero. Please ensure your details are up to date and you can receive notifications.

In this issue of the Arrow read about all that's new at Grange Loan this season; First XI Skipper, Club President, The Square Cut Catering.



**ALL CARLTON KIT IS
NOW AVAILABLE
DIRECT FROM
[GRAY NI](#)**



Pitchero

CARLTON SKIPPERS 2025

Dan's the man

Dan Da Costa takes over the reins of the First XI from Arun Pillai and is looking forward to a successful season.

I am grateful for the opportunity to take over the captaincy for the 1st XI for the 2025 season.

It's an honour to represent and lead such a great club and I hope that I can do this to the best of my ability both on and off the field. We are coming off a decent 2024 season, with some outstanding league and T20 performances. The squad is shaping up nicely and I'm hopeful that we can put ourselves in a position to bring home some silverware this year!

We have a good mix of experience and youth, with some exciting newcomers, and I believe that the 2025 season can be a great opportunity for many individuals to showcase their skills on the field. Here's to a great summer and I can't wait to be back out on Grange Loan!

Dan has made a huge impact since he arrived at Grange Loan at the start of the 2023 season. He is already 4th in the all time list of century scorers with 7 tons in his two seasons and Carlton looks forward to him adding to that impressive haul this season.



**Dan Da Costa is
sponsored by
The Free Company
for season 2025.**



An Experienced Team

Outside the First XI the rota of Carlton skippers has a familiar look and brings a hugely experienced team into action.

Women's 1st XI **Sam Haggo**

2nd XI **Charles Stronach**

Women's 2nd XI **Sarah Beith**

3rd XI **Brad McKay**

4th XI **Al Murray**

5th XI **Keith Murray**

Development XI **Bob Irvine**

And **Dewald Nel** returns as head Coach

ALL CHANGE AT THE TOP

The Arrow reprints new Carlton President Bob Irvine's introductory message to members

Hello Friends - I write to introduce myself as the new President of Carlton. I am greatly flattered to be invited to fill this role and it is a daunting challenge to attempt to match Kerry's achievements during her term of office.

I know many of you already and I look forward to meeting as many of those I do not know in the coming weeks and months. For those who don't know me, Carlton has been a special place for me since I first came through the old wooden gate to deliver my son Neil to the Wednesday night sessions.

A couple of years later, someone was misguided enough to suggest I should make myself available to play. It could have been a short career, as in my first outing I endeared myself to the then President Dave Carter by dropping a couple in the slips off his bowling.

Retribution was swift. To atone I was asked to skipper the 4th XI. But this was no punishment. In fact it was a privilege and easily the best job at Carlton - bringing young cricketers into senior cricket and, when the women's section started, integrating the women that wanted to play.

The commitment to integration, to widening opportunities and to encouraging everyone to be the best they can be, while maintaining serious competitiveness at the top end of Scottish cricket, is what makes Carlton a special place.



Bob -aka Fantasy Bob - is a dedicated wearer of the Carlton blazer. Seen here at Lord's where it commanded appropriate respect

And, with your support and encouragement, this is what I commit myself to maintaining and strengthening. I also look forward to the help and support of the management committee and the wider membership to achieving these goals.

Let me know what I can do to make Carlton a better place.

I have one request of everyone. Carlton depends on the voluntary commitments of its members. We should ensure that the burden doesn't fall on a limited few. Every contribution of help, no matter how small, makes a huge difference. So please respond to requests for assistance and advice.

Let's work together to make 2025 another special year for Carlton!

Thankyou Omar and Welcome Sarah

Carlton says thank you for his contribution to Omar Ahmad who has left the Management Committee.

In his place, Sarah Beith has joined the Committee.

ARUN REFLECTS ON HIS SPELL AS CAPTAIN

As we stand on the cusp of the 2025 season, I find myself reflecting on the past two years, 2023 and 2024, as captain of Carlton Cricket Club. It has been an incredible honor to lead this team, and as I step aside to hand over the captaincy to Dan Da Costa, I wanted to take a moment to look back on the journey we've shared—the highs, the challenges, and the memories we've created together.

When I was appointed captain in 2023, I felt a deep sense of pride and responsibility. Having debuted for Carlton in 2016 under Stevie Gilmour, taking on the same role he once held was a special moment. I had previously served as vice-captain in 2018 and 2019 under Alasdair Evans, and I was eager to build on the club's legacy of strong leadership. My goal was to blend the experience of our seasoned players with the energy of our younger talent, setting the tone for a competitive season.

The 2023 Eastern Premier League season saw us finish in a solid 4th place with 10 wins from 15 matches. We battled through tough moments, showing the grit and determination I wanted to instill in the team. The season also brought success in the ESCA T20 finals, earning us a spot in the National T20 Finals—a proud achievement for the team. However, the Scottish Cup ended in disappointment as we were knocked out in the quarter-finals.

The 2024 season brought its own set of challenges and triumphs. We started strongly with a series of early wins, and by the halfway stage, we were sitting 2nd in the Eastern Premier League table, showcasing our potential to challenge for the title. However, a tough mid-season period tested our resolve, and we ultimately finished 6th with 9 wins from 16 matches. While this wasn't the result we hoped for, the team bounced back with strong performances later in the campaign, reflecting the resilience I sought to build.

In the Masterton finals, we progressed unbeaten through the early stages but fell short in the final against Grange. The Scottish Cup once again saw us exit in the quarter-finals, this time against Heriot's, who proved a challenging opponent throughout the season.



Leading Carlton over these two years has been a privilege. From the outset, I wanted to build a team defined by resilience, and I'm proud to see how we faced challenges—mid-season struggles in 2024, injuries in 2023, and tough cup exits both years—without losing our determination to keep pushing forward. I'm especially grateful for the on-field support from Dan Da Costa, Umair Mohammad (my vice-captain in 2023), and Chris McBride, whose contributions were invaluable in navigating the ups and downs of these seasons. Beyond cricket, I'll also look back fondly on the sense of camaraderie within the team, which made every moment on this journey even more meaningful. The emergence of young talents and the support of our experienced players have laid a strong foundation for the future.

I owe a big thanks to Stevie Gilmour, our Director of Cricket, and Dewald Nel, our Head Coach, for their unwavering faith and support in me throughout my tenure. Their guidance has been instrumental in shaping my time as captain. As we prepare for the 2025 season, I'm confident that Carlton Cricket Club is in a great position to build on these experiences.

I'm delighted to pass the captaincy to Dan Da Costa, who has been a cornerstone of our team and whose leadership qualities make him the perfect choice to take Carlton forward. I'll continue to contribute as a player, and I'm excited to see what the next chapter holds for our club. To the Arrows, thank you for bearing with me. As we gear up for the new season, let's be ready to "Nock, Draw, and Loose" once more under Dan's leadership.

MEET THE NEW BOYS

Welcome to Ollie Davidson joining Carlton for season 2025



Left arm spinner Ollie grew up playing in South Africa before moving back to Scotland where he played at Stirling County CC where he played senior cricket from the age of 9. He then moved to England at age 12, playing for Stourbridge CC and went through the Worcestershire Academy and making his list A debut in 2022. For the last 4 years he has played club cricket at Harborne CC in Birmingham ('The club were amazing to me.')

Ollie was part of the 2022 Scotland u19 World Cup Squad.

Ollie's most memorable cricket moment was making his Scotland debut at 17, v UAE in 2022. 'A huge moment for me and I can't wait to hopefully play more games down the line for my country.'

Any particular reason why you have come to Carlton?

Carlton seemed like the right choice for me moving up to Scotland. It has great people within the club and is a really ambitious club that are pushing for the league titles.

Who are your favourite cricketers?

Adam Zampa and Reece Topley.

What is the favourite cricket ground you have played on?

I was fortunate to play at Lord's last year for Scotland A vs MCC which was amazing and I will never forget that day

Any sporting heroes other than cricketers?

Gary Anderson (Scottish darts player)

Favourite food- steak or pizza

Favourite drink - Fanta grape or Beavertown Neck Oil as a alcoholic drink

Favourite band- Sticky Fingers (Australian band)

Favourite movie- Interstellar

What do you do outside cricket?

I play lots of golf

I enjoy my running

Fashion



Listen out for [StickyFingers](#) playing in the clubhouse on home matches

Can you sponsor Ollie for the 2025 season?

sponsorship@carltoncc.co.uk

MEET THE NEW BOYS

Welcome to Angus Guy joining Carlton for season 2025



Wicket-keeper/batter Angus started playing cricket at West of Scotland when he was 5 but moved to Clydesdale when he was 14. At Titwood he was greatly influenced and inspired by the late Con de Lange, 'He played the game in a hugely professional manner.

He then played cricket while studying at Durham University.

Angus skippered Scotland u19 in the WC2020 in South Africa and his favourite cricketing moment comes from that tournament when was not out with Ollie Davidson's brother Jasper to seal Scotland's first win of the tournament.

Angus has recently taken up employment in Edinburgh's financial sector and says,

'I've come to Carlton as it's a club with a top reputation, I've heard the social life is great and living just five minutes away is a pretty good bonus!'

'Favourite cricketer - Joe Root

Favourite ground - Durham University Racecourse

Favourite food - steak

Drink - Guinness

Movie - Interstellar

Outside cricket Angus plays rugby (for Broughton RFC) and is training for the Edinburgh Marathon.



Interstellar - top film choice of both Carlton's newbies - 'With humanity teetering on the brink of extinction, a group of astronauts travels through a wormhole in search of another inhabitable planet.'

Can you sponsor Angus for the 2025 season?

sponsorship@carltoncc.co.uk

GIRLS CRICKET

STARTS MONDAY 21ST APRIL

SPACES AVAILABLE
AT ALL AGE GROUPS:

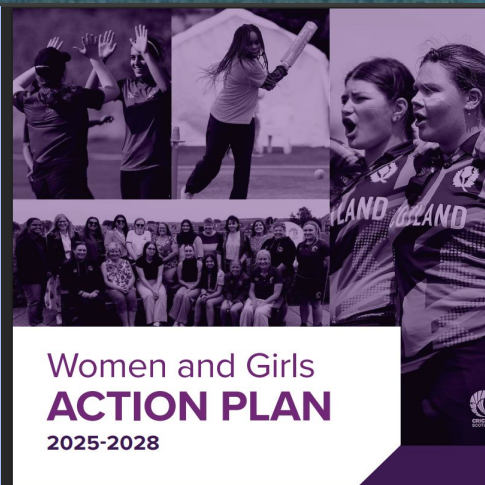
We'd love to
see you

For details
contact

juniors@carltoncc.co.uk

- P1-P6 BEGINNERS
- P7-S1 DEVELOPING PLAYERS
- S2-S4 EXPERIENCED PLAYERS

Cricket Scotland has recently published its ambitious Action Plan for Women and Girls Cricket. There are many issues it must address - the next article by Elsie and Fraser and Keira Ansell illustrates some of the challenges.



Changing the Game: the first girls' cricket club at our school

We are **Keira Ansell** and **Elsie Fraser**, you might know us as we play at Carlton for the girls U16s and women's team, as well as the Eastern Knights team and Scotland U15s team. We are both 14 and have started a girls cricket club at our school (James Gillespies High School). We started the club for our Duke of Edinburgh volunteering and to give state school girls, like us, the opportunity to play cricket. As frequent cricketers we wanted cricket available at our school.

The main reason for the club was to get some volunteering, but the idea had been around for a while anyway, so we asked our current active schools coordinator, and he was totally up for the idea!

So the idea became reality.

Over the next few weeks the three of us had some lunchtime meetings. We planned lessons, filled out forms for the school, and decided to make it a S1 girls cricket club. After the October break (2024) we did our first lesson... and had two people turn up. However, each week the numbers increased as they invited their friends along and we ended up with 10 girls by Christmas!

Sadly, in early December our active schools coordinator, Eliot Ambrose (a former Carlton 5's player), announced he was leaving. At the time it didn't occur to us that our cricket club wouldn't continue without him. When we came back after the Christmas holiday and tried to run the club as normal, without an assigned adult, we were unable to continue.



But that didn't stop us.

To try and get it running again, we contacted people we knew from Cricket Scotland and Carlton CC. We asked them if there was anything they could think of or do to keep our club going, at least until a new active schools coordinator was assigned. At first we contacted Sriram Muramalla at Cricket Scotland who we knew from the MCC hub, as well as Euan Sweet from Carlton. They both kindly did some asking around for us but unfortunately, neither of them could find a solution. However they did give us some ideas and encouraged us to keep trying.

So we kept trying.

In the meantime, to keep up our Duke of Edinburgh evidence, we asked Stevie if we could volunteer at the Carlton P2 and P3's session with Rudy, which he kindly agreed to. Stevie later came up with the idea that someone like Rudy could be the supervisor for our cricket club. When he confirmed that Rudy was actually available it meant all we had left to do was to sell the idea to the school.

After the February break we could start again!

With the support of those who have helped us, we overcame some challenges and successfully started, grew, and restarted the first girls cricket club at our school. Now that our club is in action again, once we have an active schools coordinator, we hope to expand and start coaching in local primary schools to make cricket a more accessible sport for girls.

What a great story - well done girls!

The Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020

The PVG scheme becomes a legal requirement in Scotland

PLEASE RESPOND QUICKLY

Many Carlton members perform essential roles in supporting our dynamic junior cricketers - coaches, team managers, team organisers and parent helpers. Junior cricket would not happen without these commitments - we are very grateful for everyone's support.

Anyone in those roles who doesn't already have Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) membership for Carlton, will have recently received a request via Pitchero to complete a self-declaration form as part of the process of applying for PVG scheme membership.

Please complete the form and return it to mary.rose1008@gmail.com as quickly as possible.

Membership of the Scheme is now a legal requirement for everybody working or volunteering with children and young people aged under 18 years.

Failure to secure membership will mean you cannot undertake those roles and this may in turn imperil the range of activities we can offer our young cricketers.

As a Club with a large and dynamic junior section Carlton takes all aspects of child safety and welfare extremely seriously.

You can read more about our approach in our [Child Well Being and Protection Policy on our website.](#)

PLEASE REGISTER WITH SCRS ASAP



SCOTTISH CRICKET REGISTRATION SYSTEM

This season, all cricket players in Scotland need to register with the Scottish Cricket Registration System (SCRS).

Cricket Scotland have introduced SCRS to hold a database of all cricket players in Scotland. They need this for two main reasons:

- it is required by the ICC and Sport Scotland - the two major sources of funding to CS
- they need to know about the cricketing population so they can more effectively allocate resources across the game.

There is lots more information here:

<https://www.cricketscotland.com/Register>

As one of Scotland's largest clubs, Carlton should support CS in creating this database. It is for each player, senior and junior, to register - the club cannot do it for you.

Registration is free.

Please sign up now:

<https://cricketscotland.justgo.com/Account.mvc/SignIn>

It'll take just a few minutes.

Please note that this does not replace our Pitchero database, we will continue to use that internally.

PLEASE REGISTER WITH SCRS ASAP



Congratulations

Chris McBride - selected for the Scotland men's squad in their training camp Zimbabwe between April 19-28.

Abbi Aitken-Drummond - selected for the Scotland women's squad to compete in the Women's World Cup Qualifying tournament. The squad will head to Dubai on March 25 for a preparation camp, before moving to Pakistan where they will play two official warm-up fixtures against Bangladesh (April 5) and Thailand (April 7). The tournament proper commences on 9 April when Scotland play West Indies.

Best wishes and good luck to them both for a great trip!

Coming soon

Have you played 100 or more matches for Carlton at any level?

**Reconnect with the club by joining
the Carlton Legends**

Attractive package on offer

Full details available soon.

Square Cut Kitchen

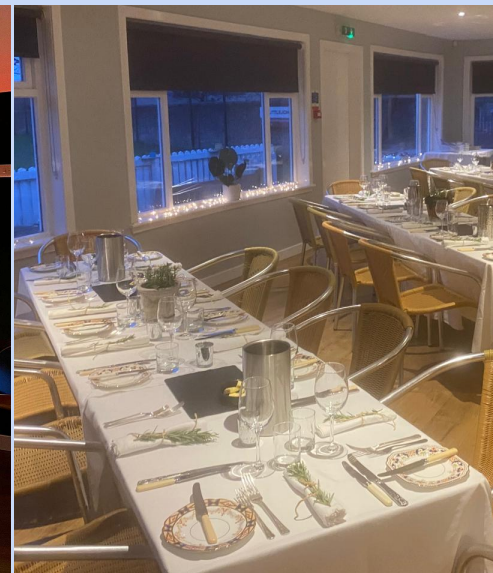
New Catering at Grange Loan

In an exciting new venture, Karen and Kerry have recently formed **Square Cut Kitchen**. **Square Cut Kitchen** builds on their experience over many years at Grange Loan, and will cater for events at Grange Loan and elsewhere.

This year they have already catered for a birthday dinner and a Burns Supper at Grange Loan as well as their first Supper Club. Regular Supper Clubs are planned with the aim of bringing people together to enjoy good food and lovely wine. The first one, held in February, was a great success with many people booking for the next one.

See from the photos below what a great space for events the Grange Loan pavilion is.

If you are interested in having a birthday party, christening, wedding or any other family or work event please contact Karen or Kerry for more details.



The second Square Cut Kitchen Supper Club has the theme of 'Taste of Italy' and will take place on SATURDAY 5 APRIL.

The evening starts with a welcome cocktail, or other drinks, with accompanying canapés.

A 3 course meal will then be served.

Wine and other drinks will be available to buy from the bar.

The cost is £50 per person.

You can come on your own, in a couple or with a group of friends. All are welcome - members and non-members alike.

If you are interested in coming along, please contact Karen or Kerry at

squarecutkitchen@gmail.com

Saturday 5 April
Grange Loan
BOOK NOW

squarecutkitchen@gmail.com

INSIDE OUT

Carlton is pleased to announce that a renewed lease agreement will ensure the continuation of its relationship with InsideOut PT at Grange Loan.

Led by Marc Malone, Inside Out PT's experienced team of coaches has been offering a Group Personal Training service at Carlton since 2015.

With a maximum of six people per session, it delivers tailored support from expert coaches, with the inspirational effect of training with others, at a fraction of the price of 1:1 Personal Training. Most of the members in the community are aged 30's - 50's and there are over 15 sessions on the weekly timetable.

If you are looking to take care of your health by boosting your strength and fitness, to transform your body shape and improve cricket performances, Inside Out could be your solution. Parents of junior cricketers are welcome too.

Go to www.insideout-pt.co.uk for more info or email Coach Marc to book a free taster session: support@insideout-pt.co.uk.



Owner of Inside Out, Marc Malone has over two decades experience working in fitness since graduating in Sport & Exercise Science in 2001.

Marc and his coaching team are passionate about ensuring members get results and leave every fun fitness session, glowing, feeling strong, energised and happy!



CARLTON MAN BAGS TOP JOB



Congratulations to Joe Griffin, seen here being congratulated by First Minister John Swinney, on his appointment as Permanent Secretary to the Scottish Government.

John Swinney said, 'I welcome Joe Griffin's appointment. He brings a wealth of experience to this role from his distinguished career in the Civil Service. I know from his record of delivery, not least on the massive expansion of early learning and childcare that he led, that Joe will deliver an unyielding focus on delivering for the people of Scotland.'

Joe said, 'My focus will be on working with colleagues and partners to drive progress and deliver the government's four priorities; eradicating child poverty, growing the economy, tackling the climate emergency, and ensuring high quality and sustainable public services. I look forward to leading the organisation as we deliver in the service of Scotland.'

Joe played regularly for Carlton in seasons 2022 and 2023 when he was 4th XI Vice Captain (below) - a role which no doubt provided him important experience in leadership which will prove invaluable in his new role.

Joe's son Theo, was also a mainstay of the junior section and the 5th XI.



Indoor Action

Many thanks to all the parent coaches who have chaperoned a range of Carlton age groups through the winter's indoor season:

Stuart Gilmour, Adam Jobson, Steven Glass

Kailas Shelar, Umer Tahir

Graeme Moncur, Anish Amin

Euan Murray, Euan Sweet, Grierson Dunlop, Rahul Khadse

Ian Thompson, Kartic Subr.

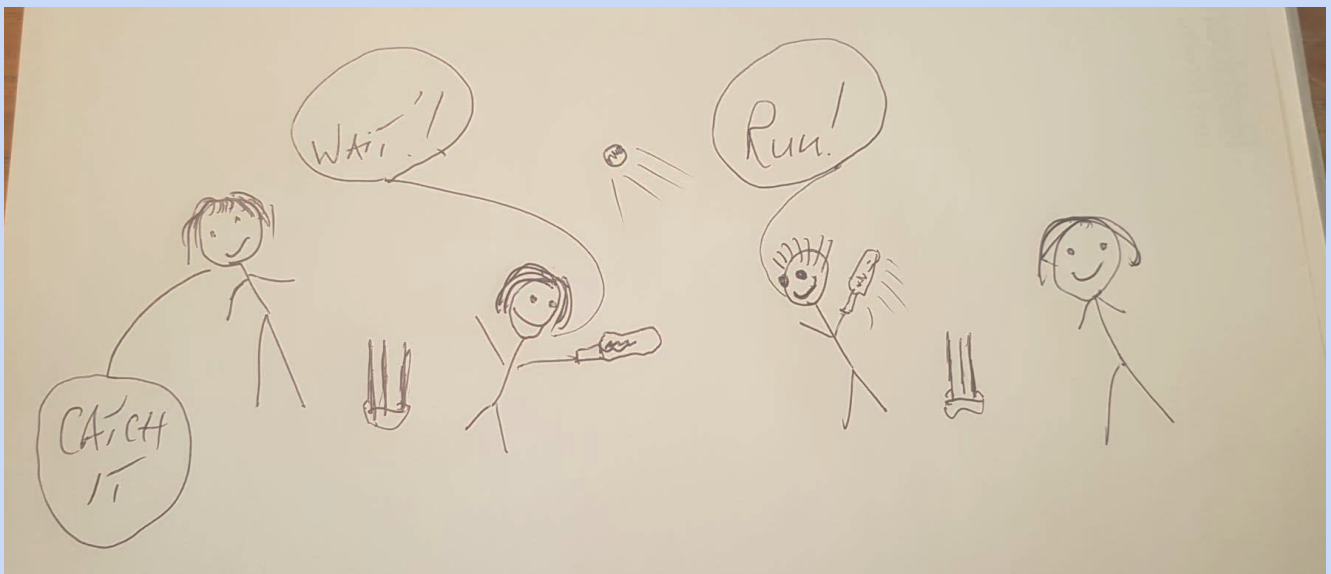
Groups of U10, U12, U14, U16, girls and boys, had lots of fun with many of close games, accompanied by lots of shouting and cheering as players showed exemplary support for each other in the Carlton tradition. Everyone is now fully geared up for the outdoor season when it starts.

The following report from the U12 Softball Squad illustrates the fun they had.

This year's U12 Indoor Softball Cricket event was another brilliant success, keeping the kids engaged and giving them a great chance to show off their skills. Over four weekends, our Carlton youngsters played three matches each time, putting in some fantastic performances. There were plenty of standout moments, with Harihaan and James smashing it with their big hitting, while Rajveer and Ted chipped in with crucial wickets and solid all-round play. The tournament kicked off at Balerno High School Hall, where we put on a cracking display and stayed undefeated on day one. A real highlight came at Broughton High School, where Harihaan and James sent five sixes flying in a single over—an unforgettable moment! A huge well done to all the players for their effort and enthusiasm, and thanks to the parents and coaches for their support. Looking forward to more great cricket ahead!



While a photographer was on hand to snap the group above, other sessions were recorded by one of Carlton's artists as shown below.





Stevie Gilmour's ever popular Summer Cricket Camps will run at Grange Loan between 14 July and 8 August.

**Camps are available for the full range of age and experience -
Kwik Cricket, Hardball and Performance.**

Full details and booking information can be found on the [Carlton Website](#).

Need further information?

**Ask Stevie at
07763834718
sgcricketcamps@gmail.com**



ALL ROUND ACTION

5-fer for Ollie Davidson

New face at Grange Loan Ollie Davidson has most recently been in action for the Great Britain and Ireland Team which won the Weston Shield Competition organised by Cricket Europe.

Ollie was among the leading wicket takers in the tournament, and bagged the event's only 5fer when he took 5-25 against Europe.

You can watch his 5 wicket performance on [this link](#)

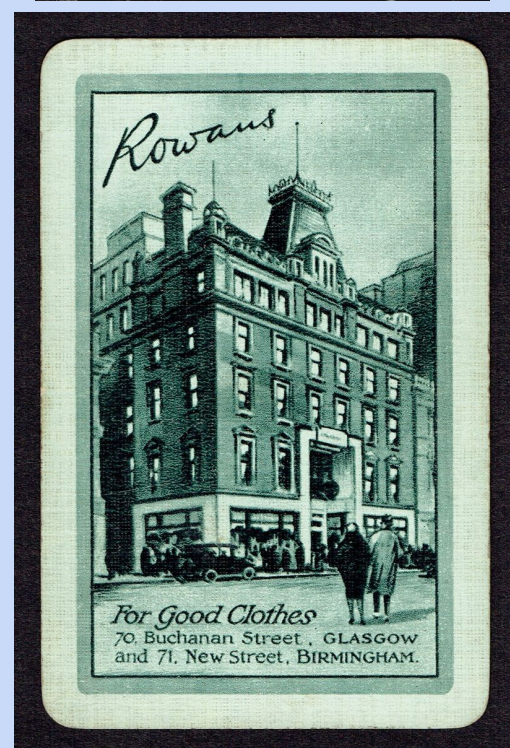
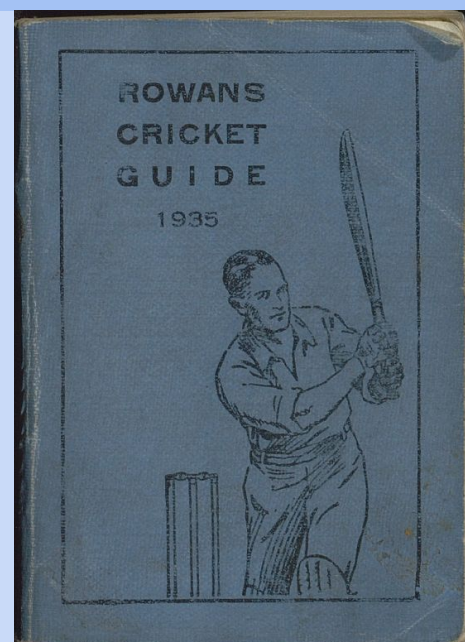


Meanwhile there has been a different kind of action at Grange Loan as Copnor Regan, Ben and Hugo D'Ulisse have been refurbishing the kitchen to a much improved design.



HISTORY CORNER - 1935

ROWANS — GLASGOW		
CARLTON FIRST ELEVEN.		
<i>Captain</i> —Dr. N. L. Stevenson. <i>Secretary</i> —R. M. Gourlay, 25A St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh, 2 <i>Telephone No.</i> —Edinburgh 21134. <i>Telegraphic Address</i> —"Torico, Edinburgh." <i>Ground</i> —Grange Loan.		
DATE.	OPPONENTS.	GROUND.
1935.		
April 13	Captain's XI. v. Rest	Grange Loan
" 20	Brunswick	Grange Loan
" 27	Anchor	Grange Loan
May 4	Stirling County	Williamfield
" 11	Hawick and Wilton	Grange Loan
" 15	Edinburgh Institution	Grange Loan
" 18	Stephousemuir	Tryst
" 20	Edinburgh University	Grange Loan
" 22	Edinburgh Academy	Raeburn Place
" 25	Forfarshire	Grange Loan
" 29	Loretto	Grange Loan
June 1	Glasgow Academicals	Grange Loan
" 5	Merchiston Castle	Colinton
" 8	Kirkcaldy	Grange Loan
" 12	Watsonians	Grange Loan
" 15	Royal High School F.P.	Jock's Lodge
" 22	St. Boswells	St. Boswells
" 29	Edinburgh Academicals	Grange Loan
July 6	Grange	Raeburn Place
" 13	West of Scotland	Partick
" 20	Cupar	Grange Loan
" 27	Dumfermline	McKane Park
Aug. 10	Glasgow High School F.P.	Grange Loan
Sept. 3	Northern Tour	
96		



Shown above is Carlton's fixture list for the 1935 season as published in Rowan's Cricket Guide.

For the 1935 season, NL Stevenson resumed the captaincy (at the tender age of 60) a position he would retain until 1947. That season he took 34 wickets at an average of 7.4, winning the best bowler award - a prize he had won for the first time in 1896. In all he won it 26 times.

Out of 26 matches played that season, 14 were won, 9 drawn and 3 lost. A 9 wicket victory against Edinburgh Accies was particularly pleasing, as the Accies had been unbeaten until that point being generally regarded as the best side in the east.

Six clubs represented in that fixture list no longer exist.

Rowan's Cricket Guide was published annually during the first half of the 20th Century. Rowan & Co was a Clothing Store in Glasgow, known also for their sportswear. The illustration shows their A-Listed Buchanan Street premises, still called Rowan House and now occupied by Laings the Jeweller.

Rowans was taken over by Austin Reed in 1974 and ceased trading in 1981.

In 1924 Rowan's inaugurated the West of Scotland Charity Cup, now known as the Rowan Cup which is still the premier T20 competition in the District. Its winner takes part in the National T20 Finals.

A similar cricket guide was published annually by RW Forsyth who had premises in Princes Street.

NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR 2025

Sponsor Carlton's Junior Coaching

c£1000

Branded kit for Carlton's Junior Coaches

Recognition of support at all junior coaching sessions - over 50 per season involving over 250 young people

Named sponsor of all junior cup ties in 5 national tournaments

Named sponsor of Junior 6s Tournament

Let's talk about it

sponsorship@carltoncc.co.uk



45* - CONGRATULATIONS BILL

Carlton is pleased to note the honour given to Bill Polson at the recent AGM of The East of Scotland Cricket Association (ESCA).

Cricket Scotland CEO Trudy Lindblade was on hand to surprise Bill with a commemorative quail to mark 45 years of involvement with cricket administration in the region. Bill received a standing ovation from those present as he received his award, remarking that he was "surprised, delighted, and looking forward to a busy and sunny summer."

Bill joined the ESCA Committee in 1979 as a divisional representative. In 1983 he became Secretary, holding the role until 1986 and was then an ordinary Committee member. Bill became youth convenor in 1994 and held that role until 2015 (making contact with many Carlton juniors as they came through the ranks). He served as President between 1997 and 1999.



Although more noted for his long association with Edinburgh South CC (formerly Mitre) Bill is an old friend of Carlton. In [Newsletter 30](#) (January 2021) Bill recalled his first visit to Grange Loan on a Sunday afternoon walk with his parents in 1948 and many subsequent afternoons spectating and scoring.

He still can be found at the scorer's table for one of Edinburgh South's XIs and is keenly anticipating his club's first appearance in the Premiership - they visit Grange Loan on 23 August. Read a fuller account of his cricketing career in [this article in the Jaffa](#).

Bill played as a guest in the Veteran's match commemorating Carlton's 150th year in 2013 and can be seen below waiting to pounce in the field.



Sparked by the inquiry a couple of issues ago as to whether any Carlton player was born on Christmas Day, Martin Firth investigated what Carlton's Pitchero birthday data reveals

This search includes the 249 players who played at least one game (Junior or Senior) at the club last year, and who have entered a valid date of birth in Pitchero. It omits parents, juniors who didn't play a game, ex-players and others who may also be in Pitchero.

As was previously revealed, no Carlton player has a birthday on Christmas Day. There is one birthday on Boxing Day, but none on Christmas Eve.

Players were born on 180 of the 366 days in the year. There are two birthdays on 1 Jan, but none on Valentine's Day or 29 Feb.

There are 5 birthdays in the second half of April, so they might be getting the start of the cricket season as a birthday present.

There are no birthdays on 31 August, but given the way age groups are determined, the one junior born on 30 August will forever be the youngest player in their team. Conversely, there is one junior who hung on to 1 September who will forever be the oldest player in their team.

There are no birthdays on Halloween or Guy Fawkes Night. There is one birthday on St Andrew's Day.

There are three sets of twins at the club at the moment, although there are at least three other players who are twins whose twin played cricket with them in the past. There is also one pair of unrelated 'twins'.

There are 42 days on which two players have birthdays, eight with three birthdays, and four with four birthdays: 16 Jan, 21 Feb, 12 Sep & 4 Nov.

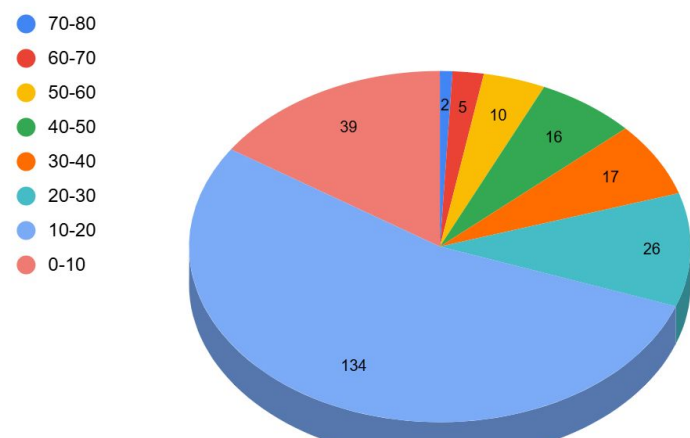
Thursday is the most popular day for Carlton players to be born (18.5%), Friday is the least popular, (12%). Surprisingly, the 31st is not the least popular day of the month; the 5th is, with only 3 birthdays. The 31st is second bottom, tied with the 23rd, with 4 birthdays. The 12th is the most popular day with 13 birthdays. I was delighted to find that the 9th has 9 birthdays.

Here are a couple of charts which might amuse.

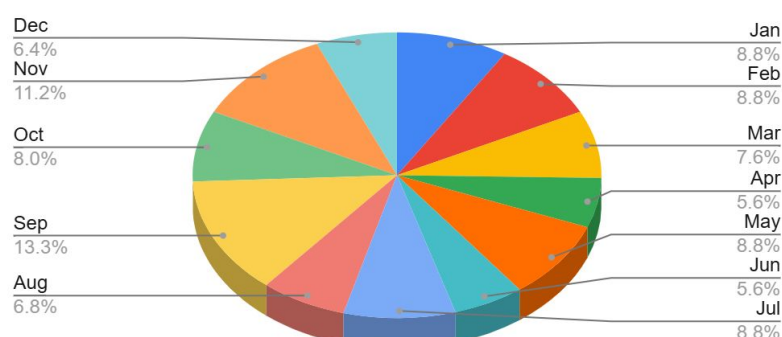
The chart on the left accidentally illustrates that data analysis is only as good as the input data. You'd be surprised how many people can't enter their or their children's birthday correctly! For example, one player in the 70-80 range has got their own birthday spectacularly wrong (they're really 40-50).

The other chart showing month of birth is intriguing: there is a well-documented correlation between sporting success and autumn birthdays (generally assumed to be because of the arbitrary 1 September cut-off for junior sports), but I hadn't expected that split to be quite so obvious in Carlton's age distribution.

Age distribution of players



Birthday month



Dan Barry continues the Arrow's theme of Carlton CC members abroad as he describes an unexpectedly expensive visit to a T20 match at the Sir Vivian Richards' Stadium in Antigua

We visited a four day game between the Leeward Isles Hurricanes and Jamaica Scorpions whilst on holiday in Antigua. Despite the game being delicately poised after the first innings, it was being played in a practically empty Sir Vivian Richards stadium and the Barrys almost doubled the crowd (and the snack bar takings!)

Highlights involved seeing some West Indian players like Rahkeem Cornwall, Jermaine Blackwood and Mikyle Louie, and the low point was losing \$90 dollars somewhere in the stadium, probably while taking the attached photo of George and Archie.



Your next big trip

Cherry Blossoms



You're in for a treat—cherry blossoms are set to bloom next month and turn the world pink. Here's where to enjoy the show.

[See the list](#)



Cherry blossom travel tip:

Bloom times may vary depending on the weather. Plan for a longer trip to make the most of the season.

Tripadvisor is promoting trips to view the seasonal Cherry Blossom. Venues include Kyoto, Washington DC, Stockholm. However, amazingly and disappointingly, they have failed to include Grange Loan where the annual burst of colour provides such a scenic backdrop to early season cricket!





**WHY NOT USE GRANGE LOAN FOR YOUR PARTY,
CORPORATE EVENT OR SPECIAL OCCASION?**

Contact

Kerry_david_simpson@hotmail.com



easyfundraising

The easiest way
to raise on your
phone or tablet

Get the free app



**Raise money for Carlton through
EASYFUNDRAISING**

[website](#) or [app](#)

easyfundraising

The easiest way
to raise on your
phone or tablet

Get the free app



easyfundraising

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

JUNIOR SECTION

FIRST XI KIT

SENIOR KIT

INDIVIDUAL PLAYER

FIRST XI MATCH

BOUNDARY ADVERTISING

SOCIAL EVENT

LIVESTREAMING

**A FULL RANGE OF SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
EXISTS AT CARLTON CRICKET CLUB
INTERESTED? - GET IN TOUCH AT**

sponsorship@carltoncc.co.uk

CAN'T WAIT TO GET STARTED

Some Carlton cricketers can't wait for the formal start to outdoor training - they're ready now!



SEE YOU SOON!