



## THE ST. ANDREWS PRESERVATION TRUST

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### Hidden Gardens of St. Andrews Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2001 (11.00 am—5.00 pm)

This year's event incorporates four gardens in the Hallow Hill area of the town which was developed in the 1970's in addition to the eight gardens located in the centre of the town.

The full listing of gardens is as follows:

#### **Hallowhill Area:**

1. **12 Hallowhill** (Mr. and Mrs. R Philip) -**Teas will be served** (Tickets and maps for sale)
2. **2 Hallowhill** (Mr. and Mrs. B Hendry)
3. **9 Hallowhill** (Mr. and Mrs. T. Macgregor)
4. **1 Spinkie Crescent** (Mr. and Mrs. M. Dominiak) (Tickets and maps for sale.)

#### (Town Centre Area:

5. **St. John's House 67-69 South Street** (Department of Medieval History University of St. Andrews). House originally 15th century - **Morning Coffees, Teas, Hal Stall, Bric a Brac, Books, Music.** (Tickets and maps for sale.)

*Visitors can then proceed down Queen's Gardens with its charming gardens on the right side of the Street only and turn left into Queen's Terrace to*

6. **Redroofs, Abbey Close** (Mrs. A. Tynte-Irvine). This house was built in the 1950's at the end of a long rigg twanging to No. 52 South Street, the garages were originally a bath house and stables with a loft.  
*Visitors should then walk through into the garden of*
7. **52 South Street** (Dr. and Mrs A.H. McKerrow)  
This garden contains what is reputed to be the oldest yew tree in St. Andrews - said to be 1000 years old.
8. **Dauphinhill, Abbey Walk** (Mr and Mrs P Hardie)  
This is an eighteenth century house with a walled garden created two years ago.
9. **St. Leonard's School**, The garden of Queen Mary's House (*access from South Street*). **Music provided by the St. Leonard's girls and boys.**
10. **12 North Street, The Preservation Trust Museum and Garden**—The building, dating from the mid 16<sup>th</sup> century was acquired by the Trust in 1962— **Coffees, Teas, Plant Stall, Music from Dr. J Sharp** (Tickets and maps for sale.)
11. **North Cliff, The Scores** (Mr and Mrs R Murray)  
The house dates from the 1880's and the garden retains much of its original plan.

**12. 8 Howard Place** (Mrs Isla Tait). (*Access from City Road opposite the Bus Station*) Houses in this area were developed in the 1860's as a 'New Town'.

**Donations of Plants, Bric a Brac, Home Bakery, Hats and 'Whodunnits' for the stalls will be gratefully received by the following:**

<u>Contact</u>	<u>Stall</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
June Baxter	Plants	(474995)
Christine Wolfe	Paperback	(473774)
Pat Anthony	Bric a Brac	(479326)
Dorothea Morrison	Baking	(473365)
Penny Uprichard	Hats	(474174)

#### AGM Lecture

The Second Town of Renaissance Scotland -The Baltic City of Dundee' was the title of a fascinating illustrated lecture given by Professor Charles McKean following the Annual general Meeting of the Trust. The lecture, which was well attended, highlighted the similarities in the planning of Dundee and many of the Baltic Cities (which were co-incidentally trading partners of the people of Dundee during that period).

Professor McKean drew to our attention the similarities of the open public meeting spaces, which were weather protected in layout, and in the architectural design of the buildings within the city (through covered arcades to the building facades)

Walking tours of the City of Dundee are conducted by Professor McKean in which he highlights some of the features he mentioned and brings to the notice of those participating the historic core of Dundee much of which, despite the ravages of development in recent years, still exists in lanes and back-closes.

#### The Museum Committee

This Committee meets monthly under the Convenorship of Mrs. Bridget Mason, and comprises of five Trustees, the Curator and six co-opted members.

The Committee sets the annual budget for the operation of the Museum and acts as a point of reference and support to the Curator, who is responsible for tin- day to day management and operation of the Museum. Topics suggested by the Curator for the Museum's Annual Inhibitions are discussed and agreed

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with the Committee prior to the Curator researching the content for the exhibitions.

With the assistance of the committee, the relevant material in be incorporated into the displays are sourced and prepared for the exhibition by the Curator.

A sub-committee is responsible for the care and maintenance of the Museum Garden.

The Committee has responsibility for the maintenance of the fabric of the Museum building and for periodic decoration to ensure well presented premises for display of the Trust's collections and exhibitions (**An appeal for funding to restore the gable wall of the Museum is currently underway with a target of £1,500.00 required to reinstate the stonework in keeping with the style of the property.**)

The Museum is funded entirely through the limited resources of the Trust with special funding available for specific projects only through application to outside bodies such as the Scottish Museums Council (who provided funding for the washhouse exhibit area).

The Museum has also received funding in the past from the town's Common Good Fund and the Kate Kennedy Society of the University of St. Andrews. Funding from these other sources is much appreciated by the Trustees.

The Museum could not operate (and be open to members of the public throughout the summer season) without the enthusiastic assistance of a group of volunteers who, in addition to being present during opening hours to assist visitors, have also assisted in the compilation of computerised asset listings of the Trust's collections and new acquisitions.

Ongoing projects within the Museum, which are yet to be completed, include the cataloguing of the Aikman & Terras shop collection and the computer cataloguing of the Chemist's Shop.

Recent acquisitions include a variety of items: photographs and price lists in connection with the former T.T. Fordyce drapery store, photographs donated by Barbro Scott, daughter in law of James Scott, Architect (who renovated and subsequently lived in what is now the Museum building). Mrs Mary Bridges has donated a family bible presented to Robert Hutchison of the Ladies Own Lifeboat Crew.

Anyone interested in providing assistance in the Museum or with the maintenance of its beautiful garden should contact the Curator or Convenor of the Museum Committee

### Planning Committee.

Members of the Committee have recently represented the Trust at two meetings held with members of the Public to explain forthcoming proposals for the following;

**Redevelopment of the David Russell Halls** by the University of St. Andrews. The University Estates Department chaired a meeting of interested parties (mainly residents of Buchanan Gardens and other properties adjacent to the David Russell Site) to explain their masterplan for the development which it is proposed will be undertaken over the next three years. The initial phase of the development is expected to be submitted for outline planning approval within the next two weeks.

### **Hope Street/Abbotsford Crescent/Howard Place Parking.**

A meeting was held in the Council Chambers chaired by Fife Council Transportation Department to explain their proposals for Resident Parking/Pay and Display meters in this area. Should the proposal for Pay and Display machines proceed to an application for Planning Approval it is likely to be objected to by the Trust.

### Executive Committee 2001-2002

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