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Welcome to the winter/spring 2012 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 2012 has a copy deadline of Monday 16 July, so we look forward to receiving your news and photographs for the summer/autumn 2012 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.

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WELCOME TO NEW OFFICE BEARERS



Four centuries of tradition were honoured in an historic ceremony in the autumn as the Trades House of Glasgow elected John R Steele (Jack) as its Deacon Convener and Hamish Brodie as Collector, to lead the organisation until October 2012. At his election, the Deacon Convener also assumed the role of Third Citizen of Glasgow for one year.

Jack was a Chartered Civil Engineer and principal engineer for strategic roads planning in Strathclyde Regional Council, before running his own transportation consultancy, Jayress Consultants Limited, from 1996 until his retirement in 2009. He is an Ex Deacon of the Incorporation of Masons (1998-99) and also a member of the Wrights, Hammermen, Barbers and the Merchants House. He is married to Anne, Late Deacon of the Incorporation of Barbers.

Jack also enjoyed 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 with the Glasgow Building Preservation Trust. He is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Glasgow, the Sandyford Burns Club and Bridgeton Burns Club. A Kirk Elder, Jack was Session Clerk at Glasgow Cathedral from 2005 to 2008.

Hamish is a retired Chartered Engineer and past Chairman of the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (Scottish Region). He is Ex Deacon of the Incorporation of Weavers (1996-97) and former Master of the Trades House Lodge (2000-02 and 2007-08). Hamish is married to Aileen, Late Deacon of the Incorporation of Weavers.

Hamish has played an active role in the Trades House over the years. He sat on the Commonweal Fund 2001-03, was Manager of the Drapers' Fund 2003-04 and was Coordinator of the Citizenship Award from 2001 to 2011. Outwith the Trades House, Hamish is an Elder in Newton Mearns Parish Church and a Director of Clyde Supporters Trust.

DIARY DATES 2012

Robert Burns Awards – Monday 27 February 2012

Glasgow Ball – Saturday 12 May 2012

Beneficiaries' Tea Party – Trades Hall, Thursday 10 May 2012

School Craft Awards – Wednesday 30 May 2012

School Citizenship Awards – Wednesday 30 May 2012

Craftex Exhibition 2012 – Thursday 7 to Saturday 9 June 2012

Craftex Awards 2012 – Friday 8 June 2012 – 7.30pm

Trades House Lecture – (tbc)

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.

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.

When I was installed as Deacon Convener on 12 October last year I, like my predecessors I am sure, felt a great deal of pride in being appointed to the highest office within the Trades House of Glasgow. However, with over two and a half pounds of gold on my shoulders I also felt the weight of responsibility I had taken on. That said I thoroughly enjoyed the Annual Dinner that followed and was pleased that all my speakers, including the Lord Provost, upheld the finest traditions of previous years providing entertainment as well as enlightenment. I was pleased that my wife Anne equally enjoyed her Lady's Dinner in the Western Club.



I am enjoying the challenge of taking the House forward into a new era in its history. The process for the amalgamation of the Trades Hall and the Trades House

has now been completed and the two shop units either side of the entrance way have been successfully let bringing in much needed income toward the upkeep of the building and the administration of the Trades House. The full effect of this will not be felt until two years hence both units having been let at half rent for two years, not uncommon in the current economic climate. However the financial benefits are significant and augur well for the future development of the Trades House.

The appointment of Deacon Convener also carries the honour of being Third Citizen of Glasgow a great honour for any Glaswegian born and bred. While the activities within the House always take precedence, Anne and I have been thrilled to attend a number of daytime and evening receptions and events within the City Chambers. While we have met many visitors from around the globe here to further their studies or to attend a conference, two particularly

memorable occasions have been the Lord Provost's Christmas Party for children with special needs and 'Baby's First Christmas', where Anne was in her element presenting the babies to the Lord Provost to have their photograph taken.

While the first two months in office were the most hectic for us with House and Civic functions, the month of January was punctuated by a number of Burns Suppers we attended including the Lord Provost's Burns Supper in the Hilton on 27 January. The Trades House Burns Supper, this year chaired by the Late Collector of the House, proved a sell out and becomes one of the fixtures in the Trades House diary to look forward to. Meanwhile we look forward to the new Trades House Robert Burns Festival being run in conjunction with the Glasgow and District Burns Association. The Prize Giving Concert on 27 February in the Trades Hall is one for the diary.

The Co-ordinators for the Schools Craft Award, the Schools Citizenship Award and Craftex have all changed this year, though I have every confidence these core projects within the Trades House calendar will continue in strength to advance the artisan skills and support the school education programme. In the same vein we also have a new Assistant Co-ordinator for the Modern Apprentice of the Year Award, which this year is being generously sponsored by the Weir Group.

Looking ahead we have the Trades House Ball on 12 May and I do hope that, one way or another, you will want to support this fund raiser which will provide purpose built mobility transport for East Park. We also have the Queen's Diamond Jubilee visit to the city to look forward to in July. Firstly, however, at the beginning of May, there is the matter of the Council Elections, during which period the Lord Dean of Guild and I take on the duties of the Lord Provost until a new Lord Provost is elected. It looks like my year as Deacon Convener yet has a number of added experiences to look forward to.

John R Steele, Deacon Convener



When I received the telephone call from the now Late Convener, James Y Miller asking me if I would consider becoming the next Collector of the House, I felt both honoured and privileged. This felt like the fulfilment of a long process from first joining the Master Court of the Incorporation of Weavers in the 80's, becoming their Deacon in 1996-97 to eventually, God willing, becoming Deacon Convener of the Trades of Glasgow in 2013-14. Both my wife Aileen and I had been heavily involved with the House since 1996 and between us served in five Chain Gangs under five great Deacon

Conveners, Aileen having been Deacon of the Weavers in 2010-11.

I have had the privilege of serving for two years on the Commonweal Fund committee and the great honour of being the Manager of the Drapers' Fund, a children's fund, for one year. I have also been Coordinator of the School Citizenship Awards for ten years. In short, the Trades House of Glasgow has formed a major part of my life for more than 20 years.

It is a great privilege to work with the Deacons and Visitor of the 14 Incorporated Crafts and other members of the House, who collectively give an inordinate amount of their personal time to the work of the House. The City of Glasgow would be a far poorer place without the work of the Trades House.

The Collector is technically responsible for the finances of the House and our investments provide the funds for our charitable giving, which is in the region of £600,000 annually. The Incorporated Crafts each provide additional support to House projects in addition to their educational and Craft beneficiaries. Despite the relatively large sum of money that is distributed throughout the city, it is amazing how many of our citizens claim not to know anything about us.

I see the immediate challenges as raising awareness of the work of the Trades House of Glasgow within the city and encouraging businesses and individuals, who hitherto have had no involvement with the House, to join us and help us in our various projects. The level of poverty within our city is frightening and the number of requests we receive for help for children is both worrying and frustrating, as we simply do not have sufficient money to satisfy the need. It would be great if we could bring on board external agencies to build up additional capital to assist us in this valuable work.

Hamish C Brodie, Collector

MODERN APPRENTICE 2012

The Trades House of Glasgow has launched its Modern Apprentice of the Year Award 2012. The apprenticeship system was first established and maintained in the City in medieval times by the 14 historic Craft Guilds, which united to form the Trades House of Glasgow in 1605. The goal then was to ensure high quality workmanship and customer service. Now entering its fourth year, the Trades House of Glasgow Modern Apprentice of the Year Award showcases the commitment and capability of candidates who have chosen this route to further their careers today.

The Award is open to people working towards a Scottish Modern Apprenticeship or those certificated no earlier than May 2011, who are employed by any business in the Glasgow post code area. Closing date for entries is Monday 5 March 2012. To apply for this year's award, simply visit the website at www.tradeshouse.org.uk, click on Latest News then Modern Apprentice of the Year Award 2012, where you can download the application form and read more about the awards criteria.

The 2012 winner will be chosen from one of six finalists and presented with an inscribed trophy - which will remain on display in the Trades Hall, home to the Trades House of Glasgow - an inscribed replica, a cash prize of £300 for further study and a certificate. A second prize of £200 and a third of £100 will be awarded for relevant further study along with a certificate. The remaining three finalists will each receive a certificate of commendation.

CAPTURING CENTURIES PAST

Archiving has begun on some of the artefacts of the Trades House and Incorporated Crafts, which is being undertaken by photography students at John Wheatley College and led by photographer George Mahoney. George, who is well known to the Trades House and Crafts through his coverage of many events, is a photography tutor at the College.

"At present, we are working on the large archive of the Wrights before moving on to the Hammermen then Fleshers with also the Trades House archive to do," said George. "With so many artefacts to capture, it is a project that has the potential of lasting a year or two."

The main project with the College, initiated on behalf of the Wrights by their Ex Deacon Alex Graham, is the creation of a new website for the Craft.

"Part of this includes an inventory and photographing our artifacts and memorabilia," said Alex. "The website will also include our history together with applications for becoming a member, as well as publications of our Craft traditions. We are piloting the project with College staff and when completed, this will provide the design brief for other Crafts and the Trades House to follow."

Any other Craft interested in having its archives captured by the John Wheatley team, should contact George on mob: 07889 980015 or by email: george.mahoney@btinternet.com



Ex Deacon of the Wrights Alex Graham (left) with the John Wheatley students, as they start archiving the artefacts of his Craft

GRAND ANTIQUITY SOCIETY

The Grand Antiquity Society held its annual dinner at the Trades Hall in November under the chairmanship of Preses J Douglas Anderson. Pictured below are the Grand Antiquity Directors and partners and bottom of the page are the 2011-12 Chain Gang and partners.



BURNS SUPPER

Late Collector John Kelly chaired a very successful Burns Supper in the Trades Hall in January, which was organised by the Bakers, Trades House Lodge and Weavers. The Immortal Memory was presented by President of the Association of Deacons Ian Macpherson and recitation of Tam o' Shanter by Deacon Charlie Newlands. The Toast to the Lassies was delivered by Deacon Dr John McKinnis and Reply from the Lassies by Deacon Karen McKenna-Shand. Jim Gray gave the recitation of Holy Willie's Prayer with the vote of thanks from Bruce Reidford. A musical interlude was provided by Late Deacon Ian Gray, his wife Maggie and the company.

This is the second year of the event and the combined talent of the entertainers, who are all involved with the Trades House, was greatly appreciated by the capacity audience. The very popular Burns Supper looks set to become an annual event.



HOUSE DINNERS



Deacon Convener Jack Steele's first formal duty was to host the 406th Annual Dinner in the magnificent setting of the Grand Hall, Trades Hall, on the day of his election, Wednesday 12 October 2011. Joining him as principal speakers were George Moore QC, Lord Provost Bob Winter, Professor David W Purdie and Deacon Ruth Maltman of the Incorporation of Flishers.



During the same evening, the Deacon Convener's wife Anne hosted the Lady's Dinner in the Western Club attended by the Ex Conveners' Ladies and wives of the principal guests and Chain Gang. Here is a round-up of photographs from both events.



£30,000 BOOST FOR EPILEPSY CENTRE



(From left) Bill Scott, Chair of the Scottish Epilepsy Centre Appeal, Late Convener Jimmy Miller and Paul Moore, Chief Executive of Quarriers, with the fund boosting cheque for £30,000.

The new Scottish Epilepsy Centre in Glasgow, being built by national charity Quarriers, received a £30,000 boost for its fundraising appeal from the Trades House of Glasgow.

The Quarriers project, which saw construction start in January 2012, was adopted by last year's Deacon Convener of the Trades of Glasgow Jimmy Miller and his Chain Gang.

"The present Quarriers facility in Bridge of Weir is a very special place, assisting Scots living with epilepsy to find an accurate diagnosis and treatment, and enabling them to lead more fulfilling, safer lives," said Late Convener Jimmy Miller. "With our focus on its new Scottish Epilepsy Centre, which will undoubtedly become a world centre of excellence, our target was to raise at least £25,000 towards the appeal for this £7.5m facility. We were delighted to have actually achieved £30,000, to fund an en suite bedroom and help bring one element of the project to fruition."

Catering for both patients and carers, the Scottish Epilepsy Centre will include facilities for education and research, providing access to the latest technology, as well as residential assessment with the added benefit of en suite bedrooms. The site has been carefully chosen to ensure better access to the emergency services and the Institute of Neurology at the Southern General.

"Quarriers would like to thank Jimmy Miller, his wife Gillian and everyone in the Trades House of Glasgow for their contribution over the past year," said Chief Executive Paul Moore. "The Trades House's gift of £30,000 to this life changing epilepsy hospital will help bring world class facilities to Glasgow for the 39,000 people in Scotland who live with epilepsy. It will also place Glasgow firmly on the map in providing specialist diagnosis and care for what is the most common neurological condition. The Trades House, one of the first organisations to support the project, will have a bedroom named in recognition of its contribution."

Fundraising by Quarriers continues apace to help complete the project by spring 2013.



A donation of £1,200 was presented by the Association of Trades House Ladies to the Deacon Convener's chosen charity for 2010-11. Joanne Hill from Quarriers was guest speaker at the group's Annual Dinner in September.

IT'S ALL IN

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. 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. Donations of more

CHARITY OF THE YEAR ... East Park to benefit from Ball

East Park has been chosen as the charity of the year by Deacon Convener Jack Steele and the Chain Gang – the Deacons and Visitor of the 14 Incorporated Crafts for 2011-12 - with the majority of the fundraising focusing on the Glasgow Ball this May. Their target is to raise £30,000 to purchase bespoke mobility vehicles for this much-loved special needs school based in Maryhill.

The charity provides person centred residential care, education, short break and post-school educational opportunities to young people between the ages of five and 25 who have complex additional support needs covering learning disabilities, physical disabilities and sensory impairments. The charity focuses on enabling these young people to become effective contributors, successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens.

The children come from a wide range of backgrounds - from caring and supportive families to those with no access or limited access to parents and families. Much of the work undertaken is on a 'one to one' basis with the young people. Staff are rewarded with a high record of success.

"East Park is a national centre of excellence and its work is recognised through accreditation with the National Autistic Society," said Deacon Convener Jack Steele. "Given the very nature of the difficulties experienced by the children, who are in many cases excluded from mainstream education, life can be very challenging. They benefit greatly from the flexible packages of support offered by the charity.

"Our gift of the bespoke vehicles will facilitate the transport needs of East Park by enabling many more children to attend their services far more easily. Our £30,000 target will bring this to fruition. The project has also been made possible thanks to the generous support of Allied Vehicles of Glasgow. A five year maintenance package is to be included and the vehicles will carry the name and logo of the Trades House of Glasgow."

Talking about East Park and its 137 years as a registered charity with strong ties to the local and national communities, General Manager May Henderson explained: "Over the years we have adapted to meet the evolving care and educational needs of these young people. We have responded to a growing need to support young people on the autistic spectrum by developing a specialist workforce with the appropriate skills and expertise. This expertise has been recognised by the National Autistic Society.

"While our core service at East Park is holistic school care accommodation that focuses on a 24-hour curriculum, we also recognise the importance of supporting and maintaining family relationships. At our new state-



THE GIVING

than £600,000 are awarded each year to deserving causes and individuals across the city of Glasgow. Considerable resources are also devoted to general benevolent work.

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.



of-the-art school in Maryhill, we meet the needs of day pupils who continue to live in their family homes. A short break service can be provided for up to four young people at any one time, giving parents and siblings a break from the responsibility of full time care. This in turn can help lower stress levels and prevent family breakdown.

"We are delighted at the support pledged by the Trades House and its Incorporated Crafts, which

will provide us with specially equipped vehicles. We will be able to run the children and young adults between our residential homes and the school, as well as on various outings - attending a wide variety of resources and therapies ranging from swimming to shopping. It will make a huge difference to the services we can provide for our young people."

Records show a long-standing relationship between the charity and the Trades House of Glasgow, dating back to 1889 when the Incorporation of Maltmen donated two guineas to the school. Today, there is a continuing need for ongoing financial support, to help the school provide a whole range of specialist equipment and resources, including transport, all of which help enrich the lives of the children.

Find out more about the valuable work of the charity at www.eastpark.org.uk

The photographs show some of the East Park facilities, staff, visitors, young people and the activities they enjoy.

HAVE A BALL FOR EAST PARK



Come and have a ball and help raise money for the much-loved East Park charity, is the call from Deacon Convener Jack Steele and the Chain Gang. On Saturday 12 May, the Glasgow Ball will be the place to do precisely that with a champagne reception, dinner and dancing to whet the appetite of table hosts and their guests in the prestigious setting of the Glasgow Hilton.

The Trades House of Glasgow event will feature a champagne welcome from 7pm accompanied by David Farrell at his grand piano. After dinner in the Grand Ballroom, there will be big band music from That Swing Sensation and a cabaret spot by Gordon Cree and Cheryl Forbes, who made their highly successful Trades House debut at the Incorporation of Tailors' musical evening in 2010.

"This, the 11th Glasgow Ball, remains the major highlight in our busy fundraising calendar and it continues to attract great support," said Deacon Convener Jack Steele. "As well as an evening packed with entertainment, there will be something for everyone on the fundraising front to help us reach our £30,000 target for East Park. We will have reverse bingo, public and silent auctions, a tombola - where everyone wins a prize - a raffle and Fraser Hart Win a Diamond showcase. We would greatly appreciate donations towards the auctions and tombola, which should be sent directly to the Ball organisers.

"Please come along and join us at our Glasgow Ball this May and help us give generously to the East Park charity."

With ticket prices held at £70 once again this year, tables of 10 or 12 are available and assistance can be given for making up tables. Application forms can be downloaded from the website at www.tradeshouse.org.uk and once completed returned to the Ball organisers, along with cheques made payable to the Trades House of Glasgow, at -

Glasgow Ball 2012
Events House
426 Drumoyne Road
Glasgow G51 4DA
or fax to: 0141 892 6199

The event team can also be contacted for more information on -

Tel: 0141 892 6113
Email: eventsco@globalnet.co.uk

Cheques should be made payable to the Trades House of Glasgow.

While it is 12.30am for carriages, the Glasgow Hilton is also providing a special overnight room rate of £130 for a double or single inclusive of breakfast. Simply quote reference PR22FG when booking.

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, Robin House - the Children's Hospice Association Scotland facility at Balloch - and last year's beneficiary, the new Scottish Epilepsy Centre being constructed by Quarriers.

CRAFT NEWS...

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

BAKERS...BAKERS' DOZEN

Scott Waugh, Master of the Trades House Lodge, won his weight in Tunnocks products at the Incorporation of Bakers Dinner last November. Scott joined Late Deacon of the Bakers Robert Holmes Henderson for a tour of the Tunnocks factory in Uddingston, when he collected the sweet treats kindly donated by the company for the fundraising raffle at the dinner.

After some lengthy and complex calculations, Scott was the proud recipient of four cases of caramel wafers, three cases of tea cakes and two cases each of wafer creams, snowballs and caramel logs. Many of the products will be donated to children's charities and charitable associations supported by the Trades House Lodge and Bakers.

Many thanks are due to A Boyd Tunnock MBE, a Master Baker and member of the Incorporation who has been a generous supporter of the Craft and Trades House for many years. Although not prepared to divulge his weight, Scott says it is the same as a baker's dozen in cases of caramel wafers!



Pictured at Tunnocks (from left) are Scott Waugh, Boyd Tunnock and Robert Holmes Henderson

COOPERS...



Pictured at the Incorporation of Coopers New Members Evening are, back row from left, Honorary Member Lord Smith of Kelvin, Primrose Stark, Andrew McFarlane and Peter Timms, Master of the Worshipful Company of Coopers of London. Front row from left are Collector of the Coopers Iain Lockhart, Deacon Convener Jack Steele and Deacon of the Coopers John Balding. Following the formal part of the evening there was a presentation of wines, with particular reference to cheese compatibility, by wine merchants Inverarity.

TAILORS...



The Incorporation of Tailors Choosing Dinner was held on the very special date of 11-11-11, with guest speakers Duncan Cameron and Andrew Kirkhope, who both provided interesting and witty toasts. Musical entertainment was courtesy of the pupils and staff from Hamilton College who were raising funds to support a school project where relief supplies are being sent to a West African school in Burkina Faso. The pupils, pictured in the back row above, were accompanied on the piano by Deacon of the Gardeners Rod Ashley, pictured front left with Deacon of the Tailors Grant Johnston, Deacon Convener Jack Steele and Karena Johnston. During the evening, Deacon Grant Johnston was also delighted to present admission certificates to two very special new members - his son Gregor and daughter Iona.

A night of music - Around 100 members and their guests gathered for the Tailors' Annual Musical Evening at the Trades Hall. After a sumptuous buffet, entertainment was provided by four magnificent artistes who took the audience on a magical trip around the world.

Music from the world of opera, musical theatre and the movies was provided by Tenor Jakob Johannsen, a graduate of the Royal Danish Academy of Music in Copenhagen and now a Masters Student at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. He was joined by his fiancée Mezzo Soprano Ditte Errboe, also a graduate of the Royal Danish Academy, and Cellist Duncan Strachan, who last year completed his Master of Music Degree (with distinction) at the Royal Conservatoire.

They were accompanied by the fabulous Julia Lynch, an International Concert Pianist and mainstay of the Alexander Gibson Opera School at the Royal Conservatoire. Julia, also the only female Répétiteur at the annual Wagner festival in Bayreuth, Germany, arranged the programme for the evening, which was greatly enjoyed by everyone.

WEAVERS...



The Weavers Dinner saw another batch of four Newlands boys join the Incorporation. Deacon Charlie Newlands is pictured centre back with two of his four sons and five of his grandsons - Weavers all. He also collected his daughter in law.

HAMMERMEN...



The Incorporation of Hammermen is celebrating not one but two significant anniversaries during 2011-12. With its Seal of Cause granted on 11 October 1536, 475 years of recorded history were marked at its Choosing Dinner in November.

"As Deacon I was delighted to have the 1st Bearsden Boys' Brigade Pipe Band welcome our guests, as well as the company supply a Guard of Honour for our guests," said Deacon Alistair Burrow. "We also celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Hammermen Awards, conceived by the Master Court in 1960 and first awarded in 1961/1962. The Craft agreed at that time to spend 10% of our annual income on presenting awards to engineering students and apprentices."

The first awards, valued at £20, were presented to students at FE Colleges in Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Dunbartonshire and Renfrewshire, as well as to students at the University of Glasgow and the then Royal College of Science and Technology. There are no restrictions today and the annual spend on engineering prizes and bursaries is in excess of £25,000, with awards worth £300 to each student.

A celebratory event is being planned for the Trades Hall on 26 April to present the awards and mark the 475th anniversary. A special guest will present exclusive certificates to this year's winners.



BARBERS...

The Incorporation of Barbers continues its support of students of healthcare professions. Pictured with Deacon of the Barbers Ross A McWilliams (left), are prize winning student Christine Groundwater and Chancellor of the University of Glasgow, Sir Kenneth Calman, who is also a member of the Barbers. Christine was awarded the MSc Medical Science in Health Care, University of Glasgow – Best Dissertation Award, along with the Anne B McNaught prize as the most distinguished MSc Health Care graduate. Recent prize recipients also included Penny Brankin, MSc in Advanced Nursing, Glasgow Caledonian University, and Helen Hare, Glasgow MedChir Society/ Barbers prize for Undergraduate Medical Research Project.



A **valedictory dinner** was held in the Western Club at the end of September to mark the retiral of Alistair Burrow as Clerk to the Incorporation of Hammermen. Having served as Clerk for 23 years from 1988 to 2011, the Craft felt his knowledge could not be surpassed. He was elected Deacon of the Hammermen for 2011-12.

Alistair received an engraved solid brass commemorative hammer and personalised bottle of 17-year-old Glengoyne whisky. An engraved solid silver photo frame, which had the group photograph shown above inserted by the photographer on the night, was presented 'complete' later in the evening. It shows guests on the night including a number of the Deacons with whom Alistair worked during his Clerkship. Alistair is seated front row, third from the left.



The **Hammermen Service Group** enjoyed another successful pantomime outing with their pensioners. The entertaining evening included pre-theatre dinner before the group went to see *Sleeping Beauty* at the Kings Theatre. Late Collector John Kelly (left) and Deacon Convener Jack Steele are pictured with a couple of the pensioners.

FLESHERS...

The Incorporation of Fleshers is hosting a ceilidh on Friday 25 May 2012 at the Trades Hall. Guests can dance the night away to the accordion, fiddle and drums played by the popular Furory Ceilidh Band, who will also call dances on the night. All members and guests will be made very welcome. Tickets, priced £25 per person, including a hot finger buffet, can be purchased by contacting Deacon of the Fleshers Ruth Maltman - ruthmaltman@btinternet.com, Collector Iris Gibson - Iris@firemail.co.uk, Late Collector Atholl McInnes - a.mcinnis@napier.ac.uk or Clerk Stuart Fraser - Stuart@mitchells-robertson.co.uk.

SKINNERS...

Harry Wylie, Deacon of the Skinners from 1967 to 1968 and oldest surviving Ex Deacon in the Trades House, celebrated his 100th Birthday in 2011. Following celebrations at home in Christchurch and in Edinburgh, he came to Glasgow for a party with family and friends. Visits included the Trades Hall and Govan High School, where he retired as head teacher in 1973.



Asked about his formula for long life, Ex Deacon Wylie gave four reasons: good genes - two of his sisters were centenarians - the support of his two wives - in succession - daily exercise on his rowing machine and something significant to do. Today, he is chairman of the company that manages the flats where he lives.

The picture shows Ex Convener David Watson, who was taught Maths by Harry, Late Deacon Ian Gray of the Skinners and Ex Deacon Harry Wylie. His son-in-law Tom Gilchrist was Deacon Convener in 2004-2005, the 400th anniversary of the Trades House. Tom's wife, Anne, is Ex Deacon Wylie's daughter and a member of the Skinners in her own right.

Turning back the clock a couple of centuries, Harry Wylie's great-great-grandfather, William Proudfoot, joined the Skinners in 1798, becoming Deacon in 1804.

Full on performances - The Incorporation of Skinners held its annual Choosing Dinner hosted by new Deacon Christopher Drapper. It was a well supported function with an audience of 146 enjoying an engaging evening in the Trades Hall. They were musically entertained by two, full-on, great performances from 30 members of the Glasgow Rock Choir, led by their conductor Jennifer Sim.

Also enthralling the audience with great interest and humour were guest speakers Andrew Robertson, Chairman of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, and Jimmie Macgregor, Scotland's well known folk singer and TV presenter. During the evening, a draw was held in aid of Help for Heroes, with the prize of a VIP flight for two kindly donated by Loch Lomond Seaplanes. The draw raised £1925 for this very worthwhile charity.

GARDENERS...

On Choosing Day, Deacon Anthony MacIver (left) demitted office and Roderick Ashley, Chief Executive of the Scotwest Credit Union, was appointed Deacon. Late Deacon MacIver is pictured (inset) wearing the Late Deacon's badge along with Deacon Ashley.

At the Incorporation of Gardeners Box Opening and Admission Ceremony, Malcolm McCulloch and Nick Parry were sworn in as members in the presence of Ex Deacons, members of the Master Court, the Lord Dean of Guild Douglas Boyd and their guests pictured right. The Dinner, held in the Trades Hall with table decorations provided by the ladies, was hosted by Late Deacon Roger Kinns to show the Craft's appreciation to Deacon MacIver for his efforts in his year of office. Following dinner, Masters Atkinson and Mackie produced the Craft's Box to which Deacon MacIver added a photograph.

MASONS...



The Deacon of the Incorporation of Masons of Glasgow, Dr John McInnes, is pictured at the Masons Choosing Dinner with Stephen Craig, the winner of the Stonemasonry Prize, one of several prizes to be awarded on the night. Stephen received membership of the Masons, his Burgess Ticket, a £1,000 tool box, a Masons Gold Medal and Certificate of Achievement, together with a £200 cheque. Stephen is employed within the family company, David Craig Masonry. Having completed his level 2 and 3 SVQ awards and the advanced craft award in stonemasonry, Stephen has now enrolled in an HNC Construction Management course at the City of Glasgow College.

Dr John McInnes is pictured with Darren Cosh, winner of the Guild of Bricklayers Senior Trophy. Darren received a trophy and Certificate of Achievement, together with a cheque for £100.



The Deacon is pictured with James Stephenson, winner of the National Progression Award (NPA) in the Conservation of Stonemasonry. James, who received a trophy and Certificate of Achievement, together with a cheque for £100, served his time with James Wheelan & Co in Barrhead, and attended Reid Kerr College where he achieved City & Guilds certification in Bricklaying.



Pear Eating Supper - The Masons hold their annual Pear Eating supper on the eve of the Deacon's Choosing Day, the only night of the year where the Late Collector inherits the title Deacon to Besir. While he is full of trepidation on this evening, in contrast the Deacon is a happy and contented man as he gets set to demit office. This evening might well be the reason why the Craft is fondly called The Merry Masons.



WRIGHTS...

New Laid Stanes - Dr John A Smail, Collector of the Incorporation of Wrights, has had an extremely productive year with a remarkable total of 24 new members during his collecting year. He ended his year as Collector on a high note, when no less than 12 New Laid Stanes signed the Long Roll on the same day.



The Choosing Dinner - of Deacon Tony Barr was another wonderful event in the 2011 calendar for the Wrights. Over 120 friends, guests and fellow Wrights joined Deacon Tony to enjoy entertaining speeches from Ian Macpherson, President of the Association of Deacons, the Rt Rev Dr Idris Jones, Deacon Convener James Miller and Baillie Tommy Morrison, pictured with other top table guests. The evening was made complete with visitors from the Masons and the Hammermen.



Anniesland College visit - As part of the growing links between the Wrights and Anniesland College, Ex Deacons Alex Graham and Alistair Doig, together with Alan Rodger of the Craft, were invited to visit its world class guitar manufacturing workshop. Accompanied by Paul Hyland and Robert Anderson of the College, lunch was followed by an extremely interesting visit to the Musical Instrument workshop, where up to 18 students learn the intricate craft of making guitars and violins keeping to traditional designs. Students come from as far afield as France and Spain to study under the expert eye of Paul and Russell Aitken. The Wrights were delighted that Paul and Russell could join them at Deacon Tony Barr's Choosing Dinner to see their student Gary Ewart receive his Certificate of Merit.



Twa Jennys - Another memorable event in the long history of the Wrights took place when Jenny McIntyre (left) became the first lady member of the Master Court, as Deacon's Key. Jenny joins a growing number of ladies in the Craft, including Ex Deacon Alex Graham's daughter, the other Jenny in the photograph. Alex's wife Sandra and their other daughter Kate have been Wrights since 2007.



BONNETMAKERS & DYERS...



Deacon Karen with her top table guests and the 2011-12 Chain Gang

The Incorporation of Bonnetmakers & Dyers Choosing Dinner for Deacon Karen McKenna-Shand included guest speakers Ex Deacon Christopher Hayward, and Liz Rees, Head of Education for the TUC, with Grace said by Ex Convener Malcolm Wishart. The visiting Craft was the Incorporation of Skinners who received the usual gifts of bonnets and Craft history.

Prizes were awarded to 11 students in the field of textiles, art & design and millinery and Deacon Karen also announced four ongoing scholarships to disadvantaged students at the University of Strathclyde, principally studying chemical engineering. A feature of the evening was a millinery fashion show from North Glasgow College students.



Late Collector Duncan Tannahill, Deacon Karen McKenna-Shand, along with the visiting Skinners, Deacon Chris Drapper and Collector Robert Paterson

MALTMEN...



Pictured from left are Ex Visitor Murray Blair, Thomas Farrell, Lynda McNeil, Bonnie MacNeil, Visitor John Harris, Suzanne Smith, Darlene Young - Tutor at City of Glasgow College, Andrew Gibb and Ex Visitor Richard J Barbour

The Incorporation of Maltmen has been involved in two educational courses for the Licensed Trade in Scotland and also awarded a scholarship to two students of Brewing at Heriot-Watt University. Two sets of Licensed Trade students attended a Personal Licence Holder (PLH) course and Wine Diploma course.

Winners were guests at the Maltmen Annual Dinner where they were presented with their prizes - laptops and places at the next PLH course for the Licensed Trade Students and cheques for the Heriot-Watt scholars.

Thanks to the success of these schemes, they will continue into 2012. Funds to finance the education were enhanced by a prize draw at the dinner. More than £1400 was raised by the auction of a replica bottle of Shackleton's Mackinlay's Whisky, discovered in Antarctica and reproduced by brand owners Whyte and Mackay, who kindly donated it for the event. The Maltmen hold and co-finance the education courses in conjunction with the 49 Wine and Spirit Club of Scotland.

SPORTS DESK...

MARINERS & SKIPPERS -

Members of the Trades House Mariners and Skippers Society will attempt to join up with the Clyde Cruising Club fleet for planned musters this sailing season, as the majority of people belong to both organisations. Any Trades House Mariner who wishes to join the fleet for musters, should contact Hon Secretary of the Society, David Scott.



Members are also planning to use the North Channel Race as the start of a longer distance cruise in early July from Clyde to Galway and back, allowing cruisers to see the Volvo Ocean Race finish at Galway. Skippers with boats based on the south and west coasts can meet up with their Clyde-based friends.

New Commodore - the Society is delighted to welcome Ex Convener J Michael Low as its new Commodore. Michael, a former Admiral of the Society, replaces Duncan Cunningham who held the post for the last two years.

"We wish Duncan all the best and thank him for his own contributions, especially a first-class dinner at the Tall Ship and fabulous hospitality at his home in Tarbert," said David Scott.

To receive notification of events, please email David Scott at david.scott@gtg.co.uk.

BOWLING - The Trades House Bowling Competition took place at Giffnock Bowling Club and while only the Masons, Barbers, Tailors and Bonnetmakers & Dyers entered teams, it was an enjoyable, closely-fought event. As the round robin finished in a tie for the Masons and Tailors, the skips threw two bowls each, resulting in an overall win for the Tailors.

"This year's competition will take place on Sunday 17 June back at Giffnock," said Bowling Convener Ian A Macpherson MBE. "We would be delighted to see a greater representation of Crafts. I invite you to select your teams now and contact me for registration on 07788 923456."

GOLF - The Trades House Men's Golf have enjoyed a very busy, competitive year. The Trades House Shield was held at Buchanan Castle with a two-man partnership from the Cordiners taking the honours in a tightly contested event.



Merry Masons with the Borland Trophy
- Tony Silverdale, David Orcharton, Brian Hughes and Late Deacon Iain Smith

Throughout the summer, each Craft hosts its own golf outings – contact the Craft Clerk for more details. Many serve as team choosing events for the inter-craft Borland Trophy. Last year the legendary piece of silverware adorned the top table at the Merry Masons' Choosing Dinner, whose team did the business at Rowallan Castle, with the Cordiners' Richard Blair winning individual prize.

Details for this year's events are available from Men's Golf Convener John Hunter who can be contacted on tel: 0141 221 6516 or email: John.Hunter@mmmca.co.uk.

The Ladies' Golf Competition - is being held at Cathkin Braes Golf Club, Rutherglen, on Monday 14 May 2012. Any lady who would like to compete for their Craft should contact Charlotte Horspool on tel: 01355 224007.

ANGLING - The 79th Trades House Annual Angling Competition was held at the Lake of Menteith, with 13 Craftsmen representing the Tailors, Maltmen, Weavers, Skinners, Wrights, Masons, Barbers and Bonnetmakers & Dyers. Trophies were presented by Angling Convener John Maginnis.

The Dallas Trophy for best individual basket was won by a considerable margin for the second year by Stephen Mannion (Masons) with five fish weighing a total of 14lb 6oz. Second was Gordon Price (Tailors) with one fish weighing 3lb 13oz, which also won him the Train Trophy. Second place went to John Wintersgill (Maltmen), with a 3lb 10oz fish.

The Michael Beale Trophy for heaviest basket for Craftsmen over 60 was won by Stephen Morrison (Masons). He retains the trophy for a third consecutive year. Contact Angling Convener John Maginnis on tel: 01236 824939 for information on the Club and competition.

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