



## LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

### TWO WORLDS—IT WAS EVER THUS

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This summer, a succession of happy social events, none of them afflicted by rain, has entertained us, our friends and the public. This year, the ever-expanding Hidden Gardens reached out to hitherto uncharted treasures in distant Hepburn Gardens, made possible by the innovative introduction of a shuttle bus service from the town centre. Needless to say, the Trust benefited handsomely from the money Hidden Gardens raised. The Museum's summer exhibition covering the effect of the Great War on St Andrews has attracted record numbers; and various events associated with it – talks at the Museum, a lecture in the Town Hall, a wartime tea party in the garden – were also well attended, much enjoyed and brought new people to the Museum and the Trust. As usual, the golf and putting competitions drew their bands of sporting hopefuls, who came together for a splendid tea and prize-giving. Most recently, the Autumn Fair and the Annual Quiz were outstanding successes, both socially and financially.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes, the hard graft has continued. In the Museum garden, the derelict outbuildings we inherited with the old washing green are being transformed apace. The former communal wash-house will soon be reborn as a purpose-made store for our celebrated pictorial archive, together with a fit-for-purpose study room for those working with the collection. Construction of the imaginatively-designed, timber-built garden store (with a 'living roof') should be well advanced by the time you read this. This addition will free up valuable space in another outbuilding for more productive use. As many of you will have observed, the much admired garden is undergoing a make-over and the improvements are already spectacularly evident. Next on the list are enhancements to the interior of the Museum and refurbishment of the back part of our Queen's Gardens office. Fortunately, the cost burden on the Trust has been minimised through the generosity of individuals with bequests and donations, and the receipt of a number of grants.

Now to grittier stuff. Madras College remains centre stage in our planning activities. As we predicted, progress on building a new school appears to be in something of a quagmire. And it could have been avoided if the Council had not been so intransigent about its choice of Pipeland.

The expected detailed planning application was notified in July, giving us just three weeks (later extended by a miserly six days) to review, and respond to, over 150 documents. In short order, we assembled a team of paid and unpaid helpers to provide specialist expertise. These included a planning consultant, a traffic consultant, a solicitor, two architects (including our distinguished Honorary President, Robert Steedman) and a drainage expert (emeritus Professor Alan Wherrity). We were struck by the woeful unsuitability of Pipeland as a site, in terms of its size and location, and the inadequacy and mediocrity of the design; and we objected accordingly. The application is due to be determined by the North East Planning Committee, but it has been delayed twice, without explanation, and no fresh date has been set. We understand that serious doubts have now been cast on the proposed drainage arrangements (which is a vindication of comments we have repeatedly made). The judicial review, which has been launched by a group of retired Madras teachers, is making its way in the courts. They feel, as we do, that there have been major flaws in the processes followed by Fife Council and some Councillors. We understand that a decision may be made in the first quarter of next year. Because of our stance over Madras, the Trust is on the receiving end of ill-informed comments and gratuitous insults in the local press, and rather worse in our critics' social media messages.

Another major planning application we objected to (again with valuable input from Robert Steedman) was the proposed extension to Rusack's Hotel. We are in good company: there are many other objectors. Mysteriously, and months later, we are still waiting for the application to come before the Council's Planning Committee.

We were also in good company in objecting to the proposed visitor centre on the West Sands, with its array of wind turbines. We would welcome a visitor centre there - to replace the existing motley buildings - but not nearly as obtrusive as the one proposed. In this case, faced with opposition from every quarter, the applicants have seen sense and have withdrawn.

Bitter memories of the lost battle to save the town from the dreaded Western Extension had begun to fade as the fields in this rural site continued to be tilled as though nothing had happened. We have been abruptly awakened by the appearance of a notice calling for a "scoping opinion" on plans to build up to 350 houses, shops and a community centre at Craigtoun North. Yet more work for our hard pressed planning committee, and others who help.

So there we have it, the two worlds of the St Andrews Preservation Trust. On the one hand, the pleasure gained from social events and the satisfaction in seeing worthwhile development of our facilities; on the other, the determined work to protect St Andrews from inappropriate developments, often accompanied by brickbats, occasionally tempered by success. It was ever thus.

Graham Wynd  
Chairman

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## POLICY AND RESOURCE REPORT

Once again this Report covers only two meetings of the Policy and Resource Committee, as Trust Committees do not to meet in August.

At each meeting now the Committee receives reports from Lead Trustees on their progress made in taking forward the seven agreed strategic priorities, which, as previously indicated, may be viewed on the Trust's web-site. As might be expected, some move more quickly than others and most will be covered in detail elsewhere in the Newsletter. However, the key element is that Trustees keep a constant eye on progress.

The area of planning continues to have close attention, as we consider how best to support this complex and crucial function. One development is the decision to provide all Trustees with formal training in this area. This will be provided gratis by a member of staff of the Department of Town and Regional Planning of the University of Dundee – a benefit for which we are very grateful. Doubtless there will be a more detailed report on this in the next Newsletter.

An important new development has been the construction of the Trust's first corporate Risk Register. The language of business does not always sit comfortably in the world of charities but in this instance it makes sound sense for us to be aware of the key risks which face our organisation and to give thought as to how they may be mitigated. The present version has been the result of a brainstorming session, trying to identify and agree what the most serious risks are, to rank them in terms of their likelihood and impact and to develop mitigating actions, should they materialise. The results can only ever be subjective but the process does force thought about the security of the Trust. At the time of writing the Register has been signed off by the Committee and will be considered by Trustees at the September meeting of the Board. Subject to the Trustees' approval, it is recommended that the Register be reviewed and, if necessary, updated once per annum.

On a different note, preparations are well underway to present to the Strathmartine Trust, a framed copy of a tribute to Dr. Ronald Cant, who, in addition to being one of the leading initiators and founders of the Preservation Trust and its Chairman throughout most of the Second World War, was also, of course, the benefactor of the Strathmartine Trust. The Strathmartine Trust and Centre, which is located in St. Andrews in the late Dr Cant's house, was established "to encourage and support the study of Scottish history". The fulsome tribute to hme is recorded in the minutes of the Trust in September, 1945.

The Committee continues to give detailed attention to the monthly financial reports from the Treasurer. It was noted that, as normal, the most important fundraising event of the year was Hidden Gardens Day, which this year took place on Sunday 29 July. The weather held for most of the day although unfortunately it rained over lunch-time and that may have put off some people. However, while the net income of £5456 was down over 2013, it was up over 2012 and, all in all, it was a very successful day. As ever, our thanks go to all those who

engaged in the planning and organisation, to those who opened their gardens, to the volunteers who helped out before and on the day and to the members and public who took time to visit the outstanding gardens on show.

By far the largest single source of income for the Trust (almost 50%) is from dividends and interest from our portfolio, which is managed by Speirs and Jeffrey in Glasgow. The actual income for 2013 was £27,768. Currently, the projected income for 2014 is around £32,000 - a very welcome increase, assuming that it materialises. Regular meetings are held with Speirs and Jeffrey to review our holdings.

Most of the normal items of expenditure are in line with expectations.

Peter J Murray  
Policy and Resources Convener

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## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS REPORT**

### **FUTURE PLANNING RESOURCES**

I mentioned the formation of a sub committee to consider this issue in the April 2014 Newsletter and am happy to report that our discussions with Dundee University staff with regard to this matter have continued over the summer months. By the time you receive this newsletter the first of two presentations to the incoming cohort of undergraduate and post graduate planners at the University of Dundee will have taken place. We hope that over the next few months we will be able to build a working relationship with the University which may enable us to give students a feel for the role of the Trust and possibly result in our providing students with practical case studies to undertake, which could be beneficial to both students and Trust alike.

Discussions have also taken place in respect of training for all trustees in the planning process, such training to be provided by University staff.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Planning applications continue to be submitted and given consideration. The period May to August is normally the time when a larger number of applications are submitted and this year was no exception with a total of one hundred and twenty three submissions advised by Fife Council.

The largest and by far the most contentious application was for the new Madras College at Pipeland and this involved a number of Trustees in extensive review of the large number of documents submitted. To assist the Trust in drafting its response the services of a professional

planner were utilised. Other applications which gave rise to concern resulting in Trust objections were:

- 1) 102 Hepburn Gardens (new housing in the large garden area)
- 2) 1, Murrayfield Road (demolition of existing house and construction of a larger dwelling) both these applications were subsequently withdrawn
- 3) 77-83 North Street (signage)
- 4) 15 Flats and new clubhouse at Kinnessburn Bowling Club (inappropriate materials)
- 5) 2 West Acres (inappropriate boundary fencing)
- 6) 138-140 Market Street (signage and shop front alterations not in keeping with the requirements of the St. Andrews Design Guidelines).
- 7) Proposed new visitor centre and wind turbines on the West Sands (the Trust supports the need for a new visitor centre however was concerned in respect of the height of the proposal together with the inclusion of the wind turbines and biomass plant chimney all of which would impact on the view of the West Sands and links from the town.

Notification has been submitted for a scoping opinion for a site at Craigtoun North for 300-350 1/2 storey dwellings and a 2000 sq metre community centre and retail provision.

A screening opinion has been requested for a proposed quay wall extension, pontoon installation and conversion of fisherman's store to commercial units at St. Andrews Harbour.

John Peacock  
Planning Applications Convener

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## ENVIRONMENT REPORT

Looking back at my report for October 2013, I was amazed to find that there were several items reported. The first event was the reception for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Boase Wood, held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September. This was closely followed by the "Pride of Place" Awards, held in Old Parliament Hall on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September. There was certainly a lot to write about last October!

Unfortunately October 2014 finds me with very little to report regarding the Environment Committee's remit. With no major functions having taken place, I can only report on the activities of two of our areas. These are Boase Wood and the Shop Fronts restoration. Both of these areas of responsibility can best be described as work in progress.

Ian Christie has continued to support the Trust with our woodland area known as Boase Wood. Over the summer months the hedging along the boundary path and fence had grown profusely. This was reported to Mark Edward of Special Branch who, as readers may recall, is providing the Trust with “pro bono” maintenance work. However due to a busy workload and family commitments with the arrival of a baby, work on Boase Wood was inevitably delayed.

According to Ian, this maintenance was to be completed by mid September. I am delighted to inform the membership that Mark and his team have cut back the privet hedging along the pathway and also by the fencing on the main road.

Regarding our Shop Fronts restoration, I am sorry to relate that there has been a delay with the proposed work at No.131 South Street. At the time of writing this report, it was hoped that the cast iron pillar at Mr Milanos would be sporting its gold leaf. Unfortunately, this has not yet been completed. With the weather changing, it is doubtful whether this will now take place before the end of the year. However nothing daunted, as it will be followed through next year.

So with summer now a distant memory, perhaps we can reflect on those warm sunny days that we enjoyed this year. Perhaps these memories can sustain us during autumn and the coming dark, winter months. Consider a leisurely walk by Boase Wood to see the changing colourful hues of the leaves on the trees and carpeting the woodland floor. That scene is sure to be food for the soul. So let's enjoy Autumn!

*Listen! the wind is rising,  
and the air is wild with leaves.  
We have had our summer evenings,  
now for October eves.*

Marysia Denyer  
Environment Convener

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## FUNDRAISING REPORT

### AUTUMN FAIR

Our grateful thanks to all who helped and supported this most enjoyable and profitable event.

Our ‘clickers’ noted over four hundred visitors throughout the day, many remarking on the excellence of garden and stalls.

Though takings were somewhat down against 2012, we still raised over £1200.

The difference in income was due in part to Gillian not being able to have here usual stalls and raffle this year, hopefully she will be able to do so in 2016.

## ANNUAL QUIZ

The annual quiz, rescheduled for Thursday 11th September 2014, was a great success.

In total, fourteen teams took part, some regulars and some new. The winners this year were the Kilrymont Quizzers, representing Kilrymont Rotary Club, with Andrew's fallen Angels, representing The Rotary Club of St Andrews worthy runners up, this after sudden death play off against our own Well Preserved.

We are most grateful to the New Golf Club for hosting the event and Derek Barrie and his team for their excellent organisation.

The later date of September suited most and as such the committee have decided to hold it again in that month next year.

Andrew Johnson  
Fundraising Convener

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## MEMBERSHIP, PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY REPORT

This is usually a quiet time of year for membership. But we agreed to re-adopt a policy implemented in previous years where someone joining for the last 4 months of the year would be a member through to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

There is one membership initiative which we are pursuing. We are seeking to attract more corporate members. We will be holding a reception for businesses in the town to encourage them to join the trust and to persuade them that benefits would accrue to them from trust membership. In the first instance we intend inviting those businesses that have sponsored this year's trust calendar and also those who participated in the three "Pride of Place" award schemes run by the trust.

Press coverage has been good with one or more articles/reports in each edition of the Citizen and a number also in the Courier. Such coverage has been achieved in three ways: press releases from me; press releases from the museum curator and stories by Citizen reporters built upon information given to them. A number of articles promoted the summer exhibition about St Andrews in the Great War. These included the re-enactment of a soldier's life in the trenches and a lecture about local regiments of the Black Watch. Particularly well patronised and covered in the press with an excellent photo was the visit of Mrs Battenberg's travelling tea room. A number of photographs have appeared including putting participants and quiz winners.

A number of trust events have effectively been promoted in advance in that we are trying to boost numbers by giving clear advance notice and not just using the newspapers to report on events that have taken place. We also make use of the “What’s On” feature in the Courier and the “Selected Events” in St Andrews in FOCUS.

We have commissioned two **Christmas Cards** this year both by local artist Walter Watson One is a painting of Black Friars’ chapel in the grounds of Madras College and the second the Old Course in snow. With the success of last year’s trial run of a trust calendar, a second one has been produced but this time in full colour and sponsored by 12 local businesses. The **2015 calendar** is “One Man’s View of St Andrews” featuring photographs taken by Professor Sam Taylor. The cards and calendars will be on sale at our stall at the Charity Christmas Card sale on 25<sup>th</sup> October in St Andrews Town Hall. Also an order form is included with this newsletter.

Derek Barrie  
Membership, Publications and Publicity Convener

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## GREGORY REMEMBERED

Gregory’s line and a plaque to commemorate the achievements of James Gregory was unveiled by the University of St Andrews Principal, Professor Louise Richardson and the Chairman of the St Andrews Preservation Trust, Graham Wynd on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30 pm in South Street outside parliament hall. James Gregory (1638-1775) is one of the most famous scientists in the history of St Andrews University.

Gregory was appointed the first regius professor of Mathematics in 1668 at the age of 30 and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society the same year. After 6 years he moved to Edinburgh but sadly died a year later. He used what is now the King James library as his laboratory and planned to build what would have been the first observatory in the UK.

Gregory's major contributions, include being one of the three founders of calculus being the first to prove the fundamental theorem of calculus and many other basic calculus results; inventing the gregorian telescope and probably laying down in the King James library what would have been one of the first astronomical meridian lines in the world and discovering the diffraction grating by shining a light through a bird's feather which was probably a seagull's picked up during a walk along the west sands

Gregory is now remembered in the university in a number of ways. There is a permanent exhibition of his life and work in the physics department up the stairs outside the main lecture theatre,

An artist's impression of his discovery of the diffraction grating by a local artist (Helen Firth)

hangs in the Mathematics building, an interpretation board in St Mary's quad and a plaque in the King James library describe his work in the library where a meridian line stretches across the floor with a bracket outside the window that would have supported a telescope. When viewed from the library Gregory's Pillar on Scooniehill gives a remarkably accurate measure of the meridian so that Gregory could align his telescope to make astronomical observations. As a continuation of the meridian line, a brass strip has recently been laid across the pavement outside parliament hall together with a plaque on the wall.

It is the plaque on the wall at parliament hall and the continuation of the meridian line across the South Street pavement that were unveiled on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September. The costs of the meridian line and the plaque are being shared by the University, the Preservation Trust and several other donors. The Trust's contribution comes from a fund for the provision of plaques in the town created from a legacy to the Trust from the estate of well-known local historian and worthy, Gordon Christie. The project has been brought to fruition through the hard work of a number of people but primarily Professor Eric Priest for the University and the chair of the Trust's plaques sub-committee Colin McAllister.

Derek Barrie  
Press Officer

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## MUSEUM REPORT

### MUSEUM GARDEN

The garden is definitely a splendid venue for Trust events. Those of you who have visited the Museum recently - perhaps during Hidden Gardens Day or partaking of a delicious afternoon tea at Ms Battenberg's Tea Party or attending the Trust's Summer Reception or supporting the Trust's Autumn Fair - will have been able to admire the progress on the development of the out-buildings and the re-stocked garden. Andrew Johnson's management of this project has been outstanding and the Museum Committee are extremely grateful to him for the time he has given to ensuring that the work moves ahead very smoothly. Andrew's Report details the work to date and the next stages in the completion of this exciting project.

### ACCREDITATION RECOMMENDATIONS

These have been addressed by the Curator and the members of the Museum Committee and the following action noted:-

- 1-4 Forward Plan – Final copy to Museums Galleries Scotland : This has been carried out.
- 1-4 Developing Forward Plan when revised for 2016 : New part of Forward Plan will be carried forward.

- 1·4 Develop Consultation and Analysis in Forward Plan : This is on-going.
- 2·5 Documentation Plan – the completion of each stage: This will be carried out as required.
- 2·8 Security - complete remaining recommendations : This has been carried out.
- 3·1·5 Access Assessment - regarding the accessibility of the Museum : This will be reviewed when the building development has been completed.
- 3·2 Investigate joining Visit Scotland : The Museum mentor advised that this should be looked into. It was agreed to do this once the current work on the Research Room etc is finished.

## EVENTS IN THE MUSEUM

The Summer Exhibition *St Andrews and the Great War* which opened on the 31<sup>st</sup> May and closed on the 28<sup>th</sup> September has been very well-attended and the associated events arranged by the Curator have also been very popular. These have included an *Historical Re-enactment*, a *Public Lecture on the 7th Battalion the Black Watch* and the Curator's *Great War Gallery Talks*.

## SECURITY IN THE MUSEUM—POLICE REPORT

The recommendations pertaining to the Museum, listed in the Police Report, have been addressed and necessary action undertaken. In addition, smoke detectors and boxes have been installed in the Museum, one in the downstairs area and one in the upstairs area. The Curator's test on these is recorded on a weekly basis.

## WEBSITE—MUSEUM EVENTS

Arlen Pardoe has realigned this site and is keeping details of events up-to-date. The Curator and Arlen intend to do more work on improving the presentation of the site during the winter.

## ACQUISITIONS AND GRANTS

The audio recorder, for use in the Museum, has been purchased and Jimmy Bone has carried out the recordings which are currently being edited by the Curator. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> July the Museum successfully bid for a Winifred Mackenzie painting at Lyon and Turnbull's Auction House in Edinburgh. The total cost was £598 and as the Curator had applied for a grant from the National Fund for Acquisitions 50% of this sum was met with the remainder coming from the Museum's Acquisition Fund. It is worth noting that this application could not have been made without the Museum having Accreditation status.

A further grant application has been submitted to Museums Galleries Scotland's Purchase Fund - also linked to Accreditation – to purchase a fire-proof cabinet for the new Research Room.

## DONATIONS

A rare WW1 cape that belonged to Archie Provan was gifted to the Museum and displayed in the Great War Exhibition. A number of items which belonged to Professor Barkla have been received.

Six signed copies of Susan McMullan's book *Hidden St Andrews* have been gifted in return for the use of images held in the Museum Archive.

A box of A1 Soap circa 1950s and an album of WWI postcards have been accessioned..

Part of a child's WW2 Gas mask, found washed up on the West Sands, was received.

A folder of watercolours and Teaching Certificates pertaining to a Christian Black have also been accessioned.

## VOLUNTEERS

The members of NADFAS ( National Association of Decorative and Fine Art Societies) who had expressed an interest in volunteering at the Museum continue with their digitization of the Museum's photographic collection and along with Professor Taylor's in-put 25% of the Collection has already been successfully digitized.

The audit and digitization of the postcard collection continues, as does the re-packing and inventory of objects in the main store which is now past the half-way point. Anne Thorne and Marjorie Dickens are to be thanked for their weekly session, with the Curator, undertaking this mammoth task.

The Curator is recruiting a student volunteer to carry out the inventory of the Chemist's Shop and she has also submitted a project to the Museum and Galleries Course to design and install a display in the new exhibition space (currently the Brick Shed/Store in the Garden).

The winter Programme of Volunteers' Talks has been arranged.

## TRAINING

Oral Archive Training – Volunteer Veronica Whymont, currently working on the Museum Oral Archive attended this Course held in Dunfermline on the 9<sup>th</sup> October.

## LOANS

Over the winter period, MUSA is borrowing some items from the Chemist's Shop including D'Arcy Thompson's medicine cabinet, a mortar and pestle and the pill machine.

The curator is in the process of creating a WW1 Loans Box following a request from teachers at local Primary Schools.

## EXHIBITIONS 2015

The Curator's plans for the 2015 Programme are well in hand. She intends to extend the Easter Exhibition from two weeks to one month's duration. It will be entitled *Preserving Our Past* and will show-case the most recent items acquired by the Museum over the past five years.

The Summer Exhibition *Furs, Feathers, Frills and Florals: Four Decades of Fashion 1919-1959* will feature outfits that define the decades of the early to mid-twentieth century. (The Curator would welcome, from members, any items which pertain to the title).

The Research Group's January 2015 Exhibition preparations are well underway. The Group have been joined by a guest researcher, Thelma Haworth, who will submit research on her Grandfather, David Hardie.

## FORTHCOMING EVENT

The Annual *Arts and Crafts Exhibition* - an exhibition and sale of work by local people, including Trust Members and Volunteers, will take place between the 29<sup>th</sup> November – 6<sup>th</sup> December.

If you have any Art or Craft work which you would wish to exhibit please contact the Curator for further details. She would be delighted to hear from you.

## SCRAPBOOKS OF ST ANDREWS—1880 TO PRESENT DAY

The dates when scrapbooks will be open to visitors are as follows:- Fridays – 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014, from 2pm to 4pm each day.

As the Summer Exhibition closes and we reflect on its outstanding success - drawing many new visitors to the Museum - I know that you join the members of the Museum Committee in their 'Congratulations!' & 'Thanks!' to the Curator and her Team of very willing and able Volunteers for all their creativity, hard work and support, without which the Trust's Museum could not function - nor indeed exist.

Anne Morris  
Museum Convener

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## MUSEUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

### STUDY ROOM-OUTBUILDINGS

Work has progressed well in respect of the Study Room, the electric wiring is now in place

and it is expected that the plasterers will have been on site before you read this.

Once the plaster is dry, the decorator will paint and emulsion the interior and the flooring will be laid. The decorator will continue outside, painting the exterior doors, windows and weather boarding of the Study Room and existing brick buildings. The rowans and down pipes will also be painted.

Orders will be placed according to their respective lead times, for the fire proof cabinets and the steel shelving.

## **WOODEN OUTBUILDING WITH LIVING ROOF**

Work will commence early October on the erection of this splendid building, Peter Kushner will be extending an invitation to visit his workshop for us to see some of the oak being cut to size. Details of the visit will be made available once known.

## **GARDEN**

The garden continues to enjoy favourable comments from our visitors, Lynette Johnston is keeping busy with autumn maintenance and Tidy Gardens and Green Thumb continue to maintain the lawn.

## **IRONWORK**

John Henderson the Blacksmith has been on site to install the steel inner sleeves required for the safe support of the newly painted shop pillars which are to be erected either side of the garden bench in the main garden against the wall of St Mary's. John also delivered the two old wash house boilers which have been painted and made into display planters.

Each planter will be placed on a purpose made painted steel ring with metal feet to ensure their stability, Lynette will plant them out on a regular basis with seasonal plants to give our visitors an added attraction.

Andrew Johnson  
Museum Development Committee Convener

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## **OFFICE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

This reformed committee will meet for first time on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November to discuss its objective and process for the office in Queen's Gardens, in particular the current museum store.

Reports will be provided ongoing to the meetings of Trustees, and it is intended that a plan of action regarding the proposed development be presented to the Board early in the new year

for discussion and hopefully approval.

Andrew Johnson  
Museum Development Committee Convener

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## PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

Despite the excellent weather experienced for most of July, we managed to stage the Summer Reception (a week early in advance of Glasgow's Commonwealth Games) on an evening which turned a little damp - the gazebos were put to good use! It is amazing how many can be erected between the trees in the Museum garden or on the D'Arcy Thompson patio.

However, the weather did not subdue our enjoyment for those who braved the unsettled forecast, about 70 guests. We were delighted to welcome many of the skilled, local artisans whose talents are evident in the ongoing projects, managed by Andrew Johnson, in the expanded garden behind North Street. Thanks go to Gordon and Elspeth Methven for the catering supplied by Cherries and to Derek Barrie, Irene Bennett, John Beaton, Marysia Denyer and Peter Murray for their roles in managing the event. Also, our appreciation to the Curator as host; to Audrey Jones, The Scores Hotel, Morrisons and J & G Innes for donating raffle prizes; and to All Saints', whose tables and chairs supplemented our own for sheltering under the gazebos.

Derek Barrie again organised the Trust's golf at Strathtyrum and the putting on the Himalayas, courtesy of St Andrews Ladies Putting Club, assisted by Howard Greenwell. The winners over the links were Howard and Sheena Storey. Ian Lumsdaine enjoyed a second victory at the shorter version of the sport. A hole-in-one eluded Ian but eight other contestants cheered their skills (or luck?) at this feat. The Chairman's participation was rewarded with a special prize for endeavour. Irene Bennett managed the team of volunteers and donors for the excellent catering, and a generous £104 was raised from the raffle supervised by Anne Morris.

An informal outing to Ceres for a visit to the Fife Folk Museum and Griselda Hill's Wemyss Ware Studio will now be held next Spring, The visit will also include a walking tour of the village with local historian Paula Martin..

The Winter Reception is at 7pm on Saturday, 13 December in our usual venue, All Saints' Church Hall - the enclosed invitation has details of how to apply. It is always an enjoyable festive occasion. We hope you can join us for drinks and to share in the entertainment.

Simon Kidd  
Programme Committee Convener

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October** -10 am - 3 pm

*Charities' Christmas Card Sale*

TOWN HALL, QUEEN'S GARDENS

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - 2 pm to 4 pm on each day

*Scrapbooks on Display*

TRUST MUSEUM, 12 NORTH STREET - Admission Free

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December** - 1 pm to 4 pm daily

*Arts and Crafts Exhibition*

TRUST MUSEUM, 12 NORTH STREET - Admission Free

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - 7 pm

*Members' Winter Reception*

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HALL

Tickets: £7.50

Invitation enclosed

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February** - 1 pm to 4 pm daily

*Display of recent work by Volunteers' Research Group*

TRUST MUSEUM, 12 NORTH STREET

Admission Free

... and including

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January** - 10 am to 12 pm

*Coffee Morning*

TRUST MUSEUM, 12 NORTH STREET

Admission free - all welcome!

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

*StAnza Poetry Festival*

Various locations: see <http://www.stanzapoetry.org>

**Note:**

The outing to Ceres we had hoped to run this autumn will now be held next Spring. A booking form will be included with the January 2015 newsletter. The visit will include the Wemyss Ware Pottery and the Folk Museum. It is hoped that a walk within the village will be led by local expert Paula Martin.

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