

THE GRANGE ASSOCIATION

AUTUMN 1979

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the East Grange Association will be held on Monday 22nd October, 1979 in Mayfield Church Lower Hall, at 7.30 p.m. All members are invited. The formal agenda will include reports on EGA activities during the year, and election of the committee for 1979-80. After the business of the meeting there will be an illustrated talk by Dr. M. S. Higgs on Victorian Architecture - Style, Morality and Technology. Guests are welcome to this talk (at the usual charge of 30p) but only paid-up members of the Grange Association may vote at the AGM. Coffee will be served during the evening.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

Nominations for the new committee are invited from members. They should be sent to the Secretary (with names of proposer and seconder, and signed by the nominee) on, or before, Sunday October 21st. The committee consists of the four office-bearers and up to eight ordinary members elected annually for a maximum of four years in succession.

Present members of the committee 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
- *Dr. 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 Cres. 667 1150

*Mrs. I. Simpson

48 St. Albans Road 667 7747

*Mr. J. Wilson

19 Grange Crescent 667 5926

* denotes available for re-election.

PLANNING MATTERS

Since the last 'Newsletter' several decisions have been made. St. Raphael's Hospital has been granted permission to build an extension within its grounds - principally an eight-bed ward and two private rooms.

At 23 Hope Terrace permission has been refused to build a dining-room extension.

At the old British Rail Weighbridge site at 64 Mayfield Road Ross's were refused permission to make a vehicle park and tool-store. They have now submitted amended plans for a coach-park, much more carefully thought out and including trees to screen the site from the road, and improved access. Causewayside/Ratcliffe Terrace - In the last 'Newsletter' we reported a proposal to convert Neill's to 31 flats and build 'industrial units' along the boundary with the gardens of houses in Findhorn Place. Permission for this has been granted - but with several very important stipulations which go a long way towards meeting the objections raised by the residents and the Grange Association. Most important is the fact that the 'units' are to be used only for storage, and only between certain hours. The exist from the back of the 'units' are to be used strictly in emergency only, there is to be improved landscaping within the site, and the sign-board for Ross's garage on Ratcliffe Terrace is to be further considered.

40 Blackford Avenue - This news is less satisfactory. The application to build a 'lounge bar' with a flat above was turned down by the District Council in July. Now we learn that the applicant has lodged an Appeal with the Secretary of State, against the decision. It's early days yet, and it is expected to be several weeks before the Appeal is advertised in the Press, and then some months before the Appeal is heard. Please keep a watch on the 'Public Notices' so that we can muster the same prompt and effective local opposition to this plan that has accompanied each of the previous unsuccessful attempts to develop the plot in this way.

THE CARLTON CRICKET CLUB has two sorts of members - those who play cricket, and those, like most of us, who simply appreciate the existence of such a marvellous open space in the middle of an otherwise built-up area. To become a non-playing

member, contact Mr. Ian McPake, 121 Lanark Road West, Currie, EH14 (449-3230). Membership entitles one to enjoy the facilities of the ground, and the clubhouse and bar.

FOOTPATHS - AND OVERHANGING BRANCHES

This has not been a very good summer, but many residents, especially flat-dwellers and the elderly, have been enjoying the trees, shrubs and flowers in private gardens in the Grange since early spring. Not a few have delighted in the scent and sight of roses, honeysuckle and clematis at nose and eye level.

BUT, now these joys are nearly over and residents should consider urgently the possibility of roses and overhanging tree branches inconveniencing passers-by, particularly on wet days. It is not too late to trim back bulging hedges, to prune shrubs and rambler roses and to cut out one or two of the lower branches in overhanging trees. Do please leave the higher branches as these enhance the appearance of the neighbourhood. Indiscriminate lopping, or even good pruning done heavily may result in premature death of a tree - there are several examples to be seen in the Grange.

HINTS - Keep tying in wall and railing plants throughout the summer. Prune spring flowering shrubs, by cutting out the old flowering stems after flowering. Summer and autumn flowering shrubs are usually pruned in early spring. Clematis montana, which made such a wonderful show this spring, should only be pruned immediately after flowering, and can be cut back really hard. Tree branches should be cut out at the trunk or at a fork. Please don't leave ugly stumps, which will be growing like brushes by next summer. Always paint wounds over one inch across with a sealant.

MAYFIELD RADIO UNIT broadcasts every evening to patients in Princess Margaret Rose, Liberton, Longmore, and Deaconess Hospitals. It's a voluntary organisation, relying on people giving their time in order to brighten the sometimes monotonous lives of people in hospital, and keep up their links with families, friends and the community as a whole. Members of the Unit endeavour to visit every ward at least once a week, and collect record requests then. Requests and dedications can be sent by listeners, friends and relatives to Mayfield Radio Unit, 18 West Mayfield, Edinburgh, EH9 1TF. It's a thought that might be especially appreciated if someone you know is to be in hospital over Christmas.

RECYCLING WASTE

GLASS - Mr. Gruber, 44 St. Alban's Road (667 4813) has kindly agreed to continue to collect, but due to escalating costs he has asked that only people who find it impossible to get to a collecting point should bring him their bottles. Please rinse bottles, remove tops and sort into different colours. Our nearest collection point is at Asda Superstore, Milton Road, Musselburgh. We are still looking for someone to act as a 'collecting-point' for the western part of the Grange Association area.

Mrs. Noble, 17 Dick Place (667-0437) continues to collect ALUMINIUM FOIL for the Friends of the Earth; and the Cleansing Department collects WASTEPAPER for their recycling scheme - ring 225-2424 for details.

LEAFLET FOR NEW RESIDENTS - This is available from committee members. Please ask for one if someone has moved recently to live near you - it's a good introduction to a new area - and new neighbours.

GRANGE ASSOCIATION PROGRAMME

Monday, October 22nd: Annual General Meeting at 7.30 p.m. in Mayfield Church Lower Hall. Business will be followed by a talk by Dr. M.S. Higgs on Victorian Architecture - Style, Morality and Technology.

November: Musical Evening - date and place to be confirmed.

Monday, December 3rd: Dr. Grant Peterkin will talk on Lothian Doocots, Mayfield Church Upper Hall at 8.00 p.m.

Saturday, January 26th: Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Mayfield Church Upper Hall, 10.30 - 12.00 noon.

TRANSPORT TO AND FROM MEETINGS - Anyone who would like to have a car bring them to meetings and take them home again please contact John Hammond 667-6146.

SUBSCRIPTIONS fall due at the AGM on October 22nd. Please take your subscription (75p or 30p for Pensioners) to the meeting; or send it to the Treasurer, Mrs. Anne Lilwall, 2 Dick Place.