



The Grange Association

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 1985

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

During the past six months the committee has been very active considering the exceptionally large number of major planning applications in the Grange. Mrs. Nancy Drucker has unfortunately had to resign and we thank her for serving the committee so well during the past two years. Her place has been taken by Mrs. leather Cubie, 14 Mortonhall Road.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 4th November in Mayfield Church lower hall. Subscriptions will be received from 7 pm, and at 7.30 there will be an illustrated talk on the lifeboat service and the "City of Edinburgh" lifeboat, by Mr. Andrew Cubie, Honorary Secretary of the RNLI (Edinburgh).

The Association always welcomes new members to the committee. Nominations, with the names of the proposer and seconder, and signed by the nominee, should be in the hands of the Secretary, Mr. G. Gretton, 52 Grange Loan, by Monday, 28th October. At present the principal members of the committee are:—

<i>Robert Bartholomew (Chairman)</i>	<i>1 Lauder Road</i>	<i>667 3500</i>
<i>Ivor Klayman (Vice Chairman)</i>	<i>18 Tantallon Place</i>	<i>667 7298</i>
<i>George Gretton (Secretary)</i>	<i>52 Grange Loan</i>	<i>667 1156</i>
<i>Robin Cavaghan (Treasurer & Membership Secretary)</i>	<i>19 Tantallon Place</i>	<i>667 6085</i>

CONSERVATION

No decision has yet been made on the application to Edinburgh District Council for the making of an Article 4 Direction for the Grange Conservation Area.

PLANNING

Dunard House, 123 Grange Loan. Work has now started on the building of flats in the grounds and progress is being closely watched.

Mount Grange, Strathearn Road. The building of flats is progressing. An application has recently been submitted for the inclusion of an additional five apartments. Approval has been given for a temporary access from Hope Terrace to a show house.

Craigmount, Dick Place. James Miller & Partners have now sold this site to Cala Homes, who have lodged an application for the building of 67 town houses and flats, with garages and parking spaces for 154 cars. This is considered to be a gross overdevelopment of the site and the amount of traffic it would generate in Dick Place and Kilgraston Road is quite unacceptable. Representations have been made on behalf of the Association to the District Council for the building heights to be reduced and for the retention of as many as possible of the fine trees on the site.

49 Blackford Avenue. The proposal to build a public house, with manager's flat, beside the railway line has been strenuously objected to by many parties. The Highways Committee is considering the application.

3-7 Fountainhall Road. The Silver Kings Garage has now been demolished and final plans have been submitted for 24 flats, to be built by Bett Bros. of Dundee. These have not yet been approved.

64 Mayfield Road. An application has been lodged for change of use from a workshop to a retail upholstery shop. Objections have been made on the grounds of limited access.

St. Raphael's. Viewpoint Housing Association are planning to develop the ground behind St. Raphael's Hospital (now a nursing home) by erecting two blocks of 50 flats, with access from Oswald Road. An application has recently been submitted.

LIAISON COMMITTEE

Edinburgh District Council have formed a new advisory committee consisting of various groups from within the City, the purpose of which is to pass on views to the Policy and Resources Committee. The Association has one of only three places on the committee representing residents' organisations.

TREES, AGAIN!

The committee has recently received a letter from the Deputy Director of Planning of Edinburgh District Council asking for the co-operation of residents in the work carried out by his department aimed at protecting the trees in the Grange Conservaton Area. On receipt of an enquiry or an application to carry out tree work, the department's professional landscape staff will arrange to call on the applicant to discuss the nature of the work and make recommendations. The six-week notification period before work is carried out also allows time for details of the proposed work to be recorded, for viewing and comment, in the Tree Work Register on the public enquiry desk at 18 Market Street. In future, when an application to fell a tree is recorded the Grange Association will circularise those living nearby so that they may make their views known to the Planning Department's Landscape Section. If a tree is so dangerous that it might cause serious damage or injury, the owner may ask for an urgent visit from a member of the landscape staff or carry out only the necessary remedial work and notify them afterwards.

It is encouraging to know that consultation and professional advice is now available, at no fee, when any tree work is contemplated. The Grange Association continues to provide a tree service for all residents and, if you wish, any questions about your trees may be discussed (ring 667 7747) before you make contact with the Landscape Section, but please do note that as a general rule tree work should not be undertaken without first applying to the Planning Department, 18 Market Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1BJ. Residents wishing to make application to carry out any tree work in the area can simplify the process by using a form supplied by the Landscape Section. They have also prepared an excellent list of shrubs and herbaceous plants which will grow in the shade of walls or houses and will do well in the half-shade cast by trees; the form and list are both available from Isobel Simpson (667 7747), or Gavin Anderson (667 3240), and Isobel Simpson also has books, leaflets and lists of trees for replacement or new planting.

MAXWELL DEANS BEQUEST

The committee has decided to use the £100 donated to the Association from the estate of the late Mr. Maxwell Deans to establish a tree conservation fund, which will be used to support the replacement of trees and the planting of new trees to help maintain the leafy character of the Grange.

CUBS AND BEAVERS

The 28th Salisbury Cub Pack is a thriving group but vacancies exist as a number of cubs have recently moved on to the scouts. There are also vacancies for beavers. Further particulars are obtainable from Neil Ross (447 2658) about the cubs, (8 to 10 years old) and from Ann McDonald (667 3136) about the beavers, (6 to 7 years old).

WHITEHOUSE AND GRANGE BOWLING CLUB

The Whitehouse and Grange Bowling Club is a flourishing organisation with greens and clubhouse at 18a Hope Terrace. There is a limited number of vacancies for members, and residents of the Grange would be especially welcome. Details are available from the Honorary Secretary, Mr. W.M. Muir, 14a Mortonhall Road (668 1244). The club will be holding a Fair at its ground on Saturday 6th July from 10 to noon. There will be stalls and games, and visitors will be welcome. The ground has a fine garden which includes 250 rose bushes and is well worth a visit.

OBSTRUCTIVE PARKING

Reports have been received of buses and large vehicles being parked for long periods in narrow streets in the Grange. If a vehicle is causing a hazard, Mayfield Police Station should be advised immediately at 667 7272.

REPORTS

Mr. Peter Robinson of the Edinburgh Architectural Association gave a fascinating talk to the Association on Monday 11th March on the story of the tenement in Scotland. On Wednesday 27th March Mr. Duncan Chisholm of the Assessor's Department spoke to a meeting on the recent quinquennial property revaluation. His informative talk provoked lively discussion.

The children's Easter party on Saturday 30th March was well attended. The committee is most grateful to Mrs. Lundy for providing the musical entertainment and to all who supplied food for the children. 22 people joined the visit to the Royal Observatory on Blackford Hill on Saturday 11th May. One of the staff gave an interesting talk and led a tour around the permanent exhibition.

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 12th June at 7 pm, guided walk in the Grange. Meet at the corner of Lauder Road and Dick Place. The route will be different from last year's.

Thursday 12th September at 7.30 pm, musical evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Lyddon, 38 Dick Place. Works by Schubert, Mozart and Bach and folksongs will be performed by local musicians, including the Grange Singers. Programmes £1. As space is limited, members wishing to attend should contact Robin Cavaghar (667 6085) to reserve a seat.

Saturday 5th October 11 am to 4 pm, at 31 Blackford Road. Bring and buy plant sale. Take shrub and other cuttings now. Please bring contributions from your herbaceous border on the evening of Friday 4th October. Admission (members only) 50p up to 1.00 pm – thereafter free.

Monday 4th November at 7.30 pm, in Mayfield Church lower hall. Illustrated talk on Lifeboat Services and Annual General Meeting: see above.

Saturday 18th January 1986 at 10.30 am, in Mayfield Church upper hall. Annual bring and buy sale, and arts and crafts exhibition. The exhibition will demonstrate the many skills of residents. Modest prizes will be awarded. Detailed arrangements later, but categories will be Paintings, Drawings and Prints, Sculpture and Crafts, Photography (both colour and black and white), Poetry, and Needlework (embroidery, tapestry, crochet, needlework, soft-toys and knitting).

Please contact any member of the Committee if you would like a lift to or from a meeting.

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