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Interviewee: Bill Kidd (Dr William Kidd)

UoS Dates: 1969 - 2007

Role(s): Postgraduate (PhD 19981), Lecturer and latterly Reader, Dept

of French and Head of the School of Languages and Cultures.

Warden of Murray Hall (1971 – 1977) Currently Hon Senior Research Fellow



Interview summary:

Start 00:16 – WK appointed at Stirling due to his studies in Paris at the national political science school. He did not know in 1969 that Stirling had a University.

01:24 – A lot of the young staff were housed in Dalnair. WK and his wife lived next to the head porter Charlie Allardyce and his family.

03:11 – WK received the old office of Tom Cottrell in Pathfoot but was eventually moved to a different office. The university was considered a modern and exciting place with friendly work mates.

04:36 – Dalnair was another worldly place to WK who states it was a very friendly place to stay with 7 or 8 staff members living there. Stirling to WK was a great place to start a career.

07:31 – Pathfoot was considered a beautiful building. Many preferred the original Pathfoot building to the Cottrell one. Pathfoot was important for creating an academic community where as Cottrell felt too big to allow this to happen.

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