

MADRAS COLLEGE ARCHIVE SUPPORT GROUP

Note of meeting of Thursday 19th January, 2017, in South Street, Room M1

1. **Present:** Ann Bridges (chair), David Watkinson, Anne Morris, Frances Humphries, Edmund Robertson, Donald Macgregor, Samantha Jackson, Arlen Pardoe, Liz Higgins, Lindsay Matheson. **Apologies:** Elaine Methven, Ted Brocklebank, Colin Mackay, Jim Bennett, Maia Sheridan.
2. Ann welcomed members to the first meeting of 2017.
3. The note of the meeting of 27th October, 2016, was approved with one spelling correction, “diary” for “dairy” in Item 9.
4. David brought members up to date on the extent of the recent digitising of the St Andrews Citizen (1907 – 56). These sources are now available by subscription.
5. After some discussion it was decided that the exhibition to be organised in the Preservation Trust Museum by the S6 members would be postponed until next session, since there were no longer sufficient members to share the preparatory work. Samantha, however, agreed to continue identifying suitable artefacts for a future exhibition and preparing a descriptive summary of these as a good starting point for a future group. Hampering this project had been the clutter of materials, some as yet uncatalogued, in the K3 cupboard. Ann is working with the PE department to clear a little more storage space for archive materials.
6. Edmund led discussion on attempts by the Madras College Endowment Trust to gain access to the funds raised at the start of this century for the restoration of the Quad. LM confirmed that when he had last seen the accounts for the Quad Fund (2007) it stood at over £20,000. Edmund had raised with the rector the subject of using any remaining funds for the object of carrying over certain aspects of the current school into the new one when it was completed. LM will sound out the rector about this suggestion. He felt that any plans needed to be considered at the planning stage for the new school.
7. Discussion of the possible change to our group’s name was deferred until the next meeting, as Jamie MacLeod is coordinating discussion of this aspect.
8. Frances and Anne reported on continued work on the scrapbooks. Sam will approach a member of the school management to suggest that a scrapbook or other album could be displayed in the Kilrymont foyer cabinet to stimulate interest in younger pupils about the school’s past.
9. Liz reported on the initial catalogue training she had provided for possible helpers.
10. Edmund led discussion about the high price being asked (£695) for a Dux Medal in gold on eBay. While he also was a Tullis medallist he had not received one in gold!
11. The text was shown round the group of an interview that Ted Brocklebank had conducted with Jean Gillespie, with the transcription having been produced by Veronica Whymont, a researcher with the Preservation Trust Museum. Liz suggested that Joyce Hutton would be another suitable candidate to be interviewed.
12. Arlen commended Modern Languages teacher, Dorothy Orem, on the exemplary organisation of a box of materials she had collected on the Kiel Exchange. He noted that this would remain as the Kiel Box meantime, and not be digitised, such would be the scale of the operation. The box could be catalogued as such, noting that it covered the period from 1955 when the plan for an exchange was first discussed. Donald noted that this year marked the 60th Anniversary of the exchange between the schools, a ceilidh being planned for 23rd June.

13. The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 27th April, 2017.

14. Ann thanked members for their attendance and contributions to a worthwhile meeting.

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