

Falkland 1900-2000

Year 1900

30th June 1900

Extract from *The Fife News Almanac*: **Death** – “Death of Mrs Bonthrone, wife of Mr Alex. Bonthrone, Newton of Falkland.”

9th October 1900

Extract from *The Fife News Almanac*: **Death** – “Death of The Marquess of Bute.”

13th October 1900

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Death of the Marquess of Bute** – “The news of the death of the Marquess of Bute was received in Falkland, as well as in many of the villages in the Howe of Fife, with much regret. Some years ago his Lordship purchased the estate of Nuthill, on which is situated, a little to the west of the old burgh of Falkland, the beautiful mansion-house now known as the House of Falkland. Here in the days of the late Mr Tyndal Bruce he occasionally spent some holidays as a boy, and took great interest in the lovely peacocks stepping about. When the Marquess purchased the estate he set about restoring the ruins of the grand old Palace with the view chiefly of giving a better idea of its original extent and grandeur. He gave quite an impetus to the trade of the district, as considerable labour was required for the excavation of the ruins and the foundations. The exterior of the Palace was much beautified, while new walks were laid out. The romantic walk in Maspie was also improved. Altogether the Marquess has been a great benefactor to Falkland and the District. Here the poor are well looked after – for in addition to what the Marquess and Mr Johnston of Lathrisk have done for them, our genial and kind-hearted Town Clerk provides an annual and substantial gift for quite a number of them. There is naturally some speculation as to whether the heir to the Marquess’s title and estates, Lord

Dumfries, will continue the operations at the Palace, and the neighbourhood so long conducted by his noble and lamented father.”



John Patrick Crichton-Stuart (1847-1900)

3rd Marquess of Bute

17th November 1900

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Legacies from the Late Marquess of Bute** –
“On Tuesday last, all the workmen on the Falkland Estate who had been two years in the service of the late Marquess of Bute were paid one year’s wages as a legacy by the late nobleman. The workmen were highly pleased with the gift.”

22nd November 1900

Extract from *The Fife News Almanac*: **Death** – “Rev. Alex McKenzie, United Free Church, died, aged 57.”

8th December 1900

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – “The annual concert of the Falkland Cricket Club took place in the Drill Hall, Falkland, on Saturday evening before a crowded house. Mr Rowland Gulland, Millfield, president of the club, occupied the chair. The singers were Misses A. Allan and Jessie Spence, Leslie; Messrs Lamb, Rutherford and Melville, Edinburgh; and Mr James

Jack, Falkland. The talent displayed was, without exception, of a very high order, and encores were frequent, the audience showing special appreciation of the rendering by Miss Allan of "Cam Ye by Athol", and of "Angus Macdonald" by Miss Spence. A local party, under the leadership of Mr W. Burgon, also rendered several glees and quartettes in a spirited and highly creditable manner. Miss Hood, Leslie, acted as accompanist with much delicacy and refinement. The thanks of the Club are due to Mr Hardie, of the Bruce Arms Hotel, Falkland, who again with his characteristic generosity, placed an excellent concert piano at the disposal of the Committee."



Falkland Cricket Club 1897

Falkland Almanac

Annual Value of Property 1900-1901 £2,914 6s 0d

Magistrates and Town Council - Provost, Wm. Page; Bailies, Robert Miller and John Harvey; Treasurer, Thos. Sutherland; Town-Clerk, Charles

Gulland; Councillors, John Angus, William Lawrie, Charles Jackson, David Reid, Walter Peggie, James Forsyth, John Fernie, and James Reekie; Fiscal, John Dick; Town Officers, John Walker and Geo. Baxter.

Places of Worship - *Established Church, Rev. John Barrack, M.A.; Assistant and Successor, Rev. A.L. Johnstone; United Free Church, Rev. A. McKenzie; Plymouth Brethren, Balmblae, Various Teachers.*

School Board - *Clerk, John Sheriff; Members, Alexander Bonthron (Chairman), Robert Miller, Charles Jackson, William Wood, John L. Lumsden, David Rymer and David Nelson; Teachers – Falkland Public School, John Richardson; Freuchie Public School, Allan Mill; Officer, Geo. Baxter. Drill Instructor, Sergeant Ford.*

Parish Council – *First Ward – Major Wood (Chairman), Charles Jackson, W. Peggie. Second Ward – John L. Lumsden, Archibald Aitken, William Lindsay. Third Ward – William Meiklejohn, Alex Bonthron.*

Inspector, Clerk and Registrar – *Lawrence Reid.*

Gas Company – *John Dick, Manager.*

Equitable Co-operative Society Limited – *Manager, Salesman and Treasurer, R. Sharp; President, Michael Lawson; Secretary, L. Reid.*

Funeral and Deposit Society – *Robert Sharp, President; James Robertson, Secretary; George Robertson, Treasurer.*

Bank – *British Linen, Charles Gulland, Agent.*

Solicitors – *Rowland Gulland; Charles Gulland, N.P.*

Medical Practitioner – *J. Mackay, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. (Edin.), L.M.*

Burgh Assessor – *Lawrence Reid.*

Young Men's Christian Association – *President, Walter Peggie; Secretary, Geo. Robertson; Treasurer, David Peggie.*

Halls – *The Town Hall, High Street; The Drill Hall, South Street.*