



# Preservation Trust News

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Winter Edition 2017



## WINTER RECEPTION

Our annual Winter Reception will be held on Friday 8th December 2017, from 6.30pm - 8.00pm.

Please see insert for further details.



## AGM 2018

Members please note that the AGM will take place on Thursday 10th May 2018.

Please consider giving some thought to offering your time and talents as a Trustee or putting forward a nomination via email to the office by **15 February 2018.**



## A Tribute to Bob Murray

*Robert (Bob) Murray, Honorary Vice-President, 22nd August 1933 - 7th October 2017*



At its meeting on 31st October 2017, the Board of Trustees paid tribute to our Honorary Vice-President, Robert (Bob) Murray, who sadly passed away in Glasgow on 7th October 2017. Bob cared passionately about St Andrews and was Chairman of the Board during the period 1995 - 1998. Former Chairman, Elizabeth Williams, kindly reminded me that through Bob's commitment and drive a number of key projects were steered to a successful conclusion, including: the purchase of 4 Queen's Gardens; the re-housing of the Museum Artefacts from Dairsie Old Kirk; the introduction of computers to the office and the development of the Museum garden. In addition, Bob and Timothy Tynte-Irvine assured the Trust's financial health. Most importantly, Bob was also instrumental in setting up the Green Belt Forum which proved so material in defending the Town's southern hillside from despoilment by an ill-conceived, wrongly-sited new secondary school. The Town and the Trust have a great deal for which to thank Bob Murray.

## The Grand Raffle 2017 Prize Winners



Thanks to all members who bought raffle tickets in The Grand Raffle. The total raised net of expenses is just over £1500. A list of the winners is posted below.

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| <b>First Prize</b>   | £250                                | P Uprichard |
| <b>Second Prize</b>  | A case of wine                      | J Ireland   |
| <b>Third Prize</b>   | Dinner at Old Course Hotel          | J Roger     |
| <b>Fourth Prize</b>  | Framed rare print of Railway Poster | A Weir      |
| <b>Fifth Prize</b>   | Sunday lunch for four at Rufflets   | D Robertson |
| <b>Sixth Prize</b>   | Bottle of Whisky                    | D Barrie    |
| <b>Seventh Prize</b> | Two tickets for the Golf Museum     | B Crawford  |
| <b>Eighth Prize</b>  | Voucher for Gardens, Mowers & Tools | A Johnson   |

## From the Chairman

Autumn is upon us, the students are back and Raisin Monday is past!

I hope you will enjoy the Preservation Trust News which is replacing and improving the old style Newsletter. Members will still receive full and detailed accounts of all of the committees' work in the Annual Report and Year Book published each year in April.

On page 4 you will find information about our updated method of communicating with you. Should you wish to find out more, please contact our Administrator, Annie Birrell.



*Dr W K D Borthwick  
Chairman*

## Official Garden Development Opening

Over forty people attended the official garden development opening on the 18th of October. Vice-Chairman, Anne Morris, officiated in the absence of the Chairman, Bill Borthwick, who was unable to attend due to other commitments.

The event was held to allow the Trust and opportunity to thank those who had made the developments possible.

Anne stated that the Museum had long been thought of as the Trust's 'Jewel in the Crown' and that following the completion of the work, it now really sparkled.



*Sensory Garden looking towards the  
D'Arcy Thompson Gate*



*Sensory Garden looking towards the  
Research Room.*

Those attending in respect of the development of the Sensory Garden included from Elmwood Campus, Lecturer Bruce Robertson and eight of the original students as well as Andrew Wright on behalf of the Lady Margaret Skiffington Trust. The team from the Central Branch of the Scottish Dry Stone Wallers, responsible for the splendid stone seat, was represented by Kate Armstrong and Ann Gammack. Unfortunately Bob and Liz Bilson who had designed and planted out the border were unable to attend.

In most cases this was the first time those actively involved in both projects had returned to view and rightly admire their work. They thoroughly enjoyed the favourable comments expressed by all others present.



## Latest from the Museum

Nicola Moss, our Museum Curator, has been kept busy with preparing a submission to the Arts Council England for renewal of our Museum Accreditation. This has now been completed and we hope for a positive assessment!

Work to upgrade the fixed electrical installation at the museum has recently been completed and we will now have to investigate ways to upgrade the energy efficiency and improve the heating.

Conscious of the need for the Trust to engage more with the younger generation, the Board granted £500 towards equipping education boxes to be used by primary schools and nurseries. It is good to report that since the start of the session we have had four educational visits.

## Financial Update



Thanks to Treasurer, Ian Lumsdaine's watchful eye, our financial situation is broadly satisfactory, and at the end of September, we have a small surplus on 'normal operations'.

That said, we have a number of financial commitments and some substantial repairs; upgrading is now required to our buildings and equipment, which may well reverse the situation.

## Planning

Sandy Bremner and his Planning Committee are to be saluted for their efforts. The committee is currently challenged not only by the sheer number of 'normal' applications, but the coalescence of a number of *large-scale* and important planning applications including St Andrews West and Craigtoun North, as well as significant University development at the Gatty, Albany Park and Irvine Crescent. We are also very concerned about the recent Pre-Application Notification (PAN) for erection of a hotel and student accommodation at Abbey Park.

## Press Officer: Derek Barrie

Derek would appreciate any articles or news of members which could be included in a future press release. Please contact Derek via the Trust Office.



## Dates for the Diary

Arts & Crafts Exhibition  
 Research Group Exhibition  
 Winter Reception 2017  
 STANZA  
 Annual General Meeting  
 Hidden Gardens  
 Autumn Fair

25th November - 3rd December 2018  
 Saturday 27th January - 4th February 2018  
 Friday 8th December 2017  
 Thursday 8th - Sunday 11th March 2018  
 Thursday 10th May 2018  
 Sunday 24th June 2018  
 Saturday 8th September 2018





## From the Office

*We are going digital!*

From the 1st January 2018 the Trust is moving to a digital method of communication with our members.

### **What does this mean for our members?**

*We will communicate all correspondence with you via email. This will include all information you already receive via Newsletters, Flyers, Year Book, AGM Calling Notices etc.*

### **What if I do not use email?**

*We understand that not everyone has access to email and for those of you who do not we will continue to communicate with you by post.*

### **I do use email but I do not wish to be contacted by the Trust this way. Can I still receive information via the postal method?**

*Yes, of course, it is entirely your decision by which method you choose to receive our correspondence. We do, however, wish to encourage digital communication for a variety of reasons.*

### **Why are you making this change?**

*We recognise as an organisation that in order to provide a more efficient, cost effective and environmentally friendly service to our members that digital communication is the way forward.*

### **Will our contact details be safe and secure?**

*We endeavour to keep your data as safe and secure as possible and follow protocols set out in the Data Protection Act 1998.*

*Access to our Data Protection Policy and Privacy Policy can be accessed on our website [www.standrewspreservationtrust.org.uk](http://www.standrewspreservationtrust.org.uk)*

### **What happens next?**

*If we currently hold your email address and you are happy to receive communication via the email method then you need do nothing more. If we do not hold your email address or you need to update your email address please do let us know by contacting us on [trust@standrewspreservationtrust.org.uk](mailto:trust@standrewspreservationtrust.org.uk)*

*Should you have any question relating to this change please do contact Annie on 01334 477152 or email us on [trust@standrewspreservationtrust.org.uk](mailto:trust@standrewspreservationtrust.org.uk)*

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