Memorial Benches & Trees



Madras College

Introduction

Memorial benches and trees commemorate the lives of people, more usually those that have passed away. They may also commemorate events such as a person's retirement, thanks for services rendered or a specific occasion (a Jubilee or a Coronation). Finally they may simply be placed by a person or organisation for the convenience of all.

In this booklet are examples of these types of benches and trees within the grounds of Madras College, St Andrews. They are a testament to the affection for the school shown by former pupils and staff. Behind each one there is a story to be told.

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Benches

These five benches in the grounds of Madras College have inscriptions on labels or carved into the wood.

Trees

The three trees identified have descriptive plaques commemorating former pupils. The Coronation trees planted in 1953 have gone but the commemorative plaque remains. A number of other impressive trees can be found at Kilrymont and South Street.

Arlen Pardoe St Andrews, 2018

Memorial Benches Madras College South Street



In loving memory of NICHOLA JOHNSTON, MICHAEL HASTIE and KAREN DEWAR Donated by the class of 2000



MICHAEL McMULLAN A Friend of Many 1985 - 2001



Presented to The Madras College of St. Andrews by Mrs Iris Robertson in memory of her husband CHARLES ROBERTSON M.P.S. who was a pupil here from 1916 to 1928

Donated by Individuals

Madras College South Street



Gifted by J.M. ROGER Pupil of Madras College 1938 - 41

Donated by Organisations

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Memorial Trees Madras College South Street



In Loving Memory of B.SONALI M. JAYASEKERA 20/01/1989 - 26/05/2008 Former Pupil Madras College 2001 - 2007 Forever Loved. Always Missed



'That young life forever will be playing Eternally be shining in beauty' Pushkin JANE MARGARET BALLANTYNE 1976 - 2003 'Asleep by the murmuring stream.. flow gently.. disturbing not her dream' Burns

Memorial Trees Madras College Kilrymont Road



This tree was planted in memory of Madras College third year pupil NEALE ANGOOD who died in November 1980 as a result of a road accident. Unfortunately the inscription has completely disappeared. It was dedicated by the school chaplain, Easter 1981

Donated by Organisations Madras College South Street





Two similar trees, one of which has a plaque with the inscription:

Presented by the Association for International Cancer Research to Madras College and the city of St Andrews 8 March 1995

Other Trees Madras College South Street





Winter

Horse Chestnut

Summer



Tree removed 2018



Late 1800s/ Early 1900s

Other Trees Madras College Kilrymont



Flowering Cherries

Coronation Trees

On 19th March 1953 the St Andrews Preservation Trust provided five trees which were planted by pupils of the school at the front of Madras College, South Street. A plaque was installed on the wall of the school beside the east door. The trees were three *Swedish birches*, a *scarlet maple* and a *red flowering chestnut*.



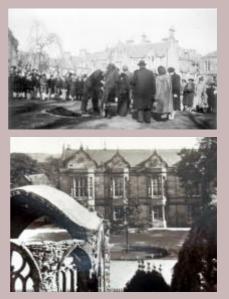
As far as can be ascertained these trees are no longer there, having presumably met the same fate as other coronation trees planted round the town at Murray Place Car Park (two *double pink cherry trees*), Balfour Place (three *rowans*) and Melbourne Brae (a *double pink cherry*) - old age, damage or disease. The chestnut was wind damaged and cut down in September 2018.

Other trees

In 1951 as part of a policy to plant more trees in St Andrews the Preservation Trust planted a *flowering cherry* in the centre of the forecourt of Madras College to replace a *headless oak*.



This *gean* is a later tree planted to replace the *flowering cherry* which was planted in the centre of the lawn.



This early postcard shows a tree in the centre of the lawn - probably the original *headless oak*..

Photographs showing trees









Early 1900s