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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OLD EDINBURGH CLUB
FOR THE YEAR 1994

The Eighty-Sixth ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Old Edinburgh Club was held in the European Room (formerly the Dining Room) of the City Chambers, Edinburgh, on the afternoon of Thursday 31 March 1994 at 2.00 pm. Councillor John Wilson presided. Apologies: The Lord Provost, The Very Rev. Dr Selby Wright, Lt. Col. J. F. Logan, Professor Michael Lynch, Mr and Mrs W. H. Phillips, Sheila Fletcher, W. McKelvie, Robin Sinton.

ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET

Miss C. H. Cruft proposed the adoption of the Annual Report and Balance Sheet; Dr Andrew Fraser seconded the motion.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND COUNCIL

As there were no other nominations except those of the Council, the following were elected to serve: Wendy Turner to be Honorary Secretary; The Honourable Lord Cullen, Councillor John Wilson, Mr Patrick Cadell and Mr John Burnett to become members of the Council of the Club. All other office-bearers were re-elected until March 1995.

PUBLICATIONS

Dr Andrew Fraser, Editor, thanked the Editorial Board for their work. He advised the meeting that editing for Volume 3 was almost complete. More work on the volume will be done in-house which will help with printer's costs. He reported that Volume 3 will be complete in 1994, and Volume 4 in 1996. A protocol for the production of the index to Volumes 22-35 of the original series is being established.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dr Barclay addressed the meeting regarding the subject of the subscription rates of the Club. He maintained that the subscription should be raised a little each year, in order that the Club can continue to publish as it should. He asked that the Council consider it at their next meeting.

ADDRESS

An address was given by Mary Bryden of the National Museums of Scotland, on the subject of 'The Museum of Scotland Project'. Councillor Wilson thanked Miss Bryden for a stimulating and enjoyable address. The Reverend A. Ian Dunlop thanked Councillor Wilson for presiding over the meeting and also for bringing a selection of archival material for members to view. Afterwards, by invitation of the Lord Provost, the company adjourned for afternoon tea.

LECTURES

20 January. R. L. STEVENSON AND EDINBURGH. Professor David Daiches.

10 February. PERIODICALS AND ENCYCLOPAEDIAS: AN INDEX OF THE STATE OF PROGRESS OF THE EDINBURGH MIND. Dr Bill Brock.

8 March. TERRITORIAL WRITERS – THE PAPERS OF MURIEL SPARK AND OTHER TWENTIETH-CENTURY EDINBURGH LITERARY FIGURES. Ms Robin Smith.

13 October. PLEDGED FOR THE KING GEORGE HERIOT JEWELLER TO JAMES VI. Professor Bruce Lenman, University of St Andrews.

8 November. A TALE OF TWO CITIES. Mr Charles McKean, Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland.

8 December. REFUGEES OF A REVOLUTION: THE EPISCOPAL CLERGY IN EDINBURGH IN THE EARLY EIGHTEENTH CENTURY. Dr Tristram Clarke, Scottish Record Office.

EXCURSIONS

12 May. ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, EDINBURGH. Introductory talks from Miss Catherine Cruft OBE and Mr John Gifford, Buildings of Scotland Research Unit, were followed by a tour of the Cathedral.

7 June. BRUNSTANE HOUSE, EDINBURGH. The party was guided by Sean Hignett and Angela Wrapson, owners of the L-plan laird's house.

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The Eighty-Seventh ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Old Edinburgh Club was held in the European Room (formerly the Dining Room) of the City Chambers, Edinburgh, on the afternoon of Thursday 30 March 1995 at 2.00 pm. Lord Provost Norman Irons presided. Apologies: Councillor John Wilson, Councillor James Tait, The Very Rev. Dr Selby Wright, Lord Cullen, Ian Gow, Sheila Fletcher, John Burnett, Peter Willis.

ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET

Dr Iain Gordon Brown proposed the adoption of the Annual Report and Balance Sheet; Miss Catherine Cruft seconded the motion.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND COUNCIL

The Lord Provost congratulated the Reverend Ian Dunlop on his work as President of the Club, and thanked him for his contribution to the Club. Mr Stuart Maxwell was welcomed to the position of President by the Lord Provost. The Reverend Ian Dunlop congratulated Mr Maxwell on his nomination. As there were no nominations except those of Council, the following were elected to serve on the Council: Dr Iain Gordon Brown, Mr Ian Gow. All other office-bearers were re-elected until March 1996.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

It was announced that at a Council Meeting held on 2 February 1995 it was proposed that the annual subscription rates should be raised to £12.50 for individuals and £15 for families. Dr Barclay welcomed the Council's attention to this matter, and understood that the Council did not wish to lose members through raising the subscription rates too high. However, Volume 3 of the *Book of The Old Edinburgh Club* had as yet not been published due to lack of funds. Dr Allen Simpson explained, as proposer of the increased subscription rates, that the delay on Volume 3 was not due to financial difficulties, rather the fact that the printer had gone bankrupt, and the Editor and Editorial Board were very pressed for time. It was agreed therefore that the subscription rates would be raised as proposed and that the Council would look at this matter in two years time.

PUBLICATIONS

Dr Andrew Fraser, Editor, reported that there is enough money, along with enough articles available, for a volume every two years. He reported that all articles for Volume 3

are in hand, and a printer has been contracted to undertake the work. The volume was expected to be available for the summer. He reported that progress was being made on the index to Volumes 22-35, and that sponsorship may be available for this.

ADDRESS

Mr Stuart Maxwell thanked the Club for electing him to the Presidency. An address was given by Mr James Simpson of Simpson & Brown Architects on the subject of 'The Surfaces and Structures of Edinburgh Buildings'. The Lord Provost thanked Mr Simpson for a thought-provoking and enjoyable address. Mr Maxwell thanked the Lord Provost for presiding over the meeting. Afterwards, by invitation of the Lord Provost, the company adjourned for afternoon tea.

LECTURES

10 January. SCOTLAND'S POST WAR HOUSING DRIVE: HIGH RISE TOWER BLOCKS. Dr Miles Glendinning, University of Edinburgh.

9 February. JAMES CRAIG - A SUCCESSFUL FAILURE. Mr Ian Gow, Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments Scotland.

7 March. Boog-Watson Lecture. THE BOOK-HUNTER: JOHN LEE. Rev. A. Ian Dunlop, President OEC.

10 October. WHISKY AND EDINBURGH. Dr Peter M. Dryburgh, University of Edinburgh.

9 November. COMMERCIAL PRINTS AND DOMESTIC CULTURE IN EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY EDINBURGH. Dr Stana Nenadic, University of Edinburgh.

5 December. THE CITY BENEATH YOUR FEET - RECENT EXCAVATIONS BY EDINBURGH DISTRICT COUNCIL'S ARCHAEOLOGY SERVICE. Mr Mark Collard, EDC Archaeology Service.

EXCURSIONS

3 May. NEWHAVEN HERITAGE MUSEUM & GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF NEWHAVEN. Helen Clark, Keeper of Social History, Edinburgh District Museums, gave an introductory talk about the Newhaven Heritage Museum, and guided walks of Newhaven were conducted by volunteer guides from the museum.

9 June. DREAM CITY: THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF JAMES CRAIG'S NEW TOWN. Mr David Patterson, Depute Keeper of Fine Art, Edinburgh District Museums, gave an introductory talk before a private view of the exhibition at the City Arts Centre.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OLD EDINBURGH CLUB
FOR THE YEAR 1996

The Eighty-Eighth ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Old Edinburgh Club was held in the European Room of the City Chambers, Edinburgh, on the afternoon of Friday 22 March 1996 at 1.30 pm. Lord Provost Norman Irons presided. Apologies: Sheila Fletcher, Peter Willis, Mr & Mrs Anderson, Tristram Clarke, Ms Jo Currie, Dr Alistair Masson, Mrs M. J. Madden, Col. Logan.

The Lord Provost apologised for having to leave before Dr Shaw's address. He announced the death of The Very Reverend Ronald Selby Wright, and acknowledged the indebtedness of the Old Edinburgh Club to him and his work.

ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET

Mr John G. Gray, Treasurer, noted that Scott Oswald had audited the accounts but that this was not shown on the balance sheet. Miss Catherine Cruft proposed the adoption of the Annual Report and Balance Sheet; Dr Barclay seconded the motion.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND COUNCIL

As there were no nominations except those of the Council, the following were elected to serve: Dr Iain Gordon Brown was elected as Vice-President, to replace Dr Andrew Fraser who will remain as Editor; Charles Smith was elected to the Council. All other office-bearers were re-elected until March 1997.

PUBLICATIONS

Dr Andrew Fraser, Editor, reported that Volume 3 of the New Series of the *Book of The Old Edinburgh Club* had been published and issued. Publication of Volume 4 will take place in 1997. Dr Fraser asked for articles for Volume 5. Dr Fraser explained that the index for Volumes 22-35 is being dealt with by John Burnett.

ADDRESS

An address was given by The Very Reverend Dr Duncan Shaw, one of the earliest surviving members of the Old Edinburgh Club. Dr Shaw gave a very interesting and entertaining talk about a number of the well known Edinburgh personalities who have been members of the Club. Mr Maxwell thanked the Lord Provost for presiding over the meeting and for his hospitality, and wished him well in his retirement from the position of Lord Provost.

LECTURES

11 January. THE SCOTTISH CHAPMAN. Mr John Morris.

15 February. EVOLUTION OF THE SCOTTISH LAW COURTS. Professor H. L. MacQueen.

12 March. THE BEGBIE SLIDE COLLECTION OF OLD EDINBURGH. J. Stanley Cavaye, JP.

10 October. THE ROARING GAME: CURLING AT DUDDINGSTON AND BEYOND. Sheriff David B. Smith.

7 November. THE PEOPLE OF CALTON HILL – WHY, WHO, AND WHERE. Mrs Ann Mitchell.

3 December. CINEMA 100 – THE HISTORY OF EDINBURGH CINEMA. Mr W. R. Smith.

EXCURSIONS

22 May. GREYFRIARS KIRKYARD AND KIRK. The party was guided on a tour of the kirkyard by Dr Angus Mitchell, followed by a tour of the Kirk by the Friends of Greyfriars Kirkyard.

12 June. MAGDALEN CHAPEL, COWGATE. An introduction to the Chapel was given by Rev. Sinclair Horn of the Scottish Reformation Society, followed by an illustrated talk on the restoration of the Chapel by Mr James Simpson of Simpson & Brown Architects. An optional visit to the tower of the Chapel was also available.

NOTES ON CONTRIBUTORS

DR IAIN GORDON BROWN is Assistant Keeper, Manuscripts Division, National Library of Scotland. His most recent books are *Elegance and Entertainment in the New Town of Edinburgh: The Harden Drawings* (1995) and (with Hugh Cheape) *Witness to Rebellion: John Maclean's Journal of the 'Forty-Five and the Penicuik Drawings* (1996).

JOHN BURNETT worked at the Science Museum, London, from 1978 to 1986, when he moved to the National Museums of Scotland. He is now Curator of the History of Sport. His book *Riot, Revelry and Rout: Sport in Lowland Scotland before 1860* will appear in 1998.

NORMAN BUTCHER studied at Sheffield and Oxford, and became lecturer in geology at the University of Reading. From 1971 to 1992 he was Staff Tutor in Earth Sciences in the Open University in Scotland. He is author of several papers in scientific journals, has been a member of many geological societies and committees, and served as Secretary (1974-80) and President (1983-85) of the Edinburgh Geological Society.

DAVID FORD was a long-standing member of St Thomas's Episcopal Church, and made an exhaustive study of its turbulent origins and later history. He died in 1996 while the present article for the *Book of the Old Edinburgh Club* was being prepared for publication.

BARCLAY FRASER taught history at Daniel Stewart's College before becoming an Inspector of Schools. In retirement he devoted much time and energy to encouraging local studies at Cramond, leading the History Section of the Cramond Association and being the guiding spirit in the development of annual

exhibitions in the Maltings in the old village. He contributed to the successive editions of the booklet *Cramond*, published originally in 1966 and since regularly revised and updated by the Cramond Association and Cramond Heritage Trust. His latest project was to organise the recording of the Cramond Kirk gravestones and memorials, though he died before the results were finally published as *Cramond Kirkyard Memorial Inscriptions* (Cramond Heritage Trust 1993).

DAVID HEPPELL recently retired after a career of thirty one years as a curator in the National Museums of Scotland and the former Royal Scottish Museum. He has published extensively on taxonomic and historical aspects of mollusca and other natural history collections.

PROFESSOR MATTHEW KAUFMAN has been Professor of Anatomy at the University of Edinburgh since 1985. During his final year as a medical student in Edinburgh he was Senior President of the Royal Medical Society and involved in the move from its former premises in Melbourne Place. While principally known for his research and writing in the field of embryology, he is also Curator of the University Anatomy Museum and easily deflected towards study of historic items in the various collections under his care.

PROFESSOR IAN McCALLUM, CBE, is Emeritus Professor of Occupational Health, University of Newcastle on Tyne, former Dean of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine in the Royal College of Physicians, London, and Honorary Consultant, Institute of Occupational Medicine, Edinburgh. He has lived in Chessels Court since 1982, has been a member of Council of the Cockburn Association since 1994, and is at present engaged in the study of

the history of alchemy in Scotland in the early seventeenth century.

PROFESSOR CHARLES McKEAN is Professor and Head of the School of Architecture, University of Dundee. He is author of many papers and books on Scottish architectural history, with specific focus on the Renaissance, and on the 1930s.

DR NICOLA MILLS works at the Scottish Record Office. Her particular interests include insular patristic manuscripts, forensic science and Scottish military history.

HELEN SMAILES studied modern languages at Cambridge and art history at Oxford. From 1976 to 1993 she was research assistant in the Scottish National Portrait Gallery before being appointed Assistant Keeper of British Art at the National Gallery of Scotland. Her research interests range from British history painting, portraiture and figure sculpture to the history of photography, early art education and the history of printmaking and the print trade in Britain with special reference to Scotland.

SARA STEVENSON is curator of the Scottish National Photographic Collection, based at the Scottish National Portrait Gallery in Edinburgh. She has published extensively on the history and practice of photography in Scotland, and notably on the work of David Octavius Hill and Robert Adamson. Her major exhibitions have included 'Light from the Dark Room', the principal exhibition of the National Galleries of Scotland for the 1995 Edinburgh Festival, at the Royal Scottish Academy.

GEOFF SWINNEY is curator of lower vertebrates at the National Museums of Scotland and has a long-standing interest in the history of natural history collections.

PETER VASEY, who died tragically in March 1997 while this article was being prepared for publication, had worked in the Scottish Record Office since 1984, and was in charge of the Historical Search Room from 1993. One of his main research interests was the life and work of the late seventeenth/early eighteenth century Scottish surveyor and cartographer John Adair.