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## KEEP IN TOUCH

Welcome to the Winter/Spring 2009 edition of the Craftsman. Our thanks go to the many contributors who make this publication possible. We hope you enjoy your read.

Please take a note now to send us your news and photographs for the Summer/Autumn 2009 edition by our copy deadline date of Monday 20 July 2009.

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## 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](http://www.tradeshouse.org.uk).

## DIARY DATES 2009

Modern Apprentice of the Year Award Dinner -  
Trades Hall, Wednesday 25 March 2009

Glasgow Ball - Glasgow Hilton, Saturday 9 May 2009

Beneficiaries' Tea Party - Trades Hall, Wednesday 13 May 2009

Trades House Lecture - May/June 2009 (TBA)

School Craft Awards - Trades Hall, Monday 8 June 2009, 2.30pm

School Citizenship Award - Trades Hall, Monday 8 June 2009, 7.00pm

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



## VIEW FROM THE PLATFORM

In an historic annual ceremony stretching back more than four centuries, the Trades House of Glasgow elected quantity surveyor David Dobson as its Deacon Convener in October 2008 and retired CA James Miller as Collector, positions they will hold for the next year.

David, who also takes on the role of Third Citizen of Glasgow, is a former senior partner and now consultant with Glasgow-based quantity surveyors and project management firm, Doig & Smith. He worked for the firm throughout his career, joining in 1963, becoming a Partner in 1980 then a Consultant in 2003. Collected into the Incorporation of Masons in 1987, David was elected to the Master Court in 1993 and became Deacon in 2003. David lives in Rutherglen, with his wife Jan.

It seems no time at all since the Trades House Dinner when Sir Kenneth Calman told us that what Glasgow says today the rest of the world tries to pronounce tomorrow. The dinner was 14 weeks ago. These event-packed weeks have flown by for Jan and me.

At the House Meeting that morning I said that Collector Jimmy Miller and I had been given a magnificent Chain Gang with which to work. All the social events and business meetings since have just confirmed that judgement. Unfortunately the health of Deacon John Carpendale of the Bakers has prevented him from joining in and we all wish that 2009 will give him a return to full health. The attention of our Chain Gang will now focus on the Glasgow Ball at the Hilton Hotel on Saturday 9 May 2009. Proceeds will be for our chosen charity Alzheimer Scotland. Elsewhere in the Craftsman you will learn about our targets for reminiscence therapy hardware and software and a people carrier.

Some aspects of the Ball and fundraising generally will be helped by Trades House having full charitable status. To achieve this, our revised Constitution is with the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator and we hope approval will be given within weeks rather than months. Separately a dedicated team is writing revised bye-laws to harmonise with our new Constitution. We intend to give these revisions to the House for approval this year.

The reputation that Trades House has, results from the efforts of successive Conveners and Chain Gangs. This should help the recruitment of members to the Crafts, which is vitally important to the House. Our Collector mentions the rewards of membership. I hope the Craftsman, highlighting the varied life of Trades House, will be a marketing tool showing potential members the features and benefits of Craft membership.



It was a great honour indeed to be asked to take up the high office of Collector of the Trades House. The invitation came from the then Deacon Convener Ian Dunsmore and quite disturbed a peaceful dinner one evening. Being conscious of the heavy responsibilities of the position, I took a little while to mull it over but in the end decided that it was an invitation I could not refuse and I now have the chain of office to show for it. Needless to say, my wife Gillian had a big say in

the decision as the job is impossible without the full backing and support of one's wife. She who must be obeyed now keeps me right even more than she did previously!

Since being installed in office as Collector elect in May and then Collector in early October, my duties, both social and administrative, combined with my outside involvements, have kept me very busy. I have been assisted greatly by my fellow office-bearers and the Trades House staff. Together with my wife they have kept me on the straight and narrow (most of the time!). Working with the Deacons of the 14 Crafts has been rewarding. I am very impressed by the

Collector Jimmy Miller trained as a Chartered Accountant with Thomson McLintock & Co in Glasgow, qualifying in 1965 and becoming a partner in 1974. He became head of the Scottish region Audit and Accounting Practice of KPMG, formed in 1987 by the merger of Thomson McLintock and Peat Marwick Mitchell. He retired from the partnership in 1999 but remained on as a part time consultant until 2000. Jimmy lives with his wife Gillian in Eaglesham.



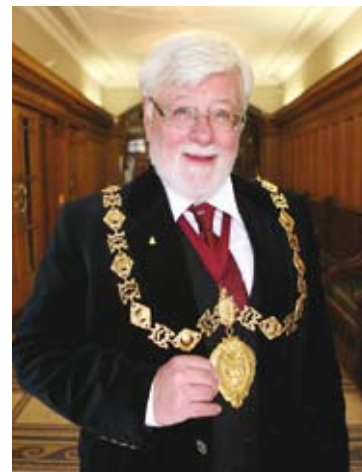
Preparations are well in hand for the Modern Apprentice of the Year Award, the School Craft and School Citizenship Awards, and for Craftex. We cannot thank our Co-ordinators and their committees enough for their work ensuring these House events happen.

We also thank the Trustees of the Halls for completing high standard alterations on time and within budget. Now we all must do all that we can to help the Trustees find tenants for the shops and more hires of the Halls.

Our activities are underpinned by the sponsorship of Lloyds TSB Scotland who we thank for their ongoing support. Our closeness with the bank and Manus Fullerton are shown in his article.

During negotiations as to her dress allowances, Jan brought to my attention that our year is 53, not 52 weeks long. With the leap second we all had added to our lives on Hogmanay, it looks as if I will be the longest serving Convener since Conveners served two years. Nevertheless I hope to maintain my promise to leave Trades House in as good a state as when I was given the honour of election as Deacon Convener.

DAVID H DOBSON, Deacon Convener



time and effort, and no little skill, they put into managing the affairs of their Crafts and, collectively, the Trades House. In addition to doing my best to discharge my Trades House responsibilities effectively, I have remained a member of the Master Court of my parent Craft, the Incorporation of Cordiners.

The Office Bearers of the House and the Deacons take their responsibilities very seriously – life is far from being a round of dinners and other social events, which is sometimes people's impression of what the Trades House is all about. Being a member of a Craft, and particularly of the Master Court of a Craft, is a rewarding experience. I would urge anyone who is approached to join a Craft to take up the opportunity and involve themselves in its affairs. They will not regret it.

Gillian and I are very conscious of the honour done to me by my election as Collector of the Trades House and of the great responsibility that this entails. I shall endeavour to prove worthy of the trust that has been placed in me and to play a full part in the successful pursuit of the objectives of the Trades House as regards its benevolent activities and its role in the promotion of trade and industry in the City.

JAMES Y MILLER, 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.

# Trades House of Glasgow Funds

## THE COMMONWEAL FUND

The composition of the Commonweal Committee always changes in October. Joining the Committee from inside the House this year are Maria MacKellar (Weaver) and Hamilton Purdie (Barber). Many committee members come from outwith the House. Joining this year are Chief Constable Stephen House, Strathclyde Police, Dr Ken Greig, the Rector of Hutchesons' and Professor Seona Reid, the Director of Glasgow School of Art.

Some grants must go to charities named by the person who left the legacy. So funds totalling nearly £35,000 were sent in September to the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association (LEPRA) and the Indigent Gentlewomen's Fund among twelve other charities.

A similar amount was disbursed in response to appeals. Appeals are categorised – Aged Welfare, Arts, Children and Young People's Welfare, Community, Medical and Patients' Welfare and Special Needs. Each appeal is allocated to a committee member who investigates the application and reports to the committee. The value of the applications usually exceeds the funds available but this eclectic committee ensure the grants are spread fairly.

In September our grants to these appeals helped purchase customised mobility equipment for children with disabilities, supported people suffering from macular degeneration, assisted sixteen seriously ill children to have a medically supported holiday, aided the Hidden Garden Trust as well as supporting twelve other Glasgow charities.

## CHARITABLE STATUS

*Some time ago, the Trades House of Glasgow decided it would be preferable if full charitable status was attained, rather than the current position where only the 71 Trusts are charitable. Clerk to the House Iain Paterson gives the Craftsman his report.*

During last summer, our revised Constitution (Declaration) was approved by the House and submitted to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) for its consideration. As part of this application to OSCR, we must submit individual declarations from each trustee (House member), but to date we have only received 51 returns - 13 are still outstanding. We now understand that as our application is almost "top of the pile" at OSCR, we should have their feedback fairly soon.

Counsel advised that, in his view, our Handbook (dated 1973) was really three documents in one - our Constitution, our bye-laws and our history - and that we should have them in three separate documents, updated as appropriate to reflect our current operations and practices. Our Constitution (Declaration) was completed last June and the other two pieces of work are now well advanced. All members will be kept up to date when more information becomes available.

What are the main advantages of full charitable status?

- Availability of gift aid and other tax advantages
- Trades House would be better placed to accept gifts and donations
- If considered appropriate, the transfer of the Hall to the House would be facilitated
- Administration would be less cumbersome, particularly returns to OSCR

## THE DRAPERS' FUND

At the end of the First World War, James Inglis, a highly respected draper in Glasgow, established a charitable fund to assist impoverished families in the city, particularly aimed at helping children at risk. Now 90 years on and still known as the Drapers' Fund, demands on it seem to be greater than ever, despite big advances in social welfare and benefits. Former Drapers' Fund Manager, Jim Morris, gives the Craftsman this report.

The need to help children who have been caught up in precarious situations has received much media attention. The reasons are often complex, including economic, the breakdown of family life and the loss of cohesion in many areas of the city. Other contributory factors include widespread substance abuse, alcoholism and domestic violence.

Some children are sent to stay with family members forced to take on the parenting job. In many cases the Drapers' Fund has been approached to help single parents in poor financial positions trying to bring up a young family in appalling living conditions. Often it can be young carers – some younger than teenagers - who are looking after an infirm parent or grandparent.

Much has been done to highlight the work of the Drapers' Fund by successive managers and, as a result, the number of applications from social care offices across the city continues to rise. During 2008, 200 applications were made with distributions amounting to more than £84,000.

The Drapers' Fund committee took a deliberate policy decision last year to direct funds at applications made on behalf of distressed families and children. With a limited pot of funds available, the aim was to try to give at least something to all the needy cases. This approach meant a lot of hard work for the committee and also for the Trades House office team.

Jim Morris  
Former Manager, Drapers' Fund



## FIND OUT MORE

In the present climate, demands on both the Commonweal Fund and Drapers' Fund and the support they provide are unlikely to diminish. To find out more about the Drapers' Fund and how to contribute to this very worthy cause, please contact the current Manager, Anthony R Warnock at The Trades House of Glasgow, Administration Centre (see contact details P2) or email Anthony via [myra.ramsay@tradeshouse.org.uk](mailto:myra.ramsay@tradeshouse.org.uk). Details of the Commonweal Fund are also available via the Administration Centre.

## FROM MEDIEVAL TO MODERN APPRENTICE

The apprenticeship system was first established and maintained in Glasgow during medieval times by the 14 historic Craft Guilds, which united to form the Trades House of Glasgow in 1605. The goal then was to ensure high quality workmanship and customer service. Now in its third year, the Trades House

A team of experts making up a technical judging panel have been busy selecting the short list for the third annual Trades House of Glasgow Modern Apprentice of the Year Award 2009. Six finalists, selected from this short list by the VIP judging panel, will hear who will lift the 2009 title at an Awards Dinner in the Trades Hall on Wednesday 25 March. Winner of the 2008 Award was Gavin Jeffrey of BVT Surface Fleet (formerly BAE Systems).

"Modern apprenticeships are such a key route for people to gain core skills as craftsmen, technicians or managers in their chosen field, linked of course with paid employment," said David Dobson, Deacon Convener of the Trades of Glasgow. "It is fitting that our organisation, which first promoted the benefits of apprenticeships centuries ago, is promoting traditional trades alongside modern skills through this award. Having begun my own career as an apprentice, this initiative is particularly close to my heart."

Speaking about his win from on board a Type 45 Destroyer where he is now busy on sea trials, Gavin Jeffrey said: "The Trades House of Glasgow Award really put the icing on the cake for my Modern Apprenticeship. I knew when I came into this business that it would suit me well, with both academic and vocational skills required to successfully complete my Electrical Apprenticeship."

"The Award has developed my visibility within the business to new levels and allowed me to build on that, my skills base and to move into a new department after receiving my trade papers. I now work with the Testing and Commissioning team on the Clyde ensuring that the standards required by our customer are not only met, but at times exceeded. This is hopefully the start of a long and successful career within my chosen pathway, which the Trades House has helped to kick start with this prestigious award."

The Award is open to people working towards a Scottish Modern Apprenticeship who are employed by any business in the Glasgow post code area. The 2009 winner will be presented with an inscribed quaiach - which

of Glasgow Modern Apprentice of the Year Award showcases the commitment and capability of candidates who have chosen this route to further their careers today.



*The Trades House of Glasgow Modern Apprentice of the Year Award 2009 was launched with the help of apprentices from Glasgow City Council and BVT Surface Fleet, pictured here with Deacon Convener David Dobson.*

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.

Presenting the prizes at the Awards Dinner will be guest speaker Willie Haughey of City Refrigeration Holdings Ltd. Willie served an apprenticeship himself as a refrigeration and air conditioning engineer.

The Trades House of Glasgow Modern Apprentice of the Year Award is being supported by Lloyds TSB Scotland PLC, Skills Development Scotland and Glasgow City Council. David Dobson was joined on the VIP judging panel by Claire Dunning, President, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, and Glasgow City Council Leader, Steven Purcell.

## HONORARY MEMBERSHIP FOR FORMER LORD PROVOST



Bailie Liz Cameron, former Lord Provost of Glasgow, is presented with an honorary membership of the Association of Trades House Ladies by President Aileen Brodie, at the annual dinner held in the Corinthian.

## CHRISTMAS CONVERSAZIONE



The Chain Gang from Ian Elliot's year as Deacon Convener in 2003-04, got together with members of the Trades House Lodge for "Christmas Conversazione", an excellent lunch and entertainment at the home of former Chain Gang member, Robert Holmes Henderson and his wife Maureen.



# ALZHEIMERS TO BENEFIT FROM BALL



*L-r are Beatrice McGregor, Day Care Organiser, Eunice Black, Project Worker and Heather Bannon, Assistant Service Manager, all based at Oxford Street Services, Glasgow.*



*One of the tools used by staff in Reminiscence Therapy*

**Reporting on the Deacon Convener's charity for the Craftsman is Shona Blakeley, Head of Fundraising Development at Alzheimer Scotland - Action on Dementia.**

"Fond memory brings the light of other days around me." (Thomas More, a Chancellor of England during the 16th century)

Fond memories are exactly what the support of the Trades House will mean for hundreds of people across Glasgow and East Dunbartonshire thanks to fundraising at the Glasgow Ball this May. This year Deacon Convener David Dobson and his Chain Gang have selected Alzheimer Scotland as their official charity. Funds raised at the Ball will be used to invest in a very special project – computer based Reminiscence Therapy for people with dementia - as well as a people carrier to ensure that we can get as many people as possible to the therapy and back home again!

Everyone has an important collection of memories, crucial to identity and sense of wellbeing. Reminiscence work allows our staff to support the recall of memories

working one-to-one with people with dementia. Reminiscence Therapy brings incredible value to our work and can mean transformations in people. One lady is unable to maintain a conversation due to problems with finding words but play her some special music and she can sing along word-for-word! This makes her very happy, provides great comfort and lasting benefit. The sense of wellbeing lasts long after she goes home to her carer.

For every one person who has access to Reminiscence Therapy, many more will benefit - the staff caring for the person, the main carer, family members and friends. Not only will they see and feel the enjoyment their loved one has had but it is also likely they will be able to share the memory, perhaps even learning something new.

Computer based Reminiscence Therapy is going to unleash the power of the internet for our service users and add an entirely new dimension to their experience. They will be using a touch screen monitor so it will be very easy and intuitive for people to explore their own interests. Not only that but even a simple programme like Microsoft Paint will be easy for them to use, giving people with dementia another creative outlet and opportunity for communication.

Thank you a thousand times for supporting Alzheimer Scotland in Glasgow. I hope this article inspires you to remember some happy memories too.



**Alzheimer Scotland**  
Action on Dementia



## DEACON CONVENER'S DINNER & LADIES' DINNER



Deacon Convener David Dobson's first formal duty was to host the 403rd Annual Dinner of the Trades House of Glasgow in October 2008 at the Trades Hall in the setting of its magnificent Grand Hall. On the same evening, the Deacon Convener's Lady, Jan Dobson, 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 are some photographs from the evening.





## CRAFT NEWS . . . COOPERS

### TEN SPECIAL DAYS FOR THE COOPERS

Keith Brown, Pastmaster of the Worshipful Company of Coopers in London was chosen as Deacon of the Incorporation of Coopers in September. He is the first Cooper to have held both positions and is probably the first pastmaster of any Livery Company to be elected Deacon of a Trades House Incorporation. The year coincides with that of Alderman Ian Luder as Lord Mayor of London, who is a Cooper, and His Honour Judge Brian Barker QC, Common Sergeant of the City of London and Senior Old Bailey Judge, as Master Cooper. Apart from this unique situation, ten days last November must go down as one of the most active in the Incorporation's history.

On 4 November, HRH The Earl of Wessex received Honorary Membership of the Incorporation and allowed his name to be associated with the Coopers' annual awards. He then made the first presentations of the Earl of Wessex Awards at the Trades Hall in the presence of members of the cooperage trade, the Master Court, ex-Deacons and other guests including the Lord Provost and Deacon Convener.

On Saturday 8 November, a group from the Incorporation participated in the Lord Mayor's Show alongside the Coopers of London. They were the only group in the Show fully used to parading in such wet conditions! Again a first for the Incorporation and The Lord Mayor was delighted by the participation.

On the Sunday, it was the turn of the Coopers to lay the wreath at the Remembrance Parade in George Square, by Late Deacon Alasdair Beaton. Next day, the Deacon and his Lady, Rita, were guests at the Guildhall Banquet and surprised to be greeted enthusiastically by the Prime Minister – the trows, a Prince Charlie jacket and a Coopers' chain clearly identified a kindred spirit! Then back to Glasgow on the Tuesday for the Box Opening Dinner with topical mementos to place in the box.



Deacon Keith Brown presents the Honorary Membership of the Coopers to HRH The Earl of Wessex.

To end this hectic 10 days, the Deacon was guest at the Coopers' Banquet at Mansion House attended by a record number to mark the Mayoralty of a Cooper Lord Mayor, with a special welcome to the Deacon from Glasgow.

"As we enter 2009, preparations are well underway for the Annual Dinner and Dance at the Trades Hall where the Lord Mayor of London and the Master of the Coopers' Company will be our principal guests," said Keith. "The relationship between the London and Glasgow Coopers is very special. This was confirmed by a generous donation of £15,000 by the Coopers of London to the Marie Curie Appeal, launched by the Incorporation in Glasgow, which is now well on the way to achieving its £100,000 aim."

The strong link between the two institutions will be marked by a special dinner at Coopers' Hall in London, which will be attended by both Courts with The Earl of Wessex as principal guest.

### COOPERS' WALK



In a bid to raise the profile of the coopers' craft, Whyte & Mackay Master Blender, Richard Paterson, recently staged a Coopers' Walk from the Speyside Cooperage at Craigellachie, taking in many of the local distilleries. Taking part were representatives of Scotland's cooperages and distilling companies - each had been asked to bring a single barrel stave. While the walk was in progress, Douglas Taylor of the Speyside Cooperage and members of his staff 'raised' three barrels, using the staves collected from the walkers. There were 103 staves in total - one to represent each distillery in Scotland at the time. The three casks are now on display at the Cooperage entrance as a permanent commemoration of the vital role played by coopers in the Scotch whisky industry.

### . . . HAMMERMEN

The Hammermen have made a donation to the Glasgow Group of the Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) to assist the charity with farriers' costs for the regular shoeing of 17 horses kept at its Glasgow facility. Deacon Ian Young is pictured making the presentation to Ros Blair, one of the RDA Trustees, accompanied by Clerk Alistair Burrow and the RDA's Fundraising Co-Ordinator, Roslyn Malcolm.



The University of Glasgow Formula Student Team, which is sponsored by the Hammermen, participates in an international student competition where they have to design, build and race a small racing car. The Hammermen have agreed a three year sponsorship deal with the University team, a recent entrant to the competition, to help them become established and gain some experience in the competition. The proud team are pictured with their first vehicle.

### OUTINGS

Early January saw the Hammermen Service Group take a party of its pensioners to Cinderella at the Kings Theatre, with a pre-theatre meal at the Marriott Hotel adding to an evening thoroughly enjoyed by the 120-strong group. Next on the calendar is a trip to Dunkeld House Hotel on Saturday 22 August.



## ... MASONS



The Masons' Choosing Day Dinner 2008 was a big night out for many, but particularly five exceptional apprentices now becoming Craftsmen in their building trades. Their colleges and employers were also represented in the celebrations with resounding applause for their individual achievements.

Deacon Graham Kelly and Collector Iain Smith are pictured after the dinner with prizewinners, Gary McPhail for Stonemasonry, Jamie Young as Senior Bricklayer, Cameron Higgins as Junior Bricklayer, Calum McCutcheon for Plumbing and James Hill for Roof Slating and Tiling. Unfortunately, two other prizewinners, a Ceramic Wall and Floor Tiler and Plasterer, could not attend on the night.

Also pictured is Past Deacon Ian Macpherson MBE, who continues his strong links with the trades and apprentices as Chairman of the Board of Management of South Lanarkshire College, alongside his role as Chairman of the Board of Scotland's Colleges.

Many comments were passed during and after the dinner that the smartly presented young men were all a credit to themselves, their colleges, their employers and the recognition by the Incorporation.

## ... SKINNERS

### JESSIE CELEBRATES 100 YEARS



Deacon Mathew Morton of the Incorporation of Skinners and Glovers, Collector Ian M Gray and Deacon Convener David Dobson paid a visit to Skinners' pensioner Mrs Jessie Macadam on the occasion of her 100th birthday on 31 October 2008. Jessie is pictured with her daughter Sheila and son-in-law, ex-Deacon James Ptolomey, the Deacon Convener and Deacon Morton.

### SKILLS KEEP ANCIENT CRAFT ALIVE

Michael Archibald is presented with his Leather Bookbinding prize at the Metropolitan College prizegiving by Deacon Mathew Morton. This acknowledgement of skill keeps alive the leatherwork craft in this time of continued promotion of synthetic materials. Michael's book was deemed a very fine example of this ancient trade.



## ... TAILORS

### DINNER SUCCESS



*Ex-Deacon Roy Parkin is pictured with all the prizewinners:*

In November the Tailors dined in their new Deacon, Tom Forrest, at one of their best attended Choosing Dinners. Not only was the evening a huge success, the Incorporation also enjoyed the company of its own craft prizewinners from a number of Glasgow Colleges. This year's Toast to the Incorporation was given by Bryan Beattie. The full text of his speech can be found on the Tailors' section of the Trades House website.



*Also present on the evening was Deacon Convener, David Dobson, pictured with ex-Deacon Tom Jessop*

### TAILORS VISIT FLESHERS



*This year's Official Visitation by the Tailors was to the Incorporation of Fleshers. Deacon Tom Forrest and Late Deacon John Kelly made up the deputation and enjoyed an excellent evening in the Fleshers' company.*



*Also present at the Dinner was Ex-Deacon Cyril Gore in his capacity as President of the Association of Deacons.*

## ... WEAVERS



Deacon Archie Holmes' Choosing Dinner in November, saw guests entertained by Emma on the flute and Helen on the harp, as they wove their magic playing songs from a variety of operas!



## ... CORDINERS

A very enjoyable day out to visit and tour the Bentley Motor Car Factory in Crewe was organised last September by then Deacon of the Cordiners, Simon Chiswell. A luxury coach took the party from Glasgow to Derby in time for a splendid lunch at the factory followed by a tour to view all stages in the production of a Bentley. The assembly lines were filled by left hand drive cars with soft tops following hard tops, all hand built to the prospective owners' specifications. As the visit was shortly after the Goodwood Festival of Speed, a number of older cars were on view including the 8 Litre Old Number One and the 4.5 Litre Blower – cars valued in many millions!

## ... BARBERS

### MASTER COURT



With a successful number of new members, 2008 was a good year for the Barbers. The Master Court has been expanded to 15 members, including former Lord Provost of Glasgow, Bailie Liz Cameron.

### STUDENT OF THE YEAR



Hannah Riddell won the Barbers' Student of the Year Award in 2nd year Hairdressing at Langside College. She is now in her last year and hopes to start to work in a hairdressing salon next year. Hannah is pictured centre with Late Collector Patries MacIntyre-Hoorn and College Principal Graeme Hyslop.

### BOX OPENING



The Box Opening dinner in December welcomed almost 40 members and guests including Deacon Convener David Dobson and Collector of the House James Miller with their Ladies.

## ... GARDENERS

### LET'S GROW



*Deacon Gordon Miller is pictured at the launch with some of the pupils who took part in the presentations.*

Glasgow City Council Education service has launched a guide for schools on how to grow vegetables and fruit within school, titled Ready, Steady, Let's Grow!

The guide was produced in response to a growing interest by schools to re-engage inner city children with facts about where food actually comes from. Now issued to

all Glasgow schools, the guide aims to encourage children and adults to start growing their own food.

The Incorporation of Gardeners sponsored Ready, Steady, Let's Grow! and attended its launch in the Hidden Gardens at the Tramway. On the day, there were inspirational talks from pupils at Our Lady of the Annunciation, Merrylee, Kelvindale and Barmulloch primary schools..

## ... WRIGHTS

### A WRIGHT FAMILY AFFAIR

Last August, the Master Court of the Wrights voted to change its constitution to allow lady members to join the Craft. Since that historic vote there has been no shortage of ladies applying for membership. The first three to join were Late Collector Alex Graham's wife Sandra and their two daughters Jennifer and Kate. Not only has Alex managed to collect all the females in his family, Kate's husband, Kevin Hadden, has become the newest member of the Wright's Master Court.



Deacon Paul McDevitt said: "I am delighted the Wrights have taken this momentous decision, which aligns us with a number of other crafts. This decision will ensure the continued health of the Craft and maintain our standing as the biggest within Trades House."

## ... BONNETMAKERS & DYERS

### SPREADING FESTIVE CHEER



*Ex Deacons Peter Winton and Chris Hayward and Deacon John F MacLeod*

Members of the Bonnetmakers & Dyers Master Court, past and present, along with guests, held their annual St Mungo Goose & Turkey Club dinner in December to raise money. A record amount of more than £2,000 was raised, which enabled over 50 deserving pensioners and other nominees to receive some festive cheer. Bumper hampers from a local grocery store - Marks & Spencer! - included a

range of foods and some liquid cheer. The hampers are a welcome gift to those not quite as fortunate as others. Members of the Master Court delivered the gifts in good time from Christmas.



## ... FLESHERS



Cameron Kyle took on the role of Deacon of the Fleshers and Col Allan C C Lapsley became Collector, on Choosing Day last September. Following the AGM, a very pleasant lunch was enjoyed at La Vita – also the venue for

both the Pension Court Supper and the Master Court, who were joined by several ex-Deacons for a very pleasant evening.

The Fleshers Annual Dinner Dance in the Trades Hall featured guest speaker, John McKelvie, a retired police officer and football referee who superbly entertained the 162-strong audience. John Carmichael's Ceilidh Band had the dance floor full and the champagne prize draw and raffle raised more than £1800. A donation will be made to the Accord Hospice in Paisley.

The Craft was visited for the occasion by Deacon Tom Forrest and Late Deacon Col John Kelly from the Tailors. Top table guests included the Master from the

Worshipful Company of Butchers of London, Brian Wheatley, together with his wife Jackie.

In early January, some of the Craft's beneficiaries were accompanied by Ex Deacon James Clarke and his wife Agnes to enjoy the matinee performance of Cinderella at the



King's Theatre. The Deacon then joined the party for a meal after the performance.

Deacon Cameron and his wife Gillian have also recently attended the Worshipful Company of Butchers of London Dinner, held in the magnificent Butchers Hall in Smithfield.

## SPORTS DESK

### ANGLING

**As he hands over the mantle as Angling Convener to Ex Deacon of the Wrights, John Maginnis, Murray S Blair, Ex Visitor of the Maltmen, gives the Craftsman his last report.**

The 76th Trades House Angling Competition was held at the Lake of Menteith last September when 18 craftsmen representing eight Crafts took part in the annual competition. The weather was a great improvement on 2007 when only eight fish were caught weighing 19 lbs 14 ozs. This year's keen anglers caught 29 fish weighing 71 lbs 12 ozs. After the competition, high tea was enjoyed at the Rob Roy Hotel where Ex-Deacon Convener Tom Gilchrist presented the trophies.

The Dallas Trophy for the best individual basket was a close thing won for a second year by Alberto Laidlaw (Maltmen) 5 fish, 12 lbs 14 ozs, second



Ian Campbell, Tom Gilchrist and Steve Mannion



Tom Gilchrist and Alberto Laidlaw



Tom Gilchrist and Christopher Drapper



*One of the happiest and most successful Trades House sports conveners Murray Blair (left), is presented with an effigy of a fisherman by Ex Deacon Convener Roy Scott as a tribute by a gathering of fellow anglers in the Trades Hall.*

Steve Mannion (Masons) 5 fish, 12 lbs 9 ozs. The Train Trophy for the heaviest fish was won by Christopher Drapper (Skinners) 5 lbs 5 ozs and second Ian Campbell (Masons) 3 lbs 3 ozs.

The Team Trophy – the Jackson Miller Cup - was won by the Masons, Steve Mannion and Ian Campbell - 8 fish, 19 lbs 7 ozs. There was a great contest for second place with the Skinners Roger Drapper and Christopher Drapper - 6 fish, 17 lbs 13 ozs beating (by one ounce!) the Maltmen, Alberto Laidlaw and Murray Blair - 7 fish, 17 lbs 12 ozs.

Steve Mannion (Masons) repeated his victory of last year by retaining the Michael Beale Trophy for the heaviest basket for a craftsman aged over 60 - 5 fish, 12 lbs 9 ozs.

The competition for 2009 will be held on Saturday 19 September when the new Angling Convener, John Maginnis (Wrights) will be the organiser. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all anglers for their support throughout the past 15 years. Tight lines!

### CURLING

As the finals fast approach for the 2009 Trades House Curling Competition, congratulations go to the Hammermen who beat stiff opposition from the Gardeners to take the 2008 title.

At the time of going to print, the quarter finals are underway with the Gardeners 2 v Weavers, Masons v Tailors, and Hammermen v Wrights. The Skinners have already won their place in the semi-finals following their victory over the Maltmen.

The final takes place at Braehead Arena on Tuesday 24 February, 5.30pm.

### BOWLING

The 2008 Bowling Championship at Giffnock Bowling Club was won by the Gardeners with the Masons runners up.

The 2009 event is provisionally set for Sunday 14 June, 2pm, back at Giffnock. With all Crafts eager to recruit players, please contact Bowling Convener Stewart Cobb for more information on 0141 639 6472.

## ASSOCIATION OF DEACONS

The Association of Deacons has been invited to enter a team in the Trades House Curling Competition. The only condition is that any team member should not also be a representative of an entry by a Craft. Anyone interested in forming a curling team should contact the Association's President Cyril Gore at [cyrilgore@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:cyrilgore@tiscali.co.uk).

If there is sufficient interest in any of the other House competitions, then the Conveners of the various events will be contacted to determine if an entry from the Association would be accepted. Members wishing to participate in any competition should contact the President via the e-mail address above.

## MEN'S GOLF

The 103rd Trades House Shield for men's golf is to be held on Thursday 14 May at Kilmacoll Golf Club. The Borland Trophy will be played on Tuesday 1 September at Glasgow (Gailes) Golf Club.

## REVIVE MS SUPPORT

Following a very successful Glasgow Ball 2008, the Trades House of Glasgow raised £50,000 for Revive MS Support based in Maryhill. The money will help provide three new therapy rooms to benefit those affected by Multiple Sclerosis. The sum included a donation from the Incorporation of Barbers.

Ian Dunsmore, the Deacon Convener whose Chain Gang raised this significant amount, in presenting the cheque said: "We are delighted to support a local charity and this result is in the best traditions of the Trades House, namely the support of deserving causes in the City of Glasgow."



*Ian Dunsmore presents the £50,000 cheque along with Late Collector Michael Low to Robin MacLellan, former Chief Executive of Revive*

## VISIT BY ROYAL HIGHLAND FUSILIERS



The Deacon Convener and members of the Trades House entertained a group of officers and other ranks of The Royal Highland Fusiliers, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland, to a buffet lunch, on a visit to the Trades Hall in December, in recognition of their recent active service in

Afghanistan. The Deacon Convener welcomed the visitors and Major A J Fitzpatrick replied on behalf of the Battalion. A commemorative plate was presented to the Battalion and the visitors were given a tour of the Hall. Major A J Fitzpatrick is pictured receiving the plate from Late Convener Ian Dunsmore (left) and Deacon Convener David Dobson.

## MARINERS & SKIPPERS SOCIETY



It seems like the Trades House is well endowed with yacht and boat owners with Late Collector of the Tailors, David Scott, and his wife Fiona becoming the latest to join the nautical fold. David is pictured here with his father, Ex Deacon Robert (Bob) Scott also of the Tailors on their journey back to the Clyde last year.

"With so many House members having an active boating interest, the time was right to "launch" our newest Society, The Mariners and Skippers Society," said David. "The inaugural meeting of the Society was held in December and plans are well underway for a Summer muster and other Clyde-based events throughout the year."

For more information about the Society or this summer's events, email David at [david.scott@gtg.co.uk](mailto:david.scott@gtg.co.uk).

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEAD SPONSORS



Lloyds TSB Scotland's first major involvement with the Trades House of Glasgow was in 2005 during the '400th Anniversary' celebrations. We are extremely proud to be continuing our lead sponsorship of the Trades House, building on a relationship that has gone from strength to strength over the years

We share a sense of heritage and of holding a key role in the business community, and we have a mutual support of charitable organisations as well

as the encouragement of youth and education. The Trades House has a keen involvement in modern day issues and challenges, through the 14 incorporated trades, its many and varied community activities and its strong and diverse relationships.

At Lloyds TSB Scotland we are also focusing on our relationships. Despite the difficult market conditions, we believe we are extremely well positioned to help our customers through these challenging times. Our aim is to remain close to our customers and provide them with a valued service at all stages of the economic cycle. Our alliance with the Trades House provides a strong platform to face the challenges of 2009 and we look forward to working together during the year.

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



*Deacon Convener David Dobson (left) with Manus Fullerton*

## GLASGOW CATHEDRAL

The Trades House of Glasgow and the Crafts have had an historical association with Glasgow Cathedral, which can be traced back through the Masons and Wrights to the first building back in the 12th century. Happily this connection is still very much alive and cherished by both the Cathedral and the House and Crafts.

Glasgow Cathedral's charity shop in the High Street, which has been operational for more than 30 years, has undergone refurbishment and expanded thanks to the generous bequest from a lady who was involved in its day to day organisation.

"While we do understand that most people have a favourite charity and charity shop they support, we hope that there will be many who will feel happy to honour the strong links that do exist between us and see our Not Quite New Shop as one worthy of their support," said Kenneth E Sandford, Finance Convener of the Cathedral and Ex-Convener of the Trades. "There is much that the Cathedral could do with the funds produced, including tackling the deprivation that exists, particularly in the East-end of the City."

Since the refurbishment, sales have improved dramatically, therefore the Cathedral is calling for more donations to sell - bric-a-brac, smaller items of furniture such as chairs and tables, quality clothes, pictures, books and much more. Volunteers are also required, so if anyone can help, please contact Kenneth on 01821 640300 or by email at [Kenneth@sandford.fslife.co.uk](mailto:Kenneth@sandford.fslife.co.uk).

