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CHALLENGE FOR HOPE AND HEALTH

The Commonweal Fund Committee and the Drapers' Fund, managed by Ex Deacon of the Wrights Lindsay Gillespie, have joined together to donate £25,000 each to the Yorkhill NHS Trust and issue a challenge.

The Trades House challenge was that the £50,000 would only be forthcoming if the Trust could match or better that sum to purchase a specific item of equipment. The result was the purchase of a badly needed new Ultrasound machine for use within the Radiology Department.

A number of machines have been tested and an order placed for a state of the art machine, this will have better picture quality and wider applications than the current machine which was bought 10 years ago. The machine is one of the most frequently used pieces of equipment within the hospital as it is the starting point for most investigations.

Deacon Convener Ian MacConnacher said: "The doctors and nursing staff are delighted to receive the up to date item of medical equipment and the Trades House is pleased to maximise this donation for the good of children requiring treatment at Yorkhill."



The Trades House cheques are handed over (l to r) Dr Sanjay Maroo, Radiology Department; Lindsay Gillespie, Jonathan Best, Yorkhill NHS Trust Chief Executive and Deacon Convener Ian MacConnacher

A GUILDRY FIRST FOR GLASGOW

To mark the new millennium what is believed to be the very first Scottish Guildry Conference in the past 500 years was held in the Trades Hall in June.

Hosted by the Trades House with a Civic Reception held in the City Chambers at the invitation of Lord Provost Alex Mosson, the conference brought together almost 100 delegates nationwide from guild and craft bodies, many of whom, like our own Incorporations, can trace their origins to the 15th century and beyond.

Deacon Convener Ian MacConnacher commented after the event: "I was delighted that so many historic bodies were represented, perhaps we may have encouraged others to consider a further conference in some other venue on a regular basis

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The delegates gather in the Saloon



Down to business under the chairmanship of Ian MacConnacher

AWARD FOR SCHOOL CARE AT HOME AND ABROAD

The inaugural Trades House Millennium Award has gone to Holy Cross Primary in Govanhill. The award was made in recognition of the city school which in the last year has done most to contribute to the life of its local community.

In all 38 submissions for the Award were received from city schools for detailed consideration by the 10 member judging panel, representative of business and local authority organisations in the city.

In particular the judges were impressed by Holy Cross Primary's participation in and initiation of community events including ongoing work to help elderly dementia sufferers at the Dixon Centre in Cathcart Road and the school's own millennium project. This involved adopting an orphanage in Bolivia where pupils sent out Christmas presents and establishing pen-pal links; involving parents and teachers in raising funds for bedding and, through suppliers donations to the local health centre, providing a variety of medicines.

The plaque proclaiming the winning of the Trades House Millennium Award was presented to the school in the presence of the 380 assembled Holy Cross pupils and representatives from many Govanhill community groups by Deacon Convener Ian MacConnacher, the Deacon Convener of the Glasgow Trades.

Following an article on the Trades House Award by Elizabeth Buie, the Herald education correspondent, on 20 June, Scottish Television produced a short programme on their Community Spot after the 1.00 pm news on 3 July. This featured Deacon Convener MacConnacher appearing with the children and staff of Holy Cross Primary and a full screen showing of the Award plaque. This was the first TV programme to feature the work of the Trades House in the last six or seven years and we hope that there will be more.

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Deacon Convener MacConnacher explains the origins of the House and the Crafts to some Holy Cross youngsters.



Holy Cross pupils show their appreciation at receiving the Trades House Award plaque.

GLASGOW CRAFT SKILLS ALIVE AND WELL

"Craft work being produced in Glasgow is as good as it has ever been," asserted Deacon Convener Ian MacConnacher at the prize giving ceremony for CraftEx 2000.

"Let no one ever say that Glasgow no longer has the craft skills which the city once had," he said. "For the lie is here for everyone to see tonight. Each year standards seem to get better and better and the proud desire of students to display their work is reflected in the popularity of the CraftEx exhibition."

CraftEx 2000 co-ordinator Cyril Gore added: "We are proud of the students at the nine Glasgow colleges taking part. It is hard to credit that the pains-taking work and innovation displayed here is simply a result of their normal standard course work."

From an entry of 800 craft items in 20 different categories the winner of the Deacon Convener's gold medal for best overall entry was John Stewart, a 55-year-old student at North Glasgow College who at the end of his three year course had produced a magnificent free-standing clock with a stained glass face in a hand-carved wooden frame. Previously unemployed, John now intends to become self-employed in stained glass production and lecture on the subject at college.

The Deacon Convener praised the "courage" of the judges, Bob Giles, Head of Training UK at the Ministry of Defence and his wife Diane, in making such difficult decisions on the winning entries. He also praised "the unstinting efforts and inspired leadership" of Ian Miller, Principal of North Glasgow College in

bringing together the college entries.

This year the winning entries in CraftEx went on display at the National Skills Show at the NEC in Birmingham to be seen by 50,000 visitors. They will also be on display at Scotland Street School Museum for three months starting in October.

Deacon Convener Ian MacConnacher congratulates gold medal winner John Stewart



Judges Bob Giles and Diane Giles get down to some serious decision making



SPONSORS MAKE IT POSSIBLE

Once again CraftEx was only possible with the support of numerous sponsors who have been praised by Deacon Convener Ian MacConnacher



Thank you to Simon Brennan of Tilney Investment Management sponsors of the Gardening and Landscaping category



Well done Ron Pumphrey of Melville Beck who provided the exhibition stands free from their wide range of display equipment. Not all sponsorship need be in cash



Looking at innovations is Graham Russell, Engineering Director of First Glasgow buses who sponsor the Craft Mechanical Engineering category. In the true spirit of CraftEx, First Glasgow has taken on last year's category winner as a craft engineering apprentice

The full list of sponsors is: Millers Creativity Shop, Belhaven Breweries, Bass, Thomas Tunnock Ltd., J Chandler & Co (Buckfast) Ltd., The Merchants House of Glasgow, The Weavers Society of Anderston, The Robertson Trust, Bass Leisure, First Glasgow, Stewart Electronics, D C Thomson (Sunday Post), Saltire Engineering, Northside Engineering, Scottish & Newcastle, Tilney Investment Management, William Duncan & Co, Melville Beck Exhibitions and the 14 Trade Incorporations of the City of Glasgow.

If you would like details of how to be a CraftEx sponsor contact Annette Wright at the Trades House Office (0141 228 8076).

"I DON'T BELIEVE IT - A LECTURE"

Actor and former rector of Glasgow University, Richard Wilson, was the latest in a distinguished list of business and arts personalities to give the annual Trades House University Lecture.

Speaking to a packed audience in the Bute Hall at Glasgow University Victor, sorry Richard, spoke on "New Writing in the Theatre: Who Pays?". As well as referring to his direction of the new play 'Mr Kolpert' at the Royal Court Theatre and the tendency for new plays to be under-funded, he stressed the importance of new works to society and the need for new writing to chronicle the times in which we live. This sort of writing lasts longer and documents the present better than television documentaries.

Introducing the lecture, University Principal Professor Sir Graeme Davies spoke of how much the city's universities value their association with the Trades House.

Chairing the event, Deacon Convener Ian MacConnacher spoke of the House's commitment to further education in the city's universities and colleges, not just through events such as the annual lectures but in supporting ventures such as the 1987 University expedition to Papua New Guinea to find and conserve rare orchids which were so appreciated by millions of visitors to the 1988 Glasgow Garden Festival.



A lighter moment in Richard Wilson's lecture is appreciated by Sir Graeme and the Deacon Convener



Richard Wilson accepts a Trades House plate from Deacon Convener Ian MacConnacher

HILLPARK TAKES TOP SCHOOLS' PRIZE

Both Trades House of Glasgow Grand Prix Awards for the best item of craft work produced in Higher and Standard Grade by a pupil at a Glasgow Secondary School have been won by students at Hillpark Secondary in Cairngorm Road, Mansewood.

Pictured right are Scott Jarvie whose innovative design in plastic won the Higher Grade award and Frank Mann with his more traditional Standard Grade work in metal and wood.

The main category winners were:

HIGHER GRADE: Metalwork: Craig Hughan (St Mungo's Academy) Woodwork: Martin Bans (Hillhead High) Plastic: Scott Jarvie (Hillpark Secondary) Portfolio (Graphic Communication): Jack Kavanagh (Holyrood Secondary).

INTERMEDIATE GRADE: Woodwork: John Gibson (St Roch's Secondary).

STANDARD GRADE: Metalwork: Frank Mann (Hillpark



St Joan of Arc School's winning entry

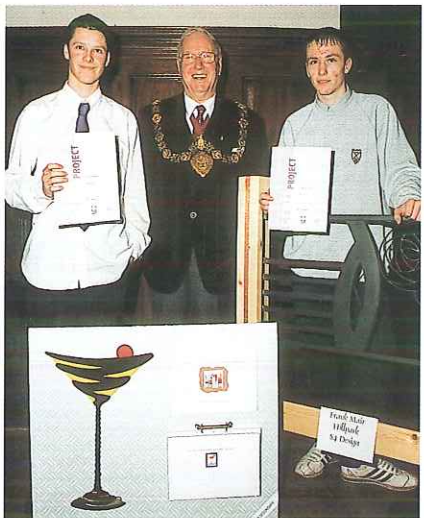
GRAND ANTIQUITY HELPS HALL

The newly elected Preses of the Grand Antiquity Society Gordon Wyllie, kicked off his millennium term with a Preses Fundraising party which resulted in over £4000 being contributed towards the Trades Hall Trust Refurbishment Appeal. Highlights of the evening included an auction conducted by Late Convener Allan Denholm, whose son Keith is a new Director of the Society along with Alison Dick, and the performance to period music of a number of dances dating back to the times when most of the Incorporations first came into being.

Preses Wyllie, along with the former Preses John Park, his wife Evie, new Clerk Pamela Mercer and Mrs Carole Nelson from the House Office attended the Birthday Parade for one of the Society's Patrons, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, whose reception in St. James Palace the new Preses later attended.

Secondary); Woodwork: Stephane Day (Whitehill Secondary); Technology: Steven Turkington (Hyndland Secondary) Portfolio: Erica J Lacey (Shawlands Academy). And pictured with the Deacon Convener's Merit Award are the pupils from St Joan of Arc School.

In all 50 awards to 17 schools totalling over £1000 were made.



HISTORY IN THE HALL

The Trades Hall is a partner of the BBC History 2000 Community Archives Project. Members of the Trades House, the Crafts and the public are invited to contribute material to the project via the new computer at the Hall. This may take the form of text and/or photographs of historic interest together with some descriptive wording. This may be included by the BBC in their BBC History 2000 series which is to be shown on television to coincide with the History of Britain programmes.

You can either make an appointment to call in at the Trades Hall by telephoning the duty hallkeeper on 0141 552 2418 and input your details directly on to the computer or send them to Carole Nelson at the Hall Trust's office at 310 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5QR, telephone 0141 228 8000.

VIEW FROM THE PLATFORM – The change of the Century

We are now well into the millennium but with no earth shattering happenings.

The Trades House continues to work as it always has done over the centuries to meet the challenges brought about by political and social changes to occupations and lifestyles.

As the last Deacon Convener of the Twentieth Century and the first in the Twenty First, it is gratifying to note that the Trades House is still committed to the ideal set by our predecessors of long ago.

We continue to take care of those who need our help, both financially and socially, we continue to encourage the education and training of the young citizens of Glasgow by sponsorship of students to College and University.

We enter the millennium by increasing our efforts to improve our existing awards schemes, such as the School Craft Award, the College Craft Competition and Exhibition, CraftEx, which have proved very popular with the school pupils and college students.

We have added the Millennium School Award for Schools and Communities working together, won for the first time by Holy Cross Primary School and which we are confident will become equally popular.

Add to these the individual sponsorships by the Trades House to the RSAMD and the Glasgow School of Art and the individual Awards of the fourteen Incorporated Crafts to the Colleges and Universities of the City and you begin to realise that the Trades House is no longer "The best kept secret in Glasgow". The Trades House in moving with the times, is spreading its work among the younger generation throughout the Schools, Colleges and Universities, while still looking after those who need our help.

As Deacon Convener representing the Trades House at official functions and as a representative of the City at innumerable conferences, I am well aware of the

increasing impact of the Trades House on the many organisations and individuals throughout Glasgow and beyond.

With the fourteen Incorporations meeting their own particular challenges presented by the new era, I am confident that the Trades House will continue for many centuries to come to meet the demands of a rapidly changing society.

I am pleased and proud to have led this "Change of the Century".

Ian MacConnacher
Deacon Convener

There can be little doubt that as any man approaches the day when he becomes the Deacon Convener of the Trades House of Glasgow his mind becomes focused on the year ahead. No doubt the potential and actual responsibilities have never been too far from his waking thoughts since the day he became Collector of the House.

Each one who fills the post will depend on the staff to keep him on the straight and narrow to ensure that the post is in not way demeaned. At the same time each D.C. will have his own ideas as to how the institution can be improved to the benefit of all. Hopefully my contribution will live up to the expectations of my illustrious predecessors.

If there is one thing that does concern me it is that we must still continue with our efforts to make the citizens of our great city aware of the huge amount of benefit our Crafts have been to those who are supported by the House whether they be young persons setting out with youthful enthusiasm at the start of their career or individuals who require the contact of the House to re-inforce their lives – very often as a result of a short visit by the representative of an Incorporation.

Those of us who are deeply involved in House affairs

are well aware of the benefits of being a member of an Incorporation and regularly enjoy the social camaraderie of events at the Trades Hall. Knowing how pleasant this good fellowship can be I believe that it is incumbent upon every member to "spread the word" and to endeavour to invite new members into our circle. Could I issue this challenge? – that every member of every Incorporation makes a little return to the Trades House of Glasgow by endeavouring in this next year to find at least three new members for his own Craft? Even more importantly I would ask all who do introduce a new member to ensure that that person becomes "actively" new and not just a member!!

Roy Scott
Late Collector

I am often asked 'How are you enjoying your year as Collector? One might be tempted to give the flippant if bacchanalian response that, when one has dined out for some months at the expense of others one is bound to enjoy himself.

Such a reply, aside from being ungracious, gives no hint, however, of the wonderful plethora of experiences which being a member of the Platform embraces. These have included the grand set pieces as well as the small informal occasions in the arrangements for which the House excels. At all of these, however, the sense of welcome and fellowship for which the Incorporations are rightly renowned is to the fore.

Charlotte and I have become acquainted with many fine people during our term the friendships with whom will go on into the future. So, to answer the question posed in my first sentence I have enjoyed my year as Collector to the full and can only hope that, in so doing, I have been of some service to the House.

George Horspool
Collector

GETTING TO KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU

The theme of the Trades House organised Scottish Guildry Conference in June was very much "getting to know you" with organisations being given the opportunity to tell the others about their origins, history and present day activities.

Deacon Convener MacConnacher said: "The amount of charitable and other good work which we do is often unknown to our own townsfolk. With the difficulty we have in attracting new, especially young, members to keep the work of the crafts alive and to grow in strength instead of dwindling we have to work closely with other bodies such as the city council. Recognition of our work by such bodies may be a way of encouraging young people into membership."

To give an idea of the range of bodies and views represented here are a few brief notes:-

Incorporation of Websters of Edinburgh:- date back to 1475 and are exclusively female in membership, members come from the trade but now seeking new members from those in the weaving, spinning and dyeing industries and new technology in the textile trade.

Seven Incorporated Trades of Aberdeen:- 413 years since election of first Deacon Convener; in 1631 established a hospital; 173 members; all craft entry is by invitation; Hammermen, Wrights and Coopers remain exclusive to trade membership. **Ayr Guildry:-** established in 1325; played an active part in the life of the town until 1974 when with local government reorganisation the last Dean of Guild court sat; 160 members; determined not to let heritage die.

Edinburgh Trades:- 12 Incorporated Trades; all active except the Bonnetmakers; Trades Hospital was established in 1707 to help underprivileged young women; maintain a small museum of trade memorabilia.

Elgin Trades:- earliest mention of the six Trades in 1234; membership still restricted to those working in the trades or their male relatives but would like to see this changed; 46 members; wear aprons and ride the marches every two years.

Nine Incorporated Trades of Dundee:- proud of the 18th Century Trades Kirk of St Andrew's; Incorporations are a mixture of closed and open and as a consequence the Glovers have only seven members while the Bonnetmakers have 500.

Irvine Incorporated Trades:- 350 members; involved in community activities such as a gala day and burgh ball and in civic affairs such as anti litter and hospital closure campaigns; have their own internet web site; hope to acquire their own premises.

Hall Six Incorporated Trades of Kirkcudbright:- received first charter in 1466; commissioned a privateer during the Napoleonic Wars; compete for Britain's oldest sporting trophy, the silver gun.

Skinner's Incorporation of Stirling:- 80 members; the only one of seven Crafts dating back to the 12th century still in existence; hope to resurrect some of the other Trades; would like closer links with other Skinner's Incorporations.

Guildry of Lanark:- formed in 1469; were the custodians of weights and measures in Scotland; 174 members promote the history of the Royal Burgh; involved in keeping alive the Lanark Silver Bell, the oldest racing trophy in Europe.

Summing up the day, Deacon Convener Ian MacConnacher said: "There is a general plea for us all to work together especially in introducing new members for us all to grow in strength. Perhaps the guilds of Scotland could work as a unit through a steering group. There is no questioning our enthusiasm and the enormous force for good which we have and are not using. Like Crafts could help like Crafts; if we tell each other what the problems are and we can see if there are solutions.

"Our history cannot be lost in the future if we continue to help those less fortunate, and as the Irvine Trades have demonstrated, helping others can be fun for all involved."

The proceedings of the Conference will shortly be published by the Trades House. Enquiries to Gordon Wyllie at the House office.



Deacon Alasdair Macrae says that the Masons are looking to increase their membership by encouraging people from the new technologies into the craft



Collector Adrian J Laird Craig explains why the Maltmen have a visitor when the rest of the Glasgow Incorporations have Deacons



Dick Allen of the Society of High Constables of Edinburgh says that they were formed in 1611 to keep the king's peace in the city and now carry out charitable work and ceremonial duties



Lord Dean of Guild James Laird tells the audience that the Merchants House of Glasgow was founded in 1605 with a membership of 1560 from a city population of 5400. They now have 1200 members and funds of £6m.

INTO 2001 HEALTHY AND WELL READ

Leading the House through a busy 2001 will be Roy Scott, who has had a long and distinguished career in medicine and writing. A retired Consultant Urologist at Glasgow Royal Infirmary, he has been Hon Senior Clinical Lecturer University of Glasgow and Hon Lecturer University of Strathclyde as well as an examiner at both the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Glasgow and the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh. A former Chairman of North Lanarkshire Justice of the Peace and Deputy Lieutenant County of Dunbartonshire he is also a serving brother of the Order of St John. Married to Janette he has a son and two daughters.

Roy's many interests have led him to author, co-author and contribute to several books. He co-edited the Manual for Justice of the Peace and the 6th and 7th editions of the First Aid

Manual and has had over 100 scientific articles published. His other interests include music, Burns, reading, gardening, fishing and boating. Deacon of the Tailors 1994/95; he is a member of the Wrights, the Bonnetmakers and was Drapers' Fund Manager in 1997/98.

During his year Roy will be assisted by the rest of the Platform of the House which will consist of the current Deacon Convener Ian MacConnacher, Collector George Horspool and Collector-elect W Stewart Wright. Stewart is a Quantity Surveyor and has been a building contractor/property developer since 1969. A Paisley man who now lives in Whitecraigs he is married to Jeanette and they have a son and a daughter. Late Deacon of the Cordiners he was also Deacon in 1993/94 and is a member of the Wrights.



Picture: Roy Scott



Delegates listen and learn

CRAFT NEWS

CRAFTSMAN HONOURED

Th Honorary Degree of Doctor of Engineering has been conferred by the University of Glasgow on David G.M. Watson, a member of the Incorporation of Hammermen, to mark his distinguished career as a naval architect.

Mr Watson was Chief Naval Architect with Alexander Stephen & Sons and subsequently Project Design Manager with Upper Clyde Shipbuilders before joining Glasgow naval architectural consultant YARD. He has had several award winning papers published and in 1998 wrote the textbook "Practical Ship Design".

LONG SERVICE ENDS

With the retirement of George Snowden as Clerk to the Incorporation of Masons a connection with a Glasgow legal firm dating back to 1818 has ended. Originally called George Young a series of amalgamations subsequently resulted in the firm being called Dickson Haddow.

George Snowden served 22 years as Clerk and was only the 18th consecutively serving Clerk of the Masons since 1615. He will continue to serve as Assistant Clerk and is succeeded as Clerk by W Alasdair Fleming a partner in Morison Bishop.

HOMESPUN BANNER

The Tailors' millennium banner which depicts the history of Glasgow and the Trades House over the past 500 years went on display at the People's Palace in June. It was also a feature of CraftEx 2000.

Designed by Clare Higney and produced by a dedicated team of embroiderers, it is seen here being inspected by Trades Hall housekeeper Rose Brewer. Rose, the wife of assistant hall keeper Alex Brewer, was one of those who gave time to work on the banner and in particular helped sew the section on the Fleshers.



IN BRIEF

The HAMMERMEN have donated £1000 each to the Erskine 2000 Appeal, the National Trust for Scotland for metalwork at Kitchside and Clyde Maritime Trust to help acquire a former Renfrew Ferry; the WRIGHTS have provided £2600 for joinery and glazing awards and £4600 in charity donations and in support of their pensioner beneficiaries; the CORDINERS have made donations of over £13,000 to 13 charitable bodies; the COOPERS have provided over £1500 in support of apprentice coopers, £250 towards Barrowfield Primary School's trip to the Millennium Dome and a further £10,000 to the Worshipful Company of Coopers in London's Quincentenary Fund; the GARDENERS' Robertson Silver Spade has been won in the Let Glasgow Flourish Awards by the Marriott Hotel for outstanding horticultural displays over several years; the MALTMEN have donated £6650 to charitable causes. In an auction of a cake the BAKERS raised £450 for Quarriers, they also made a donation of £1200 to the Diabetic Association (Scotland).

SPORTS NEWS

GOLF

With no limit on the number of two player teams no fewer than ten crafts competed over Pollok G.C. for the Trades House Golf Shield. The Maltmen, Skimmers, Gardeners and Barbers were missed. Stableford rules applied with full handicap and better ball counting.

With the course in excellent condition and mixed weather there was little to choose between the teams until David Cuckow and Michael Graham, representing the Fleshers, found they could do nothing wrong on the inward half with a magnificent 26 points to give them a round total of 48. They were chased hard by the Masons' Hugh Sutherland and Stewart McFarlane whose 45 points might have won on any other day.

Other leading scores were Weavers (AH Howie/DW Carruth) 44; Masons (R Forbes/DW Campbell) 44; Wrights (R Weaver/AS Pollock) 42; Wrights (S Selbie/PW MacKellar) 41; Coopers (A Watt/T Elliott) 41.

The annual match against the Edinburgh Merchant Company Golf Club was held at Bruntfield on 16 August with the Borland Trophy Competition scheduled for Prestwick St. Nicholas on 12 September.

Deacon
Convener Ian
MacConnacher
with the
Fleshers' win-
ning team of
David Cuckow
and Michael
Graham



The Masons' annual golf outing was also held at Pollok with Scott Gaillie shooting 65 to retain the Peter White Trophy. The McLaren Cups were won by Past Deacon Ian Will and Late Collector Hugh Sutherland with a combined score of 140.

CURLING

Ice has been applied for at Braehead so that the usual knock-out competition can be held with a team from each Craft and an extra team from the Gardeners and the Hammermen to make a balanced draw.

No Craft is so over burdened with players that they do not need to hear from new members as players and reserves are always needed. Please notify your Curling Convener of your availability. If you do not know his name your Clerk can tell you or contact the House Curling Convener Michael Burton on 0141 621 4233 (day) or 0141 638 2819 (evening).

THE 400 CHAIR

To mark the 400th anniversary of the granting of their Seal of Cause the Wrights have presented a specially designed and carved chair to Lord Provost Alex Mosson for his dining room at the City Chambers. Crafted by Irving Telford the chair features the dates 1600 and 2000, the Wrights' and the City's Coats of Arms surrounded by carvings depicting the Trades Hall, the Glenlee tall ship, the "Armado" building and the Lighthouse building.

The chair was presented at a civic reception in the City Chambers to mark the 400th anniversary. The dinner was preceded by a performance given by pupils from Kelvindale Primary School and a trumpet fanfare to mark the event composed by Carol McMillan, daughter of the Wright's Deacon David McMillan. The original manuscript of the fanfare and a copy of the millennium Herald of 31 December 1999 containing the engagement announcement of the Deacon's other daughter, Hazel, were placed in the Wrights' Box at the Box Opening Ceremony which took place on the same evening.

The Wrights' 400 was also marked by a special service at Glasgow Cathedral after which Deacon McMillan planted a commemorative tree dedicated by the Very Rev William Morris KCVO as a living symbol of the work of the crafts.



At the Wrights' celebration dinner Deacon Convener Ian MacConnacher and Mrs Anne MacConnacher, Lord Provost Alex Mosson and Lady Provost Maureen Mosson, Deacon David McMillan and his Queen Alison McMillan

BOX OF SECRETS

During the millennium year the Wrights are cataloguing and preserving the craft memorabilia contained in their boxes. An item, which purportedly belonged to Mary Queen of Scots, is generating a degree of historic and scientific interest.

OUR OWN "QUEEN MUM"

Gardeners' beneficiary Mrs Nessie Gordon of Pollokshields celebrated her 100th birthday on 5 July. She received a telegram from The Queen and is seen here being presented with a bouquet of flowers by Deacon Allan G Ramsay. Her late husband, Howard, a boot and shoe merchant, joined the Gardeners in 1920 and her son and grandson are also Gardeners. Nessie has been a keen gardener throughout her life and still plays a good hand of bridge.



ENGINEERING DOUBLE

The Mechanical Engineering Departments at both the University of Glasgow and the University of Strathclyde have received assistance from the Hammermen.

First year students at Glasgow will benefit from training and experience to be gained in a laboratory to be refurbished at a cost of £15000. At Strathclyde an initial sum of £6000 will develop a travelling "hands on" exhibition for schools to promote engineering as a worthwhile career. If a pilot project is successful further funding may be made available.

CRAFTS ARE "ICING ON THE CAKE"

The emblems of the House and the 14 Incorporations were literally the icing on the cake for some 200 House beneficiaries who attended the annual tea party in the Trades Hall.

To mark the millennium students at the Glasgow College of Food Technology devoted over 200 hours of their time to baking a special party cake iced, in minute detail, with the coat of arms of the House and the Incorporations.

Collector George Horspool congratulated the students on their superb craft work and also Deacon Robert Holmes-Henderson of the Bakers whose support made the project possible.

As well as enjoying a slice of the cake the beneficiaries also received a commemorative Trades House plate and a silver millennium teaspoon donated by the Collector.

Collector Horspool and his wife Charlotte cut the millennium cake with the expert assistance of Deacon Holmes-Henderson



ROYAL INVITATION ACCEPTED

On Thursday 11 May, the 1998/99 Chain Gang took up the invitation (extended when he accepted membership certificates from three Incorporations last year) to visit Prince Charles' gardens at Highgrove House in Gloucestershire. The party included Ex-Convener Bill Hunter (the oldest member of the Incorporation of Gardeners and the man who first offered craft membership to the Prince) and Late Deacon Jack Steele, whose invitation to the Trades Hall had prompted His Royal Highness to invite a delegation of the Trades to Highgrove.

As the Prince was away on business, arrangements had been made for two lady volunteers to guide the party around the policies, which extend to 15 acres and are divided into a number of specific areas, including a cottage garden, box garden, black-and-white garden, thyme walk, "stumpery", arboretum and kitchen garden. The Prince is a keen agriculturist as well as horticulturist and has a herd of pedigree black Aberdeen Angus cattle in the pasture surrounding the house. The highly entertaining and educational day ended with tea in the Orchard Room.

A full report on the visit is available from Clerk Gordon Wyllie at the House Office.

CRAFT ANNUAL MEETINGS

The 14 craft incorporations will meet in Trades Hall on Friday 22 September to elect their office bearers for 2000/01.

The appointments to be ratified are:

HAMMERMEN
Deacon: Archie Hunter Collector: John Denholm

TAILORS
Deacon: Ewan Murray Collector: Roy Parkin

CORDINERS
Deacon: David Dunbar Collector: Kenneth Brown

MALTMEN
Visitor: Gordon M Smith Collector: Donald Campbell

WEAVERS
Deacon: Ian L Dunsmore Collector: ARW MacLaurin

BAKERS
Deacon: Robert H Henderson Collector: Robert Forbes

SKINNERS
Deacon: Ronald Ainsworth Collector: to be appointed

WRIGHTS
Deacon: John G Maginnis Collector: to be appointed

COOPERS
Deacon: Jeremy Armitage Collector: George Espie

FLESHERS
Deacon: Graeme Buchanan Collector: Graham Scott

MASON'S
Deacon: Hugh D Sutherland Collector: J Mitchell Hutcheson

GARDENERS
Deacon: Doug Anderson Collector: Prof Geoffrey Dixon

BARBERS
Deacon: Dr. Ian McMenamin Collector: to be appointed

BONNETMAKERS
Deacon: Keith W Macintosh Collector: to be appointed

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16/17 September - Doors Open Days, when the Trades Hall is open to the public.

22 September - Annual meetings of the Incorporations

11 October - House meeting and Deacon Convener's Dinner

24 November - Grand Antiquity Directors' Dinner

The main 2000/01 Craft Dinners are as follows:

Hammermen	- 9 November
Tailors	- 10 November
Cordiners	- 16 February
Maltmen	- 20 November
Weavers	- 23 November
Bakers	- 24 October
Skimmers	- 3 November
Wrights	- 4 October
Coopers	- 2 March
Fleshers	- 8 December
Masons	- 22 September
Gardeners	- 20 October
Barbers	- 26 January
Bonnetmakers	- 27 October

KEEP IN TOUCH

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