

MEETING OF MADRAS COLLEGE ARCHIVE SUPPORT GROUP  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2012

- 1 Present: Frances Humphries (FH), Anne Morris (AM), Elaine Methven (EM), David Watkinson (DW), Edmund Robertson (ER), David Cleland (DC), John Gilbert (JG), Jim Bennett (JB), Christine Noble (CN), Liz Higgins (LH), Colin Mackey (CMA), Lindsay Hodge (LH), David Galloway (DG), Arlen Pardoe (AP)  
Apologies: Lindsay Matheson (LM), Donald Macgregor (DMc), Bruce Robertson
  
- 2 Annual Report for 2011: ER and AP were happy with the addition of their appendices and will contact LM. Other groups agreed to consider and report to LM in the near future if changes were needed.
  
- 3 Miss Margaret Affleck: A request from Ian Seeley via Ken Greer was discussed, requesting information on Miss Affleck for a presentation to celebrate the centenary of her birth later this year. She was PT music from 1938 to 1976 (dates decided on by discussion). Many of the group remembered her including LH, CMA, DC, EM, ER, JB, AM, FH. AP will try to firm up the date she left by referring to archive items and will also search for photographic information. CN and DG suggested that staff records/cards may be in either the office of the archives. JG will collate any submissions from the group (to him by 9<sup>th</sup> February at the latest please) – email: (email given)
  
- 4 Alex Mackenzie: The group heard with sadness the news that Alex Mackenzie, former languages teacher and PT guidance, had died just before Christmas. This was reported by Donald Macgregor via email which was circulated round the meeting. DC has the address of Alex's sister in Inverness.
  
- 5 Prizegiving: The group discussed prizegiving records as a source of both staff and pupil names. There are substantial records in past newspapers (including the St Andrews Citizen and Gazette, Fife Herald, Fifeshire Journal and The Scotsman) which are available online or in the university library on microfilm. DW has experience and notes on these and will look into transcribing these records. ER pointed out that the Scotsman records were searchable.
  
- 6 AOB:  
  
FH submitted a copy of Madras College Magazine (MCM) from 1949. AP will forward a list of editions currently in the archive.  
AM submitted a copy of The History of St Andrews by the Rev Charles Roger printed in 1849 with references to Madras. AP will copy for the website and for DG.  
EM tabled photographs with names from her grandfather circa 1919-25. A shield was also loaned for photographing.  
DW reported that 2 open and 1 amateur golf champion had attended the Burgh school. He would look for the relevant news reports.

DC reported on the Glen Tilt logs in his possession and agreed to make extracts of suitable material for publication. JG pointed to letters from Dr Thompson regarding the cottage that were placed in the archive last year.

JG and EH reported that the blocking by Fife of pupil access to the ticketing system was still ongoing but it was hoped this would be sorted soon. They plan to involve the students in collation of remembrances of Madras that are in MCM and other books in the archive.

CN referred to the work done to date on trophies and the plan to do further work later in the year, about May/June, to collect further information and photographs, including names and histories. FH wondered if we had a medal in the archive from c. 1860 donated by Alan Robertson. CN to look and see.

CMA reported on collecting a lot of early football information, including photographs. He is starting a report on the history of Red Nose Day in Madras which started in 1991.

DG asks if anyone has a photograph of his contribution that year, disguised as a plumber. DG also asks if anyone has further information on former rectors Mr Moore and Mr Martin. They both had relatively short tenures early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Arlen Pardoe  
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