

Falkland News – October 1923

(As researched by Jack Burgess)

6th October 1923

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council Assessments** – “At a special meeting of the Town Council the abstract of accounts for the year was gone over and it was found that the debt of the burgh was on the decline. The fund standing at the credit of the Common Good (£237 5s 9d) was considered satisfactory. After hearing the Finance Committee’s report, the following assessments were fixed for the year 1923-24: -

Owners, 1/8 ½ d per £1 which is 2d more than last year; 3/3 ½ d per £1 on occupiers, which stands the same as last year.

Reference was made to the road rate (1/- per £1) which was caused by the heavy traffic passing over the roads of the burgh.”

13th October 1923

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Harvest** – “The harvest in the district is now practically over, and the crops have been fairly good. Potato lifting is in progress. The schools close today (Friday) for the potato holidays, and will be closed for three weeks.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “The Victoria have at Myreside Park tomorrow (Saturday) St Andrews Rangers in the first round of the Edwards Cup, when a hard match is expected.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Harvesting Over** – “Despite the changeable weather, the farmers in the district have now got all their crops safely gathered in, and in good condition. Most of them are now busy lifting potatoes, of which there are fairly good crops.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Church Parade** – “The local Boy Scouts and Boys’ Brigade had their first church parade on Sunday. The Scouts were under the command of Scoutmaster J. Baillie, Bank House, and Instructor R. Wallace. Messrs

Wm. Robertson and A. Dakers were in command of the Boys' Brigade. Both Companies looked smart in their new uniforms. They attended the Parish Church in the forenoon when Rev. J.K. Russell (Captain of the Brigade), gave an interesting address. In the afternoon, the United Free Church was attended, when the chaplain, Rev. Mr Batchelor, addressed the boys. The officers are to be congratulated on the general smartness of the company."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – “At the monthly meeting of the Town Council the following were present: -

Provost Hopkins, Bailies Hunt and Robertson, Councillors Horne, Annan, Robertson, Adams, Skinner, Nellis, Chisholm, Grant and Drysdale.

An application from the Burgh Assessor for an increase in salary was read, and after some discussion the Clerk was notified to write the Assessor that the Council could not see their way to grant an increase meantime. The Provost read over the list of retiring Councillors, who are: -

Councillors Horne, Chisholm, Skinner, and Adams.

Councillor Adams does not come forward again, as he has removed from the burgh, but the other retiring Councillors will likely meet the electors again."

20th October 1923

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Vics v St Andrews Rangers:**

“The patrons at Myreside Park were treated to a stirring game on Saturday, when the Falkland Victoria met St Andrews Rangers in the first round of the Edwards Cup. Some fine footwork was shown by some of the home side. The game was only five minutes gone when Douglas McGregor put in a lovely shot, which gave the Rangers’ goalkeeper no option. The visitors soon retaliated and put in the equaliser, after which they were never seen in the picture in the first half. When the whistle blew at half-time, the score was Falkland 4, Rangers 1.

At the restart, the visitors seemed to grasp the game more and made several strong attempts to score, but failed. Falkland dropped away in the second half of the game. There was too much individual play nearing the end. Dall put in a powerful shot from the penalty line which went with some force into the net. Final score – Falkland Victoria 5, St Andrews Rangers 1.”

Advert in *The Fife News*: **Falkland Parish Church Women’s Guild Concert**



Advert placed in Fife News

27th October 1923

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “The opening match of the season was played in the Institute on Thursday evening last week when Auchtermuchty were easily defeated by five games to one. Scores: -

Falkland		Auchtermuchty	
C. Oram	100	W. Fraser	54
D. Clark	100	H. Rennie	78
S. Grierson	100	J. Barrie	56
T. Drysdale	100	F. Thomson	33
R. Nellis	100	J. McBain	19
H. Brown	94	J. Leven	100
	594		340

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death of Banker** – “The death took place in Glasgow last week of Mr James Mackersie, who was for a considerable number of years agent of the Clydesdale Bank, Coatbridge. He was the son of Mrs Oliphant, Gowrie Cottage, Newton of Falkland, his stepfather, Mr Andrew Oliphant, being the tenant of a small farm there. Educated at Dollar Academy, Mr Mackersie spent the whole of his working career in the services of the Clydesdale Bank, chiefly in the West of Scotland, and was regarded in banking and insurance circles as a very shrewd man of affairs. Two years ago Mr Mackersie retired and went to live in Glasgow. The funeral, which was of a private nature, took place at Falkland Cemetery on Monday afternoon.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Victoria v Prinlaws Utd:**

“The above teams met at Myreside Park, Falkland, in the Cupar and District League. Falkland started with the wind against them. It spoiled the finer touches of the game. Both teams were eager for the points; in fact at times too eager, as with a little more steadying, the score for the Vics would have been greater. The visitors were the first to open the scoring when Robertson, by the aid of the wind, got the ball between the posts. Although the Victoria were seldom away from the Prinlaws goal, the half-time whistle blew with the score standing: - Falkland 0, Prinlaws 1.

On resuming the change soon made itself felt when Stark sent the ball into the net, which made the home supporters rejoice. It was not long till Strudley’s efforts were rewarded by the best shot of the game, which left the visitors’ goalkeeper no option. Shortly afterwards a third was registered from a corner kick. With about a quarter of an hour to go Strudley was injured and had to be carried off the field, and Falkland had to play with ten men. Nearing the close, Robertson got another for his side, and when time was called, the result was: - Falkland Victoria 3, Prinlaws United 2.

The forwards of the visitors were good, but the defence weak. The goalie runs too much with the ball in his hands. The home forwards were too speedy for the United, but only required to steady a little at goal to increase the score. The defence was easily superior, the goalkeeper having very little to do.”