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KEEP IN TOUCH

Welcome to the November 2013 edition of the Craftsman, which we hope you can enjoy and find out more about the immense charitable work of the Trades House of Glasgow, its 14 Incorporated Crafts and associated organisations. Thanks to all our contributors who have helped fill its pages.

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THE TRADES HALL

The Trades Hall of Glasgow has been the ancestral home to the Trades House, its Incorporated Crafts and associated organisations since it was completed in 1794 by prominent Scottish architect Robert Adam. Situated in the heart of the Merchant City, this is one of the most important historic buildings in Glasgow, boasting stunning interiors and a variety of spaces to suit all kinds of events. Today, the Hall's events management and catering team help organise and stage social and business functions from weddings, birthdays and anniversaries to graduations, conferences and corporate dinners, delivering high quality and modern events in these unique, historic surroundings.



Tours of the Hall are welcomed and can be arranged by contacting the team at the Trades Hall, 85 Glassford Street, Glasgow, G1 1UH

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CAR PARKING – SPECIAL OFFER

The NCP Glasshouse in Glassford Street is the ideal place to park when visiting the Trades Hall, with the charge for up to 24hr parking now a flat rate of just £4. Simply bring the parking token to the Hall to validate the special offer on the machine located in the entrance lobby (next to the stairs leading down to the cloakroom) before returning to your car.

HISTORIC CEREMONY



Hamish Brodie, a retired Chartered Engineer and former Chairman of the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (Scottish Region), has been appointed by the Trades House of Glasgow as its Deacon Convener, to lead the organisation until October 2014. During his term in office, he will also serve as Third Citizen of Glasgow.

In a role that will see her support the Deacon Convener, Ruth Maltman is making history with her election as Collector, the first female to be appointed to the post since the Trades House was established in 1605. Ruth will oversee the finances of the House, including the investments that ultimately provide funds for its charitable giving.

Both Hamish and Ruth will serve as part of the Platform, the executive committee of volunteers who deal with the day to day running of the Trades House, in conjunction with its Chief Executive and Clerk, John Gilchrist, and the administration team.

Hamish, who served as Chairman of the CIBSE in Scotland from 1997 to 1999, has played a very active role in the Trades House over the years. He is an Ex Deacon of the Incorporation of Weavers (1996-97) and former Master of the Trades House Lodge (2000-02 and 2007-08). He also 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, a Director of Clyde Supporters Trust and a member of East Renfrewshire Golf Club. He lives in Newton Mearns with his wife Aileen, who is Ex Deacon of the Incorporation of Weavers (2010-11). The couple have a son Stuart and daughter Susan.

Ruth, a civil servant who lives in Dumbreck, Glasgow, served as Deacon of her mother craft, the Incorporation of Fleshers, from 2011-2012. She is also a member of some of the Incorporated Crafts and associated organisations that combine to form the Trades House - the Tailors, Bonnetmakers and Dyers, the Grand Antiquity Society, the Association of Deacons, the Association of Trades House Ladies and the Society of Deacons and Free Preseses.

Married with two adult sons, Ruth has been Chair of Dumbreck Community Council since 2008. She is also a member of the Weavers' Society of Anderston, the Merchants House of Glasgow, the Govan Weavers' Society, the Incorporated Glasgow Renfrewshire Society, and was appointed a director of the North Parish Washing Green Society this year.

Ruth's election was the result of a voting process, also a first for this historic organisation, which has fostered trade and industry and promoted traditional craft skills in the city for more than 400 years. Now a registered charity, the Trades House is widely viewed as a centre of excellence in the administration of trusts and legacies, managing funds in excess of £18 million. Through their benevolent work, the Trades House and Crafts also award approximately £600,000 in grants each year to deserving causes and vulnerable individuals throughout Greater Glasgow.

Read more about Hamish and Ruth's year ahead in View from the Platform (next page).

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. They are advised by the Clerk of the House and his assistants when dealing with the everyday running of the organisation. The Platform reports to the House at its quarterly meetings.



It is a great honour to have been elected Deacon Convener of the Trades of Glasgow, a post that has been in continuous occupation since 1605. I am proud to be a part of the history of our great city and to play my role in fostering the good work that the Trades House does within the city. Both my wife Aileen and I have been Deacons of the Incorporation of Weavers and this is the culmination of a long association with the Trades House of Glasgow.

My year will be devoted to promoting and building upon work that aids the less fortunate citizens of our city. I am staggered that despite giving in the region of £600,000 per annum to various causes, mainly within the city, the House and the 14 Incorporated Trades are generally unrecognised and ignored by so many. It is time for us to publicise ourselves more and make our presence known throughout Glasgow and beyond.

We have approximately three times the number of requests for help than we can meet, which means we make maximum use of our funds available each year but leaves us wishing we could do more. With that in mind, it is the intention of the 2013-2014 Chain Gang - the Deacons and Visitor of the 14 Incorporated Trades, together with the President of the Association of Deacons, the Preses of The Grand Antiquity Society and Master of the Trades House of Glasgow Lodge - to raise further funds, which will allow us to broaden the charitable work that the House does with children.

At present, through the Drapers' Fund, which has operated since 1918, the House hands out approximately £40,000 each year to children within the

Greater Glasgow area. These are children who either cannot be helped by social services or fall through the loop for one reason or another. Applications in the region of 200 are received each year, so the call for our services is a very real and valued one.

We will, with your help, raise funds to encourage able children to attain their potential and make them positive contributors to society – children who under different home circumstances would have little difficulty in being successful in life and who just need the right help to put them on the correct path. We hope to have a number of fundraising events during the year, including the previously very successful annual Glasgow Ball. Through the Commonweal Fund, help is given to organisations and individuals within the city with specific needs. This totals approximately £70,000 per annum.

The House and Crafts also give financial assistance to pensioners through various funds we manage, and also support craft students in universities and colleges throughout Glasgow. The House also runs annual competitions: the Craftex awards and exhibition for college students, School Craft Awards, Modern Apprentice of the Year Award, and Citizenship Award open to all pre-5, primary, secondary and special needs schools across the city.

Altogether, the Trades House plays a major part in assisting the citizens of Glasgow. We would warmly welcome any donations large or small from individuals or organisations, which would add to the much needed help it provides.

I am looking forward to the year ahead with great anticipation.

Hamish C Brodie, Deacon Convener



I am delighted and honoured to have been elected Collector and look forward to supporting Hamish as he leads the House as Deacon Convener. As a Glaswegian, I'm very proud of the Trades House, the work it does and our history of continuous service to Glasgow since 1605. It is an organisation with immense vibrancy, which contributes greatly to the welfare and development of Glasgow

and its people both young and old. Today, the House and Crafts donate about £600,000 annually to a broad range of charitable causes. To make this happen many members give generously of their time and their money.

We also maintain and make available to the public our magnificent historic building, the Trades Hall, and its Craft museum. It is growing in popularity as a venue for many different social functions and business gatherings. Our own social functions are well known – possibly better than the charity work they support. One joy of the Collector's duties will be attending many of them this year and meeting more members and their guests - a respite from attending all the House committees and a great opportunity to attract new members.

The House is actively developing more modern processes to help us function effectively moving forward – both governance and communications feature. We know we need to make the people of Glasgow more aware of what we do.

My aim is to help encourage and strengthen the involvement of individuals and businesses, especially the younger community, as we build upon our focus of charitable activities, while continuing to uphold our many great traditions. To that end, I encourage all Craft members to tell people about us, spread the word, and find the new individuals and businesses who will help take our valuable work forward into the future.

Ruth Maltman, Collector

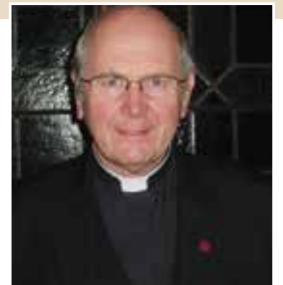
It had nothing to do with joining the Platform, but it just happens that my wife Alison and I have had the pleasure of becoming grandparents twice since last October. Add to that the fact that I managed to win my first ever golf trophy, and I think I can say that being on the Platform certainly seems to have improved life generally!

I have learned so much in the course of this past 12 months and gained an insight into the Trades House, thanks to sitting on many committees. As in most voluntary organisations, there is a fairly small group of people who work very hard behind the scenes. One issue that comes up frequently is bridging the gap between what the group of activists work at and the perception of many House members about what takes place and how decisions are made. One vehicle for keeping folk up to date and included is the website and Platform discussions will continue about how to improve things more.

Roller-coaster is no exaggeration to describe the experience of this Collector. Life in the House is never dull. We are a living, changing organisation. When it has been my privilege to represent the House, there has been a warm and generous welcome, as well as ready appreciation of the help and support offered by the House in many different ways. This year has been an eye opener for me and made me even more aware of the privilege to serve on the Platform, as well as the responsibility to work with others to secure the future for the House and the Trades Hall.

Good wishes to Hamish as he begins his term as Deacon Convenor - Commonwealth Games and the Referendum as well - in a year full of historical events for Glasgow.

The Rt Rev Dr Idris Jones, Late Collector



A YEAR IN REVIEW

... by Col John L Kelly, Late Convener

First of all it is my very pleasant duty to congratulate Ruth Maltman on her election as Collector, an historic appointment and, come October 2015, she will be the first Lady Deacon Convener in the history of this ancient office. We wish her and her husband Allan well for the future.

This year has been marked by a number of changes to our House executive staff. Our admirable Clerk



Iain Paterson decided it was time to lay down his pen and retired in April. Iain's has been an outstanding clerkship and, over the past eight years, has steered the organisation, aided or otherwise by a succession of those transient characters, Deacon Conveners, through some very difficult waters.

Iain masterminded the reunification of the Hall and House, the disposal of the Tradeston lands, the reorganisation of our 70-plus trusts and turned around our financial position from one of near disaster, to today's going concern. We wish him well in retirement. In Iain's place we welcome our new Clerk John Gilchrist, who introduces himself on this page. We wish him success in his appointment.

A fond farewell was also bid to our long serving colleague Annette Wright, who decided that 20-odd Conveners was just about enough to put up with and retired with husband Bobby to Northern Ireland. Annette takes with her a profound and comprehensive knowledge of the Trades House, which she loved and served with dedication. In Annette's place we welcome Nicola Bunyan, who brings with her an impeccable pedigree in creative marketing skills. We are delighted to have her on board.

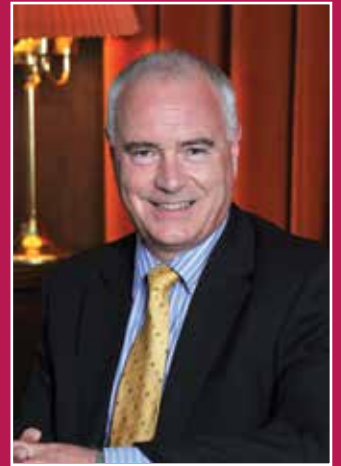
The Trades Hall is looking spruced up, with much refurbishment over the course of the year. Well done to our House team on what were significant achievements and to our hardworking building's committee under the chairmanship of Ex Deacon David McDowall. Although our retail tenant in the Victorian tearooms ceased trading, a new business is already operating. Well done to John Gilchrist on finding a new tenant so quickly in these difficult times.

Our annual milestone events have had another very successful year for which we must thank our hard working Coordinators and their teams - Ex Deacon Shona Frame for MAYA, Ex Deacon Ian Young for School Citizenship, Ex Deacons Graham Kelly and Paul McDevitt for Craftex, Ex Deacon Norman Hamilton for School Craft Competition and Bob MacDonald for the Burns Festival. Thanks also to the office staff who supported activities. These events are very much the public face of the House and at the core of who we are and what we do.

Throughout the year we marked a number of special and enjoyable events, which you can read about in this edition of the Craftsman. We now look forward to a new Convenership in the skilled hands of Deacon Convener Hamish Brodie. We wish Hamish and his wife Aileen well for their year in office. The new Convener will enjoy the prospects of the 2014 Commonwealth Games and the fruits of the strategic task force's review into our House governance. It promises to be a busy year ahead.

NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND CLERK FOR HOUSE

Although well advanced on the road to positive change, the Trades House of Glasgow is looking to expand its commercial operations and its vision to help further the benevolent work of the historic organisation. John Gilchrist was appointed to the post of Chief Executive and Clerk to the House in the spring, to work with the team, drive growth and also further evolve this charitable enterprise in a progressive way.



John brings key operational and economic skills to the role as an accomplished, commercially focused director of finance, with over 20 years extensive board level experience, holding senior roles including CEO and working in a variety of sectors. Here John outlines the challenges and the opportunities for the House moving forward.

It is now just over seven months since I was appointed to the post of Chief Executive and Clerk to the House and I am honoured and privileged to be part of such a great institution.

Our past Clerk, Iain Paterson, successfully delivered a reorganisation which has turned round a difficult financial position and reunified the Hall and House. It is now time to take the House through a period of further change in order to deliver a stronger foundation, which will enable us to achieve a sound financial and structural position for delivery of our charitable objectives.

The last few months have been spent reviewing what changes may be necessary to help achieve the vision of an organisation that can build upon its current base and attract new Craft members to take it forward. The challenges can best be addressed as a unified body with the House and Crafts working together, as our motto states - 'Union is Strength'.

Whilst the outcome of the deliberations of the Task Force report is awaited, some fundamental changes to our reporting and communication procedures will be introduced. Corporate governance is not just about structures and processes but also about the substance of good, transparent reporting and communication and, over a period of time, it is hoped that House members will witness the benefits this will bring. The House's financial position also requires addressing through the delivery of income from our commercial properties and an increasing income stream from Hall events.

Within the House we have a skilled administration team whom I must thank for all their hard work. We can share the benefit of their skills and enthusiasm by also using their creative marketing skills to help promote Trades House to the wider public.

Within all of this change I recognise the need to retain the traditions of Trades House, which make it unique in many ways, whilst introducing new processes.

I look forward to working with the Platform, House and Crafts and taking Trades House into a new era, where we can achieve a strong foundation to deliver our benevolent, charitable and educational work.

John Gilchrist, Chief Executive and Clerk

SUPPORT FOR ALL AGES

A LIFELINE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Drapers' Fund is dedicated to providing charitable assistance to young people in the Glasgow area up to the age of around 17. Grants, made to individuals, their families or their carers, are provided for very basic requirements such as winter clothing, shoes, cots, beds, bedding and goods such as fridges, washing machines and cookers. Ex Deacon Tony MacIver, who has just stepped down from his year in office as Manager of the Drapers' Fund, tells the Craftsman more.

It is perhaps a sad reflection on present day society that there are still so many children living in what may only be considered as real poverty and deprivation in our city. Family backgrounds often reflect a relationship breakdown for parents who are suffering from alcohol or drug misuse. Grandparents and other family members quite often step into the breach left by the natural parents and the Fund does try to assist these carers in particular wherever possible.

Although individual sums may not be large, the Fund continues to be very much needed, providing assistance when and where it is urgently required. More than 200 applications were considered in the past year, with more than £54,000 awarded – that's around £250 per applicant, which is generally spent under supervision.

During the course of my year as Manager, the Drapers' Fund has received some very welcome donations from, amongst others, the First Inglis Trust and our own Incorporations, the Cordiners, Weavers and Tailors. We are most grateful for all donations and warmly thank all our supporters.

I have been ably assisted by my voluntary committee, Ex Deacons Rutherford Macfarlane and Iain Smith, and Ex RWM Scott Waugh, who have contributed a great deal to the Fund's operation, along with the administrative team of Myra Ramsay and Emma McFadyen. Chief Executive and Clerk to the House, John Gilchrist, also provided detailed assistance on the financial side, for which I am most grateful. I wish my successor, Ex Deacon Dr Alistair Dorward, a very rewarding tenure of office for the year ahead.

How to donate – if anyone would like to donate to the Drapers' Fund, please contact Myra Ramsay, Trades House Administration Centre, Trades Hall, 85 Glassford Street, Glasgow G1 1UH, tel: 0141 553 1605, email: myra.ramsay@tradeshouse.org.uk.

TEA TREAT

Trades House and Crafts' beneficiaries turned out in large numbers for the annual tea party in the Trades Hall. Pictured with the now Late Convener John Kelly are two of the beneficiaries Mrs Inglis (left) and Mrs Critchley along with actors from the Runway Theatre Company who entertained the ever-appreciative audience with excerpts from their latest comedy, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.



COMMONWEAL FUND

For hundreds of years the Trades House of Glasgow has regularly contributed to assist the local community of the City. It provided food during times of distress and made grants to various local and national war funds during the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. For building schemes and other purposes, it also made grants to the university, to public charitable and educational institutions in the City, including all the infirmaries and hospitals, as well as to local schemes for social improvement.

Such benevolence continues today through the House's Commonweal Fund - revenue from the Fund is "used for the advancement of the commonweal of the Burgh". The Committee provides grants to schemes for social improvement - child welfare, social and moral training for young people, charitable and educational schemes, including the advancement of scientific study or research. The diverse range of organisations awarded funds towards projects this year alone has included:

British Wireless for the Blind Fund - providing partially-sighted people living in Glasgow with an FM/DAB radio

Glasgow City Mission - running a city centre project

Lambhill Stables - volunteer expenses

Glasgow Film Theatre - for the Glasgow Youth Film Festival 2014

277 Glasgow Company Boys' Brigade - a new mini-bus displaying the Trades House logo

Children's Classic Concerts - school projects

The Society of Friends of Glasgow Cathedral - conservation repairs and improvements

Kilbryde Hospice - construction of a new hospice within South Lanarkshire

Tullochan Trust - evening, weekend and holiday activity trips for their Go4ward project

Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme - heating, cleaning and maintenance of holiday caravans for those affected by poverty, disability or social isolation

Lodging House Mission - provide meals, tea and coffee to 140 homeless people

602 (City of Glasgow) Squadron Museum Association - erection of a memorial for the Spitfire Squadron, to raise awareness of the RAF and educate younger generations

The Glencoe Trust Ltd - young people from Glasgow attending courses in Glencoe

Glasgow Wood Recycling - upgrading range of tools

Glasgow Women's Library - funding volunteers' training and travel costs

Hopscotch Theatre Group - taking a Healthy Nutrition show to 10 schools

Glasgow School of Art Graduate & Research Centre - new build

Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy in Scotland - new musical instruments

Other beneficiaries have included Clic Sargent, MacMillan Cancer Support, Waverley Care, Barnardo's Scotland, Shelter, The Prince's Trust (Youth Business Scotland), National Youth Orchestras of Scotland, Children with Cystic Fibrosis and the Shakespeare Street Youth Club.

SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION

NATHAN'S GLOBAL EXPERIENCE BRINGS MAYA SUCCESS

Nathan Murdoch, a mechanical engineer apprentice with SPX Clyde Union Pumps, has won the top title in the Trades House of Glasgow Modern Apprentice of the Year Award 2013 (MAYA). Also a past winner of the Incorporation of Hammermen Award, Nathan has completed his apprenticeship and gone on to study a BEng Hons in Mechanical Engineering at Glasgow Caledonian University.

His role with SPX Clyde Union Pumps provided him with work experience on a global scale. He spent four months in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and travelled to China on site visits, participating in meetings and presenting to customers. He is also a STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics Network) ambassador, promoting engineering to young adults and children via events across Scotland.

MAYA, which is open to MAs employed by firms in Glasgow and its surrounding areas, encourages and showcases the dedication, commitment and capability of candidates who have chosen the MA route to further their career prospects. Candidates were assessed against the criteria of capability, contribution, commitment, overcoming difficulties, marketing and transferability, quality of submission and overall quality of application.

Second prize was awarded to Marc McQuade, an apprentice joiner with City Building Glasgow, and third prize went to Daniel Campbell, a roads lighting electrician with Glasgow City Council Land and Environmental Services. Certificates of Commendation were presented to Christopher Hughes - HGV vehicle mechanic, with the Land and Environmental Services; Ryan Finnigan - apprentice carpenter and joiner, Renfrewshire Council; and Fraser Boyd - apprentice carpenter and joiner, Stephen Boyd Joiners.

Certificates of Merit were presented to Christopher Brown - apprentice electrician, D Graham Electrical; Bethany Hinchliffe - childcare practitioner, Victoria Park Kindergarten; and Dorothy Mwamba - administrative assistant and receptionist, Glasgow Housing Association.

MAYA was sponsored this year by Craft Incorporations the Bonnetmakers and Dyers, Wrights, Masons, Bakers and Barbers, along with the Association of Deacons, Society of Deacons and Free Preseses and Scottish Engineering. Funding has already been secured from BAE Systems for MAYA 2014, which launched in November 2013.



MAYA winner Nathan Murdoch (centre) with the now Late Convener Col John Kelly and prize winners.



CITIZENSHIP TITLE FOR DARNLEY PRIMARY

Recognising the great contribution it has made to its local community, Darnley Primary School and Visually Impaired Unit in Glasgow's south west has been awarded the Trades House of Glasgow Citizenship Award 2013. Now in its 14th year, the award encourages and rewards good citizenship in pre-5, primary, secondary and special needs schools across the city and is supported by Glasgow City Council Education Department.

The Right Reverend Dr Idris Jones, now Late Collector, visited Darnley Primary, where he met the children, teachers and staff to present them with the hand crafted wooden Citizenship plaque (pictured above and below).

P5/6 teacher, Sarah Nisbet, said: "Everyone at Darnley is very proud of the citizenship work we do in the school. We're thrilled that Neha Malik, Zenaib Abaid, Dylan Briscoe, Tiana Marenah, Becca McKelvie and Rory Watson represented us so well in front of the judging panel. This award shows that Darnley children understand their place in the community and the wider world."

By engaging its pupils in school, local and wider community projects, Darnley beat stiff competition from eight other finalists to win the award. Finalists included St Teresa's Primary School, Our Lady of the Annunciation Primary School, St Mungo's Nursery Class, Pollokshields Early Learning Centre, John Paul II Primary School, Saracen Primary School, John Paul Academy and Govan High School. Certificates of commendation were presented to finalists at an awards ceremony in the Trades Hall, where teachers, pupils and parents enjoyed a re-enactment of Darnley's winning presentation.



CRAFTEX INSPIRATION

Craftex, one of the key highlights in the Trades House of Glasgow calendar, is an event that truly reflects the ethos of the organisation by promoting, showcasing and rewarding the craft skills of the city's college students. The exhibition held in the Trades Hall welcomes business and careers representatives amongst hundreds of visitors each year. Joint Coordinators and Ex Deacons Paul McDevitt and Graham Kelly, tell the Craftsman more.

Despite the state of uncertainty that resulted from college amalgamation, Craftex was another great success this year with the quality of exhibits continuing to rise year on year. The Friday evening prize giving draws big crowds of students and their families to Trades Hall, to celebrate their success - and rightly so.

Over the years, Craftex has been incredibly fortunate to continue to attract the financial support of Deutsche Asset & Wealth Management, Glasgow City Council, Thomas Tunnock, J Chandler & Co, Merchants House of Glasgow, Melville Exhibitions, Weavers Society of Anderston, Scottish Engineering and, of course, our own 14 Incorporated Trades of Glasgow. The Craftex Committee really appreciate this generous support, particularly in these challenging economic times.

We recognise that this financial support, coupled with the ongoing backing of the colleges, cannot be taken for granted. As there is a need to ensure that Craftex continues to evolve and grow, planning for the 2014 event, running from Thursday 5 to Saturday 7 June, is already well underway. The Committee is working hard with new college representative, George McNeillie, to ensure the profile of Craftex is raised within Glasgow's college community, to help further increase college participation, see an even greater variety of craft entries and encourage student attendance at the exhibition.

As Craftex also needs more than just the financial support that each Craft so generously provides, we will be busy encouraging them to become active on the Committee, provide stewards for the duration of the exhibition and promote Craftex 2014 via their own networks. Through their direct involvement, the Crafts can contribute greatly to the increased awareness of Craftex and, in turn, of Trades House itself and the fantastic work it does.

Kenneth Quinn (35), a joiner to trade before embarking on his HND course in Furniture Craftsmanship with Design at City of Glasgow College, won Gold Medal honours at Craftex 2013. His piece, a reproduction of the iconic Lane coffee table, designed in the 1960s, is still highly sought after today. The Deacon Convener's Best Design honours went to Inness Thomson (37), a North Glasgow College HND student in Jewellery Design, for his silver and sapphire salt cellar, depicting a sea stack and rock pool inspired by his early years on the Fair Isle.



Kenneth's award winning table. He also won the Furniture Advanced category, sponsored by the Wrights.



Inness with his modernist salt cellar. He also won the Jewellery Allied Products Advanced category, sponsored by the Hammermen.

CRAFT AWARD FOR DEREK



Derek McCafferty and his award winning oak table with Depute Lord Provost, Bailie Gerald Leonard (left), who helped present the prizes, and the now Late Convener John Kelly.

Derek McCafferty (16), a 4th year pupil at St Mungo's Academy, took the overall prize in the Trades House of Glasgow School Craft Competition for his solid oak side table. Derek, who took on the ambitious project as part of his standard grade technical studies, made the table from oak spindles donated to the school by timber merchant Timbmet.

He is one of more than 60 pupils from secondary schools across Glasgow who were rewarded by the Trades House for exceptional craft work produced as part of their curricular studies including metalwork, woodwork, plastic, portfolio work and the culinary excellence programme.

"We started by reviewing hundreds of submissions before making our commendations," said the now Late Convener Col John Kelly. "It was very easy to forget that the work was produced by schoolchildren, as the calibre was quite exceptional again this year. Award winning pieces such as Derek's table reflect the great commitment of pupils and teachers in our Glasgow schools today."

David Greechan, Derek's Technical Teacher at St Mungo's said: "It was much more than simply about the quality of the craftsmanship of Derek's table. His design had a unique aesthetic with intricate shapes, which is uncommon for oak furniture. This added to the skill level because the wood needed further machining to create the look he wanted. We are so delighted to see him pick up the top prize. He is a real credit to St Mungo's Academy."

Pupils in all categories were presented with 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes, plus commended and highly commended certificates, each also receiving monetary prizes. The School Craft Competition is supported by Glasgow City Council Education Department.

RETAIL EXPERT GIVES LECTURE



One of the UK's most influential retail experts, Dr Stephen Craig (pictured), delivered the annual Trades House of Glasgow lecture, hosted by Glasgow Caledonian University. The former CEO of All Saints talked about being a leader and entrepreneur based upon his 25 years of business experience as a marketer and retailer.

"Stephen's address was inspiring, enlightening and peppered with humour, as he delved into a career that has earned him the accolade of being one of the most influential retail experts of his generation," said the now Late Convener Col John L Kelly. "This glimpse into his business journey captivated our audience. I'd like to thank Professor Pamela Gillies CBE, Principal & Vice Chancellor of the University, for hosting the highly successful event."

Stephen was made an Honorary Professor in Business in 2011 for his services to retail and his long-standing support of its fashion students. He was awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University in 2012.

COOPERS' £50,000 SUPPORT FOR QUARRIERS



(From left): Outside the new centre are Trish Godman, Chair of the Quarriers Board of Trustees, along with Paul Moore, Iain Lockhart and Bill Scott.

The new William Quarrier Scottish Epilepsy Centre has received a huge boost thanks to a £50,000 donation from the Incorporation of Coopers. The £6.4 million centre, built by charity Quarriers and located near the Institute of Neurological Sciences at Glasgow's Southern General Hospital, will offer state-of-the-art diagnosis and assessment of epilepsy when it opens next spring.

"We are delighted to be able to support Quarriers and its new world-class epilepsy centre with this £50,000 donation, which has funded one of the 12 bedrooms in the new Centre," said Late Deacon of the Coopers Iain Lockhart. "It is an amazing building, which will help thousands of Scots living with epilepsy receive accurate diagnosis and treatment, and enable them to lead more fulfilling, safer lives."

Quarriers Chief Executive Paul Moore said: "The Incorporation of Coopers is a long-standing supporter of Quarriers and we are delighted to receive this significant contribution towards the Centre, which will place Scotland at the forefront of assessment and diagnosis of epilepsy. An estimated 54,000 people in Scotland live with the condition and this generous donation will go far in helping to transform lives."

Ex Deacon Bill Scott, Chair of the William Quarrier Scottish Epilepsy Centre Fundraising Appeal, added: "The fundraising team is extremely grateful for the donation from the Coopers, which has played a part in helping Quarriers turn this vision into reality. Epilepsy is more than just a medical condition. Left unmanaged, it can destroy every aspect of life – education, employment, relationships, self-confidence and self-esteem.

"The William Quarrier Scottish Epilepsy Centre will do so much to ensure people with epilepsy in Scotland and further afield will benefit from some of the most advanced assessment and diagnosis technology in the world."

When the Centre receives its first in-patients on 15 April 2014, one of the new arrivals will stay in the Incorporation of Coopers of Glasgow Bedroom, named in recognition of the Craft's valued support and marked by a plaque.

IT'S ALL IN

Since it was established in 1605, the Trades House of Glasgow along with its 14 Incorporated Trades have made their mark by playing a pivotal and progressive role in training and fostering trade and industry in Glasgow, through a wide variety of initiatives. Benevolence has also been at its very foundation. Now a registered

CHAIN GANG PROJECT ANNOUNCED GLASGOW'S NEXT GENERATION

Fundraising is an essential part of the many benevolent activities undertaken by every new Deacon Convener and the Chain Gang each year, with a variety of events held throughout their year in office to raise funds for a carefully selected charity. This year is slightly different for Deacon Convener Hamish Brodie and his team.

The 2013-14 Chain Gang fundraising efforts will be for a new project set up by the Trades House of Glasgow in partnership with The Outward Bound Trust. It follows the principles outlined by The Trust's national campaign, Scotland's Next Generation.

The new Trades House initiative aims to provide young people from disadvantaged backgrounds in Glasgow with outdoor adventure experiences to help them realise their potential, which otherwise may have been left untapped. It is called Scotland's Next Generation – the Glasgow Project.

"Glasgow has many above average ability young people from backgrounds where they are not encouraged to achieve and, indeed in some cases, sadly discouraged from doing so," said Deacon Convener Hamish Brodie. "Under different circumstances, these young people would be high achievers and great assets to the community.

"Scotland's Next Generation – the Glasgow Project, will sponsor one or more worthy candidates each year while funds last, to take part in a three-week Classic Adventure course at The Trust's Loch Eil Centre, near Fort William in the West Highlands. Here they will undergo physical and mental challenges in a supportive environment to help them learn about themselves and see clearly, perhaps for the first time, what they might truly be capable of achieving. It will be life changing in a positive way and hopefully lead them on a path to maximise their ability and achieve success in life.

"Our 2013-14 Chain Gang invite you to help this very worthy cause by donating to Scotland's Next Generation – the Glasgow Project, and no sum is too small! By doing so, you will help to change the lives of young people who deserve so much more than they presently have."



THE GIVING

charity widely viewed as a centre of excellence in the administration of trusts and legacies, the Trades House manages funds in excess of £18 million. Donations of more than £600,000 are awarded each year to deserving causes and individuals across Glasgow, with considerable resources also devoted to general benevolent work.



The Outward Bound Trust is an educational charity dedicated to unlocking the potential in young people through learning and adventure in the wild. In 2012, it worked with over 6,500 young people from across Scotland with 70% supported by bursaries. It is committed to expanding and strengthening its work here in Scotland, increasing the number of participants to 10,000 by 2017.

"Many of the participants we work with suffer from low self-esteem, poor educational achievement and an inability to trust others," said The Outward Bound Trust's Scottish Director, Martin Davidson. "Through challenge and adventure in the outdoors, they have positive experiences, gaining confidence, beginning to trust others and taking responsibility for their actions. We are delighted that the Trades House is supporting our work by creating Scotland's Next Generation – the Glasgow Project."

To make a donation to Scotland's Next Generation – the Glasgow Project, please visit www.tradeshouse.org.uk/glasgows-next-generation, or contact the Trades House administration team on 0141 553 1605.

Who are the Chain Gang?

Aptly called the Chain Gang because of the chains of office each wears, the group is led by the Deacon Convener. It brings together the Deacons and Visitor of the 14 Incorporated Trades, together with the President of the Association of Deacons, the Preses of The Grand Antiquity Society and Master of the Trades House of Glasgow Lodge.

Glasgow Ball 2014

The Glasgow Ball on Saturday 10 May 2014 will be one of the main fundraisers for Scotland's Next Generation - the Glasgow Project. Please get the date in your diary now and book your seats at the table for one of the most entertaining fundraisers of the year - more details will be available soon online at www.tradeshouse.org.uk or from the Trades House administration team on 0141 553 1605, email myra.ramsay@tradeshouse.org.uk.

£25,000 FOR COMBAT STRESS



Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Trades House of Glasgow, a £25,000 boost has been given to Combat Stress, the UK's leading military charity that has specialised in the care of veterans' mental health since 1919. Combat Stress was the charity of the year from October 2012 for the now Late Convener Col John Kelly and his Chain Gang. The donation is going towards the charity's Hollybush House facility near Ayr, Scotland's only centre for the treatment of veterans with serious mental health issues brought on by their service to the country.

The chief Trades House fundraiser was the Glasgow Ball at the Hilton where guest of honour was Falkland's war veteran, Simon Weston OBE. A less formal dinner on the Tall Ship Glenlee, saw the team raise more than £3,000 to help reach the target.

"On behalf of Combat Stress I would like to commend the efforts of the Trades House of Glasgow," said Kath Provan, Fundraising Officer for Combat Stress, Scotland. "A huge amount of effort and hard work has gone into raising this huge sum of money. We are very grateful for their continued support."



Kath Provan (centre standing) was welcomed to the Trades Hall to be presented with the £25,000 cheque by John Kelly and meet the 2012-13 Chain Gang.



Alison Kelly (left) with husband John and guest of honour, Simon Weston with his wife Lucy. Also pictured are personal friends of the Westons, Julie Smith, a member of the Bakers, and husband Roy.

LADIES RAISE £1000 FOR CHARITY

Combat Stress's Kath Provan was guest speaker at the Association of Trades House Ladies' AGM dinner. Committee members are pictured with Kath (front centre) and guest Alison Kelly (back row left), wife of the now Late Deacon



Convener. A fundraising dinner earlier in the year with guest speaker Stephanie Todd of the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games raised £1,000 for the Chain Gang's chosen charity, Combat Stress.

HOUSE DINNERS

Following his election on Wednesday 9 October 2013, the first formal duty for Deacon Convener Hamish Brodie was to host the 408th Annual Dinner in the magnificent setting of the Trades Hall. Joining Hamish as principal speakers were Ex Deacons Norman Fyfe and David McDowall, the Lord Dean of Guild Raymond Williamson, and Deacon of the Gardeners Dr Michael Matthey. Hamish's wife Aileen hosted the Deacon Convener's Lady's Dinner in the Corinthian on the same evening, joined by Ex Conveners' ladies, wives and partners of the principal guests and Chain Gang.



CRAFT NEWS...

This round up of news from the Craft Incorporations and Associated Organisations, highlights just some of the wide variety of benevolent initiatives they undertake throughout the year – as well as the fun they put into fundraising. We hear from Deacons, who lead each Craft, Late Deacons, who just stepped down from office in September 2013, Collectors, who are preparing to take on the role of Deacon next September, and their Clerks, who help them keep everything ticking along.

COOPERS...

Swift success for mentoring programme - a new project, initiated by Deacon Tom McNally and gleaned from the Coopers' partnership with the Worshipful Company of Coopers of London, is seeing the Craft support a mentoring and work experience programme for graduate students at Govan High. It guides students towards worthwhile careers and improved prospects once they leave school, in turn helping towards the regeneration of this proud Glasgow community.

Opportunities for work experience are provided in a wide variety of environments. Introductions have already been made for potential journalists at the Telegraph in London. Closer to home, civil engineering placements have been secured at Fairhurst, one of the largest privately owned partnerships of consulting engineers in the UK, and legal work experience has been provided by national business law firm, DWF Biggart Baillie. Posts on medical programmes have also taken place at the Victoria Infirmary. Success has been swift. Two pupils have already taken up professional apprenticeships in civil engineering at Fairhurst's Glasgow Office.

The Earl of Wessex Awards -

The Coopers welcomed HRH The Earl of Wessex to the Trades Hall to present awards named in his honour to four qualified coopers, eight cooper apprentices and two young people from the Glasgow Sea Cadet Unit. His Royal Highness also presented the first in a new series of awards to ten pupils from Govan High School.

Guests, who included award winners and their families, were individually congratulated on their achievements by The Earl. The winners are pictured (right) at the Royal occasion, with The Earl and Late Deacon Iain Lockhart.



FLESHERS...

Ruth Maltman, Ex Deacon of the Fleshers and now Collector of the House, presented a cheque for £1,000 to the now Late Convener Col John Kelly, for the charity Combat Stress. Funds were raised at the annual dinner.



A Fleshers' fun send off for their Immediate Past Clerk Stuart Fraser, after 17 year's service to the Craft.



Launch of "The Glasgow Cooper" - The Coopers have donated an Access dinghy named "The Glasgow Cooper" to Clyde Cruising Club for the use of disabled sailors. It is designed to appeal to people who would love to have a go at sailing, but find it too difficult or uninviting to do so, whether as a recreation, a competitive sport or as an enjoyable, therapeutic activity for the disabled. The launch party, including Late Deacon Iain Lockhart are pictured with the dinghy.



Putting the heart back into the community - Govan High School is being supported by the Coopers in an ambitious new project, which will encourage local youngsters to participate in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE), giving them the chance to develop key skills for work and life. Over the next five years, they are providing £5,000 each year to help train school staff as volunteer DofE Instructors, equipping them to assist other schools in the area.

The Coopers are also supplying equipment to help staff and pupils participate in the bronze and silver award courses. Govan High is carrying out a pre-DofE programme for pupils aged between 11 and 14 to further benefit local youngsters.

BARBERS...

New members' evening and prize giving - the Barbers continue their traditional liaison with health professionals, which started many centuries ago with the barber-surgeons. A successful new members and prize giving evening (guests pictured below) saw awards made to occupational therapy, physiotherapy and medical graduates, as well as to dental and medical students. The Craft also welcomed 13 new members drawn from health and other professions. Its annual charity dance raised over £2,200, to be shared between the Barbers' charities and Ronald McDonald House at the new Southern General Hospital.



Barbers start new Basel tradition - Late Deacon of the Barbers Dr Alistair Dorward (pictured below) attended the annual summer outing of the Incorporation's sister craft, the Zunft Zum Goldenen Stern in Basel, Switzerland. During his short oration to the Guild, Dr Dorward advised that the quaich, presented to the Swiss by the Barbers of Glasgow in 2001, was not being rightly used. To help demonstrate its correct usage, Master Dr Raoul Furlano (centre) filled the quaich with a litre of whisky - a present from Glasgow. A dash of Swiss water was added before he passed the quaich around the entire 110 members, starting what the Barbers hope is a new annual tradition for the Zunft.



CORDINERS...

First Lady - the Incorporation of Cordiners, one of the Craft Guilds formed for mutual aid in the Middle Ages and one that still continues its charitable purposes today, has appointed Dr Christine Linnell as its first lady Deacon.

During her busy year as Deacon, Christine is on sabbatical from the University of Glasgow (Centre for Open Studies Teaching), where she provides short lecture courses. She became a mature student in the 1980s, having previously run her own embroidery specialist shop. Christine graduated with a Joint-Hons in English and Art History from the University of Glasgow, before going on to do her PhD in Art History at the University of St Andrews. Since then, she has tutored art history, one of her great passions, at St Andrews, Edinburgh and Glasgow universities.

Involvement with the Cordiners came when Ex Deacon Trevor Paterson approached her to help write the history of the Craft. This led to Christine joining the Master Court in 2010. Christine is pictured at the Deacon Convener's Dinner with fellow Cordiners Ex Deacons, Trevor Paterson, Jim Roulston and Adrian Pierotti.

SKINNERS...

Talent on Show - the Skinners continue to support the Glasgow School of Art Leather Project, sponsored by Bridge of Weir Leather Company. The project was a task set to the Fashion & Textiles students at the GSA, asking them to revive, rework, revitalise, reinvent and regenerate leather for a range of applications, creating economically efficient and innovative new products.

A large number of students competed this year and entries were judged by Susan Ross and Dale Wallace of Bridge of Weir Leather Company. First prize was awarded to Kelly McEwan for her: "Outstanding and unique exploration of leather as a material." It was felt that the visual presentation and branding of her work was excellent.

Kerry won £500, with travel and accommodation provided for a trip to London, where her work was shown on the Bridge of Weir Leather Company stand at the exclusive 100% Design exhibition in Earls Court, providing her with a special opportunity to network with key designers.



Part of Kelly's winning presentation

Quincentenary membership drive - the Craft is gearing up for its Quincentenary celebrations, when it reaches the grand old age of 500 in 2016.

"We take great pride as Skinners in being a harmonious and companionable bunch and our quarterly meetings and dinners have been hugely successful and enjoyable," said Late Deacon Laura Lambie.

"I know that as I pass on the mantle of Deacon to Robert Paterson, the Skinners are in very capable hands and, with the help of a committed Master Court, we will achieve a membership total of 500 by our Quincentenary year."

If anyone would like to know more about joining the Skinners, please contact Neil Headrick on nheadrick@dacbeachcroft.com or 0141 223 8585.



GARDENERS...



SGVA Awards - along with the Trades House, the Gardeners have a long tradition of supporting disabled ex-servicemen and women. A joint venture between the Craft and the Glasgow Branch of the Scottish Veterans Garden Association (SGVA) is building upon this tradition, with a competition to reward well kept gardens. A presentation ceremony was held by the Gardeners in the Trades Hall for the winners of this year's SVGA competition. Andrew Henderson, who served with The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, is pictured receiving his first prize certificate for the Scottish Veterans' Individual Garden Award 2013, from Hamish Scott, Late Deacon of the Gardeners. He was one of six ex-service personnel who received certificates and garden centre gift vouchers for their gardening prowess.

Annual Lecture - As part of its educational programme, the Gardeners sponsor an annual lecture in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. This year's lecture was delivered by Professor Pamela Robertson, Senior Curator and Professor of Mackintosh Studies at The Hunterian, Scotland's oldest public museum. Prof Robertson, who is pictured with Late Deacon Hamish Scott, spoke to a very appreciative audience of physicians, surgeons, gardeners and guests on "Flowers and Landscape in Mackintosh's Art".



Let Glasgow Flourish - for some 25 years the Gardeners have sponsored their "Let Glasgow Flourish" Awards, which recognise and encourage commercial premises within the city to enhance "our dear green place" with window boxes, hanging baskets and other forms of floral displays. The awards ceremony, held in the Trades Hall, saw Kaldi's Restaurant in Baillieston awarded the overall prize of the prestigious Silver Spade.



Gardeners' Outing - The annual Garden Outing was to Glasgow's Botanic Gardens, where they were shown around the Glasshouses by the Garden Manager (a Gardener of course!) and the Curator. The Deacon and his wife provided a buffet lunch and a collection to support the educational and scientific work of the Gardens raised over £200.

MASONS...

Skills put to test - the Masons have been working hard to develop their relations with colleges where stonemasonry and associated trades are taught. They aim to support and encourage the talented and ambitious young apprentices and students in these trades.



The Craft sponsored a new competition for pre-vocational students in bricklaying. Six students battled it out in the final, which was won by Ian Ferguson of the City of Glasgow College, pictured (above) with the now Late Deacon Brian Evans and fellow finalists.

Brian and now Deacon Craig Bryce were invited to participate in a number of college award ceremonies during the year, including the City of Glasgow College Awards in the Trades Hall, where the Advanced Craft Certificate was awarded to Maurice McColl (pictured right).



The Craft also awarded a Bursary from the Lady McDonald Fund to Paul Ward, an accomplished young Stonemasonry Apprentice, to enable him to undertake a course in Construction Management at North Glasgow College.

To top off a busy year, the Craft launched its own website www.incorporationofmasonsofglasgow.org built by Late Collector Craig Bryce. Go on, have a peek!

Curling - Read about the Masons' historic victory on the back page.

HAMMERMEN...

The annual Pensioners' Summer Outing - organised by the Hammermen Service Group, was a super return trip to Dunkeld House Hotel for more than 100 people (pictured at lunch). Drinks on arrival were followed by some brief speeches before a three course lunch and later afternoon tea. There was time to enjoy a stroll in the breathtaking wooded surroundings, close to the River Tay, or take a walk into Dunkeld, one of the best preserved historic towns in Scotland. It was another enjoyable day out and a great opportunity for the pensioners to catch up with each other.



TAILORS...

Kelvingrove Art Gallery Exhibition – Tailors' Archivist and Master Court stalwart Ken Gibb put on a wonderful exhibition of Craft artefacts and treasures in the Kelvingrove Art Gallery, attracting more than 3000 people. The display portrayed the magnificent history of the Tailors with each item accompanied by detailed historical narrative. The exhibition was opened and closed by the now Late Convener Col John Kelly, himself a Past Deacon of the Tailors who gave fulsome praise to Ken for his fantastic effort, as did the Curator of the Kelvingrove who was grateful for the number of visitors drawn to the exhibition. There was also a display by Lynn Cochran, winner of Craftex 2012 and now a member of the Tailors.



Janette Scott, John Kelly, Late Deacon Graeme Campbell, Lynn Cochran, and Ken Gibb.

New Members' Evenings - the Master Court held several New Members' Evenings to get to know all the new faces who had joined in the past few years and present Certificates of Excellence to operative tailors. Winners included High and Mighty, A Crawford and Son, Houston Kilt Makers - run by Kenneth MacDonald Late Collector of the Weavers - Glasgow School of Art, and 2012 Craftex winner Lynn Cochran.



Neil Crawford of A Crawford and Son with Late Deacon Graeme Campbell

Musical Evening - the Tailors held their annual Musical Evening when 130 members and guests were treated to an evening of superb entertainment. Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Masters Graduates Victoria Atkinson (Soprano) and Brian McBride (Baritone) sang a wonderful selection of Operatic Arias, as well as songs from musical theatre, the movies and some traditional Scottish songs. They were accompanied on piano by Bethany Jerem an award winning graduate of the Cheetham School of Music in Manchester. The Craft's own Julia Lynch, an international concert pianist, thrilled the audience with a phenomenal piano solo. Members and guests also enjoyed a sumptuous buffet and some even had prizes from a charity raffle.

WRIGHTS...



Gal Gael - a Govan-based charity that supports people with drug, alcohol, homelessness or crime issues was chosen as this year's beneficiary of funds raised at the Wrights' Box Opening Dinner. One of the main programmes used by Gal Gael is teaching woodworking skills, of particular relevance to the Craft as "workers in wood."

For over a decade Gal Gael has built a growing reputation for making a real difference to many who struggle with the challenges of today's modern culture, which leaves some people marginalised, isolated and disenfranchised. One of the ways in which the group help people find skills, purpose and inspiration, is by involving the community in traditional boat building, restoration and woodworking. It is an ethos that fits well with the Wright's own motto "Join All in One".

Bobby Smith of Gal Gael hand crafted a unique wooden box lined in tweed and with two locks, which was commissioned by a member of the Wrights as the prize at the dinner. It helped the Craft raise £1500 for the charity. Late Deacon John Smail and members of the Master Court (pictured above) visited Gal Gael to present the cheque in support of its great work. Prize winner Andy Williamson is pictured below receiving the superb box from John's wife, Patricia Smail.



The Wrights' Year – the now Late Deacon Dr John Smail promised a year of fun, fellowship and fundraising and delivered in all three. He has now handed over the Craft in rude health, as expected of a medical man, to Deacon Stewart Hamilton, who continues the family connection - his late father being a former Deacon. Stewart's mum, Margaret is currently Preses of the Grand Antiquity Society. Late Collector John Walker built on solid foundations during his year, and membership of the Wrights now stands at around 2000, making it the largest of all 14 Crafts.

MALTMEN...



Late Visitor Gordon M Wyllie presents a plate to Assistant Manager of the Urban Bar, Jim McAuley, with members of the Master Court and the Craft.



Ex Visitor, John Harris, with Graham Blaikie, Proprietor of the Mercat Bar.

The Incorporation of Maltmen are extending their reach by presenting awards to the wider hospitality world. They have commissioned presentation plates to gift to winners of an annual search for the best hospitality houses in Glasgow and Edinburgh, which are in addition to the four Wall Shields currently presented annually to Glasgow public houses. The first two winners are the Urban Bar and Brasserie in St Vincent Place, Glasgow, and the Mercat Bar and Restaurant at Haymarket, the first award to an Edinburgh eatery. The awards will be made again in 2014 to recognise the 2013 venues chosen by the Craft.

BONNETMAKERS & DYERS...

Guests line up with their bonnets for the now-traditional visit of the Deacon of the Bonnetmakers & Dyers in Glasgow to the annual dinner of its sister Craft in Edinburgh. Late Deacon T Duncan Tannahill was accompanied on this occasion by the Late Deacon of the Cordiners Duncan Norman, and the Late Visitor of the Maltmen Dr Gordon Wyllie.



BAKERS...

With a continuing concern amongst health professionals, educators and politicians about the severe health problems caused by obesity, diabetes, hypertension and heart problems, the Bakers maintain a programme of grants for charities and organisations within Glasgow who are combating the problems. The Bakers' Awards of up to £1,000 help others change poor eating habits by removing barriers to healthy eating, ensuring the affordability of healthy food and encouraging positive attitudes to sensible eating. They also support skills development in food preparation, including baking.

Recipients of awards for the coming year are old friends, the Balornock East Residents Association, Preshal Trust, Deaf Connections and the SEAL community health project, along with new beneficiary Geeza Break, a voluntary organisation that provides family support and flexible respite services to parents.

Balornock East Residents Association - runs a low cost community cafe where locals can participate in a wide range of activities. The Bakers funded equipment and food items to help it continue healthy cooking demonstrations. Late Collector Rose Mary Harley arranged a productive visit to the Association by NHS Community Dietician Sunita Wallia, who also specialises in diabetes. The group were so enthused that she is returning for further interactive group discussions, including how to prepare a balanced nutritious meal.

Deaf Connections - a leading voluntary organisation delivering specialist services to adult deaf people, were given funding for equipment and ingredients for healthy cooking courses.

The Preshal Trust - is a voluntary organisation that provides holistic, locally based care and support to individuals and their families suffering from social exclusion in Greater Govan, including classes in literacy and numeracy, music, sewing, cooking and baking. An award was made to promote food preparation, including baking, by adult users.

WEAVERS...

500 years and counting - the Weavers are gearing up for their 500th year in 2014 and encouraging members to become involved with events.

"It has been a great honour to have served as Deacon of the Weavers for the past year and a most interesting and rewarding experience," said the now Late Deacon John Lindsay. "Please support my successor Kenneth Dalglish as he guides us through our historic 500th year by joining us for as many events as you can, suggest new events and consider offering your services to the Weavers. In return, I'm sure you will enjoy many new and interesting experiences and build many new friendships."

For more information or to join the Weavers, contact Clerk Graeme Campbell via the Trades House office or on glcampbell2004@hotmail.com



John Lindsay with his wife Gillian and daughter Jennifer

GRAND ANTIQUITY SOCIETY

Following the popularity of the last Grand Antiquity Society Members' Dinner, another is planned for members and their friends on Thursday 8 May 2014 at the Western Club. Further details and confirmation of the date will be provided nearer the time.

SPORTS DESK...

ANGLING



Team players Alex Graham and John Maginnis of the Wrights with the Jackson Miller cup

Set amongst the magnificent Trossachs scenery at the Lake of Menteith, the Trades House Angling Competition was another great success, with 16 craftsmen representing ten Crafts in this, the 81st annual challenge. There were 31 fish caught weighing in at 82lbs 15ozs.

The Dallas Trophy for best individual basket was won by Roger Drapper (Skinners) with four fish weighing 13lbs 0ozs. Second was Lennox Lindsay (Bonnetmakers) with five fish weighing 12lbs 11ozs. The Train Trophy was also won by Roger with 4lbs 6ozs and second was Alex Graham (Wright) with 3lbs 7ozs. The Jackson Miller Cup team event was won by Alex Graham and John Maginnis (Wright) with a combined weight of 14lbs 7ozs.



Roger Drapper of the Skinners who lifted three trophies on the day

The Michael Beale Trophy - heaviest basket for a craftsman aged over 60 - was won by Lennox Lindsay with 12lbs 11ozs, and the Michael Beale Reel Award - heaviest fish for a craftsman aged under 60 - was won by Roger Drapper with that 4 lbs 6ozs catch. The Convener's Smallest Fish award, presented to the Angling Club by Ex Convener Roy Scott, was won by Ian Campbell (Masons) with 2lbs 9 ozs.

CURLING

It is safe to say that the Masons had a notable win over the Bakers in the final of the Trades House Curling Competition at Braehead Curling Rink, when they lifted the Trades House Curling Trophy for the first time in 53 years.

For skip, Doug Kerr, it was a particularly meaningful victory, as his father, the late and redoubtable Willie Kerr, was in the Masons' team that last won in 1960. Doug was joined in the victory by Iain Smith at three, his brother Gavin at two and lead Stuart Pollok. Although Late Deacon Brian Evans shepherded his team through to the final, an injury forced him to withdraw from the last match, when Stuart, who had been lead, stood in for him and saw his task successfully to fruition.

The Masons, who won 5 to 4 to the Bakers, were skipped by Graham Davidson with Allan Winning at three, Simon Blyth at two and Fraser Davidson leading. Congratulations to the Masons – don't leave it so long next time!

GOLF

Trades House Shield - In a closely contested annual golf competition, Hammermen Bob Bishop and Alistair Crichton took the Shield at Buchanan Castle Golf Club with 44 pts (BIH 18/26). Second place went to Clarke Perry and Oliver Mennie of the Wrights on 44 pts (BIH 24/20) and third place were the Coopers' team, Iain Lockhart and Bill Scott, on 44 pts (BIH 26/18).

Borland Trophy - a delighted Bill Scott (left) and Iain Lockhart of the Coopers grabbed the opportunity for a quick photograph with the Borland Trophy before the Deacon Convener's Dinner in the Trades Hall, where the magnificent golfing cup is on display. They teamed up with Scott Hill for the competition at Renfrew Golf Club and won the trophy for the Coopers with 95 pts. Runners up were the Hammermen B Team of Jonathan Crichton, John McKnight, Douglas McDonald and Andrew Primrose on 93 pts. Russell Crichton of the Hammermen A Team was Best Individual player with 33 pts (BIH) with runner-up Ken Mitchell of the Barbers on 33pts.



Ladies' Golf Competition - the intrepid Skinners' golf team braved the elements at Buchanan Castle Golf Club to win the trophy for the third year in a row. Rain, hail and wind combined to make for truly atrocious conditions. Laura Lambie, the now Late Deacon of the Skinners, sets the scene for the Craftsman.

"It was a tough field, with ten Crafts battling to win the silver salver, the only golf trophy that can be seen from the moon. We were playing for the first time in many years without the expert guidance of our now retired Convenor, Ann Carss, although this enabled us to welcome an "old" face back into the team. Alison Ferguson was our fourth team member along with stalwarts Mary Hardie and Marilynn Muirhead. The longest drive (bronze) went to Marilynn, with Alison picking up nearest the pin (bronze). It was with great pride that, with the highest Stableford points, the Skinners team were winners of the trophy."



Braving the elements at Buchanan Castle are Sheena Boyd (Gardeners), Gillian Kyle (Fleshers), Barbara Young (Hammermen) and Laura Lambie (Skinners).



Helen Burton, wife of Curling Convenor, Michael, presents the handsome silver cigar box trophy to the Masons.

