

MADRAS COLLEGE ARCHIVE SUPPORT GROUP

Meeting of 22nd March, 2012

3.45 - 5.00pm in K1

1. Present: Ann Bridges, John Gilbert, Liz Higgins, Lindsay Hodge, Frances Humphries, Lindsay Matheson, Elaine Methven, Anne Morris, Arlen Pardoe, Edmund Robertson, Maia Sheridan, David Watkinson. Apologies received from: Jim Bennett, David Cleland, David Galloway and Colin Mackay
2. AP was thanked for chairing the meeting of 19th January and he went over the note of the meeting that had been made (issued separately)
3. LM will investigate why some group members do not seem to have received the notice of the present meeting. This also applies to all the pupil members.
4. EH will consider where to archive the Annual Reports, consulting with MS if necessary.
5. JG confirmed that the final report on Miss Affleck had been produced and her service dates (1938-74) confirmed. He also commented on the importance of keeping a progress record on current requests not received through the website system now in place. It was agreed that enquirers will either be asked to enter their request through the system, failing which we will raise our own electronic request on their behalf.
6. DW reported on his recent (and continuing) work on the Madras prize lists from 1834 onwards, noting that the early prize ceremonies tended to be in late July and printed in both Cupar newspapers in the pre-Citizen era. LM referred DW to David Galloway's "In the Footsteps..." paper which contained some interesting findings about the early prize-givings. EH will give DW a copy of this.
7. EH reported operational issues with maintaining the work of the Catalogue sub-group and invited any members to give support to this important task. Potential recruits from the new S6 will be identified and approached towards the end of the SQA examinations. LM will contact the Social Subjects staff at this time.
8. FH and AM reported that the scrapbooks are now all up to date. They were commended for their speedy and efficient work. The issue remains to be decided by the school management as to which completed scrapbooks and photo albums should be archived and which should remain on display in the South Street office for visitors to school and other interested parties. LM to contact Mr Jones.
9. It is not known what progress is being made by the Oral History group at present. LM will contact Vicki Birmingham.
10. There are no known developments on the previously-raised issue of electronic retention, though AP will make contact with Magnus Latona to check on this. The "Drop-Box" system has not been effective.
11. David Galloway had reported to AP and LM before the meeting that he had found his personal items from the first Red Nose Day and will make these available to the archive as part of Colin Mackay's work on social history. DG has also drafted a short paper giving some of the common features of the career histories of the ten Madras rectors to date.
12. AB has collected all the programmes of dramatic performances (29) during her time at Madras and has given these to AP for scanning and placing on the website. LM will ask Patricia Esler to do the same for the plays she produced in the period from 1996 to 2009.
13. AP commented that the classlists on which he has been working contain much useful and interesting information apart from the names themselves.

14. AM reported that the MCFP "Girls" have decided to invite henceforth any FPs of the Burgh School to be full members of their association. She also referred to the forthcoming Fete on 16th June to be organised by Colin Mackay and enquired whether the Archive Group would wish to have a stall with some form of display that might encourage the public to donate items to the archive. This will be discussed at our May meeting.

15. ER circulated some excellent photographs of the school taken in 1961.

16. Next meeting: Thursday 31st May, 2012.

17. LM closed the meeting at 5.00pm thanking members once again for a lively and informative session.

LM
26th March, 2012