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CREATING OUR CHAIN OF OPPORTUNITY



Deacon Convener Stewart Wright (left) will lead the fund raising effort supported by Collector Tom Gilchrist and the 2002/03 Chain Gang

The 2002/03 Chain Gang has embarked on an ambitious fund raising project with the main object of providing some city young people, mainly from the East End, the opportunity to maximise their potential towards future careers.

Deacon Convener Stewart Wright said: "I have spent the greater part of my working life in the East End of the city. Every day I see examples of young people with neither purpose or direction. We can play some part in helping them to realise their potential in taking their rightful place as useful members of society."

To achieve the object the Chain Gang has set itself a target of raising £30,000 which would be matched by other funding, including E.C. funding, to total £60,000. These funds will be targeted at schemes, already proved to be successful, operated by the Greater Easterhouse Development Company and Columba 1400, the international leadership centre on the Isle of Skye, where 83% of the participants go on to employment or further college education. Support may be given to other projects in east Glasgow.

Deacon Convener Wright added: "I see the House as a family, caring for the old and the young, so I hope that both individuals and businesses will follow our lead in giving to the youth of our city the opportunity to realise their best potential."

The main Chain Gang fund raising function will be the Glasgow Ball on 10 May 2003. Details are in the leaflet enclosed with this issue or from the House Office.

PERKS OF THE JOB?

Being Deacon Convener is a time consuming job, but as George Horspool found out in his last few days of office it has its perks. As part of his civic duties to assist the Lord Provost George helped entertain a group of young teachers from Catalonia on an exchange visit to Glasgow. A special flamenco smile for the young ladies George?



COMMONWEAL'S ROYAL RECOGNITION



The House was represented by Ex-Convener Ian MacConnacher at the opening of the Quarriers Family Resource Centre in Ruchazie by HRH Princess Anne, the Princess Royal. Through the Commonwealth Fund the House has contributed some £6500 towards the Centre. Quarriers is one of the oldest social care partnership organisations in Scotland and the purpose built Ruchazie Centre is part of their work with young children and families who may be disadvantaged or in need of support. Pictured (l to r) at the opening with the Princess Royal are Michael Martin MP, Speaker of the House of Commons, Robin Wilson, Chairman of Quarriers and Ian MacConnacher.

*FIRST LADY – HRH The Princess Royal has been graciously pleased to accept honorary membership of the Incorporation of Hammermen and becomes its first honorary lady member.

PRINCELY LAUGHTER

Why are Late Deacon Bill Richardson of the Masons and Sandra Gunn from the Glasgow College of Building and Printing sharing a joke with HRH Prince Charles? Find out more on Page 4.



GOING STRONG

Now entering its third year, the Association of Trades House Ladies is going from strength to strength with membership increasing steadily. The second AGM and Annual Dinner was held in September with Ms Annabel Goldie MSP as the guest speaker. Following the Association's success with its charity fashion show the committee is presently considering the possibility of a second showing.

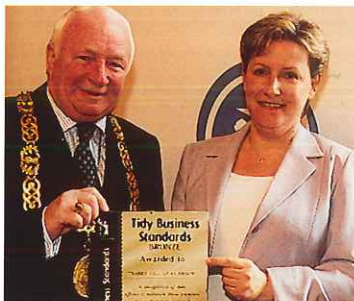
With a number of Incorporations now considering the admission of ladies to their Crafts the Association would like to extend an invitation to those ladies to also join the Association where they will have the opportunity to meet together and enjoy the company, friendship and social activities of other ladies who have been of great service to the Trades House.

Membership is £10 and application can be made to Eleanor Sandford (Treasurer), Roslyn Cottage, School Road, Guildtown, Perth PH2 6BX (01821 640300) or Anne MacConnacher (President) Rivendell, Bridge of Weir Road, Kilmacolm PA13 4NN (01505 872480).

CLEAR OUT YOUR ATTIC

As part of the interpretation work being carried out in the final phase of the refurbishment of the Trades Hall artefacts or objects relating to the former Trades School are required for display. If you have any please contact Carole Nelson at the Hall office (0141 228 8075). Meanwhile the Trades Hall has achieved Bronze Standard in the Glasgow City Centre Tidy Business Awards for recycling and waste management. The Hall staff are now gearing up to go for Silver which recognises efforts on waste minimisation and recycling initiatives. The ultimate aim is a Gold Award for showing a positive commitment towards local community enhancement.

Carole Nelson
receives the bronze
Award from Lord
Provost Alex
Mosson.



PIANO and POET

The Trades House Musical Association's latest concert was a Piano Gala held at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama with superb recitals from several young ladies who are students at the Academy. Much to the delight of staff and performers there was a virtual sell out of seats thereby further strengthening the links forged between the House and the Academy.

The Association's next event is an evening in the Mitchell Library on 4 February featuring the music of Robert Burns presented by Kirstie McCue. The Mitchell librarian has kindly agreed that the event can be held in the world renowned Burns Room and with accommodation limited to 130 it will be a case of "first come first served". Tickets, price £10, can be obtained from Carole Nelson at the House Office (0141 228 8075).

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2003

The past months since I assumed office have been probably the most hectic of my life, but at the same time also the most interesting and enjoyable. It is indeed a unique experience to head this great family of ours and I have taken every opportunity to "spread the word" that we are indeed a vital and integral part of this city. I am indebted to Charlie McGhee, the editor of The Evening Times, and Rosemary Long for publishing a feature on 21 December, which hopefully will make the workings of the House less of a (quote) "Best Kept Secret".

The date for the "Glasgow Ball" has been set for Saturday 10 May and I would ask for your full support to ensure its success in raising the necessary funding to assist the youth of the city's East End. In particular I am grateful to late Preses Norrie Fyfe and Late Deacon David McDowall for their invaluable assistance and advice.

The preparatory work for the revamping of our web site is well advanced and hopefully we will be available on-line in the not too distant future. The site address is www.tradeshouse.org.uk, and I thank my Collector Tom Gilchrist and late Deacon Ian Dale for their endeavours.

W Stewart Wright, Deacon Convener

LOOKING BACK ON 2002

My year in office passed with bewildering rapidity and encompassed too many highlights to mention. If I were to note anything of special significance it would be the charitable giving which the House makes year on year through the Commonweal Fund and the Drapers' Fund whose Manager this year, ex-Deacon Peter Cross, has done an exemplary job. Only by doing the job which I have completed does one fully realise the enormous amount of good done by the Trades House in attempting to improve the lot of those less fortunate than ourselves.

Other noteworthy reflections include the excellent relationships enjoyed with Glasgow City Council, the privilege of attending the Queen Mother's funeral in Westminster Abbey and a splendid day spent with the Royal Navy.

It has also been a privilege and an honour to serve the House in a year which saw some significant advances. The Incorporations have agreed that no objections will be raised if any of their number wish to admit women. As I have long viewed the stalemate on this matter as one which reflected no great credit on the House I am grateful to all Incorporations for assisting in laying this matter to rest.

Finally I extend heartfelt thanks to Charlotte without whose unflinching support I could not have fulfilled my role and to the members of my quite splendid Chain Gang whose enthusiasm and untiring commitment ensured that our joint term of office was to the greater good of the Trades House.

George Horspool, Late Convener

OUR CHILDREN IN NEED

The valuable assistance given to children in need in the Glasgow area by the Drapers' Fund, administered by the House, often goes unsung and in many cases rightly so as assistance goes to individual children and families whose plight can only be described as "desperate".

The Fund, established in 1918 by James Inglis, Draper of Argyle Street, Glasgow, now disburses some £50,000 annually and is presided over by a different Manager each year. The Manager is assisted by a small committee. During 2001-02 applications were received from 142 individuals and organisations of which 92 received financial support.

To provide a better understanding of the work of the Fund and hopefully generate more much needed money the Manager, Peter Cross, organised a reception at the Alexander Gibson Opera School at the RSAMD where presentations were made by some of those who had received assistance. These included the Challenger Flotilla who received money for a new boat and the Fairbridge Trust (Ruchill) for their Crossover Project. A film of this training project on work and achievement



with disturbed young people is available on loan on application through Mr Cross.

Live demonstrations were given by:-

- Children from the Bridgeton Traditional Music Centre, supported by the RSAMD and given start-up finance by the Fund (picture 1).

- Members of the Arashikan Shotokan Karate Club who were given assistance with travel expenses for a team of 12 youngsters to compete in the World Championships in Malmö, Sweden. The team brought back a bronze medal (picture 2).

- The Glasgow Islay Junior Gaelic Choir who were assisted with travel expenses to compete at the National Mod where they won various gold, silver and bronze medals (picture 3).

The well attended reception was made possible through the generosity of Melfort Pier & Harbour Ltd and the RSAMD.

Demands on the Fund now far exceed resources. If you can assist in any way please contact the new Manager, Duncan Gilmour, or Doreen Burns at the Trades House office (0141 228 8074) for a leaflet describing the work of the Fund.



TIME TO RELEASE THE POTENTIAL

It would be to the City of Glasgow at the annual Deacon Convener's Dinner was proposed by the Rev'd Norman Drummond, Chaplain to the Queen in Scotland and Chairman of Drummond International, who took as his theme the need to realise the potential of the young people of the city.

He said that it was a sad fact that one in four families live in poverty and one in nine children run away from home before they are 16. "What we need to do", he said, "is turn our backs on the petty politics of the nanny state and convince young people that they have the potential to succeed in life. It is essential that we recognise and release this untapped potential in our young people - they are the future of the city."

For the first time ever the Toast to the House and the

Incorporated Trades was delivered by a woman, Lady Marion Fraser. Lady Marion paid a State Visit to the House when Lord High Commissioner of the Church of Scotland and is the first non-Royal Lady of the Thistle.

Lady Marion said to the Crafts: "That you are now welcoming women into your fellowship means a great deal to me and I am sure that they will eventually take their place as equal partners." She also praised the House for always having its sights on the future welfare of the city particularly as work with the elderly becomes increasingly important.

Pictures: Deacon Convener Stewart Wright and Collector Tom Gilchrist greet guests who clearly are enjoying the pre-Dinner hospitality and conversation.



THE LADIES EVENING

Out to enjoy themselves just as much as their counterparts Deacon Convener's lady Mrs Jeanette Wright and Collector's lady Mrs Anne Gilchrist hosted a reception and dinner for their guests at the Western Club.

They are pictured here with some of their guests.



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SPEEDY BANKERS

For the second year running a team from the Clydesdale Bank has won the annual City Dash for Cancer & Leukemia in Childhood (CLIC). The event involves teams from Glasgow companies "dashing" around the city dressed in striped shirts and belt and braces to use their initiative to complete unusual and amusing allotted tasks in the shortest possible time. The Clydesdale Bank team completed the course in a record 31 minutes.

The event was adopted by the Trades House in 2001 and teams compete for the Trades House of Glasgow City Dash Charity Quaiach. In all £3000 was raised for CLIC which provides caring services for families with children being treated for cancer at the Royal Hospital

for Sick Children at Yorkhill.

Deacon Convener George Horspool is pictured with Lord Provost Alex Mosson at a City Chambers presentation for the competing teams.



GOLDEN TENANTS

Ex-Convener Ian MacConnacher deputised for Deacon Convener George Horspool at a ceremony to celebrate 50 years of occupancy by four tenants of the ten houses in Tanna Drive, Mossbank, Glasgow maintained by the charity Haig's Houses for former service personnel. It was fitting that Ian and his wife Anne should be at the event as during his term of office in 2000 the Commonweal Fund contributed towards the renewal of plumbing in the houses.

Ian and Anne MacConnacher are pictured with Brigadier Louis Johnman of Haig's Houses.



CRAFT NEWS

PRIZE ENGINEERS

The Hammermen's Prince Philip Prizes for engineering students and apprentices have been awarded to Paul Lucchesi of Langside College and Duncan Dunbar of Glasgow University. Both received £1500 and a trophy. The Craft's joint award with Scottish Engineering of £1000 and a trophy for a young manager making a significant contribution to his company's development has been won by Andrew Hayden from Rolls Royce Aero Engines. The Incorporation's Annual Hammermen Award presentations for students of engineering at universities and colleges in the former Strathclyde Region will take place on 29 April. From the winners a short-list for the 2003 Prince Philip Prize will be drawn up.

CONVENER IN TUNE

Making his first visit to his mother craft since his election, Deacon Convener Stewart Wright attended a Cordiners' musical evening in the Trades Hall in October. Over 60 guests and Craftsman were entertained by Adam McNaughton & Stramash.

CHAINED TOGETHER



Pictured enjoying the hospitality at their first official outing, the Masons' Choosing Dinner, are four members of the 2002-03 Chain Gang. From left to right are Deacons Campbell Duff (Skinners), Kenneth Brown (Cordiners), Graham Scott (Flethers) and Richard Maclaurin (Weavers).

ANCIENT and MODERN

The Weavers have visited Stirling Castle where the Craft is sponsoring a project to create a modern interpretation of seven of the finest medieval tapestries in the world. The designs are based on the "Hunt for the Unicorn" now on display at the Cloisters in New York, which houses the medieval collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The modern tapestries, currently being woven on a loom in the Royal Palace, will form an outstanding collection for the nation and an enduring legacy for future generations. When complete the tapestries will adorn the walls of the Queen's Presence Chamber in the Palace of Stirling Castle alongside furniture and fittings which will re-create the splendour of the Chamber as it may have appeared in the time of Mary of Guise (1542-1560).

TOP TILER

Masons' Deacon Mitchell Hutcheson presents the Incorporation's new Marley Trophy for excellence in slating and tiling to Ross Monaghan from South Lanarkshire College.



CEREMONIAL GARDENERS

In September the Gardeners were represented at Langside College's Graduation Ceremony in the Barony Hall. For many years the incorporation has had a close and fruitful relationship with the College and especially with Woodburn House, its Horticultural and Floristry Department, and has provided prizes to its students, which are presented at the College Prizegiving by the Deacon.

Pictured at the Ceremony are (back l to r) Late Deacon Douglas Anderson, College Principal A Graeme Hyslop, Frank McAveety MSP and David Welsh, Chairman of the College Board of Management (front l to r) Mrs Margot Yeomans, Deacon Harry Yeomans and Miss Margaret Hamilton, Academic Head of Woodburn House.



LONDON LIGHTS



Attending the Annual Livery Banquet of the Worshipful Company of Coopers in the Mansion House in London are (l to r) Late Deacon Convener George Horspool, Mrs Charlotte Horspool, Mrs Linda Esple, Deacon George Esple, Mrs Pamela Campbell and the Coopers' Clerk Alastair Campbell.

OLD SEA DOGS?

The Masons have visited the Royal Marines Reserve Depot where they enjoyed a demonstration of the Marines combat weapons, clothing and food – not to mention the hospitality of the officers' mess. A collection for the Royal Marine Benevolent Fund raised approx. £200. Pictured here with Colonel Steve Conway of the Royal Marines are two of the Incorporation's veteran members Colonel Arthur Lawrie RMR and Commander James Smith RNVR.



IN BRIEF

The Incorporation of WEAVERS is holding two special meetings for all members to deal with the constitutional changes required for the admission of women to the Incorporation: Jonathan Kinghorn, the Late Deacon of the SKINNERS, has attended the Graduation Award Ceremony of the Glasgow College of Building and Printing where prizes totalling £500 from the Incorporation were awarded: the HAMMERMEN have helped fund the purchase of metal working tools and materials to allow the development of basic metal working craft skills at Abercorn School for students with learning disabilities.

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SPORTS

GOLF

Milngavie Golf Club was again the venue for the Trades House Shield. Twenty-nine competitors representing nine Crafts took part in teams playing under Stableford rules with full handicap allowance and with the better ball at each hole counting.



The Wrights team of Ian Lightbody and Stuart Pollok emerged on top with a commendable 40 points, two better than their playing companions from the Masons, David Orcharton and Stuart Orr. Deacon Convener George Horspool is pictured with the winning team. Leading scores:- I Lightbody & AS Pollok (Wright's) 40; D Orcharton & S Orr (Masons) 38; PJ Kelly & G Morton (Coopers) 37; WC Gillespie & JS Sinclair (Tailors) 37; A Watson & G Gilchrist (Dyers) 36; AJ Dorward & A Currie (Cordiners) 36.

Prestwick St. Nicholas Golf Club was the venue for the David Borland competition. Eleven Crafts took part with a maximum of six players in each team with the best four Stableford scores being taken into account. Despite heavy rain on the previous day the course was in fine condition and golfers had the choice of morning or afternoon with conditions favouring the later players. Following a most satisfactory day, for both play and excellent clubhouse facilities, the winners were the Masons (Brian Hughes, Hugh Sutherland, Jim Barron and Charles McColligan) with 141 points. With 131 points the Gardeners were runners-up and on 128 points each the Cordiners and Bonnetmakers shared third place. Brian Hughes (Masons) returned the best individual score of 39 points (b.i.h.).

The annual match between the Merchants' Co. of Edinburgh G.C. and the Trades House of Glasgow was cancelled due to persistent heavy rain closing Bruntsfield Golf Course.

SKINNERS WIN

The 28th annual Ladies Golf Competition was held at Balmore Golf Club on 13 May. Eleven teams entered and although the heavens opened it did not stop play. Results: Winners: Skinners (Mary Hardie, Heather Davidson, Maureen Bird, Marilyn Muirhead); Runners-up: Coopers (Helen Abram, Jennifer Lunn, Leslie Abram, Susanne Wilson); Longest Drive: Fleshers, Jill McKinlay (silver); Skinners, Marilyn Muirhead (bronze); Nearest the Pin: Skinners, Maureen Bird (silver), Wrights, Lucille Bone (bronze).

Thanks are due to Sheena Watson, Elizabeth & Morton Fyfe, Ian Riddell, James Laird, Ian & Jean McDowall and Roy & Betty Scobie for their invaluable assistance in ensuring that the event was a success.



Deacon Convener George Horspool presents the trophy to the winning Skinners



The Coopers second place team with the Deacon Convener

BOWLING

The Masons have won this year's House Bowling Competition. Their team of Past Visitor William Walker, Colin Rice, Mark Latkowski and Donald Glass is pictured with Deacon Convener George Horspool.



ANGLING - COOPERS "CATCH" ALL

The 70th Trades House angling competition was held at the Lake of Menteith in September when 21 Craftsmen representing 12 Crafts took part in the annual competition. Although the conditions were not ideal, bright sun and lack of wind, ten fish were caught weighing 22lbs 4ozs.

The Dallas Trophy for the best individual basket was won by David Biggart (Coopers) - 2 fish, 4lbs 12ozs. Second was Donald Wright (Hammermen) - 2 fish, 4lbs 7ozs. The Team Trophy, Jackson Millar Cup, was won by the Coopers (David Biggart, Stuart Biggart) - 3 fish, 7lbs 12ozs. Making it a clean sweep for the Coopers. The Train Trophy for the heaviest fish was won by Stuart Biggart (3lbs) with David Biggart second (2lbs 12ozs).

After the competition high tea was taken at the Rob Roy Motel where Michael Beale (Bonnetmakers), the oldest Craftsman competitor at 94, presented the trophies.

CATCH 'EM YOUNG

During the 2001-02 Chain Gang outing to Arran in September 11-year-old Thomas Kinghorn (pictured), the son of Jonathan Kinghorn the Late Deacon of the Skinners, scooped the "pool" in the angling competition with three fish weighing 4 1/2 lbs.

One Deacon was heard to mutter that the catch should not count as Thomas is not yet a member of the Skinners (he cannot be admitted until he is 14) and anyway his "one that got away" was definitely more than 4 1/2 lbs.

Serious future competition then for the Skinners' usual "suspects" ex-Deacon John Glen, Deacon Campbell Duff and Collector of the House Tom Gilchrist, unless, of course, the EEC decide to ban Thomas to preserve stocks!



HIGHGROVE CLIMAX TO MASONS' YEAR

Masons' honorary member, HRH Prince Charles the Duke of Rothesay, met the third year stonemason apprentices from the Glasgow College of Building and Printing when they went to the Prince's private residence at Highgrove House to erect twin obelisks designed by the Dean of the Faculty of Construction, Sandra Gunn.

The Prince spoke to each student and took ownership of the obelisks, visible from the house at the end of the Tulip Walk at Highgrove, by the entrance to the walled garden. The obelisk bases are of Caithness stone, donated by Late Deacon Hugh Sutherland, and are engraved with the incorporation name, motto and coat of arms. The obelisks themselves are made of Yorkshire stone and are now featured on the guided tour provided for



The obelisks are in situ as the Prince meets the College apprentices and staff along with Deacon Bill Richardson, Ex-Deacon Jack Steele and Collector David Dobson from the Incorporation of Masons



Prince Charles congratulates Steven McWade the top stonemason at the College 2001-02 and the Lady MacDonald prize winner