

# MADRAS COLLEGE ARCHIVE SUPPORT GROUP

10th March, 2011

## Agenda - version of 9th March

1. Apologies and welcomes
2. New agenda format
3. Retention Schedule (the items that Madras College will archive from now on)
4. Website and Ticket System (how information or requests may now be handled electronically)
5. AOCB
6. Proposed discussion items for next meeting

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## 7. Items for information and requests to members.

- a) From John Gilbert. Has anyone heard of Madras College investing in Rusacks Hotel?
- b) From JG. Does anyone know the name of the male Spanish teacher between 1963 and 1965?

*Donald McGregor writes on 7th March:* The only people qualified to teach Spanish in 1963-5 were Mrs Betty Hendry and Alex Mackenzie. David A H Wate arrived about that time. We had regular foreign assistants but not as early as that in Spanish, only French and German. The very expensively produced (by Mike Gill) magazines for 1965/66 might tell us. That's why there weren't any more for a long time if ever.

- c) From David Cleland. Re lack of Glen Tilt logbooks pre 1983. I seem to remember teacher in charge in '70s was JD Wallace who would certainly be based at Kilrymont. Donald Chisholm looked after the minibus. Would there still be logbooks then at Kilrymont Rd? I met Alan Mackay in Cupar and he recalled the stuff he had gathered for the 150th exhibition in the South St library. He was wondering if it was all still collected somewhere.

*On 7th March David Cleland writes:* David, I remember JD. He departed for Grangemouth Christmas 1973 (according to Abbey Times issue 3030, 7/11/73). He is certainly in the 1973 staff photo. Alastair MacCrimmon took over the minibus when Don retired. He may have information? There is a folder in the archive with a lot of material about the sesquicentennial, also of course lots of copies of the magazine produced at that time. Another scanning project to be done.

*Donald McGregor writes on 7th March:* The main people who went to Glen Tilt from the outset were AnnBridges, Donald Mackenzie, Mike Gill, Tom and Lena Croll and myself. All but Tom are still with us. I have contacts for most of them. Lena is 90 and lives in Jim Bennett's street at the far end, [address/phone added] and she's in contact with Ann who just lost her partner. Lena is sharp as anything and went canoeing on her 90th birthday. Donald lives in Leslie and I'll bring along his number. There were logbooks from the beginning.

- d) From Arlen Pardoe. The material placed on the archive website concerning Lt Logan Studley of the Yorkshire Regiment, who was the school's first casualty of WW1 (at the first Battle of Ypres), produced an almost instant response from a grateful regimental association in Yorkshire requesting permission to use the article and photograph printed in the 1915 Madras College Magazine. Permission was of course willingly given.

- e) From AP. The scanned copy of the 100-page 1933 Centenary Cookbook is being made ready to place shortly on the website. A paper copy should be available at today's meeting.

- f) From Lindsay Matheson. Involvement of senior pupils will be limited until after the examinations in May. Several of the current S5 have expressed interest in future involvement. Michael Greig, studying at Aberdeen University, has also expressed interest in assisting with the management of the new ticketing system, which he can do from his own computer.

- g) From LM. The Oral History group continues to undertake interviews of former pupils and staff. Mr Hynes (English Dept) will make a report on the outcomes of this work in due course.

- h) From Christine Noble. There are approximately 100 trophies awarded currently and 70 other trophies of various sorts in the archive. See list attached.