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KEEP IN TOUCH

Welcome to the summer/autumn 2008 edition of the Craftsman! Our many thanks go to all the contributors who make its publication possible. We hope you enjoy your read!

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DIARY DATES 2008-09

Deacons' Choosing Day – Friday 19 September 2008
Grand Antiquity Society Directors' Dinner - Friday 28 November 2008
Modern Apprentice of the Year Award Dinner - March 2009
Deacon Convener's Dinner – Wednesday 8 October 2008
Kirkling of the House – Sunday 12 October 2008
Trades House Lodge Installation Dinner – Monday 10 November 2008
Grand Antiquity Society Directors' Dinner – Friday 28 November 2008
Glasgow Ball - Glasgow Hilton, Saturday 9 May 2009
Beneficiaries' Tea Party - Trades Hall, May 2009
School Craft Awards - Trades Hall, Monday 8 June 2009
Schools Citizenship Award - Trades Hall, Monday 8 June 2009
Craftex 2009 - Trades Hall, Thursday 11 to Sunday 14 June 2009
Craftex Awards 2009 - Trades Hall, Friday 12 June 2009, 7.30pm
Tall Ship Glenlee - Friday 28 August 2009

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The magnificent and historic Trades Hall of Glasgow retains a quiet majesty, providing a stylish and versatile venue for functions ranging from conferences and formal dinners to business meetings and family events such as weddings. If you would like to book a social or business event or find out more about the Trades Hall function rooms, please contact

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TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

Tours of the magnificent Trades Hall, home to the Trades House of Glasgow and its 14 Incorporated Crafts, have been popular with visitors for many years. Today, there are seven guides who provide the fascinating historical tours around the majestic Robert Adam building dating from 1791 and found at 85 Glassford Street in the heart of Glasgow city centre.

Groups ranging from school parties to Rotary, churches and historical societies, have all enjoyed a visit, with individuals turning up in their droves during the annual Glasgow's Doors Open Day – taking place this year on Sunday 21 September.

If you know a group or society who would like to arrange a tour, please telephone Alison Dick on 0141 552 2418 to check availability. As this is a working Trades Hall, it is necessary to book all tours in advance.

Want to be a tour guide?

Our tour guides find this a most rewarding experience. So if you would like to help for two or three hours each month - a great help particularly on Doors Open Day - please contact Carole Nelson on 0141 552 2418 (option 4).

WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY

Following the successful sponsorship of each pane of glass that makes up the three magnificent Serlian windows in the Trades Hall of Glasgow Grand Hall, the Trustees have now released the remaining windows for sponsorship.

Donors' names will be recorded in an illustration of the window with the individual's pane of glass acknowledged accordingly and inset as a feature within the related window. Each pane costs £200 plus VAT (total = £235).

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VIEW FROM THE PLATFORM

It seems no time since I was elected Deacon Convener, but the end of my year of office on 8 October is rapidly approaching.

It has been a memorable experience for Eileen and myself to meet so many interesting people, visiting so many different places both in Glasgow and beyond, and enjoying some wonderful hospitality.

The Glasgow Ball was a great success and the Chain Gang succeeded in raising a figure in the region of £45,000 for Revive MS Support in Maryhill. I am most grateful to all for their support in raising such a wonderful total.

We have attended many events in the City Chambers. The relationship between the House and the City is strong and we are grateful for the friendship of the Lord and Lady Provost, the Bailies and the City Chambers staff, who have made our visits there so enjoyable.

The Trades House is in good heart, but we are moving through a period of change in the light of the new charities legislation in Scotland. I hope that the new Constitution of the House will be approved shortly, so that we can proceed with a formal application to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

Thereafter, a full review of the House bye-laws will be undertaken to complement the new Constitution, but always on the basis that our traditions, which have served us so well for many years, are maintained.

How the year has moved on! I refer to my year in office as Collector of the House which Patricia and I have so very much enjoyed. It certainly has been a very busy and interesting time with plenty to do, see, inwardly digest and store away for future reference.

As I look back over the past ten months, I can readily say that all the functions and the various items of business for the House and Platform have been noteworthy. But of course there are particular events which bring home the history and purpose of the Trades House.

Perhaps the traditional and yet modern approach is encapsulated in MAYA, the Modern Apprentice of the Year Award, where I and Late Collector David Dobson were responsible for interviewing potential finalists by seeing and talking to young apprentices at their workplace. It was an inspiring and rewarding experience which culminated in the MAYA dinner and prizegiving in the presence of The Princess Royal.

One of my most pleasant memories was during my time as a member of the panel of judges for the School Citizenship award. For me this was a joy to behold as children from nursery, primary and secondary schools competed. I was impressed by the standard of presentation by all the schools and felt privileged to attend, with the Deacon Convener, the award ceremony at Shawlands Academy.

Another memorable experience was the Trades House Tea Party where old friends are welcomed by the Platform and the Deacons and Visitor to afternoon tea and entertainment. This event is traditionally organised by the Collector but with much needed assistance from the Trades House office! A good time was had by all with a real Glasgow tea! The excellent entertainment was provided by students from the RSAMD.

On the social front, the formal dinners are mostly over for the Chain Gang. However, the more intimate Master Court Dinners and Musical Evenings continue, so there is still an opportunity for Patricia and I to meet up with the Deacons, Visitor and other office-bearers. The Chain Gang have been great fun and have become good friends and we thank them for their support during the year.

J MICHAEL LOW, Collector

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.

The year would not have been so enjoyable without the help and support of so many people. The Chain Gang and their partners have been a great source of strength and I thank them for their support and friendship throughout the year - particularly I wish to thank Collector Michael Low and his wife Patricia.

I have enjoyed working with the Clerk, Iain Paterson, and the office staff, Annette, Myra, Kirstine and Paula. Their help, advice and encouragement have been greatly appreciated.

Last but by no means least, can I record my sincere thanks to my wife Eileen for her unswerving support and companionship during the year.

It has been a great privilege to serve the House as Deacon Convener and also the City of Glasgow as Third Citizen.

I wish the Late Collector David Dobson and his wife Jan the very best for their year in office.

IAN L DUNSMORE, Deacon Convener



It is a great honour to be nominated as Deacon Convener of the Trades of Glasgow. Jan and I promise to do our best and are looking forward to our year - Jan with eager anticipation, which I share, for most of the time, occasionally interspersed with bouts of disturbed trepidation!

Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore, Collector Michael Low and their ladies make a great team perfectly maintaining the traditions of the House. The Ball showed the continuing pattern of success and Ian has pushed forward the changes to the Constitution of the House, necessary for our wellbeing in the 21st century. We may do as well with the support of Collector Elect Jimmy Miller and Gillian.

Our 2008-09 Chain Gang has met three times since the end of April, once socially and for two business meetings. Happily our Gang has one lady, Gill Craig of the Grand Antiquity Society. Just like the Eighth Army's Long Range Desert Group we have a Long Range Deacons' Group with Archie Holmes (Weavers), John Carpendale (Bakers) and Keith Brown (Coopers) travelling from the deep south of England. Their attendance has been exemplary.

The Chain Gang has decided to continue with a Ball at the Hilton on Saturday 9 May 2009, this time in aid of Alzheimer Scotland Action on Dementia. Today one in 90 Scots have dementia, if the trend continues unchecked by 2031 it will be 1 in 50. Anything we achieve will be used at their four centres in the Greater Glasgow area particularly to aid therapies such as reminiscence therapy. We also hope to have a social event on the Tall Ship Glenlee on Friday 28 August 2009.

We will maintain all the initiatives of the House. As an ex-apprentice, the Modern Apprentice of the Year is particularly close to my heart.

But at time of writing Deacon Convener Ian's year still has three months to run so that is enough long range planning!

DAVID H DOBSON, Late Collector





Guests catch up at the annual Beneficiaries' Tea Party

A CUP OF CHEER

More than 100 of the House and Crafts' Beneficiaries were entertained to afternoon tea in the Trades Hall Grand Hall hosted by the Collector of the House Michael Low, with support from Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore, the 2007-08 Chain Gang and their ladies.

An appreciative audience were entertained with a mixed programme of opera, song and lighter tunes, thanks to vocal study students from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow.

Collector Michael Low (left) and Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore serve up some tasty treats to the beneficiaries.



WELCOME TO COLLECTOR ELECT



Collector Elect James Y Miller, was introduced at the dinner following the Trades House Lecture in May. Jimmy, who is pictured with his wife Gillian, is a retired Chartered Accountant. He was Deacon of the Incorporation of Cordiners in 2001-2002. Currently, Jimmy represents the House as a Governor of Glasgow Education and Marshall Trust. Amongst other positions held, he is the Chairman of Children's Classic Concerts. Jimmy and Gillian live in Eaglesham.

NEW SOCIAL WORKER FOR TRADES HOUSE

To cope with the ever expanding workload at the Trades House of Glasgow, Lorraine Tedeschi has been appointed as Social Worker to work alongside Wilma Campbell.

Lorraine, who joined in June, previously worked for 26 years within the social work departments at Glasgow City Council and Strathclyde Regional Council. The last 15 years were spent working with the Children and Families section of the Council based in Glenbarr Street, Royston, and covering the north of the City.

She has also worked in the past within the social work department at Glasgow Royal Infirmary, assisting patients and their families whilst in hospital and on discharge.

Lorraine's varied experience will undoubtedly be of valuable assistance to her within her new role at the Trades House.





SNAPSHOT OF THE GLASGOW BALL

Above - Top table guests prepare to have a Ball.

More than £45,000 has been raised in aid of Revive MS Support thanks to the generosity of table hosts and their guests at the Glasgow Ball 2008, and the mountain of donated gifts for the fundraising auction and tombola.

In return, the 600-plus glittering audience enjoyed a sumptuous dinner at the Glasgow Hilton venue and danced the night away to the sounds of the John Carmichael Ceilidh Band and Big Vern and the Shootahs.

An independent local charity based in Glasgow, Revive MS Support is dedicated to helping those affected by Multiple Sclerosis. The Trades House donation will go towards new therapy rooms at the MS Therapy Centre in Maryhill along with other capital projects planned by the charity.

Right - Aileen Brodie, President of the Association of Trades House Ladies presents a cheque for £1,500 to Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore at the Ball.



PRINCESS ROYAL PRESENTS MODERN APPRENTICE AWARD

Gavin Jeffrey, a third year apprentice electrician with BAE Systems, has scooped the Trades House of Glasgow Modern Apprentice of the Year Award, picking up his trophy from HRH The Princess Royal at a celebration awards dinner in the Trades Hall in March 08.

The 20-year-old from Helensburgh was one of six finalists to receive their awards from The Princess Royal. Gavin was presented with an inscribed cup - to remain on display in the Trades Hall - an inscribed replica to keep, a cash prize of £500 for further study and a certificate.

Two runners up, apprentice joiner Mark Lynch (20) and apprentice wood machinist Stephen Millar (20) of City Building (Glasgow) LLP, were each awarded £250 and a certificate, with the three remaining finalists receiving a certificate of commendation. They were apprentice draughtsman Lauren Beck (22) of BAE Systems, apprentice painter and decorator Finlay Leith (21) of City Building (Glasgow) LLP, and Simita Kumar (20) who took up her administration apprenticeship with Glasgow City Council – Credit Union, before transferring to Anderson Strathern Solicitors.

"Our warm congratulations go to Gavin and each of the finalists, whose commitment and capability in furthering their careers through the modern apprenticeship route have been recognised by our awards initiative," said Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore.

"We were delighted that HRH The Princess Royal accepted our invitation to present these awards, particularly as she has always shown a keen interest in the development of skills amongst young people. Her presence at the dinner not only delighted our award winning young adults, it also helped reinforce the status of modern apprenticeships in the workplace today."

Now in its second year, the Trades House of Glasgow Modern Apprentice of the Year Award highlights the vocational and personal benefits modern apprenticeships provide. The Trades House, which first promoted apprenticeships centuries ago, is using the initiative to reinvigorate its efforts in raising the profile of traditional trades alongside more modern skills, especially at a time when Scotland needs more skilled men and women.

The Award was supported by Lloyds TSB Scotland plc, Scottish Enterprise and Glasgow City Council.



The Princess Royal congratulates Gavin Jeffrey on taking the top title



With Gavin Jeffrey (centre front) are four of his fellow finalists (from left) Mark Lynch, Stephen Millar, Lauren Beck and Simita Kumar

SHAWLANDS JUMP FOR JOY

Shawlands Academy has picked up the Trades House of Glasgow Citizenship Award 2008, in recognition of the great work undertaken by its Eco Club pupils within the community. Now in its 9th 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.

To take the title, Shawlands Academy beat stiff competition from other short listed schools in the final – St Martha's Primary, Annette Street Primary, Westerbraigs Nursery, Lorne Street Primary and St Charles' Primary. This is one of several awards won by Shawlands Academy in the past academic year that recognise its work in promoting sustainable policies and activities.

"Our judges looked carefully at the contributions each school makes to the life of its local community, and we chose the winner after we heard presentations from pupils representing each of the finalists," said Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore.

"We saw a clear focus on good citizenship from all the pupils, which we believe is fundamental in preparing them well for the future. It helps them connect with the realities of everyday life and the need for values and commitment to others. While the Shawlands Academy work and presentation were outstanding, we congratulate all our finalists on demonstrating great citizenship."



Jumping for joy are pupils Charles Bell Reilly, Tegan Westwater, Robbie Johnstone and Eva Legemah, as Shawlands Academy head teacher, Ann Grant, is presented with the Citizenship plaque by Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore.

AILEAN TAKES GOLD



Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore presents Ailean with his Gold Medal.

Student artist Ailean Stuart (28) from Kelvinbridge, Glasgow, has won the best in show Gold Medal honours for his aluminium and steel sculpture mask, at the Trades House of Glasgow annual craft awards and exhibition, Craftex 2008.

The Anniesland College student, a former pupil at Hillhead High School, has just completed his first year of an HND in Contemporary Art Practice. He was presented with his coveted Gold Medal by Deacon Convener of the Trades of Glasgow, Ian Dunsmore, at the opening of the four day Craftex exhibition in June.

Ailean - Gaelic for Alan - took the influence for his sculpture from Buddhist literature and the theory that identity is fragmented. He produced the mask in four separate metal sections. When viewed from the front, they create the illusion of one single piece. When he completes his studies next year, Ailean hopes to move into film production design.

Craftex 2008 rewards the very best traditional and modern crafts, design and technology skills taught at Glasgow's colleges of further education, showcasing the very best curriculum work prepared by students across a wide variety of subjects.

Judge of the competition this year was Bailie Liz Cameron, who selected Ailean as Metal Sculpture Advanced winner before granting him the Gold Medal title. He was one of 47 category winners chosen out of hundreds of pieces on show at Craftex. Each winner received a cheque for £200 for advanced and £150 for non-advanced categories.

Other top awards included Best Design selected by the Deacon Convener, which went to Naomi Wright, also a student at Anniesland, for her sunflower sculpture. The Scottish Glass Society presented an award for best glasswork, won by Helen Campbell of the Metropolitan College for her stained glass window depicting galloping white horses.

"We continue to find the standard of entries getting better each year, demonstrating that many of our traditional crafts are still flourishing alongside new technology skills," said Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore. "As well as showcasing these crucial skills that are still being honed by our colleges across Glasgow today, Craftex provides just reward for the hard work of the students themselves.

"With business and careers representatives amongst the thousands attracted to the exhibition each year, Craftex has proved to be a significant platform for students seeking employment or even launching their own business. Our congratulations go to Ailean, Naomi, Helen and all our category winners."

The event was sponsored by the Scottish Government, Tilney Private Wealth Management, Melville Exhibitions, Glasgow City Council, Thomas Tunnock Ltd, J Chandler & Co, the Merchants House of Glasgow, Scottish Goldsmiths Trust, the Weavers Society of Anderston, Scottish Engineering and our own 14 Incorporated Trades of Glasgow.



Ailean shows how the mask is segmented.

PUPILS GET CRAFTY

Michael Hunter, a 4th year pupil at Cleveden Secondary School in Kelvindale, Glasgow, has scooped the top accolade in the annual Trades House of Glasgow School Craft Competition.

The 16-year-old Craft & Design student, who wants to go on to study architecture, was overall winner for his original mahogany and pine chess table, produced as part of his Craft & Design standard grade studies. As overall winner, he was awarded a certificate and a cheque for £75.

Michael was among more than 80 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 curricular studies. The awards are supported by Glasgow City Council Education Department.

Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore and other senior office bearers presented pupils in all categories with 1st, 2nd, 3rd and commended certificates, each also receiving £40, £20, £15 and £10 respectively. Categories included metalwork, woodwork, plastic, portfolio work and the culinary excellence programme. Overall culinary excellence winner went to Mariam Ahmed of Holyrood Secondary, who also received a cheque for £75.

"We reviewed many submissions before making our commendations and I have to say that the very high quality and design standard of the winning pieces reflects the commitment of both pupils and teachers," said Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore. "It was very easy to forget that the work was produced by schoolchildren."



Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore with School Craft winner Michael Hunter and his original chess table.



SECURING THE UNION

Professor Allan Macinnes, a specialist in early modern Scottish History, delivered the annual Trades House of Glasgow Lecture to a packed and engrossed audience in May at the University of Strathclyde. Professor Macinnes, the author of a highly acclaimed book on the Treaty of Union and recently appointed Professor of History at the University, spoke about *Scotland and Empire: Securing the Union 1707 – 1727*. He is pictured (centre) with Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore and Andrew Hamnett, the Principal and Vice Chancellor of the University.

CRAFT NEWS . . . BAKERS

HISTORIC VISITATION!

The first all-female visitation in Trades House history took place when the Bakers visited the Coopers. Deacon of the Bakers Shirley Adams and Collector Anita Douglas, presented a cake to Deacon of the Coopers Alasdair Beaton. Baked by students of Metropolitan College, it was created in the form of a Mini Cooper to mark the admission of his six-year old son to the Coopers craft during the dinner (see Coopers page 9). Shirley and Anita insisted their hosts donned typical baker's hairnets for the occasion.



BAKERS BY THE DOZEN!

A custom unique to the Bakers is their Old Deacons Festival. The club has been in existence since 1823, the same year as the current Deacon's Great-Great-Great Grandfather joined the Bakers. It involves all living Deacons meeting together at an annual dinner in Glasgow to admit the new Deacon and, in this case, their first lady Deacon in 185 years.



. . . SKINNERS



Tom McEwan (centre) with Deacon Idris Jones and Jim Vallance.

Tom McEwan, winner of the prestigious Soutar Prize in Bookbinding, is spending time in London to gain further experience in new techniques at the Mark Cokram Studio 5. A travelling Bursary was granted to Tom by the Skinners, which supports a number of bookbinding students through sponsorship at Metropolitan College.

Tom was nominated for the Bursary by Jim Vallance, Head of Bookbinding in the College. Shortly before heading for England's capital in July, Tom received his award from Deacon of the Skinners Idris Jones.

Back at home, the Skinners are in good heart with a succession assured in the Master Court for some years to come. The Incorporation is looking forward to the start of the new Trades House year, when it shall be supporting a new group of students in this highly specialised field.

. . . WRIGHTS

SHAKY START FOR BAKERS' DEACON

When Shirley Adams became Deacon of the Bakers last year, she soon discovered that she had a very shaky problem on her hands. The Deacon's chair was not only shaking at all its joints but also quite literally falling apart.

When she shared the news with fellow Deacon of the Wrights, Angus Kerr, his Craft came to the rescue, thanks to its new Furniture Renovating Committee. The committee approached David Healey at the Glasgow Metropolitan College, and it was agreed that students on the Furniture Renovating Course could restore the Chair.

Photograph courtesy of Jack Chalmers

Deacon Shirley Adams was thrilled with the results and was able to thank everyone involved at a reception to mark the return of the chair. Sitting proudly on the restored chair, Shirley is surrounded by (from left) Deacon Angus, Collector of the Wrights Alex Graham, Past Deacon Alistair Doig, David Healey and Past Deacon Jonathan Parkins.



. . . FLESHERS



The Fleshers helped sponsor Pamela Clark, the grand-daughter of Ex Deacon Jim Clark, for a trip to Canada where she competed in the finals of the Trampoline World Championship. Pamela, who is twice British Trampolining Champion, came 7th in the under 12s category. She is pictured with Deacon William Mitchell. In the past, she has represented Scotland many times, winning competitions in Denmark, the Czech Republic and Sweden. This

remarkable young lady has also won every competition she has entered this year. The future certainly looks bouncy and bright for Pamela.

. . . TAILORS

It has been another busy and exciting time for the Deacon of the Tailors Colonel John Kelly MBE and his Master Court, who have held a number of additional meetings to their usual schedule in order to work through ideas that can further improve the running of the Craft.

"We had a great time visiting our pensioners over the course of a few evenings and it's great to see that they are all in good spirit," said Deacon John Kelly. "We were made most welcome and drank many a cup of tea, as we enjoyed listening to all the old stories. It really is wonderful to visit the pensioners, as it brings home what our Craft is all about.

"As we continue to move ever closer to the inclusion of women as Tailors, I think it is fair to say that we can see light at the end of the tunnel. We are also in the process of updating our website and rejigging our 200 Club to make it more fun and increase revenues to assist with our social events.

"We are delighted to see the refurbishment work on the Trades Hall progressing and look forward to the completion of the contract. It will undoubtedly provide a strong basis that will allow our Crafts to flourish here in the future."



A first class evening was enjoyed by guests, when the Deacon hosted a table at the Glasgow Ball, now one of the highlights of the Glasgow charity dinner circuit. John is pictured with his wife Alison.

DINNER DELIGHTS



Guests gather for the Coopers' Dinner Dance at the Trades Hall.



Deacon Alasdair Beaton presents Coopers' tools to Loch Lomond distillery Cooperage Apprentice Steven Courtney. The Craft presents a full set of bespoke tools, worth in the region of £500, to all 1st year apprentices. Deacon Alasdair has presented five sets of tools already this year.



Deacon Alasdair presents an inscribed croze to Allan Bartlett from Tomatin Cooperage at the Coopers' Dinner in the Trades Hall. The Coopers make this presentation to all 4th year apprentices, together with an award, as a memento of passing their trades test and completing their apprenticeship.



Demonstrating quite clearly that some Crafts accept members of all ages, Deacon of the Coopers Alasdair Beaton, presented a Certificate of Membership to his six year old son, Struan, at the dinner. Looking on is well known master of ceremonies, Peter Baines.

... BARBERS



BOOST FOR REVIVE

Deacon Hamilton Purdie, accompanied by the Barbers' Master Court and Members, presents a cheque for £5,000 to Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore, the Craft's contribution to the Chain Gang's charity, Revive MS Support.

A capacity audience of 230 members and guests attended this year's Barbers' Dinner Dance in the Trades Hall. Guests included the Master of the Worshipful Company of Apothecaries of London together with his wife. Deacon of the Fleshers Bill Mitchell headed the official visitation and gave the Barbers a clean bill of health.

Bailie Liz Cameron gave a very entertaining and erudite Toast to the House, which was ably replied to by Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore. The former Lord Provost also accepted membership of the Incorporation of Barbers and has subsequently joined the Master Court.

While an auction for an original seascape painting augmented the raffle, Deacon of the Barbers Hamilton Purdie took the opportunity to thank several major companies for their very kind sponsorship of the dinner.



Deacon Hamilton Purdie and his wife Moira (left) with the Barbers' newest member, Bailie Liz Cameron

... BONNETMAKERS & DYERS

GENEROUS BEQUEST

The Bonnetmakers & Dyers recently received a very generous bequest of more than £380,000 from the estate of one of its former Clerks, J Ferguson Dunlop. In terms of Mr Dunlop's Will, the income from the fund is restricted in that it must only be used for the benefit of the Incorporation's grantees.

With the Incorporation delighted to accept Mr Dunlop's wishes, it would also like to take this opportunity to increase the number of grantees who receive some benefit from the Craft. It is asking therefore if anyone knows of a member, or widow of a member, of the Incorporation who would benefit from some extra financial assistance, could they please contact the Clerk Tom Monteith on 0141 304 3434. All discussions will be treated in absolute confidence.

GOLF DAY



The Incorporation of Bonnetmakers & Dyers held its annual Golf Day in June at Kilmacollm Golf Club. Unfortunately, persistent drizzle affected most of the afternoon, and the last group were caught in a downpour. Despite the weather, some good golf was played – although not at his own admission by Deacon Andrew Taylor. Having started par then a birdie, Andrew went on to find an unplayable lie at the third before hitting two tee shots out of bounds at the fourth! The competition winner was Clerk to the Incorporation, Tom Monteith (centre), who is pictured being congratulated by Deacon Andrew (right). Thanks go to Golf Convener Gordon Wilson for organising a very successful event.

... MASONS

SURPRISE DINNER MARKS 41 YEARS

A surprise dinner was held by the Incorporation of Masons at the Trades Hall in May, for its oldest Past Deacon, James Hamilton Smith. He was celebrating 41 years as a Past Deacon of the Incorporation.

The dinner was attended by Past Deacons and their partners, members of the Master Court, James's family and pianist Terry Martin. Toasts were proposed by Past Deacon Ian Macpherson and Sheriff Principal Brian Lockhart.



James was presented with a "scotch pie" and a silver pocket watch in recognition of his long and continuous service to the Incorporation. The evening was chaired by Deacon J Alan McLennan - pictured with James (left) - and superbly organised by Collector John Miller.



Members of the Incorporation and their partners visited the Charles Rennie Mackintosh Hill House in Helensburgh followed by an excellent High Tea in Rosslea Hall Country House in Rhu. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the outing and thanks go to Collector John Miller for organising the outing.

... MALTSMEN

QUALITY STANDARDS AWARDED

Over the centuries, the Incorporation of Maltmen has been involved in monitoring the production and quality of ale in the City of Glasgow. Each year, two Glasgow bars are presented with Beer Quality Awards in recognition of the outstanding quality of their beer.



Murray Blair (centre) is pictured presenting the awards to this year's winners, Alistair Don of The Doublet (centre left) and Robert Bowie of the Toby Jug. Looking on are Mike Lees (far left), President, and Paul Waterson, Chief Executive of the Scottish Licensed Trade Association, who are both Past Visitors of the Maltmen.

With the present day role of the Maltmen predominantly charity based with strong trade links, the Incorporation is sponsoring trade staff sitting their Serve Wise City and Guilds Certificate in the Glasgow area. This ensures they meet the standards required by the new licensing legislation. Scholarships are also awarded to students of brewing at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh.

... WEAVERS

New Lanark was the destination for the Weavers' annual late spring outing to a place of weaving interest. The coach trip resonated with music on the "moothies" provided by Deacon Charlie Newlands to help get everyone in a buoyant mood. After an excellent lunch, guests enjoyed a tour of the various buildings despite some atrocious weather.

Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore (left) pictured in the downstairs kitchen at New Lanark with Deacon Charlie Newlands.



... HAMMERMEN

Supporting engineering education is high on the agenda for the Hammermen. Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore was invited to present the Hammermen Awards at a ceremony held in the Trades Hall. A total of 22 engineering students from Universities and Colleges in the Glasgow area were rewarded for their excellence in engineering. Each student was presented with certificates and cheques - £300 for the winners and £200 to the runners up. The Master Court then interviewed a selected number of candidates for the Craft's Prince Philip Prizes, each worth £1,500. These were awarded to Samuel Smith of the University of Glasgow and Kyle McLeod of Anniesland College.



Deacon Gavin MacLellan accompanied by Clerk Alistair Burrow, presented a new Tensometer to the Engineering Department at Stow College. The Craft's support has allowed the College to replace its existing test equipment with a new machine capable of printing results - as well as giving more accurate results - which should significantly enhance the Department's capabilities in this area. The Deacon and Clerk are pictured at the presentation of the Testometer with Head of Department Alan Roseweir and Hammermen Award winner Marc McGregor and runner-up Ipyana Kibombwe along with Ian McPhail (Lecturer).



... GARDENERS

TOP TITLE FOR THE ROCK

The Let Glasgow Flourish Awards, presented annually to Glasgow businesses for flower displays outside their premises, saw 35 businesses pick up awards for displays viewed during the summer of 2007. Deacon Michael Yeomans (right) and Deputy Lord Provost Allan Stewart (left) present the top title of the Robertson Silver Spade to Laurie Cuffe, Manager of The Rock, a well known pub in Hyndland Road.



PLANTS - THE SILENT WITNESSES

The inaugural Gardeners' lecture in co-operation with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Glasgow took place at the College in the spring. Dr Jennifer Miller from the Department of Archaeology at the University of Glasgow gave a most interesting and informative lecture on how plants could help in criminal investigation. The lecture was open to the public.

PRIZEWINNERS

Funding various aspects of education is a key focus for the Gardeners. For one, the Craft maintains close contact with Glasgow City Council's Land and Environmental Services department, providing a travelling scholarship and prizes for apprentices of gardening and floristry each year. Pictured with Deacon Michael Yeomans and Collector Dr Roger Kinns are Sean Belshaw who won the Gardeners' Quail for excellence and Chantelle Bissett who was awarded the Travelling Scholarship.



CORDINERS

Donating to worthy causes is high on the agenda for the Cordiners. Deacon Simon Chiswell has been particularly busy recently visiting some Craft beneficiaries.



Simon (left) with Ken Mathie of the ACCORD Hospice Paisley, which does amazing work helping sick people and their families in the area.



Simon with Ian McPhee, Ewan Clydesdale and Andrew Low of the City Mission, which helps the homeless in Glasgow.



Margaret Beaton and Simon at Church House Youth in Bridgeton, where young people are provided with a place to go at night.



Sue Hogg, Director of Care at Rachel House - the CHAS hospice in Kinross - with Simon and his children Jasmine and Zac.

INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER

Jamie Andrew, author of *Life and Limb*, was principal guest speaker at the Cordiner's annual charity dinner. Jamie silenced the hall with his story of being stranded in the French Alps for five days. It was too late to save his friend who died the day before rescue and Jamie had both hands and feet amputated to save his life. "Jamie was a true inspiration, telling us how he rebuilt his life," said Deacon Simon. "He now helps others to face their personal challenges."

ASSOCIATION OF DEACONS



President of the Association of Deacons, Ford Macfarlane, and his wife Anne, a stalwart of the Trades House Ladies' Association and Director of the Grand Antiquity Society, marked the drawing to a close of the year's formal events with an invitation to the Chain Gang and their partners for lunch at their home. The assembled multitudes are pictured (above).

"This year's Chain Gang has really gelled well and all have been prepared to go the extra mile to enjoy the hospitality at the year's social events," said Ford. "The weather gods were smiling - it was one of the best days of the summer. Guests were invited to dress for the garden, but surprisingly all declined the loan of a spade or hoe, even the Gardeners!"

START COOKING



Aileen Brodie, President of the Association of Trades House Ladies, with the Deacon Convener's Lady, Eileen Dunsmore, at the launch of the Association's recently published recipe book in aid of the Deacon Convener's charity. Copies priced £5 are available from Aileen Brodie on 0141 639 3614.

TRADES HOUSE SHIELD

The 102nd men's Trades House Shield was played at Kilmacolm Golf Club in May. The Bakers had a runaway victory with Norrie Fyfe and Gordon Bennett taking the Shield. Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore made the presentation.

LADIES' GOLF

The 34th Ladies' Golf Competition hosted by the Deacon Convener's Lady Eileen Dunsmore, was held at Cathkin Braes Golf Club in May. The weather was fair and 38 ladies played representing 11 Crafts. Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore presented the Trophy and other prizes. Thanks were given to all who helped make the day successful - Craft conveners, scorers, and particularly Golf Convener Charlotte Horspool and her helpers.

Results

Winning Team	105points	Wrights	Anne Millar Charlotte Horspool Margaret Knight Alice Corner
Runners Up	98 points	Tailors	
Longest Drive	Silver	Linda Stevenson (Maltmen)	
Longest Drive	Bronze	Marilyn Muirhead (Skinners)	
Nearest the Pin	Silver	Karine Mclver (Gardeners)	
Nearest the Pin	Bronze	Alice Corner (Wrights)	
Best Individual Score	43 points	Alice Corner (Wrights)	

ANGLING NEWS

The 76th Trades House Angling Competition will be held at the Lake of Menteith on Saturday 20 September 2008. Fishing, from 9.30am to 5.30pm, will be followed by high tea and presentation of prizes at the Rob Roy Motel.

Craftsmen will be contacted by the Angling Convener. Anyone wishing to fish and not on the list should contact Murray Blair on 0141 638 0155 for details.



GARDEN OF TRANQUILLITY

Thanks to funds raised by the 2005-06 Chain Gang, the Trades House Visitors' Garden has been officially opened at the new Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Hospital at Gartnavel.

Pictured above, Ex Convener Graham Goodridge-Cox, members of his former Chain Gang, Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore, friends Doug Bradley and Archie Forrest, and all their ladies, gathered in the inner courtyard garden for its official opening in May.

The group were enthusiastically welcomed by Medical Director, Professor Alan Rodger, who spoke about the life of Sir George Beatson. He thanked everyone for their marvellous charitable donation, resulting in the garden and a commemorative bronze head of Sir George.

"Glass doors, etched with the Trades House coat of arms give access to the courtyard, which includes a granite stone fountain engraved with the names of our 14 Incorporations," said Graham Goodridge-Cox. "Artist Archie Forrest, very kindly sculptured a bronze head of Sir George Beatson, which takes pride of place in the entrance foyer.

"As the lead centre for non surgical cancer care in the west of Scotland and the second largest facility of its kind in the UK, the Beatson team see more than 8,000 new patients each year. So the garden has been designed to create a tranquil setting for use by all the patients, their families and friends. Light pods, set amongst the planting, provided added interest at night especially when viewed from the patients' rooms above. We are delighted with the finished result."

Artist Archie Forrest with his bronze sculpture. Professor Alan Rodger and Graham Goodridge-Cox look on.



LLOYDS TSB CONTINUES SPONSORSHIP



Lloyds TSB Scotland are extremely proud to continue our lead sponsorship of the Trades House of Glasgow, an organisation which not only makes a positive difference to people's lives but an organisation which also captures the hearts and minds of Glasgow. Charitable projects, the encouragement of youth, support for education, and helping business flourish, are shared aims for both organisations. The Trades House of Glasgow encapsulates everything we would look for in a partner – a body that rewards and inspires young professionals through the Modern Apprentice of the Year Awards, raises money and awareness for charity and celebrates Scotland's heritage in trade.



Despite difficult market conditions, at Lloyds TSB Scotland we believe we are extremely well positioned to help our customers through these challenging times. We have continued to work very closely with our customers, helping to see them 'through-the-cycle' as their relationship banker. Our aim is to remain close to our customers and provide them with a valued service at all stages of the economic cycle – a bank that is there for the journey not just for a single transaction. It is this commitment to relationship banking which has seen us win 'Corporate Bank of the Year' for the fourth year in succession at the FD's Excellence Awards, voted for by the UK's top financial directors – something we are all very proud of.

"We are delighted to be continuing our sponsorship of the Trades House of Glasgow," says Manus Fullerton, Director of Corporate & Commercial Banking at Lloyds TSB Scotland, pictured above with Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore. "This is an organisation that continues to build on its excellent heritage and is still very much involved in modern day issues and challenges, both through the 14 incorporated trades and its many and varied community activities. As a bank, despite difficult market conditions, we remain very much open for business."

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 the 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.

