AYR COLLEGE

NAME

AYR TECHNICAL COLLEGE - August 1981 (SRC, E 12.8.1981, 1154, general practice in future to call colleges Colleges and not Techincal Colleges) AYR COLLEGE - 1 August 2013 AYRSHIRE COLLEGE

BUILDING

B 22.4.1955	Technical College proposed. R G Lindsay, County Architect.
Dean of Guild Court 130/1957	Plans dated April 1960, warrant issued September 1960.
BI 72/852 March 1961	Proposed. **R G Lindsay**, County Architect. **F A Macdonald & Partners**, consulting engineers.
AA, CO 3/10/5/25, AR 11.12.1964	Site works began March 1961, concrete frame April 1962, workshop block October 1962, teaching block October 1963.
AA, CO 3/10/5/26, AR 10.12.1965	Begun in October 1963.
AA, Th 16.9.1965, 15b	Opened on Monday. The principal is John McPherson, and the depute, Samuel Hosie.
AA, CO 3/10/5/26, AR 10.12.1965	Now occupied.
AA, CO 3/10/5/26, GPC 15.4.1966	Formally opened 18th March 1966 by William Ross, MP.
AP, F 18.3.1966, 10	To be formally opened today.
AA, Th 23.1.1969, 22cde	Photo, i.c.o.e., from Fire Station Hose Tower
nr	**Charles Toner**, Depute County Architect, for ACC.
Dean of Guild Court 229/205	1973 extension: **Clark Fyfe** for ACC.

NEW BUILDING

Nr	**Boswell Mitchell & Johnston**. Photocopy herewith

AERONAUTICAL BUILDING

Nr	2010-11, **Hugh Taylor**

PRINCIPALS

1965 -	John McPHERSON
c2005 - 2013	Diane RAWLINSON. AP 14.12.2012, 3; leaving after 7 years, going as Principal to Inverness.

AYR RACECOURSE

Scottish Field, December 1975, 60-61, "Horse Racing: Ayr moves steadily up the field".
Copy in Ayr file at "Racing".

AA, Th 25.2.1960, 2abc	[Retiral of Sir Charles Dunlop as Treasurer of the WMC] "The architect for the Western Meeting was sent down to see the layout of Newbury Racecourse, which had recently been opened. The result was that Ayr Racecourse was modelled on Newbury, and is almost identical except that it is one furlong shorter round than the Newbury course. Sir Charles recalled that after the declaration of War in 1914, the Ayrshire Yeomanry mobilised at the racecourse before moving off to Coupar. Later on the RFC used the middle of the course as a training ground for landing. During the tenancy of the RFC the hangar in the present 2/6d wing was built and remained to this day. It is used as a bar which is probably the biggest bar in any racecourse in Great Britain. First National Hunt jumping fixture at Ayr was on 10.10.1950.
[AA 17.6.1824]	Western Meeting Club founded this year.
AA, Th 28.9.1905	As reported in our last issue, the members of the Western (Ayr) Meeting on Wednesday of last week resolved to acquire ground on the lands of Auchincruive and Craigie, and to form thereon a new racecourse. We give above a sketch of the new course from a plan prepared by Mr Allan Stevenson CE Ayr and approved by the members of the Meeting. The new racecourse is to be formed in an enclosure of 150 acres in extent. The land lends itself extremely well to the formation of a racecourse, and in the making of the track very little in the way of banking or cutting will require to be done. As at present proposed, provision is made for a straight five furlongs, but if deemed advisable a straight six furlongs could be easily obtained by making a level crossing on Mainholm Road. The width of the course in the straight is 30 yards, and on the back stretch 25 yards. The width of the present track in the straight is 20 yards. The start for the Ayrshire Handicap will be abutting on the Craigie Road, in close proximity to Craigie back entrance gate. The entrance for the public to the centre of the racecourse, to which admission will be free,

will be from Craigie Road to the south of Blackhouse. The enclosures for saddling paddock, club stand, Tattersall's and public stand, and the cheap stands, will extend to about 18 acres, and the stands will be so placed that a complete view of the racing will be obtained at all points. The total extent of the enclosed ground at the present course is 3 acres. The weighing room has been planned on the most approved lines, after very careful consideration of many of the principal racing establishments in Ebgland and in France. The club stand will be commodious and have private accommodation for the members, with a luncheon room, tea room, and kitchen accommodation. The standings will accommodate in this stand about 1000 people. The stand will be so placed that the members will have a private entrance from the Whitletts Road, and private communication between the saddling paddock and the stand. The entrance to the club stand will be from the Whitletts Road at a point about half-way between Blackhouse grounds and the burgh boundary. To the east of the Club Stand it is proposed to place the Tattersall's enclosure and the public stand, and the entrance will be by turnstiles from the Whiteltts Road at a point near the burgh boundary. From the public stand there will be easy access to Tattersall's enclosure, and a subway under the private entrance to the club stand will be available to the saddling paddock. The public stand will accommodate about 3000 people. East of the public stand again there will be a large enclosure for cheap stands, and shows, &c., will be located in this portion of the grounds, so that there will be no obstruction in the centre of the course to those viewing the races. We understand that it is proposed to proceed at once with the formation of the racing track, and it may be noted that the Racing Committee, looking ahead, have during the past season sown out a considerable portion of the track. By careful attention it is believed that the racing track in ordinary circumstances will be in a very good condition for tacing in 1907. It may be of interest to mention that the sharpest curve in the new course is 7 chains, and the sharpest curve in the present course is about 2½ chains.

AA 21.6.1906 Tenders - stands and offices - **Allan Stevenson**, Ayr.

BI 17/196 July 1906 Buildings, new Racecourse, for Western Meeting. **W C & A S Manning**, Newmarket, architects.

Dean of Guild Court 19/30 1906, new racecourse.

AA 20.9.1906 Plans passed: 3 main blocks - Official Block, Club Stand and Grand Stand. The Official Block contains jockeys rooms, weighing room, press room &c. The Club Stand is of 2 storeys, 35' high, with accommodation for 1200 spectators. Grand Stand is 135' high, of 3 storeys, and will hold 3500 spectators. Sanquhar brick and steel. Official Block adjoins Blackhouse, then the Club Stand, then Grand Stand. **Allan Stevenson** has had associated with him Messrs **W C and A S Manning**, Newmarket, architects.

AA 25.7.1907 Designed by W C and A S Manning, Newmarket, architects, and [has] been carried out in conjunction with Mr Allan Stevenson, architect.

AA Th 19.9.1907, 5a First race on new course yesterday. The 1st race - the 6 furlong Inauguration Cup Handicap, was won by Mr J Musker's "Simon Melton", trained by Handley and ridden by Bullock. [AA 7.2.1964, in article on Ayr Arms, says jockey was Australian, Frank Bulloch]. [By 1960, Dunlop in AA 25.2.1960 - not copied - belief that first race on new course was dead-heated]

There were 12 runners in the Inauguration Cup Handicap, run over 6 furlongs. The 100-8 shot Simon Melton won by a short head from J Craig's Crescent, ridden by Randall, the 2-1 favourite. 3rd was R Craig's Canty Boy, McCall. 6 other races that day.

Dean of Guild Court 23/26 1910, Half Crown Stand, **Allan Stevenson** with **A S Manning**, Newmarket, architects.

AA 10.4.1913 The Club Stand was badly burnt last Friday by suffragettes.

AP, F 26.4.2013 [1913] 100 Years Ago. Damage estimated at £2000.

AA 5.6.1913 A new Club Stand is to be built, almost double in size. **Allan Stevenson**, architect.

Dean of Guild Court 27/2 1913, new Club Stand: **A S Manning** and **Allan Stevenson**.

BI 24/283 October 1913 Photograph of new Club Stand.

Minutes of Royal Burgh of Ayr, 1924-1925, 385, Works Cttee, 5.8.1925

To ask Western Meeting Club if they would be prepared to lease ground to TC, to make public golf course.

AA, Th 31.5.1951, 8b — Photo-finish equipment has been installed, - the first in Scotland - in use last weekend, to determine second/third (a deadheat) in the first race. 'The Ayr apparatus is the only one outside Newmarket to be operated on the twin camera principle and cost a considerable sum to instal.'

AA, Th 25.2.1960, 2c — A recent improvement to the amenity of the course was the building of a covered stand which now accommodated 7000 people in the 2s 6d ring.

Dean of Guild Court 160/116 — 1964, upgrading of toilets and cafe/bar: **J & J A Carrick**.

AP 16.7.1965 — Craigie Stand. To be formally opened next Monday. **J & J A Carrick**, architects.

AP 15.7.1966 — Carrick Stand (former Silver Ring) to be formally opened on Monday. Architect?

AP 15.9.1967 — Eglinton Rooms. To be formally opened on Wednesday.

AP 22.9.1967 — Eglinton Rooms. **J & J A Carrick**, Ayr, architects.

Scots Magazine, 95/2, May 1971, 139 — Hamilton Park is to make central space available for caravans. "Ayr was the first place in Britain to realise that their extensive grounds and toilet provision might well be used for caravans when racegoers didn't want them, and several hundred caravan outfits used Ayr Racecourse as a stepping-off place, for a night or several days, last July and August." The only other one to do so last year was Chepstow.

AP 9.4.1971 — New buildings for WMC and Tattersalls/Eglinton Stand extension (Chancellor Bar) now opened. **J & J A Carrick**, architects. [Dean of Guild Court, 169/125: 1965]

AP 23.4.1971 — New buildings (WMC/Eglinton extn) formally opened 17.4.1971

AA, Th 11.9.1975, 13abc — The Charisma of the Cup.

AP, F 16.12.1977, 55efg — Stable Staff Hostel, &c. Construction going to plan, and should be formally opened on 13th May 1978.

AP, F 26.6.1996, 1 — Princess Royal Stand - n£1.65m grandstand - formally openedlast Friday by Princess Anne.

FIRST DAY'S RACING (Wednesday 18th September 1907)

AA, Th 19.9.1907, 5ab — INAUGURATION CUP HANDICAP, over 6 furlongs, for a prize of £200 (a cup valued at £50, the remainder in specie), with £25 to the trainer, and gold whip (valued at £5) to the jockey. 12 runners (given in finishing order):

Mr J Musker's Simon Melton, 5 yrs. 8st 7 lbs. Bullock. Handley, trainer.
J Craig's Crescent, 4 yrs. 8st 2 lbs. Randall
R Craig's Canty Bay, 5 yrs. 8st 5lbs. McCall
F Bibby's Airapadam, 4 yrs. 8st. W. Griggs
H Trimmer's Poker, 3 yrs. 7st 12lbs. O Madden
J Ratcliffe's Flamston Pin, 6 yrs. 7st 9lbs. Stokes
G G Tod's Queen of Sheba, 4 yrs. 7st 5lbs. Conkie
James B Thorneycroft's Erriff, 3 yrs. 7st 2lbs. Gilroy
J E Rogerson's Muley Rat, 4 yrs. 7st 11lbs. Broadwood
J C Dalton's William's Hill, 6 yrs. 7st 1lb. Crisp
E Binns's Kingsway, 4 yrs. 6st 11lbs. Ringstead
W E Elsey's Golden Shield, 3 yrd. 6st 7lbs. Bland.

Betting was 2-1 Crescent; 5-1, Queen of Sheba; 10-1, Canty Bay, Airapadam, Erriff, Muley Rat; 100-8, Simon Melton.

Crescent and Canty Bay led the field till well in the straight, when Simon Melton joined issue, and in a fine tussle won by a short head; 3 lengths separated 2nd and 3rd.

The other races were the **Trial Selling Plate**, 1 mile (7 runners, won by E Robson's Lucky Coin, Randall, 5-2 fav); **West of Scotland Foal Stake**, 6f (11 runners, won by D Cooper's Cinderello, Randall, 100-8); **Corinthian Welter Handicap Plate**, 1 mile (9 runners, won by Duke of Montrose's Simmerlift, Robinson, 8-1); **Steward's Race, Welter Handicap**, 1¼m (5 runners, won by D J Jardine's Heureux, Mr J Fergusson, 3-1 jt fav); **Doon Selling Handicap**, 5f (8 runners, won by Edward Clark's Porch Climber, G McCall, 8-1); **A Maiden Plate**, 1m3f (2 declared, 1 a non-starter, W Hall Walker's Order of Merit, Lynham, 100-8 on, walked over)

RED RUM

Glasgow Illustrated vol 16, no.124, July 1972, np — Annette Yarrow, the wife of Clyde shipbuilder Sir Eric Yarrow, started sculpting five years ago (i.e. c.1967). Has worked in bronze for the past two

years, and has since finished fourteen statuettes of a quality which put her in the first line of British sculptors in the field of horse sculpture.

Midweek AP 31.12.1974 — "Red Rum" bronze at racecourse in course of design. Sculptor is **Annette, Lady Yarrow**.

ROMAN WARRIOR

AP, F 16.12.1977, 55efg — Plaque to commemorate Roman Warrior, winner of the first three runnings of the Canada Dry Shield was unveiled last week in the Eglinton Stand.

WESTERN HOUSE

RSA, 1923, 543 — Blackhouse, for Western Meeting Club: **Harold O Tarbolton**, Edinburgh.

Dean of Guild Court 110/23 — 1955, additions, **J & J A Carrick**.

AA, Th 25.2.1960, 2c — Mrs Shaw left Western House when husband died - it was then rented to Turner & Co. Recently a big new addition had been added to Western House.

SCOTTISH GRAND NATIONAL

A, TD 62/11, 727, AA 24.2.1966 — Scottish Grand National will be run at Ayr this year. [Run at Bogside, 1867 - 1965]

BRAEHEAD SCHOOL, W

Dean of Guild Court 74/64 — 1938 County Architect's Office, and 1949 amended plans. Plans of 1937-38 are initialled WRW, those of 1949 RT.

ACC, 22.11.1945 — To seek authorisation from Secretary of State for permission to complete Braehead, Kilmaurs, Auchinleck and Loudoun Street (Irvine) Schools.

AP 28.11.1947 — Photograph of it in incomplete wartime state.

ACC, TSSC 27.11.1950 — Due to open April 1951. Will mean reduction of primary classes at Newton Academy, and conversion of Wallacetown into a Nursery and Infants School.

AA, CO 3/10/5/15 GPSC 24.5.1951 — Formally opened 20th April 1951, by Margaret Herbison

SRC, E(Sv) 2.10.1984, 935 — Contract for Structural Remedial Work let to William Paton & Sons Ltd., £496,359.

DUX MEDAL

ACC, BAHSC 22.5.1951 — Gifted. Provost James Smith Dux Medal.

BURGH DEPOT, Walker Road

Dean of Guild Court 56/80 — 1932: **Thomas O'Beirne** and **Cruikshank & Seward**, Manchester, architects.

AP 6.4.1934 — Walker Road cleansing depot to be formally opened on Tuesday. The design is by **Thomas O'Beirne**, Surveyor's Department, under supervision of John Young, BS.

AA, Th 19.9.1968, 8abcd — Demolition of chimney: photographs

JANITOR'S HOUSE

ACC, GPSC 20.3.1952, 11-12 — Conts. T McWhirter & Sons Ltd., Ayr, £865 18s 4d. Q Clark, -----. T, £2197 19s 4½d.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY, Main Street

List 183 — **Campbell Douglas & Morrison**, 1893. Free late Victorian Renaissance, tall 2-storey and basement red ashlar symmetrical front. Slightly advanced end bays each with 3 close-spaced windows ground floor, broad 1st floor window with semi-elliptical tympanum flanked by anrrow side lights, centre 5-bays have upper arcade of semi-elliptical arches on Doric columns framing large square-headed windows with inscription panels in the blind tympana above; columns are carried on banded semi-octagonal piers framing lower windows and centre arched doorpiece with decorative iron fanlight detail, tympana of upper arches contain inscribed panels, plain main entablature, parapet above plain at ends, lettered at 3 centre bays and balustraded between. Interior: stained glass on stair by **Stephen Adam & Co**., Glasgow. B.

AA 31.7.1890 — Public announcement end of last week that Andrew Carnegie would contribute £10,000, conditional on the community adopting the Free Libraries Act.

AA 7.8.1890 — Yesterday Ayr ratepayers voted for the Free Libraries Act - for 2015, against 123.

AA 16.10.1890 — Agreed on site last Monday.

AA 13.11.1890 — Architects invited to participate in an open competition: Campbell Douglas & Morrison; T L Watson; John Honeyman & Keppie; John Burnet Son & Campbell; Washington Browne; David Sturrock; J McHardy Young; Morris

& Hunter; William Kerr; H V Eaglesham. Messrs Mercer, Murdoch and Stevenson, all of Ayr, declined to take part.

BI 1/12 February 1891 [Also ref to AA 12.2. and 19.2.1891] resume:
Dr Robert Rowand Anderson, the adjudicator, placed plans as follows: 1 McArthy & Watson, Edinburgh - 2 Campbell Douglas & Morrison - 3 J A Morris & Hunter. The Committee however overrode this and chose the following order: 1 Campbell Douglas & Morrison - 2 Sturrock - 3 McArthy & Watson. This seems to have caused some bad feeling, especially with McArthy & Watson, and to have upset the architectural profession generally. [See also letter from McArthy & Watson in Scotsman, M16.2.1891].

BI 2/14 May 1891 The plans as finally revised have now been aoproved. The alterations consist in the deletion of the central tower and some slight changes on the wings.

AA 30.4.1891 Central tower has been abolished, as recommended by Mr and Mrs Carnegie.

AA 6.10.1892 Memorial Stone laid yesterday. Ref to description in "Public Libraries", by Thomas Greenwood, published by Cassells.

Thomas Greenwood, Public Libraries, 4th ed., London, Cassell & Co., 1894, pp 240-243. [Mitchell Library G154254 - 027.442 GRE]
Photocopy herewith, including illustration of **Campbell Douglas & Morrison**'s scheme before the tower was deleted.

AA 7.9.1893 Formally opened last Saturday.

AA 5.9.1929 Last Friday Ayr Carnegie Public Library Committee approved of £3000 extension to Carnegie Library (Lecture Hall, Juvenile Library), **J K Hunter**.

Dean of Guild, 48/57 1929, proposed extension, J K Hunter.

AP, F 12.9.1930, 10c Childrens' Library opened on 1st September: J K Hunter, architect. Messrs Milligan, joiners and builders.

AP 30.10.1931 Extension formally opened last Friday. Architects: **McNair & Douglas** of J K Hunter

BI 43/506 May 1932 New lecture hall approved, to seat 475. Plans of firm of **J K Hunter**.

Dean of Guild, 54/32 1932, extension, J K Hunter

A 14.10.1932 Contracts placed for alterations and extension to Carnegie Library, per plans of **J K Hunter**.

AP 19.1.1934 Lecture Hall, &c., to be formally opened on Monday. Blaxter stone facade to Garden Street. J K Hunter.

UNSUCCESSFUL SCHEMES

Academy Architecture, 1891, 56 Illustrates that of **James A Morris & Hunter**.

Academy Architecture, 1891, Suppl, 136
Illustrates that of **John Burnet, Son & Campbell**. [Photocopy]

FITTINGS

AA 24.8.1871 Ayr Library (then in MacNeillie Buildings) has just been presented with a marble bust of Robert Burns, executed by Mrs D O Hill.

COLLECTIONS

KS, Sa 1.3.1924, 3b Gift of t.l. Walter Bain: W S McGeorge, A Day on the Shore.

GH 4.9.1958 [GH Index] Have just received a collection of 600 photographs by the late Hugh Thomson

LIBRARIANS

1912-1942 David E EDWARD. Born and died in Dundee. Aged 82 when died, no date, in December 1963. AA, Th 26.12.1963, 4a

1942- James W FORSYTH

EXHIBITIONS

19 Feb to 3 March 1949 Kodak Exhibition: Air Photography and Archaeology. [AP, F 18.2.1949, 1d]

6 July to 20 July 1968 Cigarette Cards. Opened Sat 6.7.1968, 10 a.m, by W G Denness MBE, on behalf of WD & HO Wills. AA, Th 4.7.1968, 32b. [There had been a similar exhibition in 1967]

20 Sept to 11 Oct 1975 Hollywood Still Photography 1927-1941. From the V&A. [AA, Th 18.9.1975, 2f]

15 Nov to 6 Dec 1975 Scratchers (Aberdeen Steam Trawlers). From Council for Museums in Scotland (AA, Th 13.11.1975, 5f)

CENTRAL KITCHEN, Waggon Road

SRC, 4.12.1979 Site of former Central Kitchen declared surplus.

CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC, Wills Road

AA, Th 22.8.1968, 5e Approved by DoG Court. Cost, £24,500.

AA, Th 14.11.1968, 13b — To be built in grounds of Braehead P.S.

CIVIC THEATRE

AA 7.9.1899 — The Old Seceders Congregation have taken a feu, north of and overlooking the Victoria Bridge, and are to build a church. **Allan Stevenson** has been instructed to prepare the necessary plans.

AA 9.5.1901 — Robertson Memorial Church opened last Sunday. Allan Stevenson. £3000. Simple Gothic. Ballochmyle stone. Porch in west front, 2 double light windows above. Small transepts. Hall, Session House, &c.

AP 18.8.1944 — Ayr TC have agreed to buy the Robertson Memorial Church for £1500.

BI 59/688 July 1947 — Proposals before Ayr TC include a clinic at Robertson Church, and a National Theatre at Alloway, costing £100,000.

Dean of Guild Court 89/67 — 1947, part conversion to clinic; Burgh Surveyor's Office.

ACC, YSFE 17.11.1948, 1593 — Ayr TC write that they have had correspondence with Scottish Home Department, and Ministry of Works, over their plan for "the building which was formerly Robertson Memorial Church being adapted for use as a theatre in order that local dramatic societies may be encouraged in their work." Building licence refused, due to present restrictions on capital expenditure. Seeking support from the Education Authority, which is given, as it is "worthy of their support."

BI 61/719 February 1950 — Burgh Surveyor to provide plans to convert Robertson Memorial Church into a theatre.

Dean of Guild Court 98/69 — 1950, conversion to theatre; Burgh Surveyor's Office.

Andrew — Opened as theatre in 1954.

AA, Th 16.1.1969, 15cd — (21st Birthday of Ayr Fort Players). First 3-act play in Civic was a collaborative production, Arms and the Man, and Fort Players first in the Civic was 'On Monday Next'.

AA, Th 6.2.1969, 9de — To be used for films - motor racing colour films - on Tue 11.2.1969.

Nr — Demolished May 2010

VICTOR GRAHAM PLAYERS

AA, Th 10.8.1967, 1a — Victor Graham hospitalised with stomach ulcers. VGP have 8 more weeks of rep in Ayr, before moving on to Kilmarnock.

AP, F 1.7.1977, 27e — Troupe this year includes his son, Tim Goodings, as an actor and assistant stage manager.

CLINIC, Glenmuir Place

Dean of Guild Court 167/77 — 1965, Burgh Surveyor's Office. [AB].

CLINIC, King Street — See HOUSE OF RELIEF

CONSUMER PROTECTION OFFICE, 5-7 River Terrace

SRC, GP 22.11.1978, 1366 — Recommend building Consumer Protection office, 5-7 River Terrace.

SRC, 6.3.1979 — Site acquired.

SRC, GPC 17.4.1984 — Contract let to G Reid & Sons Ltd., Catrine, at £325,612.

CRAIGIE BOWLING CLUB, Craigie Road

AA 8.6.1911 — Pavilion here formally opened last Friday. **Allan Stevenson**, architect. The turf is from Silloth.

AP, F 17.6.1977, 39cd — Planning Notice. Ayr Craigie B.C., alterations and extension.

CRAIGIE CAMPUS — [UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST OF SCOTLAND, formerly UNIVERSITY OF PAISLEY, formerly CRAIGIE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION]

HISTORY

List 87 — Note: Built by Sir Thomas Wallace and sold to William Campbell in 1783.

Ayr Town Council Minutes 1939-40, 26, Cleansing Cttee 21.12.1939 — Craigie Estate acquired by ATC yesterday at a public roup in Glasgow for £12,500.

AP 22.12.1939 — Estate and house (216A) bought by Ayr TC this week.

Changes in Craigie College from 1993, printing circular from Dr G M Wilson, June 1992. — Will become Faculty of Education of University of Paisley during 1993.

CRAIGIE HOUSE

List 87 — Mid c18 with later additions. Large symmetrical mansionhouse. Main block 2 storey basement and dormerless attic, coursed rubble with quoined angles, 7 window entrance front, centre 3 advanced raised and pedimented with round arched and keyblocked attic windows, entrance built out to line with wings, square entrance pavilion porch with coupled column pedimented portico of unfluted Greek Doric columns, main cornice and balustraded parapet with bold angle urns (probably **W H Playfair**, c.1837). S front has 3 window semi-circular ashlar bow with band coursed and deep parapet, 2-window either side, basement here full-storey. Architraved windows except at bow, main cornice and blocking course. Slated and piended and platformed roof without dormers except for 3 over bow, symmetrical centre stacks, 2 storey quadrant links, (that on E raised on entrance side) to lower symmetrically disposed 2-storey 3-window wings, similar treatment with quoined angles, cornice and blocking course, piended and platformed roofs between end stacks. Basement area between wings enclosed by balustrading contemporary with the porch. Some interior work of note. Ref: Historical Guide, Ayr Prestwick & District, 27. Letter from **Playfair** to Rutherford 18.8.1836, "I am under an engagement to visit James Campbell at Craigie who wants my advice about his house". [Advocates MSS, National Library]. Miller, Castles and Mansions. Shown on c.1750 Roy's map. A.

AA, Th 4.8.1853, 5d — Raymond, aged 2, 3rd son of James Gay Layard, Esq., died 1 August 1853 at Craigie House.

Henry & Grant's New Guide, c1869/1870, p9 — "Up the river beyond Wallacetown stands the family mansion of the Campbells of Craigie - a large and very commodious house, most agreeably and conveniently placed".

AP, F 12.4.1935, 16c — Garden open, 8.6.1935. Mr J.A. Campbell.

HALL OF RESIDENCE

BI 79/929 August 1967 — Proposed students' residences: **Boswell, Mitchell & Johnston**, Glasgow, architects.

Dean of Guild Court 229/180 — 1973 extension: **BDP**, Glasgow.

JANITOR'S HOUSE

Dean of Guild Court 168/100 — 1965, **A Buchanan Campbell**.

LODGE

See 2 Craigie Avenue in Newton, Streets A-F.

RIVERSIDE BUILDING [University of the West of Scotland/Scottish Agricultural College]

SAC, 09/00007/REM — January 2009. RMJM for University of the West of Scotland.

BD, 15 July 2011, per YUP — £70 million. Has been completed. The four storey building, clad in ceramic granite, timber and copper, is said to be one of Scotland's most sustainable campuses. The 18,000 sq m development includes lecture theatres, a library, performance suites, broadcasting studios, science and design laboratories, a refectory, a sports hall, and students' union. It will accommodate 4000 students and 270 staff when it opens in September (2011)

AP F 27.1.2012 — RMJM Architects. Project architect, **Elaine Paterson**.

STATUE

Invite — Coila, by Alexander Stoddart, to be unveiled 24th July 2013. 15 foot, bronze. Signifies the spirit of dedication and diligence UWS embodies.

AP, F 19.7.2013, 25 — University to honour Bard with bronze statue. McDaid: "will provide an important cultural landmark for Ayrshire."

TEACHING BLOCK

Dean of Guild Court 155/13 — 1964, **A Buchanan Campbell**, Glasgow, using Mark V Prefabricated system of Medway Buildings & Supplies Ltd., Rochester (developed by them in conjunction with Architects Co-Partnership, London).

BI 76/889 April 1964 — A College is to be built at Craigie Park for the Scottish Council for the Training of Teachers. **A Buchanan Campbell**, Glasgow, architect.

Supp VR 1964-65 — Occupied 15.10.1964.

BI 76/898 January 1965 — Completed in November 1964.

Ayr TC Minutes 1966-67, 371, Corporation 13.3.1967 — 1966 Civic Trust Award - Craigie College of Education - A B Campbell - "well designed, well balanced and having a sense of place".

AP 14.4.1972 — Work to start soon on Games Hall - A Buchanan Campbell, Glasgow, architect.

CRAIGIE CARAVAN SITE

AA, Th 3.6.1954, 1bc; AP, F 4.6.1954, 13ab
Formally opened last Saturday. Photographs in AA Th 3.6.1954, 9, and AA, Th 24.6.1954, 7.

AP, 30.10.2015 [1990] 25 Years Ago. Plans for £433,000 investment, with £80,000 grant from STB. Improvements to roads, drainage and a new leisure complex.

CRAIGIE PARKS DEPARTMENT &c.

AA, Th 24.6.1954, 7 Photographs.

DEPOT

Dean of Guild Court 156/46 1964, Newton Welding (Structural Engineers) Ltd for ATC.

MAZE

AP 27.10.1972 ATC agreed to demolish the maze, which had become badly damaged by children taking the easy way out.

MINIATURE GOLF COURSE

AA, Th 9.7.1953, 2c; AP F 10.7.1953 6f
Formally opened on Saturday 4th July, 1953. 18 holes, each averaging 100 yards. Covers 30 acres.

PEOPLE

PRINCIPAL

1964-1975 Ethel M Rennie, retires end of year (AP, F 12.9.1975, 2; AA, Th 18.9.1975, 11cf)

1976- Peter C McNaught. (AP, F 12.9.1975, 2; AA, Th 18.9.1975, 11cf:- begins 1.1.1976, presently vice-principal, Moray House.)

2005-2013 Seamus McDaid. To retire next year, AP 7.9.2012, 31.

2013- AP, F 29.3.2013, appointed. Professor Craig Mahoney, a Tasmanian.

CRAIGIE, PRIMARY SCHOOL

AA, CO 3/10/5/33, GPC 15.12.1972 A site in Hayhill was acquired in 1956 for primary and nursery schools. Twice proposals for a primary school have been abandoned as not justified by numbers. Site now to be used for Junior Occupational Centre, which is to be begun by 31st March 1973.

CRAIGPARK PRIMARY SCHOOL, Mainholm Road?

AA, Th 10.12.1959, 10ab Craigie P.S. should be ready in 1962. [is this Craigpark P.S. Note: No DoG ref].

CROOKSMOSS BOWLING GREEN See VOLUNTARY PARK

CROSS STREET SCHOOL ROOM

AA, Th 3.2.1876, 4d Newton. St Quivox Parochial Board met on Tuesday in "old Cross Street School Room." A letter had been received from the School Board saying they "were willing to allow the Parochial Board the use of the new Wallacetown School for their meetings, but not for the payment of paupers." Agreed to appoint a committee to consider abolishing present House of Relief in Cross Street, disposing of it and the board's offices there, and acquiring from St Quivox Kirk Session the old school house and ground in Cross Street, with the view of providing a suitable place for the Board's meetings and payments."

DALMILLING COMMUNITY CENTRE, Thornyflat Road

Dean of Guild Court 91/48 1948 Temporary Building: **William Cowie & Torry** for ATC.

AP, F 7.1.1949, 7d To be formally opened on Monday 24th January 1949.

DALMILLING GOLF COURSE

AA, Th 15.9.1960, 6de (9 holes). Will be opened on Saturday.

AP, F 25.11.1966, 25d Holes have been given names:
Mainholm - East Lodge - Stey Brae - The Oak - Riverside - Wallace's Heel - Hayhill - Dalmulin - Spot On;
Pylons - Pond - O'er the Hill - Thorneyflat - Dipper - Blaw-wearie - Westwood - Hedges - St Catherine's.

DALMILLING PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dean of Guild Court 121/85 — 1958, County Architect's Department. Built to a standard Intergrid structure, developed by Pre-Stressed Concrete Co Ltd., London.

AA, CO 3/10/5/20 GPSC 25.6.1959 — Schools in course of erection on the Intergrid System: Cairnhill PS, New Cumnock; Dalmilling PS, Ayr; Irvine Mains PS (John Galt PS), Irvine and Kirkstyle PS, Kilmarnock.

AA, Th 10.12.1959, 10ab — Should be ready by Easter 1960.

AA, CO 3/10/5/21 GPSC 21.4.1960 — Is complete and will be occupied 26th April 1960.

AP 29.4.1960 — Formally opened last Tuesday.

AP, F 27.11.2009, 18 — Formally opened after £3,000,000 'facelift', over 4 years. Cllr Douglas Campbell: "Dalmillng Primary has been transformed beyond all recognition."

DAM PARK

AA. CO 3/8/1/3, County Council 1895-1898, 329, County Council 9.3.1897

Agree to lend £2500 secured against a field of 18 acres recently acquired by the Ayrshire Agricultural Association at a cost of £4000. The AAA mean to expend a further £2000 on the field.

AA 20.5.1897 — At a meeting of the directors of the AAA held on Tuesday, a report by Mr **Allan Stevenson**, CE, on the layout of the new showfield and plans for same were submitted. [They] provide for the formation of a driving and cycling track, and for the erection of a permanent stand and offices. The plans also showed the Dog and Poultry Pavilion and the roadway to the offices.

AA 19.9.1929 — Last Friday Ayr played Constantine's XI at cricket - Ayr's ground was then Dam Park. Constantine took 6-46 in Ayr's 111 and scored 26 out of 148-8.

Jim Henry and Ian Moultray, Speedway in Scotland, Stroud, Tempus, 2001, 220

[1937] — The Stobart Brothers, Maurice and Rol, dabbled in promoting speedway in 1937 at a few venues including the Border town of Carlisle. They staged two meetings at Dam Park in Ayr on Scotland's Clyde Coast in July and August 1937. Using northern-based riders and a couple of Scots, including Willie Durward who had raced at White City, the Stobarts staged an open meeting and one which featured a team event between Workington and Lancaster. The great Scottish road racer Jimmy Guthrie was honorary clerk of the course at the first meeting. The anticipated holiday crowds failed to appear. Those who used to flock to the Clyde Coast obviously didn't want to spend a night out at the speedway. A revival of the sport at Ayr in the 1970s failed to get going after John Docherty had secured planning permission to use the Whitletts Greyhound Stadium.

AP, F 14.1.1949, 3d — Letter from AAA to Town Planning Committee, ATC. Stated that change of use 'had been effected during the war years by the occupation of the military, and that the present use was merely a continuance thereof.' Committee to press for removal of businesses established there, and to point out that their continuation would be a contravention of the Planning Acts.

HALL/PAVILION

AA 18.2.1897 — Contractors for Dog Pavilion at the Ayr Agricultural Associations new showground. Plans: **Allan Stevenson**.

AA 20.5.1897 — At a meeting of the directors of the AAA held on Tuesday, a report by Mr **Allan Stevenson**, CE, on the layout of the new showfield and plans for same were submitted. [They] provide for the formation of a driving and cycling track, and for the erection of a permanent stand and offices. The plans also showed the Dog and Poultry Pavilion and the roadway to the offices.

AA, Th 14.7.1960, 1b — To re-open 21.7.1960.

AA, Th 21.7.1960, 1abc — To be re-opened today after re-construction.

nr — Pavilion demolished 1997.

STADIUM, &c.

AA, Th 16.2.1961, 11a — The running track will be formally opened on 29th April 1961.

AA, Th 27.4.1961, 2d — Dam Park Stadium to be formally opened on Saturday.

GRANDSTAND

Dean of Guild Court 137/190 — 1961 Grandstand: Burgh Surveyor's Office [MH]. (i.e Maurice Hickey). Engineers: William Fairhurst & Partners.

BI 73/860 November 1961 — Proposed grandstand, with 144' frontage. **M[aurice] Hickey** of Burgh Surveyor's Office.

AP 5.1.1962 — Photograph: in course of erection.

AP 24.5.1963 — Stand to be formally opened tomorrow.

SAC, 12/000117/APP — Improvements (disabled facilities, &c). **Fleming Muir**, Prestwick, for SAC.

MISS AYR

1967 — 3, Marie Smith
1968 — 1, Marie Smith
1969 — 2, Camille Smith
AA, Th 30.7.1970, 13be — Last Wednesday. 1, Marie Smith, Springburn, 23. 2, Mrs Marilyn Mackie, Baillieston, 18. 3, Camille Smith, Barassie, 21
AA, Th 29.7.1971, 3ad — Last week. Won by Wendy Ann George, Derby, a former Miss G.B.
AA, Th 27.7.1972, 1ab — Last Wednesday. 1, Michell McLean, 12 Glenriddel Road, Ayr, 22, works as a model in Glasgow, and is engaged to Allan Rough. 500 spectators, show sponsored by Ayr TC and Daily Record.

FLOWER SHOW

AA, Th 31.7.1975, 2gh — 12th-14th August 1975. Advert

OTHER EVENTS

AA, Th 18.9.1975, 13ac — 4th Scottish Fisheries Exhibition to be 28th April to 2nd May 1976.

FIRE STATION, 1-3 Station Road

See also CONTENT HOUSE [Streets A-F]

AP, F 17.12.1954, 18a — Fire Board interested in acquiring Content House.
AP, F 4.2.1955, 13e — Fire Board believe that a fire station at Content House site would be well situated.
AP, F 25.7.1958, 9f — Ayr TC discussing value of Content House, and the wish of the Fire Board to acquire the site. Also note an approach from Esso who 'seem anxious to acquire a site at this point for ... a petrol filling station.'
AP 5.2.1960 — **J & J A Carrick** appointed architects for new fire station.
Dean of Guild Court 132/15 — Plans dated November 1960; approved 1961: J & J A Carrick for South-Western Joint Area Fire Board.
BI 72/852 March 1961 — Proposed Fire Station on Content House site - **J & J A Carrick**, architects.
AP 5.1.1962 — Photograph: in course of erection.
VR 1963-64 — First VR entry
BI 75/883 October 1963 — Now in use. Precast reinforced concrete. Outer walls of brick and reconstructed Aberdeen granite blocks.

FOOTBALL PAVILION, Glenmuir Place

Dean of Guild Court 155/9 — 1964, Burgh Surveyor's Office. [JAGA]

FUSILIER HOUSE, Seaforth Road

BI 67/788 November 1955 — Proposed Territorial Centre in Seaforth Road. Stevenson & Ferguson, architects.
nr — Not built until much later.
AA, Th 10.10.1968, 13c — The army cadets have moved from Citadel to Fusilier House.

HAWKHILL BOWLING GREEN, Back Hawkhill

AA 11.7.1878 — Formally opened last Saturday.
Sas Minute 7687 of 1879 — 1879 Feu Disp by J M Ferguson to Trustees for Newton and Wallacetown Bowling Club of 2R 9P 13½Y, part of Newton Freedom Land 47, 1st Lot.
Dean of Guild Court 26/38 — 1912 addition to clubhouse: **J St Clair Williamson**.
AP, F 7.6.2013, 22 [1913] — 100 Years Ago. Opening last Saturday, disturbed by locomotive whistles. The new clubhouse is an ornament to the locality.

HEATHFIELD AIRFIELD

Warlow, 152 — WAGTAIL, RNAS. Transferred from RAF on loan 6.9.1944. Commissioned 6.9.1944, detached unit of Sanderling. Commissioned 1.11.1944 as independent command, accounts Sanderling. 20.11.1944, own accounts, naval and air stores under Sanderling. Paid Off to care and maintenance 10.3.1946, accounts Sanderling. Nominal Depot Ship: TRV 4193, from 6.9.1944.
Warlow, 159 — USN CDB Heathfield closed 15.7.1945, vacated 18.7.1945.
AA, Th 10.9.1953, 24c — All permits for the use of RNAS Heathfield for any purpose but agriculture will be cancelled as from Saturday 12th September 1953.

HEATHFIELD HOSPITAL

Duerden & McNeill	Only case in Scotland where the local authority was compelled to provide an infectious diseases hospital. It was a requirement of the 1897 Public Health Scotland Act, but Ayr required a Court of Session judgement of 1.4.1899 to force them to comply
AA 28.12.1899	Contractors wanted for permanent buildings at cholera and smallpox hospital. **John Eaglesham**, architect.
KS 20.1.1900	Local Government Board have approved of the plans for the erection at Heathfield Road of a permanent smallpox and cholera hospital at a cost of about £4000.
AA 21.2.1901	Smallpox Hospital is now complete. Red brick.
AA 23.1.1902	Contractors wanted for Infectious Diseases Hospital, Hunter's Avenue. **John Eaglesham**.
AA 6.7.1905	Infectious Diseases Hospital formally opened last Friday. 60 patients. Detached pavilion plan. John Eaglesham, architect. Terracotta brick walls.
Duerden & McNeill	Formally opened F 30.6.1905. Three detached pavilions, each with a male and a female ward. Convalescent or sun ward. Administration Block. Cost of buildings erected since September 1903 was £15000.
AA 28.1.1915	Contractors wanted for additions to Administration Buildings (DoG 29/21), and for new TB Hospital (DoG 29/24). **John Young**, Burgh Surveyor.
BI 31/364 July 1920	Extension, Heathfield TB Hospital, **John Young**, Burgh Surveyor.
Dean of Guild Court 47/27	1929 extension to Administration Block; **Thomas O'Beirne**.
Duerden & McNeill	By 1931 consisted of six blocks, of which four were for the treatment of infectious diseases. Also small eight-bed VD block and a 24-bed Sanatorium Block for treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis.
A 29.3.1935	Proposed Maternity Hospital at Heathfield. 30 beds. **John Young**, architect.
Duerden & McNeill	In September 1937 new Nurses' Home and new VD Outpatients' Clinic both opened. The Nurses' Home was called 'excellent' in the pre-NHS 1948 Scottish Hospital Survey.
AP 24.3.1939	Contractors - Maternity Hospital, Heathfield - Ayr Town Council - **Alex Mair**, architects. [Never built; Duerden & McNeill suggests that under NHS not required as good facilities existed at Ayrshire Central and locally at Seafield/Thornyflat.]
AA, Th 30.9.1954, 24a	Contractors wanted for extension to boiler house, &c. Plans with **J & J A Carrick**, Ayr.
Duerden & McNeill	Give details of changes during 1950s/1960s as emphasis changed from being a fever hospital to integration within NHS. Ayr County was accident and surgical, Seafield childrens, and Heathfield chest and medical. Block 4 (the 'Iron Ward') was demolished in the 1950s.
Currie, PG	Article on being a patient in Heathfield, 1963. Photocopy herewith.
	OUTPATIENTS DEPARTMENT
ABN 22.4.1959	Contractors for proposed Outpatients Department.
Duerden & McNeill	Out-Patient Department opened in 1962. Cost £100,000.
AP, F 16.3.1962, 14bcdef	Including photograph. New Outpatients Unit will be formally opened next Wednesday. Arranged around a courtyard garden, with 3 single storey sides and 1 2-storey side (facing Heathfield Road). Architects: **Keppie Henderson & Partners**, Glasgow.
Duerden & McNeill	Following opening of new Ayr Hospital in October 1991, Out-Patient Clinic will be 'the sole patient facility still functioning on the Heathfield site.'
	AMBULANCE HEADQUARTERS
Duerden & McNeill	First depot at Heathfield opened in 1959. Replacement building was formally opened in June 1984. An additional building to be begun c.1991/1992.

HEATHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL, Heathfield Road

BI 39/461 August 1928	Plans by **William Reid**, Master of Works.
Dean of Guild Court 48/69	1929, **AEA**.
BI 40/478 January 1930	Sketch of new school in Heathfield Road, titled: **J S Williamson** inv & delt.
AA, CO 3/10/5/1 TSSC 6.5.1931	Opened 2nd March 1931.
AP 20.3.1931	Sketch. Now partly in use, and will be formally opened in September 1931.
Dean of Guild Court 59/70	1933 extension: **County Architect's Office**.
ACC, P&WC 11.7.1933	William McClure, Irvine, £1056 7s 5d; W Govan & Sons Ltd, Prestwick, £725. Total, £2261 6s 10d.

AP, F 10.2.2012, 37 — Extension and Refurbishment, recently officially opened. 2010-2011, Holmes Partnership. Marshall Construction.

AP, F 6.7.2012, 31 — RIAS Design Award. £4.5m reconfiguration programme. PHOTOCOPY herewith.

HOUSE OF RELIEF, Cross Street

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CLINIC, 69 King Street

AA, CO 3/10/5/26, GPC 18.11.1966 — County Council (education) to sell to Ayr Town Council for £2000. To be demolished for road widening.

KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

AP, F 12.7.1957, 15cd — A new £8000 playing field and pavilion at Heathfield, Ayr, a memorial to the late King George V, was opened by Lord Clydesmuir, chairman of the Scottish branch of the National Playing Fields Association, on Saturday. An 11-acre field, with a swing-park for children and facilities for all sporting events, it is the 78th and one of the largest memorial playing fields to be opened in Scotland. Lord Clydesmuir handed Provost W M Anderson a cheque for £1000, a grant towards the cost of the playing field from the King George's Fields Foundation on whose behalf the Association function as trustees, and a letter from Lord Luke, chairman of the Foundation, intimating official recognition of the playing field as part of the national memorial to King George V, and conveying congratulations on the occasion of the opening. Mr F C S Lorimer, secretary of the Scottish Branch of the NPFA told the Post that the Association would give the Town Council 'every assistance' in their programmer and possibly financial aid in the way of grants from the Foundation.

Lord Clydesmuir said that the King George's Fields Foundation had given grants for 506 memorial playing fields in the United Kingdom and Ireland - 86 of them in Scotland. As a result of this there was now in this country an awareness [of] the need of playing fields. 'It has taken a long time to get local authorities to co-operate but now everywhere many more playing fields can be seen and that is what the Association want', he said. Having conveyed the 'appreciation and congratulations' on behalf of the Foundation and the Association to Ayr Town Council 'who have co-operated with long and hard toil in making this very fine field', Lord Clydesmuir said the people of Ayr should be justly proud of it and he hoped that it would provide happiness to the young people who used it and be instrumental in building healthy minds and bodies - 'so they may in later life display qualities which may be said to be worthy of the example set by the late King George V, in whose name this field is to be dedicated today. The prayer of dedication was given by the Rev W P Howat, Auld Kirk of Ayr (St John the Baptist).

Lord Clydesmuir was introduced and thanked by Provost Anderson who said that the Town Council had for many years been conscious of the need for playing fields in the Heathfield district and but for the outbreak of war the present scheme would have been completed some time ago. The NPFA had co-operated closely with the Town Council and had made a 'very generous' donation of £1000 towards its cost. The Provost continued that the Association were also good enough to press the appropriate Government departments for permission to incur the expenditure involved and 'without their help the opening of this playing field would [d] have been deferred for a lengthy period'. Provost Anderson stated that the new field is part of a five years' Town Council programme to provide more sporting facilities in the burgh. 'In

five years time there should be ample recreational facilities for all school children and adults in this burgh. Only the bare necessities are provided now and as time goes on greater amenity and improvements in this direction will be made available', he said.

Provost Anderson went on to pay tribute to the 'skill and hard work' of the burgh engineer, parks superintendent, contractors and their employees which had produced such a fine field but unfortunately some of it had been spoiled by malicious damage before the opening. Vandals had uprooted most of the 50 trees planted round the perimeter of the playing field and fencing had been broken to provide short-cuts across the field. Provost Anderson was applauded when he continued: 'We know the culprits do not come from Heathfield'. He went on to appeal to residents of the area to help preserve the amenity and issued a warning that anyone found causing damage to the playing field would be dealt with most severely.

The new playing field has taken 18 years to materialise since the Foundation first offered the Town Council a grant for a memorial field in February 1939. A playing field site was earmarked at Whitletts but the war cased the scheme to be shelved. By 1948 when it was decided to resume the plan the site had so deteriorated through waterlogging that it was estimated that it would take £17099 - more than the original estimate - to make it into a playing field. The present site at Heathfield was purchased from Callendar Estates for £800 in 1948 when it was estimated that the council could provide the playing field and a temporary pavilion for £5652. For various reasons the scheme was further delayed until 1953 when work on the field started. The entrance gates to the playing field in Mosside Road were gifted by Heathfield Hospital in 1951, and the gate pillars were erected in 1954.

Last year the council decided to erect a permanent pavilion at ane stimated cost of £3116 which brought the scheme in excess of the original sanction by £2192, and this had to be met by the council. The erection of boundary walls at the side of the Mosside Road houses is to cost the council a further £274 - a total estimated cost of £8118 for the whole scheme.

The brick pavilion is a two-winged building with a central common room. Each wing has four changing rooms, toilet and bathing accommodation - the men's wing having showers and the women's section, baths. A modern automatic electric water heater ensures an unlimited supply of hot water. At the rear of the pavilion is toilet accommodation for spectators. Charges for the use of the pavilion and pitches for sports meetings and matches have yet to be fixed by the Town Council. After the opening ceremony Ayr Youth Panel oganised a sports programme with relay races, hockey and seven-a-side rugby events.

PAVILION

Dean of Guild Court 117/11 — 1957, Burgh Surveyor's Office.

MAINHOLM ACADEMY

AA, Th 10.12.1959, 10ab — Should be ready for use by 1964.

AA, CO 3/10/5/22 GPSC 22.3.1962 — An unnamed contractor (who have been used previously by ACC) invited to tender for new St Michaels, Kilwinning; Grange Academy, Kilmarnock; and the combined Mainholm/Queen Margaret complex at Ayr.

AA, CO 3/10/5/25, GPC 18.12.1964 — St Margaret's let to Gilbert-Ash (Scotland) Ltd., at £408,913.

ACC, GPC 20.12.1963 — Mainholm let to Gilbert-Ash (Scotland) Ltd., at £415,960.

AA, CO 3/10/5/25, AR 11.12.1964 — Mainholm Building began February 1964. Concrete frame is 100% complete.

AA, CO 3/10/5/25 BAHSC 16.2.1965 — Mainholm (where work began February 1964) will open for the 1965-1966 Session. As a result the secondary sections of Annbank, Tarbolton, Russell Street and Newton Park will close.

AA, CO 3/10/5/26, AR 10.12.1965 — St Margaret's H.S., work began 14.12.1964.

AA, CO 3/10/5/26, GPC 18.3.1966 — Name, suggested by Catholic authorities, and approved: Queen Margaret's High School.

AA, CO 3/10/5/26, AR 9.9.1966 — Queen Margaret's High School completed and occupied.

nr — North block, originally opened as Queen Margaret HS, was opened in August 1966. [AP 2.12.1966 reporting a dinner names architect as **W Fraser**, of **Reaich and Hall**, Edinburgh.

The south block is older.

Dean of Guild Court 152/132 — 1963, **Eric W Hall & Partners**, Edinburgh.
AA, Th 23.1.1969, 1cd — Approved by Dean of Guild Court. Dining Hall, for Queen Margaret RC HS, £24,000.
AA, CO 3/10/5/29, GPC 14.11.1969 — [James Hamilton Academy, extension]. To negotiate a contract with Fleming Timber Buildings, Lenzie, who built Mainholm extension in 1968.
AP, 17.6.2011 — Closed in 2006, initially for repairs, but closure then made permanent. Demolition now delayed as it has become a roost for bats.

DAY CARE CENTRE

SRC, 30.1.1979 — In 1979-80 Capital Programme, estimated cost £120,000.
SRC, 10.5.1979 — Contract let (Old site, Ddalmilling) to William Paton & Sons Ltd, Ayr, for £110,974.
SRC, 12.7.1979 — To be built at Mainholm, and not at Dalmilling P.S. Patons asked for a revised tender.
SRC, 11.9.1979 — revised tender, £114,821.

STAFF

AA, CO 3/10/5/25, EC 11.5.1965 — John D Pollock, Schoolhouse, Kilmaurs, appointed Head Teacher, Mainholm Academy.

NEW THEATRE, Content

AA, Th 5.8.1813, 4a — Mr H Johnston has the honour of announcing to his friends and to the public that the above theatre will be opened under his direction on Wednesday next, the 11th of August 1813.
The proprietor of the building having in the most liberal manner permitted Mr Johnston to render it quite theatrical, and to make every arrangement for the comfort and accommodation of an audience, and the display of rational amusement; the theatre will be decorated with flowers, shrubbery and several hundred variegated lamps, in a manner entirely in honour of Lord Wellington's victory at Vittoria. The performance will commence with the favourite play of The Stranger.
Particulars in the Bills.

NEWTON ACADEMY (1)

AA 29.5.1845 — Contractors - School and School house, Newton Green - Bailie John Moore.
AA 15.1.1846 — Formally opened last Monday. Design: **Robert Paton, junior**. Built of clean light-blue stone of Messrs Patons' quarry.
AA 18.6.1874 — Contractors - additions and alterations - Mr Mercer, architect.
B6/21/5, Police Cmmrs 13.7.1874 — Plans approved: additions and alterations to Newton Academy for ABSB.
AA 30.4.1896 — ABSB have agreed to the following improvements: Additions to Newton Academy, **William Kerr**. [See also Russell Street - Wallacetown]
AA 13.8.1896 — Contractors - additions to Newton Academy - **William Kerr**.
Dean of Guild Court 24/43 — 1911 conversion to Infants' School: **William Cowie**.

NEWTON ACADEMY (2), Green Street Lane

AA 31.3.1910 — Agreed to proceed with building of new school. **William Cowie** to be appointed architect.
BI 21/241 April 1910 — New School, Green Street Lane. £10,000. **William Cowie**, architect.
AA 17.8.1911 — Formally opened last Monday. **William Cowie**, architect.
ACC, TSSC 27.11.1950 — Braehead due to open April 1951. Will mean reduction of primary classes at Newton Academy, and conversion of Wallacetown into a Nursery and Infants School.
AA, CO 3/10/5/25 EC 16.2.1965 — After opening of Mainholm (1965-66 Session) Newton Academy will retain its Secondary section, but will be a new type of vocational secondary school.

HEAD

1902-1924 — Duncan MACGREGOR. [AA, Th 17.5.1928, 4g, † 12.5.1928, aged 69. Born in Springburn]
1924 — Alexander Dunbar THOMSON, from Wallacetown (KS Sa 1.3.1924, 6a)
1955 - Dec 1968 — Donald MacVEAN, of 2 Duart Crescent, Prestwick. (ACC, EC 9.11.1954, 1)(AA, Th 2.1.1969, 5bc)
Jan 1969 - — James THOM, ex Depute (AA, Th 2.1.1969, 5bc)

NEWTON BURYING GROUND

B6/27/3 pp 22-23 — Site chosen in April 1799 - Piece of ground betwixt the Upper Vennel and James Reid's Road.

EG 15373, F 26.3.1937, 257a258a — Closed, 18.3.1937, except for people over 50, whose spouses are buried here; unmarried people, over 50, whose parents are buried here; people, over 60, who have exclusive right of burial, and their spouses, also if over 60; cremated remains.

Ayr TC Minutes 1937-38, 93, Works Committee 9.2.1938
Newton Burial Ground closed, per Privy Council order of 18.3.1937.

NEWTON CROSS, Main Street

List 185 — late C17? Square shaft, chamfered to octagonal, simple entablature surmounted by ball-finial. Original monolithic square step base set on modern coursed base. Inscribed "Newtoun" at head of shaft. B.

Ayr TC Minutes 1904-05, 40, Works Cttee 23.12.1904
The Surveyor is to look for the stonework of the Newton and Malt Crosses, "with a view to their restoration and preservation".

Ayr TC Minutes 1904-05, 52, Works Cttee 11.1.1905
Letter from J A MacCallum as agent for the Newton Freemen offering to hand material of Newton Cross over to ATC if a site in Main Street "or other suitable place" can be found. One of the Freemen will pay for its erection.

Ayr TC Minutes 1904-05, 97, Works Cttee 16.2.1905
Site in River Street agreed upon for Newton Cross.

AA 29.6.1905 — The old cross of Newton, which formerly occupied a site in Main Street, and has for many years lain in the Newton Churchyard, has been re-erected on a site in River Street between the Old and New Bridges. The historic pillar, which has been handed over by the Freemen of Newton to the Town Council of Ayr, bears the inscription "Neutoun 1675 Rebilt 1775", and is erected on a new pedestal.. The cost has been borne by Mr Robert Cuthbert.

Ayr TC Minutes 1913, 239, Works Committee 7.5.1913
Newton Cross requires to be moved because of the tramway extension - agreed to re-erect on site of fountain (to be removed) near north end of New Bridge.

nb — Obit of William Reid, County Architect 1929-1940, who lived c.1875-1959 in AA 1959 says he found it in a garden in Main Street.

NEWTON PARK

AA, Th 30.1.1890, 5d — Refers to 'the Newton Moor (where the Newton Public Park is now situated).'

AA 16.7.1914 — The Municipal Bowling Greens were formally opened yesterday: **Burgh Surveyor's Dept**.

AA 22.6.1922 — Tennis Courts, Newton, formally opened last Friday.

AA 20.10.1927 — Old Mans Cabin, gift of Archibald Walker of Newark Castle, formally opened last Wednesday.

Dean of Guild Court 166/72 — 1965 Bowling Pavilion: **Burgh Surveyor's Office [PC]**.

YACHTING POND

AA 7.7.1910 — The model yacht pond was opened last Saturday. Mr **Young**, Burgh Surveyor.

AA, 11.7.1963, 13a [1913] — 50 Years Ago. The Model Yacht Pond is to be opened on Saturday. Created mainly by unemployed labourers.

AP, F 18.2.1949, 7d — 2½-y-o William Clancy drowned in the Yachting Pond, W 16.2.1949.

NEWTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, Russell Street

SRC, E(Sch), 21.2.1979, 279 — Newtonhead, Newton Park and Russell Street will be amalgamated, w.e.f 1980/81 session, at Newton Park. Russell Street site identified as that for new school, to be programmed to start between 1981 and 1983.

SRC, 4.6.1981 — [Russell Street PS]. To be in 1982/83 Capital Programme.

SRC, 14.7.1982 — Start now proposed for August/September 1982.

SRC, E(Sv) 24.8.1982, 1155 — Contract let to M Muir & Co Ltd., Kilmarnock, for £713,079.

SRC, E(Sv) 5.4.1983, 478 — Muirs have gone into receivership. New contract to be negotiated with under-bidder, John Moulds (Kilmarnock) Ltd.

SRC, E(Sv) 30.6.1983, 747 — Name. Newton Primary School

AP, F 13.11.2009 [1984] — [25 years ago] Staff and pupils move from Newton Park to Newton Primary.

NEWTON TOWER, Main Street

List 184		1795. Square-plan clcok tower with octagonal stone spire, round arched pend painted with painted margins. 1795 **Mears** bell. Note: Flanked by houses until early 1960s: pend gave access to Newton Old Church, built 1777, altered 1910, all now demolished for road works. B.
Fisher, T&T, 1996, 159, 230		PHOTOCOPY herewith.
AA 9.7.1891	Description	Rev Roderick Lawson in the West Parish (Maybole) Newsletter for July describes it thus: "Severely chaste in its simplicity, very insignificant in its littleness and awfully plain in its ugliness. Where shall I hide thee, my blushing beauty? Who brought thee into the world and sent round the customary bread-and-cheese. Did the bailies design thee at a public dinner, and was thy model taken from a square gin bottle with an inverted glass on top, or was it an old-fashioned penny-loaf surmounted by an extinguisher.
AA 11.6.1868	[1776]	Foundation stone of church laid 3.7.1776.
B6/27/3, p.7		Contractor for building steeple: **John Neill**.
McClelland, Diary		29th March 1792. Arch collapsed.
B6/27/3, p.1		Specification, 1795, of clock and bell.
AP, F 17.11.1967, 6ab		Letter from Francis B Dunbar re demolition of Newton Council Chambers. "What makes this latest destruction so galling is that it is to meet the requirements of a road scheme out-of-date before it was started."
AA, Th 4.7.1968, 1bc		Photo. Restoration has been completed.

NEWTONHEAD SCHOOL, Viewfield Road

AA 29.10.1874	Conts - Newtonhead School - **John Mercer**.
B6/21/5, Police Cmmrs 9.12.1874	Plans approved: School, Newton, for ABSB.
AA 19.7.1875	Opened for first time last Monday.
AA 5.7.1900	Tenders - additions to Newtonhead School. **William McClelland**.
AA 2.1.1908	ABSB considering additions to Grammar school and Newtonhead School. J K Hunter to be consulted over Grammar School, and **A C Thomson** over Newtonhead.
Dean of Guild Court 20/53	1908 additions; **A C Thomson**.
AP, F 14.1.1949, 9ac	Report of assault, 15.12.1948, on headmaster, Samuel McQuaker, by Andrew Richardson Mackie, 9 James Brown Avenue parent. References to other staff members, Mary Doull, Mary Crawford Grove, W.L. Giles, and school secretary, Margaret Rowan.
SRC, E(Sch), 21.2.1979, 279	Newtonhead, Newton Park and Russell Street will be amalgamated, w.e.f 1980/81 session, at Newton Park. Russell Street site identified as that for new school, to be programmed to start between 1981 and 1983.
SRC, E(FE),8.9.1982, 1164	To be used as an annexe to Ayr College.

NEWTON PARK SCHOOL

AA 21.8.1902		Plans of **John Arthur**, Glasgow, chosen. **John Eaglesham** placed second.
AA 23.10.1902		Mr Arthur's plans rejected by ABSB.
AA 1.1.1903		The British Architect of 19.12.1902 reviling ABSB's treatment of Arthur suggests that the following condition be added to competition rules: "If the first premiated design proves to be the work of an outside architect he will be appointed architect if no reasonable or other grounds can be discovered under which he can be disqualified, and his design passed over in favour of that of a ratepayer. It is not by any means necessary that such other design should be more economical than the design placed first".
AA 18.5.1922	[1905]	Credited to **John Eaglesham** in his obituary.
AA 11.3.1920		Tenders wanted - reinstatement after military use and fire - **J & H V Eaglesham**.
AA, CO 3/10/5/25	BAHSC 16.2.1965	When Mainholm opens (for 1965-66 Session) Newton Park, Russell Street, Annbank and Tarbolton will lose Secondary sections.
SRC, E(Sch), 21.2.1979, 279		Newtonhead, Newton Park and Russell Street will be amalgamated, w.e.f 1980/81 session, at Newton Park. Russell Street site identified as that for new school, to be programmed to start between 1981 and 1983.
AP, F 13.11.2009	[1984]	[25 Years ago] Staff and pupils move to Newton Primary. Newton park will be used for a year by Braehead PS, while it's reconstructed.
	WAR MEMORIAL	
AP 30.9.1921		War Memorial tablet unveiled yesterday. Wood and bronze. Design and execution: **Robert Bryden**.

PLAYING FIELD

ACC, GPSC 25.3.1948, 457 — Agree to take a let, as a playing field for Newton Park School, of the former R.S.F. Recreation Ground near the school.

NORTH AYR HEALTH CENTRE, Whitletts Road

AP, F 18.11.2016, 25 — 20th Anniversary. Opened 31 Oct 1986; extension, 'The Gatehouse', May 2013.

OLD MENS CABIN, Craigie Road

AP 17.10.1930 — To be formally opened next Wednesday. Gift of Archibald Walker of Newark.

AA, Th 4.12.1947, 6a — Wireless presented by George Young, baker, High Street.

AA, Th 27.11.1975, 3bc — Re-opened last Friday, after a break of 2 years. William McKay, secretary; about 15 members presently.

PETER BOYLE BOWLING GREEN

AA, Th 10.7.1952, 16a — Peter Boyle Bowling Green will be formally opened Saturday 12th July 1952.

Dean of Guild Court 153/154 — 1963, clubhouse for Peter Boyle Bowling Green, Craigie Road: **Francis B Dunbar**.

POLICE STATION [DIVISIONAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS], King Street

AA, Th 31.7.1975, 10dg — seems to infer that after re-organisation, thee police operated from Arthur Street, i.e. that they moved from Charlotte Street to Arthur Street, and then to King Street.

nr — Opened 1975.

AP 14.1.1972 — Sketch. Work to begin in Spring 1972. **County Architect's Department**.

AA, CO 3/8/9/3/13 — Estimated cost, as at October 1973, £743,907. Began 29th May 1972, due for completion December 1974.

SRC, P&F 18.12.1980, 116 — Final measurements, £848,665.

AP, F 31.1.2014 — Communications mast reduced in height, as top parts used the old analogue system. Digital system uses O2.

WAR MEMORIAL

ASH F 23.12.1921 3d — Ayr Constabulary War Memorial unveiled last Tuesday in HQ. Des: Col **Wallace**; Exec: **Alexander Carrick**, Edinburgh. [Is this now at King Street??]

PUBLIC LAVATORIES, Content Avenue

AP 22.7.1955 — Conts - Public Lavatories and Shelter, Dam Park - Burgh Surveyor.

PUBLIC LAVATORIES, River Street

AA 2.7.1903 — Contractors wanted for Weighing Offices and Lavatory, River Street: **John Young**, Burgh Surveyor.

Dean of Guild Court 47/25 — 1929 extension (the 'ladies'), built of Auchenheath Stone: **Thomas O'Beirne**.

RAMSAY GARDENS, River Terrace

AP 17.6.1955 — Formally opened 11.6.1955 by Johnnie Ramsay. Design by **Robert A Wakefield**.

RIVERSIDE HOUSE, 21 River Terrace

Dean of Guild Court 214/94 — 1972: **Cowie Torry & Partners** for ATC.

Supp VR 1974-75 — Occupied 28.2.1975.

AP, F 7.3.1975, 50 — Formally opened last Friday. Architect was Ian McGill of Cowie & Torry. Cost £100,000 and was built in 2½ years.

RUSSELL HOUSE

nr — A speculative office development by Scottish Heritable Trust Ltd., Glasgow.

AA, Th 23.1.1969, 1cd — Approved by Dean of Guild Court; £245,000

BI 79/934 January 1968 — Approved by Planning Committee of ATC

Dean of Guild Court 189/11 — 1969, **Cowie & Torry**.

BI 80/951 June 1969 — Contracts have been let. **Cowie & Torry**, architects.

AA 15.1.1970 — Photograph. In course of erection.

RUSSELL STREET CEMETERIES

AA, Th 7.8.1851, 1a — Wallacetown Burial Ground. New key-holder is A McDonald, 45 High Street, Ayr.

AA 29.7.1858 — The new cemetery for St Quivox in Russell Street, Wallacetown, has now been completed.

AA, Th 28.1.1864, 1a — Wallacetown Burying Ground. Notice that the congregation of the United Original Seceders, Wallacetown, are considering new procedures for the payment and collection of dues.

Ayr TC Minutes 1913, 347-348, Works Sub Cttee 15.8.1913 — Managers for the owners of the Old Burial Ground - the Original Secession Church - are willing to hand over burial ground completely to Town Council.

AP, Review of 1923 — Closed November 1923.

EG 14036, Tu 1.7.1924, 877a878a — Closed, by Privy Council, 25.6.1924. Exceptions: surviving spouses, if 60+; unmarried children, if 60+.

SAL, Ayr Town Council Minutes 1923-1924 — Public Health Cttee 1.9.1924. Wallacetown Burial Ground closed w.e.f 25.6.1924 in terms of a Privy Council order of that date.

SAL, Ayr Town Council Minutes 1930-1931 — Works Cttee 5.8.1931. Wallacetown Cemetery closed w.e.f. 23.7.1931.

MONUMENT TO JOHN TAYLOR

List 286 — Statue on pedestal, 1850. Note: Taylor, b. Newark Castle 1805, d. Larne 1842. CS.

AA 8.1.1857 — A plan has been obtained from Mr **McGaw**, sculptor, Glasgow. Obelisk. Corinthian base, &c.

AA 29.7.1858 — The Taylor monument is to be placed here. Pedestal by **Peter Wilson**, Ayr; statue by **Shanks**, Glasgow.

AA 9.9.1858 — Foundation stone laid last Thursday. [N.B. Kilmarnock Cuttings, p.35, says 16.10.1858].

RUSSELL STREET SCHOOL

AA 29.12.1887 — Last Friday ABSB agreed to proceed with a new school at Quarry Green, Newton on Ayr. Plans to be obtained from architects in the town and Messrs Campbell Douglas & Sellars; Clarke & Bell; David Sturrock (all Glasgow); H Blanc (Edinburgh) and Ingram (Kilmarnock).

AA 16.2.1888 — Plans chosen are those of Messrs **Morris & Hunter**, Ayr. Central block surmounted by a turret and vane, with two side wings exactly similar to each other in character. The design is simple and quiet, partaking of the chracater of the Italian Renaissance. Central block has a large central doorway with pediment over. Proposed to be built of Ballochmyle freestone.

AA 23.5.1889 — Opened last Friday. Handsome structure in the Queen Anne style. Externally the building impresses one more by the clever grouping of the large masses than by its details, although these are in themselves good. We would refer more particularly to the double range of little windows on either side of the central doorway, which are effectively treated, giving great scale to the building as a whole, while at the same time affording just that touch of originality which stamps the architects' individuality on the design.

AA 1.5.1890 — Cost: £6356 1s 10d.

AA 30.4.1896 — ABSB have agreed to the following improvements: Additions, Russell Street School: **Morris & Hunter**. [See also Newton Academy and Wallacetown PS]

AA 4.3.1897 — Conts: heating and lighting, Infants School. Plans with **Morris & Hunter**.

AP 16.6.1939 — To be remodelled and extended. Alex Mair, architect.

AA, CO 3/10/5/25 BAHSC 16.2.1965 — When Mainholm opens (for 1965-66 Session) Newton Park, Russell Street, Annbank and Tarbolton will lose Secondary sections.

SRC, E(Sch), 21.2.1979, 279 — Newtonhead, Newton Park and Russell Street will be amalgamated, w.e.f 1980/81 session, at Newton Park. Russell Street site identified as that for new school, to be programmed to start between 1981 and 1983. [An attempt to bring forward date to 1979/80 seems to have been rejected by the Education Department of the Scottish Office]

nr — Demolished.

RUSSSELL STREET (II) see — NEWTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

ST CATHERINE'S R C PRIMARY SCHOOL, Westwood Avenue

AA, CO 3/10/5/16 GPSC 25.9.1952	Proposed new school to be built with aluminium frame from Bristol Aircraft Co.
ACC, GPSC 23.12.1954, 8	T McWhirter & Sons Ltd, Ayr, brick, £17025 18s 7d; Hart & Cumming, Ayr, joinery, £2432 19s 6d. Total £30426 2s 9d., plus cost of aluminium superstructure (£23455)
Dean of Guild Court 109/9	1955, **County Architect's Office**.
AA, CO 3/10/5/19 GPSC 24.1.1957	Formal opening was 21st January 1957. [No]
AA, Th 28.2.1957, 1cde	Formally opened on Tuesday. It is 1 of 4 schools in the county with an aluminium superstructure, and the last, also, because the **Bristol Aircraft Co** have ceased to make them. Built in a year. Architect: R G Lindsay, County Architect. Named for, and protected by, St Catherine of Alexandria.

ST JOHN'S R C SCHOOL, Whitletts Road [Originally ST MARGARET'S]

AA 16.6.1892	We understand that the contracts for the new Catholic School have been accepted for the first part of it, the amount being £2500. The site is on the lands of Blackhouse, opposite Hawkhill.
AA 6.7.1893	Formally opened last Monday.
Dean of Guild Court 20/51	1908 additions: **J K Hunter**.
Dean of Guild Court 28/32	1914 additions: **J K Hunter**.
AA, CO3/8/3/7, 598, Sept 1933	T McWhirter, Prestwick, £3425 15s 10d; R McCardle, Ayr, £2098 13s 10d; £8675 13s 9½d. 7 class rooms, and 2 special rooms.
A 15.12.1933	Mr **William Reid** FRIBA Wellington Square is the Ayrshire County Architect for the reconstruction and extension to the St Margarets RC School at Whitletts Road at a cost of over £9000.
AA, Th 27.8.1953, 9	Photograph of the interior of St Margarets School
AA, CO 3/10/5/22 EC 9.10.1962	Destroyed by fire 6th October 1962.
AP 14.12.1962	Destroyed by fire 5/6.10.1962. Two boys have recently appeared in court in connection with the fire.
AA, CO 3/10/5/26, GPC 18.3.1966	Name of St Margaret's R.C. P.S., suggested by Catholic authorities for primary section of St Margaret's H.S., regarded as too similar to new name for secondary section, Queen Margaret's H.S. (see Mainholm Academy)
AA, Co 3/10/5/26, GPC 15.4.1966	Name, St John's R.C.P.S., approved.
AA, CO 3/10/5/27, GPC 16.12.1966	Site to be acquired from Diocese.
SRC, 7.4.1983	Badly damaged by fire: first report is dated 16th March 1983.
SRC, E 20.4.1983, 500	Replacement to be built, same site, at estimated cost of £1.2m.
SRC, E(Sv) 21.2.1984, 267	Contract let to Dawn Construction Ltd., Prestwick, at £794,727.

SEWERS

AP, Th 10.2.1876, 1b	Contractors wanted for sewer in rear of west side of Main Street. Details: McDerment.

SOMERSET PARK

AA 10.5.1888	The Ayr Football Club having taken a new field in Newton, adjoining the Newton and Wallacetown Bowling Club, and Walker's Chemical Works, opened it formally on Monday evening with a match with the famous Aston Villa.
BI 31/361 April 1920	Plans have been passed for a new stand &c at Somerset Park. prepared by Mr Alex Leitch, London, Glasgow and Liverpool, a well-known expert in the laying out of football grounds and the construction of grandstands.
AA 1.4.1920	Passed Dean of Guild Court last Friday.
AP, F 16.12.2011, 87	Tryfield Park grandstand designed by Archibald Leitch. Originally envisaged stand along full length of south side (with realigned pitch), seating 2592. Work began 1924, with scaled down stand seating 1345.
Association of Football Statisticians, Report 34, January 1984:	Ayr United: note that United used Beresford Park for most of season 1924-1925 while Somerset Park was rebuilt. [AP, F 16.12.2011, 87, says first three home games]
AA 11.9.1924	New stand to be formally opened on Saturday.
AP, F 16.12.2011, 87	Opened 13 Sept 1924 with match against Rangers.
AP 6.10.1933	New covered enclosure formally opened on Saturday. **Alex Mair**, architect.
AP, F 11.2.1949, 6	Photo: crowd, included blind invitees, at cup game v Morton.

AA, Th 23.10.1975, 20 — Illustration. Proposed New Stand, Cowie Torry & Partners. Project architect, W. Bain.

AP, F 16.12.2011, 87 — 1989, Family Stand built.

CHAIRMEN, &c

AP, F 28.1.1949, 13ab — Ref to George Sutherland, director.

- 1953 — James FREW

1953-1964 — Matt POLLOCK

AP, F 3.7.1953, 16e — At AGM last Tuesday James FREW was replaced by Matt POLLOCK (ex Vice Chairman) as Chairman. New Vice chairman is William Bexon.

AA, Th 7.7.1960, 7abc — His daughter, Morag, one of three Wellington girls publicly rebuked at speech day (with Celia Stevenson and Ann, daughter of Bobby Jones).

AA, Th 24.12.1970, 12c — Died Friday, aged 63. Born in Irvine Valley. Nurseryman (R D Pollock & Son, Overdale Nursery, Prestwick, and Linton, Alloway)

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Blane, 37 — 1971-1978 — Tom MURRAY, Maybole.

AA, Th 14.8.1975, 3ab — AGM will be Th 4.9. Directors who retire by rotation, but are standing again: A S Murray Upton; Thomas Murray; M.T. Fergusson.

Blane, 37 — 1978 — Myles J CALLAGHAN, Maybole

1983-1986 — Andrew CHARTERS (Obit in AP 2.9.2011, p.12: PHOTOCOPY herewith)

AP, F 30.9.2016, 25 — Has died in California, Donald R. CAMERON, 76. He was a director 21 years, last 3 as chairman. Footballer (right-back)(Ashfield Juniors; Billingham), mechanical engineer (ICI) and latterly investment broker in California.

AP, F 7.6.2013, 22 [1988] — 25 Years Ago. Offer of David Murray (Murray International Holdings Ltd), of £460,000 (£17.50p per share), with investment of £750,000 over 2 years, rejected. 21,000 shares, of which 90% are polled against him. Only 4 of 47 principal shareholders support Murray.

AP, F 7.6.2013, 22 [1988] — George SMITH, chairman

AP, F 13.5.2011, 120 — New sponsor, Calvin Ayre, Canadian, 49, founder of online betting firm Bodog.

AP, F 13.1.2017, 4 — Has died, Dr Robert Paterson, former club doctor (1970s), and on board until 1986.

DIRECTORS

c Feb 1937 — A A Jackson, Chairman. Wright, v.-c.. David Murray, Alec Moffat, J E Drinnan, Douglas Bowie, Jim Frew

AP, F 18.2.1949, 13c — Names, as directors, R W Hutchison; George Sutherland

MANAGERS, &c

James DALZIEL, 1929-

AA, Th 20.6.1929, 2g; AP, F 14.6.1929, 15b — James DALZIEL appointed club trainer. From Dalkeith. Son of late John 'Jock' Dalziel, who was a well-known trainer and at one time trainer to Hearts. Mr Dalziel is an all-round athlete and a physical culture expert. He has been a certified masseur for 15 years. During war was at Military Hospital, Cromarty, and then in France (Etaples, Trouville). Since then has been in business in Dalkeith, and on town council until about 18 months ago. Founded Dalkeith Maori Athletic Club. Commences duties on 22nd July.

Robert FERRIER, 1945 - 1948

AP, F 14.1.1949, 13a — Bob Ferrier resigned last month. Suggested that new manager will be George Paterson, ex of Celtic and Scotland (v Ireland, 1939; Irish League, 1936, English League, 1939), presently with Brentford.

AA, Th 22.4.1971, 3cd — Died, M 18.4.1971, Dumbarton. Manager from July 1945. Had been a left winger with Motherwell, and part time manage rat Airdrie before coming to Ayr

Archie ANDERSON

AP, F 28.1.1949, 13c — To advertise for a manager. No agreement with George Paterson. Last advertised in 1945.

AP, F 18.2.1949, 13c — Directors deny interviewing either Archie Anderson, manager, Arbroath, or Bobbie Calder, now ref, former manager of Dunfermline.

AP, F 3.7.1953, 16e — Former manager, Archie ANDERSON, has been appointed as manager of Cheltenham Town.

Reuben BENNETT, 1953 - 1955

AP, F 26.6.1953, 14d — Reuben BENNETT appointed as manager. Former Dundee goalkeeper, and for last 2 years has been assistant coach at Dens. Born in Aberdeen, and played for Hull City, Dundee (to 1948, injured) and for Elgin City 1950/51.

AP, F 3.7.1953, 16e — New manager, Reuben Bennett, takes over on Monday, and will move from Aberdeen in August.

AP, F 15.4.1955, 21ab — Reuben Bennett has resigned: citing difference of opinion with the board

Neil McBAIN, 1955 -

AA, Th 21.4.1955, 3c — Neil McBAIN appointed last week. Ex-player, Scots international: last managing job seems to have been in Argentina.

Jacky COX, 1956 -

AP, F 24.8.1956, 7f — Photo. New manager, Jacky COX, who took over this week.

Ally MacLEOD, xxxx - 1975

n.r — - November 1975, Ally MacLEOD

AA, Th 6.11.1975, 1ae — Ally MacLeod has left Ayr United, Tuesday, to become manager, Aberdeen.

AA, Th 13.11.1975, 1ad — Sam McMillan, coach, caretaker manager

Alex STUART, 1975 –

AA, Th 27.11.1975, 1be — New manager to be Alex Stuart, presently manager, Montrose. First game, Thursday, v Aberdeen (& Ally MacLeod)

(1976) — Alex STUART (11/1975 -). AP F 2.7.1976, pre-season tour to Nigeria begins with 3-1 win over F.C. Stationary.

Brian REID, c2007 - May 2012

Mark ROBERTS, May 2012

TRAINER

Fl.1949 — Edward SUMMERS (ref in AP, F 4.2.1949, 3c

OTHER PLAYERS, &c

AP, F 26.7.2013 [1988] — 25 Years Ago. Pub in Dudley being renamed Sprigger's Arms to honour Robert 'Sprigger' White. Goalkeeper in 1912-13, when conceded only 19 goals in 26 games, as Ayr United won the Second Division Championship.

RESERVES

AP, F 28.1.1949, 13ab — A Reserve XI has been formed, with first ganme, 19.2, v. Kilmarnock Reserves. Much of the work done by George Sutherland, director.

CLUB DOCTOR

c.1958 - 1968 — Hugh Paterson, consultant at Ballochmyle, died August 1968. See Card Index.

COMMENT

Gary Sutherland, Hunting Grounds, Edinburgh, 2007, 33 — V Berwick, CIS Cup 1st Round, 9 August 2006

MISCELLANEOUS

GRIEVE, Isabella, nursing sister, Dundee, c.1925 – 1975

AA, Th 27.11.1975, 8cd — Isabella Grieve, c.1925-1975, principal nursing officer, Ninewells, killed near Perth, Sat 22.11.1975, when car hit by bus taking Ayr United fans to Dundee.

T.A. CENTRE, Seaforth Road — See FUSILIER HOUSE

'THEATRE'

CH2/827/1 — 1785. Robert Hunter, wright, Newton, has furnished a house for strolling players to act in.

THORNYFLAT MATERNITY HOME

AA, Th 11.12.1947, 8a — Being converted from former RAF/RNAS hospital.

AP 9.7.1948 — Formally opened 3.7.1948, and the NHS came into operation on 5.7.1948.

The Journal (EAFHS), 30, April 2012, 19 — Herewith. Reconstruction of sick-bay, RAF Heathfield: Thomas O'Beirne, BS., with Mr Dickie. Town Council's first proposals, of 1938, foe a maternity home adjacent to Heathfield Hospital abandoned because of the war.

Duerden & McNeill (Heathfield) — Closed in October 1991.

MATRON

AA, Th 11.12.1947, 8a — Appointed: Susan M McKechnie, presently a ward sister at Ayrshire Central.

VOLUNTARY PARK

AA, Th 9.7.1970, 1b — Whitletts Social Club - an amalgamation of Whitletts Victoria F C and Crooksmoss Bowling Club - are seeking from the Council a 31-year lease of Voluntary Park, Whitletts, to erect a clubhouse for which they could then apply to the Sheriff Principal for a liquor licence. The Council have agreed to seek further information from the club before taking a decision on the matter.

CROOKSMOSS BOWLING GREEN, Glenmuir Place

Dean of Guild Court 111/67 — 1955 re-erection of ex-Army hut as a Pavilion: Robert A Wakefield, Superintendent of Parks.

AP 22.7.1955 — To be formally opened 23 July 1955.

Dean of Guild Court 131/212 — 1960 Pavilion: **Charles Eddie** for ATC.

[WHITLETTS] VICTORIA STADIUM

GREYHOUND STADIUM

AP, F 4.4.1980, seven efg — Handicapper Lounge Bar, at the soon to be opened Greyhound Stadium, opens tonight, with guest DJ, Dougie Donnelly. There is also a function suite, the Illicit Still.

WALLACETOUN HOUSE, John Street

B 28.1.1955 — Plans approved: **S Sim** architect.

BI 66/779 February 1955 — Proposed Government Offices, John Street. **Stewart Sim**, MoW, Edinburgh, architect.

AP 12.7.1957 — First used this week. Steel frmae construction. MoW Architects Department.

ATD 62/10 AA 1.8.1957 — Formally opened yesterday.

AP 13.3.1959 — Ministry of Labour offices first used in May 1957.

WALLACETOWN SCHOOL

AA 9.10.1873 — Contractors - Wallacetown School for ABSB - **John Mercer**.

ASH, Sa 14.11.1874, 5e — Contractors to be **Robert Scoullar**, mason, and **-- McCall**, joiner. Total estimated cost: £2295 1s 6½d.

AA 19.7.1875 — First used last Monday, the same day as Mercer's Newtonhead School.

AA 30.4.1896 — ABSB have agreed to the following improvements: rearrangements, Wallacetown School, **William Kerr**. [See also Russell St and old Newton Academy]

AA 28.5.1896 — Contractors for joiner work - Wallacetown School - **William Kerr**.

AA 29.5.1902 — Proposed additions..Sketch plan, **J McHardy Young**.

AA 23.10.1902 — **McHardy Young** relieved of Wallacetown alterations: plans returned twice by SED. Work given to **William Kerr**.

Dean of Guild Court 63/9 — 1935, extension: **County Architect's Office**.

ACC, TSSC 27.11.1950 — Breahead due to open April 1951. Will mean reduction of primary classes at Newton Academy, and conversion of Wallacetown into a Nursery and Infants School.

AA, Th 27.5.1954, 6 — Photographs, Wallacetown Nursery School.

DR WHITE JUBILEE MEDAL

ACC, B&SC, 21.1.1947, 143 — Gifted by Dr Alexander White. See Ref.

WAR MEMORIAL, WHITLETTS

AA 13.1.1921 — Unveiled last Sunday. Celtic Cross in Creetown granite. **J C Kennedy**, Ayr, sculptor.

AP, F 14.1.1949, 1d — Meeting, Constitutional Hall, Whitletts, Th 27.1.1949, to discuss adding names from World War Two.

AP, F 25.2.1949, 6b — Ayr TC to take responsibility for Alloway and Whitletts War Memorials.

WESTWOOD NURSERY SCHOOL

SRC, Education (Services) Cttee, 9.4.1977, 445 — Name approved.

SRC, 2.6.1981 — Final measurements, £48,331.

WHITLETTS ACTIVITY CENTRE

Sv	Opened in 1992.

WHITLETTS CLINIC, Glenmuir Road

SAC Planning 12/000120	February 2012. Alterations, for NHS. **Hypostyle Architects**, Glasgow.

WHITLETTS COMMUNITY CENTRE

AP, F 28.1.1949, 8cde	Opened 24.1.1949 by J J Robertson, MP. An adaptation by William Cowie & Torry, of a naval officers' mess. Adjacent to Dalmilling, where there will be 566 houses (184 already complete). Has Large Hall (280) Small Hall (180), &c. Also a 4-room house for the caretaker.
AA, Th 9.1.1969, 26d	On Saturday 11.1.1969 John Pollock will unveil a mural in the Paterson Hall, Whitletts CC, done by Mainholm pupils under Tom Hay, art teacher.
AA, Th 16.1.1969, 16	Photograph

WHITLETTS, CONSTITUTIONAL HALL

AP, F 14.1.1949, 1d	Meeting here, 27.1.49, to discuss WW2 names for war memorial.

WHITLETTS LIBRARY, Glenmuir Place

Dean of Guild Court 228/155	1973, Charles Eddie, Burgh Surveyor. Drawn by DBS.

WHITLETTS PUBLIC HALL

AA 30.10.1902	New Public Hall and Reading Room formally opened last Friday. At west end of village, substantial building formerly a store.

WHITLETTS PRIMARY SCHOOL, Main Road

CO3/10/2/205	1.6.1909	Plans of addition to Whitletts School - **A C Thomson**, Ayr - In use by June 1910.
--		Demolished August-September 2010.

WHITLETTS, SCHOOL

AA, Th 3.5.1821, 1b	To be a performance of "The Gentle Shepherd" in Ayr to raise funds for a schoolhouse in Whitletts 'which fell lately, and deprived upwards of seventy children of a place for obtaining their education.'

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