

THE GRANGE ASSOCIATION

AUTUMN 1981

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Grange Association will be held on Monday November 2nd 1981 in Mayfield Church Lower Hall at 7.30. The formal agenda will include reports on activities during the year and election of the committee for 1981-82. After the business Mr. John Gray will talk on 'Random Reflections on the South Side'. Guests are welcome to this talk, but only members of the GA may vote at the AGM.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE Nominations for the new committee are invited from members. They should be lodged with the Secretary on or before Monday 26th October with names of proposer and seconder and signed by the nominee.

Present members of the committee are:-

*Mrs. A. Miller (Chairman)	29 Grange Loan	667 4016
Mr. A. Reid (Vice-Chairman)	108 Findhorn Place	667 4876
Mrs. H. Sawers (Secretary)	54 Grange Loan	667 6360
Mr. J. Wilson (Treasurer)	19 Grange Crescent	667 5926
Mrs. M. Thomson (Membership Secretary)	31 Hope Terrace	447 3406
*Mrs. M. Anderson	12 Monkwood Court	667 8072
*Dr. R. Kemp	2 Mortonhall Road	667 5817
*Mr. D. Maitland	3 Grange Loan Gdns.	667 5425
*Miss K. Marshall	7 Grange Loan	667 6321
Mr. W. Rae	25 Hope Terrace	447 3835
*Mr. H. Robertson	19 Dalrymple Cres.	667 1150
*Mrs. I. Simpson	2 Dalrymple Cres.	667 7747
Mr. J. Gibb (co-opted)	6 Grange Crescent	667 5688

*denotes available for re-election.

Subscriptions are due at the AGM for the year 1981-2 and may be paid at the hall during the evening. It would help us greatly if you could fill in the attached application form at the back of this newsletter and hand it with the appropriate sum to the Membership Secretary during the AGM or

send it to her at 31 Hope Terrace. We regret that at the AGM we shall have to propose raising the annual subscription to £1 and 50p. for OAPs.

CONSERVATION

The task of analysing the information derived from the sample survey conducted earlier in the year is proceeding. This will be followed by writing the conservation report itself which will include a section on the history and architecture of the Grange area illustrated with maps and photographs. It will be published early in 1982 when a number of copies will be submitted to the planning authorities. The remainder of the copies will be available for sale to the public. The Grange Association cannot afford to produce the report unless sufficient sales are guaranteed in advance to cover the costs. We hope members and people living in the area will support this venture by ordering a copy of the report on the enclosed order form.

THE GRIFFIN

The Griffin at the south end of Lovers' Loan has been restored and reinstated. This work has been made possible by generous donations from members and a discount from the stone restoring firm, Renofors (U.K.) Ltd. of Glenrothes. This Griffin is one of two marking the southern boundary of the policies of Grange House which was demolished in 1936. The other Griffin is between 108 Grange Loan and Douglas House.

REPORTS

The afternoon outing to the Royal Scottish Museum at the beginning of June was most interesting but unfortunately very few people attended. This was an experiment to gauge demand for afternoon activities but obviously there is no need.

Despite the weather the Grange Walk, later that month, was very popular and we benefitted from the interesting commentaries given by members of the architectural and planning departments of Edinburgh District Council. At the end of the walk we were invited into Grange Park House to see the fine mouldings and panelling. The evening ended convivially at the clubhouse of the Carlton Cricket Club as guests of the Honorary President and the Chairman.

THE GRANGE TRAIL A quiz sheet aimed at 9-12 year olds, available from Newington Library throughout the summer holidays proved to be a great success. The answers are now on display at the library and we hope to produce a similar quiz next summer.

THE WINE AND CHEESE PARTY was held in the pavilion of the Carlton Cricket Club at the end of September and was greatly enjoyed by all those who attended.

PLANNING MATTERS

A great many planning applications have been submitted since the last newsletter. Despite the sub-committee's recommendation to the contrary permission has been granted for an extension to the guest house at 23 Hope Terrace. Details of the application to convert the pan-tiled building at 35-43 Ratcliffe Terrace to flats and a bar still have not been submitted. The owner of the former B.R. Weighbridge Site at 64 Mayfield Road has won his appeal to the Secretary of State for permission to use the site as a coach park subject to several conditions. The planning permission is personal to Mr. Ross and expires after five years, certain landscaping works are to be carried out and maintained for 3 years, no more than 3 coaches are to be parked on the site and these coaches alone may be cleaned and have minor repairs carried out and finally no traffic movements are to take place between 10.30 pm and 7.30 am. A new application has been made for a two-storey extension to the nursing home at 15 Findhorn Place. It will contain 15 bedrooms and cover the greater part of the garden. The GA have written objecting to this encroachment on garden space and the likely increase in traffic. The National Library for Scotland intend to demolish the former Middlemass biscuit factory and a specially designed building is to replace it in the next few years. The GA have already commented on the plans and the architects have consulted us (and other interested amenity associations) and modified the plans in the light of some of these comments.

New planning regulations came into force in August which relax the planning controls as they affect extensions to houses and other similar matters. Where planning permission is required the applicant is now obliged to notify his neighbours.

TREES

Some residents may be thinking of lopping their trees. Pruning may in fact be necessary where a tree is obscuring light to the house or overhanging the garden or pavement. It is a short-term policy to shorten the ends of branches as this will stimulate vigorous growth in the following years, and the tree will in fact become thicker. You cannot reduce the size of a tree that way, though by removing a few branches complete (i.e. back to a main branch or the trunk) you can achieve thinning which has the added advantage of leaving an attractive shape. Bad lopping will cost you much more money in the long run. Tree pruning should not be done after the end of February when the sap will have started to rise.

The Grange Association has a list of reputable tree surgeons who are known to do a good job.

We hope shortly to display the part of our previous tree exhibition which deals with pruning in the Newington Library.

GRANGE ASSOCIATION PROGRAMME

Monday, November 2nd: The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of THE GRANGE ASSOCIATION will be held in Mayfield Church Lower Hall at 7.30 pm. After the formal business Mr. John Gray will talk on "Random Reflections on the South Side".

Monday, December 7th: Mrs. Norma Armstrong from the Edinburgh City Library will talk on the "History of the Theatre in Edinburgh" at 8.00 pm in Mayfield Church Upper Hall.

Saturday, January 30th: Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy. Mayfield Church Upper Hall, 10.30-12 noon. Gifts of baking, plants, paperback books and the like would be appreciated, particularly as this is our main fund-raising event of the year.

Monday, March 1st: Mrs. Rosemary Bigwood will talk about "Discovering your Family History" at 8.00 pm in Mayfield Church Upper Hall.

For Lifts to and from meetings please contact Douglas Maitland 667 5425.

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To: Mrs. M. Thomson, Membership Secretary, Grange Association,
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I/We wish to join the Grange Association and enclose a remittance of

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