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Museum Easter Exhibition—St. Andrews Women

The women who featured in this exhibition were given the title *St. Andrews Women*. They were either born here or settled here and in their unique way made their mark on the town's history.

Beginning in the last decades of the nineteenth century, the exhibition encompasses women from different walks of life and focuses on their individual achievements. Those include pioneers in education, the professions and local government, funding building programmes within the town and providing invaluable services to others.

Opportunities for women have changed remarkably over the last 130 years. In 1869, St. Andrews like other university towns, set up an association to promote higher education for women. Although it would take another twenty years before the first female students would attend lectures here, St. Andrews University in the meantime offered the external degree of LLA (Lady Literate in Arts).

In 1870 the Education Act was passed which enabled women to sit on school boards. The Council of the St. Andrews School for Girls Company was set up and led to the founding of St Leonard's School in 1877. Like boys schools, it offered its students a thorough education.

In 1869 Women were given the right to vote in Municipal elections. This was, however, limited to certain towns, one of which was St Andrews. By 1874, a local Women's Suffrage Society was set up in St. Andrews.

The progressive nature of St. Andrews may account for the large number of influential women who have lived here (only a fraction of whom are represented here). Some have been described by those who remember them as formidable, strident and in some cases eccentric but their contributions have helped shape St Andrews.

Amongst the many women featured in this exhibition were the following;

- Louisa Lumsden (1840-1935)- first headmistress St Leonards School
- Janet Low (d 1962)- early Trustee of the Preservation Trust
- Elizabeth Woodcock Bumby (d 1971)-generous benefactor to the town (Woodcock bequest manages Rose Park as a home for the elderly.)

- Annie Younger (d. 1942)- benefactor who built and donated the Younger Hall to the University
- Helen Woods (d 1985)- first woman ordained in St Andrews (1934)
- Jessie Moir (d 1987)- town's only female Provost (elected 1952)

Hidden Gardens - 1st July 2001

This popular event will take place on Sunday 1st July and will feature a galaxy of twelve different gardens, most in the town centre, but this year with four in the "new" area of Hallowhill. Admission to all the gardens will cost £3.00 for Adults with children admitted free.

Tickets will be available from both the Preservation Trust Museum at 12 North Street, and the National Trust Shop at 146 South Street, from the beginning of June.

Afternoon teas will be available in St. John's garden, the Preservation Trust Museum garden in North Street and No 12 Hallowhill.

St John's will also be the location for a number of stalls covering Brie a Brae, Cakes, Hats and a Paperback "whodunit" stall.

Last year's stalls were very successful and we have decided to repeat the feature in 2001. Donations for the stalls will be gratefully received - please telephone the appropriate stall holder on the numbers set out below or the Preservation Trust office if you have items, which you wish to donate

Contact	Stall	Telephone
June Baxter	Plants	(474995)
Christine Wolfe	Paperback "Whodunits"	(473774)
Pat Anthony	Brie a Brae	(479326)
Dorothea Morrison	Cakes	(473365)
Penny Uprichard	Hats	(474174)

Public Local Inquiry - 29th MAY 2001

Following discussion in recent years about contraflow cycleways and shared pavements in St. Andrews, the Scottish Executive has decided there should be a Public Local Inquiry to be held in the Burgh Chambers commencing at 10am on **29th May 2001.**

The signatories to this article (the only two objectors to the Re-determination of means of Exercise of Public Right of Passage Order 1999) very much hope that as many people as possible

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will come to the Inquiry and support the opposition to these cycleways, which we believe will be unsafe for cyclists and pedestrians alike, and will unnecessarily divide up the pavements.

Anybody can come to the Inquiry, and anyone who wishes can appear in person or make a written submission to the Reporter (Mr John Henderson). Those who wish to do so should get in touch with Mrs Upton/Ms R Holmes in the Reporters Unit, 2 Greenside Lane, Edinburgh EH1 3AG (tel 0131-244-5666).

In addition, **objectors will have to submit a precognition by 11th May 2001.**

Although this Inquiry will not permit objections to the 'contraflow section' of the Traffic Regulation Order, rejection of the shared pavement section will mean that the contraflow plan cannot be brought into operation. Both these sections are part of the St. Andrews Transportation Strategy; rejection of the shared pavements would mean that the contraflow cycleways could not proceed as planned. The decision will presumably be also for the Lade Braes and also for Double Dykes Road, which it is intended should be closed Westwards so that a contraflow cycleway can be installed.

The Scores, Butts Wynd and Colledge Street are the ways, which would become shared paths as a result of this Order. If there is any information which you would like us to include in our precognition, or any aspects of this matter that you would like to discuss, please telephone us as soon as possible.

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Trust Committees

To keep members abreast of the various activities being undertaken by the Trust, the Newsletter will feature in the coming editions a series of brief articles on the work of the Trust's Committees, the first of these articles features -

The Planning Committee

The Planning Committee, convened by Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, comprises of seven Trustees and two co-opted members

The Committee meets Bi-weekly to review, consider and comment on, as appropriate, the various applications for Planning Permission within the Conservation Area which have been submitted to Fife Council for approval within the previous two weeks. The number of applications under consideration varies from week to week, as does the nature and content of these submissions. Analysis of the minutes of the meetings held over the past twelve months reveals that a total of 138 applications have been reviewed and 13 objections have been raised.

Objections may be raised on more than one occasion for proposals at the same locations, because of subsequent amendments to the initial proposal.

The majority of objections have been in respect of shop fascias and signboards, many of which have been for backlit or

similarly illuminated signs or fascias, which are not acceptable within the conservation area.

Other topics upon which the Planning Committee on behalf of the Trust has been asked to comment have included:

- a) Landscaping proposals for the Petheram Bridge area at the Western entrance to the town, now being undertaken by Scottish Enterprise (Fife)
- b) Proposals by Scottish Enterprise (Fife) for the West End of South Street (still undergoing discussion with the various interested parties involved)
- c) The Strategic Study by Fife Council.

Dates for your Diary

Annual General Meeting 2001: Thursday 24th May at 7 p.m. in the Supper Room, Town Hall, Queen's Gardens, St. Andrews

Museum Exhibition from 26th May to 7th October: entitled "Window Shopping" (150 years of shopping in St. Andrews). (2 p m - 5 p m. daily)

Hidden Gardens 2001: Sunday 1st July

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