

## MADRAS COLLEGE ARCHIVE SUPPORT GROUP

Note of meeting – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2016, 3.45 – 4.30 pm in M1

1. **Present:** Ann Bridges (chair), Ted Brocklebank, Liz Higgins, Frances Humphries, Lindsay Matheson, Siobhan Meldrum, Arlen Pardoe, Edmund Robertson, Maia Sheridan, David Watkinson; **Apologies:** Jim Bennett, Samantha Jackson, Donald Macgregor, Colin Mackay, Jamie MacLeod, Elaine Methven, Matthew Mitcham, Anne Morris.
2. The note of the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2016, was accepted.
3. Matters arising: LM noted that Mr McClure was keen to discuss the Scott Sutherland statue in the Rose Garden at an early juncture. DW noted that the “St Andrews Citizen” has been digitised for the years 1892 to 1900. AB considered that former colleague Isobel Bletcher would be well placed to write up the modern “peer tutoring” scheme in the school. LM added that Colin Mackay would be keen to assist with this aspect.
4. Discussion followed on the planned exhibition for the week 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November in the Preservation Trust Museum, being organised by the S6 members. This being a major piece of public relations and an opportunity for many to appreciate the importance of the school archive, it was felt that we needed to be sure of the content and quality of what would be on display. AB will contact the senior pupils to arrange a sub-committee meeting on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October in this regard.
5. Discussion of possible changes to our group’s title were deferred to the next meeting. Some suggestions had been received already by Jamie MacLeod.
6. EH has arranged a training session on “cataloguing” to all members interested, to take place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November in K3 at 9.00 am.
7. MS has offered two possible dates (Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 2.00 pm) for visits to the university Special Collections, to take place in the former Martyrs building in North Street. All interested should contact Maia direct at: (email given)
8. AP reported that the digitising process continues apace. He noted the interesting material that had come to light about former pupil and leading horticulturalist John Hardie Wilson, among other achievements a noted potato-scientist and the author of “Rambles Round St Andrews”.
9. Discussion of archive links with the “Madras College Dairy” were deferred to the next meeting.
10. TB discussed with AP the dates and possible scanning of several group photographs that he had brought in. He also brought several magazines and a beautiful tasselled rugby cap.
11. EH brought in the box containing copies of several of the booklets of possible interest for the exhibition.
12. Our next planned meeting will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, arrangement to be confirmed as usual.

LM

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