



REBIRTH OF A "UNIQUE HERITAGE"

By Spring of next year the final phase of the renovation of the Trades Hall will be complete resulting in what the project architect, David Millar of the Brooke Millar Partnership Ltd, describes as "the creation of additional modern facilities within a unique heritage setting."

This marks the culmination of some 25 years of ongoing restorative work on the Hall which has seen facilities and fabric upgraded throughout the building from the basement service areas to the impressive rooftop dome.

It is a particular triumph for the Hall Trustees, under Chairman Harry Abram, Trust Secretary Gordon Wyllie, letting agent Carole Nelson and the staff, fundraiser Bill Stevenson, Hall architect Campbell Duff and architect and project manager David Millar. Their tireless efforts to meet the requirement of various funding bodies and raise capital from hundreds of sources ranging from

the Heritage Lottery Fund to individuals have resulted in almost all the money being in place to complete the £1.2 million final phase of top-floor building work.

Work on this phase will begin in July and run through into early September. During July and August the Hall will be closed for all functions. Scaffolding may be in place for some time after this. Work on fitting out the new function rooms on the top floor and on completing interpretation facilities will be ongoing into 2003.

Disruption to some events, therefore, will be unavoidable but every effort is being made to keep these to a minimum. Should you have any questions regarding Hall lets over this period please contact Carole Nelson or Doreen Burns at the Hall Office, tel. 0141 248 5566.

See page 2 for more details on the Hall renovation.

CONVENER SAILS "UP THE WATTER"

Deacon Convener George Horspool joined the officers and crew of H.M.S. Glasgow sailing from Greenock to Yorkhill Quay when the type 42 destroyer paid a courtesy call to her "home" city.

Later representatives of the officers and other ranks were entertained to a lunchtime reception in the Trades Hall when the Deacon Convener said how much he had enjoyed his time on board and wished that he could join them when they left Glasgow and sailed for Gibraltar. He then presented first officer Lt. Commander Daniel Yarker with an engraved ship's decanter and a bottle of Deacons' Association malt whisky for the ship's wardroom.

In reply H.M.S. Glasgow's supply officer Lt. Commander Gail Adlam said the crew received a real buzz from a home town visit and had found the warmth and wonderful generosity of their welcome "something special". "Nothing we meet in our travels will match this", she said. A ship's crest and framed photograph were then presented to the House.

Note: Craftsman Mike Jones writes from Sydney, Australia to comment on the article which appeared in the Autumn issue of "The Craftsman" regarding the visit to the House by crew from H.M.S. Coventry. He tells us that at one point during the Second World War there was no H.M.S. Coventry and instead the City of Coventry adopted H.M.S. Argonaut at a ceremony attended by his father Lt. Cdr. E.E. Jones. "The world can be a smaller place thanks to communication and coincidence," he comments.



Deacon Convener Horspool and Collector Ian Elliott with Lt. Cdr. Yarker and Lt. Cdr. Adlam

SPRING INTO SUMMER

Not to be missed high profile House activities in late spring and summer are:-

● **24 APRIL** - the prestigious Trades House Lecture will be held in the McCance Building at the University of Strathclyde. Speaker will be Sir Ian Robinson, Chairman of Scottish Enterprise on the topic "Economic Climate in Scotland: Skills for Tomorrow's Jobs".

● **7 MAY** - the Trades Hall Musical Association hosts entertainers from Scottish Opera at the Trades Hall. Tickets £7.50 from the House Office.

● **11 MAY** - the Glasgow Ball (which will be part of the House's Royal Jubilee celebrations) will be held in the Hilton Hotel to raise funds for the Chain Gang's appeal to provide a rapid response vehicle for the ambulance service in Glasgow. All 648 tickets are sold and there is sure to be keen bidding for the fabulous items on offer in the auction, including a magnificent painting of the front door of the Trades Hall by Deacon Dugald Cameron. The more items in the auction and the more items in the tombola the more money will be raised. If you can make a donation call the organisers of the Trades House of Glasgow 2002 Ball on 0141 427 9995.

● **23 MAY** - the House will have the chance to really shine

and show what we do to thousands of Glaswegians as part of the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations. As part of her visit to the city Her Majesty will be at Glasgow Cathedral before moving on to George Square to view a covered display of the work of 20 of the city's voluntary and charitable bodies. The House will be to the fore with an imaginative show case of our work centred around the new Ambulance Service rapid response vehicle. After the Royal party have left the Square our display team will be open to all those attending this historic event.

● **10 JUNE** - the annual Trades House School Craft Awards will be presented in the Trades Hall followed the same day by the Trades House Millennium Award ceremony to the school making the greatest contribution to its local community.

● **13 to 16 JUNE** - the Glasgow CollegeSkills Competition and Exhibition awards will be made with the best craft work from students at the city's colleges on display to the public in the Trades Hall over four days.

● **23 AUGUST** - the House Jazz Cruise down the Clyde on the paddle steamer Waverley will raise funds for the rapid response vehicle appeal and selected charities. Tickets £15 from the Trades House Office.

HOUSE MAKES POSSIBLE FIRST 4 DIMENSIONAL ULTRASOUND SCANNER

Representatives from the Trades House visited the Queen Mother's Hospital at Yorkhill in February to officially unveil Scotland's first 4 dimensional "real time" ultrasound scanner whose £150,000 purchase was made possible thanks to substantial contributions from the Commonweal and Drapers' Funds.

The state-of-the-art scanner captures detailed 3 dimensional images of the foetus which with the latest technology, similar to the latest computer games, is linked to real time image movement (referred to as 4 dimensional scanning).

Dr Alan Cameron, Consultant Obstetrician at Yorkhill NHS Trust, said: "This technology is a major breakthrough in imaging and will help to study the foetus in greater detail than has ever been possible before."

Women from all over the country will be referred to the Queen Mother's for early diagnosis and treatment of the unborn child including conditions such as spina-bifida and foetal tumours.

Picture: Dr Lena Macara shows Fiona Meechan and Gerald McMail a detailed moving image of their baby on the new 4D ultrasound scanner. Looking on are David Yeoman, Manager Drapers' Fund 2001; Gordon Wyllie, Clerk to the House; Late Convener Roy Scott; Deacon Convener George Horspool; Dr Alan Cameron; Hans Gassert, Diagnostic Sonar and Sister Anne Byrne.



SUPPORT FOR OTHERS

Throughout 2001 the Commonweal Fund assisted a total of 107 organisations with financial support totalling £89,285. A number of medical charities and organisations benefited including a £20,000 contribution to a new medical fund established by the House and Crafts to mark the 550th anniversary of the founding of the University of Glasgow. Many national and local bodies and Glasgow community groups offering support and assistance to the elderly, the disabled and children also benefited.

... AND HELP FOR AFRICA

Ex-Deacon John Glen's Skinners "Non Party" Fund is now in its fourth year of providing assistance to the St James Mission Hospital in Lesotho. The Fund raises around £1000 a year which has helped save many lives, particularly in child-birth and from dysentery, and also contributes to the hospital's HIV/AIDS educational programme. John Glen stresses that if more incorporations and individuals contributed more life saving aid could be provided.

And John Glen has greater ambitions. He would like to raise around £40,000 to purchase a four-wheel drive ambulance to reach seriously ill mountain people whose present means of reaching hospital is by horse, mule or on foot. He asks if anyone knows a car dealer or manufacturer who would help provide a reliable vehicle to contact him.



A mother and child at the Lesotho hospital

TRIBUTES TO TWO TRUE PATRONS

In common with other charities across Britain the Grand Antiquity Society has been mourning the deaths of two Royal Patrons. HRH The Princess Margaret and HM The Queen Mother, at whose state funeral the Society was represented by their Clerk and Late Preses Gordon Wyllie accompanied by Deacon Convener George Horspool. Both royal ladies will be greatly missed, especially the Queen Mother. She was the patron or president of a total of 349 charities and organisations, many of whom, like

the Society, she had been associated with since the 1930's.

"Their dedication to duty was an example to us all," said Preses Norrie Fyfe, "and we are lucky indeed that our remaining Royal Patron, the Princess Royal, continues in that tradition."

The Society welcomes third-generation Glasgow burghesses as members, and any interested and qualified person should contact Carole Nelson at the office on 0141 228 8075.

ANCIENT MEETS MODERN

The most visually striking feature of the Trades Hall renovation will be the rearticulation of the main facade through restoring the Regency bow-headed windows, but the biggest practical achievement will be the restoration of the disused top floor of the building.

Internally the old schoolroom, which has lain derelict for over a century, will be transformed into a meeting room of a similar size to the existing first floor Saloon and likewise capable of hosting groups of up to 60 persons. Some of the original school benches will form part of a display depicting the work of the 14 Incorporations. This room will be complemented by recreating former committee rooms on either side of the Hall dome. Each of these two rooms will accommodate 30 to 40 persons depending on the nature of the functions being held.



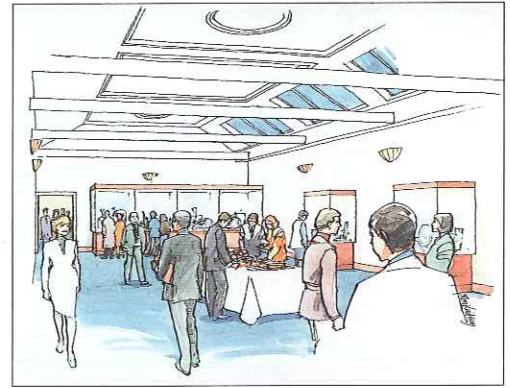
The work to be carried out on the exterior of the Hall is explained to House Officer David McGaffin by architects Gareth Roberts and David Millar of BMP and heritage consultant Fergus Sutherland of Archaeamidia



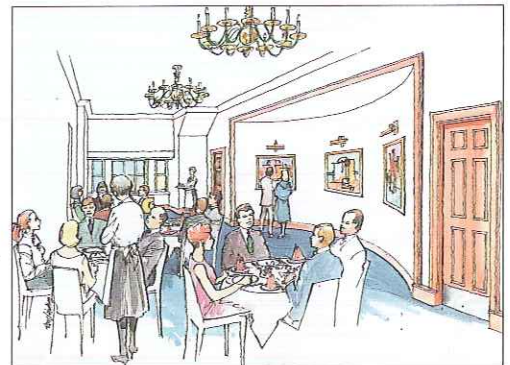
An artist's impression of how the finished exterior will look

Also in this area there will be additional toilet accommodation including facilities for the disabled. Small serving areas will be created linked by a new staircase to the main kitchen allowing for full catering facilities to be provided. Access to this floor will be by the rear stairs and the fully automatic lift which was installed to this end in the last phase of work. Improved access for the disabled and the introduction of a piped cooling system allowing improved temperature control for all types of functions are welcome features of the current works.

Externally the three main Serlian fan headed windows of the Grand Hall facing onto Glassford Street will be reinstated returning the facade to an 18th Century appearance in the style of Robert Adam, who designed the Hall. One of the Georgian-style street doors will also be replaced (at the Reception Room) to improve access to the Hall for visitors. With scaffolding in place the opportunity will also be taken to carry out some remedial and maintenance work to the frontage and roof.



How the completed meeting room might look



An impression of one of the two new "dome" function rooms

THE VISITOR EXPERIENCE

Throughout this Autumn into Spring of next year work will continue on the furnishing and decoration of the top floor and the creation of visitor/tourist facilities. Much of this work will be under the direction of Fergus Sutherland of Archaeamidia Ltd., a research and production company specialising in the heritage sector.

Apart from the many historical Craft artefacts which can be displayed, the visitor will be able to see an audio-visual presentation. Head-set audio tour aids will be available providing background on the History of the Hall, the House, the Incorporations and the social history of Glasgow from the growth of the Merchant City to the emergence of Glasgow into a world renowned Victorian city. A key feature will be the role which the Crafts played in the development of the city up to the mid 19th century and their altered functions since that time of change.

"It is vital to emphasise to visitors that the 1605 Letter of Guildry was one of the most significant milestones in the city's history and that the Trades Hall is the most important secular building in Glasgow still in its original use", commented Mr Sutherland.

Mr Sutherland also stressed that although the Trades Hall should become a major visitor attraction its prime use would remain as an enhanced venue for meetings and functions of all kinds.



The project team meet in the old school room to discuss renovations to the disused top floor of the Hall

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

To ensure that the visitor receives the best possible insight to the work of the Crafts it would be helpful for any Craftsman who has Craft artefacts, Craft histories, stories and anecdotes, old maps or plans of the City etc., to send these for possible inclusion in the interpretive display to David Millar, Brooke Millar Partnership, 577 Dumbarton Road, Glasgow G11 6HU (tel. 0141 357 5150). Funding is also required to ensure that the costs of the £1.2 million renovation are met in full, and indeed to ensure the ongoing development and maintenance of the historic building. Details of how you can contribute are available from the Hall Trust Office (tel. 0141 248 5566).

THOSE WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE

Thanks are due to all those who made the final phase possible – particularly to the Heritage Lottery Fund with their contribution of £632,500. Support also came from Historic Scotland, Glasgow City Council and Scottish Enterprise, Glasgow. The Trades Hall Trust also raised £400,000 including valuable support from all the Crafts and many individuals.

"RAPID RESPONSE" IN FASHION

The Association of Trades House Ladies has made a "rapid response" to the Deacon Convener's appeal for funding to gift a rapid response vehicle to be used in Glasgow by the Scottish Ambulance Service, by holding a fashion show in the Moat House Hotel on Tuesday 23 April. This will be one of the largest events ever organised by the ladies with 600 guests expected to attend.

Fashions will be provided by *etoile* of Largs with support from well known companies including Frasers, Studio Accessories, Nail Zone, and the Association's own member Anne MacFarlane, Colour Consultant. An Estee Lauder consultant will demonstrate the art of make-up at the interval.

In February the Association welcomed Deacon Robert Holmes Henderson of the Bakers who gave an interesting talk on the Bakers and presented two magnificent cakes as examples of the baker's art as raffle prizes.

The Association's AGM and annual dinner will be held in the Trades Hall Saloon on Wednesday 25 September and as there is expected to be a brisk demand for tickets these should be obtained as soon as possible.

Some ladies may feel that they are too busy to join the Association but this should not be a deterrent to membership as everyone is informed by mail of events and is free to choose to attend any which appeal.

Application forms can be obtained from:- Mrs Anne MacConnacher, Rivendell, Bridge of Weir Road, Kilmacoll (01505 872480) or Mrs Eleanor Sandford, Drums, 18 West Avenue, Carluke (01555 771075).

A GOLDEN TABLE

The Very Reverend Bill Morris KCV, Minister of Glasgow Cathedral and Chaplain to the House has completed 50 years in the ministry. To mark his Golden Jubilee all the organisation with which he has been associated over this period, including the Trades House, Merchants House, schools, universities and professional bodies, agreed that it would be appropriate to make a gift to the Cathedral as a lasting memento of his services.

Consequently Robbie Briggs, a mature student from the Glasgow College of Building and Printing, was commissioned to design and craft a six foot long oak wood table which now graces the nave of the Cathedral.

Pictured here, Rev John Speirs, Moderator of the Glasgow Presbytery, presents the table to Dr Morris and the Cathedral. Also at the ceremony were Deacon Convener George Horspool, Collector Ian Elliott, Clerk Gordon Wyllie and Ex-Convener Kenneth Sandford. A replica table in miniature was also presented to Dr Morris for his own use.



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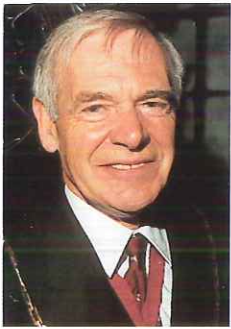
A TIME FOR CHANGE

"So little time, so little to do". Thus said Oscar Levant. He can't ever have been Deacon Convener of the Glasgow Trades!! Some five months have now elapsed since the start of my term of office and I can safely say that I have seldom been busier. One of the first things which strikes me is the closeness of the bond between the House and the City. Charlotte and I have attended awards ceremonies, we have met the Royal Navy, we have dined with business leaders from the USA, from Europe and from several of Glasgow's Twin Cities. And that is but a sample. And in all of this one thing stands out – the participation of the Deacon Convener in the affairs of the City of Glasgow is expected and on being proffered is warmly welcomed.

As I go about my duties I hear much about the need to ensure that the House remains relevant to the ever changing needs of modern times. One of the small but important steps by which this can be done is by bringing meeting times more into line with the demands of today's business practices – by holding House meetings in the early evening rather than, as tends to be the way now, in the middle of the working day. The Platform is currently addressing this. Change of any kind is, by its very nature, a slow process. But changes there must be.

Some things, however, are clear. The standing of the Trades House of Glasgow as one of this City's principal charitable institutions and as a supplicant for and a promoter of education, design and craftsmanship remains high, its aims and objectives undimmed. It is my intention and that of my quite splendid Chain Gang to so complete our year in office that those that follow will find the House and its affairs in the best possible heart.

George Horspool, Deacon Convener



Ian Elliott

REFLECTIONS OF THE COLLECTOR

Looking back over a busy and enjoyable six months from a guaranteed seat at the top table the inclement weather has not dulled the activities of the House. Another "best yet" Chain Gang has gelled for lasting friendship and the Skinners have won the wooden spoon for their "no come back" song.

I have to ponder on the realisation of the magnitude of the charitable work of the members of the House, including School Crafts Competition, CollegeSkills Competition, Schools Millennium Award, Commonwealth Fund, Children's Classic Concerts, Pensioners Committee and representatives to Public Bodies, etc. Enjoyable events included the New Year's Day Concert, the Hammermen's Service Group Beneficiaries Pantomime and the secondary social events of the Crafts, the Grand Antiquity and the Lodge.

Ian Elliott, Collector

VARIETY IS SPICE OF LIFE

The Deacon Convener and Collector attend many functions some of which are featured on other pages. But no matter how large or small the event each brings its own pleasures and rewards. These are just a few.

In March the Platform and Deacons paid their annual visit to Erskine Hospital where the Deacon Convener is pictured with Chairman Mr R.F. Sherriff (right) and Chief Executive Colonel Martin Gibson. The Platform and Chain Gang toured the hospital and were able to see first hand some of the facilities which have received the support of the House and the Crafts over the years for the care of thousands of former service personnel residents.



When the Deacon Convener attended the Candlemas meeting of the Incorporation of Masons in the Trades Hall to present Burgess tickets in his capacity as Glasgow's third citizen he had an unexpected surprise. One of the recipients was the popular House Officer David McGaffin. Tickets were also presented to other new members Fraser Ballantyne, Roy Allen and Robin Thom. All in all it has been a very fruitful year for the Masons' Collector David Dobson who so far in his year has recruited 24 new members.

160 guests attended the Hammermen's Service Group Beneficiaries Outing to the King's Theatre pantomime. George and Charlotte Horspool are pictured joining in the festive fun and guests enjoyed the pre-theatre meal at the new venue, the Thistle Hotel.



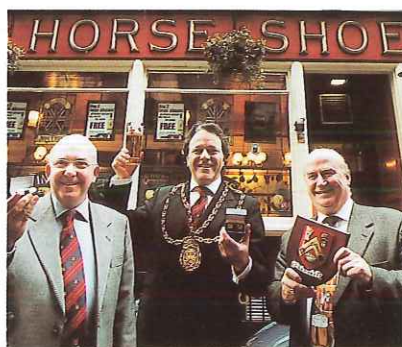
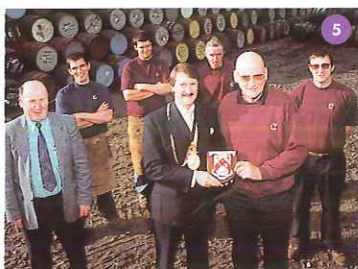
CRESTING ALONG ON BARRELS AND BEER

It could be called a "crest crusade" as Craft crests appear in city hostels and in co-operatives in the UK and throughout the world.

Setting the trend was Coopers' Deacon Richard Paterson, who is the Master Blender with Kyndal, the company behind Whyte & Mackay and many malt whiskies. Richard is pictured opposite presenting Coopers' shields to:-

1. Eddie McLaughlin, President of the Association of Cooperage Industries of America.
2. Arne Joranoen and Ole Olsen of Arcus Cooperage, Oslo, Norway.
3. Kiyomichi Hasegawa of Nikka Cooperage in Hokkaido, Japan.
4. Sri Kumar Sen, of Shaw Wallace, representing Faizali Cooperage, India.
5. Jack Cavanagh and Murdo Reed of Kyndal Invergordon Distillery Cooperage.
6. Ms Joyce Bremner and the team at Grant's Glenfiddich Distillery Cooperage.
7. And on our doorstep the Trades Hall "watering hole", the Steps Bar.

Richard is an Ex-Visitor of the Maltmen so by coincidence or not to be outdone the current Visitor Adrian J Laird Craig, with the help of Past Visitor David McClymont, regional director of Tennent Caledonian Breweries, undertook the "arduous" task of reviving the traditional role of the Visitor in inspecting city public houses to ensure that their products came up to standard. Starting of course at the Steps Bar they moved on to other Glasgow landmarks, the Horseshoe Bar and the Clutha Vaults to name but a few. Those that "passed" received a Maltmen's shield. Judging by the happy faces none failed. Have any other Crafts plans to visit florists, bakers, butchers, jewellers, hat shops, shoe shops, builders' yards, dress shops and hairdressers? – or is that not quite so much fun?



CRAFT NEWS



HAMMERMEN'S WORKSHOP

Ex-Deacon David Stirrat is pictured cutting the ribbon to open officially the Engineering Design Workshop at the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Glasgow. The workshop was refurbished with funding of £15,000 committed by the Incorporation of Hammermen as a millennium award from the Craft.

... AND ARROL AWARDS



Hammermen's Deacon John Denholm and the University's Head of Department Dr John Howell, with three of the four Sir William Arrol Bursary Award winners at the Department in the academic year 2000/01. The winners are Natalie Cheong (who went on to win in addition the Incorporation's Prince Philip Prize for engineering students) together with Philip Price and Anna Baron. The bursaries, worth £1000 a year to each student, come from funds passed to the Incorporation from the late Sir William Arrol's Trust.



BUDDING BUILDERS

The Masons' MacDonald awards have been won by Kevin Martin from Wm. Wilson of Aberdeen and Eileen Buchanan of Keyline Ltd. Glasgow. They are receiving the awards from John O'Carroll Bailey, National President of the UK Builders Merchants Federation (right), Allan Bartlett BMF Scottish President (left) and Masons' Deacon Bill Richardson, who had been invited to address the BMF meeting on the Trades House and the Incorporation of Masons. The awards were instituted in 1988 by Past Deacon Robin Taylor for the top Scottish BMF students for their postal training course with funding from the Lady MacDonald Fund set up in memory of her late husband, builder Sir John MacDonald.

HEARTY SUPPORT

Late Collector W Stewart Wright, an Ex-Deacon of the Cordiners, hands over a cheque for £1010 to Robert Paterson of the Family Heart Association. Robert, a member of the Incorporation who lives in London, had undertaken to carry out a BikeHike from Lands End to John O'Groats last summer. Unfortunately the foot and mouth crisis curtailed much of the event but undaunted the Cordiners at their annual dinner raised the first four figure sum for the appeal. The BikeHike has been rescheduled for this summer. Information can be found at www.greatbikehike.co.uk.



HELP FOR UNSUNG HEROES

Deacon David Grahame of the Incorporation of Bakers is pictured presenting a cheque for £2000 to Michael Wheatley, fund raising manager of the Princess Royal Trust for Carers. The Trust is a national charity with its roots in Glasgow. It provides support for the half million people in Scotland who care for a relative, partner or friend or for a child with a disability. These unsung heroes are found in every community and often suffer from financial worries, stress, physical demand, isolation and loneliness.



ROTARIAN AMBASSADOR



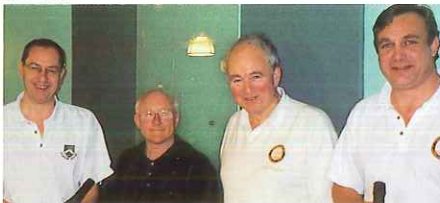
Three Rotarian Past Presidents, Jean Scott (Charing Cross), Jack Steele (Glasgow) and Craftsman Nigel Kelly (Strathendrick) are pictured at the Masons' Candelmas Court social evening with Rotarian Ambassadorial Scholar Asako Ide from Nagasaki with some of her friends from the University of Glasgow. Asako won a bottle of port in the raffle and handed it to Deacon Bill Richardson as she thought he would appreciate it more than herself.

SPORTS NEWS "GOLD" FOR GARDENERS

The Gardeners, last year's curling winners, with an unchanged team were able to duplicate on their form in seeing off a strong challenge from the Bonnetmakers and Dyers to once again win the Trades House competition.

Fielding an unchanged team under skip Douglas Burt with Tom Gemmill at three, Kenneth Sandford at two and Tom Nimmo as lead, it did not seem at first that the Gardeners were going to triumph as the Bonnetmakers surged into a 3-0 lead after two ends thanks to a confident start by skip Robin Shand and his team of Graham Barnes, Ewan Cunningham and Anne Mackellar. However it was another four ends before Robin was able to score again (in curling success is always the result of good team play, failure on the other hand is totally the responsibility of the skip. A score of three to the Gardeners at the seventh end put the match beyond the reach of the challengers, although Robin claimed a creditable two at the eighth end. With a final tally of 8-6 the Gardeners once again retained possession of the cigar box trophy.

Pictured is the victorious Gardeners curling team Michael Burton, Curling Convener, eve 0141 638 2819, day 0141 621 4233



GOLF

Dates and venues for this year's Trades House golf events have been arranged as:-

Wednesday 22 May - Trades House Shield Competition - Milngavie GC
Wednesday 14 August - match v Edinburgh Merchants Co. GC - Bruntisfield GC

Tuesday 10 September - David Borland Trophy Competition - Prestwick St Nicholas GC.

If any Craftsman would like to play in any of the above or in individual Craft outings he should contact his respective Golf Convener:- BAKERS David Templeton (01357 521098); BARBERS Archie Hutchison (0141 571 1399); BONNETMAKERS Steven Braid (0141 639 3331); COOPERS Alan Watt (01357 529474); CORDINERS Alistair Dorward (0141 954 7382); FLESHERS Allan Lapsley (0141 812 7998); GARDENERS Allan Ramsay (0141 649 7921); HAMMERMEN David Manson (0141 956 3570); MALTMEN Donald Campbell (01689 818647); MASONS Hugh Sutherland (01786 834058); SKINNERS Gordon Ferguson (0141 942 7840); TAILORS John Sinclair (0141 942 4646); WEAVERS Hamish Brodie (0141 639 3614); WRIGHTS Christopher Mennie (0141 942 7797). At the annual meeting of the Golf Conveners Stuart Orr was elected Captain and Archie Hutchison Vice-Captain for 2002.

Gray Mickel, Golf Convener

SECONDARY AWARDS



The first award made by the Wrights from their Lady MacDonald Bequest to Glasgow secondary schools has gone to Hillpark Secondary. Deacon Alistair Doig is pictured here with Mr Alan Wortley, Head of the Technical Department who received the £1200 prize on behalf of the school at a ceremony in the City Chambers. The "Wrights' Silver Medal" and commemorative certificate along with £100 was awarded to Brendan O'Riordan of Hillpark. The ceremony was chaired by Auld Deacon Dr Robert Gray and Deacon Convener George Horspool explained to the 500 pupils, parents and teachers who attended the work of the House and the Crafts past and present.

GARDENERS TO THE RESCUE



The Gardeners are mounting a major fund raising effort to help complete the restoration of Crarae Gardens, six miles to the south of Inverary. Some £200,000 is required to add to the £3.3 million already raised to save the gardens from closure. Everyone will have the chance of joining in to help and also see the gardens on Saturday 8 June when the azaleas and rhododendrons are in majestic and spectacular full bloom. Coaches leave from the Trades Hall at 10.30am and on arrival at Crarae guests will be met by Lady Campbell and entertained to a champagne reception. A team of gardeners will be on hand for guided tours. Tickets are £25; children £8.50.

Deacon Harry Yeomans said: "This will be a fun day out in a good cause for everyone. Bring your own food and drinks for a picnic to the music of the Glasgow Steel Band."

The Glasgow Steel Band also played at the Gardeners' West Indian Party Night when 170 guests raised £700 for Crarae Gardens while partaking of a rum punch (rum courtesy of Deacon Richard Paterson of the Coopers). Judging by the picture of the Deacon's daughter-in-law, Sophie Yeomans and friends, they all enjoyed themselves.



SINGING FOR THEIR SUPPER

There was an international flavour to the annual Cordiners' Musical Evening. Katherine Wiles (soprano) from New Zealand, and Rob Fann (tenor) from the United States accompanied by Eun Young Kim from Korea on the piano entertained those present. All three are students at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama and were the popular choice of Cordiners' Deacon Jimmy Miller. Also participating in the evening were four students from the Lillian McNeill School of Dancing were the Cordiners sponsor Nicola Gilmour, one of the students. Deacon Miller is pictured here with the entertainers.

MIRROR MIRROR

... who is the most generous of all. The Barbers have funded the refurbishment of the hairdressing salon in the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice in Glasgow. Deacon Stanley Hutchison and Clerk Kevin Goldie are pictured "reflecting" on the completed facility.



IN BRIEF

The Fleshers raised £905 at their dinner dance for the British Heart Foundation in Edinburgh. The Wrights had Mr Roger Miller, Master of the Worshipful Company of Carpenters of London, as their guest at their "At Home" held in the Western Club.