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VIEW FROM THE PLATFORM

In an historic ceremony stretching back four centuries, the Trades House of Glasgow in October 2007 elected retired solicitor Ian L Dunsmore as its Deacon Convener and retired stockbroker J Michael Low as Collector.

Ian, who also takes on the role of Third Citizen of Glasgow, was Clerk to the Incorporation of Weavers for 28 years and served as its Collector and Deacon. He is only the tenth member of the Craft to hold the high office of Deacon Convener since 1605. Born and educated in Glasgow, he is a former partner in the legal firm Bishop and Robertson Chalmers. After National Service in the Royal Navy, he served as an officer in the Royal Naval Reserve for 20 years, retiring in 1986 in the rank of Commander.

Michael was associate director of Tilney Private Wealth Management, retiring in January 1999. A Deacon of the Incorporation of Gardeners 1991-92, he was until recently a Trustee and Director of the Tall Ship and Treasurer of the Trades House of Glasgow Lodge. In his role as Collector, he supports the Deacon Convener, backed by the 14 Deacons and Visitor of the Incorporated Crafts.

The Platform is the executive committee of the Trades House of Glasgow, made up of the Deacon Convener, the Collector of the House, the Late Collector and the Late Convener, who are advised by the Clerk of the House and his assistants when dealing with the day to day running of the organisation. Meeting on a monthly basis, the Platform is chaired by the Deacon Convener, who then reports back to the House at its quarterly meetings.



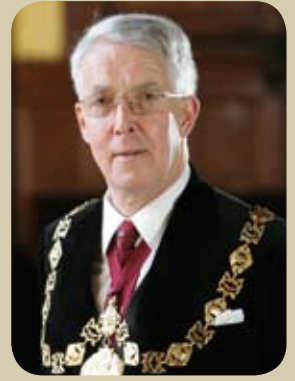
Having been Deacon of the Gardeners some years ago, it came as a considerable shock to the system to receive a telephone call from the now Late Deacon Convener Malcolm Wishart, inviting me to accept the office of Collector. This was last spring and I was subsequently asked to sit on the Platform as Collector Elect. Thus I embarked on a very steep learning curve and still have a long way to climb!

It is indeed a great honour to be invited to be Collector of the House, which carries with the office many responsibilities as well as many privileges. The Collector, whose first responsibility is finance, attends meetings of the House and Platform, together with those of many of the committees, which sit to manage the varied activities of the House.

Socially the duties of the Collector are great fun. The opportunity of attending all of the many Craft Dinners, Musical Evenings, Master Court Dinners and Dinner Dances in conjunction with the Deacon Convener and the Chain Gang of the year is very special.

Since my election on 10 October 2007 – it seems such a long time ago – Eileen and I have enjoyed hospitality from many of the Crafts, from kindred organisations outwith Glasgow and in the City Chambers. It is said that time does pass quickly when you are enjoying yourself. We certainly have been very busy, but we have enjoyed ourselves.

One of the highlights of my year so far was a visit to HMS Daring at the Scotstoun shipyard of BAE Systems. This was followed by a magnificent Trafalgar Dinner with the ship's company in the City Chambers.



Obviously we are delighted that Glasgow's bid for the Commonwealth Games in 2014 was successful and it was a truly memorable experience to be in the Old Fruit Market on the day of the announcement. I sent a message of congratulations to the Lord Provost on behalf of the House. It is very encouraging that the relationship between the House and the City is so strong.

Many of you attended the Kirking of the House in the Cathedral on Sunday 14 October, at which the Lord Provost, Bob Winter was present. It was a very meaningful service conducted by our Honorary Chaplain, Dr Laurence Whitley. Laurence and his wife Catherine have become good friends of the House and we have enjoyed their company on many occasions.

In my speeches at Craft Dinners, I have emphasised the need to recruit more members to the Crafts and to encourage all members to become more involved in the affairs of their Crafts. It is important for the future of the House and Crafts. The attendance at House meetings has been disappointing – we need more active participation at these meetings to ensure the future wellbeing of the House.

The charitable status of the House is currently being reviewed and in consultation with our legal advisers, a small sub committee has been formed to look at the rules and byelaws of the House in the light of the new charities legislation now in force in Scotland.

There is a lot going on in the House – the Modern Apprentice of the Year Award 2008 has been launched. We have had a visit from the Lord Mayor of London – as pictured on the front cover of the Craftsman – who is very anxious to develop the relationship between our two cities especially in connection with the financial services sector.

The Glasgow Ball is to be held in the Hilton Hotel on Saturday 10 May 2008 to raise funds for Revive MS Support, a local charity based in Maryhill. I would encourage you to support the Chain Gang in this fundraising event.

To conclude, can I thank my Collector J Michael Low and his wife Patricia for their support and friendship. We make a good team and are working very hard to ensure the future of the House.

IAN L DUNSMORE, Deacon Convener

It gives a wonderful opportunity to meet a wide variety of Craft members and guests, to observe and appreciate how each Craft conducts its own event, while enjoying the most generous of hospitality, even if it is at the expense of the Collector's waistline!

My wife Patricia and I are most grateful to you all for giving us the opportunity to enjoy this unique and wonderful experience. I shall endeavour to prove myself worthy of your trust, by working with the Platform to continue to further enhance the prosperity and high standing of the Trades House.

J MICHAEL LOW, Collector





LORD MAYOR VISITS TRADES HOUSE

The Platform of the House and the Chain Gang warmly welcomed the Lord Mayor of London, Alderman David Lewis, accompanied by the Alderman and Sheriff Michael Bear, to the Trades Hall in December 2007. Although principally in Glasgow to meet the City's financial community, the Lord Mayor took time out to attend a dinner in the Trades Hall and meet with the Trades House of Glasgow Platform and Chain Gang along with the Lord Provost, Lord Dean of Guild, and representatives from Glasgow City Council. The Deacon Convener welcomed the gathered guests, who also heard speeches from the Lord Mayor and Lord Provost.

Front Cover - Pictured in the Grand Hall before dinner, the Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore (front row, centre right) is joined by the Lord Mayor of London, Alderman David Lewis (to his left), Lord Provost Bob Winter (to his right) and guests.

DIARY DATES 2008

Trades House of Glasgow Modern Apprentice of the Year
Awards Ceremony and Dinner - Trades Hall
Wednesday 5 March 2008

Glasgow Ball
Glasgow Hilton
Saturday 10 May 2008

Ladies Golf Competition
Cathkin Braes Golf Club
Monday 19 May 2008

Beneficiaries Tea Party
Trades Hall
Tuesday 20 May 2008

Trades House Lecture
University of Strathclyde
Thursday 22 May 2008

School Craft Awards
Trades Hall
Monday 9 June 2008, 2.30pm

Schools Citizenship Award
Trades Hall
Monday 9 June 2008, 7pm

Craftex 2008
Trades Hall
Thursday 12 to Sunday 15 June 2008

Craftex Awards 2008
Trades Hall
Friday 13 June 2008, 7.30pm

TRADES HOUSE LECTURE 2008

Professor Allan MacInnes, a specialist in early modern Scottish History, will deliver the annual Trades House of Glasgow Lecture on Thursday 22 May 2008 at the University of Strathclyde. Professor MacInnes, the author of a highly acclaimed book on the Treaty of Union, was recently appointed Professor of History at the University.

ABOUT TRADES HOUSE OF GLASGOW FUNDS

THE COMMONWEAL FUND

The charitable Commonweal Fund was created in 1924 on the motion of John Dallas the Collector of the House at that time. Since then, other bequests have augmented the fund.

Its objective is to dispose of the revenue for 'good and pious uses' tending to the advancement of the "Commonweal of the Burgh". The fund is managed by a committee, composed of the Platform, four representatives from the House and a number of prominent citizens, who meet twice a year.

At the last meeting in September 2007, grants were made to a number of charitable causes in the Glasgow area - the Citizen's Theatre, Glasgow Science Centre, Lodging House Mission, Buddies Club Play Scheme, Erskine, Visibility, Deafblind Scotland, Deaf Connections and the Special Olympics Scotland West. A number of smaller grants were also made.

THE DRAPERS' FUND

During his year in office as Manager of the Drapers' Fund, Ian Johnstone, oversaw the receipt of 86 applications for grants and awards amounting to approximately £65,000.

"The work carried out in raising the profile of the Drapers' Fund with Glasgow Social Work Department by previous Managers, Ex-Deacon David Roser and Ex-Deacon Peter Rea, has led to a 30% increase in the number of appeals we have received," said Ian Johnstone.

"As well as grants to organisations working with children, we made a conscious decision to focus on appeals from Social Services. We have awarded a large number of smaller grants to help individual children from extremely disadvantaged backgrounds, often being looked after by grandparents in very strained circumstances. I feel this is true to the spirit of the fund founder, James Inglis, and his original Trust settlement established in 1918, and is the way for us to do the most good in the 21st century.

"I would like to wish the new Manager, Ex-Deacon Jim Morris every success during his year in office"

FIND OUT MORE

To find out more about the Drapers' Fund and how to contribute, contact Jim Morris, at the Trades House of Glasgow Administration Centre, North Gallery – Trades Hall, 85 Glassford Street, Glasgow G1 1UH, tel: 0141 553 1605 or email Jim via myra.martin@tradeshouse.org.uk. Details of the Commonweal Fund are also available via the Administration Centre.

NATIONAL LIBRARY VISIT

The National Library of Scotland (NLS) held a reception in the Trades Hall to promote both its work and campaign for the John Murray Archive, one of the world's greatest publishing archives, while engaging more actively with individuals and companies based in Glasgow.

Among the circle of authors and correspondents - well over 16,000 in all - represented in the Archive are writers as diverse as Lord Byron, Jane Austen, Charles Darwin and David Livingstone. The business papers, manuscripts, private letters and occasionally surprising personal mementoes in the Archive, give a remarkable insight into many of the lives and ideas that helped to make the modern world. With assistance from the Scottish Government, the Heritage Lottery Fund and other generous donors, NLS secured the Archive to be a lasting public resource for research, learning and inspiration.

As well as guests from the business community, the NLS reception was attended by the Platform, Chain Gang and their wives.

The NLS Trustees were very appreciative of the facilities provided and pleased to have the opportunity to exhibit items from the John Murray Archive in the magnificent setting of the Trades Hall.



Guests gathered to hear more about the John Murray Archive.



Television journalist Kirsty Wark gave an engaging address to the audience about the fantastic John Murray Archive, and how thrilled she is that it has come to Scotland.



The Banqueting Hall proved the perfect venue to display a selection of the John Murray Archive.

PRINCESS ROYAL TO PRESENT MA AWARDS

*The Princess Royal at a recent Garden Party
-photo courtesy of Buckingham Palace Press Office*



HRH The Princess Royal will present the awards at this year's Trades House of Glasgow Modern Apprentice of the Year Award celebration dinner, which takes place in the Trades Hall on Wednesday 5 March.

The technical judging panel have already been busy selecting the short list of candidates from entries to this the second annual awards scheme, which involves a visit to each apprentice in their place of work. Six finalists, who will be invited to the dinner when the winner will be announced, are then chosen by the final judging panel of Steven Purcell, Leader of Glasgow City Council and Dr Lesley Sawers, Chief Executive of Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, chaired by Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore.

"The Princess Royal has always shown a keen interest in the development of skills amongst young people and is herself an honorary member of the Incorporation of Hammermen of Glasgow," said Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore. "We are delighted to welcome her to our awards dinner. We believe her presence helps reinforce the status of modern apprenticeships in the workplace today.

"While highlighting the vocational and personal benefits modern apprenticeships provide, our awards initiative showcases the commitment and capability of candidates who have chosen this training and development route to further their career prospects. It is fitting that our organisation, which first promoted apprenticeships centuries ago, is reinvigorating its efforts today to raise the profile of traditional trades alongside more modern skills through this awards scheme, especially at a time when Scotland badly needs more skilled men and women."

The Trades House launched its Modern Apprentice of the Year Award 2008 with the help of joiner, Tracy Henderson of Castlemilk-based North View Housing Association. Tracy beat stiff competition to take the inaugural title in March last year.

Commenting on Tracy's win and her progress since winning the award, Euan Anderson, Director of North View Housing Association said: "Everyone at North View was delighted that Tracy won the very first Trades House of Glasgow Modern Apprentice of the Year Award. We felt that it was a great honour for North View and just reward for the determination and hard work that Tracy has put in since she joined us in 2004.

"I think that winning gave Tracy a bit of self belief that maybe she had been lacking up until then. We have always valued her and it has been brilliant to see her develop from raw apprentice to skilled joiner through the modern apprentice route. It also says a lot for the Trades House that they introduced this award in recognition of the changes there have been to the apprenticeship processes. It is a prestigious award, which I am sure will become the envy of all modern apprentices."

The Trades House of Glasgow Modern Apprentice of the Year Award 2008 is being supported by Lloyds TSB Scotland PLC, Scottish Enterprise and Glasgow City Council. It is open to those working towards a Scottish Modern Apprenticeship or who have been certificated no earlier than 1 April 2007, employed by any small, medium or large employer in the Glasgow post code area.

HRH The Princess Royal will present the winner with an inscribed quach - which will remain on display in the Trades Hall - an inscribed replica, a cash prize of £500 for further study and a certificate. Two runners up will be awarded £250 and a certificate, with the three remaining finalists receiving a certificate of commendation.



Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore with 2007 winner Tracy Henderson in one of the North View Housing Association kitchens that she refurbished.

The 14 historic Craft Guilds, which came together to form the Trades House of Glasgow in 1605, first established and maintained the apprenticeship system in the City back in medieval times to ensure high quality workmanship and service.

This new award, now in its second year, completes the skills cycle promoted by the Trades House today by complementing its annual schools craft competition for pupils across Glasgow and the Craftex awards and exhibition aimed at the City's further education college students.

'REVIVE MS SUPPORT' TO BENEFIT FROM BALL



This year's Glasgow Ball in May has its sights set on raising £30,000 to help fund much needed therapy rooms for the 2007/08 Chain Gang charity, Revive MS Support based in Glasgow.

An independent local charity, Revive MS Support is dedicated to helping those affected by Multiple Sclerosis. More than 1 in 500 Scots are living with MS, the highest prevalence of any country in the world, with hundreds of new cases diagnosed every year, many in and around the Glasgow area.

"At the heart of the charity's work are the services provided by their multi-disciplinary team of professional staff at the MS Therapy Centre in Maryhill," said Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore. "There is a real need for additional therapy rooms at the centre which will enable them to more effectively meet the needs of those living with MS. Any surplus to the £30,000 we are able to raise at the Ball will be put towards other capital projects planned by the charity."

Therapy rooms are a fundamental part of the treatment provided to help ensure that those with MS can more effectively manage their symptoms and achieve an acceptable quality of life. Such is the quality of service provision by Revive MS Support that demand outstrips the charity's present resources.

The Glasgow Ball, which takes place on Saturday 10 May at the Glasgow Hilton, will include a fundraising tombola and auction to help boost proceedings during the evening, which begins at 7pm with a cocktail reception, followed by dinner in the Grand Ballroom. The John Carmichael Ceilidh Band and a dance band will provide the entertainment.



Details of how to support the Glasgow Ball with donations to the auction and tombola, along with ticket information, are available from event organisers Glasgow Ball 2008, Events House, 9 Fairley Street, Glasgow G51 2SN, tel: 0141-427 9995, email: eventsco@globalnet.co.uk.

Find out more about the work of Revive MS Support at www.revivescotland.org.uk or call 0141 945 3344.

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Reaching out to people living with Multiple Sclerosis

DEACON CONVENER'S DINNER & LADIES DINNER

Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore's first formal duty was to host the 402nd Annual Dinner of the Trades House of Glasgow in October 2007 at the Trades Hall in the setting of its magnificent Grand Hall. On the same evening, the Deacon Convener's Lady, Eileen Dunsmore, hosted a dinner in the Western Club for the Ex Conveners' Ladies and wives of the Deacon Convener's principal guests and Chain Gang. Here is a selection of photographs from the evening.





At the annual dinner of Past Masters and Office Bearers of the Trades House of Glasgow Lodge No 1241, the Right Worshipful Master Hamish Brodie and company entertained Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore and Collector J Michael Low.

ANGLING CLUB

The 75th Trades House Angling Competition was held at the Lake of Menteith last September when 15 Craftsmen representing nine Crafts took part in the event. Deplorable conditions this year resulted in only eight fish being caught weighing 19 lbs 14 ozs in total. After the competition, high tea at the Rob Roy Motel was followed by the presentation of trophies by Ex Deacon Convener, Roy Scott.

And the results

The Dallas Trophy for best individual basket was won by Alberto Laidlaw (Maltmen) with three fish weighing 6lbs 8ozs. Second was Steve Mannion (Masons) with one fish at 3lbs 7ozs.

The Team Trophy – Jackson Millar Cup was won by the Maltmen (Alberto Laidlaw, Murray Blair) with three fish totalling 6lbs 8ozs. Second were the Wrights (Alec Graham, John Maginnis) with two fish, 4lbs 9ozs.

The Heaviest Fish – Train Trophy went to Steve Mannion (Masons) with a 3lbs 7ozs catch and second was Adrian Coats (Hammermen) at 3lbs 6ozs. Steve's fish also netted him the Michael Beale Trophy for the heaviest basket by a Craftsman aged over 60.



The team trophy is presented by Roy Scott to Alberto Laidlaw and Murray Blair



Members of Trades House, friends and family, visited The Hill House, Helensburgh, for a tour of the house and garden followed by lunch at The Royal Northern Yacht Club in Rhu. The outing, hosted by the Trades House Lodge, was greatly enjoyed by all.



The Association of Trades House Ladies gathered for its annual dinner in the Crown Plaza Hotel, Glasgow, where guest speaker was Principal of Anniesland College Linda McTavish, pictured third right with members of the committee. Look out for a new recipe book being published by the Ladies this spring as part of their fundraising efforts for the Deacon Convener's Charity this year, Revive MS Support.

SUPPORT FOR STRINGFEST

As part of the week-long StringFest 2008 programme at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama (RSAMD), the Trades House of Glasgow is supporting an evening concert on Saturday 15 March by the Brodsky Quartet, recently elected International String Quartet Fellows of the RSAMD.

The recital, which will see the Brodsky Quartet joined by students in a programme of chamber music for strings, will take place in the RSAMD Academy Concert Hall from 7.30pm, with tickets priced at £7 and £5 for concessions. Tickets are available direct from the RSAMD.

CRAFT NEWS

... GARDENERS

ROSE TRIALS



A quach is donated by the Gardeners every year for the Best Established Rose at the City of Glasgow International Rose Trials. The best established rose this year was "Peter Pan" raised by Warner Roses. The Gardeners' Quach was presented to Heather Horner on behalf of Warner Roses by Ex-Deacon J Douglas Anderson. Also pictured is judge Margaret Hamilton, Faculty Head of Maths, Science and Technology at Langside College. She is also a member of the Gardeners' Master Court.

GARDENERS' BOX



At the annual admission ceremony, ten new members took their Solemn Oath to complete their membership of the Gardeners. A most enjoyable Box Opening dinner followed when the Gardeners' Box was opened by the two Key Masters, Brian Atkinson and Scott McGregor. Deacon Brian Porteous added a memento of his year in office. The Box dates back to the early 1600s and was originally used for safe keeping of Gardeners' money and papers.

KEEPING IN TOUCH



The Gardeners keep in close contact with the Worshipful Company of Gardeners in London and were visited at the Choosing Dinner by their Master, Sir Gavyn Arthur, who gave an excellent address. Sir Gavyn is pictured right with Deacon Michael Yeomans.

FOLLOWING IN HIS FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS



Michael Yeomans (right) followed in the footsteps of his father, Ex-Deacon Harry Yeomans (pictured left), when he became Deacon of the Gardeners at Deacon's Choosing Day last year.

... CORDINERS

SPANISH EYES

A cold night in Glasgow became a sultry evening in Spain when Andrew Robinson performed flamenco guitar at the Cordiners' musical evening in November.

Deacon Simon Chiswell, who was inspired to choose a Spanish theme because of the Guild's history, said: "The Cordiners' association with leather working began in Spain and it was great to introduce something different to Trades House. What made it particularly special was having a genuine flamenco dancer perform to the music."

Tapas and paella were served, complemented by Spanish wines, which lent a true Iberian flavour to the evening.

SOUNDS OF PROGRESS



Ex Deacon Convener Stewart Wright and Ex Deacon of the Cordiners Trevor Paterson, present a cheque for £5,000 to Sally Clay and Paul Brunton of Sounds of Progress. This is an arts organisation that trains and assists disabled people in music

and musical theatre abilities to a professional standard, empowering them to aspire to their maximum potential. The money is being directed to their new facilities at the Tron Theatre, Glasgow.

DID WE LEAVE ANY GHOSTS BEHIND?



The Cordiners annual outing in 2007 was a haunted walk of Glasgow finishing in Princes Square for dinner and wine.

... TAILORS

TAILORS' DINNER HUGE SUCCESS



Pictured at the event are (from left) Miss Louise Kelly, Deacon John L Kelly, Mrs Alison Kelly and Mr John Kelly.

The Incorporation of Tailors held one of its most successful Choosing Dinners having more than 150 seated for Deacon Colonel John L Kelly's first event at the head of the Trade House's second oldest Incorporation. Colonel John had as his guest speakers Colonel Bobby Steele and Deputy Chief Constable Ricky Gray. During the meal, the Tailors were also visited by a deputation from the Incorporation of Barbers headed by Deacon Hamilton Purdie who was accompanied by Collector Patries MacIntyre-Hoorn.

... MASONS

950TH ANNIVERSARY CIVIC RECEPTION



Glasgow City Council hosted a Civic Reception to celebrate the 950th anniversary of the granting of a Royal Charter to the Masons of Glasgow, held in the grand Banqueting Hall at the City Chambers in October 2007.

It is a commonly held belief that the Masons of Glasgow were granted a Royal Charter in 1057, but as even its oldest Deacon James Hamilton Smith was not around then, it is impossible to confirm or deny this.

The Civic Reception was attended by the Depute Lord Provost Alan Stewart together with several Bailies and Councillors, The Lord Dean of Guild, the former Deacon Convener and Collector of the House, Past Deacons and members of The Incorporation of Masons, The Deacon and members of The Incorporation of Coopers, The Deacon and Members of the Incorporation of Wrights and The Reverend Laurence Whitley, all with their partners. Archbishop Mario Conti also attended.

A very enjoyable evening was had by all and The Incorporation of Masons of Glasgow is now looking forward to celebrating its 1000th anniversary in 2057.

... BONNETMAKERS & DYERS



Late Deacon Douglas Wilson, Deacon Andrew Taylor and Liz Arthur, in front of the Charter Box of the Red Society



Deacon Andrew Taylor presents his certificate of Honorary Membership to Late Convener Wishart

The Incorporation of Bonnetmakers and Dyers visited the Seeing Red: Scotland's Exotic Textile Heritage Exhibition at the Collins Gallery, Strathclyde University last November. Around 50 members attended for a private guided tour given by Laura Hamilton and Liz Arthur, who gave a fascinating insight into the dyeing and textile industry of Glasgow and the West of Scotland.

As well as financial support, the Craft loaned one of its heirlooms, the Charter Box of the Red Society, to the Gallery for the duration of the exhibition. At the meeting of members held on the same night, Honorary Membership of the Craft was conferred on Late Convener Malcolm Wishart.

... WRIGHTS

STRONG LINKS WITH FREEMEN



Image courtesy of the Herald & Evening Times picture archive

The Incorporation of Wrights continues to forge strong relationships with The Guild of Freeman of the City of London. The present Master is himself a Wright and the Guild's master court is well represented as no fewer than four of the court are members of the Wrights in Glasgow. In 1908, the Guild of Freeman of the City of London was founded to bring together free men and women, for the purposes of charity, benevolence, education and social interaction. Next year will see HRH The Princess Royal take office as Master in its centenary year. Pictured (above from left) are Gordon M Gentry, Master of The Guild of Freeman of the City of London, Sorrelle Kerr and Deacon Angus Kerr.



Lord McDonald (pictured above) during his installation as Chancellor of Glasgow Caledonian University last October. The chair was gifted to the Caledonian University in 1995 by the Incorporation of Wrights, which had organised a competition for its design. Construction was funded by Glasgow City Council.

... HAMMERMEN

IT'S BEHIND YOU!

The Hammermen Service Group hosted a very successful and enjoyable outing to the pantomime in January for Craft and House beneficiaries and friends. The pre-theatre meal was at the Marriot Hotel followed by a trip by double-decker bus to see the King's Theatre rendition of the Sleeping Beauty starring Gerard Kelly, Karen Dunbar and Dawn Steele. The summer outing has been planned for Saturday 16 August 2008 to the Peebles Hydro Hotel.



... BAKERS

BAKERS DINNER NEWS

Last November, Deacon Shirley Adams and her "Deacon's Lady", Vivian Scott, presided over the first-ever Lady Deacon's Choosing Dinner in the Incorporation's 550-plus year history. Vivian gave an unusual and amusing Toast to Trades House, making another first for the Incorporation's record books, and the Craft benefited from a financial profit of £5,000 for the evening.



Deacon Adam's nominated charity, Bipolar Fellowship Scotland, was delighted that the tombola on the evening raised £1,875. With other fundraising events organised by the Deacon added to the total, the BFS funds have been boosted to the tune of £6,892.

MEETING MEMBERS

One of the most generous donors to the tombola prize table at the Choosing Dinner was the Shortbread House of Edinburgh. Deacon Shirley Adams wasted no time in accepting an invitation from Managing Director, Anthony Laing, to verify all products were hand made. The Deacon can happily confirm shortbread rounds are all cut individually by hand using the same cutters found in any kitchen drawer, with shortbread fingers cut by hand using a knife. Anthony Laing believes passionately that there is no other way of achieving the homemade texture and lightness of a handmade product. Yet despite these painstaking methods, the bakery can produce a staggering six tons of shortbread in a week, with only around 20 staff. Anthony is the third generation of his family to be a working member of the Bakers craft, with a fourth generation joining in March.

NEW COLLECTOR



The Master Court is delighted to welcome Anita Douglas as the new Collector of the Incorporation of Bakers. Sadly John Park had to resign shortly after taking office due to ill health and Anita stepped in to fill the role. It is the first time in the Trades House history that both Deacon and Collector in any one Craft have been ladies.

... WEAVERS

At the Weavers dinner, the Deacon Convener presented certificates to this year's new members, including Mary Newlands (Weaver), Charles J Newlands (Engineer) and Thomas Newlands (Student). All are related to Deacon Charlie Newlands – in order, his mum, son and grandson. This also represents three firsts - Deacon Charlie is Mary's number one son, Charles J is Deacon Charlie's number one son, and Thomas is Charles J's number one son. Four generations of one Craft, at one dinner, at one time. The Weavers ask if this is a first - have any other Crafts had similar experiences?



... BARBERS

BOX OPENING



The Annual Box Opening was held in the Trades Hall in December, attended by more than 40 members and guests. Entertainment was provided by a barber's quartet. Deacon Hamilton Purdie placed in the box the latest addition of the Barbers Bulletin newsletter, together with a suitably inscribed Barber's Shaving Mug to symbolise the great fellowship enjoyed between the incorporations. The Deacon Convener and Collector of the House together with their ladies were the guests of the Incorporation on the evening. The new Barbers Tie was also launched and received widespread approval from the membership.

NEW MEMBERS' PARTY



The Incorporation of Barbers followed their recent Master Court meeting with a cocktail party to welcome the Incorporation's newest members. Wishing them a long and happy association with the Barbers and Trades House, Deacon Hamilton Purdie presented six new members Moira Purdie, Iain Paterson, (the Craft's new Clerk), Tracey Kelly, Victoria Finnigan, Alastair McIntyre and Frank Quail, with their Burgess Tickets and an Illuminated Barbers Scroll to mark their entry into the Craft.

... COOPERS



Martin Skelton (centre), Managing Director of Gonzalez Byass, was this year's recipient of the Incorporation of Coopers Scholarship. He attended a two-day course on the art of coopering, blending and distilling.

A Message from our Lead sponsors



It's hard to believe that it is 12 months since we first agreed to work with the Trades House as a sponsor. Although the time has passed quickly, we have packed such a lot into a memorable year of working together.

For us, the highlight of 2007 would have to be the launch of the Modern Apprentice of the Year Award. This is a fantastic initiative in an area of training that is vital to the ongoing success of commerce in and around Glasgow. I hope we can do more over the coming year to raise the profile of the award scheme.

I also have to say that it was wonderful to be involved in such fantastic occasions as the Tall Ship dinner and the Annual Ball and to support the fundraising activities that have taken place around these events.

Last year was also a busy and successful year for us. I am pleased that we now have an expanded Corporate Banking team in Glasgow and that our sustained quality of service and expertise resulted in Lloyds TSB winning the CBI / Real Finance 'Corporate Bank of the Year' award for the third year running. The award is most pleasing for us in that it is voted for by customers based on their own real-life experiences of what we do.

Not content to rest on our laurels, we recognise that our partnership with the Trades House is important for us as it helps support the values, heritage and skills that we believe underpin business success, perhaps more so now than ever before.



Manus Fullerton (left) with Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore

In 2008 we will seek to grow our partnership and look forward, with anticipation, to our continued sponsorship of your programme of events. May I wish you every success in the coming year.

MANUS FULLERTON, Director,
Corporate & Business Banking, Lloyds TSB Scotland



WHAT IS THE TRADES HOUSE OF GLASGOW?

Since it was established in 1605, the Trades House of Glasgow has played an important role in fostering trade and industry in the city, along with its 14 Incorporated Crafts. While continuing to promote traditional craft skills through a wide variety of initiatives, the House is now widely viewed as a centre of excellence in the administration of trusts and legacies, managing funds in excess of £19 million.

Considerable resources are also devoted to general benevolent work, with grants of around £400,000 awarded each year to deserving causes and individuals.

Read more about the work of the Trades House and Incorporated Crafts in this edition of the Craftsman or find out more online at www.tradeshouse.org.uk.

KEEP IN TOUCH

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