



A new picture has been added to the Trades House collection - a pen and ink study of the front entrance to the Hall carried out by 17-year-old Sharon McVeigh from East Kilbride. An award from the Trades House has assisted Sharon to obtain practical experience in the design and decorative use of glass.

Sharon is pictured here presenting her "thank you" picture to Deacon Convener, Roy Johnson.

## BUILDING ON A 200 YEAR FOUNDATION

This year, Monday, 9 September to be precise, marks the 200th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of Trades Hall. To commemorate this there will be a series of events commencing with a luncheon hosted by the Hall Trustees.

In the evening there will be a service of dedication followed by an entertainment in the Hall to include a performance by Glasgow Youth Choir, an interpretation of Glasgow 200 years ago by humorist and songwriter Adam Macnaughton and a reading of extracts of the House minutes of the period and from the *Glasgow Mercury* and the *Glasgow Courier* of the day.

On Saturday, 14 September, as part of European Heritage Day, the Trades Hall trustees have agreed that Trades Hall should participate in "Doors Open Day" when buildings throughout

the city will be open to the public. Trades Hall will be open from 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Judging by last year's "Open Day" hundreds of people are expected to view Trades Hall, which is the second oldest building in the city still in its original use - the oldest being the Cathedral.

But what of the future of Trades Hall? Architect Campbell Duff has drawn up outline proposals for the refurbishment and development of parts of the building. The Trustees and the House have agreed to work together to develop these plans and consider ways of raising the substantial funds required for their implementation. A working committee has been formed consisting of three Trustees, Chairman Harry Abram, Alasdair MacDougall and Jamie Matheson and three House representatives, John Ford, Late Collector of the House; Hamish Macfarlane, Deacon of the Weavers and Ian Macpherson, ex-Deacon of the Masons.

## REFLECTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

"I said at my Choosing Dinner in October last year that since joining the Platform I had been surprised at the range of help, both financial and by way of personal care, that the House and the Crafts give to those less fortunate than themselves. I also said that I thought it unfortunate that the House was probably better known for its grand functions than its charitable work and that even our own members knew so little about the work that was going on.

As my year in office draws to a close I can reflect that the charitable work has gone on unabated. I do not yet have figures to hand but I know that the grants we have made will exceed those of the previous year and we have made even greater efforts to meet with those we have helped - and what a rewarding experience that has been! We have also taken steps to make our work better known, both to members of the House and Crafts and the wider public, so that we may increase our membership and hence further the charitable work. We have been helped in this by Bob Colquhoun of Client Commitment, who is happily a member of the Master Court of the Fishers. In this connection I have twice written to all Master Court members telling them something of what is happening in the House and this newsletter, which is intended to be at least an annual publication, is being sent to all Craft members. As far as the wider public is concerned a variety of articles about appropriate activities has appeared both in the national and local press and in magazines ranging from the *Scottish Field* to *Yachting Life*. I think it is important that the contribution which the House and the Crafts make to Glasgow should become better known in the City. This will take time but I am delighted by the support

our initial efforts to make the House better known have had from the media.

It has been a fascinating experience and a great privilege to be Deacon Convener of the Trades of Glasgow. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have given me their help and support, particularly the other members of the Platform and the Deacons and Visitor of the year as well as the Clerk and his staff and I would like to wish the House and those that follow me every success in the future."

Roy Johnson, Deacon Convener.

### THE PLATFORM'S POINTS OF VIEW

"Subject of course to official confirmation on 9th October, it will be my great privilege and honour to be elected as Deacon Convener for 1991/92 and I am deeply conscious of the responsibility that this entails.

Having been a member of the Platform over the last two years, I am aware of the tremendous amount of work undertaken and set in motion by my predecessors. The general agreement that we must endeavour to promote the House and its constituent Incorporations, its work and its standing, to greater effect not only within the City, but in other parts of Scotland and the United Kingdom, has been uppermost in our minds. It will be my aim therefore, to harness the Members of the House and the Master Court of the Crafts, in the coming year to build on the foundations already established.

This Newsletter is an indication of the 'new thinking' to spread the word, to let it be seen that we are a "force for good" with our charitable work in this great City, mixing the

profile of a unique history and tradition with a modern outlook for the future. As an organisation we created the priceless asset of the wonderful Trades Hall, now approaching its bi-centenary. I sincerely hope that in the year ahead the imaginative groundwork for its refurbishment and upgrading can come to fruition and that we can jointly embark on this exciting venture."

John Ford, Late Collector.

"I'm sure that most Collectors of the House begin the experience (for that is what it is!) in a state of some surprise at having been asked to accept nomination - and in a state of severe shock at having accepted! I was no exception.

The new boy was quickly welcomed into and became a part of both the House and "the Platform", the latter remembered from previous life as a deacon as a somewhat remote, even mysterious body! It has been good to discover that a start has been made to the process of removing that perception, and that the management of the House is being directed on the basis of a continuity in the leadership which extends over a four year cycle. There is a feeling that there is much to be done and of a greater sense of opportunity and satisfaction than had been anticipated.

At one and the same time, the chance to move about the master courts of the crafts has underlined the commonality of purpose and problems with which they all deal so very differently. The need for new perspectives is clear, even if the means is often less so. I sense a will in many (and a reluctance in some) to rise to the challenge which that presents, and look forward to making a small and constructive contribution in response."

John Fergus, Collector.

### LECTURE ON EDUCATION

The second Trades House lecture was held at Glasgow University and was delivered by Roy Jenkins, the Chancellor of Oxford University and ex-M.P. for Hillhead, who spoke on the subject "An historical perspective on the development and state of British universities".

The lecture was attended not only by Sir William Kerr Fraser, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University, but by the Chancellor Sir Alec Cairncross. The lecture theatre was full to overflowing and the event helped to maintain the profile of the House in the academic world.

### NEXT LECTURE

The next Trades House lecture will be held in Strathclyde University on Friday 13 September. This lecture will be presented by Bruce Millan, European Commissioner, on the topical subject of "Scotland and Europe". Craftsmen are urged to support this important occasion.



## WHAT DO WE DO?

A great deal of the work of the Trades House goes unnoticed as it is mainly of a charitable nature connected to the various Trusts and Funds which the House administers. For example the Macfarlane Fund, set up to provide assistance to former employees of the Macfarlane Lang biscuit company not in receipt of an occupational pension, will this year distribute over £70,000 to 100 persons, many with a weekly income of under £60.

Our Commonweal Fund, set up in 1927 with a bequest of £30,000 by John Dallas, a Tailor Deacon Convener, now is valued at almost £2,000,000. The half yearly meeting of the Fund committee distributed £40,000 to over 30 causes ranging from £100 to help a primary school concert party visit old folks homes to £5,000 to a home for sufferers from senile dementia.

Two other examples of the work of the Commonweal Fund are illustrated here along with an in-depth look at the work of the Drapers' Fund.

Apart from charitable work the House, and indeed many of the Incorporations, now see a need for closer involvement in training and educational initiatives and opportunities in this direction will be progressed in the months ahead.

**TRADES  
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Courtesy of support from the Commonwealth Fund a party of Glasgow youngsters look part in an adventure cruise to the Western Isles on board the Ocean Youth Club's 72-ft ketch, "Taikoo". The cruise started from Glasgow and to mark the occasion the Trades House flag was flown from the mainmast, perhaps the first time the flag has flown anywhere else apart from Trades Hall. Pictured here is Deacon Convener Roy Johnson with two of the young sailors as the flag is raised.

## ASSISTANCE FOR MEDICAL SEMINAR

A £300 grant from the Commonwealth Fund helped to meet the accommodation and speakers' fees costs of a seminar on alternative medicine held in Glasgow and organised by Glasgow University's Medico Chirurgical Society.

Deacon Convener Roy Johnson commented: "It is important that the Trades House looks to the future of the modern day professions, many of which are related to our ancient City crafts. In this instance there is a connection with the Incorporation of Barbers which in 1599 was incorporated as the Chirurgians and Barbers when there was a direct link between the razor and the lancet."

## NEW SOCIAL WORKER APPOINTED

Mrs. Christine McKaig, the Mactarlane Fund Social Worker, has a new colleague in the Trades House Social Work Team. A warm welcome is extended to Mrs. Wilma Campbell who joined the House staff on 5 August. For the last twenty years Wilma has been involved with the elderly and the disabled, helping them not only at home through the Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme but

as Matron of two residential homes. Wilma takes over the duties of Miss Ellison Shirlaw, a much loved friend to many pensioners, who has retired. Her main work will lie with those receiving grants and assistance from the House and the Crafts and she can be contacted through the House office.

## HELP FOR Y.M.C.A.

Trades House members serve on the boards of other charitable organisations providing much needed business expertise to their management. For many years we have assisted the Y.M.C.A. in this way, and presently Donald Storrie is serving on their Housing and Property committee. In addition, following a request for further help Gordon Clark, Collector of the Bonnetmakers, has recently agreed to join their Naismith Court committee. The Y.M.C.A. in Glasgow is flourishing and expanding under their chief executive, Bill Harte, and Bill has said they still require more help with various committees. Any member of the crafts willing to serve should contact the Deacon Convener.

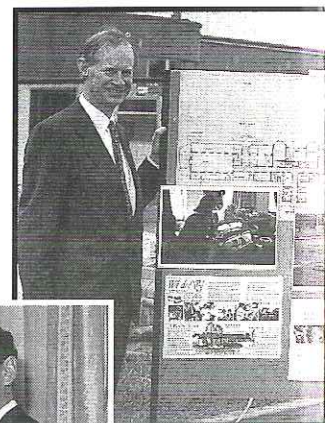
## SPOTLIGHT ON...

## THE DRAPERS' FUND

The Drapers' Fund was entrusted to the House in 1918 by Mr James Inglis, Draper of Argyle Street and is administered by one person, called the Manager, appointed annually by the Deacon Convener, as a mark of personal honour. The Manager can spend the Fund income as he or she thinks best, although, in the main, awards are intended to benefit children. Most interestingly, the Manager is not bound to give any account of the Fund's transactions.

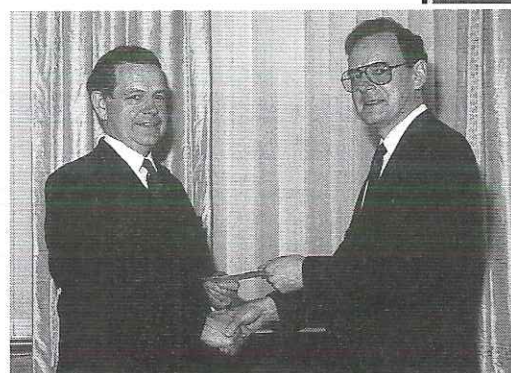
Ian Haran, a former Deacon of the Wrights is the current Manager. He is assisted by a small committee comprising of Richard Paterson, Mark Young and Roy Whitson who put forward nominations for the Manager's consideration.

They have been very busy organising presentations to schools and institutions for a variety of worthwhile causes, a selection of which are illustrated here.



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The Fund made a short visit to the Paisley Hospital to appeal with a grant of £10,000, pictured here on a visit to the hospital. The Fund cheque was presented to the Executive of the Scottish Hospice.



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## KIDS IN NEED AND DISTRESS

This organisation provides adventure break holidays for underprivileged children aged between 7 and 12 at its centre near Howwood in Renfrewshire. The Drapers' Fund in conjunction with the Commonwealth Fund supported the venture with £4,000 to enable Glasgow children to have a holiday. Some of the children had an outing to Trades Hall and here Collector John Fergus is seen (left) "enter-taining" Mark and Ann-Marie



## STRATHCLYDE Y.C.A.

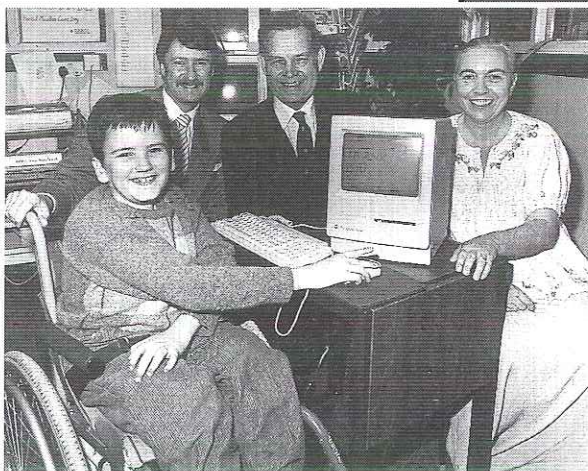
The Fund provided a total of £3,000 to assist the Strathclyde Youth Club Association both with its general funding and also to provide awards to clubs and individuals raising money for charity. Late Collector John Ford is pictured (above) presenting the Fund cheque to Olivia Cornacchia, Director of SYCA and Rob MacLean, the BBC commentator who presided at the awards ceremony in the City Chambers. Deacon Convener Roy Johnson presented awards to Giffnock North Amateur Athletic Club, Cartside Youth Club, Greenock, Ardencraig Youth Club, Castlemilk and Clyde Amateur Football Club, Castlemilk.



## CORD HOSPICE

op across the city boundary to Hawkhead support the Accord Hospice building ,000. Deacon Convener Roy Johnson is to the Hospice to see work in progress. presented to Douglas Patrick, Chief Mutual Assurance Society and a patron

## RICHMOND PARK SCHOOL AND SCOTTISH CENTRE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR THE COMMUNICATION IMPAIRED



## GREATER EASTERHOUSE SOCIETY FOR THE HANDICAPPED INJURY TRUST CAMP HOLIDAYS

the Fund has helped many people to go on holiday. The a coach to take 40 handicapped from Easterhouse on holiday to d a £2,000 donation took a ple who have been brain dam-injury or illness on a holiday to s.

Convener Roy Johnson is pic-ing the respective cheques to M.P. for Provan and Sam P. for Strathkelvin and Bearsden.

## RED CROSS IN SCOTLAND

The Fund has also helped two disabled persons from the Red Cross House at Largs to go on an activity holiday to Inverness.

Deacon Convener Roy Johnson is seen here presenting the Fund's cheque to Lt.-Col Bill Kerr, General Secretary of the Red Cross in Scotland.



Several severely handicapped children have benefited from equipment supplied by the Fund.

Steven Clark, aged 11, a pupil at Richmond Park School, suffers from brittle bone disease and is confined to a wheel chair. His ambition is to become a computer expert and go to university. To assist him the Fund provided Steven with his own Apple Mac computer system. Here Steven says "thank you" on his computer to Richard Paterson, from the Fund committee, Deacon Convener Roy Johnson and Maggie Pollard, head teacher at Richmond Park School.

At the SCTCI, the Fund has provided £3,750 to obtain a TouchTalker and DecTalk speech for three-year-old Allan Martin from Busby and a Scanning IntroTalker for David Carroll, aged 15, from East Kilbride. Both youngsters suffer from Cerebral Palsy and have no power of speech. The equipment donated by the Fund will provide them with a "voice". Deacon Convener Roy Johnson is pictured here presenting the IntroTalker to a delighted David Carroll.





JOHN FORD



JOHN FERGUS

## TAKING THE TRADES HOUSE INTO 1992 WILL BE THE NEW PLATFORM

The Platform is the body elected by the House to look after its day to day affairs. This consists of the Deacon Convener, the Collector, the Late Collector and the late Deacon Convener.

Subject to ratification by the House on 9 October, the new Deacon Convener will be John Ford a former Deacon of the Masons. Born and educated in Surrey, John started in business in 1952 as an accounts clerk with Office Cleaning Services in London. He moved to Glasgow in 1960 to open a branch office and to develop the company's business throughout Scotland and Northern Ireland. He is now chairman of Office Cleaning Services (Scotland) Ltd., Grange OCS Cleaning Services Ltd., Belfast, and Marketing Director of the OCS Group in the U.K.

A fellow of the British Institute of Management and the Institute of Directors, he is the House's representative as Governor of Hutchesons' Grammar School. His interests are golf (Douglas Park) and gardening and he is keen on most sports, particularly cricket. John lives near Balfron with his wife, Roslyn and they have four grown up children.



SANDY BONE



ROY JOHNSON

The new Collector will be Sandy Bone, an ex-Deacon of the Wrights, who is managing Director of the 53-year-old family firm of structural engineers Bone, Connell & Baxters in Wishaw. President of the British Constructional Steelwork Association, Sandy lives in the South-side of Glasgow.

John Fergus becomes Late Collector. An ex-Deacon of the Tailors, and an ex-Preses of the Grand Antiquity Society of Glasgow, John has active business interests in the leather, water treatment, bakery, and cash & carry industries in and around Glasgow.

Completing the Platform will be the present Deacon Convener Roy Johnson. An ex-Deacon of the Cordiners he is a chartered accountant and a partner in Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte. He is a Trustee of Glasgow City Aid and has recently been appointed Chairman of the new Strathclyde Committee of the Prince's Trust Youth Initiatives.

The Clerk to the House is Gordon Wyllie, a partner in Solicitors Biggart Baillie & Gifford, and an specialist in succession law.

## AROUND THE CRAFTS

### LIKE FATHER - LIKE SON

Friday 20 September is the day when the 14 Incorporations install their Deacons and Collectors for the coming year, and for what is believed to be the first time in the history of

### WRONG TURN AT TEA!

Heard the one about the driver who took a party of Trades pensioners on a coach tour of the Scottish Borders? For three hours he drove carefully allowing his passengers to admire the scenery including the fields full of cattle and sheep. He slowed often to dutifully allow straying sheep right of way on the narrow roads.

Arriving at Moffat he was invited to join his grateful passengers for high tea. As orders were taken for steak pie, gammon etc. our driver piped up "Can I have a cheese salad please as I do not believe in killing animals for food?"

Much to his amazement this remark was met by a stony silence. Someone then quietly explained to him that the tour he was driving had been booked by the 400 year old Incorporation of Fleshers and that his passengers were retired butchers and their partners.

The return journey was along the motor-way missing out the Devil's Beef Tub!

the Trades, a son will directly follow his father as a Deacon.

This unique happening takes place in the Incorporation of Bakers, where Mark Young will succeed his father, Eric. Both men were also admitted to the Incorporation on the same day and it is fitting that they have strong connections with the present day baking industry as directors of Ingram Bros. (Glasgow) Ltd, a family business founded in 1895 and which manufactures and supplies ingredients to the baking and food industries.



MARK YOUNG

Several other new Deacons also have strong links with the trades of their respective Incorporations. Iain Ross of the Fleshers is a butcher and Peter Cross of the Wrights and Derek Mason of the Masons are both chartered surveyors.

Amongst the new Collectors, Bernard Slater of the Maltmen is managing director of a Wine and Spirit company.

The full list of appointments to be ratified on 20 September is:

#### HAMMERMEN

Deacon: Roy Whiston  
Collector: Anthony Broadway

#### TAILORS

Deacon: Gordon Kee  
Collector: Alex Montgomery

#### CORDINERS

Deacon: Robert Milroy  
Collector: William Stuart Wright

#### MALTMEN

Visitor: Richard Barbour  
Collector: Bernard Slater

#### WEAVERS

Deacon: Fred Tosh  
Collector: Dugald Cameron

#### BAKERS

Deacon: Mark Young  
Collector: John Scholefield

#### SKINNERS

Deacon: W. Brian Martin  
Collector: Malcolm Day

#### WRIGHTS

Deacon: Peter Cross  
Collector: Peter Kelso

#### COOPERS

Deacon: Alan McKenzie  
Collector: John McLean

#### FLESHERS

Deacon: Iain Ross  
Collector: J. Michael Graham

#### MASONS

Deacon: Derek Mason  
Collector: W. Stewart McFarlane

#### GARDENERS

Deacon: James Low  
Collector: Ian Scott

#### BARBERS

Deacon: Adam Coburn  
Collector: To be appointed

#### BONNETMAKERS & DYERS

Deacon: Peter Howie  
Collector: Duncan Gilmour

### SPONSORSHIP OF THE CRAFTSMAN

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### KEEPING IN TOUCH

The Clerks to the Incorporations are:

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**CORDINERS** Lorne Cramer, 45 Gordon Street, Glasgow G1 3PE

**MALTMEN** T. Wilson Aitken, 292 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5TQ

**WEAVERS** Ian L. Dunsmore, 2 Blythswood Square, Glasgow G2 4AD

**BAKERS** R. Graham Davidson, 3 Newton Place, Glasgow G3

**SKINNERS** Neil M. Headrick, 48 West Regent Street, Glasgow G2 2QR

**WRIGHTS** J.F. Lindsay, 26 West Nile Street, Glasgow G1 2QP

**COOPERS** W. Martin Christie, George House, 36 North Hanover Street, Glasgow G1 2AD

**FLESHERS** Eric H. Webster, George House, 36 North Hanover Street, Glasgow G1 2AD

**MASONS** George D. Snowden, 100 Berkeley Street, Glasgow G3 7JX

**GARDENERS** Hugh M.K. Hopkins, 55 West Regent Street, Glasgow G2 2BL 332 7421

**BARBERS** Robert F. Frame, 16 Gordon Street, Glasgow G1 3OE

**BONNET MAKERS AND DYERS** Thomas A.S. Herd, 8 Buchanan Street, Glasgow G1 3LL

**CLERK TO THE HOUSE** Gordon M. Wyllie, W.S., 105 West George Street, Glasgow G2 1QP

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 9 September - 200th anniversary of laying of Trades Hall foundation stone.
- 13 September - Trades House lecture at University of Strathclyde
- 14 September - European Heritage Day, Trades Hall open to the public
- 20 September - Annual meetings of the Incorporations
- 9 October - Election of Deacon Convener  
Deacon Convener's Dinner

The main 1991/92 dinners for the Incorporations are as follows:-

Hammermen	7 November	Wrights	2 October
Tailors	8 November	Coopers	6 March
Cordiners	10 January	Fleshers	13 December
Maltmen	18 November	Masons	20 September
Weavers	21 November	Gardeners	18 October
Bakers	22 October	Barbers	31 January
Skinnners	1 November	Bonnetmakers	25 October

Contact your clerk for more details.