

A Brief Chronicle

- 1883** W E Frost leaves Glenalmond and sets up school at Dalmhor in Crieff.
- 1884** School moves to Springbank.
- 1885** School moves into its own new premises at Dalvreck.
- 1894** Dalvreck changes name to Ardvreck. School colours change from black & red to green & white.
- 1904** Start of Common Entrance.
- 1905** Rifle Club founded. First Rugby Blue – J. Burt-Marshall for Cambridge.
- 1908** Semi Jubilee celebrations. Purchase of surrounding ground.
- 1909** First O.A. Dinner – North British Hotel (now the Balmoral), Edinburgh.
- 1915** Ardvreck beds on Ambulance Barges.
- 1917** First Ardvreck Scouts – not attached to the Baden-Powell movement.
- 1920** Unveiling of the War Memorial.
- 1921** Joan English born. 1st girl pupil at Ardvreck.
- 1922** Bill Frost dies. Buried at Ochertyre.
- 1925** The Usher Pavilion erected. First “Founder’s Day”, July 5th.
- 1927** Electricity replaces gas at the school.
- 1929** First general O.A. Dinner – Grosvenor Restaurant, Glasgow.
- 1930** Formation of 43rd Scout Troop.
- 1931** Building of Crabbie Hall, Open Fives Court rebuilt beside the covered one.
- 1933** Jubilee Celebrations. Access Tunnel to the fields built under the Comrie Road.
- 1939** Acquisition of The Heugh.
- 1942** Ardvreck boys provide “comforts” for the troops.
- 1955** First O.A. Rugby Cap for Scotland – W S Glen.
- 1956** Start of Ivor Ramsay Essays.
- 1960** School becomes an Educational Trust.
- 1962** Ardlarach built. The San becomes “Brae of Ardvreck”. Launch of the new House system: Barrie and Scott formed from the Greeks, Buchan and Burns from the Trojans.
- 1964** Construction of the classroom block. Demise of the Fives Courts.
- 1968** First Day Pupils.
- 1970** Appeal: Classroom Block extended. Modernisation in Heugh School.
- 1973** Present Swimming Pool completed.
- 1975** Appeal: levelling and draining of the top pitch.
- 1976** Admission of girls.
- 1979** First Edition of The ‘Ard Times. Launching of Friends of Ardvreck. Start of Pre-Prep.
- 1982** Launching of the Centenary Appeal. First school Ski holiday – Zell am Ziller in Austria.
- 1983** Centenary Celebrations. Opening of Centenary Building.
- 1984** Opening of MacLellan House.
- 1985** Opening of Erskine House.
- 1987** Ardvreck’s first visit to Rua Fiola.
- 1989** Opening of the Music School. First Ardvreck Prep Schools’ Netball Tournament.
- 1990** Levelling, widening, lengthening and draining of lower games pitches.
- 1991** New Pavilion opened.
- 1992** Swimming Pool covered. New Classroom Block completed.
- 1993** First hosting of the Triangular Athletics at Ardvreck. 50th issue of ‘Ard Times. Pre-prep and Form 2 move to new premises.
- 1994** Victorian Era Celebration of the Centenary of the change in the school’s name. Opening of Ardvreck Nursery.
- 1995** National V.E. Day holiday. Friends Reels Party in the Crabbie on a V.E. Day theme.
- 1996** Inaugural Ardvreck Invitation Rugby Sevens Tournament.
- 1998** Francis Finlay, O.A., cuts the first turf for the Finlay Hall. First school visit to Château de la Boudonnière.
- 2000** Millennial Match at Culdees Castle between Ardvreck 1st XI and a Gentleman’s XI, Centenary of one played there in July 1900. Opening of the Finlay Hall. Andrew Forster Assault Course constructed. Advent of Ardvreck Pipe Band.
- 2003** Participation for the first time in Scottish Schools’ Clay Pigeon Championships.
- 2004** New record set in St Patrick’s Shield, British Prep Schools’ Trophy 798/800.
- 2005** British Prep Schools’ Ski Champions.
- 2006** Canadian Delegation collects Piper James Richardson V.C.’s pipes.
- 2008** 125 Celebrations.
- 2010** Opening of Expressive Arts Centre.
- 2012** Founders Day.