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KEEP IN TOUCH

Welcome to the winter/spring 2011 edition of the Craftsman, which we hope you enjoy. Many thanks to all contributors who have helped fill its pages.

Our next edition, due out early August 2011, has a copy deadline of Monday 18 July 2011, so we look forward to receiving your news and photographs for the summer/autumn 2011 issue. Please ensure your photographs are a high resolution suitable for print – above 300KB if possible - and email digital jpegs as attachments or post to us on disc or 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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DIARY DATES 2011

Glasgow Ball - Glasgow Hilton, Saturday 7 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 2011 - Trades Hall, Thursday 9 to Sunday 12 June 2011

Craftex Awards 2011 - Trades Hall, Friday 10 June 2011, 7.30pm

For all Trades House of Glasgow events, bookings 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, or visit the website for more details at: www.tradeshouse.org.uk

A MEMORABLE VENUE



The Saloon

Situated in the Merchant City in the heart of the city centre, the magnificent Trades Hall is one of the most important historic buildings in Glasgow.

Designed and built between 1791-1794 by Robert Adam and his brothers, the Trades Hall was to serve as a public hall and meeting place for the city's Trades House of Glasgow and 14 Incorporated Crafts. The Trades House still meets in the building today, making it one of only two historic buildings in the city still used for its original purpose – the other being the mediaeval Glasgow Cathedral.

With its prestigious Grand Hall, Saloon, Reception Room and many other unique spaces providing stylish and versatile facilities for hire, it is used for a wide variety of events including conferences, exhibitions, meetings, banquets and weddings. A team of tour guides also welcome parties from all corners of the UK and overseas, taking them on a journey through time and providing a fascinating insight into this truly historical building. As tour reservations are essential, please contact Elaine Gilchrist in advance on 0141 552 2418 to book any visit.

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 under Diary Dates 2011. You can also find out more about the Trades Hall at www.tradeshallglasgow.co.uk



The Grand Hall

VIEW FROM THE PLATFORM

The Platform is the executive committee of the Trades House of Glasgow. Chaired by the Deacon Convener and including the Collector, Late Collector and Late Convener, the team meet monthly and are advised by the Clerk of the House and his assistants when dealing with the day to day running of the organisation. The Platform reports back to the House at its quarterly meetings.

NEW DEACON CONVENER & COLLECTOR TAKE UP POSTS



The Trades House of Glasgow has elected retired partner and head of the Scottish region Audit and Accounting Practice with KPMG, James (Jimmy) Y Miller CA, as its Deacon Convener, who will lead the organisation and also assume the role of Third Citizen of Glasgow until October 2011. Jimmy, who was Deacon of the Incorporation of Cordiners in 2001-2002, remains a member of its Master Court today. Joining Jimmy on the Platform as Collector is Colonel John Lewis Kelly MBE, who has served as Joint Regional Liaison Officer for 51 (Scottish) Brigade since 2003, as principal Ministry of Defence Liaison Officer to the Scottish Government and all civilian agencies in Scotland for military UK operations. John is an Ex Deacon of the Incorporation of Tailors and a member of the Incorporation of Wrights.



The 13 October 2010 was a big day in my life because on that day I was elected by the members of the Trades House to serve as Deacon Convener of the Trades of Glasgow for 2010-11, a daunting task but one which I approach with relish. I am honoured to have been chosen to serve the House in this prestigious position and will do my utmost to justify the trust that has been placed in me.

That same evening I presided over the Deacon Convener's Dinner held in the Grand Hall of the Trades Hall and a glittering affair it was. The speakers, who I had chosen with great care, fully lived up to my expectations, as did the purveyors of the excellent fare.

All in all a fine evening was enjoyed by those present. In parallel, the Lady Convener's dinner was held that evening in the Western Club and it too was reported to have been a great success.



Having been Deacon of the Tailors in 2007-08, I thought that I had "done my bit" for the Trades House and could look forward to many years as a "sage grey beard". How wrong can you be?! When approached by the now Late Convener Michael Low in March last year to be considered for the office of Collector, I had a

lengthy discussion with Commander Home Waters (my wife Alison) and responded that I would be honoured to be considered. How could I not have said yes?

Born and schooled in Glasgow, educated at Glasgow University and having spent all my working life in the City of Glasgow's Regiment, it was, to use the modern vernacular, a "no brainer". So it was back on the learning curve again as I was invited to join the Platform as Collector Elect. The curve is steep, but aided by a genuine grey beard (Ex Convener David Dobson), Late Collector Jack Steele and Late Convener Michael Low, I hope to be an able support to Deacon Convener Jimmy Miller.

The principal duties of Collector are to sit on various

One of the pleasures of being Deacon Convener is attending the annual dinners and other functions of the individual Crafts, at which money is raised for charity. The Deacons of the Crafts do a fine job of presiding over the affairs and management of their Crafts and it is a privilege to work with them. Ladies are now eligible for membership of the Crafts and a significant number have joined up and are making their presence felt - indeed three of the current year's Deacons are ladies.

This year the Chain Gang - the collective Deacons, so known because they all wear chains of office - has chosen as its principal charity the new Scottish Epilepsy Centre being built in Govan by Quarriers Homes. Our donation will mainly be funded by the Glasgow Ball on Saturday 7 May 2011, to which all our readers are cordially invited (on a paying basis of course!). More than £400,000 are donated annually by the Trades House to deserving causes across the city. In addition, the Trades House and individual Crafts sponsor a number of competitions involving the work of young people ranging from primary schoolchildren

to apprentices in industry and commerce. Meeting them as I have done and hearing them talk about their projects and achievements is tremendously uplifting.

To those of you who have recently joined one of the Crafts I say welcome to the Trades House. I hope you will fully involve yourselves in the affairs of your Craft and go through to the Master Court in due course. In that way, you will experience the enjoyment and friendships, which membership of the Craft brings and the satisfaction that comes from taking part in the good works in which it is engaged. If you are interested in joining a Craft but have not yet done so, please contact Myra Ramsay or Annette Wright on 0141 553 1605 who will give you full details of what is involved.

As Mao Tse-tung said: "forecasting is never easy particularly when it involves the future", but I predict with confidence that this Trades House – our Trades House – will continue to flourish and be highly regarded in this great City of ours.

JAMES Y MILLER, Deacon Convener

House. I urge all our Craftsmen and Craftswomen to become engaged in their Craft and, if invited, relish and enjoy the challenges of being a Master Court member.

I am delighted to say that it is not all duty and hard work. The social side of the House is just as important. Alison and I thank all who have royally entertained us at their splendid dinners, box openings, musical events and especially wine tastings. It has been great fun, and even better as Collector, I do not usually have to sing for my supper.

Alison and I are conscious of the centuries old honour that has been bestowed upon us, and for giving us the opportunity to enjoy this unique and wonderful experience. Thank you for placing your trust in me to fill this high office. I shall endeavour to uphold the standing of the Trades House and its continuing prosperity. I now wear the very fine 1885 Collector's chain of office with great pride and, being a Glaswegian, not a little swagger!

Finally, might I commend this excellent publication to you, which goes from strength to strength, and give it as wide a circulation as possible beyond the House.

JOHN LEWIS KELLY, Collector

BEQUEST FUNDS NEW ADMINISTRATION SUITE

Following major refurbishment of the former caretaker's flat located within the Trades Hall, the Trades House of Glasgow administration team have moved from the North Gallery to take up residence in this newly created office suite.



The new office suite

The refurbishment was fully funded by a bequest from the late Bob Colquhoun, who was public relations consultant for the Trades House from 1990 until his untimely death in December 2004 at the age of 62. Bob, who was a member of the Incorporation of Fleshers, had a distinguished career spanning more than 40 years in journalism and public relations.

Bob answered a call from the Trades House in 1990 to help it promote its charitable work. So began the life of the Craftsman which, for the next 15 years, Bob compiled and produced.

"Caring very much about the Trades House, Bob was enthusiastic about the ongoing refurbishment of the Trades Hall," said Iain Paterson, Clerk to the House. "He was forward-thinking and a first class public relations and marketing consultant.

Now six years since his death, Bob is still helping to promote the work of the House as, thanks to his generosity, we have been able to create a modern office environment with improved technology and much more adequate and functional work space. The Trades House will be forever in his debt."

Having been freed up by the move, the North Gallery is now available to let either on its own or as part of a package along with the South Gallery and a new Boardroom, which has been created directly opposite the North Gallery.

All contact details for the Trades House Administration team - telephone, emails and postal address - remain unchanged (see Diary Dates page two for details).



Pictured in all their finery at the Lady's Dinner in October, are the Trades House administration team from left – Ruth Hanlon, Elaine Gilchrist (Grooms), Myra Ramsay, Paula Steven, Annette Wright and social worker Lorainne Tedeschi.

OBITUARY - TERRY MARTIN

Terry Martin, well known to most members of the Trades House, Incorporated Crafts and associated organisations thanks to his regular piano accompaniment to many a function held in the Trades Hall, has sadly died at the age of 75, following a period of ill health. He played at the Deacon Convener Dinners for 20 years, with the exception of 2010, which he was forced to miss due to illness.

Terry, who was a member of both the Incorporation of Wrights and Bonnetmakers & Dyers, had a great ear for music and was considered a great accompanist to any soloist. Throughout the 1950s and 1960s, he was a popular musician with his Terry Martin Trio, entertaining guests for many years in the McDonald Hotel in Glasgow. For special occasions, he would also assemble big dance bands from his wide circle of musician contacts.

Despite his poor health over the past few years, he continued to play to patrons at venues including Choo Choo in West Kilbride, Nardini's in Largs and the Duck Bay Marina at Loch Lomond. Although he missed the last Deacon Convener's Dinner in October, he was also playing at annual Craft dinners and other Trades House related events until as recently as November. His last appearance was at the Incorporation of Weavers Getting to Know You night in the Trades Hall.

He will be sadly missed by everyone within the Trades House organisation.



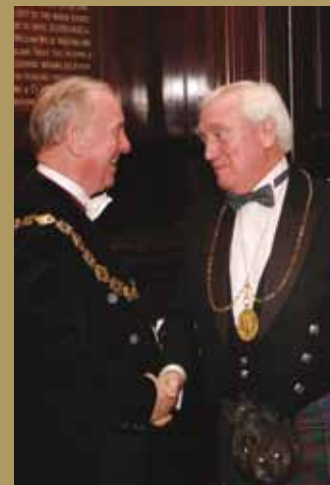
Terry in his familiar role entertaining guests at the piano. He is pictured at the Weavers Getting to Know You night, the last occasion he played at the Trades Hall.

HOUSE DINNERS HOSTED BY DEACON CONVENER & HIS LADY

Deacon Convener James Miller's first formal duty was to host the 405th Annual Dinner in the magnificent setting of the Grand Hall, Trades Hall, on the day of his election, Wednesday 13 October 2010. Joining him as principal speakers were Professor John Wallace OBE, Deputy Lord Provost Bailie Allan Stewart, Jackson Carlaw MSP and Deacon Bill Scott of the Incorporation of Coopers.

During the same evening, his wife Gillian hosted the Lady's Dinner in the nearby Western Club attended by the Ex Conveners' Ladies and wives of the Deacon Convener's principal guests and Chain Gang.

Here is a round-up of photographs from both events.



DRAPERS' FUND SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN

Before demitting office last November as its Manager, Robert Holmes Henderson gave the Craftsman this insight into the Drapers' Fund.

The Drapers' Fund was established between 1918 and 1928 by highly respected Glasgow draper, James Inglis, to be held in trust by the Trades House of Glasgow for charitable purposes. The income from the Fund was to be disbursed to children in need, to combat poverty, ignorance and want. The need has not diminished today.

Currently, the Fund disburses in excess of £50,000 each year and, like all other charitable organisations, it has seen a downturn in revenue over the last two years. Sadly, as the number of appeals has increased, we now find ourselves with many more valid applications than we have the means to consider. The average award in the period 2009-10 fell to £160 and, although of some help, it is often far short of meeting the level of help merited. It is my regret that greater funds are not available to make a more significant difference.

Our Voluntary Committee has the difficult task of reviewing some of the grimmest cases. Many appeals now considered originate from local authority social work departments, and our help is often sought to try and reunite children with their families, which may have been broken by parental casualty, due to violence, mental health, illness or disability.

At my behest, Clerk to the House Iain Paterson wrote to all Trades House Incorporations and Associations to ask if they would make a donation. Some have responded magnificently and current Manager, Peter Stokes, and I thank them most sincerely for their generosity. To those who have not yet responded, we entreat you to consider giving if you are able to do so.

If we all help a little, then we can all help a lot!

**Robert Holmes Henderson,
Former Drapers' Fund Manager 2009-10
Now Deacon of the Incorporation of Bakers**

How to donate - if anyone would like to make a donation to the Drapers' Fund, please contact Annette Wright - Trades House Administration Centre, tel: 0141 553 1605, email: annette.wright@tradeshouse.org.uk - who will provide a gift aid form.

ALL CHANGE AT DRAPERS' FUND

Peter Stokes, Ex Deacon of the Bonnetmakers and Dyers, was appointed to succeed Robert Holmes Henderson as Manager of the Drapers' Fund in November 2010. At the same time, Committee member John Jackson, Ex Deacon of the Gardeners, demitted office and was replaced by Scott Waugh, a member of the Bakers, for the ensuing three year term.

The remaining members of the Committee comprise Ex Deacon of the Barbers Annemieke Cunningham, Ex Preses of the Grand Antiquity Society Alison Dick, and Trades House Head of Administration Myra Ramsay, who is the Clerk.

As he handed over to Peter, Robert said: "My year as Manager was eased considerably by the wise counsel and indefatigable efforts of the Committee and Clerk, to all of whom I would like to record my thanks and wish them every success for the future."



Peter Stokes

IT'S ALL IN THE GIVING

Since it was established in 1605, the Trades House of Glasgow and its 14 Incorporated Trades, often referred to as the Crafts, have helped shape Glasgow into the city it is today. It has made its mark but not solely by playing a pivotal and progressive role in training, or fostering trade and industry in the past. Benevolence has also been at its very foundation.

Now a registered charity widely viewed as a centre of excellence in the administration of trusts and legacies, the Trades House manages funds in excess of £14 million



The Glasgow Ball will raise funds for the Scottish Epilepsy Centre

- considerable resources are also devoted to general benevolent work. Donations of more than £400,000 are awarded each year to deserving causes and individuals across the city of Glasgow.

Here, and in the Craft News pages that follow, the Craftsman provides a glimpse into just some of the great charitable work of the Trades House, its Crafts and associated organisations, and the many good causes that are benefiting from their benevolence.

THE GLASGOW BALL WILL RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SCOTTISH EPILEPSY CENTRE

The Glasgow Ball is gearing up for its 10th anniversary at the Glasgow Hilton on Saturday 7 May 2011, when Trades House and Craft members, along with friends, guests and corporate groups, unite to fundraise and celebrate the work of the House. The Deacon Convener and Chain Gang's chosen charity this year is the new Scottish Epilepsy Centre being built by Quarriers close to the Southern General Hospital in Glasgow and scheduled to open in autumn 2012.

The Glasgow Ball target is to raise at least £25,000 towards this new £7.1m building. Catering for both patients and carers, it will include education, research and residential assessment facilities, as well as providing access to the latest technology. The site has been carefully chosen to ensure better access to the emergency services and Institute of Neurology at the Southern General.

"The present Quarriers facility is a very special place, helping to find accurate diagnosis and treatment for many of the 39,000 Scots living with the illness and enabling them to lead more fulfilling, safer lives," said Deacon Convener Jimmy Miller. "Our Glasgow Ball will raise funds for an en suite bedroom at the new Centre, helping to bring one element of the project to fruition within what will undoubtedly become a world centre of excellence. So, please join us for what will be a tremendous evening with the opportunity to give generously to Quarriers and its new Centre."

Quarriers' Head of Appeals, Virginia Anderson, said: "Our fundraising appeal has an ambitious target of £7.1 million to build this world class facility and we are delighted to have secured the support of the Trades House to boost our efforts. We have in place almost 55% of the funds so far, with Quarriers pledging more than £1 million of its own funds to help ensure our plans become a reality. We look forward to adding the great efforts of the Trades House to our appeal."

Guests will be welcomed to the Glasgow Ball by a champagne reception to whet their appetites before dinner is served in the Hilton's Grand Ballroom. Entertainment will be provided by Scotland's Three Tenors, with dancing to the band, Special Edition. A series of fundraising initiatives on the night will help the Trades House reach its £25,000 target.

While a ticket application form is inserted in this edition of the Craftsman, tickets priced at £70 each - tables of 10 and 12 available - can be purchased from the organisers at Glasgow Ball 2011, Events House, 426 Drumoyne Road, Glasgow G51 4DA, tel: 0141 892 6113, email: eventsco@globalnet.co.uk

WHY DO WE NEED THIS SERVICE?

- **Epilepsy is a devastating neurological condition - more than 2,000 Scots will be diagnosed with the condition in 2011.**
- **Epilepsy can kill - more people died from epilepsy in 2007 than of aids, hepatitis, meningitis, TB and cot death - combined!**
- **Over the lifetime of the building, 11,000 lives will be transformed and the number of deaths greatly reduced.**
- **The Scottish Epilepsy Centre will combine Quarriers' expertise with one of the world's finest neurology teams and enable access to a wider range of diagnostic technology.**

BALL IS BIG BOOST FOR CHARITIES

Over the years the Glasgow Ball has raised between £25,000 and as much as £50,000 annually for a diverse range of projects. Funds have helped secure a rapid response vehicle for the Greater Glasgow Health Board and an ambulance for the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice, as well as the creation of a peaceful garden for patients and their families at the Beatson Cancer Hospital. Assistance has also been given to the Teenage Cancer Trust, Prostate Cancer Trust, Alzheimer's Scotland, the Nolly Barge Youth Project, MS Revive Support in Glasgow, and last year's beneficiary, Robin House, the Children's Hospice Association Scotland facility at Balloch.

CHAIN GANG'S £30,000 FOR CHAS

The 2009-10 Chain Gang and partners came together for their end of year dinner at the Western Club in November, where they presented the £30,000 cheque to Robin House Hospice, the CHAS facility at Balloch. The donation will allow the work of their specialist team to continue across a wide range of innovative projects, including its bereavement and telephone support services, plus three weekends away for bereaved siblings.



ATHL ARE ACTIVE FUNDRAISERS

The Association of Trades House Ladies will also be actively fundraising for the Scottish Epilepsy Centre at its Charity Dinner in the Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow, on Thursday 24 February. The organising committee are pictured at last year's ATHL Annual Dinner, with guest speaker Ex Deacon of the Tailors Tom Forrest, who is married to actress and Taggart star, Blythe Duff. While Blythe spoke at the last ATHL Charity Dinner about her acting experiences on the popular detective series, husband Tom, a former Detective Sergeant with Strathclyde Police, recounted his real-life experiences at the Annual Dinner.



CRAFT NEWS...

Find out more about the work of each Craft at:
www.tradeshouse.org.uk

HAMMERMEN...

Winning Wafers

At the recent Bakers Dinner, Deacon Henry Perfect of the Hammermen successfully bid for his weight in Caramel Wafers, a prize donated by Boyd Tunnock CBE of biscuit manufacturer Tunnock's. Henry (centre) is pictured with his wife Kathleen, when they visited the Uddingston factory to meet Boyd and collect some 3,000 Caramel Wafers. Well known for his charity work, Boyd was delighted to hear that Henry was donating the biscuits to various charities active on the streets of Glasgow, helping those less fortunate. They just hung on to a few for the festive season!



Henry and wife Kathleen meeting Boyd at the factory in Uddingston

Dinner and Snow White

The Hammermen Service Group enjoyed another successful pantomime outing with their pensioners. The group of 117 people enjoyed pre-theatre dinner at the Marriott Hotel before heading on to Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at the Kings Theatre. Despite the untimely death in November 2010 of its lead performer, Gerard Kelly, the show was enjoyed by all.



CORDINERS...

The Incorporation of Cordiners is holding its Charity Dinner Dance on Friday 11 February at the Trades Hall, with guest speaker, actor Sandy Welsh. The evening will be formal dress with an invitation to guests to follow a red and black theme.



Billy signs the roll of members

World's Most Famous Glaswegian Honoured

Following the approval of his admission by the Incorporation of Hammermen, comedian and actor, Billy Connolly, has been admitted a Freeman of his native city, Glasgow, by Lord Provost Bob Winter. Before the grand City Chambers ceremony, the Hammermen invited Billy to sign the roll of members and presented him with his Burgess Ticket and Membership Certificate.



Clerk of the Hammermen, Alistair Burrow, presents the Burgess Ticket and Membership Certificate to Billy

The Freeman honour, which represents the highest civic award granted by the City, was in recognition of the distinction Billy has brought to Glasgow through his outstanding contributions in comedy and drama, his many charitable works and also for his pride in being a Glaswegian. He is seen as the world's most famous Glaswegian and the City's greatest ambassador.

In his inimitable style, Billy said of the honour: "I am completely blown away. I am thrilled and I can't really put into words how I feel about it. Apparently, I have to defend Glasgow if called to, which I am perfectly prepared to do and which I have done on many, many occasions in the past. But if I commit a crime and am flung in jail, I am entitled to a cell of my own, which I would like more than anything in the world."

GARDENERS...

After the Kirking of the House ceremony on Sunday 17 October, an informal lunch was held by the Incorporation of Gardeners in Piazza Italia, Glasgow. Amongst the group was Deacon Anthony MacIver, whose Choosing Dinner took place the previous Friday. The visitation at the Dinner had been made by the Bakers, whose Deacon Robert Holmes Henderson, had presented a cake to Anthony. The cake was brought to the lunch, eaten and much appreciated by all those present.



Deacon Anthony cuts the cake

COOPERS...

HRH The Earl of Wessex visited the Incorporation of Coopers in November. In this his second such visit to the Craft, he presented the Earl of Wessex Awards for Cooperage certificates to seven apprentices. The Glasgow Sea Cadets, who are sponsored by the Coopers, joined the event and His Royal Highness presented certificates to two cadets.

Accompanied by the Lord Provost, His Royal Highness met the Deacon Convener, Deacon Bill Scott of the Coopers and members of the Master Court who are pictured right. There was a buffet reception following the presentation of the awards and His Royal Highness spent time meeting and chatting with members of the Incorporation and guests.

When the Coopers' Admission Ceremony was held in the Trades Hall, 11 new members were presented with their Burgess Ticket and Membership Certificate, before enjoying a wine tasting by Inverarity Wines. Deacon Convener Jimmy Miller joined Deacon Bill Scott, to meet and congratulate the new members, who are pictured right.



The Incorporation of Coopers Master Court with HRH The Earl of Wessex, the Lord Provost and the Deacon Convener



MASONS...

Five month old Archie William Elliott, one of the youngest members of the Incorporation of Masons and grandson of Ex Deacon Alan McLennan. The Craft lines up its future Deacons early!



SKINNERS...



Deacon Ian Gray of the Incorporation of Skinners and Glovers (above right), presents the Skinners prize for bookbinding to David Foley (above centre), for his wonderful work as a student on the Apprentices Printing and Bookbinding course, which he studied at the former Metropolitan College, now the City of Glasgow College. Also pictured at the presentation is David's tutor, Jim Vallance.

"David displayed his beautifully bound hard-cased book at the Skinners Dinner in November," said Ian. "Unfortunately though, since the merger of colleges into the City of Glasgow College, it has been decided that this course will now cease, so we will no longer have the opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful craft work that we have seen in the past."

CRAFT NEWS cont/d...

WEAVERS..

Weaver's Cottage Visit

The Incorporation of Weavers enjoyed a visit to Weaver's Cottage in Kilbarchan, a NTS treasure that has been well supported by the Craft over the years. Built in 1723, it contains the last of 800 hand looms once in use in Kilbarchan.



Ex Deacon Charlie Newlands and family - weavers all - arrive at the Cottage

Getting To Know You

The Craft has been as busy as usual. A getting to know you evening in the Trades Hall saw Weavers and potential members renew old acquaintances and make new friends, as well as enjoying a light supper in the casual atmosphere of the Saloon. Music was provided by Terry Martin at the piano, in his last appearance at the Trades Hall before his sad death.



Weavers Getting to Know You Night

BONNETMAKERS & DYERS...

Student Support

One of the important functions of the Incorporation of Bonnetmakers & Dyers is to support education relating to the Craft. It currently provides five scholarships of £1250 each to support students in Chemistry and Chemical Engineering at the University of Strathclyde. It also gives prizes to the top three students at Stewarton Academy. A number of prizes were awarded at the Choosing Dinner.



Deacon Shona Frame & Collector Duncan Tannahill

Heriot Watt University: Suzanne Smith, Outstanding Merit for 4th Year Design for Textiles; Franca-Emilia Bianchini, Outstanding Merit for 4th year BSc in Clothing Design and Manufacture; Rachel Wilson, Best Project in BSc Fashion Design for Industry.

Glasgow Metropolitan College: Rosie Jacob, Best Project involving textiles in HNC Fine Art; Carol Barclay, 1st prize HNC Course in Applied Arts; Christine Mason 2nd prize; Charlott Hill, 3rd prize.

Glasgow School of Art: Eva Joly, Top Student in Textiles.



The Craft is now providing prizes to North Glasgow College for its Millinery students. Late Deacon Roy Greer presents a prize to student Nancy Paton (pictured left).

Support for Church House - a £1500 donation was given to Church House, a Bridgeton club that builds positive relationships with children and young people. The club used the money to buy computer equipment.

The St Mungo Goose & Turkey Dinner - raised enough money for 34 Christmas hampers for deserving people in and around Glasgow.

Deacon's Fund - during his year in office, Late Deacon Roy Greer selected Mary's Meal and Erskine Hospital for donations.



Roy with Javid Latif of Mary's Meals



Roy with Craig Morrison of Erskine Hospital

TAILORS...



Col David McArthur with HRH Prince Charles at Camp Bastion

This year's top table guests at the Incorporation of Tailors Choosing Dinner were given a grand welcome to the evening thanks to a representative from the Glasgow and Lanarkshire Battalion Army Cadet Force, who piped them in, proudly displaying the new Pipe Banner presented to the force by the Craft.

Speakers on the evening, Commanding Officer Colonel David McArthur and Lieutenant Colonel Singh, came from the 205 (Scottish) Field Hospital (Volunteers), Scotland's only Territorial Army Field Hospital, which operates with highly trained clinical professionals providing first class healthcare delivery. Having recently returned from deployment at Camp Bastion in Afghanistan, both gave an interesting and entertaining account of their activities.

"It was a privilege to provide the medical team for the Hospital," said Col McArthur. "Many of the patients coming through the doors were from Scottish Units. In deploying to our task, it was reassuring that we had the support of the Scottish people behind us."

Musical entertainment was provided by pupils from Hutchesons' Grammar School and pianist Terry Martin, who sadly died in January (story Page 4).

Deacon Lewis Johnman was also delighted to present new members with their Admission Certificates during the course of the Dinner and, in particular, to Rory Anderson, one of the students awarded a prize by the Incorporation.

Following a donation from the Incorporation of Tailors to the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, Late Deacon David Scott and his wife Fiona were invited to the Society's AGM in London. They met staff and volunteers, including the Society's CEO and European Operations Director, and were given a presentation on the conservation work in which Sea Shepherd is involved in Scotland and worldwide.



David and Fiona Scott centre with some of the Societies' staff and volunteers

Thanks to the support from the Tailors, the Society has been able to bring forward its planned activities for Scotland. It hopes for even more support from the Tailors during 2011, when major campaigns will focus on whales, dolphins, seals and sharks, while onshore activities will focus on the development of outreach and education programmes, especially in Glasgow and Scotland. More information on Sea Shepherd can be found at www.seashepherd.org/uk.



The Tailor Street sign in Spain

From the Tailors' own correspondent in Marxuquera, Spain: Ex Deacon Bob Scott - this part of Spain is famous for its silk, and so the tailoring and seamstress crafts became hugely important employers. This street name translates directly as The Route of the Tailors, or Tailors Street. David Scott, Late Deacon of the Tailors and Bob's elder son said: "If anyone from Glasgow City Council is reading this, the Tailors would obviously not object to a Cami dels Sastres in our own fine City!"

BARBERS...

The Incorporation of Barbers takes great pride in encouraging medical and hairdressing students, by awarding prestigious prizes. Some recent recipients are:

Barbers MSc Nursing Prize, Glasgow Caledonian University -

winner Amanda Davidson, who works for the Out-of-Hours service as a Charge Nurse with NHS Lanarkshire Primary Care division, is pictured with Deacon Anne Steele and Collector Ross McWilliams.



Barbers MSc (Med Sci) Dissertation Award, University of Glasgow -

winner Meghan Bateson, pictured with (from left), Principal & Vice Chancellor Professor Anton Muscatelli, Deacon Anne Steele and Collector Ross McWilliams.



Barbers prize for Creative and Technical Ability -

was awarded to Zahrah Ali, Langside College Hairdressing, who is pictured with Deacon Anne Steele.



Barbers Clinical Paper Prize, Glasgow University/Medico Chirurgical Society -

was won by David Smith, who is pictured with Deacon Anne Steele.



BURNS SUCCESS



The top table line up included Deacon Robert Holmes Henderson of the Bakers, Deacon Aileen Brodie of the Weavers, Deacon Convener Jimmy Miller and his wife Gillian, Collector John Kelly and his wife Alison, Master of the Trades House Lodge Scott Waugh, and MC for the evening, Hamilton Purdie of the Lodge.



A most enjoyable evening of song and entertainment in January marked what may well become an annual event - The Trades House of Glasgow Burns Supper. Hosted jointly by the Incorporation of Bakers, Trades House of Glasgow Lodge and Incorporation of Weavers, it attracted 168 guests to the Trades Hall.

Stuart Brodie of the Weavers and Trades House Lodge with his very lively rendition of "Tam O' Shanter" and a little help from "his pink mare Meg"

SPORTS DESK... Golf

CORDINERS AND MALTMEN TAKE TOP HONOURS

This year's 37th Trades House Ladies' Golf Competition will take place at Williamwood Golf Club in Clarkston, on Monday 16 May 2011. The annual competition is open to all ladies who are either Craft members or a relative of a member, be they a grandmother, mother, daughter or wife. Late Convener Michael Low presents the silver salver to the winning Cordiners team, and a Stuart Crystal rose bowl for best individual score.

Last year's competition at Douglas Park, Bearsden, saw the Incorporation of Cordiners team of Sheila McCrossan, Yvonne Curne and Sarah Dorward, take the silver salver. The runners up were the Maltmen team. The best individual score was Norma Gray of the Maltmen.

To enter a team for the competition this May. Please contact Charlotte Horspool on tel: 01355 224007 email: georgehorspool@blueyonder.co.uk



Late Convener Michael Low presents the silver salver to the winning Cordiners team

GRAND ANTIQUITY SOCIETY



The Grand Antiquity Society Dinner at the Trades Hall in November had the Chain Gang as its principal guests. They are pictured along with Preses Norman Hamilton (centre). The Society's Members' Dinner will be held in the Western Club on Thursday 5 May 2011, 6:30 for 7pm.

Mariners & Skippers Society

3rd Admiral - another year, another Admiral and it is with some sadness that the Mariners & Skippers Society lets Late Convener Michael Low demit office.

"This is not simply because he was such a super Admiral, but also because he is a founder member of the Society and its first - and so far only - sailing Admiral," said Late Deacon of the Tailors and Secretary of the Society, David Scott. "Our grateful thanks to Michael for all that he has done and will continue to do on our behalf. It is with very great delight that we welcome our 3rd Admiral, Deacon Convener Jimmy Miller. We are all looking forward to Jimmy and Gillian's company at this year's social events with the hope that we may see them crewing for the muster as well."

Green Blue Conference - members attended the first Green Blue Conference to be held in Scotland, which had as guest speakers Tom Cunliffe and a wide variety of people from across the leisure marine industry. Mariner & Skipper and piper, Colin Brown, played a fabulous set, all the while displaying a Society Burgee in lieu of a pipe banner.

COAST Symposium - members of the Society attended the first Symposium of the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) at the Outdoor Centre in Lamlash. "It is absolutely remarkable what such a small group of dedicated volunteers have achieved in such a short space of time," said Secretary David Scott. "If you can help in any way, even just by raising awareness within your own Incorporations or by any modest charitable donations, then I am sure the organisers would be most grateful." For more details, visit the COAST website at www.arrancoast.com

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 £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

