

Characters of the Cricket 1st XI

1934

As reported in the Sandroydian – The honesty in some of the reports is rather astonishing, especially with Hon. N. H. C. Bruce who clearly didn't shine in the field during 1934!

B. E. Dunlop (Captain). At first batted with vigour and sound defence, but latterly the defence has not been so sure. Has often bowled really well and varies his deliveries cleverly. A fine field anywhere, but especially to his own bowling. Has kept the team together as a happy family, and shown good judgment.

R. C. MacAndrew. Going in first has played many valuable innings. His bowing has not been as effective as was hoped: there have been too many loose balls. A plucky and sure field.

I. R. Beldam. Never very comfortable at the beginning of an innings, but when he has settled down shows great scoring powers. The steadiest bowler in the team: slow medium with a good action. Has fielded at short leg with pluck and much success.



SANDROYD CRICKET XI. 1934.

Hon. N. H. C. BRUCE. VISCOUNT FRENCH. J. C. ROBERTSON. A. K. B. GREENWAY. C. F. POPHAM. G. I. L. GREENLEES.
F. C. G. WILSON. R. C. MACANDREW. B. E. DUNLOP (Capt). A. C. H. PYMAN. I. R. BELDAM.
C. N. MIDWOOD (Scorer).

F. C. G. Wilson. Can hit the ball very hard, but his defence is far from sure. Shows distinct promise as a wicket-keeper. Takes the ball in good style and is quick to stump off slow bowling.

A. C. H. Pyman. A left handed bat with many powerful strokes: but too often chooses the wrong ball to hit. His bowling, left hand, is rather erratic. Has a fine pair of hands, and

returns the ball well to the wicket.

Viscount French. A left hand bat with an aggressive tendency: but wants to hit every ball, not only those that need it. Fast medium right hand bowler: can bowl a really good ball with some off break: is consistently straight. A fine field if the ball comes to aim: but is slow to make ground.

C. F. Popham. A hard hitting bat with good wrists. His bowling has not done much damage, but it shows possibilities. A good slip field with a sure pair of hands.

J. C. Robertson. A slow scorer with sound defence. Can cut a ball really hard. A lively safe field with a good return to the wicket.

Hon. A. K. B. Greenway. Can hit a ball hard and has some idea of defence. Has a good style in bowling and ought to be useful another year. A fine out-field; safe and fast to cover the ground.

Hon. N. H. C. Bruce. A stylish bat with quite an idea of defence and some scoring shots. His slow bowling has not been as successful as was expected: the hard wickets have not suited him, and his pitch is not too accurate. Fielding not a strong feature.

G. I. L. Greenlees. Has played some useful innings, but too easily bowled by any straight ball. A keen if rather clumsy field.

1934 1st XI – After Sandroyd

B. E. Dunlop.

Brian Dunlop left Sandroyd in July 1934 for Charterhouse (Verites). Lieutenant Brian Dunlop joined the Grenadier Guards in November 1941. Serving with the 5th Battalion in Tunisia, **he was killed on 17th April 1943, aged 21**, while on night patrol. He is buried in Medjez-el-Bab War Cemetery. His younger brother Lt H.E.Dunlop (who attended Sandroyd between 1933 and 1937) of the same battalion was killed in Italy in August 1944 and is buried in Florence. His uncle Lt B.J. Dunlop, 3rd Bn Grenadier Guards, was killed near Ypres in July 1917. Three maternal uncles were also killed: Capt A. Ellice, 5th Cameron Highlanders, and 2Lt A.R. Ellice, 4th Grenadier Guards, in action in France in September & October 1916, and Midshipman W. Ellice (aged 15) in the explosion of HMS Bulwark at Sheerness in November 1914.

R. C. MacAndrew.

Ronnie MacAndrew left Sandroyd in April 1935 for Eton (Mr Assheton's House). He had played three seasons in the 1st XI and was Head Boy for his final two terms. Hon. Ronald MacAndrew **died on 18 April 1946 age 24**.

I. R. Beldam.

Ian Beldam left Sandroyd in April 1935 for Felstead (Mr Montgomery's House). Sergeant (pilot) Ian Robert Beldam of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve was **killed on 23rd December 1941, Aged 20**. He is buried at Cottesmore, Rutland.

F. C. G. Wilson.

Clive Wilson left Sandroyd in July 1934 for Repton (The Priory). Pilot Officer Clive Wilson was originally a 2Lt in the Royal Artillery but transferred to the RAF in 1940. **He died on active service in 1941 aged 21.**

A. C. H. Pyman.

Alan Pyman left Sandroyd in December 1934 for Rugby (Sheriff House) Captain Alan Pyman was Killed in Action during operations at Normandy on D Day on Tuesday **June 6th 1944 aged 23**. He was awarded the MC for "*gallant and distinguished services in North Africa*" whilst attached to Special Service troops. He was a Captain in VI Commando. Alan Pyman MC is laid to rest at the Ranville War Cemetery Calvados, France

Viscount French.

Charles French left Sandroyd in July 1935 for Winchester (Mr Altham's House). The Right Honourable John Richard Charles Lambart French became the 3rd Earl of Ypres in 1958. He appears in the Peerage and MP Ledger on just one page - for two incidences of indebtedness. The third Earl served as a Captain in the King's Royal Rifle Corps during World War Two. Lord Ypres had three daughters but no sons and on his **death in 1988, aged 67**, his titles became extinct.

C. F. Popham.

Colin Popham left Sandroyd in December 1934 for Winchester (Mr Altham's House). 2nd Lieutenant Colin Popham served in the The King's Royal Rifle Corps during the Second World War. Colin **died on 21st December 2013 aged 92**.

J. C. Robertson.

Jim Robertson left Sandroyd in December 1934 for Winchester (Mr Hick's House) Flying officer JC Robertson flew with the RAF Voluntary reserve during the Second World War. It is not entirely conclusive, but from research, we think he **died on 15th December 1943** on active service.

Hon. A. K. B. Greenway.

Atheling Greenway left Sandroyd in July 1935 for Repton (The Mitre). Hon. Atheling Kelynge Brooking Greenway **died on 30 August 1970 at age 48**. He fought in the Second World War and gained the rank of Lieutenant in the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve.

Hon. N. H. C. Bruce.

Nigel Bruce left Sandroyd in July 1934 for Winchester (Mr Goddard's House). Hon. Nigel Bruce fought in the Second World War and gained the rank of Captain in the Welsh Guards. He graduated from New College, Oxford University, Oxford, Oxfordshire, England, with a Master of Arts (M.A.)¹ He was in the Foreign Service between 1946 and 1961.¹ He graduated from in 1962 with a Diploma of Social

Studies. He graduated from University of Edinburgh, in 1968 with a Master of Science. **He died aged 96 on 1 August 2017** at home in Midlothian, Edinburgh.

G. I. L. Greenlees.

Geoffrey Greenlees. left Sandroyd in July 1934 for Harrow (Mr Browne's House). He served in the Second World War on HMS Sennen as part of the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve. He reached the rank of Lieutenant.

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