

RFA creates two new honorary life members

The RFA has granted honorary life membership to David Barnes and David Gardner to recognise their outstanding contribution.

Hon. Life Membership (HLM) was an honour originally bestowed by the RFA Club on Geoffrey Rimmer, who founded the club in 1947, and



HLMs: Barnes (left) and Gardner

lived to a great age, continuing to support the Club.

Tom and Joan Wood were also made HLMs of the Club when they retired from the positions of Hon. Sec. and Hon. Asst. Sec. after 18 years.

When the RFA Club and RFA joined together in 1996 (after Tom's death), Joan retained her title and, since then, Michael Beaman has also been made an HLM to thank him for his years as General Secretary.

They are in addition to the RFA's Vice Presidents (VP). VP is a purely honorific title and among the VPs are Ernie Livesey, Stuart Reid and Colin Niven, and all past Presidents.



First of many: Katie McIntyre

First girl plays in RFA Under 13s

St. Andrew's School pupil Katie McIntyre has made history as the first girl to play in the RFA Under 13s Championships.

Her success has prompted other schools to consider selecting girls to take part.

This year's event was the first time St Andrew's had entered a team, and despite their inexperience, they did well.

The team have been training at nearby Eastbourne College, but St. Andrews hopes to revive its court, and the RFA is already in discussion to help their plans.