

MADRAS COLLEGE ARCHIVE SUPPORT GROUP

Note of 2017 AGM and Business Meeting, Thursday 15th June, 2017, held in Room M1

1. **Present:** Ann Bridges (chair), Jim Bennet, Ted Brocklebank, Frances Humphries, Donald Macgregor, Lindsay Matheson, Anne Morris, Arlen Pardoe, Edmund Robertson, David Watkinson. **Apologies:** Liz Higgins, Colin Mackay, Elaine Methven.
2. LM intimated that Colin Mackay had withdrawn from the group for the moment owing to other pressures, but wished us well in our future activities.

Annual General Meeting

3. The note of the 2016 AGM (9th June) was accepted as accurate.
4. Ann gave her report on the past year's activities, highlighting progress in the hosting arrangement for our website, good work by the various sub-groups, but a rather disappointing lack of involvement by the S6 group despite its initial promise. While Samantha Jackson had tried very hard she was mostly working on her own and without direct support from adult members. See item 6 last bullet-point below.
5. Elections took place for the two office-bearers, Ann Bridges continuing as chair and Lindsay Matheson as secretary.
6. Priorities for the coming session were discussed, the following being agreed:
 - Catalogue work, with members making commitments to assist Liz. Also Maia thought that she might be able to interest student volunteers to assist in cataloguing.
 - Looking for potential "archive furniture" that might be of use in the new Madras College.
 - "Pairing" of any S6 volunteers with an adult member of the group.
7. There were no AOCB items.

Business Meeting

1. The note of the meeting of 27th April was accepted as accurate.
2. Frances reported on the continued work with the Scrapbooks.
3. Ted is primed to interview Keith Neilson and Helen Cook.
4. Arlen reported on some recent website developments. He also circulated copies of his latest publication, an anthology of the "Hidden Gems of St Andrews", to widespread admiration and exchange of modest amounts of cash.
5. David plans to look for 19th century Madras prize-lists now that electronic research of local newspapers is possible.
6. Jim will look out information on the Ohio exchange programme.
7. Lindsay read out the response that had been made to the request last week from the Madras business manager for some detail on space and furniture requirements for archive provision in the new school. This met with approval and was followed by various suggestions of other sources of furniture and possible funding that might be accessed.
8. Maia will contact Lindsay regarding a formal request that was discussed at the recent seminar in the Preservation Trust Museum.

9. Ann will contact Olav Darge and Emma Payne on the school staff to ask whether S4 project work might lead to involvement with the archive.
10. Members were interested to hear of the 60th anniversary of the Kiel Exchange and the celebrations organised by Dorothy Orem (Modern Languages) for next week.
11. Lindsay will speak to the rector about the current dux boards and the two new boards made several years ago, one to record the names of previous rectors and another to summarise the story of Madras College to date.
12. LM will also ask the rector if we could reactivate the Quad Fund.
13. Arlen asked how we might preserve the memories of those who have had trees planted in their names. Discussion to be continued.
14. Probable date of next meeting: Thursday 14th September, 2017.
15. Ann closed proceedings at 4.45pm with thanks to all who had contributed to another very positive meeting.

LM 19th June 2017