



# Craftsman

THE TRADES HOUSE OF GLASGOW NEWSLETTER



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The new eight person lift which will improve access to all parts of the Hall, especially for disabled visitors

## HALL TAKES SHAPE - SLOW BUT SURE

The Trades Hall programme of planned renovation is now on the threshold of its final phases - which involve bringing into use parts of the historic building for the first time in over a century - and work will commence when funds permit.

In many ways this is the most exciting stage of the renovation, and certainly will be the most obvious with the planned cladding and fitting out of the old top floor schoolroom as a craft museum and tearoom, the formation of two galleries into meeting rooms with adjacent kitchen and toilet facilities. In addition upgrading of the Grand Hall, including furniture, fittings and windows, along with carpets and decor elsewhere in the Hall, is proposed.

Apart from the more obvious renovation which has taken place in areas such as the Reception Room, new Stone Hall reception area and new library much necessary work has been undertaken which is both unseen and unobserved.

"The core work has been accomplished. Not only has the building been made wind and watertight but we have upgraded the kitchens, cloakroom areas, improved heating and ventilation, installed a new lift serving all floors with a new fireproof stair to the Saloon and greatly improved staff and storage facilities," commented Henry Abram, chairman of the Hall Trust.

Mr Abram added: "All this could not have been achieved without the support of many organisations, the 14 craft Incorporations and numerous individuals. Now that we are in sight of our goal the least the Trustees can do is invite them along to see the progress which has been made and to view our plans for the future development of the Hall."

With this in mind an evening for supporters and friends of the Hall has been planned for later.

An initial £150,000 is required to get the final phase moving and donations however small should be sent to the Trades Hall Trust, 310 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5QR.

## HALL GUIDES WANTED

Volunteer guides are still required to show the ever increasing number of organised groups and tourists around the Trades Hall. In particular assistance is needed for the Doors' Open Day week-end, September 21 and 22. If last year is anything to go by, when we had 3500 visitors, the Hall is in for a busy time.

Full training and information notes are provided with a special training evening organised for Wednesday 11 September in the hall starting at 6pm and lasting around an hour.

If you would like to come along and participate in this interesting and rewarding work - you meet a wide cross section of the public - then contact Carol Nelson at the Hall office 0141 288 8000.

## MISSING PLANS

As part of the Trades Hall renovation it is proposed that the front elevation on Glassford Street should be returned as near as possible to that designed by Robert Adam at the end of the 18th Century. Several alterations have taken place since then and unfortunately the Hall Trustees have been unable to find either original plans or early illustrations of the Hall to guide them in this project.

If you know of, or have, plans or illustrations of the Trades Hall exterior in the late 18th and early 19th Century could you please inform Gordon Wyllie at the Hall offices 0141 228 8000.

## SPONSOR A CONCERT SUCCESS

The annual New Year's Day Trades House "Glasgow Greets Vienna" Concert in the Royal Concert Hall goes from success to success and is now firmly established as the city's premier festive musical event.

Not only has it been awarded the Royal Concert Hall's accolade of the best attended charity event (a 2360-seat sell out for seven years) but it also attracts leading performers. This New Year, for instance, the Glasgow Philharmonic Orchestra will have as its guest conductor Robin McEwan, who has enjoyed outstanding success in the "Phantom of the Opera" at Edinburgh Playhouse.

Add to this the fact that all net proceeds (£20,000 this year) go entirely to Action Research, a leading children's charity funding medical research, and you can see that there are many attractions for potential sponsors both, companies and individuals.

These range from sponsorship of the orchestra (£11,000); hire of the Concert Hall (£7,500); a meet-the-performers buffet dinner (£2,500); advertising (£2,000) and programme printing (£1,700) to support for the soloists (£750) or the conductor (£600).

Sponsors receive full credit in pull-out advertisements in the Herald and the Scotsman; free programme advertising and sponsors' message; foyer display in the Concert Hall and, of course, complimentary tickets for the Concert itself and the post Concert dinner.

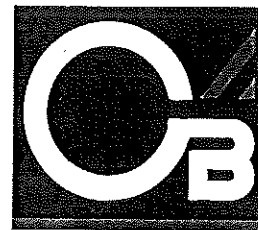
If you would like more information on how to be associated with this successful and worthwhile event contact the Clerk to the Trades House, Gordon M Wyllie (0141 228 8000) or the Concert co-ordinator, Ed Crozier (0141 353 6688).

## LOTTERY LUCK

The Trades Hall is in growing demand for a variety of uses. One which attracted wide media coverage was a press conference in the Saloon organised by the National Lottery Charities Board, Scotland to announce the award of £17.6 million of lottery money to 303 voluntary organisations in Scotland.

John Rafferty, the Board's director for Scotland and Graham Bowie, Chair of the Scotland Committee are pictured here announcing the awards to a media audience.

For full information on hiring the Hall contact the Hall office on 0141 228 8000.



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## CLASS TAKES GOLD IN COLLEGE COMPETITION

The second Trades House College Craft Competition and Exhibition has been an outstanding success attracting hundreds of entries from six Glasgow Colleges.

The standard of the entries was so high that the judges, Deacon Convener Morton Fyfe, Deacon Peter Winton and Michael Healey from the Glasgow School of Art, faced a major problem in choosing the overall Trades House Gold Medal winner. Eventually the judges' unanimous choice was Philip Melville, a student at the Glasgow College of Building and Printing for his magnificent stained glass panel. Philip, a former oil rig worker, now plans to open his own stained glass studio in the west end of Glasgow.

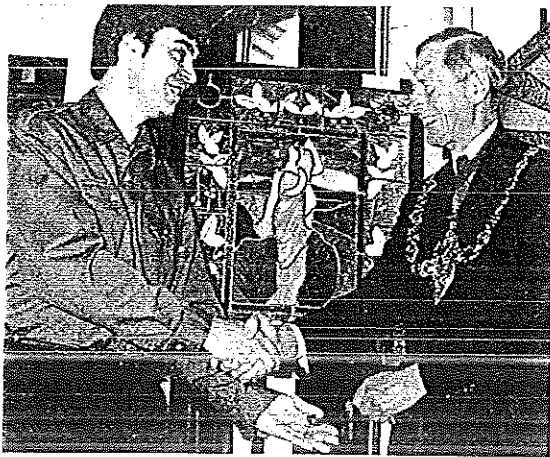
Overall 21 awards were made in 11 categories covering Art & Graphics; Sugarcraft; Computer-aided Drafting & Industrial Design; Decorative Flooring & Glasswork; Fashion & fashion-related; Jewellery; Furniture & Model Making; Metal & Engineering; Photography & Video; Stonemasonry and an Open section.

Presenting the awards at an exhibition of the best entries in the Trades Hall, Deacon Convener Fyfe said: "The standard of work on display here clearly demonstrates that manufacturing skills are alive and well in this city. Employers seeing these entries can have no doubt about the quality which students in Glasgow's colleges are capable of producing."

The Deacon Convener praised the months of effort which the organising committee, under Deacon Peter Winton, put into the event and expressed his appreciation to the sponsors whose generous contributions had made competition and exhibition possible.

In particular he thanked the staff and students of the colleges - Anniesland, Cardonald, Langside, John Wheatley, North Glasgow and the College of Building and Printing - for their support.

The Trades House College Craft Competition and Exhibition is now firmly established as an annual event in the city and the co-ordinating committee is already hard at work planning changes which will make the 1997 project even better. A number of the incoming 1996-97 Deacons are likely to join in the work of organising the event the dates of which are Thursday 12 June to Saturday 14 June.



Deacon Convener Fyfe presents the Trades House gold medal to Philip Melville



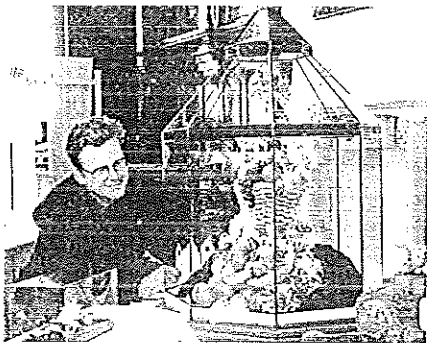
Deacon Convener Morton Fyfe with overall winner, Steven Wright, and his winning entry

## SCHOOLS' COMPETITION GROWS

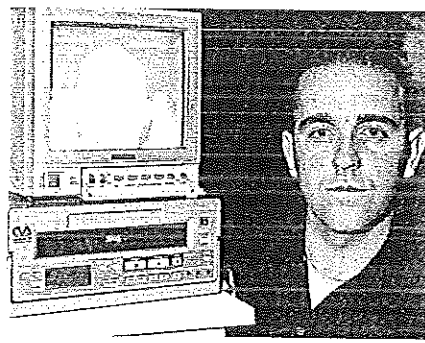
The Trades House competition for the best craft work produced by secondary school pupils throughout Glasgow continues to grow in size and importance.

This year 30 awards were made to pupils from 20 schools with the number of categories being increased and an overall winner's award being introduced and being won by Steven Wright from Shawlands Academy.

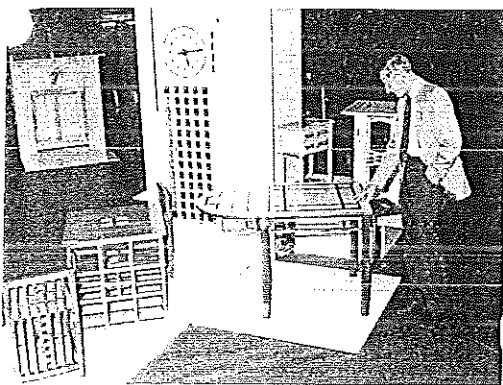
The other main winners were: Special Needs - Scott McEwan (Abercorn School); Technological Studies - Ian Mahon (Lourdes Secondary); Metal Work - Paula Reid (Crookston Castle); Woodwork - Peter Richardson (Bannerman High).



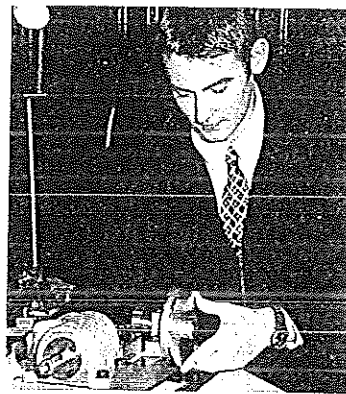
Judge Michael Healey "digests" the sugarcraft entries



Craig McKinley and his winning video entry



The Deacon Convener deliberates over the furniture entries



Christopher Flood and his winning engineering entry



Ralph Leishman, the Schools' Craft Competition co-ordinator with the Special Needs category winners (l to r) Scott McEwan (Abercorn School), Jason McMahon and Scott Wilson (both Hollybrook School)

## "DEACON CONNOLLY"

Glasgow actor Billy Connolly is playing the part of "Deacon Brodie" in a BBC TV feature production to be shown later this year. He portrays one of Edinburgh's most notorious characters, a cabinetmaker (and Deacon of the Wrights in Edinburgh) by day and a thief by night, who was sentenced to death in 1788.

This September the Glasgow Trades will have their own "Deacon Brodie" but there the similarities end. Our Deacon is Hamish Brodie of the Weavers, a Newton Mearns businessman. He runs his own business called Orbmah Energy\* specialising in building services and energy conservation consultancy.

BBC in London know of our Deacon Brodie and he may be invited to a special showing of the film and perhaps meet "Deacon Connolly".

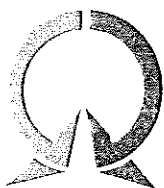
\*Those with crossword skills may note that Hamish's company name is the first three letters of his two names spelled backwards. "Someone else got it the right way round before me", he explains.

## COMMONWEAL'S £30,000

A total of 43 awards were made at the Spring meeting of the Commonweal Fund Committee totalling almost £30,000.

Awards ranged from £3500 to help the Citizens' Theatre upgrade facilities; £2020 to Radio Lollipop and £2000 to Seaborn Enterprises to £150 to Conseil International Du Batiment towards the cost of a building education conference in Glasgow.

Community groups in areas such as Govan, Pollok, Royston, Townhead, Possilpark and Drumchapel received support as did ten organisations taking young and disabled people on holidays.



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## VIEW FROM THE PLATFORM PARTICIPATION IS WORTHWHILE

I write this during a temporary lull in Trades House activity following a flurry of events in May and June which included the Trades House Tea Party, a Party for children who attended the Children's Classic Concerts, Sir Alistair Morton's Trades House Lecture, the School and College Craft Competitions and Exhibitions and the Lord Provost's Procession. I am grateful to the many members who worked hard to ensure the success of these events and so further enhanced the reputation of the House.

Many Trades House events are now annual events. Members should enter the 1997 New Year's Day Concert in their diaries now and make a note to look out for the other annual events.

During the past year we have tried to introduce more children and young adults to the work of the House and

to maximise the care we give to our friends, the pensioners. I believe that the increased activity of the House in recent years has made many more people aware that membership of our Crafts equates with participation in something that is tremendously worthwhile.

It has been a great privilege and a very rewarding experience to serve the House as Deacon Convener. I am indebted to very many friends for their help, encouragement and loyal support. I acknowledge especially my indebtedness to the Collector of the House and the other members of the Platform, to this year's Deacons and Visitor, to Gordon Wyllie and the Trades House Office Staff and to Denis Findlay and the Hall Staff.

MORTON FYFE, Deacon Convener

The solemnity of the House Meetings and the grandeur of the Deacon Convener's Dinner on 11th October, 1995 hardly seems ten months ago.

A perusal of the Collector's Diary reminds one of a busy, eventful and happy period and a foretaste of a challenging two years to come.

The variety of the activities of the House, the meetings of the Platform, the management and disbursement of the various charitable funds, involvement with the Pensioners Committee and the arrangements for and provision of the Friends Tea Party in the Trades Hall which was attended by over 200 friends and House members enjoying a tempting spread with entertainment by members of the Scottish Fiddle Orchestra, the preparation for the School and Craft Competitions, the Let Glasgow Flourish Awards, the planning for the

Trades House New Year's Day Concert and many other ongoing events demonstrate that the House takes an increasing involvement in the wellbeing of our Members, Friends and City.

It has been rewarding to attend functions and sporting outings of the Crafts which give our members an interest and involvement in our activities and opportunities to promote the Trades House.

I have also enjoyed renewing old and making new friendships with the Worshipful Company of Gunmakers and Worshipful Company of Gardeners of London, promoting the work of our House there and ensuring that the Trades House of Glasgow is publicised outwith the City of Glasgow.

IAN J SCOTT, Collector

Having been a fairly passive member of the House for some time, I really had my eyes opened on becoming Collector of the House both in appreciating the full extent of the activities of the House and in seeing the Deacon Convener's timetable spread out on a monthly basis covering an amazing number and variety of engagements.

It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to be Collector and Late Collector of the House and if I am elected to be Deacon Convener later this year I can assure all members of the House that I shall carry out the required duties to the best of my ability and hopefully to the satisfaction of the members.

It would be unwise indeed to contemplate radical changes when the work of the House is progressing so well. Both the School Craft project and the College Craft Work Competition and Exhibition continue to grow in size and stature taking us back to the roots of the House in the Trades which can be found in the city.

One particular new highlight of last year was our support of the Children's Classic Concerts. These last for an hour on a Saturday and if you have children and have not attended the Concerts so far I would certainly encourage you to do so.

I have never seen so many happy faces.

So what lies ahead in the next twelve months? There is the ongoing work of the House in managing and using the funds in our care, which we have in effect inherited by the generosity of those before us, to assist our friends of the House in whatever way we can, both financially and practically.

I look forward with excitement to the completion of the phased work of improvement and renewal at the Trades Hall, particularly in the interesting plans for the upstairs areas and the encouragement of more visitors. With this in mind I hope that more members will become Guides to explain to visitors and guests the history and many facets of this wonderful building. If you feel that you would like to assist in any way the House Office and I would be delighted to hear from you.

With so much in which to be involved I see the year ahead as one of consolidation of the work which has already begun and of planning for our future wellbeing. At the same time, I see the House's principal activity as one of servicing, caring and looking after those who are in need of our support and encouragement.

DAVID WATSON, Late Collector

## INTO 1997... AND IT ALL ADDS UP

The Deacon Convener elect, David Watson, was Deacon of the Tailors in 1981-82. He is also a member of the Gardeners and the Bonnetmakers and Dyers.

David, a chartered accountant, is senior partner in the Glasgow and Lockerbie firm of Gillespie & Anderson C.A. He is also a director of Fraser Insurance Services Ltd. Born and educated in Glasgow, David and his wife Sheena live in Bishopbriggs. Their two sons are also C.A.s and David is delighted that they both decided to get married before his impending year of office!



David Watson



J Allan Denholm

## THE PLATFORM OF THE HOUSE

During 1996-97 the new Deacon Convener will preside over the affairs of the House along with the other three members of the Platform. These will be: \*James Allan Denholm, the Collector elect of the House. Also a Chartered Accountant, he is a Director and Company Secretary of William Grant & Sons Ltd. (Distillers); Deputy Chairman of Scottish Mutual and a director of Abbey National plc and Abbey National Life plc. He was Chairman of East Kilbride Development Corporation

1983-95 and President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland 1992-93.

Allan was Visitor of the Maltmen in 1980-81 and President of the Association of Deacons 1994-95. He was awarded the CBE in 1992 and lives with his wife Avril in Bearsden.

\*Ian Scott - the present Collector, also a CA.

\*W Morton Fyfe - the present Deacon Convener

The ongoing work of the House will also be assisted by the new Deacons, Visitor and Collectors of the 14 Incorporations.

## DINNER SPEAKERS

Guest speakers at this year's Deacon Convener's Dinner on 9 October will be Dr Will Storrar of the Department of Divinity, Kings College, Aberdeen, who will propose the toast to the City of Glasgow, and Alastair Hamilton, a former partner in McGrigor Donald, solicitors, who will propose the Toast to the Trades House of Glasgow.

## EUROTUNNEL CHAIRMAN URGES INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE



Deacon Convener Morton Fyfe presents a Trades House plate to Sir Alastair Morton

This year's Trades House lecture was given by Sir Alastair Morton, co-chairman of Eurotunnel, who took as his theme "Infrastructure Investment - In people Too". Appropriately the lecture, to a packed audience, was given at the University of Strathclyde as part of its 200th anniversary celebrations.

No stranger to Glasgow (in 1976 he was the first managing director of the British National Oil Corporation) Sir Alastair noted that in North Sea oil and the Channel Tunnel he has twice been involved in a world scale task in "financing and operating massive elements of our national infrastructure."

"I have learned," he said, "that investment in people as the infrastructure of success is as important as the imperative need to invest continuously in our physical infrastructure."

"We ignore our infrastructure at our peril," he added, "Infrastructure investment needs a living, ongoing, consistent plan. Within it we must assess and reassess the services our society needs and keep an eye on what is restricting, rightly or not, the provision of private choices of service. Keep thinking, keep flexing, keep updating - but keep investing."

Sir Alastair concluded: "Since the future will not go away and let us be - let us go towards it, embrace it and shape it to our preferences."



## DEACONS GATHER FOR GORDON

It was a unique event in Edinburgh's Merchant Hall when the majority of the Deacons of the Incorporated Trades of both Glasgow and Edinburgh met "en masse" for what is generally thought to be the first time in living memory. The occasion was the installation of Gordon Wyllie (better known as Clerk to the Trades House) as Deacon of the Incorporation of Hammermen of Edinburgh.

Gordon is pictured here with the Deacon Conveners, Edinburgh's Deputy Lord Provost, Lyon Clerk, "combined" Deacons and his top table guests.



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million to provide them with laptop computers which means that they can virtually take their office to the customer's premises.

According to Eric Gunn, Clydesdale's Manager, Business Marketing: "We have always been sensitive to the needs of business customers. We have a firm commitment to business banking and to strengthening our ties with the business community. The provision of laptop computers will assist our Business Banking Managers in tailoring solutions for the business customer. That's what the Clydesdale and its Business Banking Managers are all about."



## SPORTS NEWS

### CURLING

Those spectators who attended at the Summit at the end of last season to watch the final between the Coopers and the Bakers were privileged to watch not only an exciting and skilful game of curling, but also an historic event.

Since it was first presented in 1929, the famous trophy - the cigar box - has graced the top table of many crafts, but never the Coopers, so there was an air of extra anticipation as the Coopers' team was led out by their skip Alan McKenzie to face the might of the Bakers skipped by Willie Brown. There was no question however of the Coopers being overawed by the opposition as they promptly took a four at the first end, and never looked back. The Bakers fought back manfully, and a steal of one at the penultimate end set up a thrilling last end with the gap only two stones. It is fair to say that in the last end there was not a single stray stone played by the Coopers and play as they might the Bakers had to concede a single shot and the Coopers won a memorable victory 8 shots to 5.

Since the Deacon convenor was away on Trades House business elsewhere, the trophy was kindly and graciously presented by the Lady Convenor - Mrs Elizabeth Fyfe.

As a footnote, it must be said that the cigar box is in need of a certain amount of specialist repair, and the engraving requires to be brought up to date. An expenditure of over £300 is anticipated for this purpose. When this fact was drawn to the attention of Deacon Duncan Cunningham, the Coopers' Second, he lost no time in bringing this fact to the notice of the Coopers Master Court who have very kindly agreed to cover this expenditure, and the curlers and members of Trades House thank them for their outstanding and unstinting generosity. Ice has been applied for at the Summit to run a similar knock-out competition for season 1998-97 and this has been done on behalf of all the

crafts. Would all Conveners please note that a team will be expected of them later in the year and I will be in touch with them once I know dates and times to keep them informed. Michael Burton, Curling Convener (0141 959 7373 daytime; 0141 638 2819 evening).

### ANGLING

The annual Trades House competition will be held on the Lake of Menteith on Saturday 14 September. The prize giving with high tea will be at the Rob Roy Motel, Aberfoyle. Craftsman new to angling will be most welcome and if you do not know your craft angling convener then contact the House Angling Convener Murray Blair 0141 638 0155.

### BOWLING

The centenary Trades House Bowling Trophy was competed for at Giffnock Bowling Club in June.

Winners were the Barbers who ended a long wait having last won in 1935. The Tailors were runners up but all 32 sportsmen representing eight crafts were winners as they all received a commemorative centenary plaque courtesy of the House.

Further information from House Bowling Convener, Stewart Cobb (0141 638 8472).

### GOLF

The Trades House Golf Shield, competed for in May over Glasgow Gailes, has been won by the Hammermen (David Richmond and Daniel Stirrat); runners up were the Fishers (Rory Duff and Alasdair MacDougall).

The Deacons' Association Prize went to the Gardeners' pairing of Sandy Martin and George Jackson.

The David Borland Golf Trophy will be contested over Glasgow Gailes on 24 September. Green fees are £30.

More details from your Craft golf convener or House Golf Convener, Walter Mennie (0141 942 9299).

## KEEP IN TOUCH

There have been a few changes in contacts for the Incorporations. Please make a note of the following:

**TAILORS** - New address: 229 Fenwick Road, Glasgow G46 7JQ. Tel: 0141 638 7474. Clerk: Hamish L Reid.  
**WRIGHTS** - New address: 98 West George St, Glasgow G2 1PJ. Tel: 0141 333 1674. Clerk: John F Lindsay.

**CORDIENERS** - New Clerk: Neil J Mackenzie, 3rd Floor, 36 North Hanover St, Glasgow G1 2AD. Tel: 0141 552 3422.  
**WEAVERS** - New Clerk: David J Paul, Robertson Paul, 95 Bothwell St, Glasgow G2 7HJ. Tel: 0141 204 1231.

Further information on the items in this issue of the "Craftsman" and other Trades House functions can be obtained from:

**THE TRADES HOUSE OF GLASGOW**, 310 ST VINCENT STREET, GLASGOW G2 5QH. Tel: 0141 228 8000. Fax: 0141 228 8310.

(Items for the newsletter can also be sent to this address or direct to the editor, Bob Colquhoun, 33 Greenlaw Avenue, Paisley PA1 3RE. Tel/Fax: 0141 889 6708).

## CRAFT ANNUAL MEETINGS

The 14 craft incorporations will meet in Trades Hall on Friday, 20 September to elect their office bearers for 1998/97. The appointments to be tabled are:

<b>HAMMERMEN</b>	Deacon: Robin M Brown	Collector: Henry T Mitchell
<b>TAILORS</b>	Deacon: Alex Peterson	Collector: Cyril Gore
<b>CORDIENERS</b>	Deacon: Dr Alastair J Doward	Collector:
<b>MALTMEN</b>	Visitor: William PJ Dunn	Collector: Ian O'Connor
<b>WEAVERS</b>	Deacon: Hamish C Brodie	Collector: A Marjanjehanks
<b>BAKERS</b>	Deacon: AH Kulasingha	Collector: to be appointed
<b>SKINNERS</b>	Deacon: William A Nelan	Collector: Donald W Hutchison
<b>WRIGHTS</b>	Deacon: George B Horspool	Collector: James Gunn
<b>COOPERS</b>	Deacon: Ian O Elliot	Collector: Graham Goodridge-Cox
<b>FLESHERS</b>	Deacon: John Hay	Collector: Alasdair MacDougall
<b>MASONS</b>	Deacon: William H Anderson	Collector: John R Steele
<b>GARDENERS</b>	Deacon: Iain MacGregor	Collector: to be appointed
<b>BARBERS</b>	Deacon: G Rutherford MacFarlane	Collector: Peter M Kyle
<b>BONNETMAKERS</b>	Deacon: Robert McPhail	Collector: John Flynn

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20 September - Annual meetings for the Incorporations. 21 & 22 September - Trades Hall open to the public. 9 October - House meeting and Deacon Convenor's Dinner. 1 January - Glasgow Greetings Vienna Concert.

The main 1996/97 Craft Dinners are as follows:

<b>HAMMERMEN</b>	14 November
<b>TAILORS</b>	8 November
<b>CORDIENERS</b>	10 January
<b>MALTMEN</b>	18 November
<b>WEAVERS</b>	28 October
<b>BAKERS</b>	22 October
<b>SKINNERS</b>	14 February
<b>WRIGHTS</b>	2 October
<b>COOPERS</b>	7 March
<b>FLESHERS</b>	13 December
<b>MASONS</b>	20 September
<b>GARDENERS</b>	18 October
<b>BARBERS</b>	31 January
<b>BONNETMAKERS</b>	25 October

### GRAND ANTIQUITY SOCIETY

Directors' Dinner	29 November
Summer Ball	6 June

## CRAFT NEWS

### SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY

Strathclyde University found an unusual way to thank the Weavers for supporting a student from Malawi University on a year's studies in Glasgow by presenting all the members of the master court with "mini" shuttles.

Deacon Stewart Couper received the shuttles from student James Milne, who made them, and Professor Alan McGown, CBE.

Deacon Couper was back at Strathclyde University to present the annual Weavers' prize in the field of chemistry and the development of man-made fibres. He is pictured here with the winners, Alisa Graham and Patricia Rogan.



### BEAUTIFUL BARRELS

The Coopers have sponsored the Biennial Apprentice Competition of the National Cooperage Federation. First prize of £500 was won by James Newlands and the second of £250 by Colin Fraser. Both are apprentices at the Speyside Cooperage and both have now been admitted as members of the Incorporation.

Deacon Duncan Cunningham is pictured here at the competition judging with Mr D Wood and Mr J Cross of the National Cooperage Federation.



### TRAVELLING SKINNER

The travel scholarship awarded by the Incorporation of Skinners has been won this year by Miss Helen Cochran, a student at Glasgow College of Building and Printing.

She is using the award to study Celtic Fine Book Binding in Dublin and will give a written report on her trip to the Skinners' Master Court.

The Skinners also fund a prize for bookbinding at the College and a prize for leatherwork at Glasgow School of Art.

### DR. GEORGE LAIRD

We are sorry to report the death in London of Dr George Laird, who was admitted to the Incorporation of Weavers in 1935.

Although Glasgow born and educated he spent most of his life ministering to the people of the East End of London from the War time blitz onwards.

After the War he served on hospital ships repatriating Japanese prisoners of war and later was the officer in charge in Hamburg assessing the medical suitability of German Generals and Admirals to stand trial.

### SPIRITED CHAIN GANG?

This year's chain gang and their ladies really got into the spirit of things thanks to Deacon Richard Hunter of the Hammermen. Richard hosted a visit to Glengoyne Distillery, which also included dinner within the distillery itself, on behalf of the Hammermen as the craft's way of reciprocating all the excellent hospitality received from other crafts.

The guests are pictured here in the Glengoyne still room. P.S. There is no truth in the rumour that Deacon Sandy Martin of the Gardeners hosted his guests to "T" In The Park!



### A FOOT IN BOTH CAMPS?

Well dressed with his feet firmly planted in the ground could describe Deacon elect of the Gardeners, Iain MacGregor. When he leads the Gardeners' visitation to the Tailors in November, as an ex-Deacon of the Tailors we hope that he is in good voice!

### STITCH AND WELD

Other Incorporations are also continuing their craft support with the Tailors providing over £1000 in prizes to students of tailoring, clothing technology and fashion at Anniesland, Cardonald and North Glasgow Colleges.

The Hammermen are also continuing with their Prince Philip Prizes, an engineering award in conjunction with Scottish Engineering and support for the Young Engineer for Britain Industrial Section Scottish Final.

### CHARITY SUPPORT

The Incorporations continue with their support for charitable organisations and for their pensioners.

Worth noting are £10,450 provided by the Weavers to 12 deserving causes and £8,350 donated by the Maltmen to 19 recipients. The Wrights have also utilised £8,790 of their funds in support of their pensioners and a further £1,688 in charitable donations.

### GREEN GENEROSITY

The Gardeners have followed up their support to the R.N.I.B. in providing a greenhouse at their centre in Bishopbriggs with a donation of £1000 to the Lauriston Day Nursery in the Gorbals and sponsorship of a lecture in June arranged by Friends of the Botanic Gardens.