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Welcome to the May *Grange Newsletter*.

At the Grange Association AGM in March we bade farewell and offered thanks to several retiring Committee members. All gave great service in different areas, noted by the outgoing Chair, Sue Tritton, on page 4 of this newsletter. She omitted thanks to herself! The Association appreciates Sue's hard work and leadership over the past four years.

We are pleased to welcome to the Committee:- three previous Committee members to new roles; two newcomers; and two who are rejoining after a break, one short and one extended. We are all looking forward to working together for the Grange.

Jenny Dawe

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HISTORY & HERITAGE

Sir Robert Philip, TB treatment pioneer 1857-1939

“A happy afternoon wandering about Grange Cemetery” with the Grange Association’s Notable Graves booklet in hand inspired a local resident, Jennifer Tomes, to tell us about another notable in the cemetery, Sir Robert Philip.

Robert Philip was born in 1857 in Govan, Glasgow, where his father was minister of the Free Church. He was the 8th of 10 children. In 1866, they moved to Edinburgh and lived at 48 Blacket Place, then newly built. Robert attended the Royal High School before studying medicine at Edinburgh University. At the age of 31 he married Elizabeth Motherwell from County Sligo and they lived for many years at 45 Charlotte Square, later moving to 9 Palmerston Road.

Dr Robert Philip became interested in the study of tuberculosis following a period in Berlin studying under Dr Koch, who first identified the tubercle bacillus. On his return to the UK, he began to introduce a pioneering, integrated treatment plan for TB patients. This involved isolation and rest; sunshine, fresh air and exercise; follow-up of contacts and advice about disposal of infected bodily fluids; and improving living conditions and cleanliness.

He opened the world’s first tuberculosis dispensary in two rooms at 13 Bank Street, Edinburgh, in 1887. A blue plaque on the building reads:

Near this place in 1887, Dr Robert Philip founded a tuberculosis dispensary, the first clinic in the world dedicated to fighting a disease of which he foretold Man’s eventual mastery. That vision has brought hope to many lands.

Four years later, they outgrew the premises and moved to 26 Lauriston Place and, in 1911, to Spittal Street, by which time it was known as the Royal Victoria Dispensary for Tuberculosis.

Philip’s next project was to open a hospital for inpatient treatment of more advanced cases within the city boundaries to show that the necessary fresh air could be combined with ease of access for visitors. In 1894 he rented and, with the help of a charitable trust, later bought Craighleith House, providing 12 beds at first. Wooden chalets were erected in the grounds, and larger ‘butterfly’ pavilions

were added later. These were on rails to allow them to be moved to face the sun. The premises became known as the Victoria Hospital for Consumption, receiving royal patronage in 1904. He continued to push for TB to be a notifiable disease, with success in 1906. Following this, the hospital was taken over by the City Council, and, although Sir Robert was employed as consultant, he lost the post in 1922.

In order to continue his work and research, Sir Robert’s next project was a sanatorium in the south east of the city at Southfield (later becoming Southfield Hospital in Ellen’s Glen Road) and a farm at Polton which would supply fresh food to the sanatorium and provide outdoor work for recovering

patients. Subsequently, he purchased an additional farm at Gracemount to supply milk from the first herd of TB-tested cattle.

Having set up provision for the medical care of patients, the charitable trust established a professorial chair of tuberculosis at Edinburgh University. Dr Philip was appointed the first professor. He was said to be a gracious host, an epicurean, and a gifted teacher with ‘a delightful delivery’.

Robert Philip became a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1887; was knighted in 1913; was President of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh 1918-1922; was President of the British Medical Association in 1927; was



Portrait by William Guthrie. Honorary
Photo credit: Royal College of Physicians Edinburgh

The King in Scotland; was made a Fellow, Royal College of Physicians of London in 1933; and was portrayed on a postage stamp in Belgium in 1955 to honour his contribution to TB eradication.

His first wife having died, in 1937 Robert Philip married Edith McGraw who had worked at the Paddington TB dispensary.

Unfortunately, their marriage was short-lived as both died within a month of one another in 1939. They are buried together in Grange Cemetery.

Sir Robert’s obituary in the Scotsman read:

The death occurred, at his residence, 9 Palmerston Road, Edinburgh, yesterday, January 25th 1939 of Sir Robert William Philip, M.D., LL.D., M.A., F.R.C.P. (Edinburgh and London), who had a world wide reputation as an authority upon tuberculosis. Sir Robert was one of the chief pioneers in the attempt to exterminate the disease - an attempt which has met with a great measure of success.



LOCAL ACTIVITY

AGM 2019 - message from outgoing Chair

First, I have to mention the sad death in January of Dorothy Ryle. Dorothy contributed so much to the area. The committee are considering an appropriate memorial to Dorothy to recognise all her work.

The AGM in March was attended by over 70 members. Those who missed the meeting and would like up-to-date information about the Association can read the papers on our website.

The constitution of the Association stipulates that no person can serve in the same position on the committee for more than 4 years. This meant that the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer all stood down. Adam Rennie, as secretary, and Joan Forehand, as treasurer, were warmly thanked for all their hard work over the past four years and will be missed. John Duncan and Jo Doake also had to retire as committee members. Jo remains very involved in the group working to ensure the best possible future for the Astley Ainslie Hospital.

Roger Kellett was welcomed back to the committee. He is Chair of the group of local community councillors working with NHS Lothian and the Council about a "Place Brief" for the AAH site. Other newcomers are Lucy Richardson (well known to many as the newsletter distributor), Donald

Henderson and Jean McCutcheon. We also elected Sofia Leonard as Honorary President, a post which has been vacant for some years. Contact details of all committee members are given on page 2 of this newsletter.

I stood down as Chair at the AGM but agreed to serve as secretary for one year – mainly to avoid the problem of 3 office bearers having to retire at the same time. The new Chair, Nigel Ayton, and Treasurer, Martin Sinclair, are already well embedded into their roles and will, I am convinced, take the Grange Association forward in the next years.

I would like to mention less well recognised activities I have appreciated. These include the guerrilla gardeners who tend the areas around the trees at the junctions of Blackford Avenue with Grange Loan, St Alban's Road and Relugas Road; the group working in Grange Cemetery to identify notable graves; the Garden Group, which organises outings to local gardens as well as the annual bus trip; and the leaf clearers last autumn, who made such an improvement to the area at a time when the Council struggles to do all we would like to be done.

Sue Tritton

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SPOTLIGHT/AAH/PORTRAIT AWARDS

SPOTLIGHT on Lucy Richardson

The seventeenth in a series telling you about your Grange Association contacts



I moved from Kent to Durham to read Botany and continued my northward trajectory by moving to Edinburgh in the mid 1970s. After a brief stay in a flat with no bathroom, just off the top of Leith Walk, we moved to Marchmont. We enjoyed tenement living until the increasing proportion of multiple occupancy flats and attendant noise became a problem for family life in the 1990s. My husband, three daughters and I

were lucky to find a house in the Grange where Dave and I continue to live. Our daughters have long since moved to India, London and Sydney.

Work took me to King's Buildings and a transportation planning consultancy in the West End; leisure takes me into the garden!

Since my early days in Edinburgh I have been involved in community activities including the Meadows Festival, Newington Library's garden, children's play and the Grange Fair. It is with pleasure I have joined the Grange Association Committee and I hope to continue to contribute to making the Grange such a fine place to live!



Preparations for the sale of the Astley Ainslie Hospital

The Community Engagement Group (AACEG) is working with NHS Lothian and Edinburgh Council to produce a Place Brief to protect the site from unsuitable development. Preparation of this Brief has to include events to consult with the community. The Astley Ainslie Community Trust (AACT), which seeks community ownership of all or part of the site, also has to consult with the community. They held two consultation events at the end of March. At the last minute it was agreed that these events could also feed into the Place Brief so AACEG joined forces with AACT for these well-attended events. A final report is being prepared and will be discussed with NHS Lothian and the Council at the end of May.

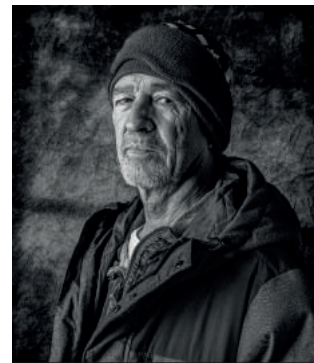
Roger Kellett

Prime Portrait Prizes

A Grange resident for 15 years, Eric Robinson is keen that others should share his enjoyment of portrait photography and be made aware of the Scottish Portrait Awards 2019.

Eric Robinson has written to us about the Scottish Portrait Awards (SPA), run by the Scottish Arts Club Charitable Trust. The Awards were launched in 2017 with the aim of "creating a vibrant new platform for showcasing exceptional Scottish talent." There are prizes for Fine Art (2D, 3D, or any medium) and for Photography, with at least 30 submissions in both categories selected for the SPA Exhibition at the Scottish Arts Club in Edinburgh, Glasgow Art Club and in Kirkcudbright. All ages are encouraged to enter. The 2019 competition is now open for entries, with a closing date of 30 June 2019. For further information and the rules, go to www.scottishportraitawards.com

Eric had success in the 2017 and 2018 Awards. He had two images in the 2017 final: 'At least we both still like coffee' (right); and 'Unshaven Man in a Hat' (below), which won a popular vote prize.



'The Instrumentalists' (below) featured in the 2018 final and won a Glasgow Arts Club award. Eric tells us: "I'm long since retired but don't see age as a barrier to creativity. There may well be retired residents in the Grange who feel inspired to pick up brush or camera and give it a go. There are also special awards for young people for

both fine art and photography, so I hope all ages will consider entering the SPA."

Eric has always prized learning and creativity, borne out by his past work as a teacher, furniture designer/maker and filmmaker. He loves portraiture and aims to establish a recognisable style. His portraits suggest a confident photographer, but Eric submits that his greatest challenge is creating work with which he is happy.

JD



PROFILE - Dorothy Cyster and AAH



At the AAH



With her father in Southbank's back garden

Dorothy Cyster returned recently to her childhood haunts at the Astley Ainslie Hospital. Jenny Dawe interviewed her. Roger Kellett photographed her.



On her childhood stage with ancient ecclesiastical stones in wall behind

A hospital childhood

Many people feel proprietorial towards the beautiful old trees and walks of the Astley Ainslie Hospital (AAH) and worry about the future when the site is sold. One person, now living in Perth, has more reason than most to feel this way: Dorothy Cyster, who spent her first 23 years living at Southbank villa in the AAH grounds.

The background

Dorothy was born in Edinburgh in 1951, the only child of Lieutenant Colonel Dr John Fraser, Physician Superintendent of the AAH from 1948 to 1974, and his wife, Frasier. Dorothy was named after Miss Dorothy Bramwell, Head of Occupational Therapy at the hospital.

John Fraser, born in Inverness in 1911, attended Inverness Academy and Aberdeen University. A GP in Aberdeen when WWII began, John served in the Royal Army Medical Corps from 1941 before becoming Adviser in Physical Medicine to the War Office during 1946-48. When Lieutenant Colonel John Cunningham, first Medical Superintendent at the AAH, retired in 1948 after nearly 20 years' service, John Fraser was appointed as Physician Superintendent of the hospital, now part of the new NHS. He furthered the development of the AAH as a rehabilitation centre, especially for those with neurological and orthopaedic ailments. He was "never off duty, always busy, a very hard worker, on the wards on Saturday and Sunday mornings too, with committees every night," says Dorothy. She adds: "It was a shame that vascular problems led to his premature retirement in 1974 at the age of 63." John died in 1984 after a long period of failing health. His obituary in the *BMJ* (Vol.288, 10/03/84) notes: "Humour was at the core of his being, and visitors were always treated to some jocular piece of news or reminiscence."

Dorothy's mother Frasier (her unusual given name, not a nickname), née Allan, was born in Aberdeenshire. She was a nurse and midwifery sister in Aberdeen before her marriage

to John in 1940. Dorothy notes that her mother was a great support to her father in her role as Superintendent's wife.

It was a somewhat unusual childhood, living in the big house, Southbank, built in 1932 for the first Medical Superintendent. It had "long corridors inside, a huge garden and a rather institutional look and feel." She is sad that it has gone and regrets not having been inside it one more time before it was



Southbank, 1956

demolished to make way for townhouses about ten years ago.

Dorothy attended the all-girls Cranley School in Spylaw Road for 13 years from 1956. At home, as the

Superintendent's daughter and seldom out of sight of prying eyes, she felt she always had to be well-behaved. It was "almost like a gated community" but there was also a strong sense of family amongst those working there. The AAH Social Club organised children's parties and Burns Suppers.

Memorable characters inhabited Dorothy's childhood at the AAH. There were "very imposing ladies with whom you wouldn't want to argue"; eminent physicians, such as Sir John Dott, neurosurgeon; accomplished Board of Management members, like the Chair, Sir David Balfour, an Edinburgh lawyer; and "the woman, dressed in black, who came selling fish on her pony and cart." Dorothy was particularly awestruck by Mr. Cunningham, the Head Porter: "He was an impressive figure, especially to a child, and I used to watch him on Board Meeting days when the big hospital gates on Grange Loan were opened. Dressed in his green uniform with cap and white gloves he saluted each Board Member's car, often chauffeur-driven, as it swept through the gates. It seems like another world now." Another interesting figure was Dr Burn-Murdoch: "She drove round in her little disabled car. She usually managed to get her wheelchair out of the car first to get into it, but sometimes she would fall and then

PROFILE - Dorothy Cyster and AAH

bang her stick on the car roof for a member of staff to come out and help her. She must have been a great inspiration to the patients.”

After school Dorothy did a Music degree at Edinburgh University, then went to Moray House for teacher training. Two years teaching at Malton St Andrew's School for Girls in Yorkshire was followed by two years at the Quaker School for Girls, The Mount, in York. Although she is now a part-time visiting teacher at Glenalmond College, offers private music lessons, and is still a classical and church organist and a vocal



In Southbank's back garden on Dorothy's graduation day

performer, Dorothy felt that music was “not a proper job”. She opted for a nursing course for graduates at Aberdeen.

Marriage and nursing took Dorothy to London. She then became a nurse tutor in London, followed by work in Cheltenham as a Macmillan Nurse tutor for Gloucestershire. The School of Nursing moved to Bristol, her marriage broke up, and her mother being widowed, Dorothy moved back to Scotland – to Dundee as a nurse lecturer. Eventually, she started music teaching again, gave up her University post and worked as a bank nurse in oncology at Ninewells and Perth Hospitals. Retired from nursing, she is now still drawn to a hospital environment: she walks to a Perth psychiatric hospital with her golden retriever, Sandy, as part of Canine Concern Scotland Trust's Therapet service, to visit patients who benefit from the interaction.

At her mother's funeral, Dorothy heard for the first time that the AAH was known as “the ghastly Astley”. She has no idea why and hopes it is just a play on rhyming words. For her, the AAH provided many happy memories of a sunny, secure childhood, interacting with a wide range of adults and learning much from her parents' commitment to improving life for patients and staff.

Dorothy Cyster's childhood memories in her own words:

“The grounds were so beautiful in those days and immaculately kept by squads of gardeners. We looked onto three sets of hills - Blackford, Braids and Pentlands - which must have aided the healing process for the patients along with the fresh air and good food. I was so fortunate to have a wonderful childhood with so much freedom cycling around the grounds often accompanied by Judy, my springer

spaniel, as there was very little traffic then. In the summer I would eat raspberries from the hospital kitchen gardens when no one was about! I spent hours playing in the large garden of Southbank, swinging from and climbing trees, sledging on the lawn and playing tennis on the tennis court. The deep well in the wood at the foot of the garden was really creepy!

“My father collected some ancient stones from the chapel of St. Roque [later it was believed the stones may have come from Trinity College Church, demolished to make way for Waverley Station] which had been found scattered around the grounds and had them arranged on a “stage” at the foot of our garden. We used to put on little plays on the stage. When I was very young I used to enjoy sharing tea with the gardeners.

“My father used to take Judy to work with him. She sat under his desk and sometimes visited the wards with him. If he left his office Judy would rush out from under his desk and bark at any staff going in to frighten them!

“I can recall warm summers and sitting out in the garden with my mother, paddling in a little pool and playing in the sandpit. The stone birdbath which stood in front of Southbank had an interesting history. It makes it even sadder that it was destroyed by the builders. Apparently, it was taken at the time of its demolition from Millbank House, home of Professor Sir James Syme, whose daughter Agnes was married in the house to Joseph Lister, pioneer of antiseptic use.

“On Christmas Day I was not allowed to open my presents until we had visited the children's wards at Canaan Park and after my father had carved turkeys in the wards. My father was an exceptionally conscientious and hard worker. It's so sad that ill health marred his ten years of retirement.

“Being a specialist rehabilitation unit, doctors came from all over the world to study at the AAH and were often entertained at Southbank, my mother being a gracious host and fine cook who treated them to Scottish fayre. I can recall an Indian doctor who had a sari for every week of the year, and another doctor from India walking around in slippers in the snow.

“From an early age I was trained to answer the hospital phone and take accurate messages, which has stood me in good stead. On return from holidays, one week at Easter and two in the summer, the blinds were kept down for 24 hours to give my parents peace. As soon as they went up, the phone started ringing - one of the disadvantages of living “on the job”.

“Southbank was a large, draughty house with long corridors where I would speed up and down on my tricycle. A porter would come every night to stoke the boiler for the heating. In the 1960s the old kitchen quarters which we did not need were leased out to staff, but I can remember hating having neighbours living in “our” house!

Living in a hospital was a way of life and I was used to it. This obviously influenced me in my later career choice.

“The AAH was such a unique hospital and carried out such valuable work that it is sad that it will close, but I appreciate it is a sign of the times. It is reassuring to know that the Grange Association is keeping an eye on developments.”

NATURE NOTES from Tom Breheny

Of mice and men

I'm guessing we are not the only neighbours in the street to put out leftovers for the skinny vixen who trots gracefully through our gardens in the gloaming. In the post war years it was considered a sin to waste food and we were berated by our parents to finish every scrap on our plates. I hated cabbage. "People are starving all over the world," said my mother. On Burns Night we had our customary celebratory supper and the McSween's haggis recommended for two would have easily fed three, and it did. Our gourmand Lady Reynard got lucky and shared a generous peppery portion of the pud round about midnight.

When I went to the garage the mechanic told me, "I'm afraid your vehicle has had a visitor."

"Is it a break in, is there damage?" I asked him.

"Follow me and I'll show you. It's the engine." He lifted the bonnet and gestured with his thumb. He was smiling.

On a dished metal bracket beside the battery was a partially nibbled horse chestnut and a pyramid of black mouse poop. The spreading chestnut tree in the street above my parking place hails down conkers in the autumn when the wind blows. They bounce off the windscreen and sometimes small ones roll through the gap between the bonnet and the



Field mouse.

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rubber seal into the engine and remain unnoticed. I think the sleekit wee beastie may have migrated into his new lodgings during the same week I was recovering from a back injury when the vehicle had been static for seven days. Hopefully, the creature had evacuated its auto B&B before I drove at 70mph along the motorway with the heating at full blast.

Our close encounters with mice were usually inside the house and generally ended badly for our uninvited guests. Food contamination was a concern and also the potential for nibbled electric wiring and the PVC plastic piping that links our copper pipes, extending the central heating system.

Mice learn quickly to avoid traps, whatever the bait, and I had experimented with cheese, peanut butter, Snicker bars and other chocolate assortments with limited success. Poison was a desperate last resort because a decomposing mouse under the floorboards gives off an odious stench until dehydration occurs, usually about a week later.

The most effective solution I discovered for rodent control was adopting a pet polecat ferret. Her name was Bramble and we couldn't have chosen a better name for a



Ferret

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creature with such needle-sharp scratchy claws. She had dark eye patches, a soft fluffy coat and a lovely honey musk smell. My eager young daughter spent more time than any of us raising this endearing little hunter and knitted a miniature red woollen scarf which the ferret seemed happy to race around the house wearing. However, Bramble's cutesy chic household appearance didn't quite fit the killer role I had envisioned for her. Nevertheless a frisky ferret which is handled often is much easier to work with, being less likely to bite, and they also make fascinating pets for intrepid children, who learn to handle those perky mustelids safely.

Bramble resided in a spacious wire cage at the bottom of the garden which incorporated a cosy well-insulated nest box made from thick cork. A regular supply of fresh hay was needed for clean bedding and we placed a loose bundle into the cage for the ferret to rake into her nest box and then form into a ball. On one occasion I watched the neighbour's tabby cat reverse against the side of the cage and spray the unsuspecting young ferret full in the face. Perhaps it was only my imagination but I thought I detected a wicked feline smirk of satisfaction. Bramble was brought into the house frequently to exercise and have fun. On washing days she liked to run around the basement floor and hide under the clothing that was about to go into the washer. It was good to see the ferret in play mode, full of the joys of life, weaving in and out of the socks, shirts and sheets, and the two resident mice in the kitchen soon disappeared.

Who said this of *The Scotsman* newspaper in the 1960s? "It was run as a sort of news-sheet for people who lived in the Grange. So much so that some people actually thought it was one of the emergency services. They would phone up and say, 'Oh, we're having a small sherry do for the Binkie, who's retiring as lecturer. And we thought it would be nice if you sent a man.' I mean, you were literally summoned."

[pub John Donald, 2013]

George Hume in Ian MacDougall's *Voices of Scottish Journalists: Recollections by 22 Veteran Scottish Journalists of their Life and Work*

TREES/GRANGE FAIR/USEFUL CONTACTS

Tree Preservation Orders

Within the Grange conservation area there are twelve Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) – these are shown on a map on the Edinburgh City Council’s planning website. Any work on a tree protected under a TPO requires the Council’s written permission. The trees are protected from ‘felling’, ‘lopping’, ‘topping’, ‘uprooting’ or any other action that would damage or destroy them. TPOs generally apply to sites rather than individual trees: the trees protected are specified in an accompanying schedule. Schedules are recorded in the Register of Sasines or (more recently) the Land Register but are not available on the Council’s website.

The Council has made four new TPOs in the conservation area since the beginning of 2017. None of these appear on the map, which would seem to indicate that they have either not been confirmed, or not yet been confirmed after the initial statutory six-month period.

The most significant of the Grange TPOs is the one that applies to the 40-plus acres of the Astley Ainslie site - including Woodburn House, which is also part of the NHS estate. The schedule describes 20 groups of trees in thirteen subdivisions of the site, listing 1592 that are marked on a map. On the two copies of the map I have, however, the trees are numbered but the numbers are illegible (many of the larger trees on the site have numbered tags – with numbers that may or may not relate to the schedule). This is less than reassuring, as is the fact that the original survey is now 20 years old.

In January the Grange Association learned that a large horse chestnut at the SW corner of the Woodburn site had recently been felled. I checked to see whether this had the Council’s permission, and, although there had been an approval for felling a horse chestnut in 2014, renewed in 2016, that had expired in April last year. Judging from a photograph accompanying the original application it might possibly have been a different tree, but there had been no further application.

In February an old sycamore was felled just to the west of the traffic roundabout near Canaan Park, and on 22 March we were told about the felling of two lime trees close to the main nursery school buildings. It was also clear at that time that a substantial chunk had been removed from a horse chestnut beside the drive running up to the north east entrance to the site. None of this work had the Council’s consent. I spoke to the contractors felling the sycamore who, it turned out, were the ones responsible for felling the Woodburn horse chestnut. They claimed the sycamore was unsafe, which would mean that the Council’s permission was not required. I could see that a significant part of the trunk was rotten, but I doubt that it was an immediate danger to the public, and in any case the Council should have been notified after the event, which I

gather they weren’t.

The Association’s concern here is not necessarily that the work was unjustified, but that the NHS (which owns the site) and its contractors seem to be paying no heed to the statutory protection. This bodes ill given the uncertainty over the proposed sale and future development of the site.

Peter Pitkin

The Grange Fair Sun Dance works again!

Rain and cold weather in the few days before 11 May did not bode well for the 2019 Grange Fair. But all turned out fine on Fountainhall Road on the day. The rain held off; the wind’s short gusts never amounted to much; and the sun managed to shine now and then on the crowds of children and adults enjoying all that was on offer.

Entertainment was provided by a Lion Dance Troupe, Sciennes Acapella and Recorder Groups, saxophones, clarinets, singers and the Scots Music Group. The stalls’ wares included plants, books, home baking and collectables. There were teas, coffees and fresh fruit drinks; and food for light lunches and snacks.

A fuller report on the Fair will appear in our next edition. For now, the Grange Association would like to thank Anna Kulhavy and her team for their hard work in planning and providing a fantastic community event.

WELL DONE!



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PLANNING UPDATE by Nigel Ayton

All planning applications in the Grange can be viewed at: <http://gaedin.co.uk/wp/planning-2>

Check here whether you need permission to do work to your home or to lop any tree in the Grange:
<http://gaedin.co.uk/wp/planning-2/planning-guidance>

Since the last newsletter, which included 13 applications pending, there have been a further 37 applications or appeals for planning or listed building consent in the Grange. We lodged comments on six of these new applications. We e-mail members near each application to seek their views before making any comment or objection.

We await the decision on the planned new primary school and nursery in Canaan Lane. Keep up to date with developments on all significant planning applications on our web forum: <http://gaedin.co.uk/wp/forum>

PLANNING APPLICATIONS and DECISIONS Dec 2018 - Apr 2019

Applications granted:

15 Sciennes Gardens EH9 1NR	Replacement windows
* 13 Grange Court EH9 1PX	External gas meter & pipework
4 Palmerston Road EH9 1TN	Replace window with French doors; kitchen and bathroom alterations
16-22 Chalmers Cresc EH9 1TS	Replacement windows
48 Lauder Road EH9 1UE	Single storey ground floor extension for upper flat
48A Lauder Road EH9 1UE	Single storey ground floor extension for lower flat
5 Grange Road EH9 1UH	Basement alterations
5A Grange Road EH9 1UH	Alter shopfront
*Δ 8 Grange Road EH9 1UH	LBC for rear extension and internal alterations
*¶ 19 Strathearn Road EH9 2AE	Replace conservatory with extension and roof terrace
19 Hope Terrace EH9 2AP	Single storey extension to side and rear
20 Hope Terrace EH9 2AP	Upgrade greenhouse with contemporary structure
2 Blackford Road EH9 2DS	Replace rear outshot with extensions to west and north
3 Blackford Road EH9 2DT	Kitchen remodelling; new window to south
GF 31 Blackford Road EH9 2DT	Replacement windows
12 Grange Loan Gardens EH9 2EB	Replacement windows
18 Grange Crescent EH9 2EH	Variation to room layout
*¶ 13 Lauder Road EH9 2EN	Double garage; new entrance, drive and gates
3 Whitehouse Terrace EH9 2EU	Rear sunroom and summerhouse; widen entrance gates.
GF2 27 South Oswald Rd EH9 2HH	Single storey extension; LBC for internal alterations
31 Mortonhall Road EH9 2HN	Remove conservatory; LBC for new door and internals
GF 1 South Oswald Road EH9 2HQ	Extension to GF kitchen
19 South Oswald Road EH9 2HQ	Replacement windows
8 Mortonhall Road EH9 2HW	Variation: Omit door from east elevation
Flat 9, 4 Dun-Ard Garden EH9 2HZ	CLE for boiler flue
27-29 Lauder Road EH9 2JG	Separate properties. Reinstate access gates to 27
38 Findhorn Place EH9 2JP	Convert garage into studio and store
11 Findhorn Place EH9 2JR	Single storey kitchen extension

Applications granted cont.:

6 Seton Place EH9 2JT	One-storey extension to rear
*¶ 13 Dick Place EH9 2JU	Demolish two extensions; new extension and shed
*¶ 6 Cumin Place EH9 2JX	Driveway in front garden
7 Cumin Place EH9 2JX	Variation: Remove chimney and replace front railings
GF1 18 Grange Terrace EH9 2LD	Variation: Reduce height of extension, deleting split level design
55 Fountainhall Road EH9 2LH	Single storey extension to rear and LBC for internals
64 Fountainhall Road EH9 2LP	Variation: Lower floor and height; reconfigure roof lights
31 St Alban's Road EH9 2LT	CLP for driveway in front garden
5 Relugas Road EH9 2NE	Replace garage and erect sunroom to rear

Applications refused, withdrawn or appealed:

* 48A Lauder Road EH9 1UE	Refused: Parking bay to front garden
‡ 42 Grange Road EH9 1UN	Refused: Single storey dwelling house
*¶Δ 2 Grange Crescent EH9 2EH	Refused: 2m fencing
30 Grange Terrace EH9 2LE	Granted: New front door
	Refused and enforced: uPVC bathroom window

Applications pending at 19 April 2019:

* 16 Tantallon Place EH9 1NZ	Extension to replace garage and new dormer to rear
GF1 5A Palmerston Road EH9 1TL	Gas meter box to front
1F 15 Strathearn Road EH9 2AE	Replacement rear doors and windows
23 Hope Terrace EH9 2AP	Extension to west; French doors to south
26 Blackford Avenue EH9 2PH	Self-contained office at rear of garden
5 West Relugas Road EH9 2PW	Single storey extension to rear
Oaklands, 35B Canaan Lane EH10 4SG	Demolish to make way for new primary school
Deanbank, 35 & 35B Canaan Lane EH10 4SG	New primary school; refurbish Deanbank House
31 Canaan Lane EH10 4SX	Two storey side extensions; single storey rear extensions

LBC = Listed Building Consent
 CLP (CLE) = Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed (Existing)
 GF = Ground Floor
 1F = First Floor

* Comment or objection submitted by Grange Association
 ¶ Application modified thereafter
 ‡ Appeal pending
 Δ Appeal concluded

GARDENING/Dorothy Ryle

Gardening matters

Grange Summer Outing to the Palace of Scone and Dowhill Garden on Tuesday 11 June.

This year's coach trip is to the historic **Palace of Scone** in Perthshire, crowning place of Scottish kings. There will be an opportunity to view the State rooms and art collections and also to explore the extensive grounds with their ancient trees, an intricate maze and the restored kitchen garden.

The botanist David Douglas was born in Scone in 1799 and started work at the Palace as a gardener's boy before his adventurous career as a plant hunter. The Douglas fir, named after him, is still in the Palace grounds. He also introduced numerous other trees from North America and many familiar garden plants, such as lupins, the flowering currant (*Ribes sanguineum* - illustrated right and on cover), penstemons and the California poppy.

After a morning at Scone we will head back south and stop

at **Dowhill Garden** near Keltly where we will have a light lunch before our private view of this tranquil garden of lushly planted ponds surrounded by primulas and blue poppies among others. It has been lovingly created over the years by its owners who first started to make a garden there in the 1980s.



The coach leaves from Lauder Road at 9.30am and we aim to be back again by 6pm. If you are interested in joining us, please get in touch with me (details below) for an application form.

Edythe Murie

To join the Grange Garden Exchange group and to hear about future activities write to: gardens@grangeassociation.com or phone Edythe Murie 07779 763930

Dorothy Ryle, 1 June 1931- 31 January 2019

The Grange Association will miss greatly the wise counsel, astute thinking and hard work for the community and our local environment that Dorothy gave us over her 3 decades as a committee member. She was a keen gardener whose

knowledge will be missed at Grange Fair plant stalls. After she retired from the Grange Association committee, Dorothy was loath to get publicity but agreed to talk about the ways she had tried to improve our area. This is reported on page 4 of the June 2018 *Grange Newsletter*.



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EVENTS

Dates for your diary

Our new season of talks at **ST. CATHERINE'S ARGYLE CHURCH, 61 - 63 Grange Road** will run monthly on Tuesdays from October 2019 to March 2020. The next edition will give more details of the subject matter and speakers. In the meantime, please put these dates in your diaries:

Tuesday 01 October: *The Sick Children's Hospital chapel and its artist, Phoebe Anna Traquair* by Anne-Marie Scott and Elizabeth Cumming, trustees of Mansfield Traquair Trust.

Tuesday 05 November

Tuesday 03 December - Venue may differ

Tuesday 07 January

Tuesday 04 February

Tuesday 03 March: Grange Association AGM

Meetings will be in St Catherine's Argyle Church. Coffee, tea and biscuits at 19:00 precede the main talk at 19:30 (AGM: doors open 18:30 for 19:00)

To contact our **EVENTS ORGANISER, Isobel Miller**, please phone (667 4235) or email events@grangeassociation.com

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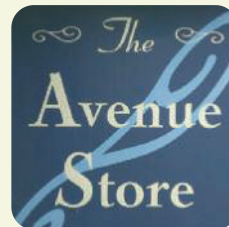
OPEN POTTERY STUDIO

Saturday 22 June, 12noon-4pm

Enjoy demonstrations of making and throwing by professional potter, **Clare Parsons**. Pottery for sale including seconds and sale items. Studio around back of 25 Dick Place down very narrow passage to right of house.

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