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## KEEP IN TOUCH

Welcome to the summer/autumn 2009 edition of the Craftsman. Our many thanks go to all contributors who have made its publication possible. We hope you enjoy this edition.

Please take a note now to send us your news and photographs for the winter/spring 2010 edition by our copy deadline, Monday 18 January 2010. To ensure digital photography is a suitable quality for print, we require jpeg shots from a minimum five megapixels camera on normal or fine settings. Email jpegs as attachments or post to us on disc or USB. Although jpeg photographs are preferred, if you do not have access to a digital camera or computer, prints by post are also acceptable.

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## DIARY DATES 2009-2010

Deacons' Choosing Day – Friday 18 September 2009  
Deacon Convener's Dinner – Wednesday 14 October 2009  
Kirkling of the House – Sunday 18 October 2009  
Trades House Lodge Installation Dinner – Monday 9 November 2009  
Grand Antiquity Society Directors' Dinner – Friday 27 November 2009  
Glasgow Ball - Glasgow Hilton, Saturday 8 May 2010  
Beneficiaries' Tea Party - Trades Hall, May 2010  
School Craft Awards - Trades Hall, Monday 7 June 2010  
School Citizenship Award - Trades Hall, Monday 7 June 2010  
Craftex 2010 - Trades Hall, Thursday 10 to Sunday 13 June 2010  
Craftex Awards 2010 - Trades Hall, Friday 11 June 2010, 7.30pm

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## HOUSE GAINS CHARITABLE STATUS

**Clerk to the Trades House of Glasgow, Iain Paterson, gives the Craftsman an update on charitable status for the House.**

I am pleased to report that, with effect from 31 May 2009, the House attained full Charitable Status. Technically, the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) has granted charitable status for the part of our operations that was non-charitable. Consequently, we have seven charitable registrations and our lawyers have applied to OSCR to merge them into one. This is likely to be agreed shortly.

The advantages of charitable status are:

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

In the meantime the revision of our Byelaws is nearing completion and it is hoped that the draft will be ready for discussion by the House in September.



## A MEMORABLE VENUE

If you would like to book a social or business event or find out more about the Trades Hall of Glasgow function rooms, please contact:

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## VIEW FROM THE PLATFORM

**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. They 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.**



Since I last reported on the View from the Platform, my life as Collector of the Trades House has continued to be full and eventful and (for the most part!) enjoyable.

Highlights have included my involvement in the competitions that the Trades House sponsors involving the work of young people. The Modern Apprentice of the Year Award was won by Fuad Warsame, an apprentice employed by the University of Strathclyde who originally came from

Somalia and arrived in this country only three years ago. You wouldn't have believed he spoke very little English when he got here. Overall the standard of the entries for the award was very high and the judging was commensurately difficult. It was very enjoyable and rewarding to take part in interviewing the leading candidates in their places of work.

Also very impressive were the entries in the School Craft Competition, which involved the judging panel visiting the competing schools and assessing their handiwork entries. Again, the judging was no easy task nor was the assessment of the entries in our second competition for schools – the Citizenship Awards. This involved teams of youngsters from the competing schools making presentations to the judging panel on what they had done in their local area to demonstrate their good citizenship credentials.

On 30 June the Chain Gang attended the Royal Garden Party at Holyrood House. This was a splendid occasion which was blessed with good weather. As far as I am aware none of us got close enough to speak to the Queen or the other members of the Royal Family who were present but we greatly enjoyed the trip nonetheless.

Another enjoyable event was the Trades House Tea Party to which beneficiaries and other old friends are invited for afternoon tea and chat. The reminiscences of those who come along are fascinating and a good time is had by all.

JAMES Y MILLER, Collector

In my contribution to the View from the Platform at this time last year I opened my remarks by writing – *How much the year has moved on*. This year, I can say with no hesitation whatsoever that after a comparatively slow start the pace has quite dramatically speeded up as 14 October 2009 approaches!

It is a very great honour to achieve the highest office in the House by being nominated as Deacon Convener of the Trades of Glasgow. Patricia and I will do our utmost to further the interests of the House as we represent the House and its members and we enjoy the wonderful opportunities and experiences available to us. The most excellent example set by Deacon Conveners Wishart, Dunsmore and Dobson of dedication and faithfulness to duty during my involvement with the Platform, is most certainly an inspiration to all and a guiding light to me.

The Chain Gang for 2009-2010 has met twice so far – one a social evening and dinner to get to know one another and one business meeting. By the time this edition of the Craftsman is published, we will have had a formal dinner in the Saloon. I am very fortunate in having such a varied and talented team as my Chain Gang for my year as Deacon Convener and I am looking forward to getting to

The Deacon Convener's Lady, Jan Dobson, feels a little like Mamie Eisenhower. Before Ike was President, the future First Lady did not feel that time was hanging heavily on her hands. However she did not know what busy was until after Ike's election. The only difference between being the First Lady and being the DC's Lady is that everything in Glasgow is absolutely enjoyable! From the liveliness of the Brass Jaw jazz band in the Old Fruit Market to the formality and history of the



University of Glasgow's Commemoration Day in the University Chapel and Bute Hall, the Trades House has given us a wonderful, spectacular experience.

Jan and I have been backed up by the 2008-2009 Chain Gang, all of whom have performed with distinction throughout our year so far. Our only sadness was that Deacon John Carpendale of the Bakers could not play his part for health reasons. Thanks to the Chain Gang and all of Trades House including the Ladies Association, the Glasgow Ball was again a social and a charitable success. Alzheimer Scotland will be able to fund the Reminiscence Therapy Units and the people carrier with over £36,000 from the Ball. And the partners of the Chain Gang are set to add to that total with the Dinner Dance on the Tall Ship Glenlee on Friday 28 August 2009.

Trades House achieved full charitable status for all its endeavours on 1 June 2009. The team revising the bye-laws to match our new constitution and charitable status continues its work and hopes to conclude its draft over the summer.

Thanks to our dedicated Co-ordinators and their committees, the Modern Apprentice of the Year, the School Craft and School Citizenship Awards and Craftex were the successes we have come to expect. All of these ceremonies are enjoyable and bring many people into Trades Hall. But for these events, many Glaswegians would not know we exist. Again our efforts have been underpinned by support from our principal sponsor Lloyds TSB and Craftex is sponsored by our fund managers Deutsche Bank Private Wealth Management. Financial and physical help comes from the many friends of Trades House who include Glasgow City Council and Merchant House and of course from the Fourteen Incorporated Trades.

It is a great privilege to be Deacon Convener. My duties have been lightened by the help I have been given by Ex Deacon Conveners, by all of the House Platform, and the Clerk and House office staff and the House Officer, David McGaffin.

Of course none of my year would have been possible without the unstinting assistance of the Deacon Convener's Lady. We both wish Late Collector Michael Low and his wife Patricia all the best for their year which, if it is like ours, will be unforgettable.

DAVID H DOBSON, Deacon Convener

know them even better, and as firm friends, as we meet at the many functions in the House.

The Chain Gang has decided to continue with the Ball in the Glasgow Hilton on Saturday 8 May 2010. Our chosen charity will be the Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) with particular reference to Robin House at Balloch. CHAS is a Scottish charity established to provide hospice services in Scotland for children and young people with life-limiting conditions. CHAS offers professional care, practical help and emotional support to the whole family.



In conclusion, my sincere thanks to the Platform, the Trades Hall staff and the Trades House office for all their kind advice and assistance.

J MICHAEL LOW, Late Collector

## TEA PARTY

Trades House and Crafts' beneficiaries enjoyed another memorable afternoon tea with some *cut throat* entertainment at their annual Tea Party in the magnificent setting of the Grand Hall in the Trades Hall. Hosted by Collector of the House Jimmy Miller, with support from Deacon Convener David Dobson, the 2008-09 Chain Gang and their ladies, the beneficiaries were treated to entertainment from the 14-strong barber's shop group, *Close Shave*.



Collector Jimmy Miller joins a couple of the beneficiaries.



Close Shave entertain the beneficiaries.



Collector Jimmy Miller and Deacon Convener David Dobson serve up some tasty treats to a beneficiary.

## TOP MEDICAL STUDENT



Jack Anthony Allison-Fairweather has been awarded the Trades House of Glasgow Prize as the graduate in Medicine who has received highest marks in the MB, ChB final written and clinical examinations of academic year 2008-2009. Jack was also awarded the Brunton Memorial Prize and the Robert Fullerton Prize as the most distinguished graduate in Medicine of the same academic year.

To mark his exceptional achievement, the Incorporation of Barbers will give Jack membership of their Craft. This was the last Medical Graduation attended by Sir Muir Russell as Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Glasgow, who will retire from these posts at the end of this academic year. He is pictured (right) along with Jack and Deacon Convener David Dobson after the Ceremony of Graduation on 1 July.

## COMMONWEALTH GAMES — THE LEGACY

Lord Smith of Kelvin, Chairman of the Commonwealth Games Organising Committee, delivered the annual Trades House lecture at the University of Glasgow in July. The captivated audience heard about the benefits from the Commonwealth Games and its legacy for Glasgow and Scotland as a whole, particularly its potential impact on young people. Lord Smith is pictured (left) with Deacon Convener David Dobson and Sir Muir Russell, the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Glasgow, which played host to the event at the Western Infirmary Lecture Theatre. Following the lecture, guests enjoyed dinner in the Trades Hall Saloon.



# BRINGING MEMORIES TO LIFE

Leading dementia charity, Alzheimer Scotland, is benefiting from a major £36,000 donation from the Trades House of Glasgow, with a further donation to be made following the dinner dance on board the Tall Ship Glenlee on Friday 28 August 2009.

Each year, one charity that has a Glasgow connection is chosen by the serving Deacon Convener of the Trades of Glasgow and the 14 Craft Incorporations. Alzheimer Scotland, which operates four centres in the Greater Glasgow area, was selected by this year's Deacon Convener, David Dobson, along with his Chain Gang.

"We have raised funds for Alzheimer Scotland through a variety of events including our annual Glasgow Ball in May," said Deacon Convener David Dobson. "Thanks to the Chain Gang and all of Trades House including the Ladies Association, the event was once again a great social and charitable success."

"Our donations will be invested in computer based reminiscence therapy for people with dementia, as well as in a people carrier that will transport them to and from the therapy. We are delighted to be contributing to this essential charity in this way."



## BEST IN SHOW FOR NORTH GLASGOW STUDENT

North Glasgow College student, Jill Busby from Torrance, has won best in show Gold Medal honours for her hat design at Craftex 2009, the Trades House of Glasgow annual craft awards and exhibition.

Jill, who has just retired from a career in retail display, including work with C&A, has now completed her course in Advance Millinery. She was presented with the coveted Gold Medal by Deacon Convener of the Trades of Glasgow, David Dobson, at the opening of the four day exhibition, which took place in the grand setting of the Trades Hall in June.

Commenting on her win, Jill said: "Until I took up the course at North Glasgow College 18 months ago, I did not realise I had this skill. I am delighted at being awarded the Gold Medal at Craftex, particularly given the very high standards on show here. This win has been a real inspiration to me, as was my tutor, Nancy Paxton. I enjoy the craft so much that I now hope to start my own millinery business."

Craftex 2009 showcases and rewards the very best traditional and modern crafts, design and technology skills taught at Glasgow's colleges of further education. It presents the very best curriculum work prepared by students across a wide variety of subjects.

Before selecting Jill as Gold Medal winner, judges Richard Nevard, Immediate Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Upholders of London, along with his wife Sue, awarded her the Millinery Advanced prize, one of 50 category winners chosen from hundreds of pieces on show at Craftex. Each category winner received a cheque for £200 for advanced work and £150 for non-advanced.

Other top awards included Best Design selected by the Deacon Convener, which was presented to Alec Keeper of the Glasgow Metropolitan College for his gargyle stone sculpture. The Scottish Glass Society, which presents an award for best glasswork, was won by Alfred Wood also of Glasgow Metropolitan for his stained glass window depicting flowers

Deacon Convener David Dobson said: "Our Glasgow colleges are making a fundamental contribution to a wide array of talent that exists today, and we believe Craftex provides just reward for the hard work of the students themselves.



*Deacon Convener David Dobson presents the Gold Medal to Jill Busby, who is pictured with her award winning hat.*

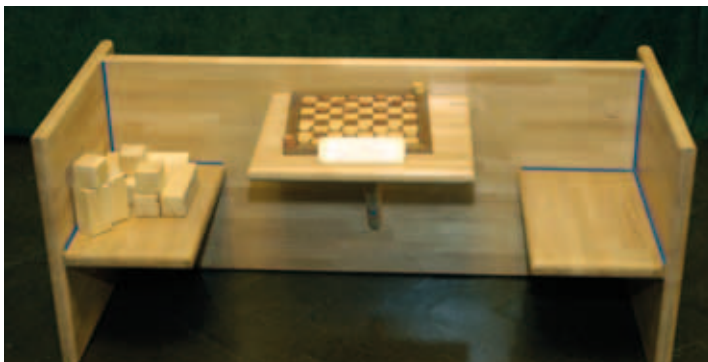
The exhibition also helps us showcase the wide range of traditional crafts that still flourish alongside new technology skills.

"As we see business and careers representatives amongst the thousands of visitors attracted to the exhibition each year, Craftex has also proved to be a significant platform for students seeking employment or even launching their own business. Jill is a perfect example of that.

"Our judges, Richard and Sue Nevard, had a particularly challenging job selecting the winners, and chose Jill's hat overall on the basis of the piece they would most like to take home with them. I selected Alec's stone sculpture as, out of all the beautiful pieces on show, I really liked the structured ugliness of his gargyle. With continuing high standards on show, our many congratulations go to Jill, Alex and Alfred and, indeed, all our category winners."

The event was sponsored this year by the Scottish Government, Deutsche Bank 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 the 14 Incorporated Trades of Glasgow.

## JARDINE IS TOP CRAFT PUPIL



*Jardine's winning games and coffee table.*

Cleveden Secondary School pupil, Jardine Berry, has won the top accolade in the annual Trades House of Glasgow School Craft Competition. This is the second year in a row that a Cleveden pupil has won the award for a woodwork piece. The 15 year old who lives in Maryhill, made a wooden booth-style games table that turns into a coffee table. As overall winner, he was awarded a certificate and a cheque for £75.

Jardine was among more than 60 pupils from secondary schools across Glasgow who had their craftsmanship rewarded by the Trades House, in recognition of their exceptional craft work produced as part of Standard and Higher Grade curricular studies. The School Craft Competition, supported by the Glasgow City

Council Education Department, is one of many Trades House initiatives aimed at encouraging the preservation of traditional crafts in parallel with those of the new technology based skills.

Categories included metalwork, woodwork, plastic, portfolio work and culinary excellence. Along with other senior Trades House office bearers, Deacon Convener David Dobson presented pupils across all categories with 1st, 2nd, 3rd and commended certificates, each also receiving £40, £20, £15 and £10 respectively. Commenting on the 2009 competition, David Dobson said: "Jardine's winning piece is truly representative of the very high quality of entries we have seen once again this year. His cleverly crafted piece, made from a re-cycled worktop, is a children's play games table complete with wooden toys that transforms into a coffee table when it is turned on its side. He is a very worthy winner."

Jardine, who would like to go on to become a technical teacher himself, spent three weeks getting hands-on experience and learning to do precisely that in a simulated apprentice role at his school.



*Deputy Lord Provost Allan Stewart presents Jardine with his winning certificate.*

## FUAD - AN INSPIRATION TO ALL

Fuad Warsame, a mechanical engineering apprentice with the University of Strathclyde, won the Trades House of Glasgow Modern Apprentice of the Year Award 2009, only three years after arriving in Scotland from Somalia and unable to speak English.

Since moving to Scotland in 2006, the 19-year-old who now lives in north Glasgow has studied English for speakers of other languages (ESOL), mathematics and computing at Anniesland College and passed his National Certificate in Engineering. He is more than half way through his modern apprenticeship with the University's Mechanical Engineering Department, where he will be employed on completion of the programme.

Along with five other finalists, Fuad received his award at a celebration dinner in the Trades Hall from Willie Haughey, founder and Chairman of City Refrigeration Holdings Ltd, who served an engineering apprenticeship himself in refrigeration and air conditioning. As winner, Fuad was presented with an inscribed cup, a cash prize of £500 for further study and a framed certificate.

David Dobson, Deacon Convener of the Trades of Glasgow and one of the final judging panel said: "Our judges were faced with quite a challenge. Not only did we have more entries in this our third year of the awards, we also had a high calibre of candidates representing a far wider spread of modern apprenticeships than ever before."

"Our warm congratulations go to all our finalists but particularly Fuad, who has demonstrated such a determination to succeed, from his command of the English language to developing skills as a mechanical engineer. Fuad also has skill as a public speaker, as was demonstrated by his impromptu speech of thanks at the awards ceremony. We are delighted to recognise his resolute commitment to furthering his career through the modern apprenticeship route with our Trades House award."

Commenting on Fuad's win, Margaret McCulloch, Training Executive at the University of Strathclyde said: "Fuad has worked so hard since arriving in this country just a few years ago. He came highly recommended to us from Anniesland College last year and has proved a complete inspiration to everyone he meets, overwhelming us all with his extreme enthusiasm to learn and his positive attitude. His supervisors have been amazed by his capacity for absorbing the technical aspects of engineering. Without doubt he is a great ambassador for the modern apprenticeship programme and we believe a very worthy winner of this prestigious Trades House of Glasgow award."

Two runners up, awarded £250 and a certificate, were Laurie Brown, who was apprentice chef and now Demi Chef de Partie at the Malmaison in Glasgow, and carpentry & joinery apprentice, Roger Ryan, who works with construction and general maintenance business, Rokbuild Ltd of Stepps. The three remaining finalists each received a certificate of commendation.

Certificates of Commendation went to Scott Ballingal, MA fabricator with BVT Surface Fleet Ltd, Kyle McLeod, MA project engineer with Clyde Union Ltd and Kirsty Smith, MA administration assistant in the Department of Childhood & Primary Studies, University of Strathclyde (Jordanhill Campus).

The Trades House of Glasgow Modern Apprentice of the Year Award highlights the vocational and personal benefits modern apprenticeships provide. The Trades House, which was the first to promote apprenticeships in Glasgow during medieval times, is using the initiative to reinvigorate its efforts in raising the profile of traditional trades alongside more modern skills.

The Award was supported by Lloyds TSB Scotland PLC, Skills Development Scotland and Glasgow City Council.



*Fuad Warsame collects his award from Deacon Convener David Dobson and Willie Haughey.*

## CITIZENSHIP TITLE FOR ST PAUL'S



*Collector James Miller and Deacon Convener David Dobson present the Citizenship plaque to Head Teacher Lisa Pierotti, with St Paul's pupils (from top left) Claire Dowling, Evanna Lynas, Pamela Brogan and Kirsty Madden.*

St Paul's High School has been awarded the Trades House of Glasgow Citizenship Award 2009, in recognition of the great work it has achieved by engaging its pupils in school, local and wider community projects. Now in its 10th year, the Citizenship award encourages and rewards good citizenship in schools and is supported by Glasgow City Council Education Department.

"The pupils and teachers at St Paul's High School have demonstrated citizenship at its very best, forging close community links, which amongst many benefits have impacted positively on their neighbours," said Deacon Convener of the Trades of Glasgow, David Dobson.

"Our Citizenship Award acknowledges the dedication of the St Paul's team in encouraging many valuable educational, environmental and social initiatives and truly contributing to its community in the broadest sense. While the work of St Paul's was outstanding, I would like to congratulate all our finalists for demonstrating superb citizenship."

Pupils at St Paul's have been involved in a wide variety of projects from working with local primary schools to develop a community rose garden and outdoor classroom, to its Cleaner Safer St Paul's initiative that dealt with dog fouling and traffic calming.

The Trades House of Glasgow Citizenship Award is open to all nursery, primary, secondary and special needs schools throughout the city, with the judging panel made up of senior members of the House. St Paul's beat stiff competition from other short listed schools in the final including Balornock, Battlefield, Kelvindale, Knightswood and St Roch's Primaries, together with Gadburn School, Hilltop Nursery and Molendinar Family Learning Centre.

# CRAFT NEWS . . . GARDENERS



## PUT OUT TO GRASS

After 31 years, husband and wife team, Hugh and Ragne Hopkins have retired from their roles as Clerk & Officer and Deputy Clerk of the Gardeners. A dinner was held in their honour in the Trades Hall Saloon, where they were gifted a silver rose bowl in appreciation of their long service. Taking over the roles from Hugh and Ragne are David and Susan Dickson.

## BURSARY

A bursary has been awarded to Matthew Elliott, a horticulture student at the Scottish Agricultural College, University of Glasgow. The bursary enabled Matthew to travel to the Canary Islands and study *Juniperus Cedrus*, a juniper threatened by climate change.



## SILVER ANNIVERSARY FOR SILVER SPADE



A large gathering of winners and guests attended the 25th anniversary of the annual Let Glasgow Flourish Awards in the Trades Hall, when Bailie Jim McNally presented awards to 49 Glasgow businesses for their floral displays judged during the summer of 2008. Deacon Gordon Miller is pictured with the top Robertson Silver Spade award winners, Sarah Jane Shannon and Paul O'Neill of the Sherbrooke Castle Hotel in Pollokshields.

## BUTTONHOLES

With buttonholes a trade-mark of the Gardeners, Deacon Gordon Miller has a quick lesson on how to make his own during an open day in the Floristry Department at the Woodburn House School of Horticulture, part of Langside College. The Craft has a close relationship with the school and gives prizes and financial support.



## AN APPLE A DAY

An Evening with the Gardeners took the Craft back to its roots with John Hancox talking of apple trees and orchards and Isla Dunbar of Cairn O'Mohr Winery in Errol giving an insight into wine making from Scottish fruit and berries. This was followed by wine tasting and cheese, with wine provided by Members of the Master Court.

## LINKS WITH EARLY CRAFTSMEN



Back in the 15th century, an orchard and herb garden were grown at Provand's Lordship, Glasgow's oldest house built in 1471 for the Chaplain of nearby St Nicholas's Hospital. Herbs grown in this "physic" garden were used by the hospital for healing. There were strong links with the Incorporation of Gardeners of the time, who tended the city's lands. Today, the Gardeners today help fund the re-planting and upgrading of the garden, which was re-created in 1995. Sandra Ewiri, Manager of St. Mungo Museum and the Provand's Lordship, provides some instruction on planting to Deacon Gordon Miller.

## GROWING IN GLASGOW



Gardening enthusiasts of all ages were drawn to a practical event in the Trades Hall organised by the Glasgow Allotments Forum with support from the Gardeners. Deacon Gordon Miller, who is pictured left with Bailie Dr Nina Baker, opened the event. It was themed on preparing for the growing season, including displays and information from sowing seeds to growing fruit and vegetables.

## PLANTS FOR MEDICINE

The Craft's good relationship with the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow continued with the second Gardeners' Lecture, this year given by Dr Sandy Gray of Strathclyde Institute of Pharmacy & Biomedical Sciences. Dr Gray took the audience on a fascinating world tour showing how plants are still used today to treat illnesses of all kinds.



## . . . MALTMEN



The Incorporation of Maltmen has made a donation of £500 to the Greater Easterhouse Alcohol Awareness Project. Past Visitor Richard Paterson presents the cheque to Stewart McKay of the Project. The donation will be used by the Prevention and Education Team to produce a health diary for use by primary five pupils in schools located in the east of Glasgow. Amongst other health information, the diary will contain interesting facts about alcohol. Richard also presented a cheque for £250 on behalf of the Incorporation of Coopers.

## TAILORS. . .

Deacon of the Tailors Tom Forrest hosted the launch of *The Trades House of Glasgow*, a book about the historical organisation written by Ex Convener Roy Scott. HRH The Princess Royal provided the preface for the book, which will see all profits from its sale donated to a charity selected by the Tailors.



*Ex Convener Roy Scott (right) signs a copy of the book for Deacon Convener David Dobson.*

Subtitled *50 Years of Deacon Conveners*, the volume is quite unique. There has never been anything written before that outlines the lives of Ex Conveners and it is almost 100 years since the last major book was written about the history of the Trades House. Book available priced £25 plus £2.50 post & packaging direct from Ex Convener Roy Scott at Garrion, 27 Forest View, Kildrum, Cumbernauld G67 2DB, email: roy-janette@blueyonder.co.uk.

At the book launch in the Trades Hall, Dr Archie Fleming, former Director of Lifelong Learning at the University of Strathclyde provided an outline of its contents. The Trades House was represented by Deacon Convener David Dobson, the City by Bailie Liz Cameron and the Merchants House by the Lord Dean of Guild John Chapman. Roy also took the opportunity to pay tribute to the very fine production by the gt4 group, and thanked all the staff members and Ex Conveners who had contributed.

### STOP PRESS

The Incorporation of Tailors is pleased to announce that it has now received Court of Session and OSCR approval of its revised rules, which allows the Craft to admit women members.

## HAMMERMEN. . .



*Engineering award winners line up in the Trades Hall Saloon with Deacon Ian R Young OBE (centre left) and Deacon Convenor David Dobson who presented the prizes.*

The Incorporation of Hammermen has been busy supporting engineering students at universities and colleges in the West of Scotland, awarding in excess of £29,000 in the last year alone.

A number of award winners are subsequently interviewed by the Master Court for the Incorporation's Prince Philip Prizes, which will be awarded at the Hammermen Dinner in November. This year's prizewinners are Abhishek Bhatia of the University of Strathclyde and Oliver Hay of Reid Kerr College, Paisley.

The Craft also awards Sir William Arrol bursaries to the Mechanical Engineering Departments of the Universities of Glasgow and Strathclyde. There are five recipients in both departments, each receiving £1,000 per annum, two scholarships in Product Design Engineering at Glasgow School of Art of a similar value, and one bursary at Glasgow Caledonian University.

## SKINNERS. . .

Glasgow School of Art textiles students participated in Leatherlicious, a creative design project using leather donated by Bridge of Weir Leather Company, with cash prizes and certificates awarded by the Skinners. The project, involving 28 second year students, was assessed by a panel of judges chaired by Susan Ross, design consultant for Bridge of Weir Leather, and including Ex Deacon of the Skinners Jonathan Muirhead.

"The standard of the students' work was outstanding and demonstrated an excellent understanding of the versatility and natural characteristics of leather," said Jonathan, who presented the certificates and prizes to the winning students.

The prize winners' work will be exhibited on Bridge of Weir Leather Company's stand at 100% Design, an interior and product design exhibition held at Earls Court, London, in September.



*Jonathan with first prize winner Angela Porchetta (second left), who received £500, second prize winner Heather Fleming (left), who picked up £300, and Alex McCarthy, who won £200 for third place. Kathy Beckett and Gudrun Eysteinsdottir received special commendations.*

## BONNETMAKERS & DYERS. . .



Deacon John MacLeod visited Kelvinside Academy to present a £250 cheque to help purchase materials and equipment for its school of Art and Design. He is pictured with pupils who had made their own bonnets as part of their studies.

At a recent meeting of members, the Bonnetmakers & Dyers welcomed Assistant Principal Sandra Gunn and her colleague Cathy Govan from Glasgow Metropolitan College, pictured with Deacon John MacLeod. Sandra and Cathy gave an interesting insight into the work of the School of Design. The Craft has now agreed to provide prizes to College students in the HNC Fine Art and HNC in Applied Arts courses, and also provide funding to help purchase equipment.



Members of the Craft at their successful Box Opening Dinner in the Trades Hall.

# MASONS...

## GARGOYLE IS A WINNER



Deacon Graham Kelly with Alec Keeper (left), Andy Slattery and their winning pieces.

Andy Slattery, a second year apprentice with Historic Scotland, cut a coat of arms, winning him the Stonemasonry Non Advanced category also sponsored by the Masons. Andy, who gained his apprenticeship place working for Historic Scotland as a labourer, is another outstanding mature student.

"This year's Craftex exhibition displayed an amazing level of quality pieces on display by the students and selecting a winner from such a high standard is not an easy task," said Deacon of the Masons Graham Kelly. "It may have been Deacon Convener David Dobson's own Craft connection as a Mason himself that drew him to select a gargoyle, or perhaps some form of personal recognition!"

"Both Alec and Andy have real skills and excellent careers ahead, along with a real passion for stone working. Anyone wishing to commission their own gargoyle or coat of arms should contact me directly and I'll be happy to put them in touch with Alec and Andy. The stonemasons will be delighted to hear from you, particularly given an opportunity to supplement their apprentices' income!"

## A TROPHY WORTH WINNING

The Masons golf day was blessed with glorious sunshine at Ranfurly Castle - so gloriously hot that Deacon Graham Kelly and his two playing partners gave up at the 15th hole, which just happened to be adjacent to the clubhouse. Past Deacon Hugh Sutherland notched up the best Stableford Score on the day and is pictured with the magnificent Benno Schotz Peter Whyte Trophy. The team event pair of McLaren Cups were won by Craftsmen Brian Hughes and Bill Skeoch. This was another excellent golf day capably organised by Past Deacon Hugh, who will be pleased to advise members of next year's arrangements and location in the already arranged sunshine.



## PENSIONS PAID

Four Masons' Pension Paying Lunches take place each year, traditionally held to confirm to the Deacons that monies have been issued in a timely manner

to all pensioners and grantees. While confirming that this has been done is still part of the Collector's role at the lunch, it has now become a very sociable event not to be missed by Past Deacons. It has become an occasion when they are kept up to date with Craft proceedings, as well as enjoying an excellent lunch in the Western Club.

At the fourth lunch of each Craft year, the Collector Elect makes his first appearance as the "stranger in the midst," being ignored at the start of the lunch, then formally introduced by the Collector. This year it was Dr John McInnes who has joined the lunching generations of the Masons.

## TAYLOR TROPHY

In 1972, then Deacon Robin Taylor instigated a prize for the top Builders' Merchant management trainee. In the past few years, the Builders Merchants Federation, of which Robin had been President, stopped its management training courses and the Taylor Trophy remained in the vaults of the Trades Hall.



Past Deacon Taylor contacted the BMF this year and was delighted to hear they had a worthy winner, Dale Bateman, from the Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM Level 5) course. Dale Bateman had travelled to London for his course over a period of months and has shown extreme personal commitment.

Deacon Graham Kelly and Past Deacon Robin Taylor attended the BMF Scottish Regional Meeting in Perth to award Dale with his Trophy (above). Dale will be a guest at the Incorporation of Masons Dinner on Choosing Day in September, when he will be re-presented with the trophy and other parts of his well earned prize.



## ... COOPERS

Deacon Keith Brown attended a cocktail party at 10 Downing Street in support of the Marie Curie Hospice Appeal in Glasgow, where Ex Deacon Donald Storrie is Chairman of the Appeal. The Coopers of London were represented by

the Lord Mayor and Master, as the Company has been particularly generous to the Coopers Appeal for the Hospice. Sarah Brown is pictured with Ex Deacon Donald Storrie, the Lord Mayor, Deacon of the Coopers and Master Cooper.

The Glasgow Coopers have been prominent in London with a joint dinner of the Courts of the London and Glasgow Coopers with the Earl of Wessex, an honorary member of the Incorporation and principal guest. The evening marked Pastmaster Keith Brown's year as Deacon in Glasgow. The Earl of Wessex is pictured with the Deacon and Collector of the Incorporation of Coopers and Master of the Worshipful Company of Coopers at Coopers' Hall, London.



## WARM WELCOME FOR LONDON VISITORS

The Lord Mayor of London and Cooper Alderman Ian Luder was the principal guest at the Coopers Annual Dinner Dance. He was accompanied by Lady Mayoress Lin and Sheriff George Gillon and his Lady, Delva Patman. A further 50 guests from the London Coopers also supported the special evening at Trades Hall including the Master and Common Sergeant of the City of London, His Honour Judge Brian Barker.

In his speech to the City of Glasgow, the Lord Mayor said: "For centuries the Coopers of Glasgow and London have been stalwarts of ethical commerce. I am convinced that as with the current debate on financial regulation, every business must discover the value of personal and institutional responsibility."

In his reply, the Lord Provost particularly welcomed the Coopers from London to the City of Glasgow. The Master of the Coopers Company was presented with the Burgess Ticket, a long tradition between the two institutions.

Another London visitor was Lord Levene of Portsoken who addressed the Coopers Dinner at the Trades Hall sponsored by Deutsche Bank Private Wealth Management. Addressing a business audience, Lord Levene focussed on the importance of a strong financial services industry in the UK combined with proper regulation and competitive tax rates.

## WEAVERS. . .



The Weavers enjoyed a trip to Stanley Mills in Perth followed by high tea in the Tayside Hotel. Deacon Convener David Dobson and Collector Jimmy Miller joined members of the Master Court and Chain Gang.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Three recipients have been selected by the Weavers for its 2009 Scholarship Fund specifically aimed at weavers in Scotland. Louise Oppenheimer, Louise Sherry and Angharad McLaren, have each received scholarships for demonstrating high standards coupled with great enthusiasm for their craft. All three scholarship recipients have been invited to show their work at the Deacon's Choosing Dinner this November.

Louise Oppenheimer, a resident in Argyll, is a tapestry weaver who received £400 to set up workshops from her studio. Louise said: "Weaving is a wonderful medium for slowly and thoughtfully interpreting ideas. I have made many pieces, some taking months to finish. I surround myself with possible colour choices and a small sketch and then let inspiration and practical solutions resolve themselves."

Louise Sherry, a recent graduate of Glasgow School of Art, is now working as a designer. She is weaving from her home studio and producing design samples for prestigious weaving companies throughout the UK. Louise was awarded £475, the total cost of repair for her computerised loom enabling her to continue her work.

Angharad McLaren also a graduate of Glasgow School of Art applied for a travel scholarship. She was awarded £1,300 to travel to Guatemala, where she will learn about backstrap weaving from indigenous weavers. She will spend time with a Guatemalan family in a small village, gaining experience from the culture and the rich variety of local textiles, visiting magnificent fabric stores and drinking in the vibrancy of colours found in the country.

The Scholarship Fund will be available again in 2011. Application forms and further details are available from Iain Paterson, Clerk to the Incorporation of Weavers, North Gallery - Trades Hall, 85 Glassford Street, Glasgow G1 1UH, tel: 0141 553 1605.

## ROYAL GARDEN PARTY



The Trades House Platform and Chain Gang turned out in style with their ladies for the Royal Garden Party at Holyrood Palace in June.

## FLESHERS. . .

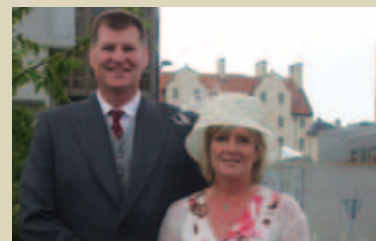


When Deacon Cameron Kyle met with Accord Hospice Fundraising Manager Ken Mathie (above right) to present a cheque for £1,000 raised at the Fleshers Dinner Dance, he received an informative insight into the charity's operation. The Hospice was chosen in memory of the late Andrew Woods.



A successful and enjoyable musical evening and Box Opening was held by the Fleshers in the Trades Hall Saloon, which was filled with a wide range of music and songs from the excellent Mezzo Soprano Joyce McCrindle, and accompanist on piano. During the break and after the performance, guests enjoyed a glass of wine, a most pleasant buffet and equally pleasant conversation. It was also very nice to have the three McNaughton sisters present who earlier that evening had been admitted to the Craft. Joyce is pictured (left) with Deacon Cameron Kyle.

The Deacon and his wife Gillian were present at a very enjoyable surprise Golden Wedding Party for Ex Deacon Jim Clarke and his wife Agnes and were also delighted to represent the Fleshers at the Royal Garden Party at Holyrood Palace.



## AGM FOR GRAND ANTIQUITY



Preses of the Grand Antiquity Society, Gill Craig, hands over the chain of office to Duncan Gilmour in the vestry of Glasgow Cathedral during the Society's AGM in June, with Treasurer Norman Hamilton (left) and Clerk Gordon Wylie also in attendance. This followed an enjoyable cocktail party the evening before hosted by Society Directors. Reporting on her year in office, Gill also described a very successful Annual Dinner attended by most of this year's Chain Gang.

## WELCOME TO COLLECTOR NOMINATE

John R Steele (Jack) TD MSc BSc ARCS DMS CEng FICE FIHT FCMI, Ex Deacon of the Incorporation of Masons (1998-99) and also a member of the Wrights, Hammermen, Barbers and the Merchants House, is the new Collector Nominate of the Trades House of Glasgow. Jack is married to Anne, who is Collector of the Barbers, and the couple have two sons and a daughter between them.



Educated at Shawlands Academy, Jack studied at the Universities of Glasgow and Strathclyde, qualifying as a Chartered Civil Engineer and later specialising in transportation planning with Strathclyde Regional Council. From 1996, he was Managing Director of Jayress Consultants Limited prior to his retirement in 2009.

Jack had an extensive career in the Territorial Army with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, culminating in a ten year appointment as Honorary Colonel for the Second Division.

He is currently Chairman of the Pollokshields Burgh Hall Trust and a Director on the executive of the Glasgow Building Preservation Trust. A Past President of the Rotary Club of Glasgow and the Sandyford Burns Club, Jack is currently President of the Bridgeton Burns Club in this 250th anniversary year of the birth of Robert Burns. He was Kirk Elder and Session Clerk at Glasgow Cathedral including the transitional period between the Very Rev William J Morris and the Rev Dr Laurence A B Whitley.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEAD SPONSORS



Lloyds TSB Scotland's first major involvement with the Trades House of Glasgow was in 2005 coinciding with the 400th Anniversary celebrations. Our continuing lead sponsorship of the Trades House has I believe been very rewarding for Lloyds TSB Scotland, building on a relationship that has gone from strength to strength over the years.



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

I recognise a shared sense of heritage in the roles that our organisations play in the business world and the community at large. We have a similar heritage of significant charitable activity as well as the encouragement of youth development and education. Although over 400 years old, the Trades House is not living on its heritage, it has engaged in modern day issues and challenges, through the 14 incorporated trades, and its many and varied community activities.

It is perhaps an understatement to say that businesses continue to experience very difficult conditions, however, there are signs that Scotland plc is adjusting to the changed economic environment, with a number of sectors positioned well for the eventual upturn and recovery in the pace of economic activity. At Lloyds TSB Scotland, we understand the important role we have in the economy and we continue to work with businesses to support them through the economic cycle.

I am delighted that Lloyds TSB Scotland continues to support the Trades House in 2009.

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

## MARINERS & SKIPPERS SOCIETY



The first muster for the Mariners & Skippers Society was at Rothesay, where the skippers and crew of five boats gathered for drinks on board *Karelia*, the yacht owned by Late Collector Michael Low.

Proudly displaying the Trades House Mariners & Skippers Society's burgee are Rear Commodore Tom Forrest, Late Collector Michael Low, Vice Commodore Alastair MacIntyre and Commodore Duncan Cunningham.



## GOLF

The Fleshers pairing of Ex Deacons Graham Scott and Dave Cuckow were victorious in the Trades House Shield Golf Competition held at Kilmacollm Golf Club.



The 35th Ladies' Golf Competition hosted by the Deacon Convener's Lady Jan Dobson, was held at Cathkin Braes in May. Deacon Convener David Dobson presented the prizes, including the Ladies' Trades House Golf Trophy to the winning Hammermen team. David is pictured with Jan (right) and the winners.

## 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).

