



## LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

### IT WAS NEVER GOING TO BE EASY

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My heartfelt thanks to the many of you who heeded my plea to write letters of objection to Fife Council's proposal to locate the new Madras school at Pipeland. There is now an impressive set of objections, making strong, coherent arguments about the flaws in the Council's case.

The Preservation Trust has of course made its own objection. We engaged professional help from reputable firms in the environmental, transportation and planning law fields. Our representation is substantial and can be viewed on the Council's website.

We have just (mid-December) attended the Pre-Determination Hearing, a public meeting at which supporters and objectors are invited to explain their views to the local planning committee. Thanks to a last minute request from Education Services for more time to provide additional information (probably to answer the challenges laid down by our experts), the meeting was adjourned before it started! The latest episode in what is expected to be a long-running saga. However, we do feel that the public debate is now running our way.

For all of who are concerned about protecting the essential character of St Andrews, this has been a particularly depressing autumn, with a number of planning decisions going against us. These include:

- the University's wind farm of six 100 metre high turbines at Kenly, approved by the Scottish Government after a mysteriously long delay following the Reporter's examination of the University's appeal;
- the go-ahead given to the building of a nursery school in one of the classic lang rigg gardens off South Street;
- the approval for building a large private students' residence on the site of the Memorial Hospital.

In addition, the would-be developers of the Wonder Years nursery site on the East Sands have returned with fresh proposals for building another private students' residence. The Council has failed to enforce the removal of the "pergola" in the garden of the West Port Bar and Kitchen, shamefully erected

in breach of approved plans (that should never have been approved). Abbey Park House is now being demolished as unsafe, as a result of wanton neglect by the developer-owners. Needless to say, the Trust has been active in all of these situations.

On a more positive note, I'm glad to report Fife Council's head of planning has accepted an invitation to meet us in St Andrews in January. This will give us the opportunity to discuss our concerns over the Council's handling of some of our recent objections.

Recent social events have happily served to lighten our dark mood though. The Arts and Crafts Exhibition was especially impressive this year for the number and quality of exhibits. These sold extremely well and delivered welcome income for the Trust.

A splendid ceremony took place in mid-December to commemorate the life and achievement of Josef Kosacki, the Polish officer, who invented the first effective mine detector while based in St Andrews during the war. The detector was rushed into service for the battle of El Alamein and versions of it were still in use until 1995. The Polish Consul General and Trustee, Marysia Denyer, unveiled two plaques, at the Ardgowan Hotel, where Kosacki had had his office. These are the first plaques, one in English and one in Polish, to be funded from the generous bequest by proud St Andean, the late Gordon Christie. Several more are in the wings.

Following the death of Professor Charles McKean, the post of Honorary President became vacant. By unanimous vote of Trustees, Robert Steedman was invited to take up the post, and he graciously accepted. Robert has been much involved in Trust affairs over many years, frequently giving us his advice as a distinguished architect. We were very pleased to welcome Robert and his wife, Martha (former headmistress of St Leonard's School) to their first 'official function' at the Winter Reception. This, with Christmas entertainment from a large troupe of the St Andrews Musical Society, was, as usual, a very enjoyable way of rounding off the year.

There are likely to be many challenges facing the Trust in 2014 and beyond, and we look forward to benefiting from Robert's extensive experience and wise counsel.

Graham Wynd  
Chairman

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## **POLICY AND RESOURCES REPORT**

One of the recommendations of the Trust's Strategic Review, undertaken in the early part of 2013, was that the Conveners' Committee should be replaced by a new Policy Committee. Subsequently the Trustees decided that the functions of the Finance and Property Committee should be merged with those of that new Committee. As a result, a new Policy and Resource Committee was established. Its role it is to undertake the detailed development of policy issues, to plan for the future of the Trust and to recommend courses of action to the Trustees.

The first job referred to the Committee by the Trustees was to complete consideration of the various recommendations of the Strategic Review and to advise the Trustees on their acceptance. This work was finished by the end of July, 2013 and the Committee was then able to move on to other matters.

One key recommendation of the Review was that the Trust should have a short Strategic Plan, which would encapsulate what its Principal Objectives are and then, in the light of these, identify six or seven key Strategic Priorities. These would form the basis of the Trust's core work over the medium-term future. A fully developed Plan was adopted at the Trustees' October meeting. Thus the Trust itself now has a working forward plan, which members can view on the Trust's web-site. The Plan is a signal to members and to outside organisations that the Trust is well-run and is a body to which scarce resources can be entrusted in the confidence that they will be in good hands and will be used wisely and economically.

The Committee has also discussed a range of other issues, including: the future of the garden of Number 1 Greyfriars Garden, the development of the Museum Garden Outbuildings, physical developments within the Museum building, strategies to increase Trust membership and, on a regular basis, the monthly reports on the Trust's financial position. Lead Trustees have also now been appointed to take forward the Priorities, identified in the Strategic Plan, and the Committee will receive reports on progress at each of its meetings.

What this means in essence is that the Trust now has a Committee (whose core membership comprises the Chairman and the Conveners of the other Committees), which is able to consider longer term issues in some detail before they are put to the Trustees for further discussion and decision. The Committee itself has no executive powers – it simply makes considered recommendations to the full Board of Trustees – which alone has powers to make formal decisions on behalf of the Trust.

Graham Wynd  
Chairman

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## PLANNING REPORT

**ASSESSMENT OF FUTURE PLANNING RESOURCES.** Trustees have established a sub committee to consider the way forward in the Trust's primary function of monitoring both Planning Policy and Planning Applications as these affect the City of St Andrews and its immediate surroundings.

An initial exploratory meeting has been held in Edinburgh with representatives of the Cockburn Society (who undertake a similar role to that of the Trust with regard to planning matters in Edinburgh) with a view to establishing the methodology and personnel they utilise to undertake this task.

Following this initial fact finding meeting further discussion has taken place with representatives of those involved in both the education of professional planners and with professionals undertaking the submission of planning applications and responses to such applications.

The sub committee await responses to several issues they have raised to date during these discussions prior to carrying out further evaluation of their findings on this topic with the aim of making a recommendation to the Board of Trustees as to the resources required to ensure that the Trust is in a position to submit, to the appropriate authorities, professional responses to planning issues arising which may impact on the town and its surroundings in the foreseeable future.

It is hoped that, following consideration, the Board will give formal approval to the implementation of these recommendations.

**RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** Work continues on the assessment of new applications with close to one hundred applications either considered or awaiting consideration since the last newsletter.

Significant applications amongst this number include:

- a) The demolition in North Street of the former Police station to be replaced by two residential buildings to provide seventeen flats and underground car parking. As reported some months ago the architectural treatment of the proposed buildings follows traditional style with a stone frontage to North Street, incorporating timber sash and case windows, a slated roof which will incorporate double dormers in a style similar to that of the former “double-decker” located on the site of the present Buchanan building in Market Street. The Trust has concerns over the density of development on this site, the lack of car parking provision for the seventeen flats which are of a size more suited to student accommodation than families.
- b) Student accommodation once again comes to the fore with the re-submission of a scheme on the site of the Wonder Years nursery on the East Sands which was previously turned down on appeal.
- c) An application to extend the existing British Golf Museum on the Bruce Embankment to provide a restaurant facility at existing roof level. This is the second application for this site and is a much more acceptable proposal than that initially submitted. However the Trust has concerns with regard to a number of aspects of this second proposal.

Appeals to the Scottish Parliament have also been made with regard to the refusal of planning permission for the following:

- a) Alteration of a property at 25 South Street to provide four flats,
- b) By Robertson Homes (yet again) for their proposed development of seventeen flats on the ground to the North of St. Nicholas House, and

- c) The demolition of the existing building at 10 Westview and the erection of a three storey building to accommodate six flats.

In addition to the foregoing a revised date for a hearing into the proposed development at Grange House is awaited.

John Peacock  
Planning Applications Convener

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## ENVIRONMENT REPORT

*I heard a bird sing  
In the dark of December  
A magical thing  
And sweet to remember.*

*“We are nearer to Spring  
Than we were in September”,  
I heard a bird sing  
In the dark of December.*

*Oliver Herford*

As I write this report in the chilly month of December, the above poem serves to remind us that Spring is just around the corner! Hopefully by the time you receive this, all our members will have had a Merry Christmas. May I now wish everyone a very Happy New Year 2014.

Since the October issue of our Newsletter, as Environment Convener, I feel that our committee has had a more relaxed period. My first year at “the helm” has been a lot busier than our Chairman led me to believe. One only needs to refer to my previous reports in 2013 to appreciate all that has taken place over the year, led by this small committee. I was concerned that since October, there would be little to report in this particular issue. On that score I was wrong and I am delighted to relate the following exciting news.

Several months ago the Trust was contacted by Mr Mark Edward offering to undertake “pro bono” work by his company, “**Special Branch**” with the maintenance of Boase Wood. Trust members may have seen a press release concerning this, in the November/December issue of “St Andrews in Focus”. Recently we received a letter confirming the details of this arrangement between us. The company has provisionally booked three days for a team to get to the wood and do some of the most urgent work. This is scheduled to start on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January. Mr Edward will meet with Ian Christie beforehand to prioritise the work. Initially Ian would like the team to concentrate on clearing the paths, signs and deal with any storm damage. It is consoling to know that if there is any emergency work that needs attention before the above date that we have been advised to call them without delay. The letter ends with this statement, “Here's to a long and happy relationship”. I am sure that all Trust

members would whole-heartedly agree with this sentiment.

My final item of news is that the committee intend to submit an entry to the Scottish Civic Trust's "My Place Awards" 2014. It was decided at the November Board meeting that we should consider as an entry, one of our award winners from "Pride Of Place 2013. As Roy Chapman and his sub-committee led the field in organising these recent awards, it was felt that his expertise could once again be utilised. As Convener of the Environment Committee, Roy has asked me to contact him to arrange a short meeting, early in the New Year. Entries have to be received by 31<sup>st</sup> January, so we will literally have to "get our skates on" with this consultation. Updates on both of these items of news will be presented in our next newsletter.

Marysia Denyer  
Environment Convener

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## **FINANCE AND PROPERTY REPORT**

I am pleased to report that the principal source of income of the Trust, from dividends and interest from our portfolio, has been maintained during the year. In the 11 months to November income received is £26,120 against the total for 2012 of £22,169. Regular meetings are held with our investment managers to review the holdings, always bearing in mind the stated conservative policy of the Trust and at present they are not recommending any changes. The value of the portfolio has increased over the December 2012 valuation, both in realised and unrealised gains, in line with the general increase in the market.

Receipts from both events and membership subscriptions are in line with last year but there is a reduction in rental income as the tenant of north office at Queen's Gardens ended the lease in December 2012. The trustees resolved to utilise that room as the office for the administrator. Work on the conversion of both the north office for the administrator and the south office for a new meeting room is now complete, in time and on budget. These changes will free up the old meeting room for the use of the museum storage which continues to grow and requires a proper storage facility.

These are incomes in the normal operations of the trust but in 2012 we received legacy income of £100,757 and in 2013 it is £157. Whilst welcoming the 2012 income the difference does highlight the benefit that the Trust can obtain from being included in the will of members.

Income and costs related to the museum are reviewed monthly. Income from sales of goods is above budget but entry donations are down on budget. There are some expenditure costs which are also above budget and these are being looked at carefully, and overall we are below the budget cost of the museum.

The Trust used £57,806 of the 2012 legacy income to purchase the drying green and dilapidated wash house beside the garden of the museum. Considerable work is being carried

out by the trustees and their advisors as to the most suitable development of the properties. Work is scheduled to commence in 2014 and plans are nearing the stage of being in a position to try and source outside funding to assist with the financing of the work. The Trust has several restricted funds and some of these have been accessed in 2013 for the purposes for which they have been restricted.

Most of the normal items of expenditure are in line with 2012. An exception has been in requiring to employ outside sources for assistance with planning appeals where the complexity and time scale of the appeals were beyond the resources of the Trustees. In addition we have given financial support to two planning appeals and we have also given a donation to the St Andrews harbour gates replacement appeal.

Ian Lumsdaine  
Finance and Property Convener

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## FUNDRAISING REPORT

**ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT.** The 'Annual Quiz Night' will take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at the New Golf Club, Team Sheets will be available in due course.

**WALK AND TALK.** Due to the success of our last 'Walk and Talk' event, another is planned for the spring of next year. This event has the title of '**Plaques of Distinction**' and will take the form of a walk around a number the plaques erected to commemorate the achievements of notable St Andreans and former residents of the town. The list will cover a wide range of notable people including the most recent beneficiaries; a short talk about each will be in the hands of Anne Morris. The starting point will be All Saints Church Hall, where we will return for supper and refreshments.

**HIDDEN GARDENS 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2014.** Plans are already afoot in relation to this excellent annual event, the first meeting of the committee will take place in January. The most important aspect of the event is the choice of gardens, if you have not taken part before and would like to include your garden, or know of a garden that you would like to recommend, please forward brief details to Janette care of the office.

Andrew Johnson  
Fundraising Convener

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## MEMBERSHIP, PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY REPORT

With Simon Kidd stepping down as Programme Convener and a replacement still to be appointed, a combined Programme, Membership, Publicity and Publications report follows.

Preparations are underway for sending out the membership renewal mailing for 2014. The

next committee meeting will start exploring ways and means of promoting and increasing membership. Membership income has increased slightly this year.

The second annual lecture held on October 7<sup>th</sup> was almost as well attended as the inaugural lecture in 2012. Entitled *Commemorating the University's Founders*, it was particularly appropriate coming in the 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the institution's being set up. Dr Frank Quinault gave the first of two illustrated talks, taking as his subject the Avignon Pope Pedro da Luna, whose series of bulls permitted the foundation of the university. The second talk was delivered by the Director of the Strathmartine Trust, Dr Barbara Crawford, whose subject was Bishop Henry Wardlaw who established the first college in St Andrews. The lectures were followed by a reception catered for by "Cherries". We hope to announce details of the 2014 lecture, both the lecturer and the topic, in the next edition of this newsletter.

Again we have had a reasonable degree of press coverage although we are sometimes surprised by what and by what not the *Citizen* in particular decides to cover. It appears that both the *Citizen* and the *Courier* are geared to reporting an event which has taken place rather than providing advance information about events. We try to get the latter to boost attendances. The annual lecture was well covered with photographs in both the *Courier* and *Citizen* and the Arts and Crafts exhibition in the museum was particularly well featured in the *Citizen*. Other press coverage has included the announcement of Dr Robert Steedman as the new Honorary President of the Trust. The unveiling of plaques in English and Polish at the Ardgowan Hotel in North Street as memorials to Josef Stanislaw Kozacki the inventor of the land mine detector, a Polish soldier based in St Andrews during World War II, was widely reported. The unveiling was carried out by the Polish consul, who is based in Edinburgh.

This year's new Christmas card, designed by Ken Roberts was the main focus of our stand at the charity Christmas card sale in the Town Hall on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October, run by the Rotary Club of St Andrews. The stand at the card sale raised £601.90 compared with £326 in 2012. This was partly due to calendars being on sale of which 22 were sold, raising £110. The new card design helped boost card sales themselves which were up by £165.90. The MPPP committee will have to give serious consideration as to whether or not to continue producing a calendar next year as sales were poorer than expected and the venture appears likely to make a loss. Another stand, specifically to benefit the museum, was run by Gillian Falconer, assisted by Anne Morris, which raised £137.

The last event of 2013 was the well attended Winter Reception held in the All Saints Church Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> December. As I was unable to attend, various members of the committee took on responsibilities for different aspects of the event. Catering was provided by Cherries and entertainment with recitations from Alan Tricker and songs from members of the St Andrews Musical Society was organized by Andrew Johnson. Anne Morris, Simon Kidd, Marysia Denyer and Elma Penny were heavily involved in contributing to the success of the event with John Beaton having an overall supervisory role.

Derek Barrie  
Membership, Publications and Publicity Convener

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## MUSEUM REPORT

**MUSEUM ACCREDITATION.** The Documents, prepared & written by the Curator, required by the Accreditation Panel, were submitted on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October. Emma Jane Wells had already submitted the Museum Mentor's Report. It is not anticipated that Museums Galleries Scotland will give 'feedback' until Spring 2014.

The Curator is to be thanked and congratulated for all her hard work & expertise in the completion of the extensive documentation. Thanks are due, also, to the Museum Mentor for the very high level of support & advice given to the Curator and also for her excellent Mentor's submission to the Panel.

**ADLIB.** A second licence has been purchased which will be installed on the laptop and, thus, can be used in either the Museum or at the Office in Queen's Gardens. The installation of the second programme, which is being organized by Arlen Pardoe, will facilitate the simultaneous use of AdLib by the Curator and either Lesley Barrie or Marjorie Dickens.

**MUSEUM BUDGET.** The Curator and the Convener continue to receive copies, monthly, of the Finance Convener's very useful 'phased budget spreadsheet' for the Museum, which details 'the Actual' in comparison to 'the Budget'.

The Curator has received confirmation from A.I.M. (Association of Independent Museums) that the Grant Application for Digital Environmental Equipment has been successful.

**ACQUISITIONS.** The Clerk to the Harbour Trust had contacted the Trust to enquire if the salvaged Harbour Gates would be of any historical interest to the Trust. The Curator is to contact Neil Dobson, a historical archaeologist, who will provide historical detail. However the Curator has concerns that there may be storage /display issues if these were to be acquired.

The Museum has received a substantial number of items, from Alan Tricker, relating to the Byre Theatre, including paintings by local artists Lesley Firth and Annabel Kidston, as well as archive material from Age Concern who disbanded in 2005.

**POLICE SURVEY OF THE MUSEUM PREMISES.** Copies of this Survey which was carried out in July 2013, specifically to identify any issues relating to the security of the buildings and staff, were handed out to all the Members of the Museum Committee. This item will be on the Agenda of the January Meeting at which time the implementation of the recommendations will be addressed.

**HEATING AT THE MUSEUM.** During September, Trustee Andrew Johnson continued to monitor the temperature at the Museum, with the adjusted controls on the storage heaters, both in the early morning and evening, which it must be said is 'well over and above his call of duty'. Further to his scrupulous attention to detail on this matter the Trustees approved his

comprehensive submission and the electrician installed additional heaters, in the Museum, at the beginning of December. In addition, a water heater was installed in the cloakroom, downstairs, and in the kitchen, upstairs. The wireless thermostat in the upstairs area is functioning well.

The change in temperature has been dramatic and working in the Museum can now take place without having to wear outdoor clothing!

**MUSEUM GARDEN.** Andrew Johnson, Chair of the Museum Development Committee, reports regularly to the Museum Committee on the very exciting developments currently being considered by the Trustees.

**EVENTS IN THE MUSEUM.** The very successful and well-attended Summer Exhibition closed at the end of September. The Curator is to be congratulated on its success.

- The Museum was open on the mornings of the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November to receive items for the Arts and Craft Exhibition which was held between the 23<sup>rd</sup> November – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2:00p.m.- 5:00p.m. with a Preview on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November. The range of exhibits was splendid with 30 Exhibitors displaying their work in a variety of genres and almost £300 was raised for Trust Funds.
- Gillian Falconer held a very successful Gift Stall at the Exhibition, to raise additional funds for the Museum, on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>. This venture raised the outstanding amount of £303.
- The Research Group held their planning meeting, in the Museum, on the 8<sup>th</sup> November in preparation for their Exhibition which will be held in January 2014 and will include topics such as ‘Markets and Fairs’ :‘Memories of D’Arcy Thompson’ :‘Churchmen of St Andrews in Mediaeval Times’ It is to be hoped that Trust members will support this Exhibition, mounted by the Group, which promises to be most informative and reflects the extensive levels of research undertaken.
- As the November and December ‘Scrapbooks & Remembering Sessions’ were very well attended it has been decided to continue these in 2014. Thanks must go to Pat Harvey and May Watt for all their time given, alongside the Curator, in preparing the scrapbooks on display and answering visitors’ many queries.

## **VOLUNTEERS SECTION**

**ORAL ARCHIVE.** Each week Veronica Whyment is in the Museum transcribing the Oral Archive which consists of many recordings of local people’s reminiscences of life in St Andrews. The Trust is indebted to Veronica for undertaking this onerous task pertaining to its Archive.

**TALKS.** In November, Lynsey Haworth, Historic Scotland, provided the Group with an excellent glimpse into Historic Scotland’s Collections relating to St Andrews & the recent Re-

development Project currently being undertaken on Iona.

In December, Margaret Lumsdaine provided a fascinating and extremely informative insight into the life and times of Mary, Queen of Scots.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY.** A very enjoyable Party was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December with much ‘fun and frolics’ on the Programme.

**CURATOR.** Courses attended by the Curator:-The Curator successfully completed a First Aid Course, held in Dundee, and received the required Certificate. She attended the MGS (Museums and Galleries Scotland) Conference in September and participated in several Workshops relating to Fundraising.

**AND FINALLY.** As Samantha Bannerman’s Contract expires on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December the Museum Committee were delighted to be told that, following approval by the Chairman and the Board of Trustees, a new Contract covering two years’ duration has been drawn up, and signed.

The Committee are sure that Trust Members join us in wishing Samantha ‘Congratulations!’ & ‘Good Luck!’ over the next two years.

Anne Morris  
Museum Convener

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## MUSEUM DEVELOPMENT REPORT

**OUTBUILDINGS.** The Curator receives an increasing number of requests from townspeople, visitors, students and research groups for access to our collection and records and a growing number from those seeking to know more about their family history.

With this in mind, and after much discussion as to the best use of the outbuildings, the Museum Committee and the MDC (Museum Development Committee) put a proposal to the Trustees that we create a modern research room comprising the two buildings whilst retaining the original character of the exterior.

The proposal received the support of the Trustees and plans and specifications for our project have been drawn up by our advisor Mr Tom Douglas and issued to the builders taking part. Once the cost has been identified, steps will be taken to secure grants and financial support where possible.

**GARDEN STORE.** As part of its brief the Museum Development Committee was asked to explore how greater use could be made of the brick outbuilding currently used as a garden store. After much discussion with the Curator and Emma Jane Wells, our MUSA Mentor, it was agreed that the room would make an ideal display area, the theme could be changed as

and when required thus adding greater variety to the visitors' experience.

To facilitate this new use, a home would have to be found for the garden paraphernalia, chairs, gazebos and tables currently stored therein.

Plans for a proposed wooden garden store were circulated to three local firms, the designs received back ranged from the simple to the innovative and sublime.

After examining the quotations and designs, both committees agreed that the splendid 'Outdoor Wooden Store with Living Roof' designed by Peter Kushner, a local woodworker of some note, be accepted. This proposal was supported by the Trustees.

The new building will be formed using the existing brick wall of the current garden store and the stone wall to the rear and left of the compost bins, the bins will be re sited to the opposite corner of the garden and shrouded with shrubs. The wood used will be seasoned and oiled oak from a sustainable source.

To quote from Peter's submission *"This building foremost will be a place for storage, but attention to detail and sympathy with surroundings will make this building more than simply a store room. I hope to build a structure which will be regarded as a significant and integral contribution to the Trust's material assets, the Living Sedum Roof will be of great benefit to insects, birds and wildlife and become a most eye catching feature for the visitors"*

We are indebted to a Miss Gillian Falconer who has most generously offered to donate the cost of the building, which will be a tremendous asset to the Museum and a delight to our visitors. Our most grateful thanks go to Gillian for her continued and unstinting support of the Trust Museum.

Andrew Johnson  
Museum Development Committee Convener

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## ONE "TRADITION" WHICH THRIVES AND ONE PRACTICE LONG GONE

("Articles Drawn from the Archive" discovered by Anne Morris)

### **The "tradition" of shaving foam fights on raisin Monday**

No one seems to know when this so-called tradition started – certainly after the seventies. Raisin Monday was a more gentele and less drunken affair as reported in the Citizen from 1943.

**RAISIN MONDAY.** Raisins being a scarce commodity these days, the University students were unable to carry through the full "ritual" of Raisin Monday this week. Some revellers were abroad on Monday night, and parts of the city resounded with student songs.

We heard a party of women students singing the praises of “good old whisky” with as much gusto as male students of former days—a sign of the times.

Student “delinquency” on this occasion was on a feeble scale. The only incident we have heard of was the suspending of a bicycle upside down from the lamp-post outside the Men Students’ Union.

In the old days, we are told that early in the month of November senior students had a mania for puddings containing raisins. They demanded these from the bejant in return for the advice they had given or promised to give him. A pound of the best raisins was demanded of the bejant, and in return he got a receipt “learnedly set forth in the barbaric Latin tongue,” and the script was frequently embellished with gold leaf and other fineries.

The spirit of the old custom is expressed in the following lines:-

“You may say that we are fond of an evenin’ out an’ a shout in the open air;  
We ought to know better than paintin’ the town on the night o’ the Raisin Fair.”

**November 20th 1943.** (*The St Andrews Citizen*)

#### **The problems posed by “bona fide” travellers.**

In 1950 you could only purchase and consume alcoholic drink on a Sunday if you were what was known as a “bona fide” traveller. This resulted in bus trips to comply with the law. Below is a complaint reported in the “Citizen” of the behaviour of some of these travellers.

**SUNDAY TRIPPERS - COMPLAINT.** Dr.W.F.Mair, 6, Howard Place, wrote to the Council in the following terms:-

“ I have to request you to lay the following facts before your Council. At 6.20 p.m. this (Sunday) evening a crowd of day-trippers left the Station Hotel. They proceeded along Howard Place. Many of these individuals were intoxicated. In some cases they were unable to walk and were supported by their friends. They were shouting and using unseemly language.

A friend who was leaving our house was afraid to cross the road without an escort and she was put in a state of fear and alarm by their conduct. I would be grateful if you would inform me what steps your Council is prepared to take to mitigate this nuisance.”

The Provost said there was no doubt at all that for the second Sunday running there had been several cases of drunkenness arising from people coming in on `buses. It was a difficult subject, as very often the people brought drink with them and there was little control over them. *The Citizen* : **June 3rd 1950**

## **TRUSTEE PROFILE : EDMUND ROBERTSON**

I was born and brought up in St Andrews where I attended the Madras Kinder and then Madras College, graduating in 1961. I played golf a lot during these years and was a member

of the school golf team.

I then attended the University of St Andrews where I studied mathematics. I played chess and represented the University. My professor at St Andrews was Edward Copson and I asked his advice about where I might go to do research after graduating. Copson had been brought up in Coventry and he was excited about the new University of Warwick that was about to open in his hometown. He suggested that I study there and I took his advice. I spent three years at the University of Warwick, living in Leamington Spa. I particularly enjoyed being close to Stratford and I saw most of the productions there during my three years in the Midlands. In addition to my academic work, I played chess for the University, ran the Astronomy Society and was one of the two people running the Youth Club at All Saints Church, Leamington Spa. I was awarded a Ph.D. in 1968 and was offered a Lectureship at the University of St Andrews.



I spent my whole career on the staff at St Andrews. I was a Lecturer in Pure Mathematics (1968-1984), Senior Lecturer in Pure Mathematics (1984-1995), and Professor of Mathematics (1995-2008). I wrote over 140 papers and published 25 books on mathematics during my career.

With one of my colleagues, I developed software to teach mathematics called Mathematical MacTutor. We won several awards for innovation in mathematics teaching including the European Academic Software Award in 1994. I had always been interested in the history of mathematics and included biographies of mathematicians and other historical information in the Mathematical MacTutor system. Before the finals of the European Academic Software Award in 1994, we put out history of mathematics material onto the web which was, at that time, quite new. Developing the MacTutor History of Mathematics website became my main hobby and, after I retired in 2008, it became a large part of my life. I continue to develop the MacTutor History of Mathematics website which gets around 300,000 hits per day.

I am currently vice-chairman of the Madras Trust having served on this body for around 27 years, mostly as chairman or vice-chairman. I am also a member of the Madras College Archive Group and have been trying to find information about people who have donated named prizes to the school. I was a governor of Morrison's Academy, Crieff for 8 years and continue to have contacts with the school. I was the People's Warden, All Saints Church, St Andrews for 5 years. I have written several articles on the history of All Saints Church and biographies of people associated with it. Although I am retired I still occasionally attend conferences and in recent years I have lectured on scientists with St Andrews connections, for example: James Gregory, Regius Professor; Peter Guthrie Tait; D'Arcy Wentworth Thompson; and St Andrews scientists. Recent awards for my contributions to the history of mathematics are the Comenius Medal (Hungary, 2012) and Signum Pro Scientia Absoluta Vera (Romania, 2008).

Edmund Robertson

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** – 1 pm to 4 pm daily

*Display of recent work by Volunteers' Research Group*

TRUST MUSEUM, 12 NORTH STREET

Admission Free

Including.....

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January** 10 am

*Coffee Morning*

TRUST MUSEUM, 12 NORTH STREET

Admission Free – all welcome

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February** - 7 pm

*Annual Trust Quiz Night*

THE NEW GOLF CLUB, GIBSON PLACE

Tickets £24 for teams of four

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March** - daily 10 am – 5 pm

*Stanza Poetry Festival*

TRUST MUSEUM, 12 NORTH STREET

Admission Free

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May** - 2 pm to 5 pm daily

*Easter Exhibition - "Three Ages of the Byre Theatre"*

TRUST MUSEUM, 12 NORTH STREET

Admission Free

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

*Annual General Meeting*

TOWN HALL, QUEEN'S GARDENS

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May** – 11 am – 4 pm

*Festival of Museums 2014*

TRUST MUSEUM AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH, NORTH CASTLE ST.

Admission Free

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September** – 2 pm to 5 pm

*Summer Exhibition - "St Andrews and the Great War"*

TRUST MUSEUM, 12 NORTH STREET

Admission Free

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June**– 2.15 pm

*Great War Gallery Talk*

TRUST MUSEUM, 12 NORTH STREET

Admission Free

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June** - 11 am to 5 pm

*Hidden Gardens Day*

An opportunity to visit rarely seen gardens of St Andrews

Admission Charge: Adults £6; Children Free

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