



## THE MILLION POUND PLUS ANSWER . . . AND A QUESTION OF HEALTH

The Chairman of the Trades Hall Trust Mr Harry Abram is delighted to report that a grant of £632,000 has been awarded from the Heritage Lottery Fund, after years of hard work by the Trust and its advisers.

This sum, together with the £407,000 already paid, pledged or anticipated from bodies such as Glasgow City Council, Historic Scotland and Scottish Enterprise Glasgow leaves only £161,000 to be raised against the estimated Trades Hall refurbishment cost of £1,200,000. Lottery funds will only be made available provided the remaining funding is in place. The Deacon Convener of the Trades, Roy Scott, has in support promoted a Gift Aid scheme.

Details of how you can help are contained in the leaflet inside this issue.

"You could say that the million pound question has been answered," said Deacon Convener Scott, "but to secure the money we now have to ask our audience and hope that our friends will phone us with the correct answer." When complete the refurbishment will result in the re-introduction of the wonderful Adam style windows on the main facade of the Hall; completion of the work already

begun on the top-floor Craft meeting room and galleries on each side of the dome and the introduction of an effective, yet non-intrusive, cooling system to improve comfort at functions in the Grand Hall.

The scheme includes not only much needed increased and flexible meeting room capacity but easier access for visitors and tourists with audio-visual and guide facilities.

To quote the Heritage Lottery press release: "This is a major programme of restoration, conservation and improved access to a building of international architectural significance which provides an important link with the city's industrial and commercial past."

It is intended that work will commence on the Glassford Street facade this summer with the total refurbishment being completed by late next year. It is hoped that disruption to regular events will be kept to a minimum but the Hall may have to be closed for short periods and entrance restricted at other times. The Hall staff will be in contact with all regular users of the Hall to inform them well in advance of any closure so that alternative arrangements can be made.

A very relevant topic "Health for all in the New Millennium - ? Scotland's Challenge" is the subject of the annual Trades House of Glasgow Lecture to be given by Professor Sir David Carter of the Glasgow Caledonian University on 3 April. As the recently retired Chief Medical Officer for Health for Scotland Sir David is well qualified to speak on a subject of such importance. Sir David is now the Vice Principal of the University of Edinburgh. The lecture will be held in the Health Building, the City Campus, of Caledonian University starting at 6 p.m. After the lecture there will be a reception hosted by the University.

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## MEN WITH A MISSION FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITY . . .

This year's "Chain Gang" has chosen as its non-House charity a very worthwhile cause - the Glasgow City Mission.

The initiative had an impressive start with the first ever Convener's Charity Dinner in the Trades Hall on 14 March. Some 200 guests attended including Glasgow Lord Provost Alex Mosson and the Mayor and a delegation from the city of Havana in Cuba. Principal, and exceptionally

entertaining, speaker on the evening was the very Rev. William Morris, K.C.V.O., Minister of Glasgow, and Chaplain to the Trades House. Entertainment was by students from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, some of whom have been supported financially by the House. More than £4,000 was raised on the evening. Craftsman are asked to support the next main event which is a Jazz Cruise on the Waverley on 24 August at a very

reasonable price of £12.50 per ticket (available from the House Office).

Deacon Convener Roy Scott said: "The cruise will supplement the charity dinner which brought together the House past and present in a combined effort for the City Mission." Deacon Convener Scott, with Late Collector Horspool and Gordon Wyllie, Preses of the Grand Antiquity Society and Clerk to the House, are pictured here with the Chain Gang.



## . . . AND WOMEN WITH AN ASSOCIATION

Over the years many friendships have been made between ladies accompanying their partners, when in office, to House and "Chain Gang" functions. Sadly, as time goes by, contact becomes less frequent and can often be lost.

In an initiative to address this by both maintaining social contact on a regular basis and introducing more ladies to the wide range of charitable and educational work being carried out by the House and the Incorporations The Association of Trades House Ladies has been formed.

The Association's stated objective is: "To bring together the ladies connected or associated with the Trades House of Glasgow and the 14 Incorporated Trades of Glasgow in a social setting to gain knowledge of the House and also the 14 Incorporated Trades."

Successfully launched in Autumn last year at an inaugural meeting at which Lady Morris gave an amusing talk, two other functions have been held, a demonstration of floral art given by Joseph Reilly and a humorous discourse on wine by ex-Visitor of the Maltmen and Late Collector of the Coopers, Richard Paterson, when a large number of gentlemen joined their ladies.

Membership is open to any lady nominated by any member of the Association or the 14 Incorporated Trades. All Craftsman's ladies are invited to avail themselves of the opportunity to join the Association. This will ensure not only a meeting of counterparts but also enable those whose partners are about to take higher office in the Crafts to hear and to learn at first hand from those who have already enjoyed the experience.

Application to join may be made to Mrs Eleanor Sandford, Treasurer, "Drums", West Avenue, Carlisle, ML8 5AE.

New members can then participate in and enjoy two events already planned: Wednesday 2 May - an illustrated talk on "Dolls of Bygone Days" by Mrs Daphne Fraser, a keen antique collector and restorer of dolls, and the A.G.M. on Wednesday 26 September followed by dinner in the Saloon of the Trades Hall.

## NEW NAME NEW CATEGORIES

To better reflect the House's ongoing involvement in promoting craft skills through education the name of the annual college competition and exhibition has been changed from CraftEx to Glasgow CollegeSkills Exhibition. The co-ordinating committee felt that this would be a more positive reflection of the creativity and expertise shown in the work exhibited at the Trades Hall by the students educated in traditional and modern craftwork at the city's colleges.

Three new skill categories are also being introduced this year, Millinery, Musical Instruments and Metal Sculpture, the latter a type of applied metal work taught in colleges and which qualifies as being "real" Hammermen's work.

To date 757 entries for the 22 competition and exhibition categories have been intimated from seven of the city's colleges. Entries are anticipated from another two.

A major effort is also being made this year to increase attendance at the Glasgow CollegeSkills Exhibition with more school parties being encouraged. The Exhibition, entry to which is free, runs from Thursday 14 June to Sunday 17 June in the Trades Hall. All craft members, their families and friends are urged to come along to view some of the quite exceptional creative and skilful work being produced by Glasgow's talented students.

There are opportunities for companies and organisations to sponsor categories at Glasgow CollegeSkills, either in cash or in kind. Details are available from the House Office (0141 228 8000).

## CRAFTS AT KELVINGROVE



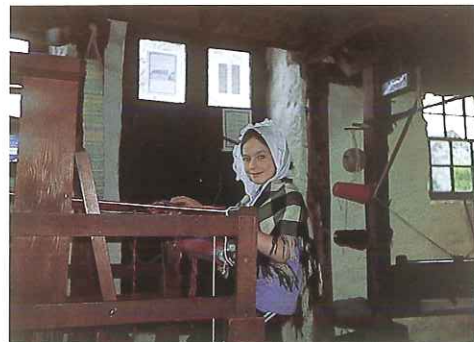
The best work from CraftEx 2000 has been on display at the Kelvingrove Art Galleries during the Autumn and Winter. Award winning exhibits from students have been viewed by thousands of visitors. The Kelvingrove exhibition was officially opened in October by ex-Deacon Councillor Bob Gray, Convener of the Education Department of Glasgow City Council

who praised the work of students at the Glasgow colleges saying that education was not confined just to schools but that art, culture and craft skills played a major part in educating the whole person.

Some 30 classes visited the workshops at the exhibition and it is planned that the best work from this year's CollegeSkills Competition and Exhibition will go on display at the Scotland Street School Museum from 4 October, where it will be seen by pupils during organised visits from schools throughout the city.

Picture shows (l to r) Alex Paterson, CraftEx Committee; John Stewart, winner of the CraftEx 2000 Gold Medal for the best entry (shown behind); CraftEx College Co-ordinator Ian Miller (Principal of North Glasgow College) and Councillor Bob Gray.

## WOOF AND WARP



Assistance from the Incorporation of Weavers also helps to keep craft skills alive in their original form and allows hundreds of people, particularly children, to try traditional weaving skills.

The Incorporation provides an annual grant to provide wages for a weaver and pupil weaver at the Weaver's Cottage in Kilbarchan, the Renfrewshire village where there was once 800 hand loom craftsmen weaving silk, linen, wool, and muslin including the internationally famous Paisley shawls.

Picture shows a child in traditional costume at work on a table loom at the Cottage.

To visit the Weaver's Cottage contact Grace Murray, Property Manager on 01505 705588.

## HOUSE HELP FOR HEALTH

With the present Deacon Convener Roy Scott and Ex-Convener Morton Fyfe both retired medical men and the Incorporation of Barbers still maintaining strong links with the surgical profession, it is hardly surprising that much of the charity work of the House and individual incorporations benefits medical and caring organisations.

This is clearly demonstrated through the assistance given to Yorkhill Hospital for Sick Children where in 1992 support from the Drapers' Fund enabled the first ECMO machine in Scotland to be installed and operated. It has subsequently saved the lives of many babies. Last year a grant of £50,000 provided jointly by the Commonweal Fund and the Drapers' Fund enabled Yorkhill to purchase a state-of-the-art ultrasound machine to facilitate a wide range of detailed therapeutic treatment on around 40 children every day.

Picture here Dr Sanjay Maroo, Consultant Radiologist at Yorkhill, examines the first patient to use the machine three-year old Lisa Brown from East Kilbride. Her parents Lorna and Danny look on, accompanied by former Drapers' Fund Manager Lindsay Gillespie and Late Convener Ian MacConnacher.



## CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

The Commonweal Fund provides many smaller grants to assist medical and caring projects. Typical of just a few included in the 71 grants totalling £66,224 made last year were support for a family bereavement service at Yorkhill, bed linen for St John Home, Music In Hospitals, and caring groups such as the Aids Trust, Alzheimer Scotland, Down's Syndrome, Cancerbacup, Caring for Carers, Spina Bifida and the Wheezurs Group.

The Fund also provided Quarriers with £6500 towards a new project in Greater Easterhouse and support for several other community based projects in areas including Balornock, Drumchapel, Govan, Townhead, Dalrnarnock, Govanhill, Maryhill and Springburn.

## A TIMELY TALE

Deacon Convener Roy Scott points out, there is a need for our members to be aware of their own health care and to take positive steps to diagnose potential serious conditions at an early stage. Here the Deacon Convener and ex-Convener Stephen Newall highlight how important this can be.

"Life is not always what it seems to be", writes the Deacon Convener.

"There are many places where it can be embarrassing to 'have to go'. No doubt there are occasions at dinners in the House when some poor fellow has to get up and exit the room. Probably there are those who think he is heading for the Steps Bar. In the case of certain fellows this may be the case!!

But there are exceptions to this rule. There has been a great deal made of many different conditions but one of the most prevalent is Prostatic Cancer which may well be causing considerable discomfort to the individual. The following very brave article by ex-Convener Stephen Newall gives just a little insight into a very prevalent problem. Having read it I do not expect the body of the Hall to become instant diagnosticians but perhaps it might inspire a few thoughts as to how some little help can be done for those who suffer from this affliction. If you ask why I am interested I have to admit that it helped keep me busy for quite a few years."

## NEARLY TOO LATE

"About four years ago I had a routine blood check of prostate function PSA6 (result normal at that time). Felt firm, but generally not bad for 66 years old. A year passed with old man's nightly wanderings steadily increasing into the second year. It was increasing problems that made me have another check. This revealed PSA17 and a tumour that could be felt in the process of pushing its way out of the prostate. I celebrated my 68th birthday with scans at the Nuffield and the Southern General. Fortunately all clear.

Our Deacon Convener, a retired urologist, will be the first to tell us that prostate cancer is the Cinderella of funding and publicity compared with breast cancer, which "came out" quite some years ago. During the year of '99, I had surgery, radiotherapy and drug treatment. Now there are no signs of cancer and I am very happy to agree with my oncologist who assures me that I am going to die of something, but it is unlikely to be prostate cancer!

This experience has been very educational. I have discovered the enormous help it is for patients to be in touch with each other in self-help groups to talk and compare notes and realise that they are not alone. Eighteen months ago there was nothing of this nature in Glasgow. Now we have an ever increasing group of over 100, split by postal areas, who meet in each other's homes, distribute literature to surgeries etc. Two or three times a year there is a big meeting with guest speakers, covering subjects ranging from diet to impotence, radiotherapy to incontinence and others with special relevance to prostate cancer.

This experience has left me with many memories; among them the comradeship of the radiotherapy room, in which you meet largely the same people 5 times a week. The humour of being overtaken by an elderly lady with a zimmer, just after I got out of surgery. There is no doubt that life does not remain

## COOPERS' CARE



Late-Deacon Alastair Cumming presents the Coopers' cheque to representatives of Flourish House

Two projects being supported by the Coopers are closely associated with health care. The first is a donation of £50,000 to Flourish House to assist with the purchase of their building in Ashley Street which provides a day care and rehabilitation centre for the mentally ill. The second donation, also of £50,000, will help the Glasgow branch of Cruise Bereavement Care to set up a counselling service for the families of suicide victims.

unchanged and the message to all Craftsmen, is that if you notice any changes, do go to your doctor as there is a small but real chance that you could have cancer and this visit could save your life.

In conclusion, if you are unlucky enough to be diagnosed as having prostate cancer, please don't hesitate to give me a ring or write, as I would be only too pleased to give anyone the benefit of my experience."

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## INTO AFRICA

Medical help is reaching overseas through what is known as the "Skinners' Fund", another name for the "Non-Party" charitable initiative set up by Ex-Deacon John Glen. Members are asked to support a "non event" by simply sending their "ticket money" instead of attending. Last year £1220 was raised for the St James's Mission Hospital in Lesotho, South Africa (pictured here). John is pleased to report that this year's fund is already off to a flying start with a donation of £250 from a generous member in the Far East.



## DEACON CONVENER'S HALF TERM REPORT:

This office has proved to be extremely interesting as well as challenging. The early part of the term as Deacon Convener ensures that the person filling the post is immediately thrown into the deep end with House and Civic duties. Janette and I have been very reassured by the obvious enthusiasm and sense of fun demonstrated by our Chain Gang who have shown a great zest for things Trades House.

In addition there is the large group of members who willingly undertake loads of work in the various committees. The debates are well conducted hopefully to the advantage of those who will benefit from the efforts of all to make the whole organisation function smoothly.

The relationships with the City and the Merchants House are as strong and enjoyable as ever. With a new Principal at Strathclyde University and my own Alma Mater beginning a year of celebration of its 550 years' existence and commitment to further education, life is more than a little full.

By our professional training we, Janette and I, have been more than struck with the human events such as we have seen in the City Chambers and elsewhere. More importantly we have appreciated the "in House" family events which are the essence of each Incorporation. The Hammermen's pensioners treat to the theatre was an outstanding occasion and to my mind shows the House at its best. We need other Incorporations to consider the possibility of taking up this kind of work and organisation.



The Deacon Convener at the pre-theatre dinner for the Hammermen's Service Group needy pensioners pantomime outing. A total of 160 attended the event. The summer 2001 outing will be to Crieff.

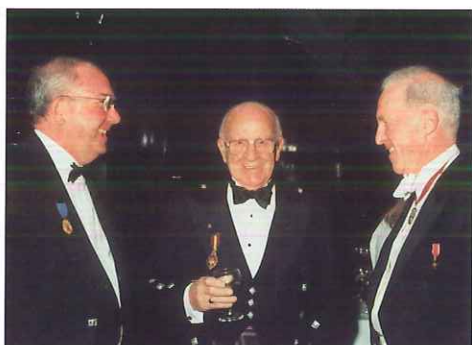
The Deacon Convener (right) presides over the first meeting of the 2000-01 House.

As usual I have been out visiting the beneficiaries and trying as my predecessors have done to meet as many people as possible at dinners and at the smaller events. To that end I have noticed that when a dinner finishes ahead of time more stay around the hall for a chat which adds considerably to the companionship of the evening.

I have tried to address the problem of those who have lost contact with the House by holding a charity dinner for

## Meeting Challenges and Reviving "Lost" Talents

ex-Deacons and Visitors. I hope that old acquaintances can be revived and that we can work towards finding something for the talents which have apparently gone to be revived to the benefit of the Auld Hoose. It is hoped that all will support the coming events in the House and the associated organisations. I am very impressed by the expertise available to an organisation which means so much to so many.



## A CITY OF HERITAGE

The toast to the City of Glasgow at the Annual Trades House Dinner was proposed by the distinguished journalist and broadcaster Hugh MacPherson who praised the city's revival from the post-industrial revolution as "really something splendid" but stressed the need not to forget the Victorian heritage which brought so many liberal benefits to the country.

In reply Lord Provost Alex Mosson echoed this by saying that great developments had been achieved by the partnership of commercial and council sectors. "No mean city is a reflection of another age," said the Lord Provost, "we are now a model for economic regeneration in Europe."

Proposing the toast to the Trades House and the Incorporations Sheriff Robert H Dickson praised not only the contributions made to the city but the support given to those less fortunate and to education through scholarships and prizes for schools and colleges.

*Pictures: Deacon Convener Roy Scott and Collector W Stewart Wright with some of their guests.*

Other guests enjoy some pre-dinner hospitality and conversation.

## LADIES GET-TOGETHER

At the Western Club the Deacon Convener's wife Mrs Janette Scott and the Collector's wife Mrs Jeanette Wright entertained their guests at a highly enjoyable social get-together. They are pictured here with some of their guests.



## CRAFT NEWS

TARTAN, TAPESTRIES  
AND TALENT

Two millennium projects by the Weavers will mean that they have their own tartan and assist with tapestries at Stirling Castle.

Maria Anna Mackellar, a Glasgow Art School Graduate and textile designer has been commissioned to design the Incorporation's tartan. From several designs the Deacon will make a final choice and once registered a woven sample will be produced after which craft members will be able to have items woven in the tartan for their personal use.

Contact with the Central Office of Historic Scotland, arranged by ex-Deacon Hamish MacFarlane, has led to Deacon Ian Dunsmore discussing a project to weave tapestries for the 16th Century Royal apartments within Stirling Castle. The Incorporation hope to help possibly through financial assistance towards the educational aspects of the project.

This year's recipient of the Weavers' scholarship for a talented student at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama has gone to Miss Asa Dornbusch who is training to be an opera singer and who is hoping to be offered a place at the Zurich Opera Studio.

Miss Dornbusch and two of her colleagues entertained members of the Craft at a social evening at which surplus funds were donated to the Multiple Sclerosis (Research) Charitable Trust.

ROSE OF  
KNOWLEDGE?

Gardeners' Deacon J Douglas Anderson has cut the first sod to mark the creation of a new rose garden at the Glasgow City Council Land Services Training section at Daldowie. Work on the garden, which will be the largest in the UK with 2003 plants, will assist in the training of apprentices who will continue the city's tradition of world-famous parks and floral displays. The Incorporation provides annual prizes and travelling scholarships for apprentices in the Department.



Deacon Anderson is pictured here turning the first sod along with Alastair Young, Director of Land Services at Glasgow City Council.

## A COOPERS' COLLECTION

To mark the millennium, at the suggestion of ex-Deacon Richard Capper, for the first time a Deacons' Gathering (pictured here) was held at which 22 ex-Deacons, including Alistair Robin, Deacon in 1965-66, joined present Deacon Jeremy Armitage and Clerk Alastair Campbell at dinner in the Trades Hall.

As part of an educational project the Coopers have assist-



ed two students from Hutchesons Grammar School, Kathryn Campbell and Colin Clark, with grants of £250 each to help fund "gap years" in Japan. Late Collector Richard Paterson is seen here presenting Colin with his cheque. He also gave the students bottles of whisky to present to distilleries in Japan on behalf of the Incorporation.



## A WRIGHT EWE

David Lawson, a member of the Incorporation of Wrights, is pictured here (right - where else) exercising his "right" as a Freeman of the City of London walking a sheep across London Bridge as part of a charitable event organised by the Lord Mayor of London.



## IN BRIEF

The FLESHERS donated the £1060 proceeds of their dinner dance champagne draw to Children's Hospice Association Scotland; the BARBERS have collected £450 for the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice; the MALTMEN have donated £11,373 to charities including the £6000 proceeds from the sale of their Millennium Malt; the SKINNERS have provided prizes for students at the Glasgow College of Building and Printing; the WRIGHTS have provided a total of £2500 for apprentice prizes in carpentry, joinery and glazing; the WEAVERS have donated a total of £10,550 to ten charities including £1750 to the Glasgow City Mission; the TAILORS have made a number of educational grants and provided prizes for colleges.

SPORTS NEWS  
CURLING-CURLY FLOWERS

## GOLF-TAILORS TRIUMPH

The main event of 2000, the Borland Trophy Meeting, was held at Prestwick St Nicholas with each craft able to enter a team of up to six players with the best four Stableford scores counting. Despite a fuel crisis ten crafts were represented by 49 players and as few had played the course before the notes prepared by Archie Hutchison proved useful.

On a dry, dull day, St Nicholas was in fine condition for the competition and staff made players most welcome. The event was won for the first time in several years by The Tailors (John Sinclair, Bill Gillespie, Norman Macleod and Gary Mickel) with 145 points. Runners-up were the Bonnetmakers & Dyers (141) with the 1999 winners, the Masons, in third spot. Best individual score was 44 points by Clark Perry of the Wrights.

The Annual Match with The Edinburgh Merchant Co. Golf Club was played at Bruntisfield with the home team victorious by five matches to one. Despite the heavy defeat the day was enjoyed by all who took part and acknowledged by our Team Captain Ian Riddell.

Craftsmen wishing to compete in Trades House golf competitions in 2001 should contact their respective Golf Conveners who are:

**Hammermen** - David Manson (home tel no. 0141 956 3570); **Tailors** - John Sinclair (0141 942 4646); **Cordiners** - Alistair Dorward (0141 954 7382); **Maltmen** - Donald Campbell (01698 818647); **Weavers** - Hamish Brodie (0141 639 3614); **Bakers** - David Templeton (01357 521098); **Skinner**s - Gordon Ferguson (0141 942 7836); **Wright**s - Christopher Mennie (0141 942 7797); **Coopers** - Alan Watt (01357 529474); **Fleshers** - Allan Lapsley (0141 812 7998); **Masons** - Hugh Sutherland (01786 834058); **Gardeners** - Allan Ramsay (0141 649 7921); **Barbers** - Archie Hutchison (0141 571 1388); **Bonnetmakers & Dyers** - Steven Braid (0141 639 3331).

## KEEP IN TOUCH

**BARBERS** - The new Clerk is Kevin Goldie, 98 West George Street, Glasgow G2 1PJ. Tel: 0141 333 1674. Fax: 0141 333 1675.



The two finalists with Gardeners 1 proud holders of the trophy

Some year it had to happen - two teams from the same craft, Gardeners 1 and 2 fighting it out in the final of the House Curling Competition after coming out on top of their respective halves of the Competition draw.

Gardeners 1, Douglas Burt (skip), Tom Gemmill, Ken Sandford and Tom Nimmo, started favourites (according to opposing skip Charles Jackson - after the event). However, Charles assisted by Gray Mickel, Ross Sandford and Peter Sandford made a fight of it taking the first two ends and although conceding shots thereafter there was all to play for with Gardeners 1 leading 4-2 with two ends to go. Sadly at that point Charles's side lost the plot and went down by three shots in the 7th. A one shot win for the second string in the last end made the final score 7 shots to three. Craftsmen interested in curling should contact the Curling Convener Michael Burton on 0141 638 2819

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 April - Trades House Lecture, Glasgow Caledonian University.  
11 June - Schools' Craft Competition Prize Giving, Trades Hall.  
14-17 June - Glasgow CollegeSkills Exhibition, Trades Hall.  
24 August - "Chain Gang" Cruise on the Waverley.  
14 September - Craft annual meetings, Trades Hall

## FYFE'S CASKET

Ex-Convener Morton Fyfe is pictured being presented with the Victor J Cumming Casket Golf Trophy by David Templeton, Golf Convener of the Bakers.



## BOWLING-EIGHT COMPETE

Eight crafts took part in the 2000 competition with Gardeners coming on top and the Weavers runners-up.

The 2001 competition will be held on Sunday 10 June at Giffnock Bowling Club and it is hoped that the Hammermen, Fleshers, Bakers, Cordiners, Skinner and Wrights will join the others to make it a full house.

Details from Bowling Convener, Stewart Cobb 0141 639 6472.

Material for the Craftsman should be sent to the House Office, 310 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5QR; Tel: 0141 228 8000; Fax: 0141 248 5566; or alternatively direct to Bob Colquhoun, 47a Ardbeg Road, Rothesay, Isle of Bute, PA20 0NL; Tel/Fax: 01700 503267.