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THE DRAPERS' FUND

I was deeply honoured to receive the position as Drapers' Manager last November. Like many in the House I was aware of the fund which James Inglis set up in 1918 but had not realised just how our society is failing to assist those less fortunate than ourselves within our own City of Glasgow.



The Drapers' Fund Manager Hamilton Purdie and his Committee accept a £20,000 cheque from Maureen Holmes Henderson.

I am assisted by a committee of three - Alison Dick, Scott Waugh and Ford McFarlane, together with Myra Ramsay and her Trades House staff who provide secretarial support. We meet every few weeks and receive over 300 requests for assistance throughout the year, generally from social work and NHS offices in the Glasgow area. These heart rending appeals are reviewed and assistance given where possible, although there is a three-fold shortfall of money available compared to appeals received.

It has been an extremely rewarding experience and we will continue to seek monies to bolster funds. I would like to thank the Weavers, Bakers, Bonnetmakers & Dyers, and Trades House Ladies Association for their very generous donations this year. We are most grateful to Director of the Company of Stationers of Glasgow, Maureen Holmes Henderson - wife of Ex Deacon of the Bakers Robert Holmes Henderson - who managed to secure £20,000 for our Fund when the Company was wound up recently.

As any contributions would be gratefully received by the Drapers' Fund, please contact me at the Trades House office or via Myra Ramsay email: myra.ramsay@tradeshouse.org.uk

Hamilton M G Purdie, Drapers' Fund Manager

KEEP IN TOUCH

Welcome to the November 2012 edition of the Craftsman, which we hope you enjoy. Thanks to all our contributors who have helped fill its pages.

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FOUR CENTURIES HONoured



The Rt Rev Dr Idris Jones (left) with Col John L Kelly.

Honouring four centuries of tradition, an historic ceremony at the Trades Hall heralded the election of Colonel John Lewis Kelly MBE BSc FRGS as Deacon Convener of the Trades of Glasgow and the Right Reverend Dr Idris Jones as Collector. They will lead the organisation until October 2013.

John, who also assumes the role of Third Citizen of Glasgow for one year, retired in 2011 as a senior army officer following an extensive military career that took him across the world. He continues his links with the military through his role as UK Representative Cadet Colonel for the Army Cadet Force, the most senior position in the ACF. John is also a director of Securigroup, Scotland's largest indigenous security company.

Supporting the Deacon Convener in his role of Collector is the Rt Rev Dr Idris Jones, the former Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, who was elected Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church in 2006 and retired in July 2009.

"I was born and schooled in Glasgow, educated at the University of Glasgow and my army career was served in the City of Glasgow Regiment, the Royal Highland Fusiliers," said John, who is an Ex Deacon of the Incorporation of Tailors (2007-08) and member of the Incorporations of Wrights and Bonnetmakers & Dyers. "You could say that Glasgow runs through my veins. Now my appointment to serve our great city by taking on this office is such a great honour."

John was educated at Allan Glen's School, Glasgow, graduated from the University of Glasgow with BSc (Hons) Geography in 1972, then achieved a Secondary Teaching Certificate at Jordanhill Teacher Training College. During his military career, which began in the Territorial Army in 1968 before he was commissioned into the Regular Army with the 1st Battalion Royal Highland Fusiliers in 1974, he was awarded the MBE for his services in HQ Northern Ireland.

John is also a member of the Merchants House of Glasgow, a Community Councillor for Kilmarnock Community Council, West Dunbartonshire, and a Director of the Glasgow Buildings Preservation Trust. He lives with his wife Alison in Gartocharn and the couple have a daughter Louise (27), and son John (22).

Idris graduated from St David's University College, Lampeter in 1964 with a Bachelor of Arts, before studying for his Licentiate in Theology at the University of Edinburgh. He was ordained Deacon in 1967 and Priest in 1968. He has served as Curate of Stafford Parish Church, Precentor of St Paul's Cathedral in Dundee, Vicar of St Hugh's in Gosforth, Rector of Montrose and Inverbervie and was awarded his doctorate by the New York Theological Seminary in 1984. In 1989 he became Anglican Chaplain to the University of Dundee and Rector of Invergowrie. From 1992 to 1998 he was Rector for South Ayrshire until his election as Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway.

Idris, who is a former Patron of Hutcheson's Hospital and Governor of Hutcheson's Grammar School from 2000 to 2009, is Provincial Grand Chaplain Glasgow and Junior Grand Chaplain Grand Lodge of Scotland. He is a Director of the Merchants House of Glasgow and an Ex Deacon of the Incorporation of Skinners and Glovers. Idris and his wife Alison, who live in Largs, have two sons.

VIEW FROM THE PLATFORM

The Platform is the executive committee of the Trades House of Glasgow, chaired by the Deacon Convener and including the Collector, Late Collector and Late Convener. They are advised by the Clerk of the House and his assistants when dealing with the everyday running of the organisation. The Platform reports to the House at its quarterly meetings.



As I sit down to pen this view from the Platform, it is a mere five days since I was elected as Deacon Convener of the Trades of Glasgow and third citizen of this noble city. We enjoyed a pleasant Deacon Convener's Dinner on 10 October at which the Lord Mayor-elect of London, Alderman Roger Gifford, was one of our guests. It is to be hoped that we will continue to cement the good relations between our great cities. The Deacon Convener's Lady held a parallel and equally successful dinner in the Western

Club, which was enjoyed by 55 ladies amongst whom was a significant number of Ex Convener's ladies.

The new Conventionship and House are but days into their being, so looking forward at this stage involves a degree of crystal ball gazing. We do know however that we face a number of challenges from the outset:

- Grooms, our longstanding and highly regarded caterers, contract came to an end some weeks ago. I wish to thank Grooms, and in particular Nancy Braid, for their excellent service to the House, which has been greatly appreciated. The new caterer, the G1/Corinthian Group has now commenced their partnership with us and we must work together as they learn to service our needs. To date the standard of food and service provided have been excellent.
- Our Clerk to the House Iain Paterson is retiring in the Spring of next year. Iain has done an outstanding job for the House and finding a worthy successor to him will be a significant undertaking.
- The Strategic Task Force under the Chairmanship of Ex Convener T Malcolm T Wishart, supported by Ex Convener David Dobson has only just started

their study into the governance structure of the House. The Task Force is expected to report mid 2013. Given our finite resources, whilst these first order matters are addressed other business and initiatives must, by necessity, mark time.

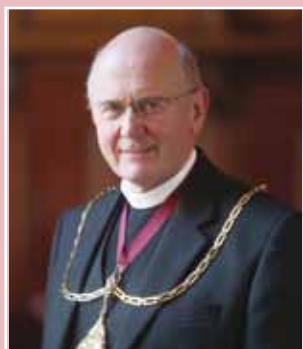
As the new House settles into the rhythm of the Trades year, we are entering the high tempo but enjoyable season of the Incorporations Choosing Dinners. These are immensely enjoyable for all concerned and a social celebration of the hard work of the Incorporations in advancing the benevolent, charitable, educational and promotional work of our Crafts.

In the New Year, we look forward to hosting and celebrating the successful Modern Apprentice of the Year Award, Schools Craft Competition, School Citizenship Competition and the enormously popular Craftex. My thanks go to the hardworking members and ex members of the House who make these initiatives possible and to the Crafts who contribute to the mounting of these events.

It is traditional for each "Chain Gang" to raise money for a nominated charity during their year in office. This is principally achieved through the medium of the Glasgow Ball which will be held on 11 May 2013 in the Glasgow Hilton. The chosen charity is Combat Stress, which is the Veterans Mental Health Society. A small but significantly growing number of veterans leave the Armed Forces with severe psychological wounds, as a result of their service to our country. One of the three UK treatment centres is located south west of Glasgow at Hollybush House. Money raised will be used in the current programme of renovation and upgrading of facilities and treatment regimes. Please come along to enjoy yourselves at a grand ball and support Combat Stress.

Nothing more remains but to wish you and your dear ones a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Col John L Kelly, Deacon Convener



I look forward to supporting Col John Kelly as he leads the new House through a successful year. To be invited to serve the House as Collector is a great honour, and offers an opportunity for service to the House and to the community of Glasgow through the many charitable operations of Trades House.

A great city like Glasgow needs the positive encouragement of all that is best in its life and in the life of its citizens. This is a contribution that the Trades House is uniquely placed to offer. To be a part of that feels great.

The Rt Rev Dr Idris Jones, Collector

It was a great honour to be asked to take on the role of Collector of the House, which was a busy and a rewarding experience. During my year, the House made good financial progress, mainly due to increased income from the two shop units located either side of the Trades Hall main entrance and with improved rentals. The Hall is now less of a financial burden on the House, a position that promises to continue into the future.

Our investments have also done well and maintained a healthy income to allow us to continue our charitable giving. We have been fortunate in receiving some large bequests, which will help build up our investment portfolio.

Our very active Building Committee carried out many essential maintenance projects throughout the year, including repairs to the roof and major

plumbing work. They have also been major players in securing our new catering contract with the G1 Group, which promises to bring increased Hall rentals - a very welcome additional income. Taking all this into account, we are now in an exciting period of the Hall's recent history and I am optimistic about our future.

Hamish C Brodie, Late Collector



BURNSIAN AWARDS

Pupils from Garrowhill and St Fillan's Primary Schools lifted the top awards in the inaugural Robert Burns Festival, promoted by the Trades House and aimed at primary 6 and 7 pupils throughout Glasgow. Pictured with the now Late Convener Jack Steele are prize pupils (from left) Heather Scott of Garrowhill Primary, who won the Singing trophy, Jack Gartley, also Garrowhill, Verse Speaking, and Peter Tompkins of St Fillan's, Instrument. The Burns Festival will take place on Saturday 23 March 2013 in the Renfield St Stephen's Church Centre followed by an evening prizegiving awards concert in the Trades Hall on Monday 15 April.



CHAIN GANG VISITS

The Chain Gang 2011-12 enjoyed a number of social highlights.



A visit to Faslane as guests of Rear Admiral Chris Hockley included a tour of a nuclear submarine. The Chain Gang also visited BAE Systems for a tour of the Type 45 Destroyer HMS Defender, and presented a plaque and quaich to mark the ship's affiliation to the Trades House of Glasgow.



A touch of tartan was brought to the City Livery Club Dinner at the Lord Mayor's official London residence, the Mansion House. During this first-ever visit, the now Late Convener Jack Steele presented an engraved Trades House quaich to the Club.



The trip included a guided tour of the Guild Hall by former Lord Mayor Nick Anstee – sitting in the Lord Mayor's chair – and a visit to the Butcher, Baker and Candlestick Maker 850 Years of the Livery Treasures Exhibition.

TRADES IN GLASS

A competition run by the Trades House and its 14 Trades, invited City of Glasgow College students to design a stained glass window that celebrated the historic links between the city and the Maryhill trades. It was an innovative way to celebrate the past and encourage the next generation of designers and craftspeople. Winning student, Agnes MacLean, depicted the shields of the House and Trades against a starburst background in her design. Now her window has been generously gifted to the Maryhill Burgh Halls Trust, where it has been placed on prime display alongside many of the original 20 windows, designed by Stephen Adam in 1878. Each depicts a craft carried out by the Trades at that time. Agnes was joined at the unveiling by the now Late Convener Jack Steele, the then Late Convener Jimmy Miller, and the Ex Deacons responsible for the project on behalf of the 2010-11 Chain Gang – Ian Gray of the Skinners; Jim Roulston, Cordiners; and Henry Perfect, Hammermen.



ANNUAL LECTURE

Professor Muffy Calder, the Scottish Government's Chief Scientific Advisor, delivered this year's Trades House of Glasgow public lecture – 'Think like a computer...it's good for you, for science, for business, and the nation.' It was hosted by the University of Glasgow. She is pictured with the now Late Convener Jack Steele, receiving a commemorative Trades House plate to mark the occasion.



MEDICAL PRIZE

Sabrina Rossi has won the Trades House Medical Prize worth £500. She is pictured with the now Late Convener Jack Steele and Professor Anton Muscatelli, Principal and Vice Chancellor of the University of Glasgow.



HOUSE DINNERS

Following his election on Wednesday 10 October 2012, the first formal duty for Deacon Convener Col John L Kelly was to host the 407th Annual Dinner in the grandeur of the Trades Hall.

Joining John in the line up of principal speakers were Major General Euan Loudon CBE, Chief Executive of St Andrews Links Trust, Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow Councillor Sadie Docherty, John Collins CBE, and Brian Evans, Deacon of the Incorporation of Masons.

On the same evening, the Deacon Convener's wife Alison hosted the Deacon Convener's Lady's Dinner in the Western Club, joined by the Ex Conveners' ladies, along with the wives and partners of the principal guests and Chain Gang.

The Craftsman brings you this round-up of photographs from both events.



CLEAN SWEEP FOR BAE



Julia with HRH The Duke of Gloucester and the now Late Convener Jack Steele.

Julia Wallace (aged 28), a third year marine electrical engineer apprentice with BAE Systems Maritime Naval Ships, beat stiff competition to win the Trades House of Glasgow Modern Apprentice of the Year Award 2012 (MAYA), sponsored by the Weir Group PLC. Second and third places went to her colleagues, third year mechanical engineering apprentice Greg Cameron (aged 26 - 2nd), and systems welding apprentice David Crawford (aged 21 - 3rd), who had just recently completed his apprenticeship.

Julia, who has learned her trade working on the Type 45 Destroyers, the most advanced warships in the world, was presented with her prize of an inscribed trophy by HRH The Duke of Gloucester. While this will remain on display in the Trades Hall, she also received an inscribed replica, a cash prize of £300 for further study and a certificate. Greg was presented with a prize of £200 and David of £100 towards relevant further study along with certificates.

"MAYA was introduced by the Trades House in 2006 to encourage the broad spectrum of apprenticeships for young people or for those seeking a career change," said the now Late Convener Jack Steele. "We are most grateful for the sponsorship support of the Weir Group, which helped us bring MAYA to fruition this year."

KELVINDALE PRIMARY TAKES CITIZENSHIP TITLE



The now Late Convener Jack Steele and the now Late Collector Hamish Brodie visited Kelvindale Primary School to meet the children, teachers and staff, and present the Citizenship plaque.

Kelvindale Primary School in Glasgow was awarded the Trades House of Glasgow Citizenship Award 2012, in recognition of its great work in engaging the children in school, local and wider community projects. Now in its 13th year, the award encourages and rewards good citizenship in pre-5, primary, secondary and special needs schools across the city. It is supported by Glasgow City Council Education Department.

Kelvindale Primary beat stiff competition from the other finalists, Pollokshields Primary, Royston Primary, Scotstoun Primary, St Stephen's Primary, Bonnybroom Nursery, Woodacre Nursery, All Saints RC Secondary and Lourdes Secondary. A highly commended award, introduced for the first time this year, was awarded to reflect the outstanding contribution by Scotstoun Primary School, which was separated by just a few points from Kelvindale.

IT'S ALL IN

Since it was established in 1605, the Trades House of Glasgow and its 14 Incorporated Trades have helped shape Glasgow into the City it is today. It has made its mark by playing a pivotal and progressive role in training, or fostering trade and industry, through a wide variety of initiatives, some of which are featured in this centre spread.

COMBAT STRESS... Charity of the year

Deacon Convener Col John L Kelly and his 2012-13 Chain Gang are to raise funds at the Glasgow Ball in May 2013 for Combat Stress, the country's leading mental health charity specialising in the treatment of veterans since 1919. The funds will go towards the modernisation of Hollybush House, south west Glasgow, Scotland's only centre for the treatment of veterans with serious mental health issues brought on by their service to the country.

"Our chosen charity for the year is something close to my heart," said Col John Kelly. "To help bring their Scottish facilities up-to-date, our target is to raise £25,000, predominantly at our 12th annual fundraising Glasgow Ball on Saturday 11 May in the prestigious Glasgow Hilton.

"They fought our Wars - we now need to help them fight their difficult battles on the road to recovery. The money raised will assist the ongoing treatment of ex-service personnel who urgently need your support in Scotland, so please join us for what is sure to prove a most enjoyable, entertaining evening, and all for a very worthy cause."

Currently Combat Stress provides support for more than 700 ex-service men and women in Scotland and a network of multi-disciplinary community outreach services, as well as short stay treatment at Hollybush House. They treat conditions such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, depression and anxiety disorders. Services are free of charge to help veterans rebuild their lives, including a 24-hour helpline for current and ex-Service personnel and their families.

Kath Provan, Fundraising Officer for Combat Stress in Scotland said: "We are delighted to have been selected by the Trades House to be their chosen charity. It will not only mean a fantastic support financially, but will also provide us with a further opportunity to raise awareness about the services that Combat Stress provides to support our ex Service men and women, as they try to rebuild their lives in society. We are looking forward to a successful and entertaining evening."

At the Ball, there will be a champagne reception with entertainment from 7pm, followed by a welcome from the Deacon Convener, Reverse Bingo, dinner and a cabaret in the Grand Ballroom. Throughout the evening, there will be opportunities to participate in the Tombola, Silent Auction and other fundraising events to help reach the £25,000 target.

To donate to the tombola or auction, please contact the Ball organisers directly.



"Since leaving the Services I get nightmares, disturbed sleep and panic attacks. I don't like going out on public transport because of my panic attacks. Since being in Bosnia, I have had problems eating and I can't eat in front of people." David

THE GIVING

Benevolence has also been at its very foundation. Now a registered charity widely viewed as a centre of excellence in the administration of trusts and legacies, the Trades House manages funds in excess of £14 million. Donations of more than £600,000 are awarded each year to deserving causes and individuals across the city of Glasgow, and considerable resources are also devoted to general benevolent work.



Out of the Shadows –

"Combat Stress is still assisting veterans from the Falklands War and the more recent Northern Ireland conflict. The six week programme is changing lives for the better and helping lives at their lowest ebb." Dr Walter Busitill, Director of Medical Services.

The Glasgow Ball - Ticket Application

Ticket prices have been held at £70, with tables of 10 or 12 available. Assistance can be given for making up tables. Application forms can be downloaded from www.tradeshouse.org.uk and, once completed, returned to the Ball organisers, along with cheques made payable to the Trades House of Glasgow to:

Glasgow Ball 2013
Events House
426 Drumoyne Road
Glasgow G51 4DA
Tel: 0141 892 6113
Fax: 0141 892 6199
Email: eventsco@globalnet.co.uk

While carriages are 12.30am, the Glasgow Hilton is offering a special room rate (single or double room) of £130 including breakfast – please quote ref: PR22FG. Dress is black tie.



The Glasgow Ball 2012 (top table guests pictured above) and Tall Ship Dinner this year managed to raise a whopping £31,500, allowing the 2011-12 Chain Gang to present two specialist vehicles (pictured above) with a five-year maintenance package to their chosen charity East Park, a much-loved special needs school in Maryhill. Each vehicle carries the name and logo of the Trades House of Glasgow.



Craftex winners Lynn (right) and Katie.

COAT CREATOR WINS CRAFTEX

A coat-dress has won its creator, North Glasgow College student Lynn Cochran, best in show gold medal honours at Craftex 2012, the Trades House of Glasgow's annual craft awards and exhibition. It showcases the very best traditional and modern crafts, design and technology skills taught at Glasgow's colleges across 26 categories. The Deacon Convener's Best Design award went to Cardonald College student Katie Roberts-Wood for her white jacket.

The event was sponsored by the Deutsche Bank Private Wealth Management, Melville Exhibitions, Glasgow City Council, Thomas Tunnock Ltd, J Chandler & Co, the Merchants House of Glasgow, Scottish Engineering, the Weavers Society of Anderston and the 14 Incorporated Trades of Glasgow. The competition was judged by Margaret McCulloch MSP for Central Scotland.

LAMP VOTED TOPS

Willis Morris, a 6th year pupil at Holyrood Secondary School, took the overall prize in the Trades House School Craft Competition for his stylised Highland lamp with wrought ironwork antlers. He was one of more than 60 pupils from secondary schools across Glasgow



Late Convener Jack Steele with Willis Morris.

who had their craftsmanship rewarded by the Trades House. The Competition is supported by Glasgow City Council Education Department. The Deacon Convener's Achievement Award was won by Drumchapel High School.

CRAFT NEWS...

Find out more about the work of each Craft at the revamped website www.tradeshouse.org.uk

TAILORS...MUSICAL NOTES

The Tailors activities for the year got off to a flying start in September with their annual Musical Evening held in the Trades Hall. Once again members and their guests were treated to an evening of superb entertainment, which kicked off with the Glasgow Academy Pipe Band.

The Tailors have a strong connection with the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland who provided a truly international billing with Baritone Dan O'Connor from New Zealand, Sasha Savaloni from Iran and Julia Lynch, who was born in Dublin but raised in Aberdeen. Dan sang a fantastic selection of songs from around the world in his rich baritone voice, beautifully accompanied by Julia on piano. Sacha on classical guitar was sensational with equally global pieces.

Members and guests went home having been wonderfully entertained and well fed by a sumptuous buffet. Some even had prizes from the fundraising raffle.

STOP PRESS: Next year's event has been scheduled for 30 August 2013.

Whale Rescue - Sea Shepherd UK, took part in a rescue of pilot whales, which had mass stranded at the base of cliffs on a rocky shingle beach in Fife. Rescuers were from the Scottish volunteer group based in Glasgow, established in 2010 thanks to the generosity of the Incorporation of Tailors.

Thanks to trained Marine Mamal Medics, including Ex Deacon of the Tailors David Scott, they rescued ten - a fantastic result. The photo below, courtesy of Fiona Borthwick, shows rescuers preparing to return the last whale to sea. For further information, contact David at Scotland@seashepherd.org



BARBERS...

The then Deacon of the Barbers Ross McWilliams took on the Glasgow Half Marathon, decked out in his Craft's colours, raising more than £300 for East Park, the Maryhill special needs school.

BONNETMAKERS & DYERS...MEMBERS EVENING



A millinery talk and demonstration by Nancy Paxton and Anne Wood from North Glasgow College, followed by a fashion show courtesy of their students, was just one of the features of a terrific members evening for the Bonnetmakers & Dyers.

The now Late Convener Jack Steele presented the Craft's silver bonnet pin to the most outstanding student 2012, Diane Chapman from North Glasgow College. Jack and Diane are pictured with one of the students modelling her work, and Late Deacon Karen McKenna-Shand.



The Craft was also treated to a preview of the Commonwealth Games tartan, designed by 15 year old school boy Aamir Mehmood from Shawlands Academy. Aamir, who won a competition to provide an iconic and colourful design to feature at the 2014 Games, is pictured with Jack, Karen and his winning tartan.



The youngest and most senior Masons.



Archie with grandad Alan and Late Convener Jack Steele, also a Mason.



Young Archie tries out the Mason's lectern with the new Deacon Brian Evans.

MASONS...

At the Masons' Choosing meeting, the Craft was graced with the presence of the youngest and oldest members of the Craft - two-year-old Archie, grandson of Ex Deacon Alan MacLennan and quite possibly a Deacon of the future, and 90-year-old James Hamilton Smith, who is a bit of a legend in rugby circles where he is very affectionately known as 'Jimmy the Pie'.

WRIGHTS...



Students in the grand surroundings of the Trades Hall with Alex and a sample of the many artefacts being recorded.

Craft thanks college students - the Trades House and Wrights held a presentation to thank the learners from John Wheatley College's Digital Media & Computing and Photography Programmes for all their hard work over the past year. The students have been assisting them compile and record their valuable and extensive archive of papers, materials, gifts and artefacts contributed by a succession of retiring Deacons. Some of the items have great historical interest, such as a tea caddy, which purportedly belonged to Robert the Bruce, and a shawl once worn by Mary Queen of Scots.

HNC Digital Media & Computing student, Thomas Macdonald, has helped compile a database and designed an interactive website. Other Crafts are watching the archive develop and have already expressed an interest. There is a global army of amateur genealogists and ancestor seekers who regularly make enquiries of the Trades House in their heritage hunt and the new website will be an excellent reference resource for them. The Trades House is also in discussion with the National Museums of Scotland to help support the legacy of the Guilds in Glasgow.

Deacon John's Choosing Dinner - Deacon Dr John Smail's Choosing Dinner to celebrate his year as 413th Deacon saw more than 200 fellow Deacons, Wrights, Queen Patricia, guests and friends came together in a spirit of fun and friendship to enjoy a wonderful evening. As always with Deacon John, a bit of panache is never far away, and the tone was set as the top table guests were welcomed into the hall by a trumpet fanfare, composed by Ex Deacon, David McMillan. Guests came from far and wide to join the celebrations, and included several students and staff from John Wheatley College who were presented with prizes in appreciation of their artefact work. Following his incredible success as Collector, with over 70 new members, Deacon John's vision for his time in office promises to add an exciting and lasting chapter in the long history of Wrights.



HAMMERMEN...

Princess Royal presents - The Hammermen celebrated the 50th anniversary of their prize initiative for young engineers earlier this year. Special certificates and mementos were presented to the winners by Honorary Hammerman, HRH The Princess Royal, who addressed the winners and assembled guests. The Prince Philip prizewinners were Jason Duncan of Stow College and Susie Smart of the University of Strathclyde, pictured below receiving their awards from The Princess Royal.



Pensioners' Outing - the Hammermen Service Group's pensioner summer outing to Green Hotel, Kinross, attracted more than 100 people who enjoyed drinks on arrival before tucking into a three-course lunch and later afternoon tea. Despite the first wet outing for many years, some took an extra coach trip around Loch Leven, while others walked into town or stayed in the hotel.



New spring outing - This year's annual Hammermen Service Group outing to the pantomime is to be replaced with a spring excursion to see FAME at the Kings Theatre on 6 March 2013. The announcement has been greeted very favourably by the group, as it reduces the chances of winter weather interfering with the popular outing.



Summer outing – will take place late August 2013.

WEAVERS...



'The Incorporation of Weavers' Trades House Glasgow
The Incorporation are pleased to announce

A Scholarship Specifically for Weavers

- Eligibility:** Applications are invited from a practicing weaver with at least two years experience of weaving after graduating from College or University. The applicant should be either Scottish or working in Scotland.
- Grant:** The successful Applicant will receive a one off Grant between £500 & £2000 subject to individual eligibility.
- Purpose:** This grant could be used to assist the applicant in developing their skills of weaving, a travel sabbatical, or purchase equipment to further their weaving career.
The fund will be available biennially.
- Application:** Forms & further details are available from:
Iain A Paterson, Clerk to the Incorporation of Weavers,
Administration Centre, Trades House of Glasgow,
85 Glassford Street, Glasgow G1 1UH
T. 0141 553 1605

Closing date 31st January 2013

MALTMEN...



In a continuing programme that recognises excellence in Glasgow public houses, the Maltmen handed out their 2012 awards to three hostelries. Representing the Craft at the presentation were Late Visitor John G Harris, Clerk T Wilson Aitken and Ex Visitor Richard J Barbour.

The Maltmen plaques were presented to the winning proprietors and senior staff at a ceremony in one of the winning premises, The Station Bar in Port Dundas Road, one of the few remaining private, family owned pubs in central Glasgow.

The Maltmen used to police public houses and hostelries in Glasgow to ensure beer was to a standard of excellence acceptable to the citizenry, - not watered down and brewed in an appropriate manner. Today, recipients were chosen from a short list compiled by the Master Court after a debate on the suitability of contenders.

Pictured from left are: Roddy Young - Drum and Monkey; Wilson Aitken, Russell Burt and Paul McDonagh - Bon Accord Bar; John Harris; Richard Barbour; Mary Watson - The Station Bar; Robin Thomson - Drum and Monkey; and Derek Watson - The Station Bar.

SKINNERS...

The Skinners' year kicks off in November with its annual dinner where new Deacon Laura Lambie looks forward to welcoming members and their guests.

"After a very busy year with much to look back upon, I'd like to congratulate Chris on a great year in office as Deacon of the Skinners," said Laura. "I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage Skinners to participate in future Trades House sporting events including the curling, fishing and men's and ladies' golf competitions.

"I was delighted to be part of our ladies' golf team who won the silver salver at Cathkin Braes Golf Club and congratulate my team-mate Mary Hardie, who won the best overall score. If you are interested in any of the sporting events, please drop me an email at laura.lambie@investecwin.co.uk."

Fishing also featured in the year's activities with two Skinner events providing an opportunity for ladies to participate in the sport. Fishing Convener, Roger Drapper, will be organising events for next year and beyond. At the Trades House Competition, the Skinners' team comprising Tom Gilchrist plus Roger and Christopher Drapper were a close second for the team prize. Congratulations go to Roger who scooped a double - the Train Trophy for landing the heaviest fish, as well as the newly presented Michael Beale Reel award for the heaviest fish caught by a Craftsman under 60.

Late Deacon Chris Drapper said: "There have been some personal highlights such as visits to HMS Defender, the Chain Gang outing to Pittenweem, lunch on the Hebridean Princess, the dinner organised on the Glenlee by the Chain Gang wives and many more that have contributed to making this a busy and varied year.

"I would like to wish Laura, our new Deacon, and Kim Macintyre, her Collector, all the very best for this coming year. This is a momentous time for the Skinners with ladies at the helm. We look forward to fresh and new ideas to take us forward."

COOPERS... CLOSER INSPECTION



The Master Courts of the Incorporation of Coopers of Glasgow and the Worshipful Company of Coopers in London formalised a Cooperation Agreement on Youth & Education. It was signed in the presence of the Earl of Wessex, already an Honourable Member of the Coopers of Glasgow. On the same day, the Earl became the first member of the Royal Family to be clothed in the Coopers' Livery. He is pictured in his finery with Late Deacon John Balding (left), and Master Peter Timms.

Future hopes -

at a reception in the Coopers' Hall Museum, the Earl spoke with young people sponsored by the Coopers, after they had recounted their activities, and how they had



benefited from being associated with the Companies. Leading-Cadet Kimberley Jamieson represented the Glasgow Sea Cadet Unit, TS Galatea, based at the Tall Ship. She is applying to the Royal Navy to become a mine warfare specialist. Photographed with The Earl of Wessex are from left, Tim Hindson, Laura James, Rachel Tresman and Kimberley Jamieson.

Presentations

— thanks to the burgeoning whisky trade, the Coopers made more than 30 presentations of sets of tools to apprentices — a record number. The Craft is very proud to be able to provide this unique support to its trade. The now Late Deacon John Balding is pictured with two apprentices at Speyside Cooperage.



GARDENERS...

Let Glasgow Flourish - 45 Glasgow businesses were congratulated at the annual Let Glasgow Flourish Awards, one of the highlights of the Gardeners' Calendar. The event encourages businesses around the city to add colour to their surroundings, through the use of window boxes, garden areas, containers or hanging baskets. The winners received their awards at a prestigious ceremony in the historic Trades Hall, which saw the Kirklee Hotel announced as overall winner. Owner, Douglas Rogen, is pictured with the Robertson Silver Spade along with other winners, former Lord Provost Bob Winter and now the Late Convener Jack Steele.



Commenting on this year's awards, the now Late Deacon Rod Ashley congratulated all those attending and said: "Each year our team of judges walk for miles looking for businesses that have gone the extra mile and worked hard to brighten their premises by adding flowers, colour and greenery. I am delighted to see so many businesses being represented here today."

Proud to care - senior members of the Craft visited ex-service charity, Erskine, to plant a tree in memory of Ex Deacon Bill Hunter who passed away there in September 2010. He was Deacon of the Gardeners in 1963-64 and a former Deacon Convener of the Trades of Glasgow. Guest of honour was his widow Kay Hunter accompanied by her son, John – pictured with the now Late Deacon Rod Ashley. She ceremonially planted a red oak. The Craft also supported the Horticultural Therapy project at Erskine with a donation of £5,000, a worthwhile addition to facilities, that directly benefits ex servicemen in Glasgow and the West of Scotland.



Hogweed Hysteria and Knotty Knotweed

The Gardeners were delighted to continue their sponsorship of a lecture at the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow, where Professor James Dickson delivered an interesting, illustrated talk on invasive plants in Glasgow and elsewhere. His key message was that measures adopted for the control of invasive non-native plants such as Giant Hogweed and Japanese Knotweed for the purposes of nature conservation are wrong, leading to the needless expenditure of very large sums of money nationwide. He explained how measures stem from attitudes that are fundamentally emotional and not based on sound scientific reasoning. What is needed is a new pragmatism with rigorously applied narrow aims and not spendthrift wars of attrition that are ultimately futile.



Sponsorship - In collaboration with the Glasgow Allotments Forum, the Incorporation has been sponsoring the New Plotholder awards to encourage allotment development in Glasgow since 2010. The success of the initiative has now been followed by sponsorship of awards to Scottish Veterans who have created outstanding gardens. Judging was organised by the Glasgow District of Houses for Heroes Scotland. What began with the viewing of 98 properties, led to the award of first, second and highly commended prize certificates and garden vouchers to seven delighted winners in individual and shared area categories. The prizes were presented in the Trades Hall by the now Late Convener Jack Steele, with Ex-Deacon Roger Kinns in the chair. Encouraged by the reaction of the Veterans, it has already been decided to continue the initiative in 2013 and beyond. The photograph shows the winners and sponsors with Roger and Jack after the awards ceremony.

FLESHERS...

On Choosing Day, the Deacon and Master Court of the Incorporation of Fleshers were delighted to meet many of the 39 new members collected in 2011-12. The Craft has expended considerable effort into attracting new, younger members and it is hoped that they will become active in all activities of the Craft in forthcoming years. New members attending were presented with their Craft certificates and burgess tickets.



Late Collector Iris Gibson (left) and Late Deacon Ruth Maltman, with newly installed Deacon Atholl McInnes (2nd right) and Collector Joseph d'Inverno.

Before the installation of new office holders, Deacon Ruth Maltman presented ex Deacon Hosney Yosef with a cheque for £2000 (pictured below), raised at the Fleshers' Ceilidh, as a donation for the newly-established Kilbryde Hospice at Hairmyres Hospital.

Session 2012-13 looks to be an exciting time for the Craft, with a number of excellent events already planned. The first of these is the annual dinner dance which will be a St Andrew's Night Ceilidh Ball in the Trades Hall on Friday 30 November. Tickets will be available shortly from the Clerk, Stuart Fraser at: Stuart@mitchells-roberton.co.uk.

The Deacon and Master Court would like to see as many Fleshers, partners and friends there as possible to help raise a substantial donation for charity.



Deacon Atholl McInnes with Ex Deacons Dr Hosney Yosef (left) and Stuart Dalziel, holding the keys to the Fleshers' Box.

SPORTS DESK...

GOLF

Trades House Shield -

following an earlier postponement due to poor weather, the competition was replayed at Buchanan Castle Golf Club in August with the Coopers taking both the Shield and runners up positions. The conquering Coopers team notching up 44 points were Bill Scott and Scott Hill, pictured with the Shield, and a very close second with 43 points were Ian Elliot and Ian Strathdee.



David Borland Trophy -

played at Renfrew Golf Club in September saw the Bonnetmakers & Dyers team of Gordon Wilson, Robin Gilmour, Keith Wilson & Roy Greer, lift the trophy with 90 points. Runners up with 86 points were the Hammermen, represented by Russell Crichton and his two sons Alastair and Jonathan. Pictured from left are Golf Convener John Hunter (Gardeners); Graeme Buchanan, Vice-captain (Fleshers); Scott Hill (Coopers); along with Gordon Wilson and Robin Gilmour (Bonnetmakers).



Ladies' Golf Competition - The 38th Trades House Ladies' Golf Competition teed off at Cathkin Braes Golf Club with 42 ladies taking part. It was hosted by Anne Steele, the wife of the now Late Convener Jack who presented the prizes. The winning Skinners team with 81 points - pictured being presented with the silver salver by Jack - were Anne Carss (as Convener), Mary Hardie, Marilyn Muirhead and new Deacon Laura Lambie.



Runners up with 80 points were Carol Fell, Sheila Greenshields and Ann Donnelly of the Bakers. The Fleshers and Hammermen shared 80 points with the Bakers, but the Bakers had the best inward half.

Longest Drive (Silver) - June Lockhart (Coopers)

Longest Drive (Bronze) - Denise Winton (Fleshers)

Nearest the Hole (Silver) not awarded

Nearest the Hole (Bronze) - Denise Winton

Best Individual Score - Mary Hardie (Skinners) with 31 points.

"This year Charlotte Horspool and Sheena Watson are standing down as Conveners," said Anne. "I am sure all lady golfers would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work over the years. Laura Lambie and Sarah Dorward are taking on the mantle as new Conveners and they are wished every success."

Next year's competition will be held on Monday 13 May 2013 at Buchanan Castle Golf Club, Drymen.

ANGLING

The 80th Trades House Angling Competition was held at the Lake of Menteith in September when 16 Craftsmen representing eight Crafts the Tailors, Maltmen, Weavers, Skinners, Wrights, Masons, Coopers, Barbers.

The Dallas Trophy for the best individual basket was won by Gordon Price (Tailors) with five fish weighing 11lbs 7ozs, second was Stephen Mannion (Masons) with four fish weighing 10lbs 3ozs.

The Train Trophy was won by Roger Drapper (Skinners) with 3lbs 8ozs, second was John Maginnis (Wrights) with 3lbs 6 1/2ozs.

The Jackson Miller Team Trophy was won by Gordon Price and Bill Farquhar (Tailors) with a combined weight of 16lbs 10ozs

The Michael Beale Trophy for the heaviest basket for Craftsmen over 60, was won by Gordon Price (Tailors) with 11lbs 7ozs.

The Michael Beale Reel Award for the heaviest fish for Craftsmen under 60 was won by Roger Drapper (Skinners) with 3 lbs 8ozs.

The Conveners' Smallest Fish award, presented to the club by Ex Convener Roy Scott, was won by Bill Farquhar with 1lb 13ozs.

"I would like to thank everyone who took part and look forward to seeing all of you at next year's competition," said John Maginnis, Angling Convener. "For the Crafts unable to make it this year, I hope you can raise a team or individual anglers for next year."

After the competition High Tea was taken at the Rob Roy Hotel in Aberfoyle where Ex Convener Roy Scott presented the Trophies.

DIARY DATES 2013

Crafts Burns Supper – Friday 11 January 2013

Robert Burns Awards – Monday 15 April 2013

Glasgow Ball – Saturday 11 May 2013

Beneficiaries' Tea Party – May 2013

School Craft Awards – Monday 3 June 2013 2.30pm

School Citizenship Awards – Monday 3 June 2013 7pm

Craftex Exhibition 2013 – Thursday 6 to Saturday 8 June 2013

Craftex Awards 2013 – Friday 7 June 2013 7.30pm

Trades House Lecture – Summer 2013

For all Trades House of Glasgow events, bookings and ticket details, please contact the Trades House Administration Centre, Trades Hall, 85 Glassford Street, Glasgow G1 1UH, tel: 0141-553 1605, email: myra.ramsay@tradeshouse.org.uk, or visit the new website for more details at the usual address: www.tradeshouse.org.uk.

CAR PARKING – SPECIAL OFFER

The NCP Glasshouse in Glassford Street is the ideal place to park when visiting the Trades Hall. A new deal with the NCP means that the charge for up to 24hr parking is now a flat rate of only £4. To validate the special offer, simply bring the parking token to the Hall and use the machine located in the entrance lobby next to the stairs leading down to the cloakroom, before returning to your car.