

# THE ST. ANDREWS PRESERVATION TRUST LTD

## NEWSLETTER NO. 18 - JULY 2000

### HIDDEN GARDENS OF ST. ANDREWS

This year's event will take place on **30th July from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.** and utilise the following gardens for which the Trustees wish to express their thanks to the owners.

#### **The Gardens are:**

1. **4 Louden's Close** (Miss M.A. Baud) One of the group of houses restored by the Preservation Trust between 1939-1941.
2. **Baidland, 19 Lade Braes** (Mr. and Mrs. N. Morrison). 20<sup>th</sup> Century house, built at the end of a traditional "rig". Morning Coffee, Teas, Stalls.  
*Visitors should then turn East along the Lade Braes and left into Queen Gardens.*
3. **3 Queen's Gardens** (Mr. R. Scott Smith and Mr. A. Carter). This delightful garden has been created in the past ten years. Music arranged by Mr. and Mrs. David Poole.
4. **74-76 South Street** (Mr. and Mrs. R Anthony, and the Clydesdale Bank). The building, originally a private house with a "long rig", was built in 1835. **Bric a Brac Stall.**
5. **St John's House, 67-69 South Street** (Department of Medieval History. University of St. Andrews). House originally 15<sup>th</sup> Century with later additions. Music arranged by Dr. John Sharp.
6. **57a South Street** (Anne Lightwood Pottery Workshop). **Working Pottery.**  
**57b South Street** (Wendy Sabine Courtyard Studio). **Gifts for Sale.**
7. **46 South Street** (Mrs. L.J. Baxter). 18<sup>th</sup> Century House on earlier Foundations. Morning Coffee, Teas, list Stall, Plant Sale. Music in the Doocot arranged by Dr. Steve Spackman.
8. **Dauphinhill, Abbey Walk** (Mr. and Mrs. P.A. Hardie). 18<sup>th</sup> Century house with walled garden created in the last two years. Morning Coffee, Teas.
9. **Abbey Cottage, Abbey Walk** (Mrs M. Coull) Regency Cottage with garden tucked away against the old wall of the Abbey.
10. **12 North Street** (The Preservation Trust Museum and Garden). The building was acquired by the Trust in 1962. the garden is three years old. Morning Coffee, Teas, Book Stall (Gardening and Cook Books), Plant Stall. Music arranged by Dr. John Sharp.

11. **36 North Street** (Mrs. A. Fisher) One of a group of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Century houses with their gardens at the rear.
12. **12 Greyfriars Garden** (Mr. and Mrs. A. Lang). The garden was laid out in 1931 by James Laurie and Son of Dundee. The present owners were able to use the same firm to make alterations when they bought the property in the 1980's.

**Admission (which includes all open gardens) will be £3 for Adults, Children Free: Entry stickers (tickets) and a location map will be available from the Trust's Museum, 12 North Street and The National Trust Shop, 146 South Street. It is hoped that the fund raising at this year's Hidden Gardens will surpass the £3000 raised at last year's event.**

**Any assistance members can give will be appreciated i.e. help on the day or contributions to stalls.**

### GIFT AID

As a result of the recent announcement by the Chancellor, the Trust will be able to recover tax on both Membership Subscriptions and Donations with effect from 6th April 2000 The appropriate paper work is being prepared and will be circulated later to all members.

### ST. JOHN'S HOUSE PLANNING APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

The University of St. Andrews has withdrawn its controversial Planning Application to build a Brain Behaviour and Health Research facility on the site of a medieval garden. The change of plan has come about after significant objections from residents, students, academics, the University Rector and organisations including The St. Andrews Preservation Trust, St. Andrews Community Council, St. Andrews University History Society, and others. The change of plan comes after Historic Scotland advised the University that it was strongly opposed to the application because it would conflict with the character and setting of the St. Andrews Conservation Area. It is unclear whether this means that the plans for the proposed new psychology unit have been

scrapped altogether or whether an alternative site for the facility will need to be found

**SCOONIEHILL**

The Developers have now lodged an appeal against the recent refusal of outline planning permission by the East Area Planning Committee.

**PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS**

A fifth pedestrian crossing is currently being constructed in North Street to add to these installed in South Street, Bell Street and Market Street. The new crossing is directly in front of The Admirable Crichton's House and very close to the much photographed St. Salvator's Chapel. Unfortunately the design of these crossings is such that they arc out of keeping with the Conservation Area.

**Have you noticed?**

the gradual loss of "stane dykes" as boundaries to fields. Over the past six months the skyline from the Editor's home has changed as a result of the continuous removal of the traditional "stane dykes", firstly into large piles of stone and then into the back of lorries, hopefully to be reconstructed as "stane dykes" elsewhere, or in some meaningful construction where the beauty of random rubble walling can be appreciated and not simply to be lost as backfill to foundations, or as crushed stone on some construction site.

**MUSEUM**

Fancy re-living your school days? The Museum's Summer Exhibition "The Best Years of Your Life?" takes a fascinating look at the history of schools in St. Andrews from the 16<sup>th</sup> Century Grammar School up to today's successful institutions like Madras College and New Park. Along the way there have been more than 30 different schools in the town, and Curator Matthew Jarron has assembled a wealth of unique photos, objects and documents to bring them back to life. The exhibition has proved popular with young and old alike, and if you went to school here we guarantee you will find either yourself or someone you know in the display.

Those of you who missed Matthew's acclaimed Easter exhibition "St. Andrews 1900" need fret no longer - the text panels have now been re-displayed in the Museum Garden next to the popular new wash-house exhibit.

As ever there will be a number of special Events taking place in the next few months - we started on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July with another Mystery Photo Day, which proved a huge success once again. Keep a look out in the local press for further happenings.

**Anyone wishing to assist with the Museum,  
please contact Matthew Jarron  
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