

MADRAS COLLEGE ARCHIVE SUPPORT GROUP

Note of meeting of Thursday 21st April, 2016, 3.45 PM pm in Room M1, South Street

1. Present: Ann Bridges, Annabel Farrell (trainee archivist), Lewis Garippa, Liz Higgins, Frances Humphries, Donald Macgregor (Chair), Colin Mackay, Lindsay Matheson, Maia Sheridan. Katie Stewart, David Watkinson. Apologies: Jim Bennett, Ted Brocklebank, Anna Kirby, Jamie Macleod, Elaine Methven, Anne Morris, Arlen Pardoe.
2. The note of the meeting of 28th January, 2016 was accepted.
3. The committee gave general commendation to Katie and Lewis, the pupils that had given one period weekly throughout the current session to sorting out the K3 archive. KS replied that they had been able to form an understanding of the whole archive system that would stand them in good stead in the future.
4. Discussion took place on how to involve pupils from an earlier stage. After his examinations were over Lewis offered come back in to school to speak with 4th Year pupils who might be interested. He will liaise with Mr Dagless in History about this idea, which could help to establish the necessary continuity of pupil input. LM will approach the rector for his views on S4 being involved, perhaps as an after-school activity run by archive members, but with a staff link person. One pupil in S4 had already expressed interest to LH about the school archive.
5. There was no report from the Oral History group but Ted had managed some interviews. He hopes to do more once he has completed his current course at the university. There was no information available to the meeting about interviews carried out by the pupil group.
6. The S6 lunchtime group had met once but found it difficult to convene on a regular basis.
7. Frances reported that the Scrapbooks were fully up to date.
8. Liz reported that while connectivity to the school network was still a problem the K3 laptop had been set up with Excel, and using an external hard-drive could now access the school system. This should enable cataloguing work to resume. Those assisting will, however, require some training.
9. Arlen has continued his work on the FP biographies, many of which are quite fascinating, as Colin commented. Ann suggested Prof Tim Jupp as another interesting FP to document. The website license is paid up to the end of next session.
10. Liz had been contacted by Dr Eve Soulsby, former Principal Teacher of Geography, who has produced a small book recounting the exploits of the "Golfing Kyles". A meeting is to be arranged for Dr Soulsby to hand over a signed copy of the book and two interesting artefacts she had rescued from oblivion - an abacus and a globe, essentials of the primary classrooms of yore.
11. Katie and Lewis commented on the usefulness of the visit to the university Special Collections department that Maia had arranged for S6 helpers. Maia thought that

June might be a suitable time of the year to offer the visit to the next batch of pupil helpers.

12. LM requested that sub-groups prepare a short written report in hand before the AGM (and next meeting), scheduled for Thursday 9th June 2016, to be confirmed.

LM, 28th April, 2016