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For so many months that it seems an eternity, the war of words regarding the Pipeland site has ground on. The decision on this matter now lies in the hands of those judges scheduled to consider the further judicial appeal in the coming months.

What a shame that logic and reason cannot resolve what has become a *cause celebre*. A recap might be useful.

The North East Planning Committee was against the granting of planning permission for the siting of the new Madras College at Pipeland; their view was overturned by a vote of the Council Planning Committee. STEPAL was formed and appealed the Fife Council decision but this appeal was denied by Lord Docherty. Now the appeal to three judges of the Court of Session is awaited. This will be an appeal on points of law and this means that what some might see as natural justice will not necessarily be served.

How have we got to this position? In the current adopted local plan, a site on the North Haugh is identified as suitable for a new school. Negotiations between Fife Council and the University took place and, it is understood, were close to agreement when they broke down. This agreement was based on an exchange of the Madras South Street site for a site at the North Haugh. At what turned out to be the end of these negotiations, Fife Council and the University were, it is understood, so near to agreement that the differences were minimal. It is to be deeply regretted that Fife Council and the University were unable to conclude negotiations when agreement was tantalisingly close, the more so when the lost educational opportunities of co-locating two first class educational institutions are also considered.

The agreement for the exchange of sites is still on the table as far as the University is concerned. So why has Fife Council pretended that there was no alternative to the Pipeland site and subsequently dreamt up the notion that the North Haugh site was unacceptable because it was a split site? Of course the

road that separates the sports facilities at Bell Baxter from the school buildings can hardly be compared with that between the North Haugh and Station Park, but that problem can readily be resolved by the provision of a pedestrian underpass.

Could it be that Fife Council envisages the sale of both the South Street and Kilrymont sites as providing a welcome boost to its coffers? Development of the South Street site would be limited by the listed College building which defines that part of South Street and, hopefully, by protection of the lawn in front of the College as a public open space. Any development of the site, were it to be permitted, might well struggle to generate income sufficient to meet the cost of bringing the older buildings into use. A figure of up to £5 million has been suggested as the cost of bringing this splendid Victorian building into reasonable condition after years of neglect and minimal maintenance. Given the University's track record on caring for its heritage buildings in the town centre, can any other body be trusted to care sympathetically for the old Madras buildings?

As for the Kilrymont site, the existing school buildings are listed but might well be de-listed and the site is large and valuable. The recent report of the St Andrews Town Commission on Housing recognized this site as the only significant opportunity for housing development within the Royal Burgh and suggested a mixed development including affordable housing.

Fife Council's preference for the Pipeland site is evidently political, not rational or strategically sound, but it is not too late to change even though there might be some loss of face within the Council. Better that than an unsound decision which all, even Parent Voice, would come to regret.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

None of us likes it when costs go up and I am no exception. The news that Trustees have decided to increase membership subscriptions is detailed elsewhere in this edition of our Newsletter and will not be welcomed but it is I fear necessary.

Our regular income arises from subscriptions, dividend & interest payments and fundraising events such as Hidden Gardens. This is supplemented by special efforts from time to time (such as the successful targeted fundraising for development of the Museum) and by generous donations. Indeed, without the determined work of the Museum Development Committee the ongoing improvements to our Museum would almost certainly have been deemed unaffordable by Trustees.

The work at the Museum is however capital expenditure for improvements to the facilities there and has little or no impact on the income and expenditure account, which will show a deficit for this year. This is because regular income is at best static while costs continue to creep upwards despite every effort being made to keep them under careful control. So there seems to be an inescapable logic driving us to increase subscriptions, albeit for the first time in 6 years.

Many of us benefit from having taken out life membership decades ago. I think that my wife and I took out joint life membership some twenty years ago and we have decided to say thank you to the Trust for all the work it does by making a modest but regular annual payment. I invite all joint or individual life members to consider saying thank you by doing likewise or, if more convenient, making a one-off donation. Further details will be mailed out to current life members.

John F. Matthews
Chairman

POLICY AND RESOURCE REPORT

.At the end of my last report I was able to intimate that our new Chairman, John Matthews, was taking over the chair of the Committee and I was looking forward to the freedom which this would permit me. Alas, that freedom lasted for only one meeting, when John (who must have greatly enjoyed the experience!) asked me to shoulder the burden once again. So here I am - back where I began.

Since the last Newsletter the Committee has met twice, once under John's chairmanship and once under mine. With regard to exploring means by which Gregory's Pillar (currently within farmland just outside St. Andrews) might be afforded greater protection, a small working group has been established and the report of its deliberations is awaited. On the Committee's recommendation the Board approved expenditure on legal fees of up to £1000 to complete for once and for all the conveyancing of the Bogward Doocot into the Trust's ownership. The process is underway but is not yet complete. Hopefully by the next Newsletter this will have been successfully achieved.

As members will be aware, for the past couple of years the Trust has had both a Strategic Plan and an Action Plan, the better to manage its activities. The Chairman has agreed to prepare updated versions of the Plans, given that many of the actions within them have now been achieved. Members will remember that Lead Trustees were appointed to take forward the various initiatives and they continue to report on progress at each Committee and Board meeting. Most of the actions will be commented upon elsewhere in the Newsletter but one initiative deserves particular attention here – namely the establishment of a New Income Generation Group. The Group has now met three times and took as its starting point the extremely helpful report of its predecessor, which was chaired by Elizabeth Williams some years ago. Given the anticipated deficit in this year's accounts, minds were concentrated on finding ways to increase the Trust's income on a recurrent basis. A wide range of recommended actions have been agreed and they were considered at the Committee's meeting in September. Some are former initiatives which the Group believes are worth breathing new life into, while others are new and time will tell how effective they are. Whatever the outcome, it is essential that the Trust increases its general income, simply to balance the books. If it wishes to take on new initiatives, then additional funding will be required.

In that context the Committee will consider a recommendation at its next meeting that the Trust develop a general “wish-list” of projects and initiatives which might be undertaken, should funding become available. The Museum already has such a list and it is thought that the Trust more generally should hold one up its sleeve. External funding does become available from time to time and the Trust should be ready to take advantage, whenever this happens.

For some time now thought has been given to the state of the Trust Office in Queen’s Gardens. The front office and committee-room have been modernised but the rest of the accommodation lags somewhat behind. Hopefully, in the near future, additional files will be taken into storage by the University and the space freed up can then also be upgraded, most particularly the facilities available to those Trustees and members who beaver away on our behalf on planning matters.

The garden of Number 1 Greyfriars Garden continues to be an eyesore at an important junction in the centre of St. Andrews. I reported in the last Newsletter that Fife Council did not feel that compulsory purchase was an option and, as the owner will not sell, there appears to be little that the Trust can do, other than to continue to draw attention to this most unsatisfactory situation. The owner did apply for permission for the garden to be employed by the Vic as an additional food outlet for the duration of the Open Championship but the Trust, along with a number of residents of Greyfriars Garden, objected to this inappropriate commercial use. Thanks to the generosity of a Trust member, the Trust remains willing to pay a reasonable price for the purchase of the garden. It has been agreed to ask the St. Andrews Partnership and St. Andrews in Bloom whether these organisations would be willing to make a joint approach to the owner. Time will tell.

Peter J Murray
Policy and Resources Convener

PLANNING REPORT

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

St Andrews continues to draw interest from developers and constant vigilance is required by the Trust to respond appropriately – seeking to achieve an appropriate balance between worthwhile development and that which is driven largely by commercial gain and which risks undermining St Andrews’ rich heritage. The summer months saw a slight reduction in the number of applications with 53 new applications registered (in all categories) in the St Andrews Ward and 64 applications determined. These include a small number in the neighbourhood of St Andrews.

HMO APPLICATIONS

There have been over 10 HMO applications with total capacity of nearly 50 persons. Many of

these are certificates of lawfulness in respect of properties within the central conservation area. However there is already a steady number of change-of-use applications involving properties immediately adjacent to the conservation area. The majority of these applications are eventually approved and the Trust is concerned with the impact that such steady outward progression may have locally. The Trust will continue to monitor the situation and make representations where it perceives applications to be excessive.

TRUST REPRESENTATIONS ON MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Craigtoun North (Fife Council Reference 15/01823/EIA)

The Trust lodged its objection to the Proposal for Planning in Principle for 350 houses, hotel, retail and workspace/office accommodation at Craigtoun North. The committee considered that the application was significantly contrary to the St Andrews and North East Fife Local Development Plan, the FIFEPlan and the evolving TAYPlan. The main basis for the Trust's objection to this premature and pre-emptive application was the lack of Master Plan for the whole STA01 area (St Andrews West). The master plan is foreseen by all the above plans as essential for balanced, coherent development of this whole area, setting out requirements for housing (including affordable), road and green networks, hotel, retail, employment and other land uses. Moreover the master plan should be drawn up in consultation with all the main stakeholders, including the general public. Other major concerns raised in the objection included the very high housing density, potentially large negative impact on transport in the area, affecting especially the Hepburn Gardens Conservation Area, road safety due to the numbers of vulnerable pedestrians and cyclists, and risks associated with the gas main and electrical power line that split the site.

New Park Playing Field (Fife Council Reference 15/02815/PPP)

The Trust added its weight to well over 50 objections to the application for Planning Permission in Principle for 41 dwelling houses on this 2.8ha site adjacent to Newmill and Priory Gardens. In the Committee's view, the application failed to establish a positive case for this piecemeal development. Neither does it comply with several key provisions of the Adopted St Andrews and East Fife Local Plan 2012, most notably in respect of policies relating to Community Needs and Safeguarding and Improving the Environment. In the 2012 local plan the site is designated as Protected Open Space. Major concerns include the disproportionate effect this development would have due to the loss of public amenity space which is at a premium in St Andrews and the impact it would have on one of St Andrews' most precious assets - the rural character of the Lade Braes. This is probably the last stretch of the Lade Braes with semi-open "naturalised" views hardly affected by encroaching development. Its loss would be deeply regretted.

PLANNING APPEALS SUSTAINED BY THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT DIRECTORATE FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS

Rusacks Hotel (Fife Council Reference 14/01185/FULL)

The Scottish Government Reporter's decision to uphold the MacDonald Resorts appeal against Fife Council's refusal must surely rank as one of the most disappointing planning decisions to affect St Andrews in recent years. The Trust is acutely aware of the need for

world class hotels in St Andrews, with the capacity to offer world class hospitality and facilities. The St Andrews Links is a “world destination” and Rusacks is a hugely important element in the iconic urban landscape around the 18th fairway. Sadly, the recently modified ungainly, top-heavy proportions of the Hamilton Grand have not contributed positively.

Conscious of the fact that the “right” design at Rusacks could improve on the present, rather than ordinary car park, the Trust submitted its objection, based largely on the overbearing scale and design that is unsympathetic to the existing, varied roofline along The Links and the very plain roof detailing and large scale of the bland south elevation which will be very visible on entering St Andrews along the A91. The reporter seems to have concentrated more on privacy, lighting and parking issues, apparently paying little heed to design quality issues that are vitally important to this heritage location - imposing no conditions relating to scale and design. In our judgment it would have been a relatively simple matter to have imposed conditions on the design that would go a long way to meeting the Trust’s concerns and those of neighbours, whilst still enabling the hotel to offer world class facilities. This seems yet another decision that appears to give more weight to short term commercial drivers than securing the timeless, historic setting for the Home of Golf.

1 Murrayfield Road (Fife Council Reference 14/04220/FULL)

The Trust objected to this proposal to demolish the existing, traditional house and erect a much larger, and radically differently styled house on the site, extending much nearer the boundaries. The objection cited issues of overdevelopment for the site, design aspects, and the large impact on neighbours’ privacy and the precedent set by such demolition / rebuild. Although the Council refused the application, an appeal to the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals was sustained. The site is within the proposed extension to the Hepburn Gardens Conservation Area. It must now be of concern that this approval will open the way to similar projects elsewhere, gradually undermining the essentially residential and period character of such areas.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE TAYPLAN

The Trust recently responded to the online public consultation on the TAYPlan. The online application, which must have been very expensive to produce, was not user-friendly. It is designed more for ease of assimilating responses under individual policy areas rather than support a respondent with concerns spanning several different inter-related policy areas.

In general terms the plan has laudable planning objectives and proposes actions (mostly based on integrating elements of local plans) aiming to realise these objectives. The Action Programme is however short on detail in respect of solutions. There is a general lack of evidence to support many of the proposed actions. Specific issues raised by the Trust included:

- importance of defining and preserving Green Belt areas;
- the need for better analysis relating to integrated regional approaches to sustainable transport and sustainable heat and power systems (including opportunities for Guardbridge light rail links);

- the need for a more thorough, strategic assessment of economic and employment opportunities and housing demand in St Andrews (including affordable housing) that addresses the rather polarised demography;
- the need for a realistic assessment of potential for new academic and business opportunities linked with the university;
- the provision of health care, care-home and schooling needs to be addressed in a more integrated manner at TAYPlan level.

5. DUNDEE UNIVERSITY CO-OPERATION

With the arrival of the new university session, the committee hopes to re-establish the fruitful co-operation with staff and students of the University of Dundee's School of the Environment.

Bill Borthwick
Planning Convener

ENVIRONMENT REPORT

*October's the month
When the smallest breeze
Gives us a shower
Of autumn leaves.
Bonfires and pumpkins,
Leaves sailing down -
October is red
And golden and brown."*

Anon

Members will recall that in my July report, the Trust was concerned about the possible changes to the premises in Bell Street, formerly known as "Bella Italia". The proposed meeting with Marini's property manager, Mr John Millar, took place on Tuesday 8th September. As our Chairman was on holiday, I was most grateful that Bill Borthwick, Planning Convener and Vice Chairman, accompanied me. This was an informal, positive and constructive meeting held at their other property, "Nardini's". As work on the shop front was actually in progress, I am delighted to inform members that our gold leaf restoration, as requested, has been retained. All that has been changed is the shop front's paintwork which is now dark grey. Mr Millar supplied us with a copy of their designer's proposals for the rest of the exterior which extends above the adjoining shops. Bill was able to advise on several design aspects that required reconsideration in order for the company to receive full planning approval. He provided Mr Millar with details from the "St Andrews Design Guidelines", along with contact details of the planning officers who could give him further advice.

Another positive piece of news is the receipt of a wonderful gift from the Boase family. An historic book entitled “**The Family of Boase**” **circa 1893** was recently received at the Trust office. This will be exhibited at our next Trustees meeting for viewing. It will then be passed on to our Curator for safe keeping in the Trust Museum's archives. It records details of the families of Boase or “Bowes”, who originally resided at Paul and Madron in Cornwall. There is an interesting insert with the family tree or “Pedigree”, as it is entitled. This dates from November 1609 up until November 1892, detailing all the births, deaths and marriages. Hopefully once planning approval has been given, aspects of this historic reference may be used on the Heritage sign that the committee have proposed for Boase Wood. We owe a debt of gratitude, wishing to record our sincere thanks to Bill Boase and present members of the Boase family, for their generous gift to the Preservation Trust.

Members may have also noted that work on the chain fencing in Boase Wood has begun. To date, two new steel posts have been erected. Hopefully Henderson Fabrication will have completed the work by the end of October.

Likewise, we hope that the Heritage daffodil bulbs that blossom in Spring 2016 will have been planted by Jenny Sibbald, her team of local school pupils and members of “St Andrews In Bloom”.

Once again, the committee and the Trust extend our thanks to Ian Christie for his diligent watch over Boase Wood. Mark Edward and his company, Special Branch, have continued to maintain the wood “pro bono”. Recently they have been busy with their regular “tidy” which included trimming the hedge by the boundary path. We are ever grateful for their support.

Finally, may I wish all our members a very pleasant Autumn. For our keen photographers, the season's vibrant hues can be viewed by taking a peaceful stroll past our woodland and on through the Lade Braes. Have your cameras at the ready, as this Trustee most certainly will!

Marysia Denyer
Environment Convener

MEMBERSHIP, PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY REPORT

MEMBERSHIP

Firstly an apology: the July report in its first paragraph said that a joint annual membership was currently £40. It is in fact only £30. A substantial increase in subscriptions is required as there has been no increase for six years. But we are also keeping corporate membership at its current level as we are making a membership priority the recruitment of businesses in the town. We are also introducing an Associate Membership of £5 per annum for students and school pupils. The full list of subscription rates for 2016 are:

- Annual membership £25
- Joint annual membership £40
- Life membership £400
- Joint life membership £800
- Corporate annual membership £50
- Associate annual membership £5

A number of members may well be horrified at the life membership charges. This is a reflection of life expectancy and, quite frankly, a move towards ending life membership. Many local organisations no longer have this category of member and this is what we are considering. However we are retaining it at present. Some of our younger members might still see it as worthwhile. The Chairman's views on life membership are in his report, plus details of the action he and his wife are taking as life members. A letter will go to life members when the membership renewal letter goes out to all other members.

PUBLICITY

We continue to issue press releases and are achieving a reasonable amount of coverage especially from "The Citizen". Recent coverage has included a photo of and details about the annual golf and putting competitions. Taking part in the putting competition was most worthwhile not just for taking part but for the magnificent spread of food for a finger buffet supper prepared by Irene Bennett and helpers. We also had a short piece giving information about the Annual Lecture held at the beginning of this month. The topic was "St Andrew: Myth, Legend and Reality" and the lecturer Dr Michael Turnbull who has recently had published a book with the same title. We also submitted a report on a members' visit to the refurbished Golf Museum.

PUBLICATIONS

Jennifer Reid, when she was curator of the museum, did a great deal of work on writing a booklet about the history of the museum building at 12 North Street. She got close to finishing what will be a very informative publication. When she moved on the project was put on hold. I am pleased to report that the booklet is coming nearer to fruition with a short section on the new research facility written by Samantha Bannerman our current curator.

A grant which will cover over 50% of the cost has been awarded to the project by the Strathmartine Trust. We will include further details and an order form for copies to be bought in the first newsletter of 2016. We are sure this will be a good seller as many visitors to the museum specifically ask if there is any information available about the building.

Derek Barrie
Membership, Publications and Publicity Convener

MUSEUM REPORT

MUSEUM GALLERIES SCOTLAND HERITAGE HORIZONS TRAINEESHIP PROGRAMME

The Curator and the Convener continue to meet regularly with the Trainee, Francesca Purvis, at which meetings she provides a very comprehensive up-date on her training programme and much evidence of her self-monitoring & progress through the 5 Mandatory Units and the 3 Optional Units required to complete the SVQ Level 3 Award. Francesca also regularly meets with the Rewards Training Assessor/Supervisor to discuss her On-line Portfolio.

The Curator and the Trainee visited Perth to meet with colleagues on The Heritage Horizons Programme. The mid-way event for the Heritage Horizon's Traineeship Scheme was held on the 16th September and attended by the Curator and the Trainee.

As part of the Traineeship Programme, in particular the setting-up of exhibitions, the Curator and the Trainee have visited other local museums including Fife Folk Museum, The Unicorn in Dundee and the Dundee University Museum Collection.

It has been decided to include a video element to the planned Blacksmith Exhibition and Francesca has created a film brief using the British Museum's template. She has been in discussion with various film production companies and the film department of Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and it would seem likely that the College will be able to help with the filming of the short video.

The Blacksmith Exhibition, to be opened early in 2016 will be housed, permanently, in the brick out-building in the Garden. Since attending the two day photography course in Edinburgh, funded by MGS, Francesca has begun to photograph objects in the Chemist's Shop - taking up from where Imogen, the student volunteer, left off.

Francesca has responsibility for arranging speakers for the Winter Programme of Talks for the Volunteers and this is well in hand with the following acceptances noted: Hannah Fleming – Golf Fashion Richard Falconer – St Andrews Mysteries Claire Robinson – Recording Scotland's Art Collection

DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE GARDEN AND THE MUSEUM

Judges from both 'Beautiful Fife' and 'Beautiful Scotland' visited the Museum Garden over the Summer. On both occasions the judges were particularly impressed with the Falconry and 'the living, sedum roof' and were very complimentary about the layout and plants chosen in the garden.

The Report by the Chairman of the MDC Committee, Andrew Johnson, provides a very comprehensive up-date on the proposals for the design and establishment of a Sensory Garden as well as providing details of the proposed improvements to the cloakroom and kitchen within the Museum. Building.

Arlen Pardoe has installed a mini-exchange, serving the Upstairs Gallery, Downstairs Exhibition Area and the Research Room. This system is proving to be most beneficial as well as providing a protected environment for staff. Thanks are due to Arlen for proposing and fitting the mini-exchange.

EVENTS IN THE MUSEUM

The Summer Exhibition which closes on the 4th October- '*Furs, feathers, frills & florals: four decades of fashion: 1919 -1959*' has proved to be very popular with many positive comments being written in the Visitors' Book and on Trip Advisor.

Unfortunately Ms Battenberg cancelled her Vintage Tea Party.

The Curator has changed the paintings in the stairwell to reflect the Museum's Collection of Local Art.

It is worth noting that a group of museum professionals, whilst visiting the Museum, had congratulated the Curator on her excellent lay-out etc. of the Exhibitions and the good & attractive use of the Museum space.

A request has been made to the Curator, by the Fisheries Museum, Anstruther, for her Festival of Museums 2015 Exhibition: *Troubled Waters* to be installed there until late November and thereafter to be displayed on the Upper Deck of the frigate *Unicorn* in Dundee. Samantha is to be congratulated that these requests have been made.

FUTURE EVENTS

The Curator has met with the Girls' Brigade on various occasions to assist them with the material required for their interpretation panels and to finalise the Exhibition content. The Exhibition will open on Saturday the 10th October and close on Sunday the 18th October - 2:00p.m.-5:00 p.m. daily - with an earlier opening time of midday on the Saturday. Some of the girls would like to be 'on duty' in the Museum during the Exhibition and permission will be sought from the parents for this.

An agreement between the Museum and the Girls' Brigade has been drawn up prior to their Exhibition and they have indicated that they would wish to donate their archive to the Museum at the close of the Exhibition.

It is anticipated that the Exhibition costs will be met by an Award from the Community Trust.

The Annual Arts and Crafts Exhibition will be held in the Museum from the 28th November – 6th December 1:00p.m. – 4:00p.m.daily.

The Museum's Research Group Exhibition will open on Saturday the 30th January 2016 and be open daily from 1:00p.m. until 4:00p.m. until Sunday the 7th February 2016.

The final topics are : May Watt – *The Jannetta Family* Pat Harvey - *Animals of St Andrews* Elizabeth Picton – *Haig's Distillery, Guardbridge* Frances Humphries – *Witches of St Andrews* David Scott – *The History of Mount Melville*.

The Curator's Easter Exhibition is to be entitled *The Lost Buildings of St Andrews*.

As 2016 is '*The Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design*' the Curator intends to create an Exhibition to tie in with this and is already collating material which reflects the theme.

GRANT APPLICATIONS:

The Curator continues to make grant applications for funding. These include one for the Blacksmith Exhibition. Additionally a successful application to the National Fund for Acquisitions raised half of the cost of the two Alison Mackenzie paintings which were acquired recently and which may be viewed in the Museum. The other half of the cost of the paintings was drawn from the Museum's Acquisition Fund.

RECENT DONATIONS

Correction:

In the July Edition of the Newsletter it was noted that 5 small wood engravings by Alison Mackenzie had been donated by Mrs Berit Owen. This should have read 5 small wood engravings by Annabel Kidston (1896 – 1981). Apologies for the error.

The Museum has received a number of donations recently, including a portrait of Jack Inglis, by James Hoey Scott (the Architect who 'saved' and restored the building - now occupied by the Museum - when it was to be demolished in the 1940s. The author Roger McStravick has very generously donated a limited edition, leather- bound copy of his recent book *In the footsteps of Old Tom Morris* which has been placed in the Trust Library. He has also gifted a further 3 expensive copies of his publication which have already been sold in the Museum Shop. The Trust and the Museum are extremely grateful to Roger for his thoughtfulness and munificence. The book has received outstanding reviews and Roger is to be congratulated on his scrupulous research into the subject.

VOLUNTEERS

A group of Volunteers enjoyed a visit to the Eden Mill in Guardbridge in July.

The Museum has recruited a number of new Volunteers recently.

- Student Bianca Packham is initially working on retrospective documentation but as she has a lot of Museum and web-design experience she will be able to assist in other areas.
- Mary Burns and Kara MacCormack have joined the Volunteer Guides, and

Landa Zejicek has joined the Gardening team.

The end-of-season Party for Volunteers has been arranged to be held on the 6th October.

The volunteer group drawn from NADFAS have almost completed the digitising of the photographic collection and are to start work on the slides. As this will require the use of an appropriate and expensive scanner one is to be purchased with the cost being met from the Jacqueline Falconer Bequest.

TOURS

A group of students from the University's Museums and Galleries Course will visit the Museum at the end of September.

EXCITING FIND

Whilst clearing and working on cataloguing accessioned items in the Museum Stores the Curator unearthed from behind some furniture a very dusty, damp and mouldy piece of wood. On checking its accession number she ascertained that it is described on AdLib as a 15th century wooden panel from the Cathedral. It had been installed at 141 South Street before being gifted to the Museum by the Architect, W.M.Jack.

The Curator immediately removed the mould and re-located it in the store so that air can get at it. She has arranged for an expert, David Jones, to give his opinion on the provenance of the carved panel and we shall then decide where it should be placed.

FURTHER INFORMATION

To keep up-to-date with Museum Matters between Newsletters please click onto our website <http://www.standrewspreservationtrust.org.uk/museum.html>

Anne Morris
Museum Convener

MUSEUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

GARDEN AREA

We have been in contact with the horticultural department of Elmwood collage to enquire if the students would be interested in proposing and helping create the proposed sensory garden. We received a very positive reply and await an initial site visit.

Grants and financial support for the project will be sought once they are known.

The path leading from the D'Arcy Thompson garden to the covered area of the outbuildings,

is only just wide enough for a wheelchair. Niven and Son have been asked to quote for replacing the flags with wider ones.

While on site the workmen will re site the 'Stoop' to the small border at the left of the Wilson gates. This area will then be where our stone collection will be displayed accompanied by suitable signage.

Penelope Fraser has very kindly donated a stone bird bath and lantern to the garden. The items will be collected shortly. We are most grateful to Penelope and feel sure that they will add to the visitors' enjoyment.

MUSEUM INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT

The upgrade of the toilet and kitchen will take place in the autumn once suitable quotes and designs have been agreed, including any decorative work

A wheel chair and portable ramp have been purchased to aid those visitors to the research room and garden who require their use. The latter would enable access to the ground floor of the museum if required.

Unfortunately, despite being short listed from over eighty applications, our submission to the Scottish Heritage Angels award in respect of our developments was not successful.

Andrew Johnson
Museum Development Convener

FINANCE REPORT

The Trust is working to a tight budget this year and I am pleased to report that to date we are keeping to this budget. One of the most significant unknown possible costs within the budget is if we require to employ outside consultancy, particularly for reviewing planning applications. So far we have been able to avoid this cost thanks to several of the trustees working very hard on some difficult applications which keep on coming.

Many members and visitors will have enjoyed the significant changes which have taken place in the museum garden. All this work regrettably comes at a cost and last year we capitalised some of the costs but more capital expenditure has been incurred this year up to the opening of the new Research Room and Falconry in April.

Despite the large fluctuations in share valuations in recent days this has not affected our main source of income from dividends from our share portfolio, although the total income might be slightly lower than the total for last year when we received three special distributions.

Our main fundraising activity is the Hidden Gardens day and, thanks to the weather, the

wonderful selection of gardens and the work of the garden owners, this proved to be a great success which was enjoyed by all who took part, and net income was up on last year. Subscription income is also up on last year.

We are always seeking outside funding by way of grants to reduce our expenditure, but I do anticipate that we could finish up with an excess of expenditure over income on normal trading by the year end.

Ian Lumsdaine
Treasurer

FUNDRAISING AND PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

The Summer Reception with buffet and drinks was held in the Museum Garden on Friday 24th July. There was glorious sunshine for most of the day so the gazebos were erected in anticipation of a perfect evening. Unfortunately the heavens opened at five o'clock so there was some mopping up to do before the evening started at 6.30pm. The weather had cleared up by that time and about 60 guests enjoyed good food (from Cherries) and good company in the garden.

The Golf Championship and the Putting Competition were held on Monday 24th and Wednesday 26th August respectively. There were fewer entrants for the putting this year but an enjoyable evening was had. The golf championship was won, for the third consecutive year, by Howard Greenwell and the winner of the ladies' championship was Anne McFarlane. Colin McAllister won the putting with a round of 42 including three holes in one. The winning lady was Frances Humphries with a 46. The raffle, ably organised by Marysia Denyer, made £72. A buffet supper was served in the Ladies' Putting Club shelter after the putting.

Simon Kidd organised a very interesting visit to the remodelled British Golf Museum on Monday 7th September. There were guided tours in both the morning and afternoon to accommodate the 34 members who requested a place. After the tours there was an opportunity to visit the café with its wonderful panoramic views of the Old Course, the West Sands and the Angus coast.

The next event is our Quiz Evening which will be held in The New Golf Club, Gibson Place, St Andrews on Thursday, 5th November at 6.30pm (7pm prompt start). You will find an Entry Form enclosed and, if you have not attended before, it would be good to have some members get together and enter a team (4 people). There are no individual questions – it is a team effort.

The Winter Reception for members and their guests will be held in All Saints' Church Hall, North Castle Street, St Andrews on Friday, 4th December 2015 at 7pm. There will be a buffet with a complimentary drink and a raffle. Enclosed in the Newsletter you will find an

application for the Winter Reception.

The Fundraising Committee will begin discussing Hidden Gardens in St Andrews 2016 at their January 2016 meeting. In order to make their task a little easier it would be helpful to know in advance of potential gardens. To this end a form is enclosed for members to register interest. I hope that some members have already decided to open their garden next year.

Irene Bennett
Fundraising and Programme Convener

GETTING THINGS DONE LOCALLY

Bringing community projects to fruition – former councillor and now a Trustee, Bill Sangster writes:

We would have to wait a long, long time now for any Council to carry out any non essential work which is not its responsibility.

In St Andrews there are projects that members of the local community can embark upon with funding being provided locally. One such project was restoring Martyrs' monument on The Scores.

I brought to the notice of Fife Council the unsafe nature of the Martyrs' Monument some time ago I started a funding procedure to get the monument made safe.

The first major donation came from the 19th Hole Golf Club followed by many others, prominent among them being the Community Council the St Andrews Partnership, the Preservation Trust and Fife Council The necessary money was raised and the restoration of the monument completed. I would like to thank all who have been involved with this magnificent project.

This getting together of local people and organisations shows how massive projects can be carried out and have a positive outcome..

When I was a member of the St Andrews Merchants Association and Treasurer some 19 years ago there was a request to Fife Council to have the Market Street Fountain working again, At that time it was too costly and never got the backing required.

I am now glad to say that all funding which was required for the improvement and upgrading of the White Melville Fountain in Market Street has been donated locally:

- Fife Council have already fitted equipment under ground at a cost of £10,000.
- The Pilgrim Foundation has donated £16,000.
- The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews have donated £8,500.

All this was made possible by the Fife Council Officers in Transportation who have given me every assistance possible in getting where we are today.

Contractors were given the go ahead in obtaining the equipment required and installing it. It is fully automated and has wind control also so that in high winds the system will shut down. All Health and Hygiene regulations are adhered to. It is also set to work on a daily time control and will not run during the winter months.

All annual inspections will be carried out by Fife Council and funded by the St Andrews Common Good Fund.

St Andreans have had a fountain as centre point in the town which has not operated for more than 80 years but now we hope that it can be enjoyed by all when we see the water cascade in the fountain once more.

Bill Sangster
Trustee

TRUSTEE PROFILE – DOUGLAS TELFER

A brief synopsis of the most recently appointed member to the Board of Trustees of the Trust.

In the earlier part of this year, 2015, one of the trustees of the St Andrews Preservation Trust approached me and informed me that my name (no doubt one of many in this royal burgh) had been mentioned as a possible candidate to become a trustee. One was dismayed! I had little knowledge of the workings of this organisation: however after giving the matter great thought I agreed that my name should be placed before the Board of Trustees for their consideration. The appointment was ratified at the AGM on 14th May 2015

I suppose now is the time for a “personal” introduction.

I was born in Glasgow, a Glaswegian by birth and proud of it. This was at a time of unspeakable suffering midway through the Second World War. A much loved family member used to refer to that particular year as “the year of the short corn” or “the turning point in hostilities”. Whichever, I regarded those as the most complimentary expressions of affection!

For most of my life I have resided in the West of Scotland. Education, employment (entirely in the public sector) and retirement were achieved before eventually moving through to Fife in 2008. My first family holiday to St Andrews was in August 1950 at which time I celebrated my eighth birthday. There were several annual family holidays in St Andrews with my wife, son and daughter. When the family had grown it was decided to “invest” (!) in the purchase of an extremely well-appointed mobile home. This was located at Craigtoun Meadows Holiday Park, close to nearby Craigtoun Park – a venue that gave much pleasure over many earlier family holidays.

In my younger years I held various voluntary appointments in scouting – an involvement that gave me great satisfaction working with all ages and, in particular, adults in this worldwide movement.

Other interests include church activities, theatre, choral singing and probus. This latter organisation was established nationally around 1970, initially for retired business and professional men. There are now clubs available for women who have since retired from business. Several of those are located here in Fife. I am currently a member of two probus clubs, one here in St Andrews, the other in the West of Scotland where I was previously resident. In each of these clubs I held the position of President.

With regard to the Trust, I have attended two meetings of the Board and one meeting of the committee responsible for fund raising. Also there have been two most enjoyable gatherings in the trust museum's exquisite garden. A spell of duty at the museum and a marvellous visit to the British Golf Museum, recently reopened following extensive refurbishment. My involvement with all of these activities has given me much pleasure.

Douglas Telfer
Trustee

ARTICLES FROM THE ARCHIVE

AN OCCASIONAL SELECTION BY ANNE MORRIS.

At the time of the rapid expansion of the town in the 1960s there was considerable controversy in naming new streets. An article in "The Citizen" of 27th April 1963 "NEW STREET NAMES" produced a large list of suggestions. It is interesting to compare which suggestions were adopted and what rejected. The writer of "the Courier" was keen on Scottish names, Scots, martyrs and golfers.

We all now know what were selected but some rejects were interesting:

- Puddock Brae,
- Aberbrothock View,
- Resby Crescent,
- Heathery Knowe,
- Edenhill Crescent,
- Lang View,
- Craw Drive,
- Peep-O-Day Place.

Will there be the same level of controversy if and when the western expansion becomes reality?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 10th to Sunday 18th October 2015 - 2pm - 5pm daily

1st St Andrews Girls Brigade Exhibition

TRUST MUSEUM, 12 NORTH STREET

Admission Free

Saturday 31st October - 10 am - 3 pm

Charities' Christmas Card Sale

TOWN HALL, QUEEN'S GARDENS

Thursday 5th November – 6.30 for 7 pm

Annual Trust Quiz Night

THE NEW GOLF CLUB, GIBSON PLACE

Tickets: £20 per team of four

Saturday 28th November to Sunday 6th December - 1 pm to 4 pm daily

Arts and Crafts Exhibition

TRUST MUSEUM, 12 NORTH STREET

Admission Free

Friday 4th December - 7 pm

Members' Winter Reception – finger buffet and complimentary drink

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HALL, NORTH CASTLE STREET

Tickets - £10

Saturday 30th January 2016 from 10am

Coffee Morning

TRUST MUSEUM, 12 NORTH STREET

Admission free

Saturday 30th January to Sunday 7th February 2016 – 1pm – 4pm daily

Volunteer Research Group Exhibition

TRUST MUSEUM, 12 NORTH STREET

Admission Free

Forms etc. for the Quiz night, the Arts & Crafts Exhibition and the Winter Reception are included with this newsletter.

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