



NEWSLETTER
OF THE
ST. ANDREWS
PRESERVATION
TRUST

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**CHAIRMAN'S
COMMENTS ON
DRAMATIC
NEW PROPOSALS FOR 1000
HOUSES AND 2
GOLF COURSES
ON NORTH-
WEST SIDE OF
TOWN . . .**

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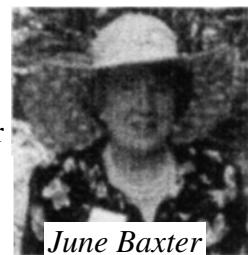
Hidden Gardens Success

Over one thousand people again enjoyed the summer sunshine and the annual Hidden Gardens Day so ably promoted by Mrs June Barter over the last five years. The Day is a major revenue earner for the Trust, this year raising £4,583 for the funds.

The inspiration for this much-anticipated annual event came from a visit to Pittenweem by Mrs Baxter in 1998 who saw a way both to raise the profile of the Preservation Trust and to get St. Andrews and others exploring the wynds and hidden areas of the town. It has been an enormous success due in no small part to the indefatigable Mrs. Baxter who moved into her beautiful 18th Century house in South Street (with 750ft. garden!) in 1990 and has been a member of the National Trust of Scotland Gardens Committee for ten years.

Now Mrs. Baxter is handing over the reins but is delighted to see the Day is

an established part of the calendar attracting not just local people but visitors from as far away as Glasgow. Around a dozen gardens are on show with new gardens each year and the Trust Events Committee is meeting soon to plan next year's event - anyone with a garden they feel may be worth displaying, do please contact the office.



June Baxter

Says Mrs. Baxter: "I'm sure I will miss it in 2003 as I still pass a nice garden and want to approach the owner to see if they would consider showing it, so I look forward to next year as an interested spectator and am always on hand to offer help."

The Trustees presented Mrs. Baxter with a book token as a mark of their appreciation.

Pimms, Punnets and Pipes

Seventy members enjoyed a Summer Reception on a cool but dry August night at the Museum, the latest offering from Invents Convener Daphne Matthews. Members mingled with Trustees and munched their way through over 20 punnets of locally grown strawberries from John Mitchell of Allanhill Farm. Entertainment was provided by local musicians Gail Cunningham from Broughty Ferry on the accordion and Neil Paterson from Milnathort who

particularly impressed with his playing of the pipes. A non-stop supply of refreshing glasses of Pimms was served by Daphne's husband John in his usual style and Daphne commented afterwards: "It was encouraging to see a mix of new members plus some regulars and we will continue to seek new events which provide a good opportunity for members to get to know each other in convivial surroundings."

Curator leaves Museum



Susan at work in the Museum

Susan Keracher, who has been Curator at the Museum in North Street since September 2000 left at the end of August to join the exciting new South Street Art Gallery near The West Port. With a Post Graduate Diploma in Museum and Gallery Studies from St. Andrews University she was a natural to follow previous Curator Matthew Jarron and she acknowledges that seeing his enthusiasm and knowledge when helping him part-time before joining the Trust gave her a realisation of the scope of the job.

She was responsible for all aspects of the Museum, expanding its public image through her work both with exhibitions and the collection. Susan acknowledges the support of the Trust and the helpers and says : "We have a great band of volunteers and it was great to work with the Trustees who were on hand when needed but didn't interfere. I wish the

new curator (*still to be appointed*) all the best, you must get fully immersed in the exhibitions which are our public face and let your personality come through. They are hard work, time-consuming and your reputation is on the line." During her time, the Museum has seen many **improvements** and gained much public acclaim. Susan comments : " I have really enjoyed my time here and would now like to see the museum sympathetically modernised where necessary to really enhance the displays without losing that essential character and period feel."

New Museum **Convener Frances Humphries** said: "Susan has led me gently but firmly through the maze of complex situations related to the smooth running of the museum and I have been delighted and appreciative of the tremendous amount of excellent work she has done. We wish Susan all the very best in her new post."

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The Trust Welcomes Three New Trustees



Three new volunteer Trustees

John Beaton: Edinburgh-born but with Fife family connections John Beaton's career has been in the book trade and he is now a publishing consultant. For many years he has worked with the East Neuk Preservation Trust and his experience will benefit the Publications, Publicity, Programme and Membership Committee. He lives in Upper Largo.

Ann Kettle: An eminent mediaeval historian, Ann was awarded the O.B.E. in the New Years Honours List. A Senior Lecturer in Mediaeval History at St. Andrews University she has held many positions within the University

and has just stood down as Dean of Arts. A previous Trustee, she joins the important Planning Committee. She lives right in the heart of St. Andrews.

John Lindsey: A career in journalism, and latterly sports promotion with Alfred Dunhill Ltd. first brought John Lindsey to the town in the early 1980s where he helped launch the Dunhill Cup Golf Tournament. A spell with St. Andrews Links Trust followed and he now writes for a couple of magazines. A resident of the town, he joins the Publications, Publicity, Programme and Membership Committee.

'Friends of Museum' Launch

Members have the opportunity to hear all about the new *Friends of the St. Andrews Preservation Trust Museum* being proposed, at an Open Meeting at the Museum on Wednesday October 9th at 7p.m. The idea is to provide a bridge between the museum and the community and will enable members to have a say in the running of the Trust's showpiece.

The speaker for the evening will be Mrs. **Anne Davidson**, Regional Co-ordinator for Scotland for the British Association of Friends of Museums, a charity dedicated to helping cultural heritage friends and volunteers.

A formal **Constitution** for the new body will be agreed that night as well as a steering committee, different categories of membership, and the subscription levels which are likely to be very reasonable!

Friends will enjoy a variety of benefits including private viewing of exhibitions; a regular newsletter; access to reference material; informal talks and lectures; priority booking for social programmes; behind the scenes visits; and the use of the museum for functions. Attendance to hear about this exciting new venture is highly recommended.

CAN YOU HELP?
We need 3 or 4 upright dining table type chairs for the museum.
Please contact 01334 477629



The Preservation Trust's showpiece Museum in North Street

Lawpark Woodland Plan

Under Convener **Ian Christie** the **Environment** Committee continues to look after this woodland at the end of Lade Braes and is in the process of drawing up a Management Plan - *details in the next Newsletter*. The plan is to conserve existing trees and plant new-saplings - local photographer Michael Toy has generously gifted two oak saplings. Over one hundred and fifty sycamore saplings have recently been removed, the general area tidied up and remaining trees catalogued.

Says Ian: "Although there has been an improvement in the amount of litter in

the burn we are still in dialogue with the Council over the slightly run-down state of the Lade Braes. Some benches have been repainted in the Spring but are already soiled again and we are still waiting to see windblown trees removed.

The metal bridge to Hallowhill has been repainted but the bridge to Canongate is deteriorating. The Council say they are restructuring their Parks Section and are taking on new professional expertise to assist their long-term planning so we will carefully monitor developments."

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Trust Raffle Results

This year's Preservation Trust Raffle has raised over £2000 and the draw for 18 prizes was made at the Museum Reception on September 21st. Winners of the first five prizes were :

- 1st Prize: Michael Rothenstein print gifted by the late Michael Robertson -J. Kelly (Glasgow)
- 2nd Prize: A fourball on Dukes Course gifted by Old Course Hotel - J. G Speight (North Yorkshire)
- 3rd Prize: St. Andrews Harbour Print drawn and gifted by Jurek Putter - S. Grant (St. Andrews)
- 4th Prize: Old Tom Morris Scrapbook written and gifted by David Joy - Roger ?
- 5th Prize: Framed Sampler for Scottish Golfer sewn and gifted by Miss M. Lunan - M. Forster (Wormit)



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Increased Subscriptions for 2003

Subscriptions to the St. Andrews Preservation Trust are being raised for the first time since 1993. Members heard at a packed AGM of the need to improve services to a growing membership and to effectively handle the growing activities of the Trust.

Finance Convener **Anthony Hardie** keeps a very careful watch on the Trust's finances which are subject to the vagaries of the stock market and outside influences. He points out that annual subscriptions only amount to approximately eight per cent of turnover and, even with life subscriptions added, leave the Trust needing to seek other sources of finance.

The meeting agreed the following increases due on January 1st 2003 - and it is most helpful to the Trust if all payments are actually made in the month of January.

Single Annual Membership
Joint Annual Membership
Single Life Membership
Joint Life Membership
Corporate Membership

increases from £10 to £15
increases from £15 to £25
increases from £100 to £150
increases from £150 to £200
increases from £25 to £35

News in Brief



The Scottish Redundant Churches Trust

* **We have** vacated our old office for smart new premises just across the corridor in Queen's Gardens. Our previous office is now occupied by **The Scottish Redundant Churches Trust**, a charitable trust founded in 1996 and funded principally by Historic Scotland with the aim of acquiring and conserving redundant historic places of worship of all denominations in Scotland. They currently own four churches in Orkney, Ross-shire, Perthshire and Lanarkshire.

* **After the** launch for *Friends of the Museum* on 9th October, **Daphne Matthews** and **Frances Humphries** will have completed a year as Events Co-ordinators. 15 events were organised, of which 9 took place at the Museum. Their work, and that of other volunteers has been hugely successful in stimulating interest in the Trust.

The Trust is most grateful for two bequests from late members - a very generous bequest from **Miss Jessie I. W. Robertson** which helped

furnish our new office and another recently from **Mrs Lois Underwood**.

* **The Chairman** represented the Trust at the turf-cutting ceremony for the new David Russell Hall where long-overdue improvements to the university accommodation have begun.

***The next** Exhibition at the Museum features the work of renowned local historian and book illustrator **Jurek Putter**. Edinburgh-born Jurek attended Madras College and is known for his Historical Research Illustration Project, a unique and wonderful enterprise with distinctive and accurate drawings of old St. Andrews. The exhibition runs from Nov 28th to Dec 1st and the museum is open from 10a.m. to 5p.m.

***The Museum** is one of the success stories of the Trust and under energetic Convener **Frances Humphries** has this year, through various enterprises, raised very welcome funds to assist the Preservation Trust in all its work. Thanks are due to the 48 volunteers from all walks of life . . . (cont'd on page 5)

News in Brief

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...students, working couples, the retired, who so willingly give of their time. A Reception for volunteers was held on September 21st when a presentation to **Susan Keracher** was also made.

* Two **new** designs for Trust Christmas Cards are being printed and, along with previous favourites and Notelets etc, will be on sale at the **Charities Christmas Card Sale** in the Town Hall, St. Andrews between 9.30a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday October 26th.

* **After** coming second last year the Museum Garden has this year come first in the Community Council's **Best Landscape Garden Sector Four Award**.



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Museum Updates

Recent acquisitions: St. Andrews Swimming Club silver trophy which lists the names of winners during the 1920s.

The hand bell used by one of the town's Air Raid Precaution Wardens 1939-45.

19th century Mauchline Ware heart with an image of the Holy Trinity Church.

A watercolour of fisherwoman, Joan Clark, by John N Bonthron c1900.

A series of children's quiz sheets which focus on the Museum displays and garden have been made available to our young visitors during the school holidays. They have been a useful resource, - helping focus young minds on particular aspects of their visit and they're fun to do!

A lecture, given by Matthew Jarron about Films in the Fifties was a resounding success. The 1/3d seats were sold out and the audience enjoyed Classic dips featuring all the Hollywood greats including screen heartthrobs James Dean, Marlon Brando and Daffy Duck.

Museum visitor figures for August were 1618.

DAPHNE LEE
It was with sadness we have to report the untimely death of **Daphne Lee, wife of former Trustee and Green Belt Forum Chairman Professor Terence Lee**

Members will see this edition of the newsletter in a new format. It will now be published four times each year. Your comments, suggestions, contributions are most welcome. As the pace of work undertaken by the Trust to preserve the best of St. Andrews increases, so a lively membership is important and since a Recruitment Drive was launched last year by Membership Convener Ken Roberts, it is pleasing to report nearly 200 new members.

100 CLUB

Two of this year's four draws have already been held. The next is during the St. Andrews Week Exhibition at the Museum. The winners were:
1st Draw
Prof. Christian £80
Miss Ann Kettle £50
2nd Draw
Mrs Linda Beck £80
Miss Margaret Finlay £50

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DIARY DATES

Wednesday 9th
October 2002
*Friends of Museum
Launch*

Saturday 26th
October 2002
*Christmas Card
Sale - Town Hall*

Thursday 28th
November to
Sunday 1st
December 2002
*St. Andrews Week
Museum
Exhibition*

Chairman Calls for Action

The **Citizen** of 20th September carried the disturbing news of a forthcoming planning application for 1,000 houses, 2 golf-courses, etc, on a site to the North-West of St Andrews.

This would clearly fly in the face of the Local Plan, the revised Fife Structure Plan, and the Green Belt policy agreed in principle in the new Structure Plan.

We realise that many of you will be anxious to write to Cupar about this. However, the Trust cannot comment until the application itself is in the public domain (which, according to

the press, will be in late October). Since it will be some months before our next **Newsletter**, we would advise you to note our press releases in the **Citizen** and the **Courier** when the application appears, and to write to Cupar at that time with your own reasons for objection.

Remember that the plans will be available for inspection in the Local Office at St Mary's Place, and that the Trust will also have a copy of them in its Queen's Gardens office. We hope you will support us with plenty of letters when the time comes! have been encouraging.

Environment Convener's

The general environment of the town continues to give cause for concern. Public areas such as the Lade Braes, harbour, beaches and streets are subject to acts of vandalism and thoughtless dropping of litter. The Trust seeks to encourage people to take a greater pride in their town and, to this end, a competition has been instigated with local schools to raise pupils awareness of problems arising and to seek their help to combat both litter and vandalism. Initial responses

St. Andrews has once again failed to win the best-kept town award. Whilst the Council must accept some responsibility for this position, (many of the public flowerbeds throughout the town are in a woeful condition), the lack of effort by individual house owners has, in some cases, also contributed. The Museum garden, after receiving 2nd and 3rd prizes in the past two years in the East Area small garden competition, won First Prize this year, thanks to the extremely hard work of our team

Conversion of The Roundel

As members may be aware, The University of St. Andrews is in the process of converting The Roundel, South Street, unused for a number of years, into a post-graduate students' computer facility.

The University Estates Department recently arranged a visit to the premises for Trustees to view the existing building and explain their intended alterations.

Trustees were conducted around the building from the partial barrel vaulted partial cellar space at either side of the

main entrance through to the Roundel roof (which provides spectacular views down South Street).

The building is generally in reasonable condition with only a rooftop valley gutter which, in common with many others of this design, has proved problematical with resultant water leakage. Some settlement of the structure to the rear of the building has also been noted and will be part of the remedial works to be carried out. Alterations will incorporate facilities for disabled students.



Carved stone at The Roundel