

# THE GRANGE ASSOCIATION

SPRING 1982

At the AGM a new committee was elected and their names are given below. We should like to thank the committee members who retired at the AGM; Mrs. Sawers, the secretary, Mr. Wilson, the treasurer and Mrs. Simpson for all the work which they did so willingly and so efficiently whilst they were members of the committee. The committee is as follows:

Mrs. A. Miller (Chairman)	29 Grange Loan	667 4016
Mr. A. Reid (Vice-Chairman)	108 Findhorn Place	667 4876
Mrs. C. Stephens (Secretary)	39 Lauder Road	667 2887
Mrs. M. Thomson (Treasurer and Membership Secretary)	31 Hope Terrace	447 3406
Mrs. M. Anderson	12 Monkwood Court	667 8072
Mr. R. Bartholmew	1 Lauder Road	667 3500
Miss B. Dixon (or she may be contacted at the Library)	2 Henderson Terr.	346 2725
Miss C. Fortescue	5 Seton Place	667 1291
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. H. Robertson	19 Dalrymple Cres.	667 1150

In addition the following members have been co-opted:

Mr. J. Gibb	6 Grange Cres.	667 5688
Mrs. I. Simpson	2 Dalrymple Cres.	667 7747

Mr. Gibb has been co-opted from Mayfield Church Kirk Session. Mrs. Simpson, who has retired from the committee, is willing to continue to advise us about trees.

## REPORTS

A musical evening was held in the drawing-room of Grange Park House in October. An interesting and varied programme was enjoyed by about forty people. We would like to thank our hostess, Mrs. Lyddon and Mr. McNab who organised it. Another musical evening will be held there soon: see programme for details.



At the AGM, Mr. John Gray, author of 'South Side Story' gave an interesting talk entitled, 'Random Reflections on South Edinburgh.

On December 7th Mrs. Norma Armstrong of the Edinburgh Room, Edinburgh City Library, delivered a fascinating lecture on the theatre in eighteenth century Edinburgh with excellent illustrations.

### GARDEN GROUP

Would you like a Garden Group in the Grange? Would you be interested in talks, demonstrations, exchange of plants between members and regular visits to the Royal Botanic Gardens? Please contact Mrs. Simpson (as above) if you are interested.

### TREES

All tree pruning should be complete by the end of February, even in this late winter the sap will be rising then. There has been at least one bad case of Silver Leaf disease in the Grange last year, and sadly the tree had to be removed and burnt; so, please don't prune cherries, almond and plums till July or August.

Most hedges have suffered badly in the frost, especially those cut drastically in late autumn. Privet responds best to hard cutting-back in April, and is best done over one or two years. Cut box on Midsummer's Day. Beech is best kept back from the pavement as the branches are very sharp to passers-by; prune annually between July and February.

### CONSERVATION

The task of writing and editing the conservation report is virtually complete, including the choice of illustrations and maps. We would like to thank all those who placed advance orders. The report is due to be published in the spring.

STONE PINEAPPLE OR FIRCON surmounting one of the pillars at the entrance to Lauder Loan (formerly the north entrance to Grange House) is missing. If anyone knows where it is please could they contact the chairman as the GA is willing to continue restoring interesting stonework in the area.

### NEW RESIDENTS' LEAFLET

The GA has produced a special leaflet, free to all new residents, full of useful information about facilities in the area. It is available from any committee member.



## PLANNING

In the autumn work began at 18 Lauder Road where sheltered housing for the elderly is being built by Viewpoint Housing Association. The House is to be converted and two more units are to be built in the grounds. The GA have written to the Planning Dept. about protection of the trees and the detailed specification of the buildings to which amendments have been made since the original permission was granted. The application to build a two-storey extension to the nursing home at 15 Findhorn Place was refused on 26th November. The applicant may yet appeal to the Secretary of State.

Detailed plans have now been submitted for the listed building at 35-41 Ratcliffe Terrace, for which outline planning permission has already been granted for a public bar. Amended plans have now been submitted, for a public house (with 2 bars), and 7 small flats. The pub will be on the left hand side of the building, with a flat behind and 2 flats above. On the right hand side there will be 2 flats on each floor. A new path connects the two sections, giving access to a residents' car park in the back yard. The G.A. is writing to comment on the likely increase in traffic on this dangerous stretch of Causewayside, where there is already a concentration of licensed premises. An application has been submitted to build a 5 apartment bungalow on garden ground at 19 St. Thomas Road, with an entrance on St. Alban's Road. The GA objected to a recent application to extend the licensed hours of the Mountgrange Hotel and this has been refused.

## RECYCLING WASTE

Glass. Mr. Gruber, 44 St. Alban's Road, who has kindly collected bottles for those unable to take them to the bottle bank will no longer be able to do so after April. If anyone is willing to continue this recycling effort please contact the Secretary. The nearest bottle bank is at Edinburgh University.

## GOVERNMENT

The Grange is in the Parliamentary constituency of South Edinburgh (member Michael Ancrum); Lothian Region Area of Sciennes/Marchmont (Councillor Gordon Reid, 229-6104); Edinburgh District Areas of Sciennes (Councillor Eric Kean, 667-2233) or Marchmont (Councillor Alistair Clark, 225-8070).



MAN'S BEST FRIEND

It could be said that half the residents in the Grange suffer dogs gladly and the others suffer... Footpaths are meant for people yet they are often rendered unpleasant, hazardous and unhealthy by dogs. Please be considerate when exercising your pets. Encourage them to use your own garden; or failing that, to foul the gutters rather than the pavements.

GRANGE ASSOCIATION PROGRAMME

Saturday, February 20th: Musical Evening at 8 p.m. at Grange Park House, 38 Dick Place. All those wishing to perform, or just to listen, please contact Mrs. Lyddon, our hostess, (667 2266) or Ian McNab (667 4175).

Monday, March 1st: Discovering your Family History, an illustrated talk by Mrs. Rosemary Bigwood at 8 p.m. in Mayfield Church Upper Hall.

Saturday, April 3rd: Childrens' Easter Party 2.30-4.30 p.m. in Mayfield Church Lower Hall. For children age 4 to 6. Tickets 75p. Games, films, tea and a different entertainer. Donations of small cakes welcome.

Monday, May 10th. Mr. David Ingram will talk about anti-ques, with illustrations and examples. Mayfield Church Upper Hall 8 p.m.

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

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To: Mrs. M. Thomson, Treasurer and Membership Secretary,  
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(Tel. 447 3406)

I/We wish to join/rejoin the Grange Association and enclose a remittance of .....  
(membership costs £1; OAPs 50p).

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