



Barbers Bulletin

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Message from the Deacon

Dear Members of the Craft,

Thank you all for your tremendous support of the Incorporation this year. It has been manifest in many ways and everyone has contributed to a very successful year.

We had a most successful Annual Dinner and Dance in February, with some 180 members and guests in attendance. Our speakers were Ron Culley, Chief Executive of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, the Deacon Convener and from our own membership, Mario Pretorius from South Africa and Collector Anne Steele. We raised £2,180 for Spinal Injuries Scotland. Thank you to everyone who contributed sponsorship and prizes, hosted tables and contributed to the success of the evening in many different ways – it was a great team effort.

The Glasgow Ball was another great success. Held at the Hilton on Saturday 9 May, more than 500 House members and guests raised in excess of £30,000 for Dementia Scotland. This will purchase both a people carrier and newly developed software used in reminiscence therapy.

In 2009, it has been my privilege to represent the Craft at the monthly Chain Gang meetings, Choosing Dinners for the Cordiners and the Coopers, a visit to Erskine Hospital, visits to House beneficiaries, discussions with the University of Glasgow Medico-chirurgical Society, Roy Scott's book launch, the Let Glasgow Flourish Awards presented by the Incorporation of Gardeners, School Craft Awards, School Citizenship Awards and the Craftex Awards. The work of the House in these latter projects and through the Funds has a major impact on the city.

On the social front, Cailleán and I were invited by ex-Deacon Ed Crosier to attend the latest offerings of Scottish Opera. While *La Traviata* was well produced, it was let down a little by the lead tenor. However, *Manon* was exceptional in all respect with fine singing throughout. Deacon Tom Forrest invited us to a performance of the play, *Be Near Me*, where his wife was taking a leading role. Blythe Forrest may be better known to you as Detective Sergeant Jackie Reid in the television series *Taggart*.

I am looking forward to hosting a dinner of many of our ex-Deacons on 29 June. At the time of writing, there will be eleven of us, together with Late Collector Patries. Those at the dinner will represent much of the history of the last 20 years of our Craft. I hope this will extend into an annual event and ensure the active support of our Deacons. The following day, I hope to attend the Garden Party at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. For those of you who think the role of Deacon is onerous, do not be fooled. There is some hard work but there are some real delights to enjoy.

Ex Deacon Stan and Inez Hutchison represented the Incorporation at the Annual Trades House Tea Party. Stan also represents us on the Board of the Deacons' Association. Ex Deacon Annemieke Cunningham and Late Deacon Hamilton Purdie represent us on two major Funds as you will find in the article below. We contribute fully to House activities and, I believe, we are very effective in these contributions.

We are well on our way to providing prizes to health professionals at Glasgow Caledonian university. Collector Anne Steele, supported by Late Collector Patries MacIntyre, has created a fantastic new relationship with the University and we have agreed prizes for Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Nursing. I, together with Anne, will attend the Graduation Ceremony of the University in July to present two of these Awards. We are still in discussion with Glasgow University and hope to announce new prizes there too. With the help of Ex-convener Roy Scott, we have agreed to fund an evening with the University of Glasgow Medico-Chirurgical Society where the students will present research papers. The most outstanding paper will be rewarded with a cash prize. While these various activities increase awareness of the Incorporation across young health professionals, our principle purpose is to meet our charity obligations in the area of education.

Finally, as we look forward, we do need active support of our members. We have spaces on the Master Court; we need leaders of the future; there are new initiatives we need to develop. Please consider how you can make the Incorporation relevant not only to the City we serve but also to you. Please be in touch to share your ideas.

Ian

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COMMONWEAL FUND

Late Deacon Hamilton Purdie and Ex Deacon Annemieke Cunningham both serve on the Commonweal Fund Committee. This fund is to be used for any good and pious use which may tend to the advancement of the "commonweal" of the Burgh. The House has been making grants in the widest sense for worthwhile causes. The Committee meets twice a year and has a free hand to make grants to all schemes for social improvement. Child welfare; social and moral training of youth; charitable and educational schemes, and schemes for the advancement of education or for scientific study or research. For example a grant was recently awarded to the Clyde Maritime Trust (Glenlee) for the new education flat and another one to St Georges & St Peters Community Association to take a group of 40 pensioners, from Easterhouse to Largs on a summer outing. Both Hamilton and Annemieke find the work extremely rewarding.

For more information go to: www.tradeshouse.org.uk/The_Commonweal_Fund.asp

DRAPERS FUND

Ex Deacon Annemieke Cunningham is also involved in the Drapers Fund. In considering appeals, the Manager (Anthony Warnock) is assisted by a committee of three, supported by the administration of Trades House. The Committee meets regularly to avoid long waiting periods before applicants are advised of the result of their appeal. A total amount available for distribution on a yearly basis is circa £50,000. At present funds have been used to give small sums for the support of children and their carers where there is great need. Another part of the fund is spent in grants to the adopter of a child (or to the guardian of an orphaned adopted child) but only in cases where hardship is shown. The balance of the income is disbursed among charities, organisations for the benefit of children and where appropriate directly to individual families. Reading through some of the applications, Annemieke, finds heartbreaking. It is very humbling to realise how much hardship there is in society. Annemieke feels very privileged to be part of this extremely worthwhile aspect of the work of the House.

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Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Barbers of London

Ex-Deacon Annemieke Cunningham (far right back row) joined the 3 other new Freemen (back row) on the 3rd March 2009 when she was granted the personal honour of becoming a Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Barbers of London. Master Adam Lewis, the other members of the Court and the Company invited the new Freemen to a wonderful reception and dinner at night. It was a very memorable day especially since they were made very welcome.

Photo Gallery



Kirking 2008

Photo ltr: Hamilton Purdie (Late Deacon) Ian Thomson (Deacon) & Anne Steele (Late Collector)



Box Opening in the Saloon at the Tradeshouse 2008

With unforgettable 'Ferrerro Rocher Moments'

Photo ltr: Ian Thomson (Deacon), Cailean Reed, & Mhairi and Ex Deacon of the Hammermen, Gordon MacIennan.



Barbers Annual Dinner Dance 2009

The visitation of the Incorporation of Coopers, where we are being presented with aprons. The Late Collector's chain was presented by Late Deacon Hamilton Purdie on that same evening. Photo ltr: Ian Thomson (Deacon) & Patries MacIntyre (Late Collector), Keith Brown (Deacon of the Coopers) and his Collector.



Barbers Annual Dinner Dance 2009

Ian & Cailean with Mario Pretorius a member who was one of the Dinner Speakers, who flew over from South Africa with his expecting wife, Leanette.



Barbers Annual Dinner Dance 2009

Photo ltr: Anne Steele (Collector) and Prize winner Hannah Riddell, of Langside College, who is carrying out her traineeship at Cailean Reed's Hairdressing Salon: 'I C Hair and Beauty, Coatbridge'.



Book launch by Roy Scott 2009

'50 Years of Deacons at the Trades House'.

Roy Scott is joined by fellow Barbers at the book signing:

Photo ltr: Ex-Deacon Stanley & Mrs Inez Hutchison, Cailean Reed, Ex-Convener Ian Dunsmore, the Deacon and ex-Deacon of the Masons, Jack Steele.





Mariners & Skippers Society – First Muster 2009

The Barbers are well represented at the resurrected Trades House Mariners & Skippers Society. Unfortunately Hamilton Purdie and Roy Scott could not join their first Muster but still a good turn up of the Barbers was made. Photo ltr: Barbers Muster at Rothesay Marina: Duncan Cunningham (Commodore), Annemieke Cunningham, Victor Noguera, Patries MacIntyre and Alastair MacIntyre (Vice Commodore). Maybe the Burgee colours will remind you of a certain Trade.



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INCORPORATION OF BARBERS GLASGOW

Master Court 2008-09

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Ian R Thomson, Anne Steele

Hamilton M G Purdie, Patries M MacIntyre

Deacon's Master

Annemieke Cunningham

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DIARY DATES 2009 - 2010

Lamas Court and Tailshaking Meeting:

Thursday 27 August 2009 in the South Gallery at the Trades Hall.

Deacon's Choosing:

11am, Friday 18th September 2009 in the South Gallery of the Trades Hall and Deacon's choosing lunch afterwards. Open to all members.

Kirking Glasgow Cathedral:

11am, Sunday 18 October 2009. All members welcome.

Box Opening Dinner:

7pm for 7.30pm Tuesday 1 December 2009, with partners, in the Saloon of the Trades Hall.

New Members Cocktail Party:

7.30pm Thursday 13 January 2010, in the Western Club following Members Meeting in Trades Hall at 6pm.

BARBERS DINNER DANCE:

6.15pm for 6.45pm FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2010

Master Court and Members Meeting: in the South Gallery of the Trades Hall

The Master Court meeting starts at 5.30pm and the Members meeting at 6.00pm

on the following dates (Wednesdays):

21 Oct 2009, 13 Jan 2010

14 April 2010, 16 June 2010

Please inform the clerk of your attendance for any of the above meetings.

Obituary



It is with great sadness that we have to announce the recent death of one of our members, Neilson Stevenson. Neilson was heavily involved in the House being a Past Master of Trades House Lodge, an ex Deacon of the Bonnetmakers, an ex Visitor of the Maltmen, and Past President of the Association of Deacons. He was one of life's gentlemen and will be sadly missed by all those who knew him.