

Centenary Year at Hillhead

This year marks a very important year in the history of the Hillhead High School War Memorial Trust (or Hillhead Sports Club as most of us know it) as it is 100 years since the Trust was officially formed.

9 Former Pupils got together following the First World War and resolved to establish a Memorial to honour the 180 Former Pupils killed in action during the War. What was then the Hillhead High School Club had been operating at Scotstoun (then an agricultural showground) and a small Tennis Club in Maryhill, but sought a larger and more permanent base for Sporting activities in memory of the fallen.

The land we now know as Hughenden became available after a local housing development fell through, and so the 9 FP's decided to form the Trust with the intention of purchasing the land. On the 22nd February 1922, the 9 Trustees got together to form what we now know as Hillhead High School War Memorial Trust Limited and set about acquiring Hughenden. (The picture opposite shows the Hillhead Headmaster at the time, Duncan Macgillivray, who was one of the 9 original Trustees)

Hughenden was officially opened two years later, and the mural tablet inscribed with the names of the fallen, was dedicated by the Very Rev. Dr. John Smith. These tablets are still on display in the Yill Hoose bar today along with those commemorating those who fell in the 2nd World War.

“When, as is natural enough with the passage of years, we incline to take Hughenden for granted simply as our ground, we should do well to ponder on the toll of youth that was its price. Cha do thill ach an cliu – only their renown has come back to us – but their names are deeply graven on the tablets of memory”.

In order to celebrate and commemorate this very important part of our Club's history, we are planning a series of celebration and remembrance events throughout the year when Covid restrictions relax further. We hope you will join us for these events and also in remembering the price paid by so many to secure the freedom we enjoy today.