

Memorial Benches & Trees



Madras College

Introduction

Memorial benches and trees commemorate the lives of people, more usually those that have passed away. They may also commemorate events such as a person's retirement, thanks for services rendered or a specific occasion (a Jubilee or a Coronation). Finally they may simply be placed by a person or organisation for the convenience of all.

In this booklet are examples of these types of benches and trees within the grounds of Madras College, St Andrews. They are a testament to the affection for the school shown by former pupils and staff. Behind each one there is a story to be told.

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Benches

These five benches in the grounds of Madras College have inscriptions on labels or carved into the wood.

Trees

The three trees identified have descriptive plaques commemorating former pupils. The Coronation trees planted in 1953 have gone but the commemorative plaque remains. A number of other impressive trees can be found at Kilrymont and South Street.

Arlen Pardoe
St Andrews, 2018

Memorial Benches
Madras College South Street



In loving memory of
NICHOLA JOHNSTON, MICHAEL HASTIE
and KAREN DEWAR
Donated by the class of 2000



Presented to
The Madras College of St. Andrews
by Mrs Iris Robertson
in memory of her husband
CHARLES ROBERTSON M.P.S.
who was a pupil here
from 1916 to 1928



MICHAEL McMULLAN
A Friend of Many
1985 - 2001

Donated by Individuals

Madras College South Street



Gifted by
J.M. ROGER
Pupil of Madras College
1938 - 41

Donated by Organisations

Madras College South Street



Die Bank ist immer
KRI QMI PMD
03-05



Memorial Trees Madras College South Street



In Loving Memory of
B.SONALI M. JAYASEKERA
20/01/1989 - 26/05/2008
Former Pupil Madras College
2001 - 2007
Forever Loved. Always Missed



*'That young life forever will be playing
Eternally be shining in beauty' Pushkin*
JANE MARGARET BALLANTYNE
1976 - 2003
*'Asleep by the murmuring stream..
flow gently.. disturbing not her dream' Burns*

Memorial Trees
Madras College Kilrymont Road



*This tree was planted in memory of
Madras College third year pupil
NEALE ANGOOD
who died in November 1980 as a
result of a road accident.
Unfortunately the inscription has
completely disappeared.
It was dedicated by the school
chaplain, Easter 1981*

Donated by Organisations
Madras College South Street



Two similar trees, one of which has a plaque with the inscription:



Presented by the
Association for International
Cancer Research
to Madras College and
the city of St Andrews
8 March 1995

Other Trees
Madras College South Street



Winter



Summer

Horse Chestnut



Tree removed 2018



Late 1800s/ Early 1900s

Other Trees
Madras College Kilrymont



Flowering Cherries

Coronation Trees

On 19th March 1953 the St Andrews Preservation Trust provided five trees which were planted by pupils of the school at the front of Madras College, South Street. A plaque was installed on the wall of the school beside the east door. The trees were three *Swedish birches*, a *scarlet maple* and a *red flowering chestnut*.



As far as can be ascertained these trees are no longer there, having presumably met the same fate as other coronation trees planted round the town at Murray Place Car Park (two *double pink cherry trees*), Balfour Place (three *rowans*) and Melbourne Brae (a *double pink cherry*) - old age, damage or disease. The chestnut was wind damaged and cut down in September 2018.

Other trees

In 1951 as part of a policy to plant more trees in St Andrews the Preservation Trust planted a *flowering cherry* in the centre of the forecourt of Madras College to replace a *headless oak*.



This *gean* is a later tree planted to replace the *flowering cherry* which was planted in the centre of the lawn.



This early postcard shows a tree in the centre of the lawn - probably the original *headless oak*..

Photographs showing trees



1983



1970



1983



Early 1900s