

The Formation of Alloa Athletic

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Foreword

Research for early club history material for my non-commercial *Scottish Football League Info* app's Club Information pages, surprisingly uncovered a number of anomalies between the popularly held narratives, and the actual events that took place. This document is therefore targeted at belatedly giving recognition to those pioneers who first organised the association form of football in Alloa, and initiated the formation of Alloa Athletic Football Club.

This is therefore dedicated to Henry Charles Goodyear, and James Rigg.

West End Public Park

The 21 acre West End Park was opened to the Alloa public on Wednesday May 1st, 1878. This land had been feued from the Earl of Mar & Kellie, and was previously :- West Glasshouse Park, East Glasshouse Park, North Haig's Close, and South Haig's Close. During the opening speech, Mr Bailey said, "I trust that it will be a place where you will all spend very many happy hours – the young in healthful games, the old in looking on and enjoying the joy and pleasure of the children, and themselves breathing the pure air of heaven." Designated areas were already in the process of being laid out for a cricket field and a bowling green.

Contrary to folklore, the playing of association football in Alloa did not coincide with the opening of the public park. It wasn't until sixteen months later that the historic first football match under association rules would take place ^{iv}, and then a further eleven months would pass before today's Alloa Athletic Football Club would play their first match there ^x.

Clackmannan County Association Football Club Formation

Association football in Alloa was first organised by Henry Charles Goodyear, who requested a meeting on Tuesday, September 16th, 1879, at St John's Episcopal School, Castle Street, Alloa, where he was a principal assistant ⁱ. Clackmannan County Association Football Club was formed at this meeting with Henry being elected captain ⁱⁱ. Goodyear had represented Birmingham against London, and Sheffield prior to his move to Alloa, and was a native of Belbroughton. He was one of the few at the meeting who knew how to play the game ^{xviii}.

The first association football match in Alloa took place in West End Park on Saturday, September 20th, between members of the Clackmannan County Association Football Club ⁱⁱⁱ. The sides were selected by Mr Goodyear, and Mr Stewart. The only goal was scored by Goodyear before a downpour caused the game to be abandoned. The historic line-ups were ^{iv} :-

Mr Goodyear's Side

Cuthbert

Robertson Stalker

Campbell Cowie

Daniel Hunter John Ferguson Dodds Goodyear (captain) Hepburn

Paterson, Melvin M'Pherson M'Laren Bowie

Simpson Smeaton

R. Bowie Stewart (captain)

M'Lay

Mr Stewart's Side

The club's first competitive match, against another club, took place at Dollar on Saturday, October 4th, 1879. The game ended in a 1-1 draw with W. Dodds scoring for the County side. The 2-2-6 team formation line-up that day was ^v:-

Cuthbert

Johnston Stewart

Leishman Melville

Hunter D. M'Laren Dodds Wallis Goodyear (captain) Hepburn

Club captain Goodyear impressed for Clackmannan County against King's Park in November despite their 5-0 defeat ^{vi}, and guested for the Stirling club against Hayburn (Partick), in April 1880. He played in the King's Park forward line alongside James Rigg in this match ^{vii}. Henry left the area a few months later in July, to attend a scholarship at Warminster College for Missionaries ^{viii}.

Alloa Football Club Formation

It was reported that “dissatisfaction sprung up amongst the members” of the County club ^{xviii} and at a meeting instigated by James Rigg at M'Gechaen's Hall, 64 Mill Street, Alloa, on August 6th, 1880, “Alloa Football Club” was formed with Rigg as their first captain ^{ix}. James was a cabinet-maker and upholsterer by trade, and worked in Alloa. Within a month, or so, the club extended its name to “Alloa Association Football Club.” ^{xviii}

Alloa Football Club's first match was a 5-0 defeat by King's Park (Stirling) on August 28th, 1880 at West End Park. The historic Alloa 2-2-6 line up was ^x :-

C. M'Arthur

J. Ferguson D. Addison

J. Wright J. Rigg (captain)

H. Bernard J. M'Nab W. M'Laren D. Hunter G. Bell T. Smeaton.

The Dunfermline secretary, Mr J. H. Irvine, misinterpreted “A.A.F.C” to be “Alloa Athletic” in their 2d XI's fixture against Alloa ^{xviii} on October 16th, 1880, resulting in them being called this in the Dunfermline press ^{xiii}. The Alloa committee liked this name better and so adopted it for the 1881-82 season onwards ^{xviii}.

Alloa v Clackmannan County Matches

Alloa played several matches against Clackmannan County during the 1880-81 season. The two clubs also joined forces as "Clackmannanshire Association Football Clubs" for one charity match against Pilgrims (Glasgow) for the benefit of the poor and neglected children of the Alloa Industrial Home ^{xiv, xv}.

Matches :

November 6th, 1880 Alloa 3-0 Clackmannan, at West End Park ^{xiv}

February 5th, 1881 Alloa 0-2 Clackmannan, at West End Park ^{xvi}

May 14th, 1881 Alloa 2-2 Clackmannan, at West End Park ^{xvii}

Charity Match ^{xv} :

The November 6th Alloa v Clackmannan County match, listed above, was used as a trial for the selection of the combined "Clackmannanshire Association Football Clubs" team which would take part in the December charity match against Pilgrims (Glasgow).

The charity event was held on December 4th, 1880, at Alloa Park, which was kindly provided by the Honorary Earl of Mar and Kellie. The final result of the sixty minute match was:

Clackmannanshire Association Football Clubs 0-7 Pilgrims (Glasgow)

James Rigg was the combined home team's captain.

Henry Charles Goodyear – First Organiser of Association Football in Alloa ^{xix}

Henry Charles Goodyear was born in Belbroughton, Worcestershire, England in 1857 to Charles and Hannah Goodyear. He had attended the Saltley Training College in Birmingham prior to moving to Alloa, in January 1879, to take up a master assistant role at St John's School. Henry was an all-round talent. He not only represented Birmingham at football on a number of occasions, but was proficient at cricket as a batsman. During his time in Alloa, he played for the Alloa Boating Club cricket side amongst others, playing alongside some of his Clackmannan County team-mates.

Goodyear conducted evening classes while at the St. John's School, and sang at a concert held in Dunmore School-room in December 1879, "effectively rendering" a number of solos. In celebration of Queen Victoria's birthday on May 24th, 1880, he had his "St. John's Ringers" peal the St. John's Church bell from 6 to 6.30am, much to the dismay of some of the Broad Street residents, including a woman "annoyed for being disturbed in her sleep."

Henry successfully completed his studies at Warminster College, and after being ordained, sailed to Africa in 1883 to work for the Universities' Mission, whose operations were centred in Zanzibar. On St. Bartholomew's Day, 1886, the Reverend Goodyear baptised Abdullah Susi as "David" Susi. Susi had worked for missionary, explorer, and physician David Livingstone, and it was he and Chuma, who had helped bring his body back to the United Kingdom after his death in 1873 – a journey of over 1000 miles which took 63 days to complete.

Henry was appointed the position of Archdeacon of Magila at the beginning of 1889, but tragically died later that year from jaundice, on June 24th, at the age of 31.



Early Portait



Henry in Native Dress in Zanzibar

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James Rigg – Alloa Athletic Club Founder and First Captain

James Rigg was born in Edinburgh on May 5th, 1856. He played for the Stirling King's Park side prior to initiating the formation of the Alloa Football Club while working in the town. James was 24 when he captained the club during their first season. As Alloa were not yet members of the Scottish F. A., he was able to appear for King's Park in the Scottish Cup tie against Strathblane in September 1880, and most likely in their second round defeat to Falkirk, as he was absent from the Alloa team which played Kippen that day. One of his final appearances was in a 4-0 victory away to Stenhousemuir on November 25th, 1882, when he scored Alloa's opening goal. He officiated as an umpire at the charity match between a scratch Alloa Athletic XI and Queen's Park on April 21st, 1883.

Rigg most likely stopped playing in early 1883 to focus on his cabinet making and upholstering business. This was a trade he had worked in since the age of 14 or younger. In February 1884, he moved from Mar Street to larger premises at 12 Primrose Street. The latter two storey property had previously been occupied by cabinetmaker James Taylor prior to his death, and consisted of two shops, a large showroom, and a large workshop behind.

Although no longer actively involved with the club, his professional services were to be called upon at various Alloa Athletic events. In November 1885, he displayed some of the club's prizes, for their grand prize draw, in his shop window. He "very tastefully decorated" the Museum Hall for the Alloa Athletic club's ball in December 1887, an event which he also attended along with Sam Glass. Rigg was later tasked with waxing the floor, and doing the upholstery work in the Museum Hall, in preparation for the football club's annual ball in December 1889.

Sam Glass was an accomplished bass singer, and had appeared in many local musical programmes. As part of the entertainment cast of the Alloa Shopkeeper's Annual Festival event in February 1886, trio Rigg, Glass, and John Young sang "Willie brewed a peck o' maut" [c. 9 litres of malt] and a unique amusing rendition of "We arna fou." [aren't drunk]. It is possible that John Young was the "J. Young" who played in Alloa's first team with Rigg in October 1881. The trio were in great demand in 1887, with performances at the :-

- Alloa Shopkeeper's Annual Festival
- Penny Readings series of Saturday Evening Entertainments, where their "The Laughing Gypsies" number was "received with rapturous applause, the audience persisting in having it repeated, notwithstanding the expressed desire of the Chairman that there should be no encores."
- Tullibody Parish Church Soiree
- Evening School Musical Entertainment event
- Alloa Parish Church Sunday School Annual Soiree in the Corn Exchange, to a packed audience of around 500

The trio amused the poor at their Annual New Year's Treat in January 1888. Their delivery of "The Laughing Gypsies" had the audience roaring with laughter. A lack of further reports suggest that this may have been one of their last performances together as an act. Just a few months later, on March 21st, James married Mary Bennett Struthers in Glasgow. The couple had several children.



The James Rigg Premises in 1894

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The Primrose Street shop was sold in 1927 to be used as a "first class music warehouse." It remains a music shop today.

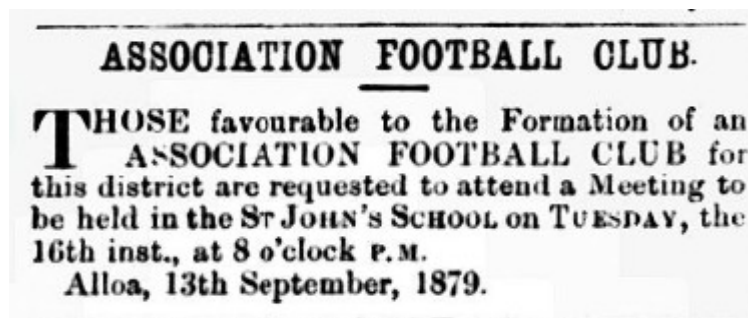
James Rigg, the founder of Alloa Athletic Football Club, died in Stirling in 1943.



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References

Ref i - Alloa Advertiser Saturday 13 September 1879 Page 2



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Ref ii - Alloa Advertiser Saturday 20 September 1879 Page 2

Association Football Club – A meeting of those agreeable to the formation of an Association Football Club was held in St John's School-room, Castle Street, on Tuesday evening last. There was a fair attendance of young men. Mr Goodyear was called to the chair. After a few remarks from the Chairman, it was unanimously agreed to form an Association Football Club, and the following office-bearers were thereupon elected :- President, Mr M. Brydie ; captain, Mr Goodyear ; vice-captain, Mr John Pauling ; secretary, Mr Paterson ; treasurer, Mr W. Pauling ; Committee, Messrs W. Stewart and John Mackie. It was resolved to have a preliminary game on Saturday, after which there is to be a meeting in the Oak.

Ref iii - Alloa Circular Wednesday 24 September 1879 Page 2

Football – The opening game of the Clackmannan County Association Football Club was played in the Public Park on Saturday last. It was, I believe, the first match played in Alloa under association rules. There was a very fair attendance of spectators. Sides were chosen by Mr Goodyear (Captain) and Mr Stewart. The latter won the toss and elected to play with the wind. For twenty minutes a tolerable even game ensued after which Goodyear obtained a goal for his side. No further score was made in the next ten minutes, when a sharp shower came on, and it was decided to stop play, victory resting with the Captain's side by one goal to nothing. Considering that the rules were quite new to a large majority of the players, they showed very good form, and with careful practice will be sure to become first rate.

Ref iv - Alloa Advertiser Saturday 27 September 1879 Page 2

Association Football Club – The members of this club played their first or preliminary game on Saturday last, in the West End Park. Sides were chosen by Messrs Goodyear (captain) and Stewart. The latter won the toss and elected to play with the wind, and a tolerably even game ensued for twenty minutes, after which Goodyear obtained a goal for his side. No further score took place in the next ten minutes, when a sharp shower came on, and it was decided to stop play, victory resulting with the Captain's side by one goal to nothing. Considering that the rules were quite new to the majority of the players, they showed very good form, and with careful practice will be sure to become efficient. The players were as follows:- Mr Goodyear's side – Messrs Dodds (centre), Daniel Hunter, John Ferguson (right forward), Goodyear, Hepburn (left forward), Cowie, Campbell (half-back), Stalker, Robertson (back), Cuthbert (goal). Mr Stewart's side – M'Pherson (centre), M'Laren, Bowie, (right forward), Paterson, Melvin (left forward), Simpson, Smeaton (half-back), R. Bowie, Stewart (back), M'Lay (goal). A practice game will take place this afternoon at 3.30.

Ref v - Alloa Advertiser Saturday 11 October 1879 Page 3

Football – Clackmannan County (Association) v Dollar – This match was played at Dollar on Saturday last, and, after an hour and a half's play, ended in a tie – one goal each – kicked for their respective sides by Dodds and Tod. The goal keeping on both sides was very good. Sides: - Clackmannan – Cuthbert (goal), Johnston, Stewart, (backs), Leishman, Melville, (half backs), Hunter, D. M'Laren, Dodds, Wallis, Goodyear (captain), Hepburn, (forwards). Dollar – J. F. M'Nellan (goal), Huskie, Leitke (backs), Gardner, Constable, (half backs), Young, Tod, Soga, Dunlop, Morrison, Bowie, (forwards).

Ref vi - Alloa Advertiser Saturday 22 November 1879 Page 2

Football – A match was played in the West End Park on Saturday last between the Clackmannan County (Association) and Stirling King's Park (Association) Football Clubs, the result being a very decided victory for the latter by 5 goals to nothing. This being the first Association match played by the County Club (with the exception of the one played several weeks ago with a local team fully as "green" as themselves) it is no matter for wonder that they should have been defeated, especially while having for their opponents a club like King's Park. The Association players have now got a pretty good lesson, however, and may be more able to hold their own in future. During the first half very little ground was gained by the strangers, only one goal being obtained, but in the second the home team seemed either to have been exhausted or lost heart, and the consequence was that four goals were taken in rapid succession – all the fighting being done on the ground of the home team, who offered a very feeble resistance. With the exception of Goodyear (captain), who played remarkably well forward, it would be out of place to make any criticism on the appearance made by the others.

Ref vii - Stirling Observer Thursday 29 April 1880 Page 3

King's Park (Stirling) v Hayburn (Partick)

A friendly game between the above clubs was played on the ground of the former on Saturday last. The game throughout was well contested, and but for a very strong wind would have been one of the finest witnessed here this season, as both teams seemed to be very well matched. At the finish the game stood – King's Park, 1 goal; Hayburn, 1 disputed goal. There was a large turn-out of spectators. The following were the teams: - Hayburn – Goal, R. Kerr ; backs, A. Anderson (Captain), R. Lyon ; half-backs, R. Brown, P. M'Coll; forwards, G. Keay, W. Rolland, J. Love, W. Miller, J. Suter, and T. M'Credie. King's Park – Goal, A. Kinghorn ; backs, J. Shaw, O. Robertson ; half-backs, J. M'Laren, M. Paton ; forwards, J. Oliphant (Captain), J. Christie, J. Rigg, J. M'Donald, W. M'Beth, and H. C. Goodyear.

Ref viii - Alloa Advertiser Saturday 31 July 1880 Page 2

St John's Episcopal School – On Thursday last this School – Mr W. H. Locker, headmaster – was officially examined by Messrs R. O. Ogilvie and W. Whyte, H. M. Inspectors. There were present during the day the Earl of Mar and Kellie, and Mr W. Bailey, two of the managers of the school, to whom, we believe, the inspectors expressed their entire satisfaction with the manner in which the school was conducted. In the afternoon the children were dismissed for their summer holidays. Previous to bringing the work to a close, Mr H. C. Goodyear, the principal assistant, who is about to leave Alloa (he having obtained a scholarship at Warminster College for Missionaries, Wiltshire), was presented by the teachers and scholars with a purse of money. A neat address was read by Master John Johnston on behalf of the children, and Mr Goodyear, who is an estimable young man, left Alloa on Thursday for England, followed by the good wishes of many friends and acquaintances.

Ref ix - Alloa Advertiser Saturday 07 August 1880 Page 2

Football. - Last night, a meeting of the members of the Football Association Club was held, when the following officers were elected :- Captain, J. Riggs ; Vice-Captain, T. Smeaton ; Secretary, J. Ferguson ; Treasurer, W. M'Laren. Committee – H. Bernard, R. Kirk, W. Taylor.

Ref x - Stirling Observer Thursday 02 September 1880 Page 5

King's Park, Stirling, v. Alloa. - A friendly game between the above clubs took place at Alloa on Saturday last, in presence of a large turnout of spectators. The game throughout was a very friendly one, not a single dispute arising during the whole of the play. We may state that this is the first game the Alloa Club has played, having only been lately formed, but they bid fair to be a good club before the season is ended. The game finished in favour of the King's Park by 5 goals to none. The following were the teams :- Alloa – Goal, C. M'Arthur ; backs, J. Ferguson and D. Addison ; half-backs, J. Wright and J. Rigg (captain) ; forwards, H. Bernard, J. M'Nab, W. M'Laren, D. Hunter, G. Bell, and T. Smeaton. King's Park – Goal, A. Kinghorn ; backs, O. Robertson and J. Shaw (captain) ; half-backs, W. M'Beth and J. M'Laren ; forwards, J. Oliphant, J. Austin, J. M'Donald, J. Suter, M. Paton, and J. M'Kee. The King's Park play the Strathblane at Stirling, on Saturday, 11th inst., having been drawn against them in the first round of the Cup Tie Matches.

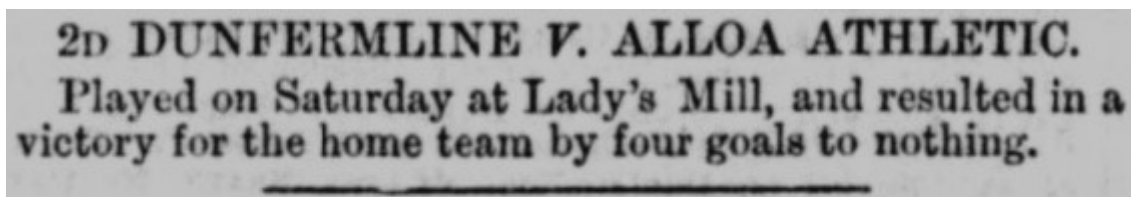
Ref xi - Alloa Advertiser Saturday 04 September 1880 Page 2

Football Club. - A preliminary meeting of the Clackmannanshire County Association Football Club was held in M'Gechaen's Hall on Tuesday evening last. Several matches with clubs in the district were arranged, and a number of new members enrolled. Mr James Cuthbert, Greenfield Place, was appointed secretary.

Ref xii - Alloa Advertiser Saturday 25 September 1880 Page 2

Football – The opening game of the season of the County Association Football Club took place at West End Park on Saturday last. A very good game was played – there being a large turn-out of the members – but play was interrupted by a smart shower of rain.

Ref xiii - Dunfermline Saturday Press 23 October 1880 Page 2



2D DUNFERMLINE V. ALLOA ATHLETIC.
Played on Saturday at Lady's Mill, and resulted in a
victory for the home team by four goals to nothing.

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Ref xiv - Alloa Journal Saturday 13 November 1880 Page 3

Football – On Saturday last, a friendly match took place in the West End Park between the Alloa and Clackmannan County Football Association Clubs, which resulted in favour of the former club by three goals to nil. The object of the match was for the purpose of making a selection from the two combined teams to play a well-known Glasgow club, the proceeds of which is to be handed over to a local charity. It is to be hoped that when the match takes place, which will be early in December, the public will patronise it, and thereby be the means of the committee having a surplus to the good. The Alloa club play Dunfermline in the park this afternoon.

Ref xv - Stirling Observer Thursday 09 December 1880 Page 3

Pilgrims v Clackmannan County – This match was played at Alloa on Saturday. The match being in aid of the Alloa Industrial Homes, the Earl of Mar kindly granted the use of part of his grounds for the purpose. There was a large turn-out of spectators, the ladies being (as usual, when charity is the question) to the fore. This, combined with the fact that the Pilgrims are the first Glasgow Association Club that has visited Alloa, helped to give a larger total than was looked for. The strangers lost the toss, and kicked-off from the lower end, and after some smart passing in front of the County's goal, the ball was shot through. The Pilgrims' half-backs, who both kicked and tackled well, very seldom let the opposing forwards pass, and the Clackmannan County's backs and goalkeeper had a hot time of it in the first half. In the second half the home team played a much better game, their wing forwards and goalkeeper showing up well, but the passing was too much for their backs, who did not support their goalkeeper, and at the call of time the Pilgrims had won by seven goals to none. The game, which only lasted an hour, was a very pleasant one, disputes and rough play being at a discount. The teams afterwards dined together in the Royal Oak Hotel, where a pleasant evening was spent. Teams – *County* – Goal, J. Patullo ; backs, C. L. Morrison and J. Ferguson ; half-backs, D. Addison and S. Patterson ; forwards, J. Rigg (captain), D. Melville, J. Thomson, J. Dunoon, W. Dodds, and D. Hunter. *Pilgrims* – Goal, D. R. Robertson ; backs, R. Armstrong and D. Mackintosh ; half-backs, James Reid and James Murk ; forwards, W. Crawford, R. Smellie, W. R. Campbell (captain), A. B. Mackenzie, R. Ballantine, and D. W. Kyle, Referee, Mr J. Christie King's Park F.C., Stirling.

Ref xvi - Alloa Advertiser Saturday 12 February 1881 Page 2

Football – Last Saturday, in the West-End park, a match was played betwixt the Alloa and Clackmannan County Association Clubs, the result being a win for the latter by two goals to nothing. The ground was in very bad condition. There was a fair turn-out of spectators.

Ref xvii - Alloa Advertiser Saturday 21 May 1881 Page 2

Football – A match between the County and Alloa Association Clubs was played last Saturday at Alloa West-End Park, and resulted in a draw – each of the teams scoring two goals. A correspondent informs us that the rough individual play of some members of the Alloa Club was very marked.

Ref xviii - Dunfermline Journal Saturday 27th November 1886 Page 3

Alloa Athletic Football Club by an Alloa Back

The Association game in Alloa cannot boast of many years, nor of grey-headed veterans whose deeds on the field send a pleasant tingle through the veins when recalled to memory. The Rugby game, however, as played by Clackmannan County, now defunct, was a great favourite for a long period of years, but its members are now scattered far and wide, and the game is forgotten.

An event of great importance, and of great benefit to the town of Alloa, was undoubtedly the opening of the West End Park as a public recreation ground in May 1878, and to this event may be traced the beginning of the dribbling game in Alloa. It was not, however, begun on the opening of the Park, as Rugby, still holding away, was continued for a year, and then gave place to the more scientific and less dangerous game. The originator of the game in Alloa was Mr Goodyear. (This gentleman was not a native of the town, but came from Birmingham, and has now gone to South Africa.) He was a teacher in St John's School, and at a meeting called in 1879 he, being the only one who could play the game, was unanimously elected skipper. About twenty members enrolled their names, and took the name of Clackmannan County. Goodyear played on the left wing, and was in the eyes of every one a perfect demon, from the fact that he was an old hand. The backer up was Hepburn, and the following men also composed the team :- Dodds, Hunter, D. Melville, J. and W. Pauling, Johnston, Morrison, Simpson, Ewing, and Cuthbert. Of that first team only three are still

playing, namely, Dodds, Hunter, and Hepburn.

This club existed for one year only. Dissatisfaction sprung up amongst the members, and another club was formed at the instigation of a member of the Stirling King's Park, who at this time was employed in Alloa. The gentleman I refer to is Mr James Rigg. A meeting was held in M'Gechan's Hall, and fully a dozen young men determined to start in opposition to the county, under the name of the Alloa Football Club, but in course of a month or so this name was extended to Alloa Association Football Club. This combination was captained by Mr Rigg, who, by his genuine play, called forth the admiration of his team, and rivalry was thus established between the two teams. At the outset the county proved themselves the superior team, but latterly they were overthrown, and in a short time became a team of the past. Some of the county members joined the Alloa Club, and thus a very good team was got together. The first match the Alloa Club played was at Alloa with King's Park, Stirling, and they were defeated by 6 goals to nil. The second match was a drawn one with Bridge of Allan ; and the third was a victory over Kippen. The secretary of the club at this period was Mr John Fergusson, and the treasurer Mr William M'Laren (the genial Willie.) Mr Ferguson was succeeded by Mr Wm. Baillie, who held the office for the season 1880-81, and was asked to get a list of fixtures. I now come to the Athletic proper, and I may here state a fact which is not altogether widely known. The naming of the club is due to Mr J. H. Irvine, the then secretary of Dunfermline Club, who, seeing A.A.F.C. wrought on the blue jerseys of the Alloa men, took it to mean Alloa Athletic instead of Alloa Association. The committee considered Mr Irvine's translation the better one, and from 1881 onwards the club has been called Alloa Athletic Football Club.

Ref xix - Alloa Advertiser Saturday 06 July 1889 Page 2

The Late Mr Goodyear. - Many in Alloa will learn with regret the death of Rev. Henry Charles Goodyear, archdeacon of Magila, Zanzibar, who was formerly assistant teacher in St John's School, under Mr W. H. Locker. The said intelligence reached this country by telegram, and the brother of the deceased, who is resident in England, at once communicated with Mr Locker, thus confirming a newspaper paragraph which he had observed in the early part of the week. The death took place on the 24th of June, the immediate cause being jaundice. Mr Goodyear, who was highly esteemed while connected with St John's School, was the first to introduce Association football to Alloa, and was himself an enthusiastic player. He left Alloa over ten years ago to enter a training college at Warminster, with a view to becoming a missionary in connection with the Church of England. He successfully passed his college curriculum, was ordained, and afterwards left for Zanzibar where his eminent qualifications gained for him rapid promotion, and was at the time of his death Archdeacon. Mr Goodyear was a native of Belbroughton, Stourbridge, and was about thirty years of age. Mr Locker had a letter from the deceased gentleman only in the month of May of this year, and at that time he seemed in the best of spirits. Much regret will be felt amongst many in Alloa who have still kindly recollections of Mr Goodyear.
