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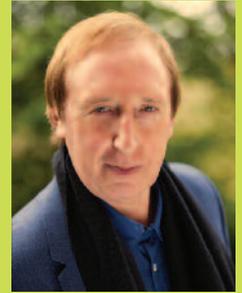
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A bracing welcome to the first Newsletter of 2015. On these pages you will find that we're ringing in the New with exciting projects that will change aspects of your neighbourhood for the better. Sciennes Primary School playground is about to be transformed into a community space... while one of the area's eminent legal eagles is looking forward to a new chapter in his life. The planners are kept on their marks by the stalwart efforts of the planning group while cyclists come under close scrutiny with innovative ideas. You can play your part by attending the annual general meeting of the Grange Association on 11 March.

Richard Mowe, Editor, The Newsletter



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SPOTLIGHT

Find out more about your Grange Association contacts in the seventh of a series

Hilary Watkinson

I was brought up in East Kilbride New Town and came to one of the first streets built in the early Fifties.

We moved to an old 19th century farmhouse with plenty of space but soon surrounded by 37 back gardens as the new town expanded.

Perhaps the contrast fostered my interest in planning matters! In fact, I was encouraged to read Architecture whilst at school but decided Medicine was more my line and came through to Edinburgh to study.

My first contact with the Grange Association started when we moved to Grange Loan 37 years ago and, in fact, I became Secretary to Angela Clarke



in the early eighties. From there I was asked to serve on the Cockburn Association Council and spent a happy ten years looking at city-wide planning applications. After a gap when I was only a

nodding member of the GA, I offered to be Events Coordinator and, somewhat to my surprise, was elected to this office two years ago.

I am passionate about maintaining the lovely area we live in and will continue to fight against run-ins and front garden parking. I am enjoying the committee meetings and particularly the Garden Group outings.

I look forward to a further two years on the committee when I hope that my position will be taken by a younger and more dynamic individual.

Since retirement, I fill my time with Rotary, patchwork, being an elder at Mayfield Salisbury Church, Scottish Country Dancing and foreign travel.

Carrying on the good work

The Association's AGM falls on 11 March. Our constitution sensibly sets limits to the time people can serve as office-bearers or on the committee. That means on 11 March several office-bearers and members of the committee are due to stand down. We would like to hear from anyone who would be willing to play a more active part in the work of the Association.

The Committee meets about every six weeks for a couple of hours at most – and the company is convivial.

Please contact any of the current office-bearers or committee members if you might be interested.

JOHN GRAHAM, CHAIR

WATCHING BRIEF

Cycling – The Way Ahead

The Council has completed an informal consultation on a proposed new cycle route from the Meadows to Kings Buildings. This includes new proposals for the difficult Grange Loan/Kilgraston Road junction, which has been a concern for many in the Grange Association for more than 30 years.

The Council will consider responses to the informal consultation and may modify the proposed design. Formal proposals, to which objections and comments can be made, will be published later this year.

Meanwhile cyclists and pedestrians on the Meadows have been the subject of discussions by a working group. Changes to access legislation in 2003 meant that it was no longer legal to prohibit cycling on some of the paths. This caused problems on several paths, including Jawbone Walk, which is too narrow for segregated sections for cyclists and pedestrians to be marked.

Representatives of various local groups have made suggestions aimed at reducing conflict between pedestrians and cyclists at certain places. The aim is to increase both pedestrian and cycle use of paths across the Meadows while reducing any problems of conflict between these users.

Scoring on clutter: Following the distribution of leaflets encouraging residents to give permission for parking signs attached to poles to be attached to their wall or railings many more poles are now scheduled for removal.

The officer at the Council dealing with their removal, Gavin Graham, writes: "The response from residents of the Grange area has been nothing short of fantastic. We have already identified approximately 75 parking poles that can be removed and requests continue to come in.

"Not only does the removal of these poles reduce unnecessary street clutter, but it also reduces the Council's ongoing maintenance costs. I would therefore like to thank everybody who has volunteered and taken part in this project."

Anyone who has not yet responded but would be happy for a sign to be attached to their property can contact Gavin Graham directly at gavin.graham@edinburgh.gov.uk or phone him at 469 3551.

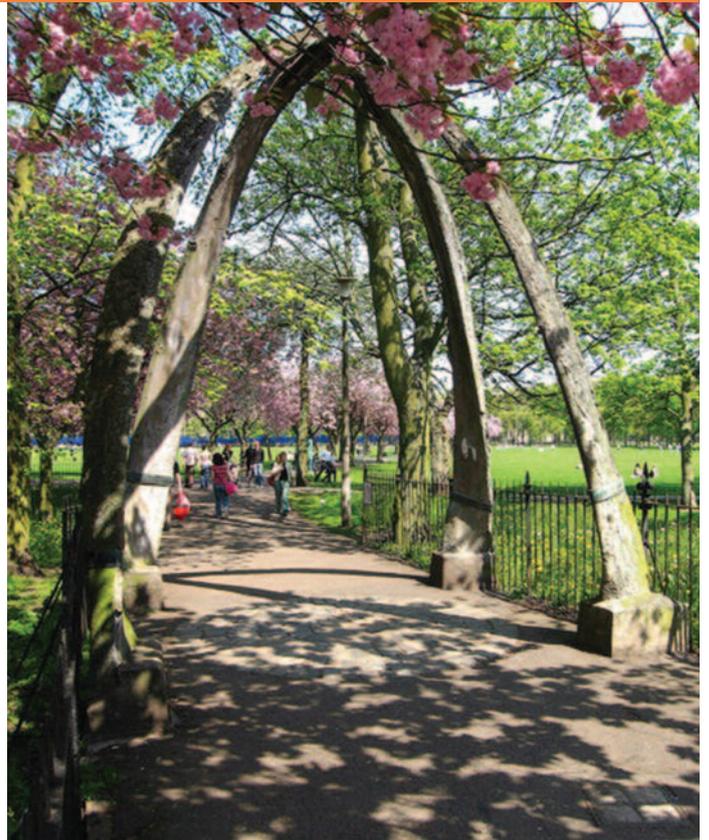
Changes to waste and recycling collections: We now understand that the changes noted in the last Newsletter are not likely to be introduced in the Grange area until summer 2015. All households will receive information about six weeks before the change comes in in their area.

Jawbones: Most residents will have noticed that the Jawbones have been removed from the Melville Drive end of Jawbone Walk. Edinburgh World Heritage Trust (EWHT) are organising the restoration of the jawbones before they can be reinstated on the Meadows. The jawbones have been successfully dried out and repairs can now start but the EWHT is still about £8000 short of the cost. The Grange Association has donated £500. Anyone wishing to contribute can send a cheque to: Jawbone Appeal, EWHT, 5 Bakehouse Close, 146 Canongate EH8 8DD.

Astley Ainslie Hospital site: The Scottish Government has recently approved the Business Case for the redevelopment of the Royal Edinburgh Hospital site and provided sufficient funding to complete the programme. This includes the relocation of all facilities currently on the AAH site: these include the Smart Centre which it was originally thought would remain in its present location. The result of this is that the AAH site may be vacated in three to four years and would then be disposed of by NHS Lothian.

The future of this site, the largest green space in the Grange Association area, is of great interest to all local residents. The Grange Association is in contact with both the NHS and the Planning department of the Council to ensure that we are kept aware of any proposals for the future of this site.

SUE TRITTON



Jawbone Walk ... too narrow for segregated sections.
The familiar jawbones have been removed and are under repair.

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PORTRAIT



Lord McGhie: " I did discover parts of Scotland that you would only find if you were a walker, way off the beaten track." (Photograph by Louis Flood)

The Lord of the Land

Along with many in the legal fraternity Lord McGhie chose to make his home in the Grange when the rules were relaxed about having a house in Edinburgh's Georgian New Town. Now after almost two decades he has relinquished the reins as Chairman of the Scottish Land Court and President of the Lands Tribunal for Scotland. In the latest in the PORTRAIT series he muses on his time in a "dream" job. By RICHARD MOWE

After using pedal power most days and in all weather conditions as his favoured mode of transport to take him from home in Lauder Road to his place of work in Edinburgh's George Street you might expect Lord McGhie to relish relaxing his way into retirement.

At the age of 70 he has retired from two prominent positions as Chairman of the Scottish Land Court and President of the Lands Tribunal for Scotland, offices he has held since 1996.

The Court, operating from headquarters in George Street, decides a wide variety of disputes relating to agricultural tenancies, ranging from question about forfeiture of tenancy of large farms to disputes about the precise width of a croft access track. The Court also hears appeals from decisions of the Crofting Commission and appeals against decisions of Scottish Ministers relating to agricultural grants and subsidy payments. The Lands Tribunal operates from the same offices. Its main role relates to land valuation for the purposes of rating or compensation for compulsory purchase but it also

has an important role in relation to domestic property. Most house titles have conditions restricting the rights of owners to develop their property. The Lands Tribunal has power to vary or remove such conditions. It also deals with disputes arising from errors in registration of title.

Far from taking it easy his diary has been full of engagements. This includes sitting as a part-time judge in the Court of Appeal in Edinburgh. He has barely had time to ruminate on the rural baton being passed on to his successor Sheriff Roderick John MacLeod, now Lord Minginish, and formerly his deputy.

Lord McGhie does recall, however, all those years ago "dancing around the kitchen in anticipation" when he learned that a colleague Lord Philip, his predecessor in the twin roles, was moving to the Court of Session. "I knew that the Lord Advocate and the Dean at the time were aware I was quite keen on the job. Maybe my enthusiasm carried the day... at any rate I was duly appointed"

PORTRAIT

“In the early days a lot of the time was spent on the road, and I travelled to sheriffdoms in the Highlands and Islands and elsewhere. Latterly, however, there was a lot of desk-work to accomplish so any trip away became quite rare. Now most people come to us rather than the other way round. But I did discover parts of Scotland that you would only find if you were a walker, way off the beaten track.”

One of Lord McGhie’s most memorable forays outside of Edinburgh came two years ago in connection with the centenary of the formation of the Land Court. In 1883 Gladstone’s Government announced the Napier Commission “to inquire into the condition of the crofters and cottars in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.” Its first session to gather evidence was at a church in the township of Ollach in the Braes area of Skye, south of Portree. A year before, the people of the Braes had resisted an attempt, by their landlord Lord MacDonald, to evict 12 crofters as part of a dispute over the grazing of the hill Ben Lee above Braes, which was due to be taken over by a farmer.

They refused to pay their rents. A crowd of 150 assaulted the sheriff’s officer and burned the eviction notices he brought. Two weeks later the officer returned with 50 policemen sent from Glasgow to arrest five of the crofters. Men, women and children attacked them with sticks and stones as they left the area. The Battle of the Braes was the start of the Crofters’ War of the 1880s, eventually leading to the establishment in 1912 of the Land Court.

Lord McGhie recalls the centenary ceremony. “It was a beautiful day and a historic occasion which marked the launch of a book called No Ordinary Court published to mark the Court’s 100 years. It was a collaborative work, overseen by advocate Wallace Mercer whose grandfather had been a member of the Court, with contributors for each chapter – including a chapter by another Grange resident, Sir Crispin Agnew.” The ceremony was an occasion to acknowledge that the court’s founding “stood on the shoulders” of the people of Braes.

Lord McGhie (Jim to his friends) grew up in Perth, was educated at Perth Academy and much of his boyhood was spent in the village of Dunning, surrounded by fields and farmland. “I suppose I am more a rural person than a city type,” he said, “but I would be reluctant to leave Edinburgh. Even if we downsized from our present house I would still want a garden.” Cycling is one of the ways he embraces the outdoors in the city – and he is also a keen hockey player, a sport he intends to pursue with vigour at the Grange Hockey Club at Raeburn Place, Stockbridge (originally Edinburgh Northern Hockey Club). “It was good therapy after a hard day at the Land Court or the Tribunal or even earlier when I was at the bar. You could get rid of a lot of tensions,” he said.



Robed and wigged – Lord McGhie in formal attire.

Lord McGhie was called to the Bar in 1969 and took silk in 1983. He was advocate-depute from 1983 to 1986 and became a member of the Medical Appeals Tribunal and the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board. He was counsel to the Department of Energy in the Piper Alpha inquiry and to the Scottish Development Department in the M8 extension inquiry.

How would he like his Land Court tenure to be remembered? “Apart from trying to modernise the Court in its practice and procedures, I believe my main virtue was that I was completely neutral – between landlord and tenant. I had no lurking views other than a strictly judicial approach to it all. I think that some observers used to think that the Land Court ought to be sympathetic to the crofters and tenants. We were sympathetic in the sense of understanding – but the prime concern was that we still had to apply the law.”

Lord McGhie opted for a degree of informality by dispensing with the wearing of judicial robes (although his successor has reinstated them). He said that his successor might be thought to have the advantage of him in that, as a native of Skye, he speaks Gaelic (the Court has a stipulation that at least one member has to be a Gaelic speaker). “We did encourage people to use Gaelic if they wished but once they realised we would always need an interpreter, they usually opted to speak English” said Lord McGhie who made a point of studying the basics of the language.

Lord McGhie recalls a former occupant of the job, Lord Birsay, described the Land Court as “the best legal job in Scotland.” Lord McGhie heartedly concurs with his learned antecedent.

Before he can finally lay the law to rest to concentrate on golf, reading and choral singing as well as hockey, he has one symbolic task to accomplish. “I have to dispense with a wall of Scots Law Times reports at home to create more space,” he said. But not quite yet!

ENVIRONMENT



A computer generated image of how the new playground will look.

All change for playtime

By the autumn the bleak play area in front of Sciennes Primary School could be changed out of all recognition. ERICK DAVIDSON looks at the plan to revolutionise the space for the good of the whole community.

The playground at Sciennes Primary School is about to be transformed from a tarmac wasteland to a play-friendly environment.

The Grange Association (GA) has had a long standing interest in the school, a B Listed building and a fine example of Victorian architecture, which stands adjacent to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children (Sick Kids).

Sciennes has announced that it is fundraising to redevelop the present south playground on Sciennes Road as well as the existing landscaped strip south of Sciennes Road (between Tantallon Place and Sylvan Place) for the benefit of both the school and the wider community.

At present children only have a barren tarmac surface, which is no longer fit for purpose. The SCAPE Project (Sciennes Community Active Play Experience) will be open to the community outside the school's normal hours.

It is hoped that children from the nearby tenement buildings and families who have children who are unwell at the Sick Kids Hospital also will benefit from this fantastic facility. To make this project happen Sciennes needs to raise £50,000. It is expected that this amount will be matched by funding from a Commonwealth Games Legacy fund managed by Sport Scotland.

I recently met Jack Cadell (Head of the Sciennes Playground Improvement Group, Sciennes parent and Grange

resident), to pledge the support of the Association to the playground project, including the donation of £1000 to Sciennes to help reach its target.

My own grown-up daughter used to attend Sciennes and it certainly hasn't changed on the outside.

Mr Cadell thanked the GA for the support and added that Sciennes is looking forward to working in partnership with the committee.

Mr Cadell said: "Many of our families live within the Grange Conservation area so there is already a strong link between the two organisations. At the inaugural Grange Fair organised by the GA, organiser Lucy Richardson had a strong team of helpers from Sciennes.

ENVIRONMENT



Sciennes Primary School – a B-listed building and a fine example of Victorian architecture.



Partnership: John Graham, Grange Association chair, hands over a cheque to Sciennes Head Teacher Alison Noble.



An aerial aspect of how the transformation will radically alter the playground.

In addition many families attended the fair and had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon (Newsletter Autumn 2014). It is this kind of community partnership that we at Sciennes are very much looking to foster with organisations such as the Grange Association."

He added: "With the support of our community and some fantastic fundraising efforts from parents, staff and the children, we are well on our way to raising the money required to

redevelop the playground and the landscaped strip across Sciennes Road. Active play and outdoor learning are at the top of the agenda at Sciennes and we want to give children the opportunity to benefit from a new, improved play area. A very big thank-you to the GA and we look forward to their continued support."

Work on the playground is scheduled to take place in July and August and is due to be finished in time for the start of the

2015 autumn term. If anyone would like to support the Sciennes fundraising effort please visit BT.mydonate Friends of Sciennes Primary Playground Improvements. Sciennes School is also on Facebook.

ERICK DAVIDSON IS A GA COMMITTEE MEMBER.

Benefits of being vigilant

Since our meeting with Councillor Ian Perry in May, we have followed his advice and emailed the full Planning Committee whenever we see a particularly controversial planning application. Again, no application has been refused but a number have been modified and improved before being passed. We hope this will be to the benefit of the area.

Since the last Newsletter, the architect has amended the plans for converting the old Barnardo's School in South Oswald Road into flats. We are disappointed that there will be little garden space but overall are happy that the new plans have been passed. Other applications where improvements were made to the plans before they were passed include 15 Cumin Place, 2 Sciennes Gardens, 36A Lauder Road and 6 Mansionhouse Road.

There are plans for a large extension to 3B South Lauder Road. They have been somewhat modified but the footprint would still be almost as large as the house itself. A further concern here is that the plans submitted are inadequate to judge fully the impact this extension would have.

We mentioned in the last newsletter that unauthorised development was being undertaken at 59 Grange Road. It is now clear that this is the formation of a large area of hard standing and a new driveway. We reported this to the Council's enforcement team and although, at the time of writing, no decision has been made, work on the drive appears to have been suspended.

There have also been problems at 20 Mansionhouse Road. After the two extensions to this house were completed, there was an application to landscape the garden. This included installing hard surface over 55% of the plot. We contacted all members of the Development Management Subcommittee and the proposed proportion of hard surface was reduced to 49%.

This compromise was accepted but the contractor proceeded to remove a tree without permission and then to cover the 55% with

hard surface. No sooner had we objected than the remainder of the lawn was replaced with AstroTurf laid on a bed of hard core. We were concerned by the resulting sterile appearance of this corner plot. The Council's enforcement team is currently investigating this case.

There is a new application to demolish part of the boundary wall and create off-street parking in the front garden of 4 St Catherine's Place. We fear this would result in loss of a significant section of wall and of much of the front garden.

The owners of 52 Grange Road already have permission to form a new dormer window at the rear but have made a fresh application for a larger dormer with a Juliet balcony. We are concerned that this would be an inappropriate design and seriously overlook the neighbours.

As well as criticising some poor planning applications, we are keen to congratulate owners whose developments make a positive contribution to the area. With this in mind, we plan to reintroduce the Grange Association Award in 2015. Details will appear in the next Newsletter but meanwhile we should like to hear of any recent developments you particularly like.

Lovers Loan is a route frequented by many local residents including children from Sciennes School. The Grange Association became increasingly concerned by the way the high boundary walls of the Loan just north of Grange Road were leaning dangerously towards the path. The wall on the east was carefully rebuilt by the owner but in November the wall on the west started to lean even further. We were worried that it might collapse causing injury so we reported it to the Council.

Fortunately they promptly fenced off the wall just before it finally toppled into the path on the 9 December. We are pleased that the vigilance of the Grange Association and diligence of the Council helped to avert a potential accident or injury.

ROGER KELLETT



Archive image of the 1870 two-storey stone built villa at the south-western end of South Oswald Road used by Barnardos since 1945. Plans have now been approved for its conversion.



Danger averted on Lovers Loan after a wall collapse – and a pile of rubble requiring attention.

APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING CONSENT

Between mid August and December 2014 the following planning applications were granted:

91 South Oswald Road.

Convert old Barnardo's building into flats. (**)

15 Cumin Place. Large rear extension. (**)

2 Sciennes Gardens.

Single storey extension and off-street parking. (**)

36A Lauder Road. Single storey extension rising to form new entrance to upper flat. (**)

33 West Relugas Road. Dormer with balcony to rear of building + several velux windows.

27 Mansionhouse Road. Landscaping at the front of the property and new gates. (*)

46 Grange Road.

Ancillary accommodation to become second house.

35 Lauder Road.

Demolish existing garage and erect new side extension.

16 and 18 Relugas Road.

Attic conversion with rooftop extension to rear.

108 Grange Loan. Variation to earlier permission by changing door and windows. (*)

4 Glenisla Gardens. New stair and new glazed doors in lieu of existing windows.

34 Mansionhouse Road.

Four velux windows in the existing pitched slate roofs.

8 Blackford Avenue. Replace conservatory with garden room.

23 Lauder Road. Replacement of eight windows with uPVC. (*)

14 Grange Road. Replace lean-to with hardwood conservatory.

19 Grange Road. Reduce chimney height at rear of building.

15 Dalrymple Crescent.

Increase ceiling height of lower ground floor, new glazed doors.

86 – 92 Causewayside. Change of use from Class 4 to Class 10 (Provision of Education).

6 Mansionhouse Road. Rear extension, new patio and new dormer windows, cupola and rooflights. (**)

18 St Thomas Road. Replace windows and door with timber, double-glazed, windows and door.

40 Dick Place. One and a half storey side extension, lower sill level to two rear windows.

38 Hope Terrace. Enlarge existing utility room windows.

19 Tantallon Place. Replace thirteen wooden window sashes with wooden double glazed units.

61 Fountainhall Road. Internal alterations.

116 – 120 Causewayside. Use of premises as retail shop (Class 1).

16 Dalrymple Crescent. Replace conservatory with sunroom. New side door and steps. Replace cupola with flat rooflight.

14 Grange Loan Gardens. Slim-line double glazing to match original timber windows.

The following are still pending:

4 St Catherine's Place. Form a driveway and remove part of garden wall. (*)

36 Grange Loan. Internal alterations.

3B South Lauder Road. Form new single-storey extension. (** We also wrote to councillors)

52 Grange Road. Glazed dormer with balcony to rear and velux rooflights to front of building. (*)

We reported the following possible infringements to Enforcement:

59 Grange Road. Unauthorised construction of driveway and hard-standing.

20 Mansionhouse Road. Unauthorised removal of tree and breach in wall wider than agreed.

20 Mansionhouse Road.

Unauthorised construction of path along south side of building.

20 Mansionhouse Road. Artificial grass in place of lawn.

() Marks those where we put in an objection.*

*(**) These applications were modified after we objected.*

GARDENING

Tribute in stone

A recent visit to the Topographical Map of Scotland behind the Barony Castle Hotel at Eddleston proved an impressive experience for ALISON BRAMLEY.

A huge stone structure at Eddleston, said to be the largest outdoor map in the world, was created by Polish war veteran Jan Tomasiak after the Second World War as thanks for finding a new home and a wife in Scotland.

He said at the time: "I shall die but I shall leave my map as a gift to the Scottish people to thank them for the hospitality they showed to the Poles when it was needed."

During our visit we saw how it had fallen into disrepair but is being restored with some Millennium funding and support from the Polish community. The hotel was requisitioned for use as the main Staff College for training Polish officers in Scotland. You can find out more at www.mapascotland.org

The Grange Garden Exchange continues to keep in touch with over 50 members and aims to have an activity every month.

In the autumn we also travelled to appreciate the colours at Dawyck Botanic Garden.



The amazing map of Scotland created by Polish war veteran Jan Tomasiak (Image by Kim Traynor)

In the summer we were busy after the coach trip with an invitation from John Chalmers to the Falcon Bowling & Tennis Club in Edinburgh's Morningside to see the roses in bloom and a pop-up garden event in the garden of one of our members.

Grange Fair Plant Sale: 9 May 2015

We were very successful with our plant stall at the Grange Fair last year. With your help we will be doing it again, so please heel-in any spare plants you are dividing now or pot them up to bring to the next sale, and plant extra seeds in spring to share young plants at the sale in May.

If you want to join the Grange Garden Exchange group and hear about future activities write to:

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Do you have any ideas to enhance your area?

The Grange Association has accumulated a modest fund to spend on projects, which will enhance the area. Much of this comes from a generous legacy received a few years ago.

We have been able to help pay for the new gates at the Carlton Cricket Club, support a book about the inhabitants of Dalrymple Crescent and contribute to the Sciennes School Playground project (see Pages 8 & 9).

We have other projects in the pipeline, but we are always looking for ideas. If you can suggest an idea for us to pursue, which might cost a few hundred or a few thousand pounds, please contact any member of the committee (Page 2 for contact details).

One idea would be to build up a collection of vintage photographs of the area to be published in the Newsletter and on the website as a record and source of reference for present and future generations. If anyone has anything to offer for consideration, please contact me or Richard Brown.

JOHN GRAHAM

ENCORE

Fair success

After the popularity of last year's Grange Fair at Newington Library we are holding it again on the afternoon of **Saturday 9 May**. To help us to raise money to cover the costs of this free event we would be pleased to accept donations of books, DVDs, collectables, plants and tombola prizes.

As Newington Library will be closed from 6 January for at least a couple of months, please contact Lucy Richardson on 662 4992, or any member of the committee, if you would like items collected. See the next Newsletter for more information.

Meanwhile members of the Grange Association committee, library staff and library visitors recently gathered for refreshments and a short presentation of the inaugural Fair.

Julia Cormack, team leader at Newington Library, was thanked for the magnificent contribution she and the library staff made towards the success of the Grange Fair on 11 May.

The Grange Association was thanked for the craft materials, iPad, computer games and other equipment the library had been able to buy as a result of the donation of £1400 raised at the fair. Thanks go to all the volunteers and those who donated goods, and contributed to the day's fun and success.

LUCY RICHARDSON



Going with a swing... a presentation of the Grange Fair at Newington Library.



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EVENTS & TALKS AGENDA

Wednesday 11 February

*Anna Canning on A Forager's Pharmacy
– Wild Medicine on Your Doorstep.*

Anna Canning graduated from Napier University, Edinburgh, in 2007 with a BSc Hons (1st class) in Herbal Medicine (Phytotherapy). She is also a freelance translator (of German, Hungarian, Spanish and French), and previously spent several years as a university researcher.

She lives in south-central Edinburgh, but her work takes her across the Central Belt. Having practised as a medical herbalist for five years, she now no longer operates a clinical practice. Instead she uses this knowledge to promote sustainable, plant-based self-care in the community by running courses and workshops for adults and children.

Wednesday 11 March

*Annual general meeting of the Grange Association
followed by a talk by Angus Miller on Edinburgh's
Volcanic History.*

Angus Miller, who runs Geowalks, enjoys exploring Scotland's geology and helping people to discover the rich story of Scotland's



*Anna Canning – the
power of plants*



*Angus Miller – rocks
and landscapes*

rocks and landscapes. He studied geology at Edinburgh University, and spent a year volunteering with Scottish Conservation Projects in the Highlands, before starting a PhD at Durham University, investigating small earthquakes of the Hengill volcano in Iceland. For part of his studies he was based at the US Geological Survey in Menlo Park, California, a great chance to explore the mountain ranges, volcanoes and earthquakes of the area.

He teaches adult education courses for the Office of Lifelong Learning at Edinburgh University and delivers teacher training workshops in Scotland for the Earth Science Education Unit of the University of Keele. He is also chair of the Scottish Geodiversity Forum, working to promote Scotland's geodiversity.

Grange Association Meetings are held in Butterflies Cafe at Marchmont St. Giles Church.

Evenings start with a short networking period with coffee, tea and biscuits at 7.00pm, in time for the main talk at 7.30pm.

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