

MADRAS COLLEGE ARCHIVE SUPPORT GROUP

Meeting of Thursday 6th November, 2014, in Room K2, South Street, at 3.45 – 4.45 pm

1. **Present:** Councillor Donald Macgregor (Chair), Lindsay Hodge, David Galloway, Frances Humphries, Anne Morris, Liz Higgins, Ann Bridges, Edmund Robertson, David Watkinson, Lindsay Matheson. **Apologies:** Arlen Pardoe, Elaine Methven, Maia Sheridan, Jim Bennett, Colin Mackay, Jamie Macleod, Rebecca Phin.
2. The note of the meeting of 4th September 2014 was accepted with one change in detail notified by AM. See attached amendment.
3. Under matters arising EH raised concerns about copyright regulations as they applied to archived documents. We could be in the position of being obliged to respond to many detailed requests. ER pointed out that the University Archive was in the same position. It was just a fact of life to be addressed, but that by putting as much information as possible on the website we would not be so exposed to external requests.
4. EH notified members that during Rachel Davila's current task of transcribing the James Hargraves letters a variety of other materials are being annotated for future reference.
5. LM stated that CM would be undertaking interviews as a winter project. Lena Croall was mentioned as a suitable candidate for interview. CM was also interested to find out whether senior pupils might like to set up a Facebook page for archive comments.
6. AM and FH reported that the Scrapbooks are up to date and that the transfer of some older volumes to the archive for safe-keeping may now be in order. EH will liaise with the office staff and the rector about this.
7. AB entertained the group with tales about the Quad Theatre. Many former members are still active in amateur and professional creative arts. She plans to write up the story of the Quad Theatre for the archive.
8. AB would also like to add material to the Glen Tilt Diary that John Gilbert had worked on in recent years. LM will send AB his email contact.
9. LM tabled a collection of interesting papers and photographs from the late Joyce Cuthbert, handed over by her friend Marion Newton.
10. ER informed the group about requests he made recently to the Madras College Endowment Trust, of which he is the current vice-chair. This relates to funding of two of the major historical awards in the school, the Sir William Robertson Medal and the Tullis Medal. The Madras College Trust Scheme of 1968 explicitly states that the Trust should fund these prizes. Although the Trust funds other Madras College prizes, it has not funded the Sir William Robertson Medal or the Tullis Medal for many years and ER requested that the Trust consider funding them again.
11. LM was asked to send a card on behalf of the Archive Group to Morag Wilson (Office Administrator) who has been a great support to us and who is retiring shortly to start a new life in Australia.
12. It was decided to hold our next meeting on Thursday 5th February, 2015 - rather sooner than usual - so that the S6 group have an early opportunity to become involved in our work.
13. At 4.45 pm the Chair thanked members for their contributions and was wished a rapid recovery from his painful broken arm.

LM 10th November, 2014

