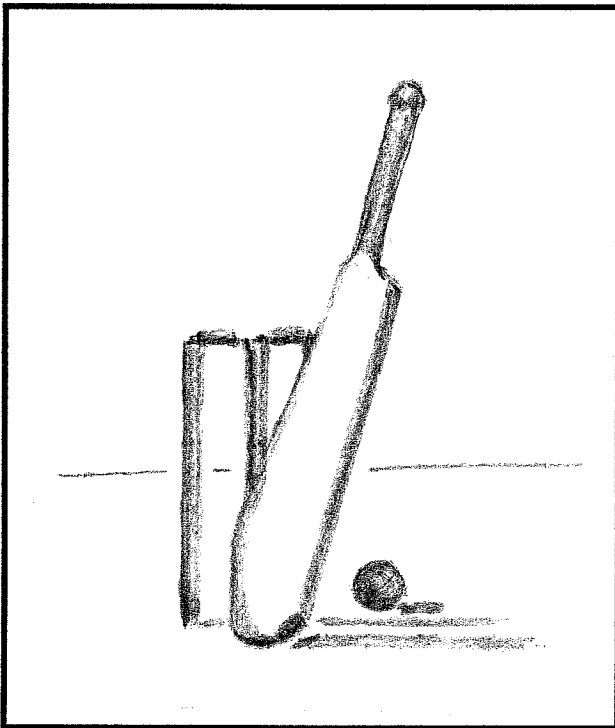


**Carsphairn
Heritage
Group**



Cricket in Carsphairn?

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The Chairman's Report at the 2006 AGM

We have just completed our 20th year as a Heritage Group.

This year we have had an excellent exhibition with research and contributions from most of the committee. There have been requests that the material displayed should be made into a pamphlet and that will be done over the winter.

The attendance this season was around one thousand four hundred and fifty which is down on last year but the obvious reason was the excellent weather in July which resulted in that month's attendance being down by about one hundred.

The membership for the year was eighty three.

Dumfries and Galloway Council has developed two of the trails Carnavel to Polmaddy and the Water of Deugh trail.

Visitors and requests have come from all over the world. e mail produces a number of requests – and spam. We learnt from a Mr Fisher from U.S that he has a book given to his direct ancestor as an award by the master at Woodhead lead mine school. Also valuable material has come from Australia on the McGuffie and Jamieson families who emigrated around the 1850s and 1860s from Carsphairn.

There has been just one organised visit to the Centre this year. Dalry Secondary School 3rd year came in September as they have been studying the Covenanters.

The autumn buffet was as successful as ever with its great reputation being upheld. Dr Lizanne Henderson spoke about Charms and Charmers in South West Scotland.

As ever thanks to the stewards and committee. Stewards give not only their time to sit in the Centre but do all kinds of extras such as changing light bulbs, sweeping the floor and providing a service to the public which is much wider than just answering historical questions.

Support also comes from those who may not be either members or stewards. For example, our keys are kept at the shop and we have a supply of beautiful flowers throughout the summer provided by a village garden.

This year the committee members have used their talents as freely as ever, be it in research, mounting, looking after the sales table, organising rotas, providing illustrations, editing the newsletter, now at number 76, stewarding, providing hospitality – the list is endless.

Just to mention one of them by name – Agnes Holden is retiring as Treasurer. She has done an excellent job over the last four years, everything has been done so efficiently and we would like to thank her not only for all this work but for the warmth of her welcome when we hold all our meetings at the kitchen table in Dalshangan. She is not retiring from the Committee.

And for 2007 our next exhibition is about sports in Carsphairn with the title Carsphairn - The Sporting Life. Any material will be welcome. Priorities for the winter are the updating of the trails, and web site and the production of the Covenanting booklet.

Anna Campbell

Cricket at Carsphairn

It was a complete surprise to all of us to find out that there was a cricket club in Carsphairn. There are no trophies, photographs or clues as to where the pitch was. Perhaps no trophies existed. From the newspaper accounts in the Dumfries and Galloway Standard we've found out that there was local league and often Carsphairn was at the top of it.

The vivid account of the game in Dalmellington gives a feel for the spirit of those Edwardian days when time seemed endless. With hindsight it becomes a very poignant account. The accounts of the game against Glencairn shows their local minister in the team with Carsphairn having Major Cathcart.

If you recognise any of the names of the cricketers do get in touch with us. Perhaps you might know more about the Carsphairn Cricket Club and if you have any photos of the cricketers we would be pleased to use them or any other information in our exhibition this year.

Income & Expenditure for Carsphairm Heritage Group

		1/1/05 to 31/10/06	
		2006	2006
		Last Year	Last Year
		Expenditure 2005	Expenditure 2005
		1/1/05 to 31/10/06	1/1/05 to 31/10/06
	Income		
	£223 Membership	£236.00	£139.19
(1)	£6109 Donations	£1129.87	
(2)	£558 Social Events	£526.00	
	£312 Interest	£254.26	
	Total Income	£2339.27	
	Expenditure		
	£1797 Sales	£40.00	
	Sundries	£1116.88	
	Book Sales	£36.26	
	£305 Purchases	£391.84	
	Sundries	£25.00	
	Adjustment for cheque 11893 difference	£5.00	
	Total Expenditure	£7914.94	
	Uncleared cheques & Banking	£7914.94	
	Cash in Hand @ 31/10/06	£30.19	
	Treasurers Account @ 31/10/06	£20.00	
	National Savings Investment Account @ 31/10/06	£1883.65	
	Abbey National Charity Account @ 31/10/06	£6220.79	
	Total	£2137.00	
	Surplus	£1806.19	
	Notes:		
	1) BT refund of £36.26		
	2) £5.00 added to cash float (internal transfer)		
	2) £25 cash out for stewards presentation		

I have examined the records for the above and with the explanations provided above receive
 find them correct
 Stephen Strick Davis
 7/11/06

1) Donations for 2005 included the Awards for All grant of £4980.00. Therefore the actual donations for last year were £1129.15

The Awards for All grant was awarded last year but mostly spent this year. The breakdown for the total expenditure is as follows;

Salary for archivist	£4200.00
Expenses & materials	£845.39
Total	£5045.39

The overspend of £65.39 was covered by the Centre and was used to provide a copy of the catalogue for use in the Centre.

2) Spring Buffet

3)

4)

	2005	2006
6) Tickets	£302.50	£280.00
7) Raffle	£90.00	£93.00
8) Bar	£165.10	£153.00
Totals	£557.60	£526.00

Expenses	£129.73	£212.43
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Profit	£427.87	£313.57
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£114.30 down from last year

3) Centre expenses. This figure appears high but includes the Awards for All expenditure. Subtracting this (less £700.00 accounted for last year) brings the total to £1510.46. This is £172.82 less than we spent last year.

APPEAL for 'Carsphairn - The Sporting Life'

Information, photographs, records of results, medals, locations, participants etc. are all still being sought for this year's exhibition. If you have anything in your attics, records, collections to do with SPORTS & CARSPHAIRN in the 19th and 20th centuries then please contact Anna Campbell at Holm of Daltallochan. Telephone 01644 460 208

Quentin McAdam of Craigengillan d. 1805

Some more letters from this mildly eccentric scribe of south Ayrshire who owned land in Carsphairn parish and who put pen to paper seemingly daily. See Newsletters no. 16 page 3 for his story.. In the absence of carbon paper or computers his letters were copied into two or more letter books.

Here are some Reprimands, Requests and Instructions, many Instructions : -
(sic)

Thomas Bone, Seaman on board HMS Resolution, Causend Bay

Berbeth, 17th June 1800

Thomas,

I received your letter of 16th May, asking me to apply for your Discharge; it is a thing which I cannot obtain without putting a man in your place, and that I do not choose to be at the expense and trouble of doing..

Your mother spoke to me on the subject, the last time she did, I told her I could do nothing in it.

*I am, Your Obd Servant
Quentin McAdam*

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Miss Mitchell, Post Office, Ayr

Berbeth 13th November 1801

Dear Madam

The Sun newspaper of 6th currt. I have not received, it is a paper of the greatest consequence, as it contains Mr Pitt and Mr Parr's speeches upon the terms of the Peace.

It is very hard and disagreeable, when I am at the expence of having a London newspaper to myself, to have them so often lost. I must again repeat, and entreat you, never to give out my Newspapers to any Person, except Lady Cuninghame, who, I know, is most pointed in returning them to the Post Office; unless when my Servants call for them, or some other Person calls who is coming direct to Berbeth.

I hope and trust you will attend to this, as it would be with the utmost reluctance, that I would give in a complaint to the General Post Office, against you.

For I am convinced, you do every thing in your power, to serve and oblige, any Gentleman, in the County, and I am with much regard, Dear Madam

Your very faithful Servt.

QM

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Mr William Barbar - Bogue

Berbeth 8th Oct 1801

Sir,

I am favoured with your letter of yesterday, and return you many thanks for the

trouble you have taken in look out for a Bull to me. As they are so scarce, and the prices so high ... I do not choose to purchase any at present. ...

Many thanks for sending your own Bull here ... but I did not like his appearance so ordered him to be sent back, before he should Bull any of my Cows.

If your Stots come here tomorrow, they shall be most welcome to a nights quarters.

I am, Sir, Your very Ob. Servt.

QM

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Thomas Bennerman Esq, Wine Merchant, Aberdeen

Berbeth 29th May 1800

Sir,

We have a Shooting Quarter, called Birkhall, on Mr Gordon of Abergeldies ground, near the Dee, which place, I am informed is about 45 miles from Aberdeen. May I request, so soon as you receive this, that you will order to it, 8 dozen of Port & 5 Doz. of Claret, of the very best you have, & fittest for immediate use? Also 2 doz. either Madeira or Sherry, whichever you have best, & a Hogshead of London Porter in Bottles of the first quality, and be sure that it is quite mild, for I cannot drink Malt Liquor, if it is the least hard. I will be much obliged to you, to hire a man to carry it to Birkhall, at so much per doz & pay him for the carriage. So soon as you send me an account of the wines etc I shall order my Bankers at Ayr, which is my Post Town, to send you a Draft on Edinr. for the amount.

The sooner you can get the Liquor sent, the better, that they may have time to recover the Tumbling before August. And tell the Carrier to desire the woman who takes care of the house of Birkhall for us, to let them remain unpacked until we arrive.

But if you have sacks or dry casks to spare, it would be better for us, to let the carrier unpack them, & count them over to the woman, whose name, I think, is Christine Cameron, and take the Casks back to you, and you can charge whatever they are worth for they will be of no use to us.

I am, Sir, Your most obd. Servt.

QM

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More from Life at the Turn of the 18th Century in another newsletter

Carol Cathcart

Carsphairn Cricket Club

Carsphairn v. Dalmellington. - The Carsphairn club opened their season on Saturday, when they visited Dalmellington to play the local club there. Accompanied by their lady enthusiast and one or two supporters, the members 'biked' out against a

strong head wind, but arrived at Dalmellington in good spirits, prepared to do or die in the attempt. On arriving at the pitch, it was found that the game would have to be played on a rain sodden and tricky wicket.

The Carsphairn captain won the toss and, thinking that the strong wind would improve the pitch after a time, he sent Dalmellington in to bat. Messrs Cook and Scott opened for Dalmellington, while the brothers Milroy had charge of the bowling for the 'men of the mosshags'. The bowlers proved to be in deadly form, while the Carsphairn fielders were excellent. After the fall of Captain Cook's wicket, a rot seemed to set in which nothing could stop, and the whole team were dismissed for a total of 7. A Milroy had five wickets for 2 runs, while R Milroy had the other five for 5 runs. Carsphairn then began their innings with S Cawford and J Milroy, who made a promising start, passing the Dalmellington total before a separation was effected. After the fall of the first wicket, however, Carsphairn could not make another stand, and the whole were out for 21 - a good enough total, but sufficient to give the 'raiders' a brilliant victory, and to send them home up 'the glen' rejoicing and sighing for other worlds to conquer. The return is fixed for 18th August.

The afternoon not being far advanced, it was agreed to start another innings, and the wicket having greatly improved, Dalmellington put on the splendid score of 113. R H Lohead by sterling cricket made 61, a fine effort, which was much admired. The visitors sent in their tail end first, and it wagged tremendously, 30 runs being scored for four wickets when time was called. The visitors were afterwards entertained to tea by the home team, when a pleasant hour was spent in the Black Bull Hotel. Songs were rendered by several of the players, Captain Cook acting as accompanist. The visitors then started for home, amid the cheers of their defeated but not downhearted friends.

Carsphairn		Dalmellington	
S Crawford, c Cook, b R Lohead	3	J B Cook, b R Milroy	2
J Milroy, b R Lohead	9	F Scott, c Blythe, b A Milroy	1
W Blythe, c Scott, b R Lohead	0	R H Lohead, b R Milroy	2
A Milroy, b Cook	1	H McMurray, c Hyslop, b A Milroy	1
R Milroy, c and b Cook	1	J McMurray, c Stewart, b R Milroy	0
T Graham, c Thomson, b Cook	0	G Hendrie, c Blythe, b R Milroy	0
J Stewart, b R Lohead	0	J B Lohead, b A Milroy	0
S Milroy, c Scott, b R Lohead	0	Joe Hyslop, lbw, b A Milroy	1
H Milroy, not out	2	John Hyslop, c Blythe, b A Milroy	0
A Hyslop, run out	1	Jas. Thomson, c Graham, b R Milroy	0
J Laidlaw, run out	0	John Thomson, not out	<u>0</u>
Extras	<u>4</u>		
Total	21	Total	7

Extracts from Dumfries & Galloway Standard 9th June 1906