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CHAIN GANG'S "RAPID RESPONSE"

The Deacon Convener and his Chain Gang have been quick off the mark, indeed have made a "rapid response", to setting their sights on an ambitious target in raising funds for a project which will help to save the lives of Glaswegians and visitors to the city alike.

Their target is to raise at least £30,000 to allow the Scottish Ambulance Service to put on the road the city's first Rapid Response Unit (RRU) – a one person operated vehicle to provide early life-saving treatment in priority accident and emergency situations.

With upwards of 275 accident and emergency calls A DAY in the city in many instances response time and early intervention are of vital importance in relation to saving and maintaining life. For example when someone collapses with a cardiac arrest the earlier the treatment with defibrillation and cardio-active drugs the more positive the outcome.

Single-crew RRU's can play a vital role in such circumstances. Although they cannot carry patients they are fully fitted with life-saving equipment and by quickly responding to life threatening cases can stabilise a patient until an A&E unit arrives. The RRU is then free to be deployed to other emergencies.

Calum Kerr, Scottish Ambulance Service's General Manager, West Central Scotland says: "RRU's will play a vital part in improving patient care in Glasgow by reducing response time and allowing definitive pre-hospital care to be delivered at the earliest possible opportunity."

The vehicle selected for the first RRU Glasgow is the Honda CR-V which is already in service on a fleet basis with East Anglia Ambulance NHS Trust. The Glasgow vehicle will be supplied by Phoenix Honda, Linwood.



Deacon Convener George Horspool commented: "I would urge everyone to support this Chain Gang fund raising initiative. With your help we can provide the first RRU for the city but ideally I would like to see a fleet of at least six backed up with on-site defibrillators at major shopping centres and sports venues. Together we can save lives, perhaps your own."

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

You can enjoy yourself, along with your colleagues, family and friends by supporting "The Glasgow Ball", a glittering evening of fun, food, fellowship and fandangoes to be held in the Glasgow Hilton Hotel on Saturday 11 May.

Hosted by the Trades House, the Deacon Convener and the 14 Incorporations, all proceeds will be used to purchase the first Rapid Response Vehicle for Glasgow. Full details are contained in the insert with this issue of the Craftsman or can be obtained from Events House 0141 427 9995 or the House Office 0141 228 8000.

You can also support the event by taking advantage of the many sponsorship opportunities available such as printing, receptions, cabaret, three bands, lighting and decor, flower arrangements and ladies and gents table gifts. There are also opportunities to donate prizes for auction (Weavers' Deacon Dugald Cameron, former Principal of the Glasgow School of Art, has already donated his magnificent painting of the Trades Hall at night) to smaller items for the tombola. Programme advertising is also an option and, of course, any donation, however large or small to such a worthwhile cause is always welcome. Other events to support the fund-raising for the RRU are also being planned. On Thursday 17 January the Trades House Musical Association will hold its First Concert in the Trades Hall. Tickets are £7.50 with proceeds being split between the RRU Fund and the Trades Hall Restoration Appeal. On Friday 23 August there will be a repeat of last year's swinging jazz cruise on the Waverley.

"AMAZING GRACES"

Trades Hall was the setting for the launch of "Amazing Graces", the highly entertaining collection of some of the wittiest rhyming graces written and spoken by the Very Reverend Bill Morris KVCQ, Minister of Glasgow.

Graces said at a wide variety of functions are now recorded for posterity and as you would expect from the Chaplain to the House our own Craft functions are well represented.

"Amazing Graces" is available from most major Glasgow book shops or direct from Neil Wilson Publishing Ltd. (0141 221 1117) price £5.00.

Bill Morris is pictured here signing the first copy of his book for Deacon Convener George Horspool as publisher Neil Wilson looks on.



HALL FUND ON TARGET

Donations and grants continue to come in helping the Trades Hall Trust to bridge the gap which remains to complete the total package of £1,200,000 required to meet the funding of the final phase of the Trades Hall refurbishment.

Further support in any form is still welcome. In particular there are some opportunities to sponsor a pane in the new Georgian windows which will grace the facade of the Hall in the original 1794 Robert Adam design. The Incorporation of Coopers has very kindly sponsored the installation of a complete window frame with a donation of £25,000. This commemorates the official opening of the Trades Hall on 15 September 1794 when the procession to the Hall was led by the then Deacon Convener William Auchincloss, himself a Cooper.

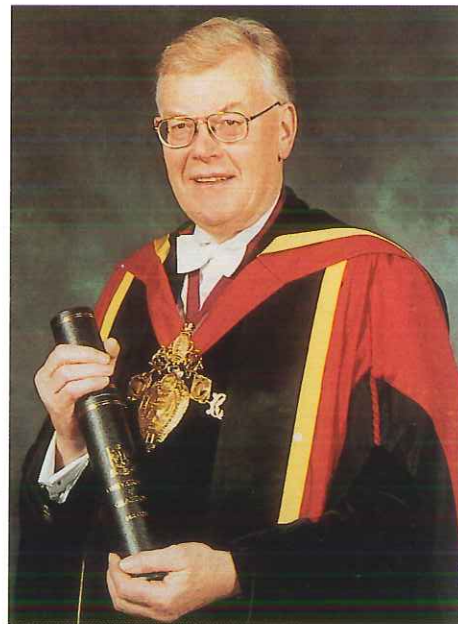
Full details of how you can help are available from Bill Stevenson or Carole Nelson at the Trust's office, 310 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5QR, tel: 0141 248 5566.

It is anticipated that the main structural work will be carried out over July and August 2002 when the hall will be closed. Full details of the refurbishment will appear in the Spring issue of the Craftsman.

FAST FOOD?

The next meeting of the Association of Trades House Ladies will be held in the Trades Hall on Wednesday 13 February when ex-Deacon of the Bakers, Bob Henderson, will give an insight into bakers and baking with a talk titled "500 years in 5 minutes". Hopefully some samples and wine will be available. Entry donation is £5 and non-members are welcome. Contact Anne MacConnacher on 01505 872480 for details.

DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE



At a special ceremony at the University of Glasgow the honorary degree of Doctor of the University (D. Univ) has been conferred on Deacon Convener George Horspool.

The degree is intended to recognise the work of persons who make significant contributions to the good of the city and to society in general in spheres out-with their normal vocational activities. The award, therefore, is seen as an honour which recognises the ongoing work of the House which benefits many sections of the city's population as well as recognising the guidance and dedication provided by successive Deacon Conveners.

As mentioned at the degree ceremony, it was particularly apt that the award should be made during Deacon Convener Horspool's tenure: in his profession as an architect he has had a long association with the University through the design and construction of a number of buildings on the University campus.

THE FLEET'S IN

Senior officers from eight warships representative of the Standing Naval Force Atlantic gathered in the Trades Hall in September for a reception hosted by Deacon Convener Roy Scott.

The reception was attended by Commodore R J Sandford CBE, RN, Naval Regional Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland and Commodore Fernando Jose Ribeiro de Melo Gomes of the Portuguese Navy, the Senior Officer of the STANAVFORLANT Squadron then berthed at the King George V Dock in Glasgow.

The Commanding Officers of the eight warships also

attended. They are Commander J A Morretero Montenegro (NRP CORTE REAL); Commander (sg) Joerg Loeffler (FGS EMDEN); Commander Chris M Richards (HMS EXETER); Commander Antonio Hernandez Palacios (SNS EXTREMADURA); Commander Peter Ellis (HMCS HALIFAX); Commander Cees H Boelerna Robertus (HNLMS JACOB VAN HEESKERCK); Commander Hans Petter Midtun (HNOMS NARVIK) and Commander Frederick R McKenna Jr (USS SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON). Other officers and a number of consuls also attended.



The Deacon Convener explains the workings of the House to the naval guests including Commodore Sandford and Commodore Gomez whom he invited to join in a "special sitting" of the House



Late Convener Ian MacConnacher in conversation with the Captains of the Canadian, United States and British warships



Commodore Gomez explains naval tactics to Ewan Murray, Deacon of the Tailors.



Some sailing hints for Late Collector George Horspool from Commander McKenna of the USS Samuel Eliot Morison

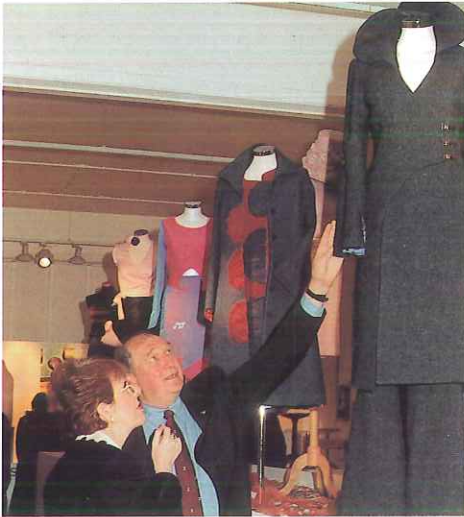
CRAFTS ON DISPLAY

After extensive refurbishment the Scotland Street School Museum of Education was reopened in October to feature a display of the best craft entries by students from Glasgow's colleges first shown in our Glasgow CollegeSkills Competition and Exhibition.

Officially opening the exhibition, called Showcase 2001, Bailie Liz Cameron, Convenor of the City Council's Cultural and Leisure Services Committee praised the craftsmanship on display and commented that only by retaining such craft skills is refurbishment of such buildings as the Scotland Street School possible.

Mr John Gray, assistant principal of North Glasgow College, thanked the Trades House for fulfilling the important role of working in partnership with the City Council and the colleges to keep craft skills alive.

In reply ex-Deacon Alex Paterson of the CollegeSkills Co-ordinating Committee thanked Dorothy Stewart of Scotland Street School for providing a platform for the students to show off their excellent work and expressed the hope that this would lead some of them into starting their own businesses.



Alex Paterson shows Bailie Cameron the winning entry in the CollegeSkills Fashion category



The winning entry in the Decorative Glass category is admired by ex-Deacon Peter Kelso, ex-Visitor Graham Herbertson, Mrs Jean Kelso and ex-Convener Morton Fyfe.



Plenty of "scrambled eggs" on display as the Deacon Convener presents commemorative Trades House plates to the Senior Officers and Ships' Commanders attending

.. AND A FRIGATE CALLS

The Commander and representatives of all departments on the Type 23 Frigate HMS Norfolk have also visited the Trades Hall for a reception hosted by Deacon Convener Roy Scott.

The occasion marked the return to service after a major refit of the frigate which was originally built at Yarrow in 1987.

Presentations of Trades House plates were made by the Deacon Convener to Commander L D Smallman of HSM Norfolk and to Commander W D Steele, Deputy Naval Regional Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland. In return the Deacon Convener accepted a plaque displaying the crest of HMS Norfolk.



ALL THAT GLITTERS

Visitors to the Trades Hall have been very impressed by the magnificent display of designer pewter which has been in the Reception Room throughout November and December. The Millennium Pewter Collection is mounted by the Worshipful Company of Pewterers of London.

The Glasgow launch of the Collection was attended by Michael Sutcliffe, Master of the Worshipful Company, their Clerk Lt-Col Michael Reeve-Tucker, Glasgow's Deputy Lord Provost Bailie Jean Macey and Deacon Convener George Horspool.

The Millennium Collection is the first major collection of pewter made in recent times. It demonstrates both pewter's strong design heritage and illustrates how it can meet contemporary consumer requirements with modern, forward looking designs many of which are the work of young designers.

Picture shows Master Michael Sutcliffe explaining the finer points of the pewter craft to Bailie Macey and Deacon Convener Horspool.



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2002

I write this at the beginning of December when I have been in office for some fifty days. These fifty days have seen the Deacon Convener and his Lady involved in a hectic round of engagements.

Not all of these have had to do with what one member of the Chain Gang calls the 'flummery of office'. As well as wining and dining, a number of worthwhile initiatives have been taken forward not the least of which is 'The Glasgow Ball' which is prominently featured in this issue of the Craftsman.

I trust that this ambitious project, to provide the first Rapid Response Vehicle in Glasgow for the Scottish

Ambulance Service, will command the support of all such that its extremely praiseworthy objectives can be realised.

I am blessed with a splendid Chain Gang whose concern for the House and its works is all consuming. During our collective year in office, with their valuable and unstinted support, the affairs and traditions of The Trades House of Glasgow will have constant attention.

To all who read this I extend warmest good wishes for the New Year.

George Horspool, Deacon Convener

LOOKING BACK ON 2001

Having had the honour of being DC for the last year it is now time for reflection and also getting my family life re-jigged. After having completed 395 engagements on behalf of the Trades House I have to say that I was glad I did not have a holiday especially when, at very short notice, I had to represent the House in George Square at the service to pay respect to the victims of the New York massacre of innocents.

Like all of my predecessors I was amazed at not only what did happen within the House but also what did not happen!! Two good instances are that the City had not been represented at the Kirkin of the House and we did not lay a wreath at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day. This has been rectified to the benefit of all concerned. Sometimes we stand too close to the subject to observe it dispassionately.

What occupied my thoughts at so many functions is that the general population do not have a clue about us. Hence the potential value of the Ladies section started by my predecessor and the Musical Association which does not require membership of an Incorporation as a pre-requisite of participation. These two organisations could do a lot for the membership of the House but to be successful they will require a positive effort by every member. It is our chance to give something back for all the friendship and good company which we have been privileged to enjoy.

I entreat everyone to get behind these organisations as well as the individual crafts to ensure that the message of the family of Trades House is known and enjoyed to the benefit of one of the greatest organisations within the City of Glasgow.

Roy Scott, Late Convener

CITY WITH A FUTURE

The toast to the City of Glasgow at the annual Trades House Dinner was proposed by the Honourable Lord Gill, Chairman of the Scottish Law Commission, whose remarks included fascinating comments on the city's long legal history including the appointment of a first stipendiary magistrate to provide fair minded justice.

Lord Gill said that Glasgow's adaptation to a changed world has been painful but had resulted in cleaner air and cleaner water. Much had been lost through redevelopment but much of the city's architectural heritage had been saved. He went on to praise the city's racial tolerance in creating an environment where different faiths can live side by side.

Glasgow had a proud past. It still faced many challenges but Lord Gill was confident that these would be met to give the city the future which it deserves.

In reply Lord Provost Alex Mosson eluded Glasgow's strong links with the USA and the success of its multi-cultural society. He saw the further development of the River Clyde through the Broomielaw and Clydeport projects and the completion of the M74 link as a key to the future prosperity of the city.

The toast to the Trades House was proposed by His Excellency Air Marshall Ian Macfadyen, H.M. Lieutenant Governor in Man, who provided a comprehensive review of advances in air power from the Gulf War to the Afghan conflict. Replies were made by Deacon David McDowall of the Bonnetmakers and Dyers and by Deacon Convener George Horspool who was pleased to intimate that past Deacon of the Wrights Peter Cross had agreed to be Manager of the Drapers' Fund for the coming year.

Pictures: Deacon Convener Horspool and some of the guests who are enjoying pre-Dinner hospitality and conversation.



A SCHOLARLY KIRKING



Ambassadorial scholar Ono Akiko from Tokyo, Japan, with her friend Phyllis from Louisiana USA are pictured here at the annual Kirking of the Trades House meeting Deacon Convener George Horspool and Mrs Charlotte Horspool and Late Convener Roy Scott and Mrs Janette Scott.

The young ladies, who are attending Glasgow University sponsored by Rotary Foundation, accepted an invitation from Bill Richardson, Deacon of the Masons, to attend the service in Glasgow Cathedral as part of their experience to find out about life in Scotland and Glasgow in particular. Both ladies were very impressed and met many members of the Incorporations including the Very Reverend Dr William Morris KCVO, Minister of Glasgow and Chaplain to the Trades House.

POPPY PROBLEM

Tailors' member Brigadier Louis Jarman has asked us to correct a misunderstanding in our Autumn issue report on Flanders House. He points out that Flanders House is managed and maintained by the Earl Haig Fund, which receives much of its income from the annual poppy day appeal. Only the administration of the Fund is not met from the poppy appeal but comes from the proceeds of investments.

THE LADIES EVENING

Not to be outdone by their male counterparts Deacon Convener's lady Mrs Charlotte Horspool and Collector's lady Mrs Ann Elliott hosted a highly enjoyable social evening for their guests at the Western Club.

They are pictured here with some of their guests.



CRAFT NEWS

PRIZEWINNING MEMBER

At the Masons' Choosing Dinner, Craftsman Derek Boyce, the Glasgow College of Building and Printing's Ceramic Floor and Wall Tiler prize winner, was honoured by the Incorporation in being presented with a cheque, a Masons' Plate and membership of the Incorporation by Deacon Bill Richardson. Also in the picture is the guest of honour for the evening The Lord Nickson KBE, DL.



... and four of a kind



At the Masons' Pear Eating grandfather James Hamilton Smith, the Craft's oldest Deacon was surprised to meet a new face at an Incorporation social function, his eldest grandson Ewan Smith who was there with his father Iain and uncle Gavin, all active supporters of the Craft. Pictured (l to r) are Gavin, James, Ewan and Iain.

... and future stonemasons

At a meeting in the Glasgow College of Building and Printing's workshops to discuss stonemasonry projects for the coming year Deacon Bill Richardson presented Sandra Gunn, Dean of the Faculty of Construction, with £1000 to support the ten apprentice stonemasons in their year's study programme. The funds came from the Lady MacDonald bequest. This was left to the Incorporation in memory of her husband Sir John MacDonald, a private house builder and contractor who built many of the properties in Bearsden and Milngavie. He was also a member of the Wrights.



BARBERS' SWISS PARADE

Hosted by the Meister of the Guild of the Golden Star, the Barbers of Basle, the Incorporation of Barbers of Glasgow represented by Past Deacon David A Roser, Deacon Elect Stanley Hutchison, along with Ewan Brown as Piper, joined the Master and Representatives of the Worshipful Company of Barbers of London, including their Past Master and Past Lord Mayor, Sir John Chastely with the Meister of the Blacksmiths of Zurich, the Guild who originally made surgical instruments, when the City of Basle celebrated its 500th Anniversary of joining the Confederation Helvetica (CH), whose symbol denotes Switzerland on car license plates. This occasion was highlighted by the largest-ever Swiss procession which was witnessed by over half a million people lining the streets of the city. The Swiss Television Service relayed the days events for over 5 hours, and the tartan clad Incorporation of Barbers led by their piper Ewan Brown were particularly noted as participants to this unique occasion.

Photographed in front of the carriage in which they processed through the streets of Basle are Collector (now Deacon) Stanley Hutchison, the Meister of Zunft Zum Goldenen Stern Franz Frauler and Past Deacon David Roser. William Shand the Master of the Worshipful Company of Barbers is seated in the carriage.



HISTORIC TAPESTRY

The Weavers' Master Court have decided to provide £15,000 over the next three years in support of the Stirling Castle Tapestry Appeal. Seven new tapestries are to be woven on the historic theme of 'Hunt the Unicorn' in a contemporary interpretation of a series of tapestries such as are on display in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. The Incorporation is discussing with the Historic Scotland Foundation the precise use to which the funds are to be put, however the intention is to support an on-going practical educational initiative which should allow a weaver to be based on-site publicly demonstrating the craft.

This is one of the largest donations made by the Incorporation in recent times. The Weavers are glad that their support of this project will help in keeping its craft in being and its work in the public domain. The recently renovated Stirling Castle is one of Scotland's great historic places and one of the country's most popular tourist attractions.

SPORTS NEWS

BARBERS' PLATE

Most Crafts were represented in the Annual Ladies Golf Competition but it was the Barbers' ladies who came out on top in a close fought Stableford rules competition at Milngavie Golf Club. The winning team of Maureen Riddle (Captain), Margaret Marshall, Jennifer Simmers and Elizabeth Fyfe are pictured being presented with the trophy by Mrs Janet Scott.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 17 January - Trades House Musical Association Concert, Trades Hall
- 8 February - Cordiniers' Dinner
- 22 February - Barbers' Dinner
- 1 March - Coopers' Dinner
- 11 May - The Glasgow Ball, Hilton Hotel
- 13-16 June - Glasgow CollegeSkills, Trades Hall
- 23 August - Trades House Jazz Cruise, Waverley

COMING UP ROSES



Each year, in August, Glasgow City Council hosts the International Rose Trials at Tollcross Park. This is a major event for rose growers and rose lovers with a judging panel drawn from the UK, Europe, North America and Australia. At the Trials the Incorporation of Gardeners awards a trophy for the Best Established Rose which this year was won by the rose variety *Queen Mother* raised by Kordes of Germany. The trophy was presented by Deacon J Douglas Anderson, who was also a member of the international panel of judges. Also in August, Glasgow City Council's Land Services Department holds its Annual Prize-giving for its Horticultural Training Programme at which the Gardeners present awards for apprentices and trainees and also travelling scholarships to enable two apprentices to visit other centres of horticultural excellence in the UK. As customary Deacon Anderson presented the prizes and Collector Geoffrey Dixon received reports on the travelling scholarships for the Incorporation's records.

These events are only some examples of the Incorporation's long-standing and fruitful relationship with the City Council.

CARING COOPERS

Coopers' Master Court member Richard Fletcher is pictured here presenting a plaque of the Incorporation's coat of arms to Hazel Walker of Cruse Bereavement Care, a charity set up to provide a support service for people suddenly bereaved of loved ones. The Coopers have contributed £23,443 to the cost of running the service in its first year of operation and committed to donating a further £31,700 over the next two years. Thereafter the service should be self-supporting but the Coopers will consider further financial support if required.



GOLF - A sad day to play

The Borland Trophy competition was played over Prestwick St Nicholas G.C. on 11 September, a date which will forever be remembered for events in the USA. In fine weather 59 players representing 11 Incorporations played as a Stableford competition with the best four individual players scores counting for each Craft. Playing in the morning the Maltmen's team of D Glass, I Risby, I Forrest and C Mackay led throughout the day until the final game of the afternoon when A McAulay's score added to those of his teammates R Gilmour, R Scully and E Cunningham clinched victory for the Bonnetmakers and Dyers. Congratulations to them in adding the Borland Trophy to the Trades House Shield which they won in May. JS Sinclair (Tailors) recorded the best individual performance with a score of 40 points. Total point scores were:- Bonnetmakers 150; Maltmen 143; Masons 136; Hammermen 135; Wrights 134; Tailors 133; Gardeners 128; Barbers 128; Bakers 123; Cordiniers 122 and Fleshers 120. Hopefully the Coopers, Skinners and Weavers will enter teams next year.

The annual golf match between the Trades House and the Edinburgh Merchants Golf Club was played at Pollok G.C. when our Captain John Blanche and his partner Archie Hutchison set a fine example by winning their match 6 and 4. Alas, the remainder of the team could not follow their example although three of the five other games went to the final green before being decided in favour of the visitors who, therefore, retained the Centenary Trophy. We shall seek revenge in 2002.

Gary Mickel, Golf Convener 01560 700601

KEEP IN TOUCH

Material for the Craftsman should be sent to the Trades house, 310 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5QR (0141 228 8000) or to Bob Colquhoun, 47a Ardbeg Road, Rothesay, PA20 0NL (01700 503267).

Angling - Fish in short supply

Seventeen Craftsman representing 11 Incorporations took part in the 69th Annual Trades House Angling Competition on the Lake of Menteith. Although conditions were not ideal and fish scarce, nine were caught weighing 24lbs.

The Dallas Trophy for best individual basket was won by Bonar Hardie (Bakers), 2 fish, 5lbs; second was Robert Rattray (Skinners), 2 fish, 4lbs 9ozs. The Jackson Miller Club Team Trophy went to the Skinners (Tom Gilchrist, Robert Rattray), 4 fish, 9lbs 20ozs. The Tain Trophy for the heaviest fish was won by Stuart Biggart (Coopers), 3lbs 6ozs with James Begg (Hammermen) and Ian Campbell (Masons) second equal with 3lbs 4ozs. Murray S Blair, Angling Convener, 0141 638 0155

BOWLING

It is hoped that a full complement of Crafts will compete for the Trades House Bowling Trophy on Sunday 9 June. The provisional venue is Giffnock Bowling Club. Stewart Cobb, Bowling Convener, 0141 639 6472

CURLING

This season's knock-out competition is now well under way. It got off to a rocky start when clearly the early rounds took one or two crafts by surprise, and teams proved difficult to find at short notice. The lesson here is - If you are a curler, find out who your curling convener is and make yourself known to him. Conveners are always looking for new players to call on.

At the time of writing, only the Tailors have moved through to the semi-finals, and the Bonnetmakers, Skinners, Weavers, Gardeners and Maltmen will contest the other three places. As ever, the competition has been conducted in a friendly Trades House spirit, and provided we can keep the number of curlers in the crafts regularly topped up (Collectors please note!), then we can look forward to many enjoyable competitions in the future.

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