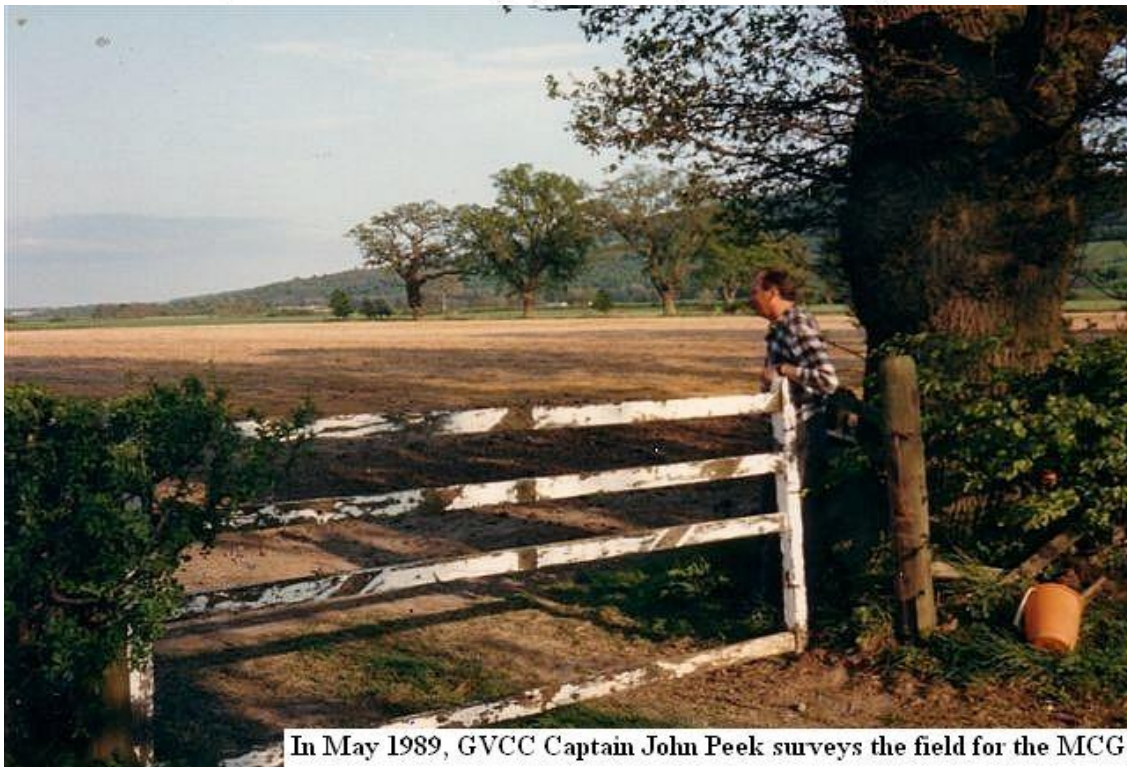
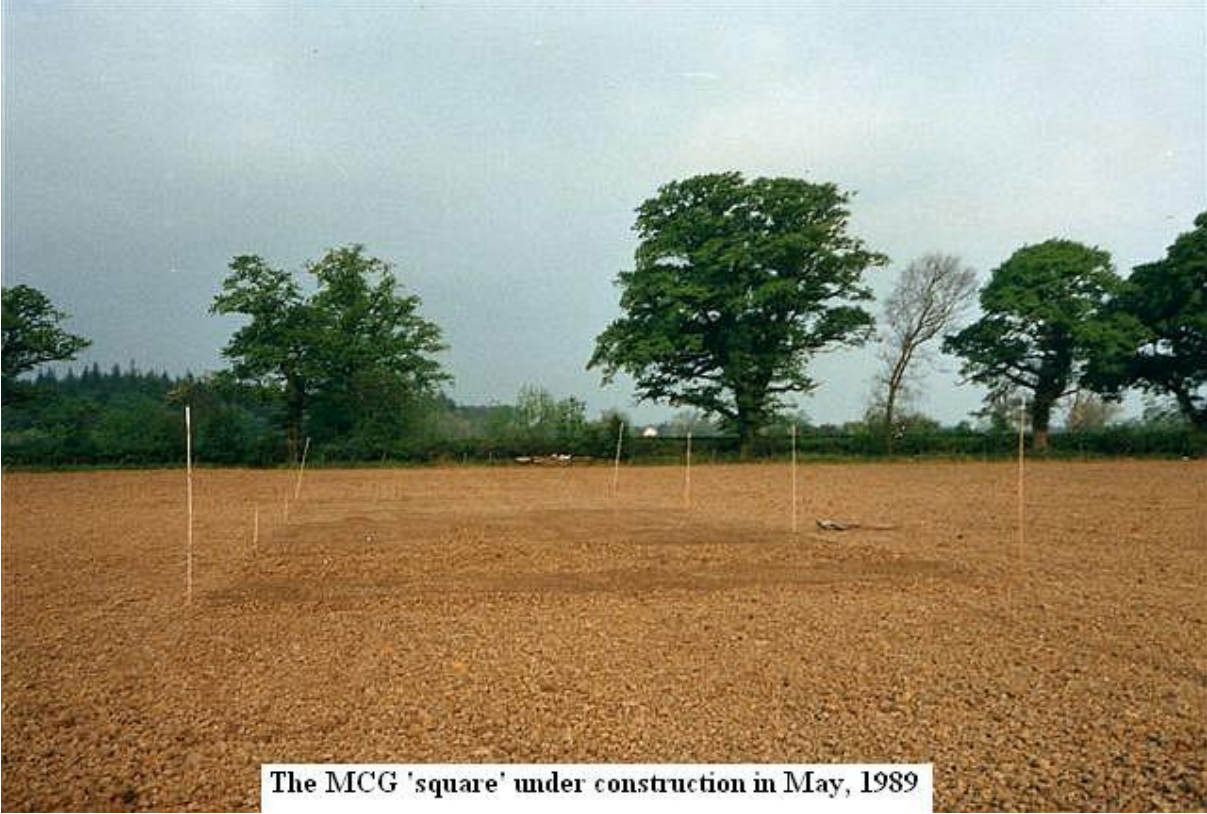




*John F. Templeton, Evan Henderson, Richard Scott-Angell, John Templeton Snr.
Mike Hargreave, John Henderson, Doug Jackson, Jimmy Vallance, Neil Beilby, Chris Sheriff
(Absent Padding-up to bat, Kerr Henderson)*



In May 1989, GVCC Captain John Peek surveys the field for the MCG



The MCG 'square' under construction in May, 1989

Tom and Willie Scott inspect the grass seed for the MCG Square in Henders' Garage



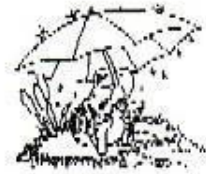


Jimmy Vallance & John Peek prepare to seed the 'square' in May, 1989



The 'Peeky' Smile

GARGUNNOCK VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB



JAN. 1990

Dates for your diary:

March at Annfield; 2nd(St,Modans v Walmer);9th(GVCC v St, Modans); 16th(Walmer v County); 23rd..The Final

 March 28th Wednesday at 1 Moray Place - 8 p.m. ... GVCC Half-Yearly Meeting

 April 1st (Sunday) Iffla Trophy at Annfield from 2pm.,GVCC/County/St,Modans/Walmer/RAF Leuchars/Mitre
 April--15/Freuchie(a);21/St,Modans(a);22/County(a);28/Glendelvine(a);29/Largo(h) in Village Cup
 May---- 6/Cumbernauld(a) in Small Clubs Cup ;13/East Kilbride(a);20/Alva(a);
 June--- 3/Westquarter(a);10/Holy Cross Ac. (a);16/Mayfield(h);17/County(h);24/Walmer(h);30/Rossie Priory(a)
 July-1/Dollar(a);8/Westq'ter(h);15/Kingsway(h);21/Mayfield(a);22/Aberfeldy(h);28/Luncarty(h);29/Hillend(a)
 August- 4/Clacks, (a);5/Clacks, 6's(a);12/Alva(h);18/Rossie Priory(h);26/St, Modans(h)
 Sept.-- 1/East Kilbride(h); 2/Vale of Leven(h)

NEWS SINCE THE AGM IN SEPTEMBER

Mike and I successfully purchased 3 ex-District Council Sheds for £302 at an Auction at Braehead on 29th September and with the help of Ken Crichton (who 'winters' our tractor at 'Oakwood', Buchlyvie) we lifted all three to Meiklewood, not without incident, that same night. We subsequently erected them on concrete slab bases as agricultural buildings meantime until change of use planning permission is granted for MCG. The conditions being placed on the granting of planning approval are still a nightmare. They concern visibility at the junction of the A811 and Meiklewood private road, Regional Roads Dept, initially stated that the bus shelter was the cause of "particularly poor" visibility, so the District Planners asked us as developers to get it removed or shifted. It transpires that the bus shelter belongs to Regional Roads and when we suggested that they were causing the poor visibility we were then told in writing that the visibility, while not ideal, 'was adequate for a lightly trafficated private road' and that no accidents there since 1980 could be attributed to the presence of the shelter. We have now informed District Planners that 'traffication' appears to be the major criterion relevant to the situation and have asked if the increase of less than 5%, which the cricket ground will cause, will define the road as no longer 'lightly trafficated.' It is really annoying that officialdom has been so unhelpful over the 8 months that this has been dragging on and particularly so when we have already spent thousands in trying to provide a badly needed community amenity in line with Council policy for the area. In addition, we have been major patrons of the new leisure facility at Annfield in innovative ways and have spent nearly £1500 already supporting such ventures over the last three years. It seems so unfair that self-help groups like us should be delayed by 'ambiguity', in our provision of much needed leisure and recreational facilities for a rural area. I have made discount purchases of quality equipment to maintain the high standards we have enjoyed since we started in 1984 and can report that careful maintenance is continuing to ensure that we get the most out of the semi-permanent kit previously bought. Cricket balls of course have a limited life and even with care (and better bowling !!) these are major items of annual expenditure. I am pleased to report that Derek Forbes has accepted our invitation to become one of our Honorary Vice-Presidents. His service as Chairman for our first six years guided us so securely in what has been a most rewarding and happy time. We continue in membership of the Scottish Cricket Union and as contributors to the Scottish Cricket Guide. The submission date for fixtures for this publication was very early this year, so some of the apparent gaps in our list, as it appears there, have already been filled. You may have missed the November results of the Floodlit Winter League ... if so, here is an up-date: 10/11/89, Walmer 99 for 6 (Hargreave 2/11, Bielby 2/14, Peek 2/15); GVCC 103 for 2 (Belshaw 21, Henderson 20) 17/11/89, St, Modans 154 for 5 (E. Pollock 26, McGuire 2/12) County, 160 for 6 (Kerr Henderson 55 not out) 24/11/89, County 172 for 3 (Wright 26, McGuire 25, Scott-Angell 2 for 36) GVCC 98 (Belshaw 21, R. Price 3/20)

*John Henderson
January 1990.*

The sudden tragic death in January, 1990 of John Peek, club captain since the formation of 'homeless' Gargunnoch Village Cricket Club (GVCC) in 1983, was a sickening blow to all twenty or so members, and to their hopes and plans for the future of cricket in the village at the developing MCG.



[Captain of GVCC – 1983 until 1989]

However, the statutory half-yearly meeting of GVCC was called as usual in April, 1990 and a dedicated and determined small group of players gathered at 1 Moray Place to pay tribute to 'Peeky' and consider the way ahead for the club.

President and Club Chairman, William 'Willie' Scott, owner of the Meiklewood Estate and lessor [*at the rate of one pound sterling per annum, if asked for*] of the seven-acre field in which GVCC was in the process of establishing its cricket facilities, called on me, John Henderson, founder member and Club Secretary to review the previous six seasons' activities and achievements, and make proposals for the days ahead.

"We have had many happy times together on and off the field of play during these six seasons... whether we have won matches has always been secondary to playing in good sporting spirit and making friends with our opponents in the bar afterwards ... I pray such an ethos will continue as we enter a period of hard work on the ground at the MCG that has many objectives, not least, at last, to be able to reciprocate the fine hospitality shown to us by many other Scottish cricket clubs at their grounds around the country. I dedicate our endeavours to the memory of 'Peeky' and my father, JNK Henderson, both of whom, in their own ways, gave so much to bring about the sporting happiness that we have all enjoyed, as well as providing us with the opportunities to continue to develop cricket here in the village in the days ahead."

Many constructive ideas were mooted and plans accepted during the subsequent business session. Appointments were made and, particularly, apropos the development of the ground, its ancillary facilities and equipment, jobs were delegated to various members present to form work parties ... and to 'get on with it'! As Secretary and Groundsman, I was appointed as Co-ordinator.

In late summer/early autumn 1989, the initial arduous boxed-grass-trimming with small machines had already been undertaken by Willie Scott, the three Johns - Lamond, Peek, Henderson, and Jimmy Vallance ... but, previous to this in late springtime, our worthy President had arranged, at his own expense, for the mole-draining of the field, the 'Round-Up' weed-killing, the ploughing and the harrowing, and thereafter the sowing of the out-field grass-seed purchased from a donation to the Club from JNK.

The special grass-seeding work on the square had been directed by myself in June, but the young shoots that appeared while I was on holiday in Cyprus in July during a month of drought in Scotland, [*with as yet no public water supply available in the field*] would never have survived if Chris Sheriff and John Lamond had not prevailed upon Stirling Fire Brigade to lend them some old hoses to irrigate the square from big barrels of water that these two enterprising members brought in a lorry from a nearby farm.

Willie Scott subsequently, again at his own expense, not only arranged for the Water Board to connect us to the public supply on the main road some 300 yards from the MCG, but also ran an underground pipe all that distance to a conveniently placed 'stand-pipe' near where our proposed pavilion was to be situated a facility provision kindly arranged by one of our players, David Belsham, whose company Nuttall Engineering, not only generously donated two large obsolete porta-cabins, but also had them transported to the MCG, there craned over the high hedges into the field, and then erected and renovated. It only thereafter fell to us to carpet and furnish our pavilion ... but that's another story ..

GARGUNNOCK VILLAGE CRICKET ● CLUB ●

SEASON 1990

Club members gathered on the 28th of March to honour the memory of their late skipper John Peek and to take decisions concerning the future of the club. Chairman William Scott paid generous tribute to 'Peeky' and then joined with those present in a minute's silence for reflection on all that the 'skipper' had been as team-mate and friend.

Business decisions thereafter were naturally tinged with sadness but there was obvious determination to carry on the good work initiated by Peeky and the first move in that direction was the appointment of Jimmy Vallance as captain and Geoff Peart as vice-captain. With the granting of planning permission for a temporary pavilion at the new Meiklewood Cricket Ground, members appointed David Belsham, John Henderson and Jimmy Vallance and their successors in office to act as Trustees to property taken on lease on behalf of the club and in particular delegated them to finalise the ten year lease of the MCG with Mrs Helen Scott. David Belsham reported on proposed pavilion installation, decoration and furnishing and John Henderson reviewed progress of the outfield and square which had been sown in June 1989. A target date of the end of May was agreed for pavilion completion and with favourable weather it was suggested that the first match might be played in early June. It was decided after consultation with Tina Peek that donations from friends of her late husband should be used to purchase "The Richard John Peek Trophy" for annual award to the club member whom the Committee considers to have given most notable service to the club. On the playing front it was noted that Stirling County had beaten St. Modan's in the final of the G & S Winter Floodlit League Cup organised by GVCC at Annfield in November 1989 and March 1990.

April -- September 1990

The summer season started at Annfield on Sunday 1st April with GVCC's 3rd Tournament for the Iffla Trophy. Played in two leagues of three from 2pm to 10pm some exciting matches eventually brought Stirling County through to meet the holders RAF Leuchars in the final. In a nail-biting finish County's Alan Marshall took three crucial last over wickets to snatch the trophy for the Stirling side.

In April and May in the run-up to the opening of the MCG in mid-June, GVCC won its 1st Rd. match in the Small Clubs Cup v Cumbernauld but then fell heavily to Fauldhouse Victoria in Rd. 2. In the British Village Cup 1st Rd. at Bluebellwood, Largo proved too strong for the local talent. On the friendly front, wins were recorded over St. Modan's, Westquarter and Holy Cross but losses were suffered at Freuchie, Torbrex, and Glendelvine.

Tina Peek opened the MCG on Wednesday evening the 13th June and an exciting local derby with Kippen ensued. Former County professional Irvin Iffla opened the playing proceedings facing the bowling of Kippen stalwart Bob Wheelans and graced the new square by crashing the first four with a glorious square cut to the pavilion boundary. A stout knock of 27 by Geoff Peart took GVCC to 86 for 9 and in a heart-stopping finish Kippen fell a mere 8 runs short thanks to two great boundary catches by Kerr Henderson.

The second celebration match at the MCG was a champagne 51st birthday occasion for John Henderson on the 16th of June. The very friendly opposition were Torbrex who had provided GVCC with its first match ever in 1984. Before the game, his team-mates presented John with a set of crystal glasses and decanter for his yeoman service to the club and then all sampled the birthday Moet Chandon. After a Torbrex innings yielding 123 for 7, all tucked in to a marvellous birthday spread, including dumpling, which set the magnificent standard of hospitality which Greta Vallance and Jean Lamond maintained for the rest of the season. Despite all the goodies consumed, the match resumed in style and a dashing fifty from the 'birthday boy' and a last ball sprint by skipper Jimmy Vallance took GVCC to 124 and the happiest of endings to a perfect cricketing day...but not quite...there was a specially iced and decorated birthday cake still to be enjoyed during further celebrations at the Inn!!

Amid more friendlies through to the end of the season on 9th September, including another 12 home games at Meiklewood, GVCC lost its three ties in the Tony Lester Cup to Thornliebank, Trinity and Mitre. However to offset losses against ICI, Breadalbane, Hillend, Hall's XI and Clackmannan, victories were recorded over Walner, CRC, Luncarty, ICI (twice), Torbrex (twice), East Kilbride and Southerton. In addition GVCC were runners-up in the Clacks, 6's in August.

Leading players for the season were John Lamond(26 games)(25 wks)(Average-10, 9); Mike Hargreave(14 games)(27 wks)(Average-10, 1); John Templeton(23 games)(25 wks)(Av. -22, 2) John Henderson(21 games)(17 wks)(Av. -17, 7)(308 runs)(Av. -30, 8); Jimmy Vallance(27 games)-13 catches Alan Simpson(16 games)(294 runs)(Av-24, 5); David Belsham(10 games)(167 runs)(Av-20, 9)+... Hat-trick Rabinda Roy... Hat-trick; Norman Jack... Hat-trick; Doug Smith(21 games)-14 stumpings/13 catches.

ACCOUNTS OF GARGUNNOCK VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB as at 05/09/90

1988/89		1989/90	1988/89		1989/90
£		£	£		£
	General Income			General Expenditure	
228.91	Match Fees	140.50	95.00	Fees	36.00
150.00	Membership	341.00	4003.21	Equipment	4359.97
4433.98	Donations	3719.00	736.97	Ground Hire	169.00
96.12	ANBS Interest	89.35	505.53	Donations	80.00
7.00	Grants	0.00	10.00	Match Expenses	30.00
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4916.01		4289.85	5350.71		4674.97
	Other Income			Other Expenditure	
0.00	Equipment Sales	75.00	10.00	Postage	10.00
0.00	Advertising	00.00	52.00	Insurance	150.00
0.00	Programme Sales	00.00	30.00	Telephone	16.00
430.00	Sponsorship	350.00	30.00	SCU Guide	30.00
128.00	Ittla Trophy Fees	0.00	0.00	Floral Tribute	40.00
			20.00	Honoraria	0.00
			32.00	Trophy (G&S League)	0.00
			35.00	Food/Refreshments	0.00
			20.00	Umpires	0.00
			0.00	Hat-trick Tie	6.00
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558.00		425.00	229.90		252.00
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5474.01	TOTAL INCOME	4714.85 ✓	5579.71	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4926.97 ✓
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Deficit 1989/90.....£ 212.12 ✓
 Brought Forward from 1988/89.....£ 1294.15 ✓

 Carry Forward to 1990/91.....£ 1082.03 ✓
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Held thus:
 Trustee Savings Bank.....£ 405.84 ✓
 Abbey National Building Society.....£ 663.88 ✓
 Cash in Hand.....£ 12.31 ✓

 £ 1082.03 ✓
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Death on squash court

SPORTSMEN and women throughout the district were shocked to learn of the death of Gargunock businessman John Peek.

Mr Peek (40) collapsed and died while playing a game of squash in Bridge of Allan.

A consultant engineer, Mr Peek was a keen cricketer and he was captain of the Gargunock Village club. He played an active part in the social life of the village and was vice-president of the Gargunock Village Interests' Association.

He is survived by his wife Tina and two young daughters. His funeral will take place tomorrow (Thursday) morning.

A tribute to John Peek will be published in Friday's edition of the Stirling Observer.

John died during the evening of Friday 23rd February, 1990

Obituary

■ **An appreciation to the life of John Peek of Gargunock from his close friend and cricketing team-mate John Henderson.**

A sporting ambassador

THE people of Gargunock, barely recovering from the sudden death of John Buchanan at the beginning of February, were dealt another shattering blow last Friday night with the news of John Peek (40), vice-President of the Villagers Interests' Association, Captain of Gargunock Village Cricket Club and one of the village's most loved and respected "adopted sons," had collapsed and died while playing a squash match.

The happiness John shared with his wife Tina and their two little daughters was a joy to behold. His life was enriched by the varied business, social and recreational interests he pursued and in his last sphere he was one of the finest 'sporting ambassadors' for Gargunock that the village has ever seen.

His professional life as a consultant engineer in lubrication systems took him

country-wide and beyond to the hazardous North Sea. His skills were as impressive as his stamina was great. His concern for people was as genuine as his sense of humour was infectious. This was a winning repertoire in his business and he enjoyed much success as a result.

"Peeky's" sporting life provided an even wider stage for his engaging personality, his boundless enthusiasm and his admirable sense of fair play within much relished competitive games. These attributes won him and the village many friends, not only for example in the occasionally volatile Forth and Endrick Football League in the 70's, but also in his capacity as the first and only captain of Gargunock Cricket Club during its pleasurable though mainly nomadic existence in the 80's.

John's short "innings," so tragically curtailed as it blossomed, leaves so many fond hopes unfulfilled that the hurt of his loss seems intolerable. Friends, colleagues and team-mates share the mortal wound with the family and thus convey their heartfelt sympathy to them all at this distressing time.



2/3/90 *Sty. Observer*

Cricket ground go-ahead

GARGUNNOCK could have its own cricket field in use by June if a **planning recommendation gets the go-ahead.**

For district council planners have given their approval to the change of use of agricultural land in the village to a cricket ground and the siting of a temporary pavilion.

The land was given to the village cricket club some time ago but there had been some problems about access from the main Dumbarton Road.

These have now been overcome and the ground should be ready for the first cricket of the season in June.

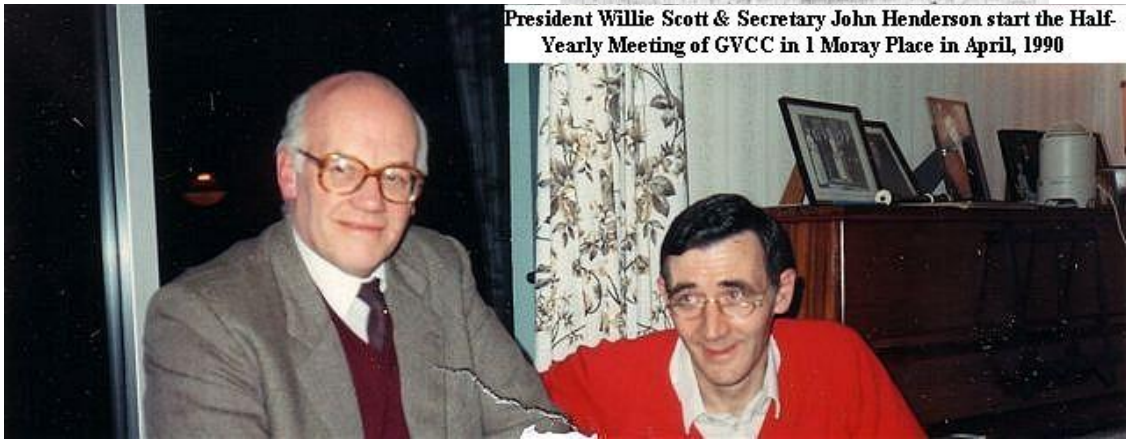
The planners have imposed several conditions on their consent, the first being that the premises be

used only as a cricket ground and changing pavilion and no other purpose.

One letter of objection was received by the council on the grounds that the development would be contrary to highway safety.

But officials have given sympathetic hearings to the proposals as the cricket club has been unable to find an appropriate site in the village and has been playing matches in Stirling.

Now the council is looking at negotiating an agreement with the club to prevent the site being developed on a commercial scale by providing licensing facilities in a rural area.



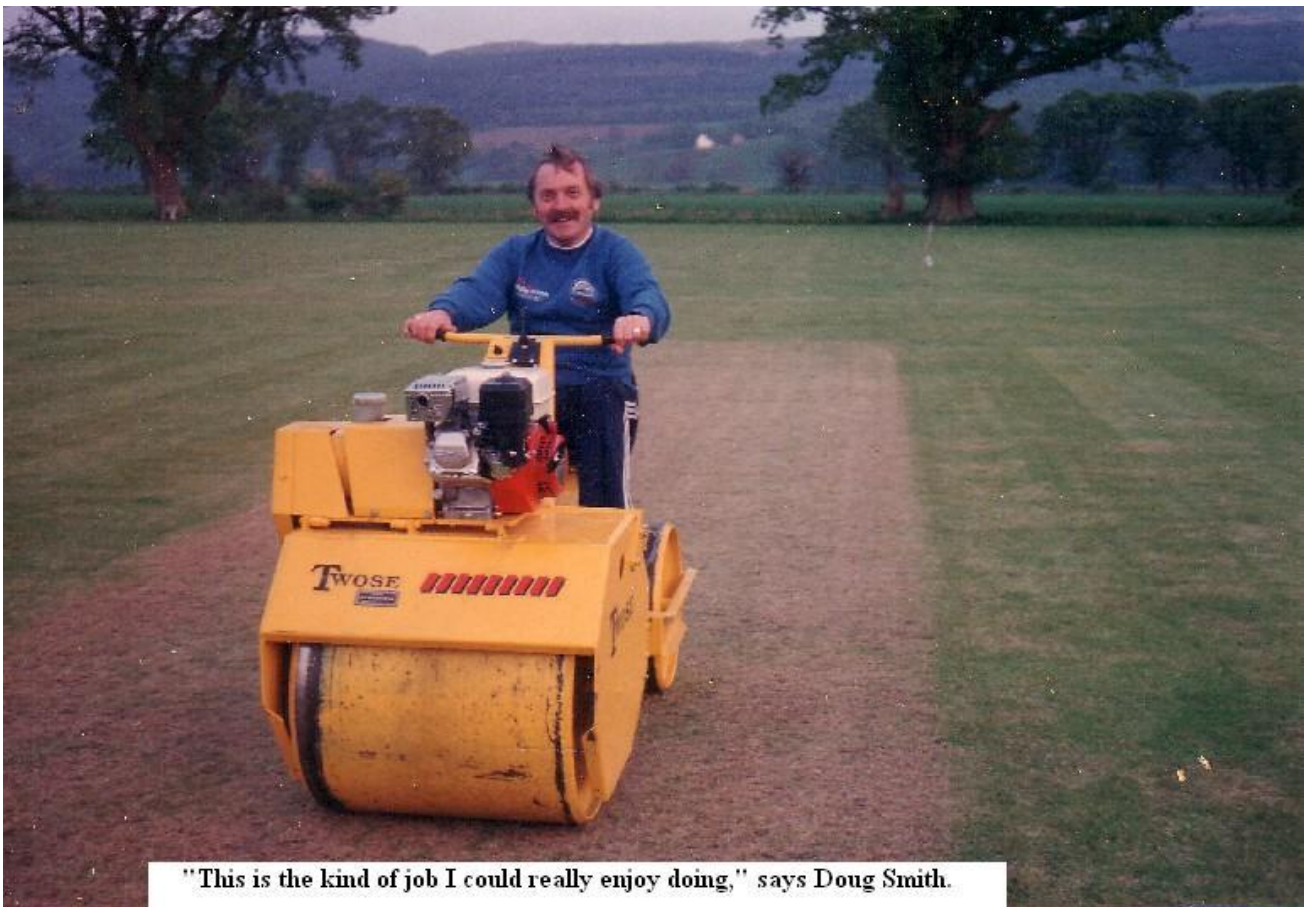
President Willie Scott & Secretary John Henderson start the Half-Yearly Meeting of GVCC in 1 Moray Place in April, 1990

David Belsham, Jimmy V., Doug Smith, Neil Bielby, Irvin Iffla





Mike Hargreave tries out our wee Kubota



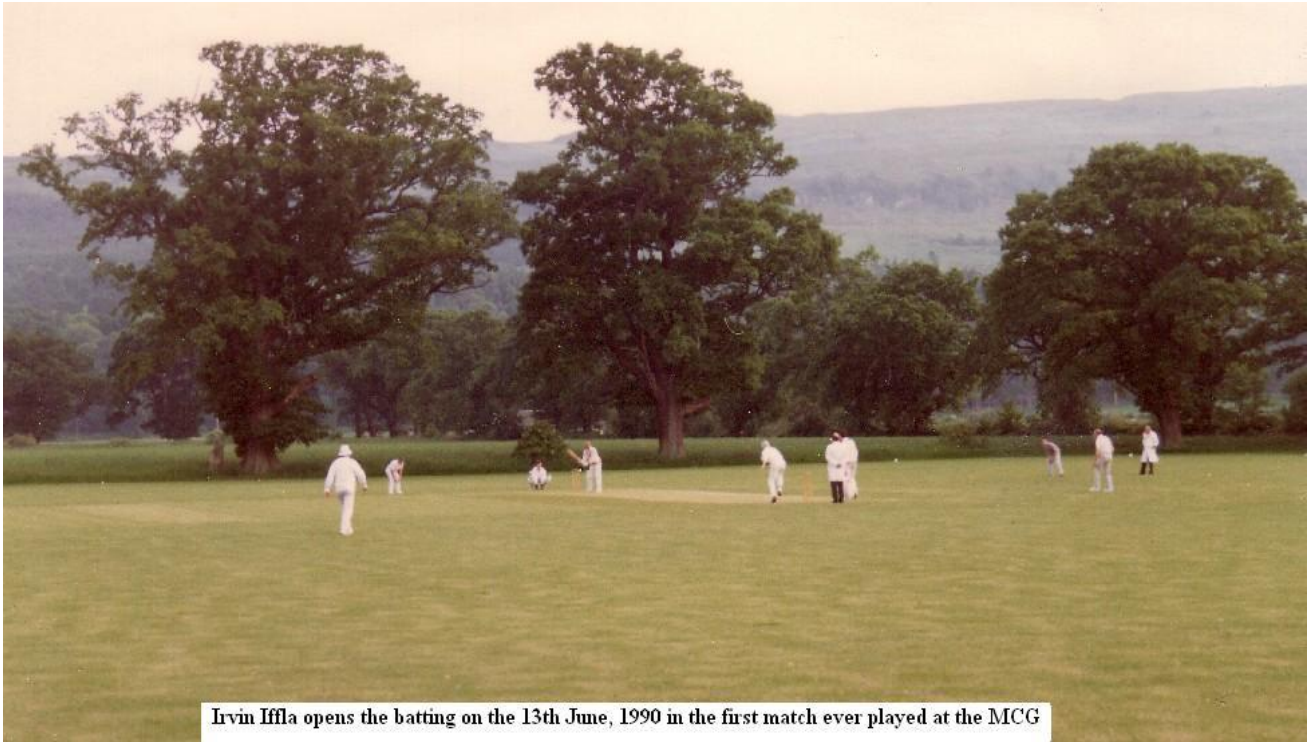
"This is the kind of job I could really enjoy doing," says Doug Smith.



The first 'wicket' ready for play at the MCG on 13 June, 1990



John Peek's widow, Tina, opens the MCG on 13th June, 1990



Irvin Iffla opens the batting on the 13th June, 1990 in the first match ever played at the MCG

Stirling Observer - 20th June, 1990

Gargunnock open new ground

HISTORY was made last week when Gargunnock Village Cricket Club opened their super new cricket ground at the beautiful setting of Melklewood.

The first match to be played was on the evening of Wednesday between Gargunnock Village and near rivals Kippen with Gargunnock recording a win on their new ground.

On the Saturday Gargunnock were due to entertain Mayfield of Perth but when the Perth club called off at short notice Stirling County's 3rd XI, also without a fixture, stepped in to save the day and provide appropriate opposition in what turned out to be a great match with an exciting finish.

Before the start a special tribute was made to John Henderson, for his tireless work and enthusiasm in turning a dream of a new village cricket ground into reality. He was presented with a decanter and glasses by his team in appreciation of all his efforts, as it was also John's birthday a bottle of champagne was opened for this double celebration.

After the champagne, John turned in a vintage performance with bat and ball. In six overs he took one wicket for only 6 runs then he scored a fine undefeated half century to steer his team to victory, the winning run coming in the very last ball of the match when John and skipper Jim Vallance scampered home from a leg bye.

Details: 3rd Stirling County 123 for 7 (A. Crossland 29 n.o., J. Crossland 22, M. Smith 16 n.o.). J. Lamond took 3 wickets for 20 runs, D. Belsham two for 50, J. Templeton one for 14, J. Henderson one for 6).

Gargunnock Village 124 for 7 (J. Henderson 50 n.o. D. Smith 13, J. Young 12). S. Price took three for 34. A. Crossland two for 31, R. Price one for 18.

Stirling skipper Raymond Bond stated the the County players were honoured to be involved in this historic match and wished Gargunnock Village Cricket Club every success for the future.