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VIEW FROM THE PLATFORM

The Platform is the executive committee of the Trades House of Glasgow, chaired by the Deacon Convener and includes the Collector, the Late Collector and the Late Convener. They are advised by the Clerk to 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 first duty of the Collector of the House is to support the Deacon Convener at the Choosing Dinners and other Trades House functions during the year. For Anne and I this has been a joy, particularly as these occasions do not require any speeches from the Collector (well rarely that is) and we also have a great Chain Gang. The second duty is a responsibility for the Trades House Accounts and to chair the Investment Committee. Fortunately the Clerk to the House provides a deal of assistance with the accounts and delegation of the investment process is seen to maximise the return available for distribution to beneficiaries and good causes.



It is ten years since the first Schools Citizenship Award was presented and I have to admire the range of world wide issues that are impressed on primary school children in this modern age. Together with activities involving the environment, the elderly and the disadvantaged within the community, our youngsters will be well placed to become model citizens in the future. It was a privilege to listen to the presentations made by the school children, both primary and secondary, and to be involved in the difficult task of deciding on a winner.

Over many years I have admired Craftex, which encourages and rewards emerging craftsmen from the city's numerous colleges. Covering the widest range of disciplines one can think of, from millinery to carpentry, jewellery to photography, the Craftex exhibition is highly valued as a promotional opportunity for all concerned. Our junior craftsmen at school level are likewise encouraged to excel through the Schools Craft Award with knowledgeable past deacons from the crafts providing valuable assistance.

Another award in which I was involved for the first time was that of the Modern Apprentice of the Year Award. While central government has advanced the availability of university education for students from every background, there has always been a need for artisans within the community and the Trades House helps promote the Modern Apprentice as a career opportunity. What has surprised me is how girls are joining the boys in engineering, as well as the traditional service trades, and succeeding just as well.

It has been an exciting year as Collector. Anne and I again want to thank the Chain Gang and others, too many to mention, for their support and unfettered hospitality.

JOHN R STEELE, Collector



Having just watched the Wimbledon finals, which took place in brilliant sunshine, and as I look out of my study window regretting the Scottish summer's return to its normal pattern, my thoughts turn to this edition of the Craftsman and what the Deacon Convener might write. Certainly, there is much positive news, some of which will be covered in detail in this Craftsman.

First of all, it is my very pleasant duty to welcome Collector Elect Colonel John Kelly to the House. While John takes up his responsibilities in October, he has been invited to sit in on all Platform meetings in order to "get a grip" on all the many facets of the House. John is an Ex Deacon of the Tailors and we wish him and Alison well for the future.

In my last note for the Craftsman, I drew attention to the forthcoming merger between the Trades House and Trades Hall Trust. I am glad to report that they have merged with effect from 30 June and in reality the Trades Hall Trust will disappear. Indeed, OSCR has already been notified to this effect. This completes a task that has been ongoing for several years and the Clerk of the House and his staff are to be congratulated on their achievement.

As a consequence of the merger, two members of staff, Carole Nelson and Kirstine Mains, have accepted redundancy. I am sure I speak for us all when I thank them for their years of service to the Hall and House and wish them well for the future.

Retirement has also crept up on one of our staff members who has been with us for 19 years. Wilma Campbell our senior social worker, who is so highly regarded by beneficiaries, staff and members, has decided to lay down her notebook and pen and call it a day. Wilma departs with grateful thanks from us all and we wish her a long and happy retirement.

Of course, the winding up of the THT means that the Trustees disappear after a job well done. There is little doubt that each and every one achieved a great deal as is self evident by the fine order in which we find our Hall. I am delighted that they will continue on in the newly formed Property Committee to give continuity in a situation where like the Kingston Bridge (in Glasgow terms) the work on an old building, such as ours, is never done. The current reconstruction of the office accommodation is but one example.

One of the cornerstones of the merger between Hall and House was the potential for an improvement in finances through the prospective letting of the two shop properties. You cannot have failed to notice that unit 1 is already let and occupied, and I understand there is considerable interest in the second unit.

As I write, I can look back with satisfaction at the success of those annual events, which are now so much of the fabric of the House. I refer to the Modern Apprentice of the Year Award, the School Citizenship Award, School Craft, Craftex and Beneficiaries' Tea Party. All splendid occasions and the coordinators and their committees together with the office staff are to be congratulated. A huge amount of time and effort is involved in making these events the undoubted success that they are.

Sponsorship now plays an ever increasing part in making such events happen and is increasingly difficult to obtain due to the current state of the economy. It has therefore been most heartening that several of our sponsors have been able to stay with us, and where gaps have developed, new sponsors have stepped in including our own Crafts. My thanks to you all.

The Trades House Ball took place in May. The Chain Gang were concerned regarding ticket sales and gifts for the auctions given UK economic considerations. We need not have worried. A great night was had by all and more than £30,000 was raised for CHAS.

We are in the middle of summer now and the time when, barring accidents, I am to take office as Deacon Convener is creeping ever closer. It's a great honour that is to be bestowed on me come 13 October and Gillian and I are looking forward to the challenge. This year is called my "fallow" year but it is far from fallow as I continue to be fully involved in the running of the Trades House. The main difference is that I don't get invited to the Craft dinners, for which my waistline at least is truly thankful!



I have now had a couple of meetings with my prospective Chain Gang being the Deacons of the Crafts who will hold office during my year as Convener, and a fine bunch of people they are. I look forward to working with them and through them forging close contacts with the individual Crafts that form the Trades House.

My year will be the first year of the reunion of the Trades Hall and the Trades House, which brings together again the two separate legal entities that presently comprise the Trades House. The merged single entity will be called the Trades House and will afford significant scope for management efficiencies and cost reductions.

The Chain Gang has decided that there will be another Glasgow Ball in 2011, on Saturday 14 May. This Ball has become one of the leading lights in the City's social calendar and raises a substantial amount of money for charity. Our chosen charity for the 2011 Ball is Quarriers Homes, specifically its Epilepsy Centre in Glasgow, which is presently under construction.

Finally, I would like to thank my colleagues on the Platform of the Trades House – comprising the Deacon Convener, the Collector and the Late Convener – and all the staff, for the excellent advice and assistance they have provided to me.

JAMES MILLER, Late Collector

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This year the Trades House Lecture was held under the auspices of Glasgow Caledonian University and was commented on by many as being the best ever. Dr Azeem Ibrahim, a Glasgow born strategist and entrepreneur, gave us his view of the world economy in the years ahead. It was a fascinating evening and I am grateful for the support of the University who arranged the speaker.

Outwith the House, Patricia and I continue to enjoy our connection with the City Chambers and all that entails. Events such as the celebration in the Cathedral of the 450th anniversary of the Reformation come immediately to mind together with Armed Forces Day. We are looking forward to the Royal Garden Party and Freedom of the City Ceremony for Billy Connolly! Such is the variety of City life.

To conclude, I feel the House is to be congratulated on establishing a firm base for the future. It has been an honour for me as Deacon Convener to have been fortunate enough to serve in a year when these achievements have come to fruition and to have had the opportunity of playing a small part during my term of office.

J MICHAEL LOW, Deacon Convener

DIARY DATES 2010-2011

Deacons' Choosing Day – Friday 17 September 2010
 Deacon Convener's Dinner – Wednesday 13 October 2010
 Kirking of the House – Sunday 17 October 2010
 Trades House Lodge Installation Dinner – Monday 8 November 2010
 Grand Antiquity Society Directors' Dinner – Friday 26 November 2010
 Glasgow Ball - Glasgow Hilton, Saturday 14 May 2011
 Beneficiaries' Tea Party - Trades Hall, May 2011
 School Craft Awards - Trades Hall, Monday 6 June 2011
 Schools Citizenship Award - Trades Hall, Monday 6 June 2011
 Craftex Exhibition 2011 - Trades Hall, Thursday 9 to Sunday 12 June 2011
 Craftex Awards 2011 - Trades Hall, Friday 10 June 2011, 7.30pm

TRADES HOUSE EVENTS & TRADES HALL BOOKINGS

With the formal documentation to transfer all assets and liabilities of the Trades Hall to the Trades House signed on 30 June 2010, there is now one administration centre headed by Myra Ramsay with Annette Wright as deputy.

Following its imminent refurbishment, all administration staff, including Elaine Gilchrist from Grooms will move into the space previously occupied by the Trades Hall staff before they were relocated to the basement. There are no changes in telephone numbers or email addresses currently in place to contact administration staff.

While it is not anticipated that there will be any changes in operational procedures, any enquiries should be directed to Head of Administration Myra Ramsay, or Clerk to the House Iain Paterson.

For all Trades House of Glasgow events and ticket details, please contact the Trades House Administration Centre, Trades Hall, 85 Glassford Street, Glasgow G1 1UH, Tel: 0141-553 1605. Email: myra.ramsay@tradeshouse.org.uk, Website: www.tradeshouse.org.uk

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 the administration team as detailed above. You can also find out more about the Trades Hall and its facilities at www.tradeshallglasgow.co.uk.

Nine Trades Hall tour guides welcome parties from all corners of the UK, along with overseas visitors. All enjoy the fascinating insight into this historical building. As the Hall is getting busier, tour reservations are essential, so please contact Elaine Gilchrist in advance on 0141 552 2418 to book your visit.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Welcome to the summer/autumn 2010 edition of the Craftsman. We hope you enjoy this edition and our many thanks go to all contributors.

Our edition next February has a copy deadline of Monday 17 January 2011, so we look forward to receiving your news and photographs for that winter/spring 2011 issue. Please ensure your photographs are a high resolution, suitable for print, and email digital jpegs as attachments or post to us on disc or on a USB. Although jpegs are preferred, if you do not have a digital camera or computer, prints by post are also accepted.

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IBRAHIM THINKS GLOBAL

One of the UK's most influential and respected entrepreneurs, Dr Azeem Ibrahim, delved into the challenges and opportunities for global thinking as he addressed the annual Trades House of Glasgow Lecture. It was held at Glasgow Caledonian University, where the Glasgow-born philanthropist, academic and former paratrooper received an honorary doctorate in December 2009 for his work in community development and international relations.



Dr Azeem Ibrahim

Although still only in his mid-thirties, Azeem's achievements have attracted considerable recognition around the globe as he rapidly builds a formidable track record as an adviser to world leaders. His most recent venture is Ibrahim Associates, a global strategic consultancy aimed at advising governments, NGOs and non-profits on recognising and capitalising upon strategic advantage.

As he imparted his expertise on working in the global arena to his Glasgow audience, he touched on future trends over the next few decades, how they will impact the UK and how to identify opportunities in these challenging times.

Azeem was named this year as one of the Top 100 Global Thinkers of 2009 by the LSDP European Social Think Tank and a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum. He is also a recipient of the prestigious St Andrew's Society Distinguished Citizen Award, as the Scot who has done the most to promote Scotland on the international stage, and Insider Elite International Executive of the Year 2009.



Deacon Convener Michael Low presents a commemorative Trades House plate to Dr Azeem Ibrahim as House and University representatives look on.

GREAT GATHERING FOR TEA TREAT

The annual tea party saw another great gathering of Trades House and Crafts' beneficiaries, as its host, Collector of the House Jack Steele, was joined by Deacon Convener Michael Low, the 2009-2010 Chain Gang and their partners, to ensure an enjoyable day for all. Helping to whet the appetites of an appreciative audience was entertaining duo Fairlie Folk.



Collector Jack Steele welcomes beneficiaries to tea



Patricia Low, wife of the Deacon Convener, catches up with guests



It's cheers from the ladies as they enjoy their afternoon tea

WELCOME TO COLLECTOR ELECT

Ex Deacon of the Incorporation of Tailors Colonel John Lewis Kelly MBE, BSc (Hons), FRGS, CLJ, is the new Collector Elect of the Trades House of Glasgow. Since 2003, John has served as Joint Regional Liaison Officer for 51 (Scottish) Brigade as principal Ministry of Defence Liaison Officer to the Scottish Government and all civilian agencies in Scotland for military UK operations.



John was educated at Allan Glen's School, Glasgow, and graduated from the University of Glasgow with a BSc (Hons) Geography in 1972. He went on to achieve a Secondary Teaching Certificate at Jordanhill Teacher Training College. His extensive military career began in the Territorial Army in 1968 before he was commissioned into the Regular Army with the 1st Battalion Royal Highland Fusiliers in 1974. Until 1990, he served with the Battalion in the UK, Northern Ireland, Canada, Germany, Belize and Berlin as a Platoon Commander, Adjutant and Company Commander. John was awarded the MBE for his services in HQ Northern Ireland.

He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 1991 and was Commanding Officer 2nd Battalion 51st Highland Volunteers, Elgin, until 1993. From 1994 to 2002, he had appointments in the Headquarters of the Quartermaster General and the Procurement Executive in Equipment and Procurement, and also worked in the Army Personnel Centre, Glasgow, as Head of the Army's confidential reporting system. In 2002, John was promoted to Colonel as Commandant of Glasgow and Lanarkshire Battalion of the Army Cadet Force and since 2008 has been Cadet Colonel for Scotland.

John and his wife Alison live in Gartocharn and the couple have a daughter Louise (25), and son John (20). Also a member of the Incorporation of Wrights and Merchants House of Glasgow, John is a Community Councillor for Kilmarnock Community Council, West Dunbartonshire, and has served as a panel member for West Dunbartonshire Children's Panel for five years. He is also a Director of the Glasgow Buildings Preservation Trust.

AN INSPIRATIONAL GIFT

The 2008-09 Chain Gang gave Late Convener David Dobson and his Lady, Jan Dobson, a magnificent gift at the Chain Gang's demob party. In recognition of their excellent leadership, friendship and support over the Chain Gang's year - and recognising David's and Jan's continuing connections with Hutchesons' Grammar School over many years - the Chain Gang had an inspired idea for a novel gift. They funded an award in David's and Jan's names to be presented annually in perpetuity at Hutchesons' prizegiving.

In consultation with Hutchesons, the Late Convener and his Lady set up The Jan and David Dobson Award for service to the musical life of the School. As David is now Chairman of the Governors of Hutchesons and continues to be the House's representative on the Board of Governors, they had the pleasure to be present at this year's prizegiving when the award was presented for the first time.

Adam R Gerber, a talented saxophonist and pianist, is the first recipient of the award. While he plays both instruments in symphony orchestras, concert and jazz bands, his first love is jazz. Adam now intends to study jazz piano at a conservatoire in London or New Orleans.



David and Jan Dobson with Adam Gerber
Photo courtesy of SNS Group

ROBIN HOUSE BENEFITS FROM BALL

Thanks to the generosity of guests at the Trades House of Glasgow Ball, more than £30,000 has been raised for Robin House, the Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) facility in Balloch that supports up to 200 children and their families each year.

"Funds have been raised through a variety of initiatives, with the major highlight of the year being the Glasgow Ball at the Hilton," said Deacon Convener Michael Low who selected this year's charity along with his Chain Gang. "The outstanding fundraising efforts will allow the work of the specialist team at Robin House to continue across a wide range of innovative projects. We thank everyone for their support, but particularly the Chain Gang and all the Trades in helping us reach this tremendous total."



CRAFTEX SHOWCASES CITY'S SKILLS



Pierre Jacquerey with his gold medal winning guitar.

An experimental guitar has won Anniesland College student Pierre Jacquerey (23) best in show gold medal honours at Craftex 2010. The Trades House of Glasgow's annual craft awards and exhibition showcases the very best traditional and modern crafts, design and technology skills taught at Glasgow's colleges, with a free four-day exhibition of work at the Trades Hall in June.

"This has been a very big surprise and I am absolutely delighted to have taken the top award at Craftex," said Pierre. "As I've designed and created the guitar on the basis that many guitarists play for themselves and not an audience, my experimental piece features the sound hole on the top instead of on the front, allowing the music to travel in the player's direction. The floating fingerboard is also designed with the player in mind, as it creates greater vibration in the instrument."

Before Pierre returned to Provence in the south of France from his temporary Glasgow home, he headed off with his award-winning guitar to California for an interview with world renowned guitar manufacturer, Ervin Somogyi.

"We hope Pierre's win helped contribute to his potential success in California," said Deacon Convener Michael Low. "His piece was part of another fabulous line up at Craftex 2010, which is a unique and valuable platform for students seeking employment or launching their own business."

A top student in each of the 25 subjects on show was selected by judges, Deputy Lord Provost of Glasgow Allan Stewart and his wife Moira. Every winner receives a monetary prize. The Deacon Convener selected his own Best Design award, which went to Kenny Daniel (36), also a student at Anniesland College and former Glasgow School of Art graduate in Product Design (1998). Kenny's design of a safe bio pack container for new and used needles is a compact cin bin alternative, with the potential to minimise the thousands of needlestick injuries recorded within the NHS every year.



Kenny Daniel, winner of the Best Design award with Deacon Convener Michael Low

"In my choice of Best Design, I was impressed by the huge potential for Kenny's unusual design, as well as by the amount of detail that accompanied his entry," said Michael.

Craftex was sponsored this year by 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.

APPRENTICE JOINER WINS MAYA

Ronson Slater (20), a third year apprentice joiner with City Building (Glasgow) LLP, beat stiff competition from five fellow finalists to win the Trades House of Glasgow Modern Apprentice of the Year Award 2010. Now in the third year of his apprenticeship working towards his SVQ Level 3 carpentry and joinery, Ronson is an integral member of the Kitchens and Bathrooms team at City Building and was nominated due to his exceptional high standards of workmanship.

Along with five other finalists, Ronson received his award at a celebration dinner in the Trades Hall from Dr Peter Hughes OBE, Chief Executive of Scottish Engineering. He was presented with an inscribed cup, a cash prize of £500 for further study and a certificate.

"Scotland needs skilled men and women and this initiative helps highlight the vocational and personal benefits that apprenticeships provide," said Deacon Convener Michael Low. "With many strong entries to assess representing a wide spread of modern apprenticeships, our thanks go to our judges and congratulations to all our finalists, particularly Ronson who has demonstrated an admirable enthusiasm and dedication for his trade."

The two runners up awarded £250 and a certificate were Shaun Lafferty, an apprentice electrician with City Building, and Wai Chung Lam, a sheet metal worker with BAE Systems Surface Ships Ltd. Certificates of commendation were awarded to Michelle Lyon, an engineer with BAE, Ashleigh Fraser a fire cadet with the joint Glasgow City Council and Strathclyde Fire & Rescue project, and Ross Kane, an apprentice technician with Arnold Clark Automobiles.

The Award, supported by Skills Development Scotland, Glasgow City Council, Arnold Clark and CD Media, was open to those employed in the Glasgow post code area either working towards a Scottish Modern Apprenticeship or certificated no earlier than 1 April 2009.



MAYA winner Ronson Slater

NEW INITIATIVE SUPPORTS

Drowning in the Treacle Well, an exhibition by artist Claire McGee has launched a new initiative by the Trades House of Glasgow and Trades Hall of Glasgow Trust, which aims to support young, talented artists and craftspeople in the City by helping to showcase their work. The rolling programme will see individual exhibitions of work displayed within the wonderful setting of the Trades Hall for several months at a time.

It has been a successful opening of the exhibition for Glaswegian Claire, a BA (Hons) graduate in Fine Art Painting/Printmaking from Glasgow School of Art (2007). The special launch reception attracted an appreciative audience with three of her pieces sold and a new commission secured on the night. With Glasgow home to some wonderfully creative young talent, many guests were excited by

BATTLEFIELD PRIMARY WINS CITIZENSHIP TITLE



Pupils Lina Guarin, Alexandra Creighton, Ethan McCall, Sohaib Saleem, Yasha Shuvalov, and Nayaab Babar walk away with the Citizenship plaque.

Battlefield Primary School in Glasgow's south side has been awarded the Trades House of Glasgow Citizenship Award 2010. Now in its 11th year, the award encourages and rewards good citizenship in all pre-5, primary, secondary and special needs schools throughout the city.

"In my 17 years as head teacher, I have witnessed citizenship grow from a few special projects to a whole host of initiatives that depend on the genuine participation and interest of all our pupils," said Claire Curry, head teacher of Battlefield Primary. "Being so actively involved in citizenship brings many gains for our young people from increased responsibility, confidence and entrepreneurial thinking, to greater social awareness, respect and care for individuals.

"We are delighted to have won this prestigious title and believe this is tremendous external recognition for the time, energy and effort of our pupils, and the enthusiasm, commitment and hard work of my staff, which combine to promote excellent citizenship and respect."

Deacon Convener Michael Low said: "Our initiative continues to encourage and develop great citizenship, which we believe is fundamental to preparing young people well for the future, by helping them connect with the realities of everyday life and the need for values and respect for others. While Battlefield Primary has demonstrated citizenship at its very best, I would like to congratulate all our finalists for such high calibre entries this year."

Other finalists this year were Woodacre Nursery, Dalmarnock, Knightswood, St Bridgid's, St Joachim's and Thorntree Primaries, Hillhead High School, John Paul Academy and Molendinar Family Learning Centre. The Citizenship Award is supported by Glasgow City Council Education Department.

TOP CRAFT PUPILS



Prizewinners with Deacon Convener Michael Low and Lord Provost Bob Winter are (from left): Megan Sprott, Ross McAlear, David Kelt, Emma Boyle, Tommy Takali and Leanne Reid.

Six secondary school pupils have won the top accolades in the annual Trades House of Glasgow School Craft Competition, which is supported by Glasgow City Council Education Department. They were among more than 60 Glasgow school pupils who had their craftsmanship rewarded in recognition of work produced as part of curricular studies in metalwork, woodwork, plastic, portfolio work and culinary excellence.

Ross McAlear (15), a 4th year pupil at Knightswood Secondary School, took the overall prize for his glass-topped mahogany coffee table produced as part of his Craft and Design studies. Joining him in the winning line up were Megan Sprott a fellow 4th year pupil at Knightswood, Tommy Takali (4th Year) Springburn Academy, David Kelt (5th year) Castlemilk High School, Emma Boyle (4th year) St Mungo's Academy, and Leanne Reid (4th year) Hillhead High School.

Deacon Convener Michael Low and other senior Trades House office bearers were joined by Lord Provost Bob Winter to present pupils in all categories with 1st, 2nd, 3rd and commended certificates, along with monetary awards.



Ross McAlear with his mahogany table

YOUNG TALENT

the possibilities that the initiative offered as they felt there was a dearth of good exhibition space in the City.

Since graduating, Claire has exhibited at galleries and art fairs across the country including the Glasgow Art Fair George Square and London Art Fair Islington over the past two years. Find out more about her work at www.clairemcgeear.com or telephone the artist on 07747 113610.

Drowning in the Treacle Well will run until 9 October 2010 and be open Mondays to Fridays from 10am to 4pm, excluding bank holidays. As the Trades Hall is a working building, there may be occasions when access to the exhibition will not be possible. Opening times can be confirmed by contacting the Trades House Administration Centre in the Trades Hall on 0141 553 1605.



Artist Claire McGee with Deacon Convener Michael Low and Malcolm Wishart, Ex Convener and Trustee of the Trades Hall of Glasgow Trust, at the exhibition launch.

CRAFT NEWS...

Visit www.tradeshouse.org.uk to find out more about the history and work of each Craft.

COOPERS...

Abram Made Honorary Trades Master



The Coopers celebrated the appointment of Ex Deacon and Ex Convener of the Coopers Harry Abram as Honorary Trades Master of the Incorporation with a special lunch at the Trades Hall. It was attended by 24 other Past Deacons and members of the Master Court, including senior Deacon Alistair Robin, who held office 45 years ago in 1965. Deacon Alastair Campbell (centre front) is pictured at the celebration with Harry Abram (2nd left front) and Alistair Robin (3rd left front), surrounded by Past Deacons and members.



Ex Deacon of the Coopers Richard Paterson presents Alan Winchester (left), Production Director of Chivas Bros, with the Incorporation of Coopers shield and a copy of the Craft's book on a visit to Scapa Distillery on Orkney.

MALTMEN...

Paterson Takes President's Role at BEN



Past Visitor of the Maltmen and ex Deacon of the Coopers Richard Paterson.

Past Visitor of the Maltmen and Ex Deacon of the Coopers, Richard Paterson, has been inaugurated as President of the Benevolent Society of the Licensed Trade of Scotland (the BEN), the largest licensed trade charity in Scotland representing 154 pensioners. The BEN has 19 directors from every section of the trade who work throughout Scotland, giving their time freely to manage the charity, help raise funds and visit each of the pensioners in their own home every year. Pensioners receive a Christmas and holiday gift, together with an annual pension, and grants are paid at the discretion of the directors for temporary emergencies.

SKINNERS...

Leatherlicious Prizes

The joint Skinners and Glasgow School of Art Leatherlicious Project challenges students to create economically efficient and innovative new leather products. Leather and hide scraps are supplied to second year Textile Project students by the Bridge of Weir Leather Company, and cash prizes are awarded by the Skinners.

"This is the second year of the project and the quality of work produced by students was of an exceptionally high standard, giving us quite a challenge in selecting the winners," said Deacon Malcolm Day.

CORDINERS...

Deacon of the Cordiners Neil Munro and his wife Anne (below left), are pictured with the Lord Advocate, The Rt Hon Elish Angiolini, QC, and her husband Domenico, at another successful Cordiners Dinner Dance in the Trades Hall.



Dr Adrian Pierotti and Deacon Neil Munro (right), present the Incorporation of Cordiners Design prize to James Porteous at the Glasgow School of Art Degree Show.



MASONS...

Always in search of knowledge, the Masons visited the impressive Calendar House in Falkirk where they learnt much of the extensive trades' history of the town. The group, who are pictured below in the historic working kitchen dating back to 1825, completed a most enjoyable visit with dinner in a local hotel.



The Merry Masons held a D³ Dinner in the Trades Hall Saloon to celebrate Late Deacon Convener David Dobson's most successful year in office. Pictured from left are Collector Dr John McInnes, Jan Dobson, David Dobson, Queen Caroline Miller, who later 'rapped the shed', and Deacon John Miller.



Pictured with Ex Deacon Jonathan Muirhead (left), Chairman of the Scottish Leather Group, and Deacon Malcolm Day, are (from left) 2nd prize winner Caroline Cameron (£300), winner Joanna Faulkner (£500), and 3rd prize winner Roisin Connolly (£200)

BONNETMAKERS & DYERS...

Best Bonnet - A 40s-style hat partly made from onion rings, won Jean Aitken this year's Craftex Best Advanced Hat Design, sponsored by the Bonnetmakers & Dyers. The prizegiving was an emotional occasion for the North Glasgow College Millinery student. When Jean was adopted 50 years ago, the Trades House provided support to her new family. It had always been one of her ambitions to visit the Trades House and she did so in style, meeting Deacon of the Bonnetmakers & Dyers Roy Greer.



Stewarton Bonnet Guild - Deacon Roy Greer and Collector Karen McKenna-Shand represented the Craft at the Stewarton Bonnet Guild Gala Day. Deacon Greer presented prizes for endeavour to pupils from Stewarton Academy before joining Collector Karen McKenna-Shand for a parade led by Kilmarnock Pipe Band around Stewarton to Lainshaw Park. In brilliant sunshine, they enjoyed refreshments at the Bonnet Guild's tea tent and watched various displays.



Student Support - The Craft now supports a deserving student throughout a five year course in Chemical Engineering at the University of Strathclyde. It also presents awards to two students at Heriot-Watt University, Scottish Borders Campus, Galashiels, for Best 4th Year Clothing and Best 4th Year Project Design for Textile.



Seven new members receive their certificates and bonnets from Deacon Roy Greer at the new members evening.

Bobath Support - Jim Campbell, chairman of children's charity Bobath Scotland, receives a cheque for £1,500 from Deacon Roy Greer, to go towards the provision of specialist therapy for children affected by cerebral palsy. Based in Port Dundas, Bobath Scotland works closely with around 120 children each year. It endeavours to make a profound difference to a child's ability to do daily tasks independently, whilst restoring a level of dignity by enhancing their self-care skills.



Artist Donation - Well known artist and member of the Bonnetmakers & Dyers, Lesley Main, donated one of her paintings for auction at the Trades House Ball. The painting raised £1,800 towards CHAS. Lesley, pictured with Deacon Roy Greer, runs Main Fine Art, which has two galleries, the Michael Main Gallery in the Douglas Centre, Brodick, Isle of Arran, and also the Studio Gallery in Gibson Street, Glasgow.

TAILORS...

Dressing for Success

Deacon of the Tailors David Scott was keynote speaker at Dress for Success, a Glasgow Chamber of Commerce event inspired by Coco Chanel, who sold her first tailored suit in 1909 and became synonymous with dressing for success for both work and play. The event was to demonstrate how important appearance can be in helping to succeed in the business world.

A director of Glasgow Chamber and chief executive of GTG Training, David spoke on leadership, business and personal development and offered advice on boosting confidence and motivation. The Chamber had teamed up with the city's top clothing brands to host this networking evening with a difference at the stylish 29 bar on Royal Exchange Square.



David pictured with some of the models, all drawn from Chamber business members. Photo courtesy of Stop Press Media

With Kids - Breaking the Cycle

Family breakdown, binge drinking, drug abuse, child abuse, youth offending, homelessness, physical and mental ill health, suicide, crime and violence, are all societal problems that can be traced back to difficulties in the care adults received in their early years. With Kids, a charity based in the east end of Glasgow, is focussed on breaking that cycle with a preventative approach that involves early intervention, using a range of evidence based individual, social and practical support in its dynamic work with children and families.

Now the Incorporation of Tailors is taking With Kids under its wings. As well as a donation of £500, one of many charity donations made by the Craft each year, Deacon David and Mrs Fiona Scott will be supporting With Kids in as many ways as possible.

"As well as getting involved in other fundraising activities and helping to raise the profile of this fantastic Glasgow charity, Fiona and myself will also be attending events as Tailors, including the With Kids Christmas party for youngsters who may never have enjoyed a proper Christmas. If anyone would like information on how they can help, even by contributing a few small presents, then please contact myself or Fiona via the Trades House office. You can also find out more about With Kids at www.withkids.org.uk."



Deacon of the Tailors, Lt Col David Scott, and Collector Elect, Ex Deacon of the Tailors, Col John Kelly, presented the Glasgow and Lanarkshire Battalion Army Cadet Force with a new Pipe Banner at their Annual Camp.

GARDENERS...

An Evening with the Gardeners - provided a special opportunity for Craftsmen to introduce friends and family to the Incorporation and Trades Hall. Sarah Mukherjee, whose voice on Radio 4 was already familiar to many, gave a superb illustrated talk about her experiences as BBC Environmental Correspondent, ranging from her interviews with royalty and politicians to observations on farming, horticulture and climate change. A complementary highlight was an enthusiastic and skilful demonstration of corsage making by Jayne Buet from Langside College, leaving Craftsmen no excuse for failure to show a good buttonhole!



Sarah Mukherjee, Deacon Roger Kinns, Marion Kinns, Deacon Convener Michael Low and Jayne Buet relax after an enjoyable evening

Let Glasgow Flourish - Now entering their second quarter century, the Let Glasgow Flourish Awards (LGF) are presented each year to businesses with outstanding floral displays. The top award of the Robertson Silver Spade was won this year by the Black Bear Beefeater Restaurant & Travel Inn in Uddingston for its superb floral display.

"Selecting winners is never an easy task, with many businesses maintaining superb standards and others striving to improve," said Deacon Roger Kinns. "Nearly 40 Glasgow businesses were recognised at the awards ceremony in the Trades Hall in the spring, where Deputy Lord Provost Allan Stewart made the presentations with humour and style. LGF Convener Brain Atkinson worked hard with his team of judges from the Master Court to make their final selection."



Winners of the LGF Awards

Sponsored Lecture - Carol Parry, Archivist at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, will be giving a lecture entitled *Herbals* in the College Collection, sponsored by the Gardeners. Carol looks after the College's extraordinary collection of books, artefacts and specimens with great enthusiasm. The event will be held at the RCPSCG in St Vincent Street, at 7pm on Monday 23 August, when all will be welcome.

A Benmore Visit - in the spring provided an opportunity for the Gardeners to see the newly restored and breathtaking Victorian Fernery, which they helped fund, in what is one of the great gardens of Scotland.

Plotholder Prizes - the Incorporation supports organisations that use gardening and horticulture to tackle social and dietary problems in Scotland, such as the Glasgow Allotments Forum, which helps people start their own allotments. It guides them through the early stages when it is all too easy to be discouraged by unfamiliar gardening challenges and disappointments. At the Glasgow Show on Glasgow Green, Deacon Roger Kinns will present up to five new prizes to allotment plotholders who have made the best progress in their first or second years. Each will receive a garden centre voucher and Gardeners certificate.

FLESHERS...



The Fleshers raised £1700 at their Annual Dinner Dance for Poppyscotland. Deacon Allan Lapsley and Collector Stuart Dalziel (right) had much pleasure in handing over the cheque to Poppyscotland Chief Executive Ian McGregor, in the company of Deacon Convener Michael Low and Collector Jack Steele.



The Fleshers Whitsunday Musical Evening in the Trades Hall saw the appreciative audience entertained by current UK champions, the Brian Laurie Accordion Show Band, of which Ex Deacon John Stewart is a member.

WRIGHTS...

Box Opening Dinner

This year's Wrights Box Opening Dinner was as always an event-packed occasion. The Craft's history was celebrated and the Deacon's Lady, the Queen of the Wrights was chained in a ceremony performed by Ex Deacon Wallace Dick. It was a most enjoyable evening with great speeches, great food and of course great support from pianist Terry Martin and piper Stewart Hamilton, both Craft members.

The assembled company had the opportunity to view the contents of the boxes after Deacon Alex Graham presented and described his item to be added to mark his year in office. He presented a miniature carved chair, which incorporates items from his early years as a joiner with the University of Glasgow and his year as Deacon of the Wrights. The chair was made for Alex by his good friend, the great craftsman John McLaughlin MBE, alias the Govan Chairman.



Alexander Meets Alexandra - To mark his "visit" to the Barbers' annual dinner, Deacon of the Wrights Alex Graham presented another miniature carved chair to baby Alexandra, daughter of Deacon of the Barbers Patries MacIntyre. The chair was specially commissioned by Alex and manufactured once again by John McLaughlin MBE, the Govan Chairman. A scroll describing the materials and details incorporated within the design was also presented with the Chair.



BARBERS...

A Cut Above!

The Barbers raised over £3000 for Yorkhill Children's Foundation at its 411th annual dinner dance. Deacon Patries MacIntyre chose the Foundation, as the cause has become close to her heart since giving birth to daughter Alexandra last October. The evening was a great success with entertaining guest speakers Andrew Robertson OBE, Chairman of the Greater Glasgow NHS Board in 2007 and now a non-executive board member, and Constantinos Hajivassiliou, surgeon at the Department of Paediatric Surgery for Yorkhill Hospital.



Patries and daughter Alexandra present a cheque to Yorkhill's Corporate & Events Fundraiser Abigail Stein.



Andrew Robertson OBE, Eva Hajivassiliou, Sheila Robertson and Constantinos Hajivassiliou at the Barbers dinner.



Master of the Worshipful Company of Barbers of London Dr Jeremy Bolton and Dr Julie Hollyman, Deacon Patries & Alastair MacIntyre.

In its bid to encourage young health professionals, as well as increase awareness of the Incorporation, the Barbers sponsor a variety of student prizes across the city.

Prizewinners for 2009/2010 are: Barbers Hairdressing Prize, Best 2nd Year Student, Langside College - Simone Duncan; Barbers MSc Nursing Prize, Glasgow Caledonian University - Jennifer Rodgers; Barbers MSc (Med Sci) Dissertation Award, University of Glasgow - Joanne McPeake; Trades House - Barbers Medical/Sci Prize, University of Glasgow - Alison Duncan; Barbers Clinical Paper Prize, University of Glasgow Medico Chirurgical Society - Matthew Wilson; Barbers BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy Prize, Glasgow Caledonian University - Janice Morrison; and Barbers BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy Prize, Glasgow Caledonian University - Gail Frame.



Deacon Patries MacIntyre (right) pictured at Glasgow Caledonia University with (from left) Catriona Khamisha Programme Leader for BSc Hons OT; Gail Frame Prizewinner OT; Late Deacon Ian Thomson; Janice Morrison Prizewinner Physio; Vincent McKay, HoD OT, Physio & Social Work; and Kay Keir, Programme Leader BSc Hons Physio.

NEW PRESES FOR GRAND ANTIQUITY SOCIETY

Ex Deacon of the Hammermen (2006-07) Norman Hamilton was elected Preses of the Grand Antiquity Society at its AGM in June, succeeding Duncan Gilmour. Mrs Anne Macfarlane was elected Treasurer.



"Although the Society does not normally hold an annual members event, a dinner is to take place next April or early May 2011," said Norman. "The estimated cost is £40 per person and we are delighted that nearly 40 tickets have already been reserved."

"The Society has also been busy forging links with the National Theatre of Scotland, which we hope will be of mutual benefit to both our organisations. The Theatre is providing blocks of seats for sale to our members. In addition to supporting the Theatre, this will be a fabulous vehicle for meeting other Society members and their friends and it is hoped that we can host receptions at selected performances."

"The Theatre's highly acclaimed production Black Watch, which has played to audiences all over the UK, is returning to Glasgow this September. We hope that members take advantage of our arrangement to obtain tickets."

For more details of the Grand Antiquity Society, its new members' dinner and National Theatre of Scotland events, email Norman at norman.hamilton@virgin.net or visit the Trades House of Glasgow at www.tradeshouse.org.uk and click on the Society's web page link listed under associated organisations on the home page.

HAMMERMEN...

At a reception in the Trades Hall Saloon, Deacon Convener Michael Low presented the Hammermen Awards 2010 to recipients from four university engineering departments and five colleges. The Craft has now interviewed the winners for its prestigious Prince Philip Prizes, worth an additional £1500 each, which have been awarded to Kevin Frew of Glasgow Caledonian University and Nikki Cusworth of Anniesland College, who is also an apprentice with Rolls Royce, Hillington. Runners up, with a prize of £500 each, are Robert MacDonald of the University of Strathclyde and Mark Devine of Langside College, an apprentice at Rolls Royce, East Kilbride. The prizewinners are pictured below with Deacon of the Hammermen Russell Crichton and Deacon Convener Michael Low.



The Incorporation has instituted a Cadet Engineering Project Award to mark the 150th anniversary of the Cadet Forces. After Cadet Unit presentations were judged, Deacon Russell Crichton presented the £500 prize to a team from 62 (2nd Glasgow) Squadron ATC based in Broomhill. The winning Cadets are pictured with their remote controlled vehicle.



SPORTS DESK...

GOLF

TRADES HOUSE SHIELD - The Hammermen pairing of Deacon Russell Crichton and Past Deacon Mike Craig were victorious in the Trades House Golf Shield Competition held at Kilmacolm Golf Club.

TAILORS - Alan Watt would like to update his list of people who would like to represent the Tailors at golf. Anyone interested should get in touch with Alan at AlanWatt@Bartonandhendry.co.uk or telephone his work number 01236 735466.

MARINERS & SKIPPERS SOCIETY

Each Deacon Convener receives the honorary Admiral of the Mariners & Skippers Society on election to post. During the Chain Gang visit to HMNB Faslane, Admiral Michael Low presented Commodore Chris Hockley with a Mariners & Skippers Burgee in recognition of HMS Neptune becoming a corporate member of the Trades House of Glasgow Mariners & Skippers Society.



Admiral Michael Low with Commodore Chris Hockley.

All service personnel at Faslane will be able to participate in Mariners & Skippers musters and other social events. The Royal Navy joins the Army - the 51 (Scottish) Brigade - as corporate members of the Society.

Conference Call - The Mariners & Skippers Society will be taking part in the annual Green Blue Conference in Glasgow where world renowned sailor, author and broadcaster Tom Cunliffe will be the keynote speaker. The Green Blue, the environment programme for the British Marine Federation and Royal Yachting Association, is bringing its conference to Scotland for the first time. It is aimed at anyone who enjoys boating professionally or as a hobby, and will be held on Saturday 9 October at the GTG Training & Conference Centre in Whiteinch, Glasgow. For more information, or to book your place, contact sarah.brown@thegreenblue.org.uk or call 0844 556 9544.



The Association of Trades House Ladies' Charity Dinner held in the Crowne Plaza Hotel raised £1,570 for MND Scotland, formerly the Scottish Motor Neurone Disease Association. Guest speaker, Taggart actress Blythe Duff, is pictured with the ATHL Committee who organised the event.

JOHN CAIRNEY MADE FREEMAN



John Cairney with Lord Provost Bob Winter

On behalf of the Trades House of Glasgow, Lord Provost Bob Winter honoured Dr John Cairney PhD M.Litt, a member of the Incorporation of Bonnetmakers & Dyers, by conferring on him the title of Freeman Citizen of Glasgow. In more than 50 years as an artist, John has worked as an actor, recitalist, lecturer, director and theatre consultant, and is also a published author and exhibited painter.

GLASGOW BOUQUET



John Forbes, Manager of Bon Accord Granite taps down the base stone as sculptor Doug Cocker (pointing) looks on with Andrew Robb, Resident Engineer for Land & Environmental Services and Morna Henderson, Senior Landscape Architect for the City.

The magnificent Glasgow Bouquet, a bronze sculpture completed by artist Doug Cocker in 2005 as part of the Trades House of Glasgow Quatercentenary celebrations, has taken up its final resting place. Having been displayed in the Winter Garden at the Peoples' Palace since then, the completed work has now been erected on its grand granite column in Hutcheson Street at the end of Garth Street, best viewed from the Grand Hall's central window in the Trades Hall.

"The sculpture reflects the history of Glasgow by the tools contained in the bronze basket on top of the five metre high granite column," said Tom Gilchrist, who was Deacon Convener during the 400th anniversary. "This is a marvellous permanent record of the contribution the Trades House has made to the City over the years, and continues to do so today."

The foundation ring around the column is inscribed '1605 – 2005 Glasgow City Council, the Merchants House and the Trades House working together to make Glasgow flourish'. A special event in September will celebrate its new setting.

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 £14 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.

