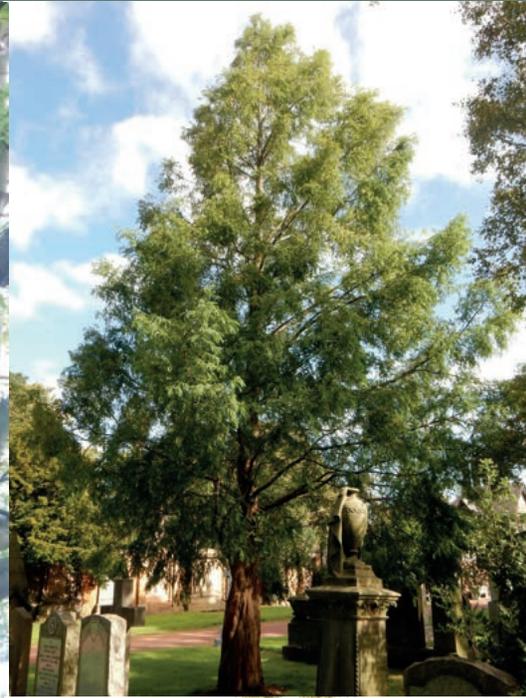




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Unfortunately, the restrictions on “normal” life mean that this newsletter is online only, as was the May edition. Please share the link with others. It contains the usual regular features with some information on Grange Cemetery substituting for the profile of a person in the middle pages.

We are sorry to have to report that Isobel Miller died just before Christmas at the age of 75. Isobel joined our committee as Events Organiser in 2018 and produced three wonderful seasons of interesting speakers for our talks programme. She resigned from the committee a short while ago because of ill-health and, sadly, will not be able to enjoy the rest of the programme she produced. We offer condolences to her family and many friends.

We hope you find something to grab your interest in this newsletter and that you will all stay safe and well.

Jenny Dawe, Editor

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HISTORY & HERITAGE

Greek Inscriptions in Grange Cemetery



Ian McHaffie taught Classics and Religious Education at George Watson's College from 1970 to 2005. He has written a comprehensive guide to Greek language inscriptions in public buildings, churches, private houses and cemeteries in Edinburgh. Here he writes about his findings in Grange Cemetery.

Grange Cemetery is not only one of the best tended in Edinburgh, it has the distinction of having more epitaphs in Greek than any other cemetery in Scotland. Greek is rare compared to Latin. There are about 40 Greek inscriptions to be seen in Edinburgh, five of which are in Grange Cemetery. These are listed (α to ε) on the new Grange Cemetery website: <http://gaedin.co.uk/wp/cemetery/greek-inscriptions>

(α) John Mackintosh (1822-51). John was a theology student who died at a sadly young age, but he kept a detailed diary full of fascinating incidents of his travels in the mountains of Scotland and throughout Europe. He asked to be buried near his teacher, Thomas Chalmers. The Greek on his memorial says: "To live is Christ, to die is gain" (from Philippians 1:21).

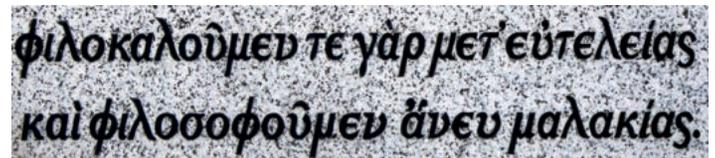


(β) William Menzies (1817-84). His grandfather, also called William Menzies, was Solicitor of Customs for Scotland and in 1768 built Rock House on the side of Calton Hill as his family home. It later became famous as the studio of pioneer photographers David Octavius Hill and Robert Adamson, where they photographed ministers who came out in the Great Disruption of 1843 and formed the Free Church of Scotland. The Greek, an anonymous Greek maxim, says: "No medicine or



human strength breaks the arrows of death."

(γ) Ralph (1915-67) & Nancy (1916-2002) Law. Ralph graduated 1st Class Honours in Latin and Greek, and became a senior civil servant. Nancy taught English, and then was appointed headmistress of St Denis School for girls in Ettrick Road. The Greek text chosen by Nancy for her husband's



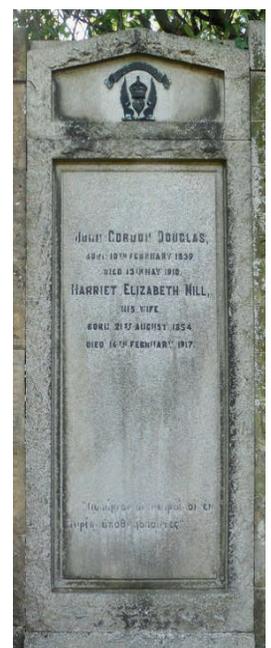
grave, is from a speech in favour of democracy delivered in Athens by Pericles in the 5th century BC: "We love what is beautiful without extravagance, and we steadfastly pursue knowledge." Nancy Law lived in Dalrymple Crescent, and some readers may remember her.

(δ) Peter Steele (1794-1871). A schoolmaster in Dalkeith, he lost his job when he supported the Free Church. However, Moray House was set up as a Free Church teacher-training College, and Peter Steele was employed there from 1848 until his death in 1871 aged 77. No retirement at 60 in those days! The Greek is from the New Testament: "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord" (Matthew 25:23).



His wife's brother was ship's surgeon on H.M.S. *Terror*, and perished on the Franklin Expedition, which set sail in 1845 and became wedged in ice while seeking to make a north-west passage to India.

(ε) John Gordon Douglas (1839-1910) & Harriet Mill (1854-1917). Gordon Douglas, born in Jamaica, was a merchant in the West Indies, trading in pitch from the pitch lake on the island of Trinidad. He was a campaigner for total abstinence from alcohol, supported vegetarianism, and was a member of the Royal Geographical Society. The inscription says "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord" (Revelation 14:13). In 1882 he married Harriet Mill, the granddaughter of the Rev. George Davidson, minister at Latheron in Caithness. Davidson left the Church of Scotland in 1843 and joined the Free Church, thus losing his living, as had happened to Peter Steele. He



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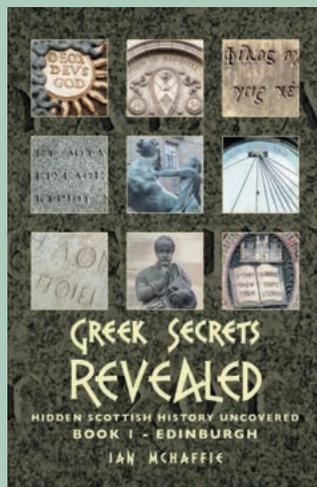
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was photographed in Rock House, and appears in the famous painting of the Disruption now displayed in the Free Church headquarters on the Mound.

In composing a book on the Greek inscriptions in Edinburgh, I had the pleasure of working with Nancy Law's son and daughter to compile the information. I was also pleased to be put in contact with the great grandson of John Gordon Douglas & Harriet Mill, John Falconer, who now lives in the Grange. It is very pleasant when researching into history, to be in touch with the living descendants of interesting people and to gather more information than is available simply from printed sources. I would be happy to hear from any other relatives of the people described above. I probably pass many in the street (at an anti Covid-19 social distance, of course) without either of us recognising one another!

Ian McHaffie (mchaffie1@icloud.com)

Ian McHaffie's book 'Greek Secrets Revealed' (160 pages, colour) lists and explains the background of Greek inscriptions in Edinburgh. It is available from Ian at £10 (including postage). Ian writes that he is now working on the other Greek inscriptions in Scotland - about 100 of them - before moving on to England "life and health permitting!"



Astley Ainslie site update

Because of the pandemic there has been no progress with the preparations for sale of the site. The Community Engagement Group is trying to get an update, but understandably the NHS has other priorities. There is concern that NHS Lothian and its contractors are not complying with planning regulations. The unauthorised tree work is reported in this newsletter on page 9 but, in addition, the much-needed demolition of the old boiler house and Mobility Centre was started several weeks before planning permission was granted. When the site is eventually sold, we would expect the new owners to adhere strictly to planning regulations, so it is disappointing that NHS Lothian is not doing so.

Roger Kellett

For more information on the Astley Ainslie site, check out:
<http://gaedin.co.uk/wp/astley-ainslie-hospital>

Rampaging Bullocks

A local story found by Richard Brown in *The Scotsman*, 02 October 1882:

INFURIATED BULLOCKS—In the neighbourhood of the Meadows, Edinburgh, on Saturday evening, about six o'clock, considerable excitement was occasioned by two Highland Kyloes which had become infuriated. It appears that the animals were being driven from the farm of Bonnyhouse, in the county, to the slaughter-house, and had by some means become excited while passing Bruntsfield Links and into Leven Street. Darting along Tarvit Street, they entered a passage leading to a common stair, where a man narrowly escaped injury, and then coming back to the street they turned up Brougham Street and ran past the end of Lonsdale Terrace on to the Melville Drive. Here a little boy was tossed by one of the animals, but fortunately was not seriously hurt. A lady and her child are also said to have been thrown down, and although the case has not been reported to the police, it is stated that the lady was severely injured. Becoming more infuriated by the shouting of several boys, the animals ran along the Melville Drive, and at Summerhall Square a child was knocked down and bruised on the head, while a man who attempted to save the child was also thrown down, sustaining a slight injury to one of his knees. The bullocks continued their career through Causewayside, up the Grange Road, down Seton Place, along Dick Place to Morningside, and from there on to Lochrin, being followed by the man who had charge of them and by a police constable. At Lochrin they knocked down a man and a boy, and so dangerous did they appear that a gentleman who witnessed what had taken place brought his rifle to shoot the animals. Ultimately both the kyloes were secured, and put in a stable till yesterday morning, when they were taken to the slaughter-house.

Do you know ...?

Q. Which two literary giants met only once and that was in a house in our area? The 250th anniversary of the birth of the younger one is celebrated this year.

Find the ANSWER on page 7

GA ACTIVITIES

Leaf Clearing success, Autumn 2020

As most residents will know, the leaf clearing campaign was even more successful last autumn than in previous years. More residents helped in joint efforts but others just cleared the pavements and gutters near their homes. Some people joined with neighbours to clear their whole street – I am aware that this was done in Cumin Place and Seton Place and many of those involved got to know their neighbours for the first time. I hope I'm not insulting anyone by saying that many of the clearers are retired – possibly because we have more time as we don't have to go to work or look after children. Another reason might be that when we were young it was normal for residents to sweep leaves (and snow) near their property – an activity taken over by many local Councils in the 1970s. Finding gullies hidden by plants growing in the compost and clearing these was hard work for the volunteers. This was



welcomed by many people when there was heavy rain at the end of November and less flooding due to more gullies able to cope with the water.

Something which annoyed some of us was seeing people blowing leaves from their gardens into the street. One resident seen doing this said that they would continue to do this as the Council swiftly swept and collected those leaves. It was explained that it was local volunteers, and not the Council,



who then swept those leaves into black bags. The Council supported our efforts by providing brushes, shovels and black bags and, in general, collected our filled bags very promptly when notified of where they were. Some people unaware of the campaign, complained to the Association about black bags littering the streets. However, we received many more compliments about leaf clearing than complaints, very much appreciated by those involved in the sweeping.



Sue Tritton

Thanks to Iain Milne (brush dance), Richard Lee (drains) and Roger Kellett (bags) for the photos.

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Coronavirus help scheme

We paused our Coronavirus Helpers Scheme in August. It is possible that some people in the Grange may again welcome help with shopping or other personal support. We have maintained our database of 390+ Helpers from our original scheme such that we can contact them if and when someone nearby asks for some support. If you or someone you know in the Grange would welcome some support, please contact Nigel Ayton (contact details on p.2) or complete the form at: <http://gaedin.co.uk/wp/coronavirus/coronavirus-grange-isolated>

PROFILE - GRANGE CEMETERY

Are you a taphophile? If not, don't worry, you don't have to particularly enjoy visiting graveyards to appreciate that one of the most important green areas in the Grange is the cemetery. It has provided a very valuable place during lockdown for those seeking to enjoy peace, nature, history and an opportunity to walk safely.



East Gate to cemetery

The success of the first boards and booklets spurred the informal GA Cemetery Group in 2020 to produce an eight-page second booklet of 24 burials, *More Notable Burials*; new boards to match the booklet; and, to keep costs down, an abbreviated version of the original pamphlet. Two Cemetery Group members are researching more detail on the second 24 burials for our revamped Cemetery pages on the GA website <http://gaedin.co.uk/wp/cemetery>; and a third member has produced

The background. Edinburgh's need for more and better-managed space for burials than the old churchyards could provide led to five new cemeteries on the then outer limits of the city being created by private companies between 1843 and 1846. The largest, the Southern or Grange Cemetery, was opened by the Edinburgh Southern Cemetery Company in time



for its first burial, Dr Thomas Chalmers (stone, left), in June 1847.

The 12 acre site off Beaufort Road was designed by David Bryce. Its prospectus

highlighted its "amenity or beauty of situation", "proximity to the city" and "highest attainable security". The purchase and demolition of two houses on Kilgraston Road allowed an extension on the western side in 1924 with T. Aikman Swan as architect. The City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) took over the cemetery's management in 1976. It has about 6,250 plots and is still in use today but mainly for cremated remains.

Grange Association (GA) involvement. Individuals, such as the late Dorothy Ryle who joined the GA committee in 1988, took an interest in the cemetery over many years and improved the environment with tree planting. In 1991, Michael Turnbull, who had recently written a book on Edinburgh Graveyards, gave a talk to the Association at which he recommended recording "the present state of the cemetery and then publish a leaflet". At the GA 1995 AGM it was reported a working group had been set up to look at the history and development of the cemetery and to consider publishing informative leaflets.

Information boards, booklets and website. Revived action from 2013 resulted in the installation in 2015 of information boards at the East and West Gates, identifying 24 notable burials. The brief details on the boards were supplemented by a section on the GA website with much more information about the entries. Funding for the project, including the research by Joanne Lamb, came from a generous legacy left to the GA. In 2017, the GA published a 28-page booklet, *Some Notable Burials*, available in holders on the information board poles. This proved immensely popular and has been reprinted several times.

privately an 8-page *War Graves Walk* booklet. The website also features Greek inscriptions (see pp3-4 in this newsletter) and a very useful cemetery tree guide.

Tree guide. The Cemetery Group asked Peter Pitkin, the GA's "tree man", if he could produce a guide to some of the cemetery's trees. What he produced far surpassed our expectations. His findings are all on the cemetery web pages.

In his thorough survey in June to August last year, Peter found about 40 different types of tree, planted and self-sown. Three of the trees feature on the cover



of this newsletter and a copper beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) is shown left. Of the 181 trees identified, the most common by far with 52 specimens is the Silver Birch (*Betula pendula*). Peter feels the most interesting are the dawn redwood (*Metasequoia*

glyptostroboides), shown on the cover; silver lime (*Tilia tomentosa*); hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*); and field maple (*Acer campestre*), leaf detail on right. We hope to produce a printed guide at some point.

Restoration of fallen stones. In March 2005, following Health & Safety Executive instructions to all local authorities after serious injuries and fatalities throughout the UK from toppling headstones, the City Council inspected Grange Cemetery. Although in better condition than most Edinburgh grave sites, dangerously unstable monuments were



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found and were laid flat in 2006. Other stones had already fallen or been damaged, and with no relatives left or traceable to make repairs, parts of the cemetery were a sorry sight. Since 2016, thanks to Alan McKinney's Southside Graveyard Project, funding



from various sources including the Old Edinburgh Club and GA, and with help in kind and materials from CEC, 227 headstones have been rebuilt and 19 foundations prepared. The work is undertaken by people on the Community

Payback Programme. It entails safely laying aside the monument, lifting any base stone, digging out the foundations, pouring concrete into the void, leaving the concrete to set, inserting stainless steel pins into drilled holes and returning the monument to its vertical position. It has improved the appeal of the cemetery and given a sense of self-worth to many of the participants. Stones over 6 feet high cannot be tackled by this group and we are now discussing fund-raising



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Answering queries. We receive queries from all over the world. These include the very vague - "My sister says we might have a relative, possibly called Smith or Brown, in Grange Cemetery" - to the very specific with full names and dates of people potentially buried in the cemetery. It's very satisfying to be able to help individuals find their ancestors and to send them photographs of the gravestone, though not so easy when they are in a dark catacomb, or to meet them when they have travelled (pre-Covid!) from Australia or the USA in an ancestry hunt. There have been more people during lockdown pursuing projects, such as identifying all the graves with a connection to Orkney, investigating the previous inhabitants of their home or photographing graves of Victoria Cross recipients.

The future? Before the pandemic put a stop to it, the Cemetery Group had started to develop plans for offering walks round the cemetery and an Open Day with leaflets on offer. For now, we continue to research the "back stories" of our notables and enjoy the tranquillity of this great asset in our midst. If you've never ventured into Grange Cemetery, please do. If you have any information to share about any of the "inhabitants" or would like to join our Cemetery Group, please let us know. **Jenny Dawe**

[Photographs: of entrance and trees, David Watson; of restoration project gravestones, Alan McKinney.]

Notice to Members of the 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Grange Association

The 2021 Grange Association AGM will take place at 19:00 on Tuesday 16 March by Zoom video conferencing.

Connection details will be published on the **Events** page of our website at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

*Papers, including the minutes of the 2020 AGM, will be published on our website and will be available to members in the **Library** section of our website under **AGM papers - 2021**.*

We welcome new members, so, if you have not yet joined and would like to support our work with the community to protect and enhance the amenity and character of the Grange area, you will find a **membership form** on our website.

Answer to Question on page 4: *Robert Burns (1759-96) and Walter Scott (1771-1832) met at Sciennes Hill House at a "literary dinner" hosted by Professor Adam Ferguson in 1787.*



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NATURE NOTES from Tom Breheny

Earth, Wind, Fire and a Bee in my Bonnet

The first time I got the strong scent of drifting peat smoke was in County Wicklow in southern Ireland when I was seven years old. In Ireland, peats that are cut and dried for



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domestic fuel are referred to as turfs. We arrived at a whitewashed cottage on a hillside and were given a glass of warm milk and a slice of freshly baked

buttered bread. The iron cooking range in the cosy kitchen was fired by glowing peat. I was with Michael, the lad from the farm where I was staying a couple of miles downhill. The lonely cottage with a brown milk cow beside it was where Michael's granny lived. The smell from the smouldering peats in the fireplace was spicy and pungent and for me the association with peat smoke would always be a pleasant one. In later years I helped friends on Skye to cut peats on a calm soggy summer's day, whilst being eaten alive by midges.

The practice of straw and stubble burning was banned in 1993. In Scotland the systematic burning of rank heather, known as muirburn, is commonplace but is lately coming under scrutiny regarding the detrimental effects on the environment. There is no doubt that the practice benefits the red grouse feeding on the new heather shoots but the deep incineration also dries out the peat and natural wetland patches, causing erosion and destroying sphagnum mosses, wild flowers and blaeberry patches which other forms of wildlife thrive on. The activity also causes pollution affecting air quality and causing acid rain, adding to the global warming problem.



Grouse: AdrianKirby from Pixabay

Another reason that the grouse numbers have multiplied on managed upland shooting estates is the illegal destruction of potential predators, especially raptors. Golden eagles and other iconic birds of prey have fallen victim to deliberate poisoning by some reprehensible custodians of the grouse moors. Peregrines, merlin, hen harriers, red kites and short-eared owls have also been destroyed by shooting and trapping.

On one of my walks through the Hermitage in Edinburgh I met a chap who had recently retired from his job as a

government scientist dealing with toxicology and identifying the causes of death of raptors whose corpses had been handed in by members of the public. Handling dead birds that have been poisoned can also prove a serious health risk to humans. Many of the birds discovered were picked up by hill walkers and climbers on grouse moors and in the space of three years he had identified the fatal poisoning of seven golden eagles and dozens of buzzards and ravens. Raptors that feed on carrion were most at risk but there were also cases of dogs dying after sniffing around poisoned baits left out in the open. Sheep, deer, hares and rabbits were the usual recipients of these deadly substances. Getting proof and identifying those responsible for the crimes, often in remote areas, has never been an easy task, unless the poisoned bait is found *in situ* and the rural constabulary are involved to assist with the detection and tracing of the source of the poison. Searches of gamekeepers' premises and their vehicles have revealed secret stashes of illegal poisons that matched the baits on the open hillsides. The relatively small fines for these serious offences don't seem to fit the crime as a deterrent and there have been repeated offences by some individuals who are at loggerheads with the strict laws protecting our rare and endangered wild birds. So far, to my knowledge, there have never been any custodial sentences meted out to the convicted gamekeepers involved.

Some landowners are keen to put on a good public relations show these days to justify what might seem to many people an elitist and detrimental sport now under threat. Grouse shooting estates use the Countryside and Rights of Way Acts to restrict public access on our moors and mountains. Our upland hills are the ideal places for the production of delicious heather honey and I have friends in the Borders who used to keep bee hives on the hills near Peebles in August when the bonnie purple heather was in full bloom. One year they were contacted by the new owner of



Bees: PollyDot from Pixabay

the moor and notified that permission to use the traditional sites for their hives had been terminated due to safety issues: "I'm concerned about the safety of my shooting guests, I can't have them being stung by your bees on my grouse moor."

I would imagine that a well heeled sportsman on the hill would be more at risk from a wasp sting or an adder bite on his tweed clad nether regions as opposed to an unprovoked attack by a humble hard-working honey bee focused on its nectar rounds and taking care of business.

My own thoughts are: "No bees, no pollination, no flowers, no heather honey and no grouse."

TREES/SPOTLIGHT/PARKING POLES

Tree concerns continue

At the end of August we received a report that two flowering cherry trees had been cut down recently in the grounds of the Astley Ainslie Hospital. Both trees were protected under the Tree Preservation Order (TPO), and neither the NHS nor the contractor had applied for the Council's consent, which would normally be required for any significant tree work. Readers will recall that unapproved fellings took place over the 2018-2019 winter, as a result of which NHS Estates and its contractor were interviewed under caution and required to plant replacements. Following further reports from concerned members, it was clear that several smaller ornamental trees growing close by had also been removed or trimmed. One of the larger cherry trees which was all but felled (its short trunk was left in place) was in a conspicuous position close to the WRVS café. It was a particularly attractive tree with widely spreading, upward curving branches. A photo from 2019 shows it covered in white blossom. The other (close to the South Oswald Road gate), however, was moribund, if not dead. Both trees were affected by parasitic fungi – most notably perhaps by the bracket fungus *Ganoderma*, which infects via wounds and slowly rots the trunk from the inside out.

It would be entirely reasonable to remove a dead tree without seeking consent. And where the condition of a tree represents an immediate threat to public safety, it is permissible to take such action as might be needed to remove the hazard and to notify the council after the event. This could not be said to apply to the second tree.

On 28 August the contractor submitted an application to the council for a programme of work on the NHS site – perhaps intended as a retrospective notification. The application said almost nothing, but referred to an accompanying survey, which had not been posted, evidently because the file was too large. The report eventually appeared on 13 November. Its 'preliminary recommendations' identify some kind of management as being required for 171 trees, most of it allegedly within one month. Much of the work involves 'severing' ivy in order to permit a fuller assessment of a tree's condition in a follow-up survey. Around 25 trees (including five cherries) would be felled; around ten of these are dead. For the trees felled already, the report merely records the 'actions carried out' as 'inspect'. Any other management is specified merely as a preliminary recommendation.

The council granted the application on 10 December, with the condition that replacements should be planted for all the felled trees. Precisely what they were granting is less than clear, but it would seem to be all the 'preliminary' recommendations. Incidentally, by the end of November a local resident who reported the felling as a breach of the TPO had heard nothing. Readers may be interested to note that the contractor for NHS Estates has been appointed by the council to undertake the work associated with its Energy Efficient Street Lighting Programme (EESLP) which will be 'modernising' the street lighting in the Grange.

Peter Pitkin

SPOTLIGHT on Neil Robb

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



I moved to the Grange in 2017, shortly after returning to the UK from Switzerland. My wife and I had lived in Zurich for a time for work reasons and when we moved back to Edinburgh we were keen to be on the South side. We didn't know the Grange well at that point but after some research we realised it ticked a lot of boxes. We

have come to love the sense of community as we have got to know lots of neighbouring families, mainly through our kids being at school and nursery locally.

I work in cyber security and have recently become involved in the Grange Association committee, mainly supporting technology matters such as the website and Grange Association talks (which have moved online recently due to COVID-19). I wasn't able to attend any of the in-person talks which took place pre-lockdown but have really enjoyed being part of them recently, particularly helping Tom Cunningham (who lives opposite) with his talk with Alexander McCall-Smith, which was fascinating! I'm pleased to have been able to play a small part in helping to maintain community spirit during the pandemic and look forward to contributing to the Association for a long time to come.

Parking pole removal

As mentioned in the September edition, many residents have agreed to have parking notices attached to their wall or railing thereby enabling a pole to be removed. This makes streets much tidier and easier for pedestrians to negotiate, as in the photo above.



Photo: Roger Kellett

We have sent 31 signed permissions to the Council and these have been recorded. Due to Covid and staff shortages it has not been possible for the Council to take further action yet to remove the pole and attach the sign to a wall or railing but we are assured that this will happen. If you have not yet given permission you can find details on our website at:

<http://gaedin.co.uk/wp/parking-pole-removal>

If you have forgotten if you have given permission, please contact us and we can check for you.

Sue Tritton

PLANNING UPDATE by Nigel Ayton

All planning applications in the Grange can be viewed at: <http://gaedin.co.uk/wp/planning-2>
 Check here to find 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 seven applications pending, there have been 30 decisions and a further 35 new applications for planning or listed building consent in the Grange. We lodged comments on four of these new applications, one of which has been amended, and three remain pending. We e-mail members near each application to seek their views before making any comment or objection.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS and DECISIONS August - December 2020

Applications granted:

- § 1F, 11 Beaufort Road EH9 1AF LBC for internal alterations and replacement windows
- 80 Causewayside EH9 1PY Change of use from Borough Hotel to HMO (in retrospect)
- § 7B Palmerston Road EH9 1TL Replacement windows and summer house
- 21 Chalmers Crescent EH9 1TS New glazed doors, skylight and patios
- § 8 Grange Road EH9 1UH LBC for pergola
- GF, 9A Grange Road EH9 1UQ Summerhouse
- Flat 7, 123 Grange Loan EH9 2EA Replacement windows
- 51 Grange Loan EH9 2ER New window at rear
- § 3 Whitehouse Terrace EH9 2EU Stonework cleaning; Roof re-slating; Variation to garage and summerhouse positions
- Astley Ainslie Hospital EH9 2HL Demolition of boiler house and mobility centre
- 5A Mortonhall Road EH9 2HS Satellite dish on chimney
- § 1F2, 20 Mortonhall Road EH9 2HW Paved areas within garden
- 39 Dick Place EH9 2JA Variations to enlarge window and remove chimney
- § 30 Mansionhouse Road EH9 2JD Demolition of garage
- 22 Dick Place EH9 2JJ Steel balcony
- § 18A Dick Place EH9 2JL Garden room
- *¶ 4 Seton Place EH9 2JT Rear extension and tree removal
- 23 Dick Place EH9 2JU Replacement rear extension
- *¶ 6A Cumin Place EH9 2JX Attic conversion with raised roofline
- 17 Cumin Place EH9 2JX Extension; new boundary wall and relocate gates; landscaping
- 10 Wyvern Park EH9 2JY Conservatory roof replacement; new window
- § 1 Grange Terrace EH9 2LD Replacement windows
- 8 St Thomas Road EH9 2LQ Attic conversion; replacement conservatory
- 2 Fountainhall Road EH9 2NN Change of use from pharmacy to Earl Grange café (in retrospect)
- 11 Blackford Bank EH9 2PR CLP for garage conversion
- New primary school
35 Canaan Lane EH10 4SG Vary plans to move sub-station and sprinkler tank

Applications refused, withdrawn or appealed:

- ‡ 11 Grange Court EH9 1PX Replace timber windows and doors with uPVC: Refused
- *§ 24 Mansionhouse Rd EH9 2JD Orangery at rear. Widen drive to 4.6m: Withdrawn
- § 30 Mansionhouse Road EH9 2JD New garage with playroom above: Withdrawn
- ¶ Opp. 55 Mayfield Road EH9 3AA 20m telecoms mast on pavement with cabinets: Withdrawn

Applications pending at 15 December 2020:

- *§ 57 Grange Road EH9 1TY Garden room extension and internal alterations
- § 33 Mortonhall Road EH9 2HN LBC for internal alterations, lift, and rear balcony
- § 24 Mansionhouse Rd EH9 2JD Rear extension and internal alterations
- 28 Findhorn Place EH9 2JP Detached garden room
- 19 Findhorn Place EH9 2JR Garden room extension
- 17 Cumin Place EH9 2JX Extension; new boundary wall and relocate gates; landscaping (modified application)
- 17 St Alban's Road EH9 2LT Single storey side extension
- 92 Relugas Road EH9 2LZ CLP for alterations to rear windows and doors
- * 9 Relugas Road EH9 2NE Change of use from railway to private garden. Erect fence.
- 40 Findhorn Place EH9 2NT Side door from kitchen
- * 34 Blackford Avenue EH9 2PP Replace house with Passivhaus design
- 12 Relugas Place EH9 2PY Single storey extension to front

LBC = Listed Building Consent

CLP (CLE) = Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed (Existing)

GF/LGF = Ground Floor/Lower Ground Floor

1F/2F = First Floor/Second Floor

HMO = House in Multiple Occupation

§ = Listed Building

* Comment or objection submitted by Grange Association

¶ Application modified thereafter

‡ Appeal pending

Δ Appeal concluded

GARDENING/USEFUL CONTACTS

Gardening matters

These months are the best time to have a look at the bones of the garden. Is it too fussy or too bare? Does it fulfil my requirements for leisure, play, fresh food for the table or social space and does it fit the time available to look after it?

Design books tell you to make a list of priorities and arrange your space accordingly to get the most out of it. This might mean moving your sitting place, planting strategically to create seclusion or making room to grow the plants and produce that most excite you.

Editing is required, but less is not always more. A theme, or a concentration of colour, makes for a more coherent design. This does not have to be exotic or expensive. These "Princess Irene" tulips are cheap and easy to grow, but a few dozen planted in a drift cheered me up last April.



From a design point of view, it is better to plant six or a

dozen of one flower and make a statement than a hotchpotch of different things. But space is limited. Do you want a single burst of glory in summer or longer-lasting but less spectacular displays throughout the year? Then there's how your choices relate to each other and to the hard landscape.

These crocosmias were earmarked for removal - they require staking and are untidy after flowering, but they were reprieved when I saw how good they were against the newly painted dark fence. I broke my rule on time-saving for a fix of colour.



Good luck with your garden plan and a special thanks to all the plant swappers this year. I know that many of you had particular solace from your garden in 2020.

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

GA Forum on website: The Forum section on the GA website at <http://gaedin.co.uk/wp/forum> has a wealth of useful information. Recent postings include neighbourhood security matters; useful links to official sites on Coronavirus; planning issues including the proposed Grange Road crossings; and local history.

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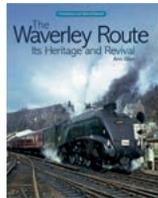
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EVENTS/Ads

Grange Association talks, Winter 20-21

Tuesday 16 February: At **19:30**, Mike Douglas, Director of Social Enterprises at **Age Scotland**, will talk about the services offered by his organisation to the elderly in Edinburgh.



Tuesday 16 March: At **19:00**, the **AGM**, followed at **19:30** by our final talk of this season with author and railway enthusiast Ann Glen recounting **The revival of the Borders railway: from controversial project to outstanding success.**

As before, these events will be held on **Zoom** and everyone is welcome (free for all). Joining instructions will be on the Events page of the Grange Association website and sent to members by email. "Doors open" 10 minutes before the event.

So far, the talks season has gone extremely well, in spite of the change of venue, which has made "tekkies" of us all! We will be delighted if you can suggest possible speakers for the 2021-22 series, starting in October.

Events Organiser: **Jean McCutcheon**
(events@grangeassociation.com)

For the many who enjoyed the December presentation with Tom Cunningham and Sandy McCall Smith - and those who couldn't make it - wonderful music snips from the talk are at: <http://gaedin.co.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Words-and-Music-Video-files.pdf>

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