

# THE GRANGE ASSOCIATION

SPRING '79

## NEW NAME - NEW BOUNDARIES

At the AGM the East Grange Association became THE GRANGE ASSOCIATION; and the boundaries now include a new area between the railway, the Astley Ainslie grounds, Whitehouse Loan, Strathearn Road and Kilgraston Road. This means that one Association serves virtually the whole of the Grange. We extend a warm welcome to residents in our 'new' area: we hope you will join the Association. The 'Newsletter' is delivered free to all residents: members are given additional information and opportunities, and free entry to most meetings. Please keep the committee informed of any problems to do with planning, traffic, or local needs and facilities of any kind. We'll do our best to help.

The COMMITTEE elected at the AGM are:-

Mrs. A. Clarke (Chairman)	55 Grange Loan	667 6331
Mr. A. Reid (Vice-Chairman)	108 Findhorn Place	667 4876
Mrs. H. Sawers (Secretary)	54 Grange Loan	667 6360
Mrs. A. Lilwall (Treasurer & Membership Secretary)	2 Dick Place	667 9743
Mr. G.D. Booth	Flat 11, 25 Mortonhall Road	667 8797
Mr. J. Hammond	61 Fountainhall Road	667 6146
Mrs. H. Kirkland	17 Hope Terrace	447 3268
Mr. I. McNab	17 Cumin Place	667 4175
Mr. H. Robertson	19 Dalrymple Crescent	667 1150
Mrs. I. Simpson	48 St. Albans Road	667 7747
Mr. J. Wilson	19 Grange Crescent	667 5926

In addition, Mr. A. Jamieson (116 Findhorn Place, 667 1650) who is an architect, has agreed to be co-opted to the committee, with special reference to our Conservation plans.



CONSERVATION - Mrs. Sophie Leonard has now completed her historical account of the Grange. The next steps towards drawing up Conservation proposals need volunteers, and some 'footwork'. We need to do a traffic survey; define and describe houses worthy of 'listing'; scour Architectural journals for references; and make up our minds on boundaries for a Conservation Area and what stipulations, if any, should be made about changes and development. We want your ideas and your help. If you are interested please volunteer to any committee member.

PLANNING MATTERS - The District Planning Department issues a list of new planning applications each week. A copy is now sent to the Grange Association Secretary. Please ask to see it if you think something needs checking on. Plans are lodged at the Planning Office in Market Street for inspection and there is usually between 10 days and 3 weeks allowed for public comment.

Cochrane's Garage, West Mayfield, has been granted unconditional permission to build an extension between their existing showrooms and shop, despite our objections that it involved yet two more interruptions in the pavement to enable vehicle access. The plans include parking space beneath showrooms/storage, so there is hope that there will be less parking on the pavement. We have complained to the Police about this parking; and to the Highways Department about the condition of the pavement itself.

18 Lauder Road. The plans submitted by the Viewpoint Housing Association have been approved. The detailed plans incorporate suggestions made by the Grange Association and we think the new buildings should prove an example of how modern architecture can fit happily into a traditional area.

Mount Grange Hotel, Strathearn Road. It appears that there have been breaches of planning conditions imposed when change of use from a college to a hotel was granted. The Association has written to the Planning Department. The licence is due to be renewed in March 1980.

6 Dick Place. The Nursing Home has applied to build an extension, which will be behind the existing building. There will be no difference to the front of the building, which is 'C' listed, except for the raising of the existing single-storey wall by 2 feet. The additional height will be built on in materials matching the original stone.



TRAFFIC BLACKSPOTS. Some places have more than their fair share of accidents. The only way to influence the authorities is to let them know what is happening. The Grange Association has volunteer 'recorders' who keep note of all incidents as they occur. Please keep them informed: Blackford Avenue - Mr. Scobie, 30 Blackford Avenue. Corner of St. Alban's Road/South Lauder Road - Mrs. Simpson, 48, St. Alban's Road (667 7747). Corner of Findhorn Place/Fountainhall Road - Mr. Bealby, 16 St. Alban's Road.

The improvement scheme for the junction of Kilgraston Road and Grange Loan is due to be completed before the end of March.

Regional Councillor, Mrs. Astrid Huggins, wants to know what people think about BUSES along Mayfield Road. Please tell her as well if you feel there is a need for a pedestrian crossing over Mayfield Road at the end of West Savile Terrace. Contact her at Regional Chambers, George IV Bridge.

Blackford Avenue is a pedestrian's nightmare, too. We should be glad to hear of any constructive suggestions on this or any traffic problems.

#### RECYCLING WASTE

GLASS - Although the District Council has no collecting point near here, we are lucky that Mr. Gruber, 44 St. Alban's Road (667 4813) will transport any bottles left in boxes at his house. Please rinse bottles, remove tops and sort into different colours. (Not milk bottles)

ALUMINIUM FOIL - Please wash and take to Mrs. Noble, 17 Dick Place (667 0439) who collects for the Friends of the Earth recycling scheme.

COFFEE MORNING - On January 20th the Bring-and-Buy made nearly £30 for Grange Association funds, most of which are used in producing this 'Newsletter'. Thank you for your contributions.

NEWINGTON LIBRARY has a new Librarian, Mr. Andrew Bain. We thank Mr. Herbert Robertson for all his help during his term as Librarian, and wish him well in his new job at the Central Library. We are pleased to say that he is still on the Grange Association committee.



LOTHIAN VORAG - The aim of the Lothian Voluntary Organisations Regional Advisory Group (VORAG) is to liaise between voluntary groups and statutory bodies. The main areas of concern for the immediate future are Transport, Services for the Elderly, Conservation, Planning and Housing. The Secretary and Treasurer attended the inaugural meeting in November, and we have registered the Grange Association as a community and amenity association.

LEAFLET FOR NEW RESIDENTS - Copies of this leaflet are now available from committee members for anyone new coming to live near you. If there are any glaring omissions please let us know.

THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF THE ASTLEY AINSLIE HOSPITAL - The Secretary, Mrs. Hazel Hunter (37 Gilmour Road, Edinburgh 16) is preparing an explanatory leaflet about the aims and activities of the League and would be glad to hear from anyone interested in joining. They need help in fund-raising and also volunteers to visit patients, help them with shopping, flower-arranging, transport, outings etc.

#### GRANGE ASSOCIATION PROGRAMME

Postponement - Mr. Brooks, Superintendent of Grounds at Edinburgh University, will now speak on 'Landscape with Students' on APRIL 2nd at 8 p.m. in Mayfield Church Upper Hall. (NOT March 12).

Saturday, April 7th - Party for children age 4-6, in Mayfield Lower Hall, 2.30 to 4.30. Tickets 50p. Games, films, tea and entertainment by Johnny Mack. Donations of food gratefully received.

Monday, May 14th, 8 p.m. Outing to the new Visitors' Centre at the Royal Observatory, Blackford Hill. Admission 35p.

Monday, June 4th, Mayfield Church Upper Hall. A talk by Dr. Ian Adams, author of the much praised 'The Making of Urban Scotland'.

#### TRANSPORT TO AND FROM MEETINGS

Contact Ian McNab, 17 Cumin Place (667 4175) - especially if you would like a lift to the OBSERVATORY on May 14th.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS

75p. or 30p. for pensioners - to the Treasurer, Mrs. A. Lilwall, 2 Dick Place, or at any Grange Association Meeting.