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VIEW FROM THE PLATFORM

Whilst nine months have now passed since my election it often seems like nine days such is the pace of the Deacon Convener's year. Many of the initiatives that I mentioned in the last copy of the Craftsman have come to fruition and elsewhere in this edition you will read of amongst others the successful Modern Apprentice of the Year Award Ceremony and Dinner, the tremendous outturn of the Glasgow Ball which raised a record £55,000 for the Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice and the Trades House Lecture.

Over the past few months the Hall has been buzzing with activity and full of young and sometimes not so young people participating in the School Citizenship Competition, School Craft Competition and Craftex. These events coupled with the Pensioners' Tea Party and various Craft events reflect the vibrancy and health of the House. My thanks go to the Coordinators and Committee Members who make these such successful events.

This has been a year of change in the City and as Third Citizen I have been delighted to share with the Lord Dean of Guild the duties of the Lord Provost during the election period. Duties have included welcoming 800 visitors to the Civicus Conference at its opening at Kelvingrove, taking the 21 gun salute at Stirling Castle on the Queen's Birthday (pictured right), and presenting medals to Icelandic Volleyball Players at the Kelvin Hall, all in addition to attending a host of other Civic Events.

The Platform was particularly honoured to host dinners to welcome our new Chaplain, thank the demitting Lord Provost and welcome our new Lord Provost. The Lord Provost, together with his new Bailies, Councillors and Senior Officials visited the Hall on 28 June reinforcing the strong links the House has with the City. My wife Aileen and I have also entertained the new Admiral Tony Johnstone Burt and his Lady and will shortly welcome the new General Officer Commanding Major General David McDowall to the House.

Jan's and my "Views from the Platform" have been amazingly variegated! A super view of the pantomime Aladdin courtesy of the Hammermen's Service Group, spectacular vistas of Mount Stuart House and Gardens and a Fernery on Bute with the Gardeners, and insights into a jute mill and a 19th century frigate with the Weavers are just some of the highlights!



I wish I could say all this pleasure made up for the hard work I had to do judging Modern Apprentices, Craftex entries, the School Craft and the School Citizenship Awards. However that was all most interesting too! I visited six modern apprentices' places of work (splitting the task with Andrew McFarlane who did seven) and three schools with Kenneth Brown for the School Craft Competition. We were welcomed wherever we went. The efforts of young Glaswegians in schools and colleges and at work can give us all hope for the future.

The last six months have had their share of hellos and goodbyes. With the Platform I attended funerals for three Past Deacons and one Ex Deacon Convener. More happily Jan and I attended a thank you dinner for Councillor Liz Cameron and we welcomed our new Chaplain, The Rev Dr Laurence A B Whitley, our new Lord Provost Councillor Robert Winter and his Lady, and our new Collector Elect. The Deacon Convener's initiative in having a Welcome Reception for the New Council was a pleasant occasion that I am sure will help cement the good relationship between the Council and the House.

The real work of course is looking after the business of the House attending Platform and House Committee meetings such as the Commonweal, Beneficiaries and Investment Committees. At time of writing the auditors are about to commence the annual audit.

Jan and I would like to thank you all again for the hospitality and friendship we have received. It has been tremendously enjoyable if a bit overwhelming so we are slipping off to Madeira – purely to ensure we have the strength for the delights to come like Turnberry on 18 August and the Tall Ship Glenlee on 31 August!

DAVID H DOBSON, Collector

All these have been memorable events but the year has been really meaningful because of the charitable work that the House undertakes. I have been humbled by the courage and determination of the many people with whom we have been involved.

I would particularly thank Aileen without whom I could not have performed my duties as Convener. I would also thank my Collector and his Lady Jan for their unstinting support coupled with the great support of this year's Chain Gang who have been outstanding. My thanks also to late Convener Graham Goodridge-Cox and Kay for their counsel and support and to Ian and Eileen Dunsmore for their friendship and support. I wish them well for what I know will be an excellent year in office.

Thanks also to our lead sponsors Lloyds TSB Scotland who have been great supporters of Trades House during the year.

Finally my thanks to the Clerk Iain Paterson, Annette Wright, Myra Martin, Kirstine Mains and Paula Steven for all their hard work and guidance.

It has been an honour and a privilege to have been able to serve the House as Convener and an experience that will stay with me forever.

T MALCOLM T WISHART
Deacon Convener



It is a great honour to be nominated to serve as Deacon Convener of the Trades of Glasgow. My wife Eileen and I are committed to serve the House and the City in every possible way during our year in office. Deacon Convener Malcolm Wishart and his Collector David Dobson have had a very busy year and have greatly enhanced the reputation of the House both in the City of Glasgow and beyond, in many ways, not least of which is the inauguration of the Modern Apprentice of the Year Award.

The House and the Crafts have a proud record of support of our beneficiaries and charitable and educational causes, but it is perhaps the best kept secret in the City of Glasgow. It is important that we continue to do all we can to bring our organisation to the attention of the wider public. With this in mind, I would like to see greater recruitment of new members to all the Crafts and at the same time to encourage both existing and new members to take a more active part in the affairs of their Craft. This will strengthen the Master Courts and, at the same time, the Trades House of Glasgow.

To this end, the Glasgow Ball will be held in the Hilton Hotel on Saturday 10 May 2008, to raise funds for Revive Scotland, an independent local charity based in Maryhill dedicated to supporting everyone suffering from Multiple Sclerosis at every stage from diagnosis onwards. They are in urgent need of additional therapy rooms to enable them to meet more effectively the needs of the many people affected by MS. The Chain Gang look forward to your support for this worthwhile cause.

In these times of change, and in particular, with the new regulations governing charities in Scotland, the House has to be ready to move forward to meet new challenges, but at the same time maintain the traditions and values which make it such a force for good in the City of Glasgow.

IAN L DUNSMORE, Late Collector



TIME FOR TEA



In his own words, David Dobson laughs in the face of his ever-expanding waistline. He is pictured with Hebba Benjaghla, who gave a spellbinding piano solo, and Ashley Neilson from the Ceilidh Band.

More than 80 of the House and Crafts' Beneficiaries were entertained to afternoon tea hosted by the Collector of the House David Dobson and supported by the Deacon Convener and a splendid turnout of the 2006-07 Chain Gang ably assisted by the Late Convener, the Late Collector, the Clerk and their Ladies.

As the Trades House representative on the Board of Governors of Hutchesons' Educational Trust, Collector David Dobson invited pupils along from Hutchesons' Grammar junior school – where he was a pupil himself 50 years ago – to provide the audience with a musical recital.

As well as the Ceilidh Band with fiddle soloist Jamie Lee, Head of the Junior School Music Department, Caroline Stevenson, brought her choir with soloists Seonaid Eadie and Sarah Maillies to entertain the very appreciative audience. Cello soloist Catriona Eadie completed the recital of musical talent.



Traditionally the Tea Party is the first public outing of the new Collector Elect. Taking up the post this year is retired stockbroker Michael Low, who is pictured with his wife Patricia. Michael was Deacon of the Gardeners 1991-92. He is a Trustee and Director of the Tall Ship and Treasurer of the Trades House of Glasgow Lodge.



Caroline Stevenson and her choir keep the audience spellbound



Cello soloist Catriona Eadie



Soloist Seonaid Eadie



Everyone enjoys afternoon tea

DIARY DATES 2007-08



The Trades House of Glasgow Tall Ship Dinner and Dance takes place on board the MV Glenlee on Friday 31 August. The evening will follow a 1930's theme and will help raise further funds for the Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice.

Deacons' Choosing Day - Friday 21 September 2007

Deacon Convener's Dinner - Wednesday 10 October 2007

Kirking of the House - Sunday 14 October 2007

Glasgow Ball - Saturday 10 May 2008

KEEP IN TOUCH

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For event and ticket details, contact the Trades House Administration Centre at North Gallery – Trades Hall, 85 Glassford Street, Glasgow G1 1UH, Tel: 0141-553 1605, email annette.wright@tradeshouse.org.uk or visit www.tradeshouse.org.uk.

To contact the Trades Hall regarding a social or business event, please contact Alison Hunter, Sales and Marketing Manager on tel: 0141 552 2418 (ext 2), email info@tradeshallglasgow.co.uk, or find out more at www.tradeshallglasgow.co.uk.

DRAPERS' FUND

At the end of the Great War in 1918, James Inglis, a draper based in Argyle Street, Glasgow, established the Drapers' Fund to be held by the Trades House of Glasgow in trust for charitable purposes across Glasgow and the West of Scotland. Although at the time there was a clear need to help the City's impoverished, for different reasons that same need is very much in existence today.

The total amount available for distribution on a yearly basis is now around £50,000. Since Ian Johnstone took up position as Manager in November last year, around £41,000 has been awarded to 37 different individuals or organisations.

Today there are two components of the Drapers' Fund, the Manager's Portion and the Adoption Portion. Revenue from the Manager's Portion is spent by the Manager in charitable purposes as he thinks best, either in one or more substantial sums or in portions to deserving people. This element, which enables more rapid decisions to be made especially when dealing with acute problems, has been used to donate many small sums for the support of children and their carers where there is greatest need.

Revenue from the Adoption Portion was originally spent in grants to the adopter of a child in cases of hardship. These days the term 'adopter' is interpreted more widely, relating to the care of children. The balance of the income is disbursed among charities, organisations for the benefit of children and, where appropriate, directly to families.

In considering appeals, Ian is assisted by a committee of three supported by the Trades House administration team. The committee meets regularly to avoid long periods before applicants are advised of appeal results.

"In the last decade, the Drapers' Fund has provided financial assistance to more than 2,000 individuals and organisations," said Manager Ian Johnstone. "While the Fund capital was added to on various occasions by Mr Inglis but for the last time in October 1928, it is vital that we seek contributions - gifts or bequests - to significantly increase our capital base upon which there are ever increasing demands. This will enable us to continue the work of our visionary Founder to greater effect."



Ian Johnstone
Manager of the Drapers' Fund

To find out more about the Drapers' Fund and how to contribute, contact Ian Johnstone at the Trades House of Glasgow Administration Centre, North Gallery – Trades Hall, 85 Glassford Street, Glasgow G11UH, telephone 0141 553 1605 or email ian@myra.martin@tradeshouse.org.uk.

NEW CHAPLAIN



The retirement of the Very Rev Dr William Morris as Minister of Glasgow Cathedral in 2006 marked the end of his long association with the Trades House as its Chaplain. His successor as Minister of the Cathedral, the Rev Dr Laurence Whitley, has also accepted the Trades House invitation to take up the post of Chaplain.

Dr Whitley is a native of Port Glasgow, although his earliest memories are of Partick where his father became minister in 1950. The family then moved to Edinburgh when his father was called to St Giles' Cathedral.

After university at Edinburgh and St Andrews, Dr Whitley became Assistant Minister at St Andrew's Parish in Dundee, before moving to Busby East with West in 1975. It was there he met his wife Catherine and they were married in 1981. The call came to take up the charge of Montrose Old Kirk in 1985, which subsequently was united with Montrose St Andrew's, increasing the membership to more than 1000. After a ministry of 21 years in Angus, he was called to Glasgow Cathedral in February 2007.

On behalf of the House, Deacon Convener Malcolm Wishart said: "We are delighted to extend our good wishes to Dr Whitley, his wife Catherine and children Edward and Hilary, as we look forward to continuing our happy and long association with the Cathedral."

BOOST FOR TRADES HALL

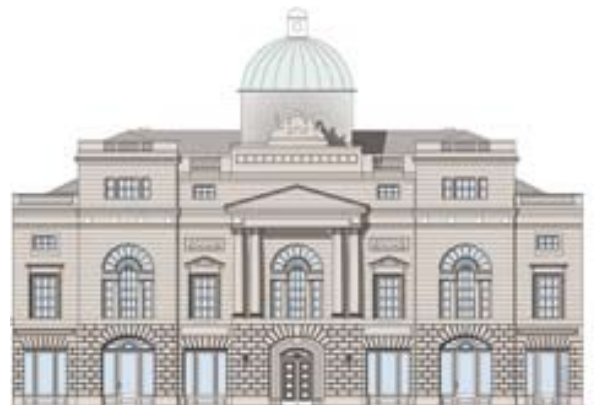
In addition to the £180,000 already approved, a special meeting of the Trades House on 25 June unanimously agreed a £220,000 advance payment of rental to the Trades Hall Trust to kick start the Trust's development of two retail shop units on the ground floor and a new reception room to the right rear of the ground floor.

The development will provide the essential long term letting income required to preserve the Hall for the House, Crafts and citizens of Glasgow. The development, which will also refresh the fabric of the Hall, is planned to commence in October this year. An architect's view of the revised frontage which creates a more balanced look is shown below.

George Horspool, Chairman of the Trust, said of the news: "With the active support of the House, the Trust is in a better position to deliver the means by which the success and financial security of the Trades Hall can be guaranteed into the future."

In addition to the development of the shop units the Trust has appointed Alison (Ali) Hunter as Sales and Marketing Manager to focus on increasing short term letting income. Members of the House and Crafts are encouraged to direct enquiries for lets to Ali on 0141 552 2418 (ext 2).

Public access to the Hall is also being boosted thanks to a link with the twice weekly tour of the City Chambers, organised by Ex Deacon Norman Wilson, Ex Visitor Murray Blair, Ex Deacon Peter Kelso and Deacon Norman Hamilton. Trades Hall tours take place every Tuesday and Thursday from 11.30am to 12.30pm.



RECORD BREAKING BALL

Glasgow's Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice has put the first of two new state-of-the-art ambulances on the road, thanks to a successful campaign by the Trades House of Glasgow to raise funds for the Deacon Convener's charity campaign.

"Our annual Glasgow Ball at the Hilton in May, which raised a record £55,000, was one of the main focuses for our fundraising efforts on behalf of our chosen charity for the year, the Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice," said Deacon Convener Malcolm Wishart.

"With our target of £35,000 well and truly broken, we are delighted that this is putting not one specialist ambulance on the road but also greatly contributing towards a second vehicle. I would like to say an immense thank you to the Chain Gang and everyone involved for all their hard work in making this possible."

Commenting on this generous level of support, Medical Director Dr Sheila McGettrick said: "This has allowed the Hospice to buy and equip one ambulance outright and the remaining funds will go a long way towards funding a second, bringing significant enhancements to both in-patient and day care services. We can now bring stretcher-bound patients directly from hospital to our specialist in-patient unit, which we were unable to do before."

The vehicles are also used for transporting patients to and from Hospice day services and for taking them on outings around Glasgow and beyond.

Dr McGettrick added: "Many day patients are frail, often needing wheelchairs, so it's a wonderful tonic to get them out of the house and enjoying our therapies and social activities. With the new ambulances, both safety and comfort are assured.



Front cover photo shows members of the Chain Gang team who helped towards putting the ambulances on the road. From left are Deacon Douglas Wilson, Deacon Kenneth Kennedy, RWM John Hamilton, Deacon Douglas Taylor, Deacon Trevor Paterson, Deacon Convener T Malcolm T Wishart, Deacon Jonathan Muirhead, Ronnie Clelland - Chairman of the Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice, Collector David Dobson, Deacon Robert Lawson, Deacon Maria MacKellar, Deacon Andrew Wilson, Deacon Patrick Kelly, Preses Keith Denholm and Deacon Norman Hamilton. Members who could not be present were Visitor Paul Waterson, Deacons David Gibb, Brian Porteous and Annemieke Cunningham, and President of the Association of Deacons, Duncan Cunningham.



Aileen Brodie, President of the Association of Trades House Ladies presents a cheque for £4,400 to Deacon Convener Malcolm Wishart at the Ball. The Ladies held a fashion show dinner in the Crown Plaza to help raise the funds.

"On behalf of everybody here at the Hospice and the hundreds of patients with life limiting illnesses, and their families, we say a huge thank you to all members of the Chain Gang and members of the Trades House and their guests who attended the Ball, for their most generous donation and huge support."

HAVING A BALL

Guests gather at the Hilton for the fundraising highlight of the year, the Glasgow Ball 2007.



TRACY TAKES TOP MODERN APPRENTICE AWARD



Tracy is the tops

Tracy Henderson, a joiner with North View Housing Association Ltd in Castlemilk, Glasgow, scooped the first ever Trades House of Glasgow Modern Apprentice of the Year Award and picked up her award at a celebration dinner in the Trades Hall.

One of a short list of six, three women and three men, Tracy was selected from modern apprentice candidates throughout the Glasgow post code area. She picked up her winning quiche, certificate and cash prize of £500 for further study from Deacon Convener of the Trades of Glasgow, Malcolm Wishart, and Jim McColl OBE, Chairman and Chief Executive of Clyde Blowers Ltd who began his career as an engineering apprentice with Weir Pumps.

Also collecting their awards of a £250 cash prize and certificate were two runners-up Mark McCormick, a Craftsman Gardener with Glasgow City Council Land Services, and Fiona Buchanan, a Pharmacy Technician with the Golden Jubilee National Hospital. Certificates of commendation went to Ross Frew, a Technical Apprentice (Draughtsman) with BAE Systems; Craig Hornal, Night Manager with the Carlton George Hotel; and Alanna Steel, a Junior Secretary at the University of Strathclyde.

"While the attributes of each of our six short list candidates have shone through giving our judging panels quite a challenge, Tracy has been outstanding," said Malcolm Wishart. "She has demonstrated a dedication, determination and skill that has proved hugely beneficial to North View Housing Association, and has also acted as a role model for others wishing to pursue a career in this field."

"At a time when Scotland badly needs skilled men and women, this initiative helps highlight the vocational and personal benefits that apprenticeships provide, filling a much needed gap in training and development and providing a values-based framework. We were delighted to see such a high calibre of entries and our particular congratulations go to Tracy and all our finalists."

The Trades House of Glasgow Modern Apprentice of the Year Award initiative showcases the commitment and capability of the candidate who has chosen the MA route to further his or her career prospects. It was instigated this year by Malcolm Wishart, to compliment the House's annual Schools Craft competition and Craftex awards and exhibition and help complete the skills cycle promoted by the charitable organisation.

The Award is supported by Glasgow City Council, Scottish Enterprise Glasgow and Lloyds TSB Scotland. To help place the short listed six and select the top three places, Malcolm Wishart was joined on the final judging panel by Steven Purcell, Leader of Glasgow City Council and Lesley Sawers, Chief Executive of Glasgow Chamber of Commerce.



Judges, sponsors and winners at the awards dinner

GOING FOR GOLD

A group of special educational needs students from Anniesland College have lifted the best in show Gold Medal honours at Craftex 2007, the Trades House of Glasgow annual craft awards and exhibition.

The Anniesland team, who take art classes in the Argo Recreation Centre, Drumchapel, photographed landmark sites around Glasgow to include in the award winning collage depicting the city. Before their selection as Gold Medal winners, they were judged as one of 50 category winners out of hundreds of entries. Each subject winner received either a £200 cheque for advanced or £150 for non-advanced categories. Judging the awards were the Scottish Executive's Aileen McKechnie and Ann Kinnesson of the Further and Adult Education Division, Lifelong Learning Directorate.

This is the first year that the Gold Medal has been presented to a team, since the event was established in 1995. A four-day exhibition also showcases the very best traditional crafts and design, modern skills and new technology, taught at the city's nine colleges of further education.

Justin Butcher, also an Anniesland College student, won the Deacon Convener's Design prize for Key to Life. The student of HND in Public Art created a life size sculpture modelled on his own body and made out of keys welded together defining the muscles of the body. This also won him £200 in the Metal Sculpture Advanced category.

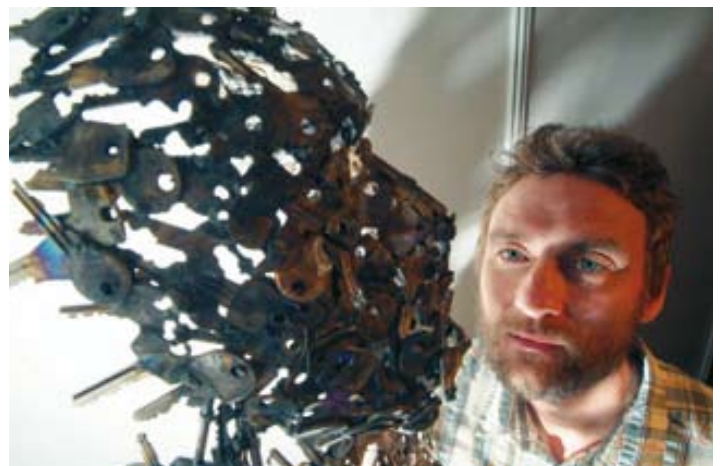
"Through Craftex, we see how many of our traditional crafts are continuing to flourish alongside new technologies, as year on year standards keep improving," said Deacon Convener Malcolm Wishart. "Undoubtedly our Glasgow colleges are making a fundamental contribution to a wide array of talent."

"We congratulate the Anniesland students for their wonderful collage. I had the privilege of selecting a piece for the Design prize and found Justin's Key to Life sculpture not only a stunning piece of metalwork but also very much in keeping with the work of the Trades House and its Crafts."

Reflecting the reputation that Craftex now enjoys, the Trades House is grateful to all of the sponsors including the 14 Incorporations but especially Tilney Private Wealth Management, Melville Exhibitions and Glasgow City Council.



Over the moon with their Craftex best in show Gold Medal win are the Anniesland College SEN arts group pictured with Deacon Convener Malcolm Wishart.



Key man Justin Butcher and his life size sculpture which won him the Deacon Convener's Design Prize.

TOP CRAFT PUPILS



Deacon Convener Malcolm Wishart, Bailie David McDonald and the Coordinator Ex Visitor Graham Herbertson with the prize winning pupils.

Nicola Logan (17) a 6th year pupil at Lourdes Secondary, Gemma Lathan (16) a 5th year pupil at Clevedon Secondary and Claire Dornan (15) a 4th year pupil at Holyrood Secondary, have scooped the top accolades in the annual Trades House of Glasgow School Craft Competition.

They were among more than 60 pupils from secondary schools across Glasgow who had their craftsmanship rewarded by the Trades House, in recognition of their exceptional craft work produced as part of standard and higher grade curricular studies. The awards, supported by the Glasgow City Council Education Department, are part of many Trades House initiatives that encourage the preservation of traditional crafts in parallel with new technology based skills.

Overall winner for higher grade categories, Nicola Logan produced a light with a shade in acrylic and base of mahogany, created as part of her product design studies. Claire Dornan was overall winner standard grade for her beech and teak chair, produced as part of her craft and design studies. Overall culinary excellence winner went to Gemma Lathan, who along with Nicola and Claire was awarded a certificate and a cheque for £75.

Pupils in all categories with 1st, 2nd, 3rd and commended certificates received £40, £20, £15 and £10 respectively. Categories included metalwork, woodwork, plastic, portfolio work and the culinary excellence programme.

"The very high quality of entries and particularly the quality and design of the winning pieces reflected tremendously well on the commitment of both pupils and teachers," said Malcolm Wishart. "Such was the quality it was very easy to forget that the work was produced by schoolchildren."

NEW SPONSOR FOR AWARDS

Key sponsor of this year's Craftex and School Craft awards, Tilney Private Wealth Management is one of Britain's largest and longest established wealth management firms. Tilney was acquired to significantly expand the UK division of Deutsche Bank's Global Private Wealth Management Business and has invested assets in excess of £8 billion and over 15,000 clients.

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CITIZENSHIP TITLE FOR HILLHEAD HIGH

Recognising the great contribution it has made to create an improved, happier and healthier community, Hillhead High School has picked up the Trades House of Glasgow Citizenship Award 2007. Now in its 8th year, the Citizenship award directly encourages and rewards good citizenship in schools and is supported by Glasgow City Council Education Department. It is open to all schools throughout the city – pre-5, primary, secondary and special needs.

Hillhead beat stiff competition from seven other short listed schools in the final – St Philomena's Primary, Wellshot Primary, Mount Vernon Primary, Annette Street Primary, Nerston School, Whitehill Secondary and last year's winners Molendinar Family Learning Centre.

"The presentations from the finalists highlighted the pupils' very clear focus on good citizenship and all that entails," said Deacon Convener of the Trades of Glasgow, Malcolm Wishart, who visited Hillhead along with Trades House of Glasgow Collector, David Dobson, to present the special Citizenship plaque to pupils and Head Teacher, Ken Cunningham CBE.

"This focus is preparing them well for the future by connecting them with the realities of everyday life and the need for values and commitment to others. We congratulate them all on demonstrating great citizenship."

Hillhead aims to equip its pupils with the foundation skills, attitudes and expectations necessary to prosper in a changing society while encouraging creativity and ambition. Cross-curricular initiatives range from charity events, cultural activities and health promotion to creating links not just with the local community, enterprise and industry, but also global education and international links with visiting professionals and students welcomed from overseas.

Ken Cunningham, Head Teacher at Hillhead said: "I am delighted at the School's success in the Trades House of Glasgow Citizenship Award 2007. This is a programme that is hugely encouraging for schools and celebrates the wide range of work going on across the city. We are proud to be part of that celebration."

The Citizenship Award recognises the excellent work being undertaken by schools for and with their communities. The judging panel was made up of senior members of the Trades House of Glasgow.



Pictured with the citizenship plaque are pupils from left Netta Kreiner, Emily Brock, Rachel Graham and Rowan Rosie, who were involved in Hillhead High's citizenship projects.

OBITUARY

James Patrick Fyfe 1919-2007

James Patrick Fyfe, Deacon of the Incorporation of Masons in 1974 and Deacon Convener 1980-81 died on 1 July 2007 at the age of 88.

The Trades House owes an enormous debt of gratitude to the contribution Jimmy has made to the work of the organisation, not only through his service but also as a leader inspiring others to follow by his example. He built a strong bond of fellowship in his Chain Gang and 27 years later those surviving still meet regularly.

As Deacon Convener Jimmy never relaxed the traditions of the House, however he was a man of vision. In 1980 against normal practice and despite coolness between the City Council and the House, Jimmy gave a grant of £3,000 from the organisation to complete the funding to stone clean the City Chambers. As a result, the cold war was replaced by warm goodwill that has continued to grow ever since.

To overcome criticism of the Trades House as a charitable organisation only looking after its own, Jimmy decided that the 80/81 Chain Gang should raise new money that would go directly to meet the wider need. The Chain Gang team organised a splendid fashion show raising more than £2,000 to buy 'Talking Books' for the blind. This initiative continues to this day, with Deacon Convener Malcolm Wishart and the 2006-07 Chain Gang raising in excess of £55,000 to buy an ambulance for the Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice this year.

Born in Glasgow, Jimmy was educated at the High School of Glasgow and served as Captain Pilot with the Army Air Corps during the War. He was a Quantity Surveyor leading the firm of John Dansken & Purdie and became National President of the Quantity Surveyors Division of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in London. He was a Church of Scotland Trustee for 21 years.

Jimmy's loyal wife Molly supported him in all that he did. A family man, he leaves a son and daughter and six grandchildren.



As best final year student at the University of Glasgow, Fiona Moreton was winner of the coveted Trades House Medical Prize for 2007, which is presented to the final year student achieving the highest marks in the written and clinical examinations. She was awarded her cheque for £500 by Deacon Convener Malcolm Wishart. The Trades House prize is one of only two awarded to this widely respected faculty, which attracts

hundreds of students from all over the world. The Medical Prize is administered by the Trades House and was established by Ex Convener Roy Scott in 2000.

A TRADES HOUSE MEMORY

David J Leslie, Chairman of House for an Art Lover

I am sure that we all have a happy memory of the Trades House - I certainly have. But my earliest comes from long before I became a Wright. During the summer of 1953 when I was apprenticed to Wylie Shanks and Wylie, I was considering the subject of the measured drawing whose completion was to enable me to matriculate for my Third Year at the Glasgow School of Architecture.

Walter Underwood at that time was House Architect to the Trades House and the firm was engaged in the dismantling of the James Sellar's ceiling over the Main Hall, whose plaster key had given way and the heavy plaster moulded ceiling was poised precariously over the occupants. I was asked to prepare a measured drawing of the ceiling which would satisfy my academic needs and also form a record. So began a period of my life which was to last two years and have me crouched over my drawing board when all others were sunning themselves in Rothesay.

A tower scaffold was allocated to me to enable the measurement of the ceiling plan and sections. I was able to specify parts of the ceiling which were removed carefully for me to measure later for my full size supporting details. As I was measuring, a painter who was scraping away the old green paint from the walls of the Hall noticed a 'worked' surface underneath the paint. All work was stopped and a programme of careful removal of paint was undertaken to reveal the Belgian Frieze of the ancient crafts, which had for a long time been lost, and is now a feature of the hall today. As the frieze was severely faded through age and not wishing to touch the painting itself, Walter Underwood had the idea of painting the background with gilt paint and delicately outlining the figures with 'burnt sienna' expertly applied by a skilled artist.

And so during the summer of 1953 the old Sellar's ceiling 'bit the dust' and was replaced by a temporary plasterboard ceiling, while the design of the new ceiling was prepared for erection during the summer of 1954. One afternoon during 1953 - on the Deacon's Choosing day in fact - I was asked to measure the dome over Trades House to enable repairs or replacement of the lead covering, and I visited the House in the company of our Clerk of Works, John Samuels. In these days there were no floor boards in the School Room - an economy of Local Rates, I was told.

As I was crossing this floor to the access point to the roof, carefully stepping on joists, I noticed a piece of Sundeala insulating board lying loose on the joists and obstructing my path. I carefully measured where I thought the joist would be, not knowing that this joist had a small strap of wood fixed to one side. My ankle turned with a sharp pain, and I found myself hanging by my elbows, a joist under each arm, and my two feet and legs hanging precariously through the new temporary plasterboard ceiling.

As I hung there wondering how I would get back up, I could see the red carpet and chairs laid out for the Choosing Meetings and the startled faces of painters clearing away scaffold. I do not remember how I recovered my equilibrium or much about the survey which I carried out, but I do remember the long walk back to the office - chosen rather than the quicker method of catching a tram.

It may be 54 years ago now, but my knees still tremble at the thought.

If you have any outstanding memories of the Trades House please let us know. See Keep in Touch on page three for contact details.



TRADES HOUSE LECTURE

Jim McColl OBE, Chairman and Chief Executive of Clyde Blowers Limited, delivered the Trades House of Glasgow Lecture 2007. Focusing on the growth of Clyde Blowers and lessons for Scotland, the lecture was enjoyed by a packed audience at Glasgow Caledonian University. Jim is pictured (right) with Professor Pamela Gillies, Principal of Glasgow Caledonian University and Deacon Convener of the Trades of Glasgow Malcolm Wishart.

CRAFT NEWS... BAKERS

BAKERS BAKE THE BISCUIT



Deacon Elect of the Bakers, Shirley Adams, is determined both to reconnect the Incorporation of Bakers with those who are involved in making their living from this ancient craft, and to gain a better understanding of the modern baking industry by the time she takes office this September.

Where better to start than at Thomas Tunnock's in Uddingston? A quick phone call and Shirley, pictured above (right) with Collector Elect John Park and his daughter Lauren, were made welcome by Managing Director, Boyd Tunnock (second right), a member of the Bakers for 48 years, and his Scottish Sales Manager, Fergus Loudon (not pictured), for a tour around the company's production facility.

Training the next generation in traditional baker's skills is key to the future of the Craft and the incoming office holders were delighted that part of the factory was still dedicated to meeting local demand for freshly baked goods. Tunnock's also demonstrated that the modern company has to meet international demand with orders being shipped to Kuwait and New York.



Deacon of the Bakers Robert Lawson presents a cheque for £1500 to Ruth Storie, representative of Independent Age, a charity that devotes its time and energy helping elderly people to stay in their home. Money is made available to help them make any necessary repairs and decoration to their property.

... BARBERS

POLES APART



A Barbers Member is now easily recognised by the newly designed Barbers' Pole lapel badge - only to be worn by members of the Craft. If anyone would like to join, an application form for membership is available from the Clerk Kevin Goldie on 07789 795 155.

The Barbers now has its very own free standing Barbers Pole kindly donated by Rita Rusk, the first lady to become a member of the Incorporation of Barbers. The Pole is pictured at the Annual Barbers Dinner Dance, which was a sell out success enjoyed by all. The raffle on the evening raised £1850 with Collector Ian Thomson in charge of the proceedings.

Proceeds from the raffle are being used to help refurbish the barbershop in Erskine Hospital and create an attractive location for the residents to visit and interact with others. Cailean Reed, himself a barber and stylist, has taken on the project management.

... WEAVERS

SUCCESSFUL SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT

The Weavers has announced that Rachel Skene is the successful applicant for its new 2007 Scholarship Fund. The grant is a one off payment of £1,500 specifically aimed at assisting weavers in Scotland.

Rachel, who graduated from the Textile Department at the Glasgow School of Art with a BA (Hons) Design in 2001, is now a practising weaver working from her home town of Tongue in Sutherland. Her future aims are to open her weaving studio to the public.

"I enjoy the process of weaving, starting from the basic warp and weft to producing a cloth with a quality and contemporary look," said Rachel. "I aim to create a product which may surprise those with associations of traditional hand weaving. The end result is luxury fabric which makes fabulous accessories ideal for those who seek one-off original pieces."

The grant will help Rachel develop her skills, expand her workshop space and hopefully also go towards purchasing a new loom.

The Master Court was delighted at the high standard of applicants this year and the Scholarship Fund will be available again in 2009. Application Forms and further details are available from Iain A Paterson, Clerk to the Incorporation of Weavers of Glasgow, 25 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6NL, tel: 0141 567 4500.



Rachel Skene (centre) is presented with her scholarship by Deacon Maria MacKellar and Collector Archie Holmes.



The Weavers master court, along with members of the Chain Gang and all their partners, enjoyed a trip to the Jute Weaving Mill Museum and HMS Unicorn in Dundee. Everyone had a great day out learning a few tricks of the weaving trade from guides who had spent their working lives at the loom - such as how to tie a hidden knot on a broken thread and use one finger scissors!



Deacon Maria MacKellar is shown the one finger scissors

... HAMMERMEN



Deacon Convener Malcolm Wishart with Hammermen Deacon Norman Hamilton (front centre) presented the annual Hammermen Awards to university and college students. The winners went on to compete for the Prince Philip Award with interviews held by members of the Master Court in early May. This year the winners of the Prince Philip Award are Philip McDowell of Strathclyde University and John Wisnicki of Glasgow College of Nautical Studies. Runners-up were Claire McCann of the University of Glasgow and Bilal Baig of Stow College. The Master Court was impressed by the standard of this year's entrants, finding the task of selecting the winners particularly challenging.

At the Scottish Engineering Dinner in May, Simon Haining of Wyman-Gordon Ltd received the first part of the Scottish Engineering Hammermen Award with the second part to be presented at the Annual Dinner of the Craft this November.

The Hammermen Service Group celebrates its 35th anniversary this year. Having started out as a group of the younger members of the Craft assisting older members and their dependants, the group has evolved into organising a pantomime outing in January with a summer day trip in August for all Craft and Trades House grantees and friends. Half of the fully voluntary committee joined as founder members of the Service Group. The current committee are Chairman Robin Brown, Secretary Gordon MacLennan, Treasurer Norman Hamilton, Summer Outing Convener Robin Brown and Pantomime Outing Convener Jim Morris. In August, the Service Group are visiting Turnberry with approximately 140 beneficiaries.

... COOPERS

Celebrating his 95th birthday in July Edgar S Macharg is pictured being presented with a miniature barrel of 30-year-old whisky by the Incorporation of Coopers of Glasgow. Edgar was Deacon of the Coopers in 1946 and is the Senior Ex Deacon of the 14 Crafts. The presentation to Edgar, which included the History of the Incorporation of Coopers of Glasgow, took place at his house in Blanefield. Joining in the celebrations were his wife Jean, daughter and her husband Paddy & Angus McKinnon and representing the Coopers, Deacon Patrick Kelly, Clerk Alastair Campbell and Ex Deacon Graham Goodridge-Cox.



... GARDENERS

LET GLASGOW FLOURISH



Lord Provost Councillor Liz Cameron, herself a member of the Gardeners, presented the Let Glasgow Flourish awards to 45 winners at a ceremony in the Trades Hall. She is pictured along with Deacon Brian Porteous, presenting the Robertson Silver Spade, the top accolade, to Frank Kerr and Fraser Lawrie, proprietor of the winning pub and restaurant Babbity Bowser, for its excellent floral displays over several years. Through the Awards, the Craft hopes to contribute in a small way to making Glasgow more attractive for the 2014 Commonwealth Games Bid.



Deacon Brian Porteous welcomes guests to a function held in the recently restored Kibble Palace, Botanic Gardens. At the function, the Gardeners celebrated not only the restoration but also the 20th anniversary of The Trades House sponsored expedition to Papua New Guinea, with a donation of large planters and a replica of one of the squirrel garden benches which were used at the Botanic Gardens in Victorian Times.



The Gardeners went *doon the watter* to the Isle of Bute with their picnic baskets in June to enjoy their annual garden outing, this year to Mount Stuart House and nearby Ascog Fernery.

... BONNETMAKERS & DYERS



In recognition of his election as Deacon Convener, Malcolm Wishart - Deacon of the Bonnetmakers and Dyers 1994-95 and only eighth in the Craft's 409-year history to have reached the high office - is presented with an Alms plate from Deacon Douglas Wilson. Looking on are John MacLeod (left) Collector of the Bonnetmakers and Trades House Collector David Dobson. Alms plates were once used to collect funds toward the running of houses for the poor and needy of the day. The original Alms plates now sit above the fireplace in the Deacon Convener's suite in the Trades Hall.



Walter Findlay, President of the Stewarton Bonnet Guild, Ross Paton Deacon of the Bonnetmaker Craft of Dundee are pictured along with Deacon Douglas Wilson and Collector John McLeod of the Incorporation of Bonnetmakers at the Stewarton Festival Parade. It is organised annually by the Stewarton Bonnet Guild and Deacon Douglas Wilson presented prizes for endeavour to pupils from Stewarton Academy before taking part in the grand parade to the fete in the park.

TRADES HOUSE OF GLASGOW LODGE

The Train Journey

A question often asked and sometimes put to the Master by incoming Deacons is, why there is a Lodge and why is it officially represented at House functions? The reason goes back to the spring of 1920 and a journey on the Edinburgh to Glasgow train.

As the train rumbled on its way, in one compartment sat a distinguished but disgruntled Trade House Deputation. They had been consulting Senior Counsel (the late Lord MacMillan) about a petition to the Courts, concerning the voting powers and the level of representation on the House by smaller Incorporations who were at considerable variance with the rest.

It seemed to some of the Deacons that there could be merit in providing further opportunities for members of different Crafts to meet. The members of the Deputation, as it transpired were all keen Freemasons and, they happened on an idea, wondering if forming a lodge for members of the Trades House might meet this need.

So taken with the idea were they that on return to Glasgow they immediately repaired to dinner where they drafted out their plans to form the Trades House of Glasgow Lodge on a napkin which still survives. Over the years the ideals of the founders have in large measure been, and continue to be achieved. Whilst members of the Trades House are not necessarily members of the Trades House Lodge the members of the Lodge are, in most cases, members of the Incorporations. All are keenly concerned with the workings of the House and the relationship between the two has, over the years, been of significant benefit to and much respected by both.

SECOND LADY FOR ANTIQUITY SOCIETY



Alison J Dick has become only the second lady in the history of the Grand Antiquity Society of Glasgow to take on the role of Preses, since it was established in 1756. She was officially appointed in June at the Society's Annual Meeting held in Glasgow Cathedral. Alison is pictured above at the historic occasion with her family, husband Wallace, an Ex Deacon of the Wrights and ex RWM of the Trades House Lodge, daughter Gillian with baby son Ryan Craig and daughter Pamela with son Andrew Wallace. All are members of the Society.

LADIES' GOLF



The winning Skinners team - Captain Anne Carss, Lois Brown, Mary Hardy and Marylin Muirhead - with Deacon Convener Malcolm Wishart.

The 33rd Ladies Golf Competition hosted by the Deacon Convener's Lady Aileen Wishart, was held at Cathcart Castle Golf Club, Clarkston in May. The Deacon Convener and his wife Aileen were joined by the Platform for lunch including the Collector Elect Michael Low and his wife Patricia. The Trades House Ladies Golf Trophy and other prizes were presented by the Deacon Convener.

Aileen thanked the Craft Conveners for their efforts in mustering teams for the event. She also thanked everyone who was responsible for making the day run smoothly in particular Charlotte Horspool, Elizabeth Fyfe and Sheena Watson, and also Morton Fyfe and Stuart McFarlane who so ably took care of the starts and the scores.

RESULTS:

Winning Team	97 points	Skinners
Runners Up	96 points	Hammermen
Longest Drive	Silver	Hilary McNaughton
	Bronze	Marilyn Muirhead
Nearest the Pin	Silver	Margaret Kyle
	Bronze	Heather Cuckow
Best Individual Score		Helen Fergus
		Tailors

MEN'S GOLF

The Trades House Golf Shield took place in May at Milngavie Golf Club where the winners were Allan Ramsay and John Hunter of the Gardeners with a score of 42 points. Close runners up with 41 points were Cameron Kyle and David Cuckow of the Fleshers.

WELCOME FOR NEW COUNCIL



Following a welcome dinner for the new Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow Councillor Bob Winter and his wife Sheena on 6 June, the Deacon Convener, members of the Platform and the 2006-07 Chain Gang joined together to welcome the new Lord Provost, Bailies, Councillors and Senior Officials to the Trades Hall on 28 June.



As is tradition on the election of a new Lord Provost, the Deacon Convener presented Councillor Bob Winter (pictured left) with a ring to signify the strong links between the House and the City. Following a presentation to guests on the work of the House and a tour of the Hall, members of both Houses enjoyed a buffet supper and the opportunity to talk informally on matters of joint interest.

The demitting Lord Provost Liz Cameron was entertained to dinner in May to congratulate her on her marvellous term in office and thank her for her support of the Trades House and Trades Hall. As she moves on, her challenge now is as Chair of Culture and Sport Glasgow in addition to her duties as a Bailie and Councillor.

Presenting Liz with a 3-D découpage of the Hall and gifting a bottle of Trades House whisky to her husband Duncan, Deacon Convener Malcolm Wishart said on behalf of himself, his wife Aileen and the House: "From the outset we were captivated by Liz's energy, humour and absolute dedication to Glasgow coupled with Duncan's calm and constant support. Over the past seven months we have enjoyed many special times in Liz and Duncan's company and continue to be impressed by the way in which Liz tirelessly promotes this City."



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