

THE GRANGE ASSOCIATION

SUMMER 1981

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Grange Association will be held on Monday 2nd November 1981 in Mayfield Church Lower Hall at 7.30. Nominations for the committee are invited from members. NOMINATIONS (with names of proposer and seconder, and signed by the nominee) SHOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE SECRETARY ON OR BEFORE MONDAY OCTOBER 26th.

Conservation

Members of the Conservation group and other volunteers have been very busy conducting a 10% sample survey of just over 200 households, representing every street in the Grange area. In the first section the questionnaire sought factual information on such questions as the number of persons in the household, type of property, garden, trees, car use and shopping and travel to work patterns. The second section was designed to elicit attitudes towards the use of different properties, parking and trees. People were encouraged to add their own comments on any other aspect of conservation in the Grange.

The completed questionnaire will be analysed and the results will form an important part of the Conservation Report, which will be published by the G.A. as soon as possible and submitted to the City of Edinburgh District Council. The Report will make our case that the Grange, because of its architectural, landscape and historical merits should be designated as a Conservation Area. A public meeting will be held shortly after the Report has been published.

The Griffin

The Griffin is still in Glenrothes undergoing repair - the work has proved more difficult than was anticipated but should be complete in time for it to be re-erected in September. Several contributions towards the cost have been received and more would now be welcome.

Trees

If you are planning to plant a tree this autumn, replace an old tree or add to those you have, now is the time to look around in gardens, parks and the Botanic Gardens and then find a nursery-man who can give you exactly what your site demands.

Don't forget the pedestrians who walk past your front garden. Roses should be well tied-in and branches of shrubs should be cut back or tied back to keep out of the hair and eyes of passers-by. A bulging hedge also restricts the pavement. Please DON'T grow tantalising poisonous berries within reach of all small children.

Community Councils

A community Council has been formed which covers part of the G.A. area; west of Lauder Road, north of Grange Loan, south along Kilgraston Road, and down South Oswald Road towards the Blackford Road tennis courts. The CC will concern itself with community affairs, the Meadows Festival, a local register (eg. shops), amenity (including conservation), and will produce a newsletter. We have nominated Kirsty Marshall as the G.A. representative, so please contact her at 7 Grange Loan (667 6321) if you wish her to raise any matter on your behalf. She is on the community affairs sub-committee which aims to produce a fact-sheet on the services and facilities available in the area e.g. the elderly and housebound, after assessing their needs. There will be six public meetings per annum - the next is on July 2nd and thereafter on the first Thursday of every alternate month.

Musical Evenings

Several musical evenings have now been arranged and they have all been most successful. If anyone who has a piano and a room large enough to hold 20-25 people is willing to hold one, please would they contact Ian McNab at 17 Cumin Place (667-4175).

Silver Paper: Mrs. Noble no longer collects silver paper. Please take washed milk bottle tops and compressed paper to either Oxfam, 206 Morningside Road or to Mayfield Church vestibule in aid of the leprosy mission.

Doocots

You may remember a very interesting talk last year given by Dr. Grant Peterkin on Lothian Doocots. He has now written a book on the subject which is available from him at 26 Learmonth Terrace (332 6119), price £2.75 plus p+p.

Planning

The application to build a bungalow in the grounds of the Mount Grange Hotel was approved in March but they were refused an extension of their licence for late drinking. Permission to build a single-storey dwelling house at 79 Findhorn Place was refused. Permission to build an extension to 23 Hope Terrace has so far been refused by the sub-committee. At 1 Grange Terrace permission has been granted to build a bungalow in the garden and its entrance will be in St. Thomas' Road. An application has been made to convert the pantiled building at 35-41 Ratcliffe Terrace and the premises behind it into flats and a bar. (Permission was granted over a year ago for it to be converted into a hotel with a public bar.) We shall submit comments as soon as detailed plans are available. Planning permission has been granted on a personal basis for the ground and first floors of 48 Findhorn Place to be used as a residential home for the elderly. A building warrant and registration with the Social Work Department are still necessary.

Grange Trail

A quiz sheet aimed at nine to twelve year olds and based on the Grange area is being prepared. It is designed to encourage children to observe their environment and will be available at Newington Library from mid-June.

Antique Dealers

Once again we would like to warn residents against callers wanting to buy antiques. Sometimes the prices they offer amount to a swindle. You will get a fairer estimate if you take the items to a valuer such as Lyon and Turnbull or Phillips who give free estimates. If you have trouble with a caller contact the local Police at Mayfield Road (667 7272),

Newsletter Distribution

If you, or anyone you know, haven't received a copy please contact Margaret Thomson, 31 Hope Terrace (447 3406).

Office Bearers

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any of us:

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Membership Secretary:	Mrs. Mgt. Thomson,	31 Hope Terrace	447 3406

Programme

Friday June 5th: Outing to the Royal Scottish Museum 2.15-4.15
There will be a talk on "The Historical and Social Aspects of Costume" followed by a guided tour of either the Ethnography or the Costume sections of the Museum. Please meet beside the fishpond inside the Museum. For transport contact the Secretary, Hilary Sawers, 54 Grange Loan (667 6360).

Thursday June 25th: A Walk in the Grange at 7.30 p.m. Meet outside Newington Library, Fountainhall Road. The walk will be accompanied by Mr. David Cameron of the Planning Dept. who will talk about the architectural and planning aspects of the Grange area. It will last about 1½ hours ending outside Egremont House and within the grounds of the Carlton Cricket Club, the members of which invite you to join them in their clubhouse afterwards.

Friday September 25th: Wine and Cheese Party, at 8.00 p.m. at the Carlton Cricket Club.

Monday November 2nd: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 7.30 p.m. in Mayfield Church Lower Hall. Business will be followed by a talk from Mr. John Gray, "Random Reflections on South Edinburgh".

Transport to and from meetings - anyone who would like a lift please contact Douglas Maitland (667 5425).

The Grange Association Needs You!

It costs nearly £50 to produce this newsletter, one of three per year, which we endeavour to deliver to each of 2000 or so households in the Grange area. The costs of producing it and of funding all the other Grange Association activities - including costly items like conservation and the restoration of the Griffin, and of the Children's Easter Party, the Wine and Cheese Party, and the cost of hiring the hall and giving an honorarium to speakers at our meetings throughout the year - is borne by only 380 members. Please join and give us your support - it costs only 75p (30p for OAPs). Fill in the application form and send it to the Membership Secretary.

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To: Mrs. M. Thomson, Membership Secretary, Grange Association,
31 Hope Terrace, Edinburgh 9. (Tel. 447 3406).

I/We wish to join the Grange Association and enclose a remittance of 75p./30p. or (please state amount).

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