

"Meadowside",
106 Lockhart St.,
Stonehouse.
17-1-95

Dear Alan,

The following may be of interest regarding your commemorative booklet.

Regards,

Hugh Burns

(Community Councillor)

Stonehouse Hospital

Dr. John Jackson (1941/42)

During the early part of the 1939/45 war, Dr. Jackson, who worked at Stonehouse Hospital, was billeted here with us at "Meadowside", Lockhart Street, Stonehouse. I believe the Chief Medical Officer at that time was Dr. Smith.

Dr. Jackson married in 1941 and spent the first year of his married life sharing our home here at "Meadowside". From this a lifelong friendship developed and we are still in touch with his wife Margaret who lives at 31 High Road, Saltcoats, Ardrossan. He died in June, 1992.

He left Stonehouse to join the R.A.M.C. returning after the war to take up a post at Seafield Hospital, Ayr.

As a boy, I can remember him being called out to Law Hospital on the night of the Clydebank blitz to attend to some of the injured.

If you are publishing a centenary booklet I am sure that Mrs. Jackson would appreciate a copy.

Hugh D. Burns.

Mr ALAN SKIRVING
STONEHOUSE HOSPITAL.

Couple's golden celebrations

GOLDEN couple... Mr and Mrs Jackson.



14th June 1991

THIS WEEK saw golden wedding celebrations for the city and Lanarkshire before his

move back to Ayrshire. War meant his joining the Royal Army Medical Corps, where he saw service at Normandy and afterwards in Holland, with the rest of the war and beyond spent in Kenya and Somaliland. He came home in 1947 as a Lieutenant Colonel, when he began his climb to the top of Ayrshire's medical profession.

Although he was involved in the Normandy landings and finished his army service with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Dr Jackson is best-known locally for his many years' work in medical circles. Mrs Jackson, as she was by this time, had worked in the council offices in Ardrossan Road, Saltcoats, prior to her wedding.

The couple have two daughters, Margaret, who lives in Yorkshire, and Diana, of Epping, London. Both daughters enjoyed a family celebration to mark their special occasion, and are both in good health. And the secret of such a long and happy marriage? A mixture of resilience and good luck in varying proportions, says Dr Jackson!

DR John S. Jackson has been appointed County Medical Officer of Health for Ayrshire to succeed Dr J. A. Roughhead who will retire shortly.

Dr Jackson, who lives in Saltcoats, belongs to Dalry and was educated at the High School there before studying at Glasgow University. After graduating he spent some time in private practice in Bethel before joining the public health department of Lanarkshire County Council, and later joined Ayrshire County Council as Deputy MOH. He served with the army for six years in the second world war.

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