

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE ...

200th Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar  
at Camperdown Park by original Camperdown Elm  
Friday 21 October 2005 at 3.00 pm.

Lord Provost of Dundee plants Ceremonial Oak

Following the ceremony the Lord Provost has kindly invited all Friends to a reception at the City Chambers where the newly commissioned film on Camperdown House will have its premiere showing.

A bus has been arranged to take Friends from Camperdown Park to City Chambers for the 3.30 pm reception and back to the Park for 5.30 pm.

Two of the recently cloned Camperdown Elms will be added to this area and the site will be upgraded with a new fence. The Committee is purchasing a special bench with a plaque marking this occasion.

A select number of Camperdown Elms will be available for purchase at £40 please contact ...  
Treasurer Hilary Foxworthy, OBE RN, Revverdig, Kirkbuddo,  
Forfar, Angus DD8 2WA.  
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New Security Willow Fence Around "Camperdown Elm" Sep 2005 (Doug Shearer DCC Forestry Section)

Over the last few years it has become apparent that the Original Camperdown Elm has been showing signs of senility. August 2005 saw one main limb collapsed and had to be removed. Fortunately it has not affected the overall shape and visual amenity of the original tree.

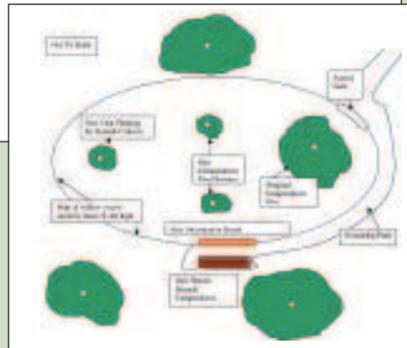
To reduce further damage to the Elm it has been decided to erect a "security" fence around the Elm which would also allow us to plant an additional 2 Nos Camperdown Elms micro propagated by DCC & SAC.

The "security" fence has been designed to allow for the protection of the Camperdown Elm and also still allow interested parties to enjoy the world recognised original and new plantings. Thus the fence will be constructed from Willow. Weaved by Jane Wilkinson, in a continuous loop for approx 56m @ 4ft high leaving spaces for an access gate and the installation of an information board detailing the history of the tree.

Within the fence area there is also the new planting of an Oak tree by the "Friends of Camperdown" in celebration of the battle of Trafalgar.

Management, Donations & Funding:

- FC Scotland (WIAT Bid)
- Belwood Trees (Oak Tree)
- Friends of Camperdown (Bench)
- Dundee Contract Services
- Dundee Leisure & Arts



## TRAFALGAR WOODS PROJECT SCOTLAND ADMIRAL DUNCAN WOOD

To mark the occasion of Trafalgar 200 The Woodland Trust is creating 35 woods in the United Kingdom. In Scotland 30,000 trees will be planted with involvement from 1000 children and adults. A special Wood will be dedicated to Admiral Duncan at Clatto Park part of the original Camperdown Estate during November 2005. The planting will be carried out by local primary schools assisted by the Friends of Camperdown and the Wood will commemorate the maritime heritage of Dundee. The schools will plant 3/4 November 2005, Friends and others 5/6 November 2005 - more details will follow when known.

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## NEW FILM: The Forester's History of Camperdown House

The old Scottish maxim 'a laird is judged by the state of his woods' can be applied to Robert Duncan the 1st Earl of Camperdown. That is why this fascinating film on the history of Camperdown House is told through the eyes of David Taylor the Head Forester. Duncan had ambitious plans to create a fitting memorial to his father Admiral Lord Viscount Duncan and his great victory at Kamperduin in 1797 which was the Battle of Britain of its day.

Taylor, played by the noted actor Sandy Neilsen, was renowned for his design of the Camperdown landscape, ornamental planting and woodland. It was he who discovered the unique and unusual Camperdown Elm, a tree that carried the name of Camperdown all over the world and today has pride of place in famous parks and gardens in Australia, New Zealand and the USA. It is interesting to note that the first official public duty performed by our Monarch was in 1943 when as Princess Elisabeth she visited

the House and planted a tree at Camperdown Park.

Taylor leads us through the last 200 years unearthing some of the amazing and little known facts of life on the estate. He tells of the pride that was taken in establishing the finest ornamental woodland and the craftsmanship that led to Camperdown House becoming one of the finest examples of Scottish Architecture. An interview with respected architect Benjamin Tindall elaborates on this and the irrepressible Director General of the National Galleries of Scotland Sir Timothy Clifford expresses his enthusiasm and support for ensuring the life and future of Camperdown House.

The film was created and produced by Ronnie Carmichael of Alpha Images whose previous video 'Valiant of Camperdown' was critically acclaimed and is as popular as ever and still available from address that follows.

A Christmas stocking must for all Friends of Camperdown House and everyone interested in gardens and history.

The films runs c.30 minutes and is available on DVD. It is priced at £10 and available from: Alpha Images, 26 North Balmossie Street, Broughty Ferry DD5 2TY. Tel: 01382 520 437.

Email: video@alpha-images.co.uk



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## Editorial ...

For the last two years the Friends of Camperdown have put their efforts into getting the House open to the public on a permanent basis. To this end a rota of volunteers organised by Committee Member John Picton manned the building during the Summer months of 2004 and 2005. As well as the interest of those from abroad the local communities were delighted to once more have access to the place they remembered visiting for celebrations.

Though delighted with the substantial and well-deserved grant awarded to renovate the McManus Galleries, the Friends were shocked and disappointed to be informed that Camperdown House was to be closed down and used as the main storage depot for the next few years. Having ascertained that there was nothing to be done to reverse this decision and after much soul-searching, the Committee decided to carry on its battle to save Camperdown House and ensure its future. We have therefore taken the positive step of commissioning a film on the History of the House. Special thanks to Ronnie Carmichael of Alpha Images who creates miracles from a minuscule budget. I hope that you will wish to purchase a copy and will continue to support us.

We are also planning to commission a replica carving of the Vrijheid figurehead which has been badly damaged over the years.

Come along, if you can to the Tree Planting ceremony and reception at the City Chambers on 21 October (details on back page).

And last but certainly not least our very best wishes go to:



Sir Timothy Clifford who retires in December 2005 after 10 years as Director General of the National Galleries of Scotland. Sir Timothy has been a vociferous and stalwart supporter of Camperdown House and had he had his way it would now be open to the public in conjunction with Dundee City Council, the National Museum of Scotland and the National Galleries of Scotland. In the not

too distant future we will doubtlessly read about his very exciting plans for the future.

*Timothy - we wish you well in all you do and hope you will remain a Friend of Camperdown House.*



## Farewell ~ ANNE PARKER JERVIS

Anne Parker Jervis passed away in July 2005.

Not only was Anne a Founding Member of the Camperdown Committee but she was the encyclopaedic expert on the history of Camperdown House and its inhabitants, descendants and their various relationships. Indeed both her grandfather and father had been Factors of Camperdown Estate and Anne grew up there. She is sorely missed by all the Friends of Camperdown and whenever a query comes up about who is related to whom in the family genealogy we still automatically think of ringing Anne. To her family and particularly to her husband Jim we send our thoughts and sympathy.



## JAMIE HUNTER BLAIR

Laird of Blairquhan Estate in Maybole Jamie died on 24 Dec 2004. He was particularly interested in Camperdown House as his was a William Burn designed home as well. Jamie played a significant role in Scottish Public life and amongst his many roles was President of the Royal Scottish Forestry Society and Chairman of the Historic Houses Association In Scotland. He raised over £23,000 for charity with openings at the imaginative lay-out of his 1820 walled garden. A great party-giver and party-goer he enlivened any gathering by his warmth and enthusiasm. A great Friend of Camperdown House Jamie Hunter Blair will not be forgotten.

## MARTIN RAYNER

Renowned sculptor Martin Rayner died suddenly on 15 September 2004 at the age of 57. A member of the Royal Scottish Academy his work is held in private and public collections around the world. The Friends were very lucky that he found the time to carve the magnificent wooden donation box shaped like a ship in full sail. Martin created it in time for last year's Summer opening of the House and his work will remain as a permanent legacy for the Friends of Camperdown and will continue to be admired for years to come.

## PHILIPPA CRAWFORD 90 YEARS YOUNG

Congratulations to Founding Member of the Friends of Camperdown Philippa Crawford on her recent 90th Birthday celebration. She asked for no presents but for those who wished to make a donation for two of her favourite charities: Fife Sports for the Disabled through the Order of St John and the Morison-Duncan Hall in Gauldry. Over £2,000 was divided between the two.

Philippa was born at Stravithie near St Andrews. In her thirties she trained in London and taught health exercise and dancing in Manchester in what is now called the Fitness League. During the war she served in F.A.N.Y. and A.T.S and ran a mobile canteen for the YMCA. In 1942 she married Brigadier Henry Crawford of Naughton and had a daughter Ann and two sons, our current Chairman James and Alec Crawford.

Although already a Commander, Last November Philippa was taken by surprise when notified that she was to be made a Dame of Grace in the Order of St John of Jerusalem. In January of this year, accompanied by her daughter Ann, Philippa went to St. James's Palace



to be presented with her medal by the Head of the Order, the Duke of Gloucester.

As well as her years of participation and fund-raising for the Order of St John Philippa has given her time and efforts on innumerable charitable committees including the Central Council of SWRI, Fife Marriage Guidance Council and Girl Guides. Deeply committed to her local community Philippa is Chairman of the 1229

Balmerino Abbey Ecumenical Committee.

From the Committee and all the Friends of Camperdown House we raise our glasses to a great Lady: Philippa Crawford!

**And congratulations to Henny King on achieving her 70th birthday.**

## Admiral Duncan Bicentenary Activities



### Exhibition at Camperdown House : June-Sept 2004.

A superb exhibition 'Hero of Camperdown' was created by Dundee City Council with special thanks to Clara Young. Also thanks to the many volunteers from the Friends who helped man the exhibition for its nine weeks duration. It was extremely well received from both a critical and a visitors point of view reflected by the increased attendance figures particularly during the Dundee Flower Show.



### Royal Marines Band in City Square and at Camperdown House

On Thursday 7 October the Royal Marines Band played in City Square attended by the Lord Provost of Dundee and Captain Angus Sandford took the salute. On Saturday 10 October the 'Hero of Camperdown' exhibition was specially re-opened and the Royal Marines Band performed in front of the House with additional music entertainment by the Fintry Pipe Band and the Dundee Sea Cadet Unit (TS Duncan) Band.



### Thanksgiving Service for Admiral Duncan at Lundie Kirk TBA Oct

A very well attended service at Lundie Kirk presided over by the Rev. Gordon Campbell was followed by a wreath laying at the Admiral's grave by Duncan descendant Mrs J. Farrar. Followed by a reception in the Church Hall.