GENERAL

Johnston	1158, *Prestwick*. Priest's dwelling, OE *wic*.
Clancy, Two Ayrshire Place-Names, 2008	Discussion of *Pulprestwic*, 1165x1173, Gaelic **pol*, burn, + OE Prestwick. PHOTOCOPY in Ayrshire: Place Names
Macfarlane	Descriptions of some Parishes in the Jurisdiction of Kyle in Ayrshire with what is worth notice remarked very exactlie May 1723. The kirk of Prestick stands on a rising ground close by the sea, where the minister of Monktoun preaches every Sabbath has a long village called the toun of Prestick with a tolbooth and toun counsell and twa Bailies; is the head brugh of the Principalitie of KoyleStewart, here the Prince and Stewart of Scotland keeps 2 head courts in the year, where all his vassals in the principalitie of KoyleStewart are oblidged to appear. About a quarter of a mile to the west stands ane old Hospitall called the Kings-Case closs by the sea, near by this Sir Thomas Wallace of Craigie has very hansome salt pans where lepers are mentain'd and hes lands of ther own doted by one of the Kings of Scotland a leper.
1SA [1791-1793], 460	66 dwellings in village. p.465; 13 newly built houses in last 7 or 8 years.
AA 15.8.1805	This place is daily rising in public estimation, and may soon vie with its more southern neighbours as a scene of fashionable resort. The salubrity of the air, the mildness of the climate, the dryness of the soil, the convenience of the markets, the commodiousness of the houses, and the picturesque views afforded by the sweeping bays, the expansive firth and the towering mountains of Arran must render it an eligible summer residence for those "in populous cities pent" or sequestered amid inland dells.
AA 5.10.1865	This little village seems to be rising in importance. Two neat houses near the station for Mr Small, vet, are nearly completed, and another is in course of erection for Mr Crombie, Glasgow.
AA 4841, Th 12.1.1893, 1a	Intimation of petition, under 25/26 Vict 101, to have Prestwick declared a populous place, with boundaries.
nr	Became a [Small] Burgh in 1903. Election 4.11.1903, and first meeting 6.11.1903.
AP, F 13.1.2012 [1912]	Prestwick continues to win plaudits for improvements to the burgh, with a new look Prestwick Cross the latest advance. The town council purchased Broomknowe House and its grounds in order to create a wider new road, sweeping into Station Road, Flower plots, railings and a public convenience further enhance the area.
AP, F 9.1.1925, 7a	71 DoG warrants in 1924, of which 52 covered 123 new houses, of which 39 have been completed and 83 are i.c.o.e.
AP 11.2.1938	First in a series of articles on Old Prestwick.
CURFEW BELL AA, Th 25.12.1947, 1c	Was rung at 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., but ceased in 1940 when town bell became the warning of invasion. PTC, Tuesday, decided not to resume ringing the bell.

FREEDOM LANDS

PTC, TC 25.10.1949 — The entry of a Freeman refers to his ownership of a Lot of that part of the Common divided in **1802**, a Lot of the remainder of the Common divided in **1814**, and a Lot of the Outdale.

SEA BATHING - TOURISM

ASH, F 8.5.1914, 5b — Two new bathing boxes are being purchased

AP, F 18.2.1949, 8ab — Article 'Attractions for Prestwick'. Public Meeting.

PHOTOGRAPHY

AP, F 7.1.1949, 1e — Offers invited, Sole Right to take 'Walking Pictures', from 1st March to 30th September 1949. Tenders to John L Jones, Town Clerk.

GOLF

Article on history of golf at Prestwick in "The Field", 13.1.1883.

MAGISTRATES

AA, Th 8.11.1838, 4b — Council for Nov 1838 - Nov 1839: Alexander McCubbin, Chancellor; William Smith and Allan Gray, Bailies; Charles Boyd, Treasurer; John Smith, Andrew Caldwell, David Boyd, Robert Manson, Councillors; John Reid, senior, Fiscal.

BURGH OFFICIALS

TOWN CLERK

James Andrew, solicitor, Ayr	- 1896	Clerk to Magistrates
R.D. Wallace, solicitor, Ayr	1896 -	Clerk to Magistrates [AA, Th 1.10.1896, 3f]
Hugh BOYD, junior	1903-1904	*Interim* Town Clerk. [PTC, 6.11.1903]
John STEWART	1904-1907	Appointed 6.1.1904 [PTC, TC 6.1.1904] Resigned 25.3.1907 [PTC, TC 25.3.1907]
William SHAW	1907-1944	Post offered and accepted 21.6.1907 [PTC, TC 21.6.1907] Made a salaried post w.e.f 1.4.1926. [PTC, TC 30.3.1926] Died, nd [PTC, TC 11.4.1944][AP, F 14.4.1944, 5c]
John Lyle JONES	1944-1955	Appointed 16 May 1944. [PTC, TC 16.5.1944] Resigning w.e.f 15.5.1955. He is 45, was born in Kilmarnock. 1941, depute TC, Kilmarnock. 1944, TC, Prestwick. Going to Victoria, British Columbia. [AA Th 24.3.1955, 1cd; PTC, TC 22.3.1955][AA, Th 27.10.1955, 15a: some form of dispute with PTC]. Began June 1944. He died in Adelaide 9.3.1965. PTC, 23.3.1965
Allan INGLIS	May1955-Nov1968	Appointed. He is 51. Was previously Depute TC, Stirling, then TC Markinch, then TC Dalkeith, and is presently TC, Milngavie. [AA Th 21.4.1955, 19a: PTC, TC 14.4.1955] [Others interviewed included J C W Nicol, Depute TC, Kilmarnock, and W A Morton, Town Clerk, Bridge of Allan: PTC, TC 6.4.1955]

		AA, Th 21.11.1968, 1de. Retired yesterday. AP, F 3.10.1969, 4f: died 27th September 1969 aged 65.
William Alan MORTON	Nov 1968 -	Appointed by TC 26.11.1968. Had become Depute TC 18.12.1967 [PTC 26.9.1967]

BURGH SURVEYOR

Robert M ALEXANDER	1904-1907	Appointed. Presently assistant Burgh Surveyor, Ayr. [PTC, TC 6.1.1904] Dismissed, with one month's notice [PTC, TC 20.5.1907]
James ORR	1907-1913	Appointed as *interim* Burgh Surveyor. He is Works Foreman [PTC, TC 18.6.1907] His position made permanent August 1908 [PTC, FC 31.8,1908] Resigned August 1913. [PTC, FC 10.7.1913 and TC 15.7.1913] [AP F 1.8.1913, 3c, says resigning after 18 years. Native of Kilbirnie]
[John EAGLESHAM	1913	*Interim* Burgh Surveyor]
Francis PRITTY	1913 - 1946	Began work 14.10.1913. Had been Assistant Burgh Surveyor, Glasgow. [See PTC, TC 4.9.1913, 22.9.1913, 26.9.1913 and 7.10.1913] While Pritty was on war service, August 1916 - January 1919, John GRAHAM, Works Foreman, acted as *interim* Burgh Surveyor, though Montgomery JAMIESON, an employee of J & H V Eaglesham served for the first month. Died in post, 13 February 1946. [PTC, TC 19.2.1946]
James MELROSE	1946-[1974]	Appointed 19.February 1946, formerly Depute to Pritty, and to begin wef 20 February 1946. [PTC, TC 19.2.1946] 1961: Unsuccessful motion to dismiss him. [PTC, TC 25.4.1961]

TOWN CHAMBERLAIN (BURGH TREASURER)

Hugh BOYD, junior	1903-1930	*Interim* Treasurer. [PTC, TC 6.11.1903] Appointed Collector and Treasurer, 6.1.1904. [PTC, TC 6.1.1904]
Robert BOYD, joint b.t.	- 1930	Died, nd. [PTC, DoGC 29.7.1930]
Hugh BOYD	- 1930	Resigned 7.10.1930 [PTC, TC 7.10.1930]
James Alexander KINGHORN	1930 - 1956	Interviewed and post offered 28.10.1930. began work 1 November 1930. [PTC, TC 28.10.1930 and 7.11.1930] Died 21 August 1956. Had been Chamberlain for 25 years. [PTC, TC 25.9.1956] [AP, F 21.1.1949, 8f, leave of absence to visit family in South Africa]
Lewis D STEWART	1956-[1974]	Appointed 6.11.1956, and will take up post 17 December 1956. Address: 12 Chapelpark Road, Ayr. [PTC, TC 6.11.1956 and GPC 13.11.1956]

STREET NAMES

See also local authority housing and specific links to other developments. See also references in Prestwick Town Council minutes.

AA 9.2.1911	PTC agreed to a request to rename Neill Road as MIDTON ROAD.

PTC, RFC 16.2.1937	Approved: Crawford Avenue. Suggested by Wm Paton & Sons Ltd.
PTC, SubCtttee 24.11.1937	Recommendations to TC: Marchburn Avenue, Outdale Avenue
PTC, RFC 17.2.1938	Approved: Boydfield Crescent. Road is being formed by Mathieson Gee (Ayrshire) Ltd.
PTC, RFC 21.6.1938	Propoal to spilt Adamton Road into Adamton Road, Sanquhar Road and Braehead Road. [RFC 19.7.1938, proprietors protest against Sanquhar Road]
PTC, TC 6.12.1938	Adamton Road to be Adamton Road North and Adamton Road South.
PTC, TC 6.12.1938	Decide not to change Mansefield Road to Highfield Road.
PTC, RFC 17.1.1939	Reference to 'Maybole Row - now Bellrock Avenue'.
PTC, RFC 18.4 1939	Approved: continuations of Marchburn and Outdale Avenues. Ferguson Avenue, Aitkenbrae Avenue, Marchburn Quadrant.
PTC, RFC 20.6.1939	Approved: Highfield Avenue, although developer, W & D Lindsay, suggested Watson Avenue.
PTC, RFC 18.7.1939	Approved: Sanquhar Avenue, St Quivox Terrace, Indale Avenue and Boydfield Crescent
AP 22.11.1946	Street name changes in Prestwick Bereland Avenue to become BERELANDS AVENUE Boydfield Avenue, Boydfield Crescent, Boydfield Circle and Hillside Avenue to be unified as BOYDFIELD AVENUE Bridge Street between Main Street and Midton Road to become KYLE STREET Mansfield Road to become DUNSMORE DRIVE. [This change appears not to have been effected] Marchburn Quadrant to become MARCHBURN AVENUE Powbankmill Road to become POWMILL ROAD Shore to become NORTH ESPLANADE (North from Links Road), CENTRAL ESPLANADE (Grangemuir Road to Links Road) and SOUTH ESPLANADE (South of Grangemuir Road). ESPLANADE appears to be the name eventually adopted.
PTC, SWC 11.10.1949	Approved: Nursery Avenue
PTC, SWC 10.10.1950	Approved: Rowanbank Road
PTC, SWC 11.12.1951	Approved: Orangefield Drive
PTC, SWC 13.10.1953	Approved: Biggart Road.
PTC, SWC 10.11.1953	Approved: Cunninghame Road
PTC, TC 24.11.1953	Approved: Moorfield Road
PTC, SWC 9.11.1954	Approved: Coila Avenue -Pladda Drive - Fullarton Road
PTC, SWC 10.5.1955	Approved: Hawthorn Avenue
PTC, SWC 12.11.1963	Approved: St Cuthbert's Crescent - Kenmore Avenue
PTC, SWC 9.2.1965	Approved: Winston Avenue. [Churchill died 24.1.1965]
PTC, SWC 9.2.1965	Approved: Sunnyvale Avenue - Springfield Avenue - Greenside Avenue. PTC, Tc 27.4.1965, on petition from residents agreed that relevant part of Underwood Road be called Culzean Avenue and not Sunnyvale Avenue.
PTC, SWC 12.10.1965	Approved: Weston Avenue - Glenpark Avenue.
PTC, SWC 1.2.1966	Approved: Carleton (Gardens)
PTC, SWC 22.3.1966	Approved (Varney dev): Westbourne Avenue - Westbourne Gardens
AA, Th 24.10.1968, 12c	Approved. For Pleasantfield - west coast islands (Cumbrae, Colonsay, Rathlin, Lismore Houses) For Arran Court (Bennan, Corrie, Kildonan, Lagg, Torbeg)
PTC, SWC 14.4.1970	Approved: Brandon Gardens
PTC, SWC 14.3.1972	Approved: Glenburn Road

UNSORTED

PRESTWICK

AA, Th 14.4.1808, 4b	For sale, 2 storey slated house in village of Prestwick belonging to Thomas Daniel, late brewer there.
AA, Th 18.8.1808, 1d	To let, large two storey house, weaver's shops and dwelling house, property of Thomas Daniel.
AA, Th 2.3.1809, 1e	For sale, tenement of 2 storeys besides garrets, with offices, yard and vacant ground, lately erected by Thomas Daniel at the south end of the burgh. Very favourable for sea bathing quarters.
AA, Th 28.9.1809, 1d	To let, commodious new house, with garden and offices, near Prestwick toll Bar, as p.p. by George Taylor.
AA, Th 7.2.1828, 1d	To let, house and garden p.p. by William Miller. Details from Charles Boyd.
AA 16.5.1861	To sell, 7A villa on the shore. Dets: **John Murdoch**, 48 Newmarket Street, Ayr, architect. [NB, AP 27.5.1932 says that in 1882 there were only two houses - Grangemuir and Gracefield - west of the railway. I think this is very wrong].
AA 5.10.1865 [ref above]	2 houses near station, Small, vet, and house i.c.o.e. for Crombie, Glasgow.
Sas Min 4656 of 1874	RSxx/103.105. 1874. Disp of Lot No.1 by James Wilson to Robert Lees, pilot. North end of Prestwick.
AA, Th 10.2.1876, 8a	Villa on the beach for sale, dd+8, with c. one-third of an acre.
KS 19.2.1876	Houses in Prestwick "recently erected", and to be sold, property of **Alexander McMurtrie**, wright: Woodland Villa - Primrose Cottage - Meadowbank Cottage.
Murray, Annals of Alloway, Alloway, 2006, 22	Died 17 Nov 1887, Robert Armour, senior. "This Mr Armour lived for many years at Wrightfield - something over two years ago he took a fancy to build a house for himself at Prestwick. He did so - it was finished and ready for occupation by the Whitsunday of 1886 and he removed from Wrightfield onto it between April 15 and 26 May 1886 - just 18 months ago."
RS 91/728 f.107 1893	Feu Ch by Alexander McCubbin, of 1R 29P 4Y, Prestwick, to Lillie Blanche Mowat, The Mount, Strathpeffer. Bot N& E by other lands of McCubbin, 225' and 85'; ot S by road to the sea, 218', and ot W by burgh land for laying wrack, 86'.
BI 7/77 August 1896	New cottage, Prestwick; **W J Anderson**, Glasgow, architect.
BI 20/238 January 1910	House, £1200, Prestwick; **William Cowie**, Ayr, architect.
SA 1/4 November 1938	£7000 extension to an hotel, **Alex Mair**.
ACC Planning, 2985	March 1945. Double cottage, Prestwick, for Ewenfield Feuing Co.
ACC Planning, B1119	April 1957. 6 semi-detached and 2 detached houses, [unreadable], Prestwick; E A Darley, for Francis Bothwell.

BOYDFIELD

Sas Min 3134 of 1863	Refers to Disp 1863 by Charles and John BOYD to James Dickie.

BROOMKNOWE HOUSE

AP, F 13.1.2012 [1912]	Prestwick continues to win plaudits for improvements to the burgh, with a new look Prestwick Cross the latest advance. The town council purchased Broomknowe House and its grounds in order to create a wider new road, sweeping into Station Road, Flower plots, railings and a public convenience further enhance the area.

CITY & SUBURBAN HOUSING ASSOCIATION LTD

AP, F 2.2.1923, 4d — PHOTOCOPY herewith: plans to build in St Quivox Road, Maryborough Road and Berelands Road. Architect, Charles J McNair. Proprietor, J H Ballantyne, civil engineer, Glasgow.

DIAMOND COTTAGE

AA 3.11.1892 — Diamond Cottage has been converted into a Reading Room and will be opened on Saturday.

EDEN COTTAGE

EG, F 27.5.1892, 684a — Petition for Cessio of John Goldie Mitchell, EC, Prestwick.

ELDO HOUSE

VR 1933-34 — not found.

VR 1934-1935 — listed.

AP 23.6.1944 — Edmund Bruce Ball, M.D., Glenfield & Kennedy, died here 17th June 1944.

EVERTON COTTAGE, FAREWELL COTTAGE

AA, Th 3.2.1876, 1c — Two cottages for sale. Everton Cottage, p+3, and Farewell Cottage, p with closets + 2.

FERNBANK

E A Darley, Certificate Book, 1964-1974 — E A Darley: certificates issued 1965-1967: extension, for Prestwick T.C.

FREWVALE

AA 18.6.1896 — To sell, 4 cottages Frewvale, off Marina Road, facing Ladies Links, built in 1894. [In Burgh Road?]

GHAZEPORE HOUSE

nd — Letter of John Eaglesham Burgh Engineer Ayr to Allan Stevenson. The Burgh's sewer is being laid to Ghazepore House, Prestwick, for **[John] Murdoch**, architect, and Eaglesham seeks Stevenson's approval for opening up of roadway.

GLOSTER PLACE, PRESTWICK ROAD (May be in Ayr)

AA 3.8.1882 — To sell, newly erected: northmost of the 2 semi-detached villas known as Gloster Place, Prestwick Road, adjoining the new St Nicholas Golf Ground. 10 minutes walk from Prestwick Station.

KECS

AP 26.8.1921 — New KECS store formally opened last Wednesday. **William Cowie**, Ayr, architect.

KINGCASE

AA 4.6.1891 — For sale, recently erected cottages Seafield and Broomfield, Kingcase. [Are these 80-82 Ayr Road, and is the architect **John Murdoch**, who is their prop in VR 1892-1893]

KINROSS VILLA

GPI 1895 — Unsold. Upset price, £950.

[MAIN STREET]

AA, Th 20.9.1821, 1b — For sale, (roup due to Bond) a piece of ground with houses thereon, p.p. by Mary McWhirter and others.
Bounded on the east by the High Road, on the west by the road to the sea, on the south by property of David Smith, and on the north by property of Robert Miller.

PRESTWICK TOLL
AA 23.4.1818 — To sell, "newly built" house near Prestwick Toll, opposite Red Lion. Prop, William Duff; occ, David Hunter.

QUEENS HOTEL
B 27.11.1931 — Proposed alterations. Architects named as Carruthers & Foote, High Street, Ayr, who are actually QS' in Glasgow.

ST NICHOLAS LADIES GOLF CLUB
Hewat, A Little Scottish World, nd, 229
Ladies Clubhouse was erected on the Old St Nicholas course. [Ref, this section, under Frewvale, infers Ladies Links off Marina Road]

SANDGATE
AA 17.11.1887 — For sale, unfinished building erected by Mr Charles Cousar in Sandgate, Prestwick, and the building materials there.

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Darley Hay — 1895 feuing plan, unattributed.
Darley Hay — 1882 feuing plan, **John Murdoch**, of W T McWhinnie's property.

ACC Planning, B293 — July 1956. 2 pairs of semi-detached bungalows, [ ] Road, Prestwick; E A Darley, for Francis Bothwell.

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