



## LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

### FIRST, THE BAD NEWS....

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I should have preferred not to have to conclude our 75<sup>th</sup> year with the depressing news that the Council has nominated Pipeland as the site for the new Madras College – a choice we consider to be totally misguided. Even the Council's protagonists concede that Pipeland is not the ideal location, but they believe (mistakenly, we think) that it will deliver the new school more quickly than other possible sites. Inexplicably, the Council has resisted making a serious evaluation of the "Pond site", which would have none of the major disadvantages inherent in Pipeland, not least its violation of the newly-won Green Belt. During the forthcoming consultation stage, we will continue to oppose Pipeland and press for the Pond, in the hope that St Andrews can yet be saved from the irretrievable blight of a badly-flawed decision.

The recent vote by the Council to reduce the present seven Area Committees to three is another setback for the Trust. It will place much more of the planning decision-making process in the hands of officials and out of the control of local elected representatives. It seems to be yet another nail in the coffin of local democracy.

Nevertheless, there are also some good things to report from the fourth quarter of 2012, and here are three of them. You can read of others in the various Conveners' accounts in this newsletter.

The Trust was a founding member of the St Andrews Partnership three years ago, and has played a full part in its activities, such as the erection of the "fingerpost" pedestrian signs around the town. The Trust has also been prominent in the action group tasked with saving the landmark Martyrs' Monument from destruction caused by the weather. It raised the necessary funds of nearly £150,000 and commissioned the restoration work, which is now in its final stages. The unveiling is expected in the early spring. As with the cast iron shop fronts project, this is a signal example of the Trust working collaboratively to enhance the St Andrews environment.

Much of the argument over big development proposals and planning applications in recent years has revolved around claims and counterclaims about the housing needs of different sections of the local community. The

problem is that no one knows what the housing needs are; in fact, no one really knows the population of St Andrews! Thanks largely to the vision of former Trustee, David Middleton, the Trust took the lead in setting up the St Andrews Town Commission on Housing, with the aim of determining housing needs and recommending how they should be satisfied. Together with the Community Council, the University, the Students' Association, CSARA and local Councillors, we formed a "reference group" to appoint the members of the Commission and support its operation. We have been fortunate in attracting five commissioners and a secretary of impressively high calibre, and they have now started work. A questionnaire targeted at all St Andrews residents has been launched, existing public records are being investigated and invitations to give evidence to the Commission are being issued. These three lines of enquiry will provide the bulk of the fact-finding. We have been excited by the goodwill and cooperation shown by all the bodies and individuals taking part and we are optimistic that the Commission's findings will have a lasting, beneficial effect on the lives of St Andrews residents.

The third piece of good news concerns the Museum. Following meticulous negotiation over a number of months, we were successful in November in completing the purchase of some extra garden adjoining the Museum, the one-time public drying green for nearby residents. It also has a line of dilapidated buildings, including the old washhouse. When restored, these will provide some sorely needed extra space – for display, storage, office, whatever. Deciding how to make best use of all our property assets at the Museum will be the job of a special committee chaired by Vice-chairman Andrew Johnson. We hope that, guided by its findings, we will be able to commence work later in the year. I am glad to say that the acquisition and development has been made possible by a very generous bequest from the late Tim Baker-Jones, a Trust member for many years.

I am sure that these three bits of good news will contribute to happy memories of our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. I hope they will also help sustain us as we deal with the consequences of the bad news.

Graham Wynd  
Chairman

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## PLANNING REPORT

The Planning Committee continues to be kept on its toes; in fact I have noticed there is always a rush of planning applications and public consultations right at the last minute, just before Christmas. I think that it is often deliberate, an attempt by architects and applicants to slip things through when they think our heads are full of the many Christmas pleasures and chores. It is just the same situation that I mentioned in the summer Newsletter, when I said that architects and agents hoped that we were away on holiday.

You will have heard much over the last few years about the problems with HMOs (Houses in Multiple Occupancy), and of how 86% of the residential property in the conservation area is occupied by students in HMOs. The Trust has been very successful in lobbying the Council, and a year and a half ago a moratorium was put in place to stop the spread of HMOs. We have now been assured that it will exist until 2015, and it is also embedded in the newly adopted St Andrews and East Fife Local Plan. But this achievement has had something of a backlash, and a month or so ago we started to see an increase in applications either to new build or convert buildings into blocks of flats for one or two persons. These cannot be official HMOs, as they must have three or more unrelated persons in them. However they could well end up full of students, and since all applications have been for sites in the centre of town, it does not really ease the situation. What is needed, above all else, is new university accommodation on university land to the west of the town centre, which would then take students out of the town centre, and create flats for the use of permanent residents.

Fife Council rules positively in favour of seating on pavements outside of restaurants and cafés, and most cafés are applying to do this, as it enables smokers to patronise them. It is also obviously enjoyable on the rare days of summery weather. While it certainly livens up the town, we wonder how many people find this practice inconvenient or even dangerous, as the pavements also seem to be full of A boards and/or wheelie bins, in addition to very welcome trees. This cluttering up the public space must present hazards and dangers to disabled people and parents with young children, prams and buggies. Only 2 metres in width are legally required for the open pavement. We have suggested to the Council that those responsible for these pavement seating areas should pay rent into the Common Good Fund, to recompense the population in general.

This links to one of our other concerns in the city centre, and that is the large numbers of restaurants and cafés that are appearing in the town, with at least three more planned to come on line in the near future.

We have noticed that there have been several applications recently to build in the Green Belt. At the beginning of October the new St Andrews and North East Fife Local Plan was fully adopted, and we hope the new Green Belt is now fully protected. To quote from the Local Plan:

“In defining the Green Belt, the Council has decided that its boundary should endure and not be subject to frequent revisions to meet new development needs. The Green Belt boundary has been drawn to reflect a long term settlement strategy and ensure that planned long term growth can be accommodated. This is necessary to avoid the cumulative erosion of the integrity of the Green Belt through the approval of individual planning permissions”.

It will be interesting to see how this influences the proposals for the new Madras College.

There are several controversial plans on the horizon at the moment, which have not reached an advanced enough stage to discuss yet, but I am confident that there will be plenty of work

for us in 2013, and plenty to report in the next Newsletter.

Margaret Humfrey  
Planning Applications Convener

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## PLANNING POLICY REPORT

### MADRAS COLLEGE REPLACEMENT

At time of writing (mid December) this issue is far from being resolved. The NE Fife Area Committee on 21<sup>st</sup> November agreed by 12 votes to 3 to revert to the previously rejected Kilrymont site as its preferred option. This “strategic” move aimed at thwarting the Labour Administration’s preferred proposal to build at Pipelands (next to the Community Hospital and Health Centre) was, however quickly defeated. At the Executive Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> December Pipelands was approved by 11 votes to 5 and it was agreed to hold a further public consultation exercise in respect of this site. Subsequently, however, 5 councillors (the minimum required) asked for the decision to be “called in” and reviewed by one of the Council’s Scrutiny committees thus resulting in further delay, possibly to February.

The Pipelands site lies in the recently adopted Green Belt surrounding St Andrews which the Trust and others have fought to establish over the past fifteen years. In rejecting the Council’s original proposal to designate this area as an employment site, the Reporter who conducted the Local Plan Hearing said, “I conclude that development of that site (Pipelands) would be detrimental to the landscape setting of St Andrews. I recommend that it should not be allocated for development and that the site should instead be part of the St Andrews Green Belt.”

The Council incorporated these changes into the St Andrews and E Fife Local Plan 2009 which was adopted as recently as 5<sup>th</sup> October 2012. It now proposes to ignore its own Local Plan!

The Trust, in opposing development at Pipelands, has consistently argued in favour of locating the school on the west side of town thus avoiding the need for school transport to pass through the town centre. Such a site is possibly available at the North Haugh on what has become known as the “Pond Site”. This, surprisingly, has been dismissed by the Council on the basis of “extraordinary additional costs” which have become less and less believable when they are examined one by one. Indeed a recent independent site survey, carried out by a local firm of civil engineers concluded that, “In our opinion this site is technically well suited to be developed.....and there appear to be, on the face of it, no particular issues which could be considered to be abnormal development constraints except for underpass access to Station Park.”

The Trust will continue to support this alternative and oppose building at Pipelands which would be contrary to the Local Plan and consequently make a mockery of the recently established Green Belt.

### **REVIEW OF PLANNING DECISION MAKING**

The full Fife Council has recently narrowly approved (by 38 votes to 34) a revised system of Planning decision making. The current 7 Area committees plus the full Planning Committee will be replaced by 3 regional Planning Committees, one of which will cover NE Fife including St Andrews. Although the geographical area covered by the new committee will not be much larger than that of the current Area Committee, the composition of the committee will be an issue. Currently all local councillors sit on the NE Fife Area Committee and have a say on planning matters. The new committee, however, is likely to be smaller thus excluding some of these same councillors and therefore diluting the input of local knowledge in contentious planning matters.

### **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS**

Despite the ink being barely dry on the very recently adopted St Andrews and E Fife Local Plan 2009, the production of its successor “The Local Development Plan for Fife” is well under way. The Main Issues Report and other documents relevant to this latest Plan were approved by Fife Council’s Planning Committee in November and will be subject to public consultation during the period 14<sup>th</sup> January to 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

### **REVIEW OF HMO POLICY IN TOWN CENTRE**

At a recent meeting between the Trust and Fife Council officers it was agreed that the moratorium on new HMO’s in the Central Conservation Area was likely to continue after the review in summer 2013. This should delay any change in present policy until the next Local Development Plan is drafted.

Ian McIver  
Planning Policy Convener

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## **ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

At the Trustees’ Meeting of Tuesday October 30<sup>th</sup> I took over the role of Environment Convener from Dr Iain Matthews.

My first unexpected but very welcome engagement took place at our Chairman's home on Thursday November 1<sup>st</sup>. Three members of staff from the University's School of Management presented a cheque of £330 to the Boase Wood Appeal. This was gratefully received by Ian Christie – Keeper of the Woods, along with our Finance and Property Convener, Ian Lumsdaine.

On Thursday November 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Committee's first official meeting was held at the Trust Office. Members in attendance along with yours truly, were Simon Kidd, Margaret Humfrey, Professor Sam Taylor and Dr John Frew.

This was an informal meeting, which gave me the opportunity to comprehend the remit of this small sub Committee. There are several areas of interest and responsibility which

periodically, require our attention. I have listed these below:

- A) West Sands Liaison
- B) Bogward and Kenly Doocots
- C) Cast Iron Shop Frontages
- D) Pride of Place Awards
- E) Scottish Civic Trust My Place Awards
- F) Gordon Christie Plaques
- G) Boase Wood

Each area was discussed in turn. It was agreed that as and when an area required the committee's attention, a meeting should be called. Professor Taylor mentioned a couple of people who could be relied upon for any future advice if required, regarding the West Sands. These were Mr Robert Crawford (replanting) and Mr Alan Werrity (flood prevention).

Bogward and Kenly Doocots continue to be maintained by the Trust.

This year saw three cast iron shop fronts refurbished through the skills of Mr Jake Brown. His handiwork with gold leaf has been admired by locals and visitors alike. These were Chesterhills, Jamie's Florist and Butlers. Planning permission is still in place to restore the frontage of Bella Italia. However additional finances may have to be sought from the Trust if we wish to complete this restoration in 2013. Dr Frew pointed out that this work could only be done during the months of May, June and July. When completed, this would see the end of phase one of restoration.

Pride of Place Awards are under the remit of Jimmy Macgregor as Advisor. I shall rely on him to inform the committee if and when awards are to be made in 2013.

Entries for "The Scottish Civic Trust My Place Award 2013" need to be submitted by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Several suggestions were put forward but since restoration had not been fully completed on these properties, it was decided that we would not enter the competition this year. Hopefully we will make a submission for 2014.

The proposed Gordon Christie Plaques are in the capable hands of Trustee, Colin McAllister. Once again, I shall rely on him to keep the Committee updated on future progress.

This leads me finally, to Boase Wood. Bequeathed to the Preservation Trust in 1963, this was in memory of Philip Boase. As we enter the New Year this sees the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the wood. It would be wonderful if Trustees and members could celebrate this anniversary in some memorable way. As suggested by Professor Taylor, I hope to arrange an informal meeting with Ian Christie, early in the New Year to get his thoughts on this. I also intend to raise this topic at our next Trustees' meeting and glean a few ideas for an appropriate celebratory event. This would also give the Preservation Trust an opportunity to thank Trust members and the general public for their support during our Fundraising Appeal.

**\*FUNDS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED FOR TREE FELLING AND PRUNING, REPLANTING, FENCE REPLACEMENT, IMPROVEMENTS TO HABITAT AND PATHS, AND THE FUND FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE MAINTENANCE.**

£25 would pay for one metre of fencing.

£100 would pay for the planting of a replacement tree or four metres of fencing.

£1,500 to £2,000 would pay for the cost of felling one tree.

As a result, continuing donations for ongoing maintenance are sincerely appreciated.

Marysia Denyer  
Environment Convener

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## FINANCE AND PROPERTY REPORT

We have been extremely fortunate to receive a substantial legacy from a former member. This has enabled the Trustees to take up the opportunity to purchase the drying green area in the north-east corner of the Museum garden, together with the broken-down washhouse which has detracted from the award winning garden. The Trustees will now proceed with plans to develop these areas to further enhance the garden and Museum. Earlier this year a Committee looked at sources of new income and the first on the list was to remind members to include the Trust in their will and this legacy has proved the importance of this decision. During the year we have received 3 legacies.

The last 3 months have seen a flurry of activity in fundraising and social events and I am pleased to report that the net income to end November is £8,157. The actual for 2011 was £8,087 so all involved have to be congratulated in recovering the shortfall from the poor weather which affected the Hidden Gardens day. I am sure that the finance was a minor part of each function for all that took part in each event, but it is an important aspect of the running of the Trust.

Our largest source of income is dividend income from our investments. As reported in the last newsletter, we have slightly changed the emphasis of our portfolio to improve the revenue returns and I am pleased to say that this change will show by the year end. The value of our portfolio has improved with the improvement in shares generally and we have a realised gain on investments sold and also an unrealised gain on the portfolio at end November. A meeting is held each six months with our investment advisors.

Membership and subscription income is vital to the Trust and this year our membership committee has worked hard but the total income might be slightly down on last year, some of this reflecting those members who have taken advantage of life membership. We receive income from a room that is rented out at 4 Queen's Gardens, but the tenant has advised us that this lease will end at end December. No decision has been taken on this room and if any member knows of any organisation who may be interested in a short lease please contact the office.

Costs are constantly under review in an effort to keep them within our various income sources. To end November normal activities of the Trust, excluding legacies and restricted funds, are directly in line with 2011. Costs include the cost of a new membership application leaflet which should give us a long term benefit in new members.

The properties are regularly examined, and at present there is one tree in Boase Wood that is giving a little concern. Other properties appear to be in good order.

We are nearly at the end of our financial year and our files will be passed to our Independent Examiners in January. My thanks go to our office administrator, Janette Gillespie, for all her very diligent work during the year to keep our records in good order.

Ian Lumsdaine  
Finance and Property Convener

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## FUNDRAISING REPORT

### **A GHOSTLY TOUR OF OLD ST ANDREWS WITH SUPPER AND QUIZ 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER**

This event, which followed the previous year's format of a walk, talk and supper, was a great success with all tickets sold and a list of those hoping for a cancellation.

We are indebted yet again to Anne Morris for formulating the event, Alan Tricker for acting as narrator and all the team and others who made it possible. In total the event made over three hundred pounds profit.

### **ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT**

The annual Trust Quiz night will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February at the New Golf Club at 7.00 pm sharp. The first meeting regarding this event will take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January, as in previous years, it is expected that the Trustees will enter a team, perhaps titled 'The Well Preserved'?

### **'WHO LIVED HERE?': A WALK, TALK AND SUPPER**

This exciting event will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2013. The format will be a Guided Tour around the old part of Town, stopping here and there at the homes of notable St Andreans and some of the characters featured in the Kate Kennedy Procession. It is hoped to have a costumed character at each house who will give some details of the person they represent.

The walk will commence at 7.00 pm from All Saints Church Hall and the participants will return to the Hall at approximately 8.00 pm. Those who wish to remain at the Hall will be entertained with a most interesting talk based upon the walk. An excellent supper with musical accompaniment will follow.

Tickets, which cost £12 and include supper and a glass of wine, will be available from the Trust Office at the beginning of March 2013. **Our last event was a sell-out, please buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment and to assist the organisers.**

### **HIDDEN GARDENS 2013**

Please make a note in your diaries that our Hidden Gardens event this year will take place on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Andrew Johnson  
Fundraising Convener

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## **MEMBERSHIP, PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY REPORT**

This is the time of year when a great deal of our administrator's time is taken up with urging annual and corporate members to renew their subscriptions. We would like to encourage annual members who pay by cash or cheque to take out a standing order (details from Janette Gillespie at the Trust Office 4 Queen's Gardens, St Andrews KY16 9TA Tel.477152 e-mail: [trust@standrewspreservationtrust.org.uk](mailto:trust@standrewspreservationtrust.org.uk)). Administration is also made easier if annual members convert to life membership (£180 for single membership and £240 for a joint membership). Again information is available from Janette. We also now have a new category of membership – student membership at £6 per annum and we do have a small but growing number of student members.

You will have noted from the Finance and Property report by Ian Lumsdaine in this newsletter that we have benefited recently from a number of legacies, one in particular being a large sum. We would like to encourage members to remember the Trust in their wills. Legacies enable us to undertake certain projects which would not be possible out of normal income. Further details are to be found elsewhere in this newsletter and the mailing includes an A4 sheet of information as to how to make a legacy to the Trust.

We again continue to secure a good level of press coverage, particularly in the "Citizen," and occasionally the Fife edition of the "Courier". Events covered have included the highly successful Ghostly Tour of the environs of the cathedral and castle. The successful arts and crafts fair was also well publicised. Articles covered both the departure to a permanent post with the National Museum of Scotland of our Museum curator Jennifer Reid and the appointment of her replacement, Samantha Bannerman. We have also been submitting for "Town News" in the Citizen reports of key decisions taken at the monthly Board of Trustees meeting.

As regards publications, we again participated in the annual Charity Christmas Card sale now run by St Andrews Rotary Club. We raised £325, marginally down on 2011 but a further £125 was raised specifically for the Trust Museum at a stall run by Gillian Falconer. Sales of cards through other outlets have gone well.

We asked in the July newsletter if members had any knowledge about or information on the, mainly copper, printing blocks we have. There was no response. So Anne Morris and I selected a few to display at the arts and craft exhibition to see if there was interest in purchasing them as wall hangings or ornaments. We sold 10 raising £85.

Plans are afoot for our second annual lecture, to be held in the autumn, following the great success of this year's inaugural event. This will be a double bill relating to the founding of the university 2013 being its 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Dr Frank Quinault will deliver a lecture on Pope Benedict XIII, Pedro de Luna, who promulgated the bulls leading to the University's foundation. Dr Barbara Crawford, Director of the Strathmartine Institute, will take as her subject the life of Bishop Henry Wardlaw the founder of the first college.

Derek Barrie  
Membership, Publications and Publicity Convener

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## MUSEUM REPORT

Schedules have been more than usually exacting in recent weeks with preparation for the Arts and Crafts Exhibition and the appointment of a new curator to succeed Jennifer Reid. We need not repeat here the tributes made to Jennifer, but she has clearly raised the bar professionally for a post usually defined in terms of a launching pad for a career. We are grateful to her for what she has achieved. Meanwhile we look forward to our new incumbent Samantha Bannerman who joins us in January from the Black Watch Museum and Castle. The turnover period has benefited from the vigorous support of Anne Morris, Lesley Barrie and Frances Humphries who ran the Arts and Crafts Exhibition, and the wisdom of Roy Chapman and Arlen Pardoe as Trustee members of the Committee at a time of change.

Much time has been expended recently on so-called wish lists, better seen as long-term plans for the Museum's development to enable Trustees and Museum Committee to see small incremental improvements as stages in implementing a coherent and sensible plan for our development. This operates at various levels, reviewing provision for exhibitions and public displays, bringing our record-keeping and accessioning fully into the digital age, assessing the extent to which we might make our local history collections (photographs, oral recordings etc.) accessible electronically, reviewing electronic security and backup for the Museum in partnership with the Trust Office, opening collections more effectively to outside users.

There are plans to develop the D'Arcy Thompson garden as a visitor attraction, especially now that the adjacent "Drying Green" is to be part of the Museum Garden, following long and arduous negotiation by the Chairman, Andrew Johnson and Ian Lumsdaine. Garden maintenance will come very much onto the agenda, as will re-arrangement of office and storage facilities. The Museum Committee began planning this work some time ago and it is now to move ahead under Trust guidance. We are meantime seeking to strengthen the team of volunteers who have, with Derek Bayne, given such valuable service in the past. The new

garden must, we believe, have a special, individual quality and should emerge as a major new attraction for the museum.

Sam Taylor  
Museum Convener

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## PROGRAMME REPORT

As reported elsewhere, there was a mixture of regret and delight to hear of our Curator's success in attaining a post at National Museums Scotland. One of Jennifer's last initiatives was to invite John Reade, beer historian and manager of the new Eden Brewery, located in the former Guardbridge paper-mill, to visit the Trust Museum. He presented an illustrated talk on the history of the brewing process and informed us on how production used to thrive in St Andrews and throughout Fife. Once more, brewing is prospering with five microbreweries established across the Kingdom over the past 15 years; further projects are under review, including his own initiative to restore a traditional brew-house in Dunfermline. After questions, there was the opportunity to sample their range of bottled beers as well as a couple of stronger 'home brews' for the winter season. Indeed, this was John's second evening at the Museum, having run the same event for students a few weeks earlier, and he would be happy to return if there was sufficient demand from members who missed out.

The success that past conveners and their teams have made of organising the Winter Reception in recent years was reinforced this season as over 80 tickets were sold. We were especially pleased to welcome members unfamiliar with our evening functions and we hope they and others will be encouraged to attend more occasions. Sadly, our Chairman was unable to join us but the entertainment he had planned on our behalf, the poet Kevin Cadwallender and a traditional, communal sing-song, led by Ian Bradley and accompanied by Tom Duncan, proved very popular. Special thanks to: Elma Penny, her last reception as a trustee, who managed the catering, prepared to exceptional standards under the supervision of Liz Johnson; Andrew Johnson and his team for organising the drinks; Anne Morris and Lesley Barrie for decorating the hall; Marysia Denyer for running the raffle, which raised £147. We are grateful again to the All Saints Episcopal Church Rector, Rev. Jonathan Mason, for use of the hall as we have long since outgrown holding such events in the Trust Museum.

Aside from regular events at the Museum (26 January coffee morning featuring a display of work by the volunteers' research group, and for the ensuing week) and at the New Golf Club (annual Trust quiz on 28 February), a couple of tours are scheduled. As the University's 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations reach their culmination, Dr Barbara Crawford will talk on Bishop Henry Wardlaw. She has succeeded in fundraising for a statue to honour the university's founder. The memorial is proposed for St Mary's Quad where we will meet, continue to the cathedral and finish at MUSA. After the presentation there will be a reception upstairs. See the enclosed flyer.

Finally, the Trust has been invited to visit inside the Hamilton Grand apartments when the refurbishment is complete, likely to be in June. An invitation to attend will be included with the April newsletter

Simon Kidd  
Programme Convener

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## POETRY PLEASE

Part of the entertainment at the successful, well-attended, Winter Reception held by the Trust on 8<sup>th</sup> December, was a poetry reading by Edinburgh based poet Kevin Cadwallender. Among his repertoire was a poem, reprinted with his permission below, written for the event:

### AT THE DROP OF A BLUEPRINT

At the drop of a blueprint the green belt was tightened,  
Where shopping malls rule, as if mammon was enlightened.

To preserve or not to preserve, that isn't really a question.  
If you ask me, we move too fast and must consider our intentions.

The past is gone we all know that, it fills our life with history.  
I'd like my children to know we cared and not see heritage as a mystery.

The text, the tweet, the mobile phone are not the most important things.  
Facebook, Google and the rest are just the gifts technology brings.

Family, love, old fashioned stuff, the way we *skype* to keep in touch.  
Are just the tools we use these days, its complicated my son's status says.

People talking to other people, it's always been about communication.  
In the end we're all we've got, that and endless expectations.

So I see it as duty; to look after my family, my friends, my own  
And that extends to the bricks and buildings of the town that I call home.

It's no coincidence that happiness is found in a house that is in good health.  
Even though these days it seems we're all obsessed with possessions and wealth.

I want my children to see the buildings they see on the internet.  
I want them to see all the animals that are nearly extinct.

I know, I know, my wants are many but not excessive,  
Any other way would seem to me regressive.

To lose is human, to preserve may be divine,  
Responsibility is a blessing to keep the things we treasure from time.

At the drop of a blue print the greenbelt diminishes.

**Kevin Cadwallender**

We are also pleased to publish a poem by our own trustee declaimer Colin McAllister. This gem is about the siting of the new Madras College:

### **MADRAS COLLEGE**

Fife Council must build a new Madras school.  
But it seems it wants to play the fool!  
At Kilrymont, Pipelands or the pond site,  
On which location will its choice alight?

Kilrymont is on the wrong side of town –  
The streets around with traffic it would drown.  
Pupils bussed in from the northern quarter  
Need a journey that is a lot shorter!

Building of Pipeland is but a pipe-dream!  
I cannot think of a crazier scheme!  
The land has been designated Green Belt  
And to build there would leave an ugly welt!

Some say that the pond site is water logged –  
To them I say, “Your brain cells are quite fogged”.  
Building on such land is now no big deal,  
As the basement with a tank you can seal.

The pond site a great advantage yields –  
It’s right across from Madras playing fields!  
I suggest that no money needs to change hands.  
Do *excambion* – an exchange of lands.

**Colin McAllister**

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## SAM TAKES OVER



Samantha Bannerman is the new Museum Curator and started work for the Trust earlier this month. Sam was Project Collections Assistant at the Black Watch Castle & Museum in Perth where she was responsible for the safekeeping of the collection during the re-development project being undertaken there.

Having gained an HNC in Social Sciences in Dundee College, Sam went on to gain a first class honours degree in History from the University of Dundee. She then took up a Museum Galleries Scotland internship in the Black Watch Museum, funded by the “Skills for the Future” programme from the Heritage Lottery Fund, which led on to her present post.

Sam has amassed a variety of skills over the past 18 months that have enabled her to become an accomplished collections assistant. She sees her appointment as curator of the Preservation Trust Museum in St Andrews as an opportunity to enhance these skills.

Sam Bannerman has already had experience in a number of areas of curatorial work which will stand her in good stead in this new appointment. For example she will have to plan and mount three exhibitions in the Museum each year. For the best part of six months after graduating she worked as a research assistant on a History of Scottish Policing project at Dundee University, researching potential resources for further study and an exhibition on policing. She located policing artefacts in museums and archives across Scotland, compiling an exhibition brief, writing text for exhibition interpretation text panels and designing marketing material.

In her free time Sam enjoys reading historical fiction, watching football and going to the library to conduct family history research. She is also a member of the Abertay Historical Society, the Scottish Museums Federation and the Museums Association. She was awarded the annual Abertay Historical Society Prize for best dissertation on a local topic and is currently preparing this study for future publication.

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## NEWSLETTER NOTES

**LEGACIES:** As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, trustees are keen to encourage legacies from members. A form is included with this newsletter Legacies allow us to undertake projects outwith our normal income stream.

**CHRISTMAS CARD SALE:** A number of Trust Christmas cards will be on sale in the museum from 26<sup>th</sup> Jan to 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2013 at £2.50 for 10 while the Research Group display is on view and the museum is open from 1 pm to 4 pm. They will also be available at the coffee morning in the museum on 26<sup>th</sup> January from 10 am to 12 noon. Both events are free entry.

**DONATION TO HARBOUR TRUST:** The Board of Trustees unanimously agreed to make a donation of £1,000 to the Harbour Trust which had to find over £130,000 to replace the harbour gates which were swept away in a recent storm.

**UNIVERSITY LINKS:** A cordial and useful meeting has been held between the Board of Trustees and the University's Vice Principal, External Affairs, Steven Magee. Issues covered included HMOs, student numbers and the siting of the new Madras College.

**NEW ENVIRONMENT CONVENER:** Marysia Denyer has now taken over and her responsibilities include the two doocots at Kenly Green and Dooct Road and the Boase Wood. Her first report is included in this newsletter.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** - 1 pm to 4 pm daily  
*Display of recent work by Volunteers' Research Group*  
TRUST MUSEUM, 12 NORTH STREET

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January** - 10 am to 12 pm  
*Coffee Morning*  
TRUST MUSEUM, 12 NORTH STREET - Admission free - all welcome!

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February** - 7 pm  
*Annual Trust Quiz Night*  
THE NEW GOLF CLUB, GIBSON PLACE - Tickets £20 per team of four

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** - 2 pm to 5 pm and  
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March** - 10 am to 5 pm  
*Stanza Poetry Festival*  
TRUST MUSEUM, 12 NORTH STREET  
*Carry Akroyd "Found in the Fields"* - exhibition  
Meet the artist **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March** - 3.30 pm to 4 pm - Admission Free

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April** - 2 pm to 5 pm daily  
*Easter Exhibition - "The St Andrews School"*  
Alison and Winifred McKenzie, Annabel Kidston, Josef Sekalski and Roberta Sekalska  
TRUST MUSEUM, 12 NORTH STREET — Admission Free

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April** - 2.30 pm  
*Bishop Wardlaw Tour*  
Walking tour led by Dr Barbara Crawford from St Mary's Quad, to the cathedral and MUSA  
ST MARY'S QUAD, SOUTH STREET

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April - 7 pm**

*'Who Lived Here?' A Walk, Talk and Supper*

Walking tour of city centre stopping at the homes of well-known St Andreans and some of the characters featured in the Kate Kennedy Procession

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HALL - Tickets: £12.00 per person to include supper and refreshment

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May - 7 pm**

*Annual General Meeting*

TOWN HALL, QUEEN'S GARDENS

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September - 2 pm to 5 pm daily**

*Summer Exhibition - "Cynicus - The story of Martin Anderson"*

TRUST MUSEUM, 12 NORTH STREET - Admission Free

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