

MADRAS COLLEGE ARCHIVE SUPPORT GROUP

Note of meeting of 21st February, 2019 in South Street , P5

1. Present: Jim Bennett (JB), Ann Bridges (AB), Ted Brocklebank (TB), Liz Higgins (LH), Caitlin McKee (CMcK), Lindsay Matheson (LM), Anne Morris (AM), Dorthy Orem (DO), Maia Sheridan (MS), Arlen Pardoe (AP), David Watkinson (DW). Apologies: Frances Humphries, Donald MacGregor, Lucy Rickman, Edmund Robertson.
2. The note of the meeting of 25th October, 2018, was accepted.
3. AB reported that the "High Jump" statue is in safe keeping meantime. Restoration for display indoors would cost c. £5000. Ideas of sources for such funding to AB, please. The damaged portrait of Dr Bell will be estimated by the RSA for repair.
4. DW reported that he has maintained contact with Alan Balfour in the USA concerning the Bell family. It appeared possible that Andrew Bell and Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, were both descendants of the same Bell family of shoemakers in St Andrews.
5. CMcK will liaise with MS concerning a visit to the University Special Collections. Other members interested: AB, DO, Lucy Rickman.
6. The Thomas Drysdale war diary, an intensely poignant piece of work, may be accessed by Lena Croll from a contact in Edinburgh.. This will be given to AP for scanning for the website.
7. TB reported that Veronica Whyman is willing to record and transcribe interviews, a huge boost. He intends to interview Ian Cumming, Ian Doherty and Ian Johnstone. He will give LM Veronica's contacts to set up an interview with Joyce Hutton.
8. TB also noted that three Madras FPs had been called up for service during the Korean War.
9. AM reported that she and Frances Humphries have the scrapbooks up to date. CMcK expressed interest in looking at these.
10. MS has established a Tuesday pm cataloguing session with two students, Glen and Rebecca. Excel is currently being used, though AP will advise on whether transfer to CALM may be feasible in the future.
11. AP has read through all the MC magazines in order to list members of staff named, a huge task. Six of his booklets are on current display in the PT Museum, one of which being "benches and trees", several with Madras connections. He has also put on the website copies of the title page of all books in the archive boxes.
12. LM tabled a pamphlet he had received from depute rector Olav Darge describing some of the musical compositions of the late former pupil Ian W Seeley. AP will scan this for the website.
13. AM tabled two medals that had belonged to former pupil and teacher Irene Redford, one for Classics and one a St Andrews class medal for Geography.
14. Our last item was to tune in to the 1937 Pathe Newsreel item AP had come across lauding the achievement of former pupil Maurice Adam in breaking the world altitude record – over 53,000 feet in his Bristol 138 A. Those were the days!
15. Next meeting (to be confirmed) Thursday 25th April, 2019 in P5.

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