



The Grange Association

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wed. 25 October A forum on Design and Development in the Grange has been organised. Just as we enjoy some plants and call others weeds and enjoy some sounds and call others noise, so we enjoy some of our streets and buildings and call others eyesores - why? What are your preferences for design and development, and why? Our October meeting is being arranged to give you an opportunity to indicate and explain them in an open discussion of this often contentious issue.

To provide a context, architects and developers living or working in the Grange will each summarise briefly what they see as the character of the area and how they respond to it in their designs. Then the floor is yours. The Chairman will be Charles Prosser, Secretary of the Royal Fine Arts

Wed. 22 November Thomas Mabbott, secretary of the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society has accepted our invitation to give a talk on Scotland's Garden Scheme. It has been "leaked" to us that his colour slides are magnificent and a perfect antidote to miserable November weather.

Wed. 6 December We have booked the German Church Hall in Chalmers Crescent for our third Christmas evening and we are planning some interesting events that we hope you will enjoy. We will end, as before, with the carols you choose and with a glass of wine and some shortbread.

Wed. 16 February This is the date of our 22nd Annual General Meeting. Our chairperson, Sheila Reid, is hoping to arrange for a speaker afterwards who will tell us about the Council's new method of dealing with local affairs. Full details will be in the January flyer.

Wed. 21 March George P Murray, who is an authority on tram-cars, has kindly agreed to talk to us about "Tram Cars Past and Future". The first part will be a nostalgic look at the origins of the Edinburgh trams - and maybe the Marchmont Circle will be mentioned. The second part will be about modern tram car systems which are successful in many cities

Wed 21 Mar (cont) including Manchester. Mr Murray has a short video he would like to show us, but we do not have a means of showing it on the large screen needed for a sizeable audience. Can anyone help? Please phone 667 1240 if you can.

Sheila, Jean and Betty would like to thank the many people who help with the meetings: the speakers who give up their evenings to us, Annemarie Hammond, the Carlton Cricket Club, Mr Sked and Mrs Dea at the church and other members of the Committee. Thanks also go to you the audience - it would not be the same without you!

Unless otherwise stated all meetings take place at 7.30pm in St Catherine's - Argyle Church Hall, Grange Road. Tea, coffee and biscuits are served after the meetings.

Jean Duff, Betty Paul

REPORTS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

On 22 March this year David Robertson gave us a most interesting illustrated talk about the Museum of Scotland. David taught history at a well-known Edinburgh school for thirty-three years and since his retirement he has become a volunteer guide at the Museum. His enthusiasm for his work came over clearly. Being a volunteer guide, he says, has educated him, as well as those he takes round the museum. This was a memorable evening which we all enjoyed.

A successful Bring and Buy plant stall was held as part of the Carlton Cricket Club coffee morning on Saturday 6 May. Many thanks to all the helpers and those who brought and bought plants. We made £265.15 which was shared with the Cricket Club who are putting the money towards their new clubhouse funds.

As a change from our normal local garden visits, on Saturday 17 June, Alistair Scott very kindly entertained over 80 of us with a very informative, amusing and interesting walk round Dalrymple Crescent, Findhorn Place and Dick Place telling us about many of their trees and histories. We finished in a member's garden in Dick Place for tea and are very grateful to our host and hostess for this privilege. Many thanks also go to Alistair and all our helpers for a most enjoyable afternoon.

Betty Paul, Jean Duff

PLANNING DEVELOPMENTS FEBRUARY - AUGUST 2000



There are more applications than previously in Edinburgh and the Planning Department has been under pressure from both applicants and the Scottish Executive to process them more quickly. This shows in the Planning lists, which now include both applications and decisions from the preceding week.

The Association has been dealing with the strengthened Enforcement section of the Department in connection with several matters, including the wall in the forecourt of the Salisbury church (now removed) and the completion of external works at the large development in Mortonhall Road.

ASTLEY AINSLIE HOSPITAL SITE



The Lothian Primary Health Care Trust wrote on 4 May that it had completed internal discussions on clinical needs for the site, and was preparing a report for the Scottish Executive to begin an Outline Business Plan for the development.

The objective is to modernise and develop the campus to ensure fitness for purpose for all healthcare buildings. The present buildings are not satisfactory and the infrastructure needs significant upgrading. Broadly, new clinical development is likely to be on the open, southern part of the site, to minimise property holdings and reduce management costs, and allowing the northern part to be disposed of. The extent of the disposal will be determined in large part by the city planners' view of the size of site required for the hospital.

The disposal of any surplus land will be linked to the transfer of non-clinical functions to the Royal Edinburgh hospital site. This suggests that Astley Ainslie sites are likely to be released about 2005.

SIGNIFICANT APPLICATIONS

15 FINDHORN PLACE

This is now in use as a House in Multiple Occupation, as far as we know without disturbance. The application for partial demolition and alteration to provide 8 flats (scheme 3) was refused as contrary to Local Plan Policies and the Villa Policy relating essentially to quality, character and over-development. There had been, quite rightly, a very strong objection to this proposal - 254 representations from organisations and individuals. Nevertheless, an application for a further revision submitted in late July, showed no significant difference, and a letter of objection has been lodged.

9 KILGRASTON ROAD: NORWOOD NURSERY

The nursery is in operation but there have been complaints about a breach of the condition limiting the number of children in the garden.

180 GRANGE LOAN: CARLTON CRICKET CLUB

After further revisions to the design, consent has been granted to this project, with conditions requiring detailed approval of materials and, to safeguard the amenity of neighbours, limiting sound levels and ventilation standards, and limiting the nursery's number of children and hours of operation. The club has now made an application for Lottery funding. (See below for further information).

58-62 ST ALBANS ROAD

This recently submitted application for the return of the Bank of Scotland Training establishment to residential use involves conversion of the villas, which is quite acceptable, and the erection of 10 new flats behind, which is another attempt at gross over-development. Several individuals and the Association have already made representations.

APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS FROM MID-FEBRUARY TO END-AUGUST 2000

All considered by Planning Group - * indicates comments made by Grange Association Committee

APPROVED

Alteration and/or extension to dwelling house at: 9 Mansionhouse Road, 5 Hatton Place, 13 Grange Crescent, 6 St Catherine's Place, 7 St Catherine's Place, 67 St Albans Road, 9 St Catherine's Place, 48 St Albans Road, 7 Sciennes Gardens, 3 Chalmers Crescent

Erect conservatory at 149 Whitehouse Loan, 71 Grange Loan

Others

127a Grange Loan Demolish and rebuild side entrance and stores to basement flat

4a Mortonhall Road Form one house from present two, replace existing porch and windows

*9 Kilgraston Road Renewal of consent for nursery school use, increase in number of children

6 Whitehouse Terrace Erect new conservatory, form side door/ porch, erect stone wall to courtyard

15 St Albans Road Storage for ski equipment (for use on a permanent basis)

*180 Grange Loan Demolish existing and erect new pavilion (Carlton Cricket Club)

*4-6 Blackford Road Erect new dwelling house

8b Mortonhall Road Formation of new access

18 Lauder Road Replace timber cupolas with Lareine rooflights

*8 Strathearn Road Increase width of driveway

3 Kilgraston Road Install telecommunications equipment in bell tower

108 Findhorn Place Demolish existing and erect new greenhouse

11-16 Kittle Yards Refurbish facades to include solar shading, remodel car park and entrance

82 Newbattle Terrace Change of use from children's nursery to dwelling house

51 St Albans Road Extension to existing garage and erect garden shed

36 Mansionhouse Road Remove cast iron rooflight and install Velux rooflight

- 38 Hope Terrace Install new gate and railings
39 Relugas Road Erect porch
Gf 127 Grange Loan Form door to side of dwelling
37-39 Canaan Lane Erect 2-classroom unit and nursery unit (temporary, consent for 5 years only)
6 Mortonhall Road Remove front gate and central path, infill wall and hedge
25/2 Oswald Road Erect greenhouse

REFUSED

- 16 Grange Road Alteration and extension to dwelling house
*15 Findhorn Place Demolish existing building except facade, erect 8 flats (scheme 3)
14 St Catherine's Place Lower chimney
*3 Strathearn Road Form driveway in garden ground
4b Chalmers Crescent Erect conservatory
*6 Strathearn Road Change of use from nursing home to house in multiple occupancy
29 Hatton Place Demolish existing garage and tree, erect new garage, porch, conservatory

WITHDRAWN

- 9 Mortonhall Road Erect conservatory
*16 Mortonhall Road Change of use from residential to day nursery

NO RECORDED DECISION

- 58 Fountainhall Road Alteration and extension to dwelling house
121/3 Grange Loan Replace windows
16 Sciennes Road Change of use from public footpath to private garden, boundary railings etc
143 Grange Loan Certificate of lawful use for continued deposition of hospital wastes

PENDING

- *1-2 Strathearn Road Change of use from nursing home to 5 flats and 1 dwelling
4-6 Blackford Road Alter position of new house by 2.95m (previously granted consent)
13 Palmerston Road Extend pedestrian gate to take vehicle parking space
10 Grange Crescent Alter landscaping, form new entrance and carport (for disabled person)
*129 Marchmont Road Sign boards inset in existing window frames ('Bottoms Up')

23 South Oswald Road Reconstruct window and form new door
*9 Dick Place Alter and extend dwelling house, form new run-in
*9 Whitehouse Terrace Erect new dwelling ('lodge house')
171 Whitehouse Loan Erect double garage and form door in existing wall
8 Mansionhouse Road Alter and extend dwelling to erect conservatory
24 Mansionhouse Road Alter and extend dwelling house
Gf 7 Dick Place Formation of access
*15 Findhorn Place Demolish existing building except facade, erect 8 flats (scheme 4)
Mortonhall Road Erect bin stores for new development, alter landscape proposals
6 Strathearn Road Alterations and change of use from nursing home to house in multiple occupancy (revised proposals)
*58-62 St Albans Road Demolition of single storey extensions, conversion of outhouse and existing villas to 7 flats, and erection of 10 new flats
Graham Dickson

CARLTON CRICKET CLUB

You will remember that the Club obtained planning permission to build a new pavilion earlier this year. Their Committee is delighted to tell us that they are among a small list of successful applicants for Lottery Grants to help with the cost. This good news is tempered by the fact that the grant is considerably less than they had hoped for, so building cannot start this autumn as planned. They now face the prospect of fundraising between now and next summer. The Carlton ground is one of the few green spaces in the Grange and the Club and its grounds give so much pleasure to many in our area, the young and the not-so-young! The Grange Association, with your help, support the Club by our Plant Sale once a year. At this juncture, should we do more? Please let us know your views.

Sheila Reid

TREES



There is still time to plant a millennium tree, or in my book there is, since anything planted now which survives that long will be a thousand years old in the year 3000. Under our present climate the only possible species is yew. Nobody knows the age of the Great Yew of Ormiston, more green dome than tree, but it was considered old in 1561. If you believe in global warming you could try a Montezumae cypress from Mexico with a potential life span, according to a cautious botanist, of either 2 or 4 thousand years. You should get at least 500 years from an oak - the astonishing wood pasture in Dalkeith Estate may be 12th century - or 450 years from a Spanish chestnut - the trees at Newbattle may be approaching

that - or 400 years from a sycamore - the Corstorphine sycamore which was shattered during the gale of Boxing day 1998, had a planting date of 1600.

Conversely, given the rate of change in the non-tree world, you might be happier with a silver birch, liable to die after a century but deeply enjoyable throughout, whether from bark, elegant winter tracery, fresh green leaves or memories of Rannoch, Affric, Killiekrankie, Ballochbuie et.al. There are about 40 birch species in the world, all in the northern hemisphere, all recognisable as birches but difficult to name conclusively, because of their promiscuous nature and thus variability across their range. This gets worse, or, depending on your perspective, better, when they are taken into cultivation. Serious contenders for the title of top birch, and where you will find a fine tree, are:

Maximowicz's	<i>Betula maximowicziana</i>	RBG
Erman's	<i>B.ermannii</i>	Dalrymple Crescent
Himalayan	<i>B.utilis</i>	South Lauder Road
Chinese red-barked	<i>B.albo-sinensis</i>	RBG; Branklyn
White-barked	<i>B.jacquemontii</i>	RBG
Szechuan	<i>B.platyphylla</i>	RBG; Carberry
Canoe or Paperbark	<i>B.papyrifera</i>	Dalrymple Crescent
Silver	<i>B.pendula</i>	Everywhere

If you are planting a millennium tree and need a plaque or label, a possible source is Sheena Developments - tel 020 8878 8842. I have not dealt with them so do not know about price and speed but the illustrated examples in their catalogue look neat and professional.

The Grange Association will be responding to the consultation paper put out by the Scottish Office on 'High Hedges, The Extent of Problems and Possible Solutions in Scotland'. Enquiries about the paper can be addressed to Mrs Sheena McIntosh - tel 0131 244 2203.

Alistair Scott

BIRD NEWS FROM THE BLACKFORD AND GRANGE AREA



The dabchicks on Blackford Pond have once again made valiant attempts (three at least) to build a nest and raise a brood. Almost inevitably, heavy rain and a rise in water level on the pond dissolved their fragile nest into soup. I have come to admire this plucky little pair, much as Bruce did the spider. They persevere against all odds and usually succeed, although this year I haven't seen any chicks.

An interesting nest site nearby was a hollow tree with jackdaws nesting one above the other, tenement style. I saw an altercation between a green

woodpecker and a great spotted woodpecker in the very same tree, in which the green woodpecker had already laid claim to the nest it had last year.

The first swallows and martins were here on the 30th April, but the Marchmont swifts were two weeks later than usual - 20th May.

On the 14th May, which was a beautiful sunny morning, I was having breakfast in the garden when I heard a crow croaking above. I looked up to see a buzzard soaring higher and higher to lose its tormentor. If it weren't for the crows, scunners as they are, many sightings of birds of prey would go unnoticed. The nearest buzzard nest I personally know of is near Edinburgh Airport, so I suppose as the crow /buzzard flies, Glenisla Gardens could be on their door step.

Several days later another incident, impressive although on a smaller scale, occurred while I was cycling to work along Mansionhouse Road. A tiny wren flew across the road and passed through the frame of my bicycle, without making contact. I've seen sparrowhawks do this through fences when hunting, but it may be stretching the imagination a little to suggest the wren knew what time I went to work!

Tom Breheny

ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES - STONE WALLS IN THE GRANGE

The stone boundary walls are one of the most notable features in the Grange. There is little doubt that many of the walls are under threat - partly from the effects of age and partly, perhaps more obviously, from the demand for new garages and drive-ins and the schemes of developers. Although I have no scientific evidence, I believe the greatest threat may be from the rainwater and salt-laden slush thrown sideways by fast moving traffic on the main thoroughfares. It seems possible that the salt may attack the mortar and perhaps even the stone itself at the base of the walls.

A fairly dramatic example can be found near the intersection of Whitehouse Loan and Strathearn Road, where it is clear that the wall on the north side of Strathearn Road is being eaten away. One can get one's fist into some of the cavities! The attack on the bottom couple of feet threatens the whole structure. Should we be taking the threat to walls at least as seriously as we take the threat to trees?

Incidentally, while on the subject of walls, one of the highest walls must surely be at the dog-leg in Lover's Loan. There they must be twelve to fourteen feet high. Any other contenders for the title?

The city fathers have seen fit to inscribe "Lover's Loan" on the street signs. What on earth is the use of a single lover? Robert Bartholomew has shown me the History and Derivation of Edinburgh Street Names published in 1975 by the Edinburgh Corporation. It shows "Lovers' Loan" which seems more

true to life. The entry is brief. It reads simply, "Descriptively sentimental. Lovers' Lone, Littlejohn Map". The Littlejohn map is dated 1865.

IF Baillie

Editor's note: I have had it in mind for some time that articles with an architectural/buildings slant would be of interest. I would welcome more articles on this theme.

REMINISCENCES AND LOCAL HISTORY

I was five when my family moved to Edinburgh. My father had accepted the job of parish minister in the parish of what was then called Mayfield and Fountainhall. The Kirk Session decided that the building, which until then had been the manse, should henceforth be used for church-related activities, so the "tied-cottage" we moved into was a walk away in Seton Place. I lived there until I was eighteen, and my parents lived there until my father retired.

Seton Place, and what was to become Mayfield Church, became the centres of my life. All the schools I attended and then the University were within walking distance, so I did. I was warned not to walk down Lover's Loan - a warning I was pleased to ignore.

My immediate friends all lived very close by, including another minister's daughter, Fiona, who lived next door. We were both very keen on cowboy programmes on (black and white) television, and had cap pistols and knives at what now seems a perilously early age. We used to compete with each other in throwing the knives, to see who could throw them the furthest and penetrate the lawn, so as to leave them sticking up.

The Grange in those days was an idyllic place to grow up. We regularly held Guide sausage-sizzles in a wilderness area towards the end of Dick Place which now contains houses. From an early age I explored Blackford Hill and Arthur's Seat and daily trotted across the Meadows to the "Big School".

The Grange still seems a very desirable neighbourhood, and my parents still live close by, though not in Seton Place. I, on the other hand, have made the most radical location change of my life - far more meaningful than moving to London - and now live on the north side of Edinburgh! In my heart, I will always be a southsider and look back on my years there with nothing but happiness.

Sheena McDonald
courtesy of *Elsa Hendry*

NEIGHBOURHOOD SHOP OF THE YEAR!

Those of you who live on the eastern side of the Grange probably know Ali and Karamad Shoukat, owners of Saddiq's shop on the corner of Grange Loan and Causewayside. But did you know that the Shoukat's have won the "Neighbourhood Shop of the Year" award for the last two years? They were voted winners for their friendly atmosphere and well-stocked shop. Alas it

will not be three in a row, since they did not submit their entry form in time this year. Nevertheless, congratulations Ali and Karamad.

Betty Paul

CLEAN EDINBURGH 2000



Phase 2 of this project, launched in 1998, is now underway. Area-based squads are to be put in place with specific responsibility for litter removal, weed-spraying on pavements etc. This coupled with environmental wardens who will be responsible for dealing with early refuse presentation, litter, dog-fouling etc should make a difference to the cleanliness of our streets. Our area, Sciences, Newington and Prestonfield is one of the first to be covered and it is hoped that the task-force will be in place by September 25. Perhaps you have already had a postal questionnaire asking your priorities, or you may have an opportunity to talk with one of the Council's representatives who will be about in supermarkets, schools and even pubs! You will be asked to list the five street appearance problems which you consider to be the worst and the Committee will do the same. If you have particular views or worries you want to air, contact, The Department of the Environment and Consumer Affairs, City of Edinburgh Council, PO Box 464, Chesser House, 500 Gorgie Rd, Edinburgh EH11 3YJ.

Sheila Reid

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

The arrangements for Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) schemes are not part of the remit of The Grange Association but from time to time, as appropriate, we draw attention to the scheme and police matters in general. (See our last two Newsletters).

The NHW is designed to keep residents informed of incidents in the area and to increase liaison and close co-operation with the police services. It can also have insurance advantages. The local NHW contact is PC George Smith of B Division and he can be contacted at Divisional HQ, St Leonards Police Station, tel 662 5000 or 662 5082.

NHW schemes are arranged locally, normally by individual streets. Where residents are interested a nominated street co-ordinator should get in touch with PC Smith.

Details of incidents and any discernible crime patterns are notified monthly and the latest details are:

For the month of August 2000 there were a total of 60 crimes reported to the Police. There has been a small increase in the theft of pedal cycles and car crimes, with the theft of six vehicles and break-ins, continuing to feature large in the figures.

A 17 year old girl was abducted and raped in the Meadows area early in the morning of 27 August and enquiries have identified two men who have been reported in connection with these crimes.

There have been a number of daytime thefts from houses where either the front or back door was not locked, thus allowing the thief to walk straight in and out again with property.

There have been a number of reports of suspicious males calling at houses and either stating they have lost property in the house, or asking for directions, or which bus goes into town. Incidents have been reported from Tantallon Place, Dick Place and Lauder Road. Please contact the Police if you have any suspicious callers at your door.

Please also pass on details of suspicious callers and thefts to neighbours. Contact the Police as soon as possible and if need be, by the 999 system.

Hamish Logan

WEB SITE

The web site got off to a good start with considerable input from Alistair Higson who handed over its continued development and update to a couple of committee members. Unfortunately we have not been able to maintain it to the standard and update it as frequently as it deserves and I would like to appeal to our readers to consider if this is something you could help with. A web site confers considerable benefits to organisations and its members. The world wide web is being increasingly used to convey information and given that the publication dates of the Newsletter do not necessarily coincide with important planning applications and other events of note, the web site provides an immediate conduit of information. Alistair is willing to continue to offer practical help and advice. Please contact me if you are able help.

www.grange-assoc.co.uk

Lucy Richardson

SITUATION VACANT - FINANCIAL AUDITOR

To our great regret, David Douglas, our auditor, has retired from this voluntary office. Mr Douglas has helped the Grange Association for a number of years, guiding us through the complexities of obtaining charitable status in addition to auditing the accounts. We owe Mr Douglas a real debt of gratitude and wish him well in his retirement.

But what now? We urgently need a new auditor. Our treasurer, Marion Cantley, does a wonderful job all year, but we must have our accounts audited for presentation at the next AGM in February. The Committee appeals for an accountant, or someone similarly qualified, from the area to volunteer for this necessary task. If you are willing to consider the job, please contact Sheila Reid (667 4876) or Marion Cantley (667 8074).



THE GRANGE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE 2000

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Are you a member of The Grange Association?



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What is the Association?

- A local community association, having charitable status, covering the area known as the Grange from Hatton Place to the north, Whitehouse Loan to the west, Relugas Place to the south and Ratcliffe Terrace to the east.
- The Association is run by a committee of 12, plus others co-opted for their particular expertise.
- The committee represents your views, particularly on planning matters and other local concerns.
- The Association will be 23 years old this year.

What does the Association do for you?

- It considers all planning applications affecting the area and, where appropriate, comments to the local authority.
- It was largely instrumental in having The Grange declared a Conservation Area in 1983, and an Outstanding Conservation Area in 1996 and assisting the Council to adopt a statutory character statement in 1998.
- It liaises with the appropriate authorities over matters concerning traffic.
- It is active in issues concerning tree management in the area.
- It organises talks, walks, visits and other social events on matters likely to be of interest in the Grange.
- It compiles and distributes the Newsletter each Spring and Autumn to all of the 3,000 households in the area covered by the Association.

What can you do?

- **Join the Association by completing the Membership Form below.** The more households we represent through membership (currently 17%), the greater our voice in the matters that concern us all.
- Volunteer for election to the committee – contact the Chairperson Sheila Reid, 667 4876.
- Volunteer to be one of the 64 distributors of the Newsletter – contact Angela McFee 667 4043 or Hamish Logan 667 4232.
- Join in the activities advertised in the Newsletter
- Raise any matters and bring forward ideas for meetings and articles with the committee members – listed in each Newsletter.

How much?

- The annual subscription for 2001 is £5.00/household, with a £2.50/household concession for the over 60s, the unemployed and students and 50p for junior members under the age of 16.
- Donations are always welcome to help fund the production of the Newsletter and expenses incurred when arranging public meetings.
- **You can apply for membership at any time, but it would help us enormously if you could apply by 16 February 2001.**
- **Please note all memberships are due for renewal.**
- **There will be a charge of £1.00 to attend meetings if you are not a member.**

Membership for 2001

I/we would like to join/renew membership of The Grange Association for 2001 and enclose £.....
to cover (insert number)..... full membership over 60s students under 16s

Name(s)

Address Telephone

..... Postcode

Please return to Marion Cantley, Treasurer, The Grange Association, 59 Fountainhall Rd, EH9 2LH

Please enclose a SAE for your membership card. Tick box if you require a receipt



AGM

Wednesday 21 February 2001

7.30pm St Catherine's - Argyle Church Hall, Grange Road

Agenda:

*Chairman's and Treasurer's Report
Election of Office Bearers and New Committee Members
AOB*

The AGM will be followed by a talk on the new ways of running a city. What plans have the Council made? How will the citizens and The Grange Association be affected? Do come, listen to a speaker from the Council and ask questions!

There will be vacancies arising on the Committee at this and the next AGMs. We like to be sure that the Committee reflects the interests and concerns of as wide a spectrum of the membership as possible. The chairman (Mrs Sheila Reid 667 4876), or the Secretary (Graham Dickson 667 2738) would warmly welcome nominations for election to the Committee as soon as possible, but certainly by the end of January please.

Dates for you diary

Wednesday 21 March. George P Murray, who is an authority on tram-cars, has kindly agreed to talk to us about "Tram Cars Past and Future". The first part will be a nostalgic look at the origins of the Edinburgh trams - and maybe the Marchmont Circle will be mentioned. The second part will be about modern tram-car systems which are successful in many cities including Manchester. Mr Murray has a short video he would like to show us, but we do not have a means of showing it on the large screen needed for a sizeable audience. Can anyone help? Please phone 667 1240 if you can.

Saturday 12 May, Plant Sale at the Carlton Cricket Club Coffee Morning, 10am to 12 noon.

Saturday 16 June, an afternoon Architectural Walk around the Grange.

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN - SCIENNES ROAD

The Hospital is a Grade B listed building. In 2000 it was discovered that the roof was in urgent need of extensive repairs and the stonework was deteriorating. A repair programme has been put in hand. This will take two years, as the work must be done in summer, and will be in three phases. The north side (largely completed); the east and west wings (March-September 2001) and the main front (March-September 2002). The Hospital authorities have explained outline plans at a public meeting and will keep us informed of progress. If you identify any problems telephone 0131 536 0000.

RESPONDING TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Design and Development in the Grange was discussed by visiting speakers and members at the recent Association meeting. It will be reported in the next Newsletter.

The Committee's planning group checks applications in the area each week - they are advertised in the Friday Evening News under Public Announcements. The Committee then takes what it believes to be the appropriate action on behalf of the area and the Association. It is a great help to know your views so they can be taken into account when deciding whether or how to comment to the Planning Authority. Ideally this would be by sending a copy of your own letter to the planners to a member of our planning group. Get in touch if you need help.

Remember that the Authority must consider all representations which are material to an application and include their number and broad content in the report to the Planning Committee. It is better to have as many individual letters as possible rather than one only or a petition.

There may of course be more than one opinion about any proposal!

Graham Dickson

PUBLICATIONS

Our publication "100 Desirable Trees to Plant in the Gardens of the Grange for the Millennium or Later", by Alistair Scott, is available at £3.00 a copy. Or, if you would like to also buy "Trees in the Grange" the total cost is £5.00.

(Copy date 21/12/00)

Tree Books - Order Form

I would like to purchase (insert number) 100 Desirable Trees at £3.00 per copy.
I would like to purchase (insert number) Trees in the Grange at £3.00 per copy. (Or £5 for both.)
Name
Address.....
Postcode Telephone number

I enclose a cheque for £..... (please make payable to The Grange Association)
Please return to Marion Cantley, Treasurer, The Grange Association, 59 Fountainhall Rd, EH9 2LH. Tel. 667 8074