

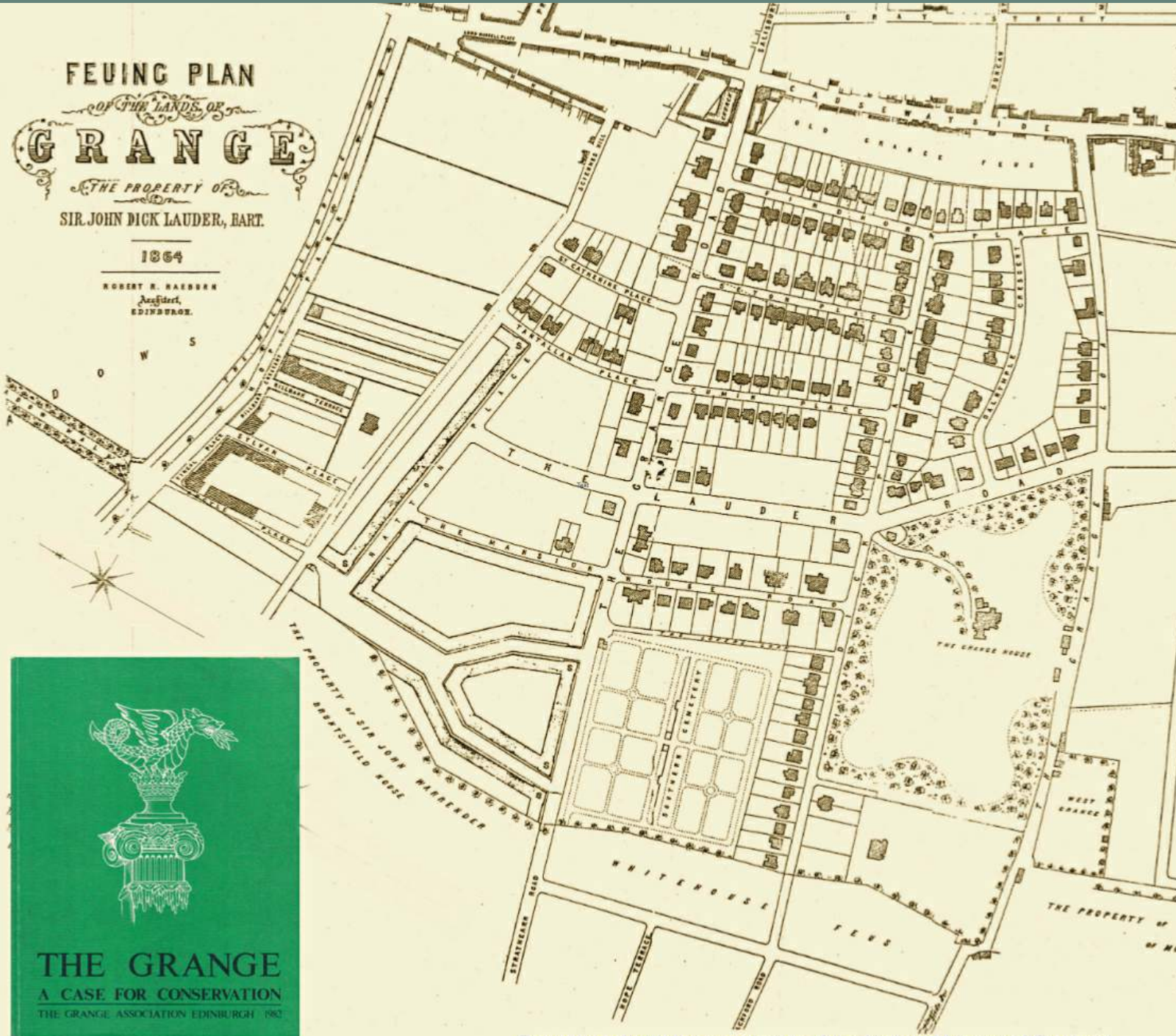


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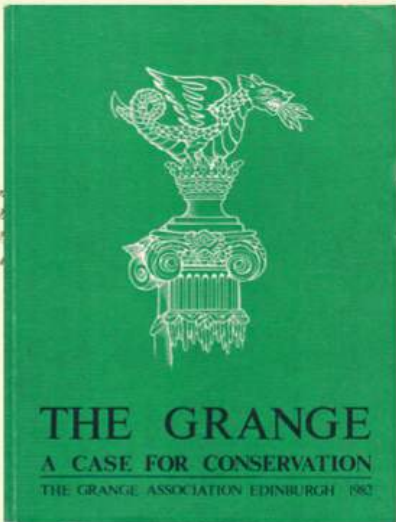
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You may have noted from the last newsletter that, after five years in the role, Richard Mowe has resigned as editor. The Grange Association committee is extremely grateful for all the work he has put in to this voluntary position, creating a high quality publication with a wide range of articles. We aim to continue producing the newsletter three times a year and would welcome your feedback (to liaison@grangeassociation.com) on format and content.

The Grange Association exists to protect and enhance the Grange area for everyone who lives in, works in and visits the neighbourhood. Through this newsletter, we aim to keep you informed on the Association, events, history of the area, planning matters, roads and transport, the environment, Grange Association projects and other matters of local interest.

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HISTORY & HERITAGE

Looking back on the Grange

Sofia Leonard, twice a previous Chair of the Grange Association and author of the important study, *The Grange. A Case for Conservation*, shares her knowledge of the history of the area.

It is important that the sense of 'Place' remains in the collective memory of all new and old residents who have chosen to live in The Grange. There are also some physical relics still extant from The Grange's historic past to remind us what came before us.

Some people may not be aware, for example, that the curious pedestrian lane now known by the romantic name of 'Lover's Loan' was in its origin '*the kirk road through Bruntsfield Links*' travelled daily by the Monks of St Giles to go to Mass. The monks farmed the lands called Sanct Geillies Grange, south of the Meadows, in the 12th century. The ancient boundaries of the estate were the initial criteria to establish the boundaries of the present Conservation area.

The name of **Sciennes** at the North East corner recalls a convent in honour of St Catherine of Siena, patron saint of the Dominican Order, founded by a bull of Pope Leo X in 1517. It stood roughly in what is now St Catherine's Place. With the passage of time its name was corrupted to Sciennes. The Convent gave rise to a village of weavers in the vicinity and now our local school is known as Sciennes Primary School.

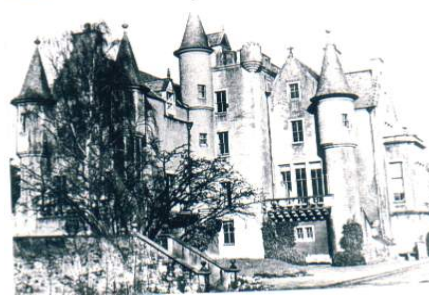
In 1631, during a game of golf on the '*Furzy hills of Braid*', William Dick, Lord Provost of Edinburgh, acquired the lands of the Grange Estate, including the Braid Hills, for 40 Merks Scot. The lands included, since the time of the monks, an Old Keep (see drawing below) as it stood in 1700.



On a memorable day for the family Prince Charles Edward Stuart, Bonnie Prince Charlie, visited the house in 1745 on his way to Holyrood. The Prince was entertained by William Dick and his wife Anne Seaton, a descendant of Mary Seaton, one of Queen Mary's ladies.

For nearly a hundred years, the Grange continued as a farming estate, until in the 1820's the price of corn suddenly fell and a lengthy depression followed.

The family, now Dick-Lauder, went on to extend the Grange House incorporating the old L-shaped Keep. The house was enlarged by William Playfair in 1831 and its general features included corner turrets, crow stepped gables and a bay window, an early date for a feature of this kind.

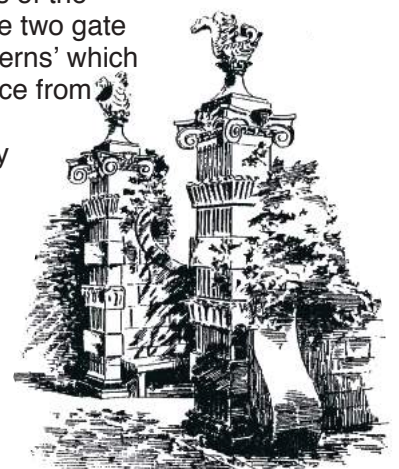


The Grange House (left) was demolished in 1936, but some of its architectural features had been imitated in the new surrounding Victorian villas. Thus, in a way, the memory of the

house lives on today.

Originally, the main access to the Grange Estate had been by the old carriage road from Edinburgh, now Lauder Road. The entrance to the House, now Lauder Loan, is not very conspicuous and it is marked simply by two small posts topped by a pineapple.

The only surviving remains of the Grange House are now the two gate piers surmounted by 'Wyverns' which stood at the House entrance from Grange Loan. They date from the early 18th century and are rusticated, further enriched and surmounted by the Lauder heraldic symbol. The pillars gave entry to a magnificent tree lined avenue surrounding the formal garden in front of the house.



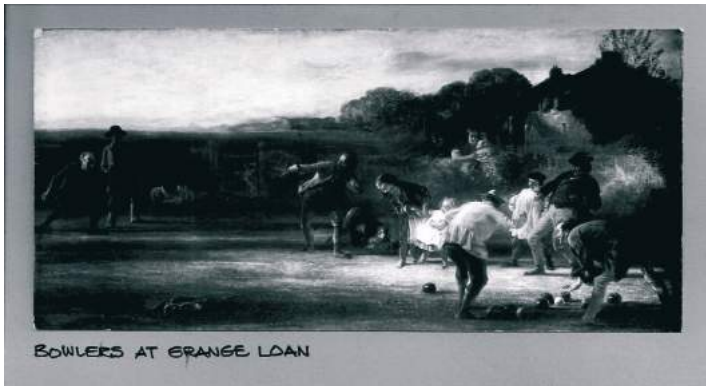
The Wyvern pillars were moved from their original place after the house was demolished. They were re-erected at the East and West ends of the frontage of the house on Grange Loan.

Dating from that time there is also a painting showing 'Bowlers at Grange Loan', reproduced overleaf by

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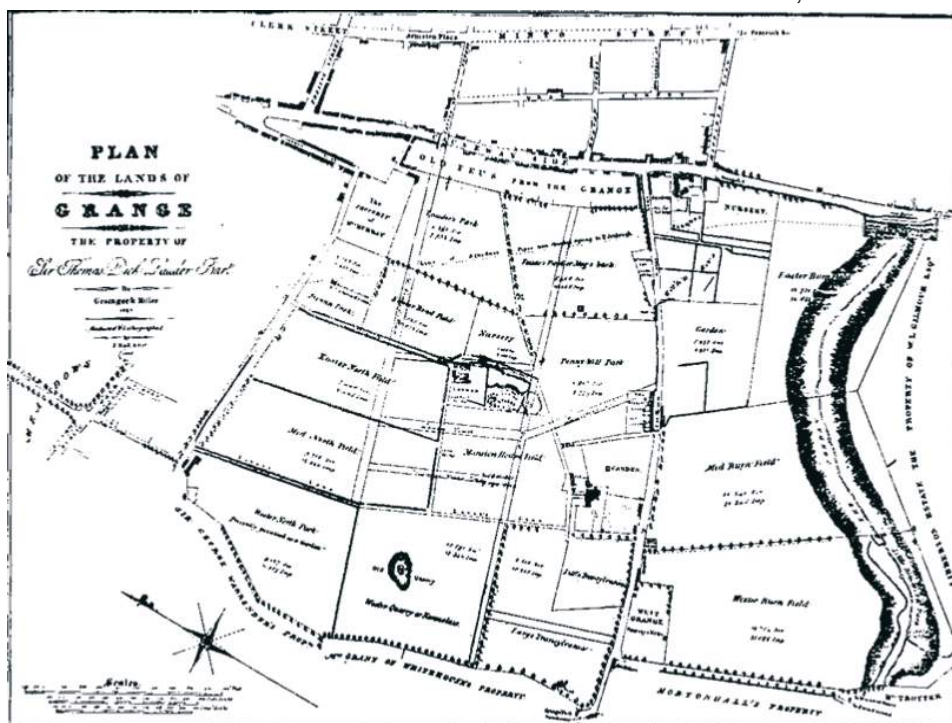
permission from the National Galleries of Scotland. The lands south of Grange Loan were left undeveloped for a long time for agricultural and recreational uses such as we see in the painting.



Following an Act of Parliament of 1825, Sir Thomas Dick Lauder, the 7th Baronet of Fountainhall and 5th of The Grange, commissioned the 1825 Feuing Plan (below) of the Lands of Grange by Grainger & Miller.

This plan shows the location of the Grange House and its premises. It is interesting to see that the Grange Road was not a through road, but ended at Lover's Loan, beyond which, to the West is the Old Quarry, now the Grange Cemetery.

The lands of the Grange were initially subdivided into large plots that were further subdivided for the development of villas in gardens.



The Plan was accompanied by a Feuing Charter. In Victorian Times, the control of Development depended entirely on the feudal superior. Thus the quality and character of the residential area depended in great measure upon the specific controls and regulations determined by the Dick Lauders as set out in the 'Articles of Roup' which accompany each successive plan made for The Grange and which were imposed upon the feuars. Their provisions were considerably more detailed and stringent than today's Planning controls.

The lairds of The Grange were distinguished members of Edinburgh's society and when they wanted to develop the Lands of the Grange they wanted it to be an ideal residential development regulated by very detailed terms and conditions. These conditions are still attached to the title deeds of every property in The Grange.

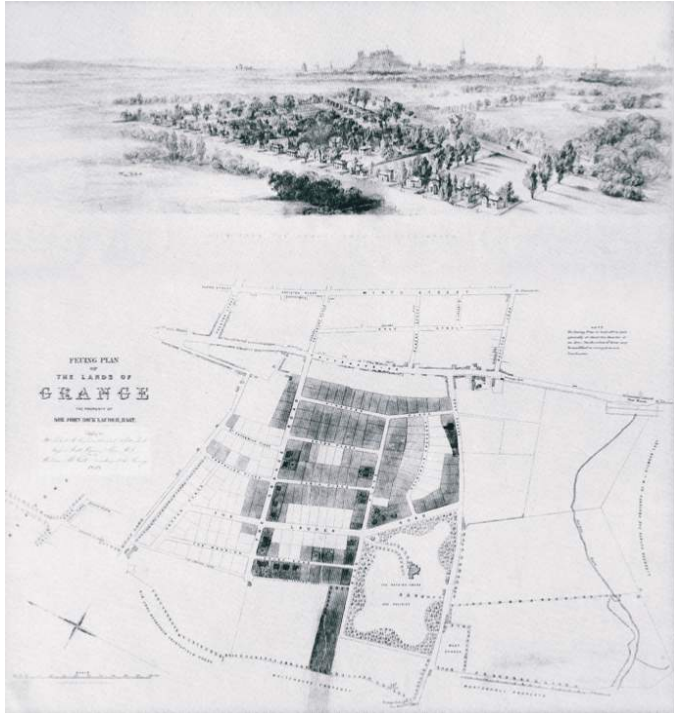
If there are residents who believe that Conservation Area regulations restrict their liberty to do as they please with their properties, they should realise that such unfettered liberty never existed in the Grange. In fact if we now enjoy a pleasing and distinguished environment, this is entirely due to the controls and regulations exerted by the Dick Lauders which are now protected by the Conservation Area legislation.

The first comprehensive scheme for the Grange North of Grange Loan (on p.5, opposite) was made in 1851 by David Cousin. Subsequently, with increasing demand, the lands south of Grange Loan were included in a series of feuing plans prepared by Robert Reid Raeburn in 1858, 1864 and 1877.

The Grange Association was originally formed in 1973 as the 'East Grange Association' by a group of concerned Grange residents who faced an onslaught of pressures from developers wanting to demolish the existing villas and to redevelop the lands at much higher densities.

Professor William Hale, Director of the Centre for Human Ecology of the University of Edinburgh, was Chairman of East Grange Association. He invited me to give a Lecture at Mayfield Church on the merits of a Conservation Area Designation. As a follower of Patrick Geddes, I was conscious that Conservation can only be achieved by community participation. As a result, the main

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Residents of the Grange have always been very aware of the special qualities of their local environment. The Grange Association has endeavoured to increase such awareness with a variety of activities such as public exhibitions, evening events and garden groups. It also publishes a seasonal Newsletter delivered by volunteers to every household in the area. Recently, the Association keeps in touch with its members also by means of an interactive website.

We welcome short articles on the history of our area. Please send to Jenny at liaison@grangeassociation.com

proposal at that meeting was the creation of an ad-hoc group of volunteers called the 'Grange Conservation Group'. Convened by the Grange Association, the Group helped me prepare a technical report to the City Council highlighting the merits of the area and proving its case for designation as a Conservation Area.

In 1979 the Grange Association area had been expanded to include the area within the traditional boundaries of the original Grange Estate. 'The Grange. A Case for Conservation' was completed and published in 1982. Presented to the City, it formed the basis for the designation of the Grange as a Conservation Area. The report was the result of several years of enthusiastic, voluntary and collaborative effort of the Conservation Group, fully supported by the Committee of the Grange Association. The Report can be seen now on the Grange Association website in digital form.

The present boundaries of the Grange Conservation Area can be seen in the map above right. The Area between Kilgraston Road and Whitehouse Loan was added because it was developed with similar terms and conditions as The Grange and therefore it is of similar character.

The Grange Conservation Area was originally designated on 16 September 1983 and was extended on 29 March 1996 to include the Astley Ainslie Hospital. The Conservation Area is classified by Historic Scotland as 'Outstanding' for grant purposes.





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Robbie Bartholomew, of the world famous Bartholomew map-making firm and a previous Chair of the Grange Association, still lives in the Grange. He talks to Jenny Dawe about his life and times.

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Robbie Bartholomew at home (left) and in the garden (above), maps in hand.

Mapping a life

Is there a household in Edinburgh that does not have - or at least remember - a Bartholomew map? Maybe there's a well-thumbed "Half-Inch Contoured Map", a city plan or a Concise Atlas, all among many publications produced by John Bartholomew & Son Ltd.

Living in the Grange, and a past Chair of the Grange Association, is Robert Gordon Bartholomew, known as Robbie, one of the last generation of Bartholomews to work in the family firm. It was a cold, wet afternoon when Robbie, entrusted with the code to operate the door of his Marian House Care Home residence, welcomed me in to spend a couple of fascinating hours hearing about his life and times.

Robbie seems too fit physically and mentally to be in a care home but he's the sort of man who makes light of any problems. "I wasn't sure I was ready for this but I've been here a few months now and am well looked after. I am warm and well fed. I never was much of a cook, so that's a good thing. The staff are very pleasant. I knew this place well because my wife, Jean, lived here for nearly five years with dementia before she died in 2013."

He has not found it easy adjusting to communal living but gets out and about on his mobility scooter. "With the scooter I can go visiting, go to shops, get to Church and museums," he explains. "Church is important to me. I've

served as an elder and session clerk at Mayfield Salisbury Church."

There are few personal possessions visible in his room. A few framed photographs hark back to happy times with Jean and there is a pinboard display of colourful family photographs. He showed me a delightful book of *John Bartholomew Holiday Journals* from 1906 onwards, where relatives have written of their holidays over the years. "That cupboard there contains all that I have left from clearing my flat to come here. My daughter Elspeth says that the container shipped to New Zealand has just arrived, so I know that much of what I have gathered over the years will have a good home on the sheep farm where she and her family live."

Born in 1927 into the famous Bartholomew cartographic family, it was probably inevitable that Robbie with his two older brothers, John and Peter, would be the fifth generation to run the business. Sadly, they were also the last, with John Bartholomew & Son Ltd bought out in 1980 by one of their major clients, Reader's Digest. Formal association with the family ended in 1987 before Reader's Digest merged with Collins.

Robbie has traced his ancestry back to Archibald Bartholomew, a Linlithgow merchant born around 1682. Key in his family history is George Bartholomew, born in

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1784, an engraver for Lizars in Edinburgh. George's son, John, born in 1805, founded the family firm.

Robbie's parents, John, born in 1890, and Belgian-born Marie Antoinette Sarolea, started married life in Palmerston Road but had moved to Duddingston by the time Robbie, their fourth child and third son, was born in January 1927. "The boys, led by sister Ailie, went to school at St. Trinneans. The school, of course, was the inspiration for the fictional St Trinian's for young ladies but it did take young boys too." The family moved to George Square, then took over the Manor House, Inveresk, after his paternal grandmother's death in 1936. "My Granny liked to live in grand style and this was a fine house. I went to Edinburgh Academy by train from there."

As a child, Robbie remembers a huge map of Europe on



the wall that his father kept up-to-date with events in the Second World War. His father, a Gordon Highlander, was wounded in the First World War, in

which his brother Hugh was killed in 1917. Robbie was a Cameron Highlander.

Childhood memories include playing golf with his siblings at a 9-hole course for 5 shillings a year near the cottage the family had built at West Linton. The golf stood his sister Ailie in good stead. "Recognise anyone in this photo?", Robbie asked. "No? That young man between my mother and Ailie, with Peter and me in front - that's Prince Philip. Ailie gave him his first, and perhaps only, golf lesson when he came down to spend a weekend, representing Gordonstoun at an athletics meeting in Edinburgh."



After school, Robbie studied Printing at Heriot Watt College. After a year with a publishing firm in London, he was deemed ready to join the family firm in their Duncan Street office. This building incorporated the imposing pillared facade of Falcon Hall, Morningside, a previous Bartholomew home, demolished in 1909.

Robbie's married life with Jean Symington Thin (of the bookselling family) began in 1955 at 3 Cobden Crescent. In 1967, they moved to 1 Lauder Road, where they stayed for 19 years. Robbie, with the foresight and planning that he displayed in the family firm, has already had his name carved with that of his late wife on the back of the gravestone of John Bartholomew, who died in 1861. But Robbie is not the only erstwhile inhabitant of 1 Lauder Road to be named in Grange Cemetery. A grave there marks the deaths of Michael Taylor in 1867, and his wife Jane and daughter Mary Jane in 1865. Michael, a silk merchant, and his wife lived at 1 Lauder Road. Jane and Mary Jane were the victims of poisoning by Dr Edward Pritchard, Mary Jane's husband, who was hanged for his crimes in Glasgow's last public hanging in July 1865.

After Lauder Road, with the family of three grown up, Robbie and his wife moved to a comfortable flat in Grange Loan, which Robbie was sad to leave in 2015.

Robbie enjoys living in the Grange and is pleased that the Grange Association is still thriving. He recalls, "I was interested in the Association almost from its inception. I went to the second meeting of the East Grange Association. I was involved in the production of the "Green Book" [*The Grange. A Case for Conservation*] in 1982 and became Chair for three years from 1985, after joining the Committee in 1983. Those were days of treasure hunts, walks in the Grange and crosswords in newsletters. I especially enjoyed producing *Grange, A History in Maps*."

Looking back on his life, Robbie is content that he and his brothers (Peter, Robbie and John, below) did their best in the 1950s, '60s and '70s for the family firm. Gone from the family now, its name is still remembered in Collins Bartholomew cartographic database.



Indeed, the digital map website boasts of the reputation it has inherited from John Bartholomew & Son Ltd: "*From humble beginnings the Bartholomew firm became the world's pre-eminent publisher of maps and atlases, an enviable reputation it maintained throughout its existence, and one which its present reincarnation in the form of Collins GEO still maintains with great pride to this day.*"

More reminiscences would have been preferable to broaching the storm outside but it was time for me to go. Robbie showed me out, an upright man in stance and mind, but looking just a little out of place still in his new home.

PLANNING WATCH

The Grange - a very special area

The Grange is a very special area and Sofia Leonard describes on pages 3-5 how it became a conservation area. That was nearly 30 years ago so that most of us have moved here since then knowing both the advantages and the restrictions of being in a conservation area. It is therefore reasonable to expect owners to respect these restrictions and not to try to work against them. Many conservation areas are in city centres where financial and social factors make conservation difficult, but this should not apply here. Most developments in the Grange are designed for the benefit of the householder alone and not for the area as a whole. Even quite minor departures, if replicated by neighbours, can have an adverse effect on the area's character. This is why the Grange Association expects owners to adhere quite strictly to the limitations imposed on us by living in a conservation area. The Association sees one of its prime duties being to report cases where good planning and conservation principles are not being followed.

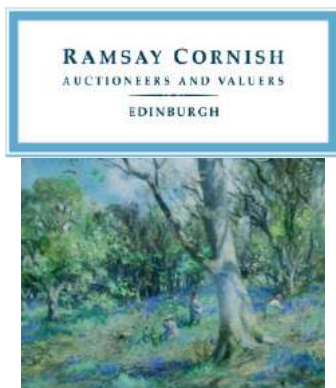
The Grange Association committee receives a weekly list of all planning applications within Edinburgh. We all look at these and a group of six in a planning subcommittee study and discuss plans for the Grange in more detail. We study applications primarily to check they will not have an adverse affect on the conservation area as a whole but we

also look carefully at how plans would affect immediate neighbours. We use the Grange Conservation Area Character Appraisal and the Council's planning guidance documents to judge the merits of applications. These Council documents are available on our own website and on the Council website. When we come across plans which we consider to be inappropriate we can put in an objection to the Council planning officers or write to our councillors. In theory an objection from the Grange Association carries the same weight as an objection from a neighbour although the planning officers have been asked by the planning committee to take special note of our comments. Nevertheless, we would always recommend that you send in your own objection if an application concerns you.

The majority of developments are well thought out and we have no issues with them. As a result we tend to fail to praise them, instead concentrating on the developments which we feel are inappropriate. This rather neglects the good efforts of thoughtful owners and we hope to remedy this at the AGM in March by presenting the Grange Award for the best recent development.

In future editions, we will carry articles on specific aspects of planning in the area.

ROGER KELLETT



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Vigilance gets results

Since the last newsletter we have put in several objections and some of these have had results. The proposed extension and garden room at GF 26 St Alban's Road was to be finished in a mixture of stone, zinc and render and we felt it was altogether too cluttered for the site. The application was refused and a new, much improved application was subsequently granted. The proposed new garage at 17 St Thomas Road meant there would be a 5 metre break in the stone wall in addition to an existing 3.5 metre break. Because the stone boundary walls are an important characteristic of the area, we felt this was excessive. The application was refused and the owner has put in an improved plan. At 38A Dick Place, the proposed timber workshop potting shed and home office, which would have projected above the boundary wall, have been modified to make them lower and we feel this is a satisfactory compromise. We were concerned that a considerable extension to the roof at 9 Relugas Road would have interfered with light for a neighbour. This proposal has been withdrawn.

A number of applications have been granted despite our objection. These include the retrospective application for the zigzag low wall in the front garden of 8 Dick Place which we felt was inappropriate for this listed building; two extensions to 1A Cumin Place which we felt was overdevelopment of the site; a greenhouse at 1F2 South Oswald Road which is to be sited on elevated ground

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overlooking the Sunnyside flats and a modified car parking space in front of 46 Grange Road, another listed building with many nearby parking spaces. This is another case where a section of high boundary wall will be lost. In the last newsletter we mentioned the installation of artificial grass at 20 Mansionhouse Road. The owner's appeal to the Scottish Government, against the Council's requirement that he remove this artificial grass, was unsuccessful but he has appealed again to the Scottish Government, this time against the Council's refusal of retrospective planning consent for the artificial grass. A

decision on this second appeal is expected in January. There was a flurry of activity about 18 Grange Crescent. The owner obtained planning consent in 2011 to demolish his house and build a new one but this consent had expired when he proceeded to demolish the house and start construction of a house somewhat different from the earlier plans. There was concern that there might be archaeological remains from the 12th century and from the 18th century Grange House and construction is limited while archaeological investigation takes place.

ROGER KELLETT

APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING CONSENT

Between June and December 2015 the following planning applications were granted:

- 28 Mortonhall Road** - Replace greenhouse in the rear garden.
 - 18A Dick Place** - Internal alterations.
 - 14 Mansionhouse Road** - French doors to rear; patio doors and zinc fascia to front extension.
 - 4 Mortonhall Road** - Internal alterations, new rooflights.
 - 40 Dick Place** - Lower sill level to two windows facing rear garden.
 - 8 Dick Place** - New landscaping to front garden (partly retrospective). (*)
 - 9 Mansionhouse Road** - New garage to the side of house.
 - Flat 2 6 Dalrymple Crescent** - Internal Alterations and erect a rear/side extension.
 - 26 West Relugas Road** - Velux window, replacement dormer, sliding doors and remove chimneys.
 - 18 Dick Place** - Replace single glazing with 'Slimlite' double glazing.
 - 1A Cumin Place** - Remove shed and construct two single storey extensions. (*)
 - 124 Grange Loan** - Construct dog kennel and run in the garden.
 - 29 Blackford Road** - New extension, attic conversion, garage conversion and demolish conservatory.
 - 61 St Alban's Road** - Replace conservatory and greenhouse with new conservatory.
 - 131 Grange Loan** - Change of use from Nursing Home to single dwelling house. New extension.
 - 1F2 27 South Oswald Road** - New Victorian greenhouse in rear corner of the garden. (*)
 - Flat 1 4A Mortonhall Road** - Internal alterations and reinstate pedestrian access gate.
 - 1 Relugas Road** - Change 3 windows to full height inward opening doors, metal balcony.
 - Flat 20 18 Lauder Road** - New boiler flue.
 - Flat 4 2 Blackford Avenue** - Window and door replacements.
 - 15 Mansionhouse Road** - Form new windows and doors from existing window openings.
 - 13 Relugas Road** - Convert garage to store room and shower room.
 - 46 Grange Road** - Car parking space in front garden. (*)
 - GF2 27 South Oswald Road** - Single storey extension to the west elevation.
- The following were modified then granted:**
- 38A Dick Place** - Replace outbuildings with workshop, potting shed and home office. (*)
 - GF 26 St Alban's Road** - Single storey side extension, new door & velux roof window. (Refused but a later modified application was approved.) (*)

The following were reported to Enforcement:

- 18 Grange Crescent** - Demolish house and new construction without planning consent (*)
 - 52 St Alban's Road** - New extension does not adhere to plans. (*)
- The following were still pending:**
- 60 Fountainhall Road** - Single storey extension to side and rear.
 - 18 Grange Crescent** - Demolish house and erect new house and hard standing. (*)
 - 17 St Thomas Road** - New garage with access from St Thomas Road. (*)
 - 3A Dalrymple Crescent** - Join upper flat with lower flat to form family home.
 - 17 South Oswald Road** - Extend access drive and bollard style lighting.
 - 91 South Oswald Road** - Temporary Estate Agent sign boards.
 - 17 Findhorn Place** - Attic conversion with two dormer windows.
 - 42 South Oswald Road** - Re-slate front roof in salvaged roof slates. Re-slate rear in matching new slates.
 - 1/2 Lauder Road** - Lower window sills to garden room.
 - 20 Mansionhouse Road** - Appeal to Scottish Government against refusal of retrospective application for artificial grass in place of lawn. (*)
 - 143 Blackford Avenue** - Rooflights to outcrop
 - 1F 129 Grange Loan** - Timber slimline double glazed windows. Internal alterations.

The following were refused:

- 17 St Thomas Road** - New garage. Modified application now pending. (*)
 - 13 Relugas Road** - Convert garage to store room and shower room (certificate of lawfulness) further application granted.
 - 27 Blackford Road** - One-storey side extension to existing house.
 - 20 Mansionhouse Road** - Works associated with, and thereafter the laying out of artificial grass (in retrospect). (*)
- The following were withdrawn by the applicant:**
- 36 Dick Place** - Link extension between main house and guest accommodation.
 - Outside 1 Blackford Avenue** - Installation of a BT broadband cabinet.
 - 20 St Alban's Road** - Replace 1st floor projecting window on the front elevation with similar.
 - 3B Chalmers Crescent** - Attic conversion with new conservation rooflights.
 - 9 Relugas Road** - Extension of the roof with new dormers and new sun room. (*)

(*) Signifies that a comment or an objection was lodged by the Grange Association

ENVIRONMENT/POSTBAG/SPOTLIGHT

Rights of way, noise, speed & bottle tops

Astley Ainslie Hospital. We are pleased that, thanks to efforts by the Association and other Community groups, the Local Access Forum has now accepted that there should be protected rights of way through the hospital grounds. We understand that the Council lawyers are now in discussion with NHS Lothian to ensure that these will be recognised when a development brief for the site is produced – possibly in 2016 or 2017. Thanks to all residents who responded to requests asking for evidence that these routes had been in use for over 20 years. We understand that all facilities on the site will be transferred to the Royal Edinburgh Hospital site by 2020 – the AAH site may be marketed by the NHS in 2019. We will be watching out for any planning application.

Newington Library. As many people will know there have been noise problems with the new air-conditioning unit installed at the Library causing disturbance for nearby residents. We understand that a baffle to reduce the noise

was due to be installed just before Christmas and we hope that this will solve the problem. It does seem that it has taken far too long for the Council to attempt to solve this issue.

Enforcement of 20mph. We are pleased to be assured by the Police that motorists exceeding this speed limit can now be prosecuted rather than just sent a warning letter. We hope that this will encourage more motorists to reduce speed in this area.

Bottle tops. I am still collecting milk bottle tops for a private charity even though these can now be put in the general recycling bins. But, please, leave them at 6 Grange Terrace (black door), place inside the porch and do not hang a bag of tops on the door handle, or the gate, which can advertise that the owner is away.

SUE TRITTON

From the cemetery postbag:

Hugh Miller: The Friends of Hugh Miller, based in Cromarty, contacted us for information on Hugh Miller’s grave in Grange Cemetery, which led to an article in their newsletter, Hugh’s News. Thomas Guthrie: The Crocker Art Museum in California asked for help in tracing Guthrie relatives who they believed might have paintings by Euphemia Charlton Fortune, an early California landscapist who later worked solely on liturgical art. They succeeded in getting a painting from a Guthrie descendant for their forthcoming exhibition.

SPOTLIGHT

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

John Duncan

Born, raised and educated in Glasgow, frequent family visits developed in me an early affection for Edinburgh, especially its Castle, proper Zoo and Portobello open air pool. I grew up in a south Glasgow suburb that enjoyed its reputation as the cradle of radical Socialism in Scotland (birth and work places of John Maclean, Marxist hero, and James Maxton, Red Clydesider).



I studied architecture at Glasgow School of Art, enjoying ‘60s bohemian Glasgow’s thriving cultural scene. At the same time, Glasgow’s wholesale destruction of wonderful buildings in the name of Comprehensive Development awakened my lifelong distrust of planners and the civic wrecking ball.

On graduation, I had four years in London before being appointed, in 1970, to run the West Indian office of a UK based architectural practice. I enjoyed the Caribbean life style, working on hotel projects and other leisure facilities. Back in the UK, I joined a large London based practice and opened and ran as partner their Scottish office. Despite my predilection for conservation and historic buildings work, I produced large commercial projects such as covered shopping malls and office blocks.

I hope my past experience and retired status as a member of the RIAS proves worthwhile to the Grange Association planning team of which I am part. As a Grange resident for 25 years, I have seen many changes impacting on this prime Conservation Area. I see my role as not to oppose change per se but to help ensure it is managed to conserve or improve the area’s essential character.



Jim Eadie MSP

Member of the Scottish Parliament for Edinburgh Southern

Should you need any assistance, please feel free to come to one of my surgeries. I look forward to hearing from you.

Advice Surgeries

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GARDENING / CONTACTS

Out of this world?

Our September trip was fulfillment of a longstanding request to visit Jupiter Artland in West Lothian. See <https://www.jupiterartland.org/artwork> for more information. We went quite early on a Sunday, beating the crowds and having a delightful walk round the extensive grounds. My favourite artwork was the crystal grotto called 'The light pours out of me' by Anya Gallacio and I was moved by 'The weeping girls' by Laura Ford. We enjoyed walking all over the huge Charles Jencks 'Cells of life'. Tara Donovan's Festival installation (below) was still on show in the ballroom so we got to



see that part of the house as well.

In October we had our sharing meeting where we bring seeds we have collected and arrange to share the plants which are being dug up and divided in the autumn. We now go into hibernation until February but we will have been busy putting our own gardens to bed and enjoying the mild Autumn.



One of Laura Ford's weeping girls at Jupiter Artland

We will be having our popular plant stall again at the Grange Fair on 14 May, so please remember to plant up extra pots to sell.

ALISON BRAMLEY

To join the Grange Garden Exchange group and to hear about future activities write to gardens@grangeassociation.com or phone Alison Bramley 667 5667
Find news under the gardens tab at <http://www.grangeassociation.org>



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EVENTS/TALKS

Lost garden, access and AGM

Wednesday 3 February

Roger Kelly, Convener of the Penicuik Trust, on *The Story of the Lost Garden of Penicuik*.

Wednesday 2 March

Grange Association AGM, followed by a talk by Jo Doake, volunteer at Scotways, on *Access Matters in the Astley Ainslie*.

All members are invited to the AGM which will commence at 7.00pm. Our Constitution sets out time-limits on appointments as office-bearers and committee members. This year, no office-bearers are due to demit office after a 4-year term but there are vacancies for new committee members. If any member is interested in getting more involved, please contact Sue Tritton, Chair, or Adam Rennie, Secretary, to find out more. The committee meets about every 6 weeks for a few hours, with much other business conducted by e-mail.

Grange Association meetings, organised by Hilary Watkinson, are held in Butterflies Cafe, Marchmont St. Giles Church. Usually, coffee, tea and biscuits at 7.00pm precede the main talk at 7.30pm. Note that the AGM begins at 7.00pm with refreshments at 6.30pm.
EVENTS ORGANISER: Hilary Watkinson (667 6360) events@grangeassociation.com

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Diary Note:
14 May 2016

Planning for the third Grange Fair is underway. Put the date in your diary now and look out for further announcements and pleas for help.

If you have a contribution to offer (a demonstration, special skill, or would like to donate goods or volunteer to help on the day), please contact LUCY RICHARDSON: at grange.fair@yahoo.co.uk or phone 0131 662 4992. Or contact a committee member for information.



Poster by Alexa Rutherford



Street scene from the 2015 Fair by Martin Taylor

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