

MADRAS COLLEGE ARCHIVE SUPPORT GROUP

Note of meeting of 27th April, 2017 in M1, South Street at 3.45 – 4.45 pm

1. **Present:** Samantha Jackson, Frances Humphries, Liz Higgins, Ted Brocklebank, Arlen Pardoe, Jim Bennett, Ann Bridges, David Watkinson, Lindsay Matheson. **Apologies:** Edmund Robertson, Matthew Mitcham, Anne Morris, Maia Sheridan, Elaine Methven.
2. The note of the meeting of 19th January, 2017, was accepted.
3. David, Frances, Arlen and Ted began some fascinating discussion about Dean of Guild Linskill and the excavations in the cathedral wall in Victorian times. Linskill had probably been at Madras in the 1870s, so there is potential interest for the archive.
4. Sam spoke of her work during the session and her willingness to help once her exams are over, Ted will take up the offer of assistance with the recording equipment. Generally Sam made the point that in future we should concentrate of giving training in archive tasks to potential pupil helpers.
5. Liz is still needing assistance with catching up with cataloguing work, though at least one adult volunteer has materialised.
6. Ted reported the completion of interviews and their transcripts for Jean Blue and Lena Croll.
7. AP has received copies of the rector's addresses from 2012 to 2016.
8. Ken Paterson (FP) who has produced the "Book of Remembrance" has some final additional material to offer. Arlen will receive this in the first instance.
9. Ann explained that the little brass statue in the Rose Garden is called "The Little Athlete" and was donated by Catherine Sutherland – a pupil from 1976 to 1982, who went on to study English at Oxford. Her father, Scott Sutherland, was celebrated in Newport's Historical Society exhibition last summer and a poster detailing his works, including the Commando Memorial at Spean Bridge – have been sent to Arlen to go on the website. Ann also thought that we should have a photograph of the statue for the archive.
10. Lindsay asked members to consider making a response to the Educational Consultation on the new Madras College, the closing date being 12th May. Response forms are available on the Fife Planning website*. He also related what had been told to him about the school project by two acquaintances present at a St Andrews University Dinner on 22nd April. The Principal, Sally Mapstone, while emphasising that nothing has yet been signed and sealed, had laid particular emphasis on the new Madras College in her description of the future plans for the University, both the exciting linkages between the sectors and the use of the South Street building for a "new college" for the university. There was also discussion about approaching Fife Council to request that display and storage space might be included for archive material in the new school "brief". Lindsay will prepare a draft for discussion at a future meeting.

11. Maia Sheridan extended an offer to members to attend an event at the Preservation Trust Museum on 11th May at 2.30-4.00 pm, highlighting work over the last two years on the papers of David Hay Fleming and records relating to the Burgh of St Andrews. Several members expressed interest. Those wishing to attend are asked to contact Maia (email given)

12. The meeting was closed by Ann at 4.45 pm with thanks to all for their contributions. The provisional date for the summer meeting and AGM is 15th June – to be confirmed.

~~*Fifedirect link. Arlen found this for me as it was well-concealed! Just click on the link:~~
https://www.fifedirect.org.uk/formFinder/index.cfm?fuseaction=form.Question&Form_id=02F74AB4-CEBC-C8B3-6A0161DC2BBD276A

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