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400 Years in the Making

Celebrating the first ever Lord Provost's Pageant in Glasgow, more than 500 people in period costume paraded through the sunny city centre streets to the delight of thousands of spectators.

Deacon Convener Tom Gilchrist joined the Lord Provost of Glasgow Liz Cameron and Merchants House Sub Dean of Guild Andrew Primrose, in leading the pageant themed 400 Years in the Making of Glasgow.

Participants dressed in colourful costumes representing the various trades and merchants that established the city as an international business centre four centuries ago.

Starting in George Square, where a programme of entertainment added to the carnival atmosphere, the pageant wound its way through the city centre cheered by onlookers along the route.

"This was a superb event and the culmination of many months of preparation, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who took part in the celebrations, not least of all our Trades House representatives," said Deacon Convener Tom Gilchrist.

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Doug Cocker with Lord Provost Liz Cameron and Deacon Convener Tom Gilchrist beside the Glasgow Bouquet.

Glasgow Bouquet

As part of the Trades House Quatercentenary year, a sculpture was commissioned in conjunction with the City Council and Merchants House who share the anniversary, to provide a lasting and appropriate record of the occasion. After a competition involving five submissions by selected artists, Doug Cocker DA RSA, was commissioned to develop his design, Glasgow Bouquet.

"Doug was selected as his piece sent out such a positive message for the future development of our past traditions," said Deacon Convener Tom Gilchrist. "In bronze, it is a woven vessel containing a flourish of images – St Kentigern's crook, the city mace, the mast of a trading ship and some craft tools. These are symbols that will encourage all of us to continue to work together in trade, enterprise and skill."

Although unveiled at George Square as part of the Lord Provost's Pageant celebrations, the piece will go on show at the People's Palace, Glasgow Green, before finally being erected on a 16-foot high granite column in Hutcheson Street, when pedestrianisation works are completed in the heart of the Merchant City.

Doug works in a range of materials including bronze, stone and wood, which can be seen all over the world as well as locally in the House for an Art Lover and Hunterian Museum. He has spent his life creating sculpture forms and teaching his skills to others.

VIEW FROM THE PLATFORM

TRADES HOUSE

BEATS THE TARGET



With more than £35,000 raised at the Glasgow Ball, the Trades House is able to make the promised donations of £15,000 each to the Prostate Cancer Charity and the Teenage Cancer Trust. This success has been achieved by the hard work of the Quatercentenary Chain Gang and the support of many people.

The sponsorship by Lloyds TSB Scotland and their attendance at the Ball guaranteed the success of the event. As Deacon Convener I think that the Glasgow Ball in itself achieves our four principal aims. It makes people aware of our work for the wider good, increases membership participation, attracts new funding through donation and legacy and helps us to respond effectively to appeals for assistance.

The 1605 Pageant was the inspiration of Lord Provost of Glasgow Liz Cameron. School children and youth groups were invited to study the 14 ancient crafts forming the Trades House, dress up in period costume and almost 500 paraded through the busy streets of Glasgow on a warm Saturday morning. With flag flying, each Deacon or Visitor proudly led his Craft.

The Pageant arrived in George Square and with a brass fanfare the Lord Provost unveiled a bronze sculpture to commemorate our 400th anniversary. The City Council, the Merchants House and the Trades House, who share the anniversary, jointly funded the sculpture 'Glasgow Bouquet' by Doug Cocker DA, RSA. Awareness of our history touched thousands of people including the youngsters who took part, the citizens of Glasgow and visitors.



On a rare visit to Glasgow, the Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Michael Savory, joined the Chain Gang for afternoon tea at the Hall. On another occasion the Deans representing the Courts of Deans of Scotland also visited the Trades Hall for afternoon tea. These visits reflect the high standing of the Trades House and encouragement for the work done by the House and the Crafts.

The Chain Gang leading their Crafts and Association members have made this 400th anniversary year special as a tribute to our predecessors. It is this momentum, trust and commitment to duty, which will continue to drive successors in office to face the challenges, grasp the opportunities and continue our encouragement for work for the commonweal of Glasgow. It has been an enormous privilege to lead the Trades House this year.

Tom Gilchrist - Deacon Convener



INTO THE FIFTH CENTURY

Deacon Convener Tom Gilchrist, Collector Malcolm Wishart and the 2004-05 Chain Gang are to be congratulated. Their hard work during this Quatercentenary year has certainly raised the profile and standing of the House and the 14 Crafts.

The election of Ian Dunsmore as Collector Elect completes the incoming Chain Gang and I am confident that we too have a strong and enthusiastic team that will be fully supportive and active in the affairs of the House.

Arrangements are in hand for the 400TH Annual Dinner on 12 October this year. Next year the proceeds from the 2006 Glasgow Ball will be donated to the Beatson Oncology Centre Fund to be earmarked for a specific project in the new centre at Gartnavel due to open later that year. Please contact me direct if you are able to help in any way with this project.

I would like to see the House and the Crafts enter the fifth century, building on the strong foundations of the past, to achieve higher and higher expectations. I would like to see more active members, old and new supporting the House and the Crafts and I would encourage members to consider joining their Master Court to assist in shaping that Craft's ambitions.

Last but not least, the House and the Crafts have an admirable history in the management of charitable funds, which still to this day are being referred to us. We should promote ourselves as a centre of excellence in charitable administration.

During my coming year as Deacon Convener, it will be an honour for me to represent the Trades House at House, Craft and Civic functions. May the House, the Crafts and the Hall go from strength to strength.

Graham Goodridge-Cox - Late Collector

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



The last few months have been a fascinating mixture of contributing to the business of the Trades House and enjoying seeing the impact that it makes on young people in the City.

With the support of the Clerk to the House and the Administration Centre staff, year end accounts are in the course of preparation. Whilst it is too early to be definitive, the outturn in relation to budget is looking encouraging. I would like to thank those who have contributed to the work of the House, either directly or through attendance at events, for their support, which has allowed us to meet our target for our chosen charities.

The University of Strathclyde has provided support in the form of MSc in Marketing student Pamela Foster, whose dissertation is on the Trades House. We have issued a questionnaire to 1000 members, selected at random, to gauge their views on the Crafts and the House. The information gained will be helpful to the Platform in developing its ongoing strategy for the House during a time of considerable change for charities.

These are just two of the many and varied inputs to the work of the House. It is only when one sees the impact of our projects however, that one realises why the effort that so many members make on behalf of the House and the Crafts is so worthwhile.

In the past few weeks I have had the pleasure of being involved with Craftex, the Schools Craft Competition and the Schools Citizenship Competition and experienced at first hand the difference that these projects have made to so many young people. Accompanying the Deacon Convener to Eastbank Primary School and watching the look of pride on the faces of 300 "little people" at their School's achievement as the award was presented and attending the prize giving at Abercorn School for children with learning difficulties reinforced once again what the House and Crafts are really about, making a real difference to our citizens of today and tomorrow.

Aileen and I have been privileged to have been part of the Platform and 2004-05 Chain Gang during this special year.

T Malcolm T Wishart - Collector

CHAIN GANG LINKS UP FOR 05-06

Members of the Incoming Chain Gang and their wives met socially at Avonmill, initiating a programme of business meetings for the months ahead. One of the first diary dates to be set is the Glasgow Ball, which will take place on Saturday 13 May 2006, in aid of the Beatson Oncology Centre Fund.

Commenting on the year ahead, Late Collector Graham Goodridge-Cox said: "Our unity is our strength as we move on from the Quatercentenary and into the future."

Members of the incoming Chain Gang are:

Graham Goodridge-Cox	Deacon Convener Elect
Ian Dunsmore	Collector Elect and Deacons/Visitor Elect
David Manson	Hammermen
Derick Williamson	Tailors
David Hunt	Cordiners
Mike Lees	Maltmen
Peter Hall	Weavers
Norrie Fyfe	Bakers
Ramsay Duff	Skinners
Jonathan Parkins	Wrights
Paul Frame	Coopers
Hosney Yosef	Fleshers
Donald Macdonald	Masons
David Dickson	Gardeners
Shaun Drake	Barbers
Chris Hayward	Bonnetmakers & Dyers
Peter Kelso	President Elect of the Association of Deacons
Stephen Reid	Preses of the Grand Antiquity Society
Robert Holmes-Henderson	Right Worshipful Master Elect of the Trades House Lodge

DAFFODIL TEA PARTY

A Daffodil Tea Party was hosted by the Trades House in support of Contact the Elderly, which offers companionship to the elderly. Valerie Crookston, Executive Officer for Scotland, is pictured holding the 'teapot' along with Deacon Convener Tom Gilchrist and special guests including President Lady Jasmine Cavendish (front right), Bailie Ellen Hurcombe (front left) and Lord Dean of Guild Andrew Primrose (right)



SMOOTH OPERATIONS

Office Manager and Assistant Clerk, Annette Wright, along with her Administrative team of Myra Martin and Kirstine Mains, are responsible for the day to day operation of the Trades House. It is now a year since the team moved to the new administration centre in the North Gallery of the Trades Hall where they have settled in well and enjoy the many benefits of being based in the hub of the organisation.

"The move to our new facility in August 2004 could not have been made at a better time when plans were moving along to celebrate the Trades House's 400th anniversary", said Annette Wright. "There are so many advantages to being where all House events take place. It facilitates the smooth running of the behind the scenes administration for meetings, special projects and prizegivings."

"The office is in a convenient place for members of the House and Crafts to drop in and we are always pleased to be of assistance." said the Trades House Clerk Iain Paterson. "As business meetings are held within the open plan office in addition to routine work, it is important where possible to advise the team before calling in. This not only ensures that interruptions are kept to a minimum but also that time can be spent with visitors."

To arrange an appointment, Annette, Myra and Kirstine can be contacted at the Trades House of Glasgow Administration Centre, North Gallery, Trades Hall, 85 Glassford Street, GLASGOW G1 1UH, Tel: 0141-553 1605, email: annette.wright@btconnect.com.



Deacon Convener Tom Gilchrist and Collector Malcolm Wishart help serve up some goodies to beneficiaries.

BENEFICIARIES TEA PARTY

More than 100 beneficiaries gathered at the Trades Hall in May for the Trades House annual tea party, where they were treated to lunch and gifted with a commemorative 400th anniversary trinket box. Courtesy of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, guests were then entertained by a musical theatre group of post graduate students.

Following tradition, the occasion was used to introduce the newly nominated Collector Elect of the Trades House, Ian Dunsmore, who will be elected in October. The beneficiaries extended a warm welcome to Ian and his wife Eileen (right).



Also present at the beneficiaries tea party was Shirley Adams, a direct descendant of William Wyllie & Mary Macfarlane, who is to take up the position of Collector to the Incorporation of Bakers in September.

Retiral

Trades House Social Worker, Christine McKaig, has taken care of the William Wyllie & Mary Macfarlane Trust Fund beneficiaries for the last 17 years. Now as she prepares to retire, the House is to host a special party on 30 September in the company of the Macfarlane beneficiaries, her colleagues and friends, to mark the occasion and convey warm thanks for her years of service.

CRAFTEX

John Kelly, a Musical String Instrument student at Anniesland College, won best in show Gold Medal honours at Craftex 2005, the Trades House of Glasgow annual awards and exhibition that showcases the very best crafts, design and technology skills taught at the city's colleges of further education.



John Kelly with his Gold Medal winning acoustic travel guitar. The Anniesland course is the only one of its kind in Scotland, and one of only a handful in the UK specialising in guitar and violin repair and construction.

As well as the Gold Medal, sponsored by Melville Exhibitions, John's beautifully hand crafted wooden travel guitar, constructed in Indian rosewood, mahogany and Sitka spruce, also won him the Musical Instruments Advanced category and £200, sponsored by the Incorporation of Coopers.

Laura Kerr of North Glasgow College took the Deacon Convener's Design prize, sponsored by Glasgow City Council, for her Charleston-style dress. She also won £200 in the Fashion Advanced category sponsored by the Incorporation of Tailors.



Tom Gilchrist with Laura Kerr and the dress that won her the Deacon Convener's Design prize.

"Our guest judge, Dr Graeme Hall, Chief Executive of the Government appointed standard setting body for all vocational skills competitions, UK Skills, was tremendously impressed by the entries and felt the craftsmanship and matched the highest national standard," said Trades House Deacon Convener Tom Gilchrist.

"John's travelling guitar with its mixture of woods and inlays is a truly outstanding piece that wins on both design and craftsmanship and is well deserved of the Gold Medal. My own selection of Laura's Charleston-style dress was down to the magnificent detail and needle work in the finish of her garment."

This is the tenth annual Craftex awards and exhibition, which presents end of term curriculum work prepared by students at the Trades Hall. It was sponsored by Tilney Investment Management, Melville Exhibitions, Business Gateway, Glasgow City Council, Thomas Tunnock Ltd, J Chandler & Co (Buckfast) Ltd, the Merchants House of Glasgow, Scottish Goldsmiths Trust, the Weavers Society of Anderston and the 14 Incorporated Trades of Glasgow.

SKILLBUILD

North Glasgow College, holder of the UK Skills Seal of Approval, which won 17 of the 30 Craftex prizes this year, is hosting Skillbuild 2005 from 12 to 14 October. Since it began 24 years ago, this is the first time in Scotland for the prestigious national competition for young people training within the construction industry.

In addition to providing an excellent opportunity for school pupils to witness the highest quality of craftsmanship across a wide range of construction skills, this year's event will give visitors the opportunity to participate in 'Have-A-Go' competitions including bricklaying, cabinet making, carpentry, joinery, plastering and stonemasonry. For more information contact George Stewart or Archie Sharkie at North Glasgow College on 0141 558 9001 or email: infocentre@north-gla.ac.uk.

GUESTS GATHER FOR CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION, THEN HAVE A BALL . . .



EASTBANK EXCELS AT CITIZENSHIP

Following a record number of 26 entries to its Citizenship Award 2005, the Trades House of Glasgow awarded the accolade to Eastbank Primary School in Shettleston, in recognition of the great contribution it has made to its community. Eastbank Primary was up against seven other short listed schools - Eastbank Academy, Notre Dame High and St Joan of Arc Secondary School and primaries Annette Street, Croftcroighn, St Joseph's and Willowbank. Prizes were presented to the short listed schools at a ceremony in the Trades Hall by the newly appointed Educational Convener, Bailie Margaret McCafferty.

"The contributions that Eastbank Primary makes to the life of its local community are far reaching and well deserving of this award," said Deacon Convener Tom Gilchrist, who visited the school with Collector Malcolm Wishart to present the prestigious Citizenship plaque to pupils and head teacher Mrs Linda Turner.

"We are delighted to have been awarded the Trades House Citizenship Award 2005," said Linda Turner. "This award recognises the worthwhile work of pupils, staff and the community as a whole, in creating a safer, cleaner, more supportive and respectful environment."

"Just one of our initiatives is the inspirational STARS campaign that has been created from the ideas of pupils. A series of star-shaped characters help promote an aspect of positive behaviour — Stan the Safe Star, Tilly Tidy Star, Ace Attentive Star and Rex Respectful Star — as youngsters strive to follow the programme and collect each one to be rewarded with badges, bookmarks and prizes for achievement."

GLASGOW'S PAST BROUGHT UP TO DATE

One of Scotland's top historians put Glasgow's 18th and 19th century trades and crafts under the microscope in Glasgow: "City of Empire", title of the annual Trades House Lecture held this year at the University of Strathclyde. Professor Tom Devine OBE, Director and Glucksman Research Chair in Irish and Scottish Studies at the University of Aberdeen, delved into the risk and enterprise that changed the city so dramatically at that time.

Challenging modern political correctness with a controversial address that also examined Glasgow's role in Imperial domination and exploitation, he said: "Empire is not a term that sits comfortably with the Glasgow of 2005. Yet the city as we see it today was fashioned historically by its internal relations with the British Empire. There are also implications for the city we know today."

A prolific author and editor of 24 books and more than 80 academic papers on topics as varied as emigration, famine, Scottish transatlantic commercial links and the Scottish Highlands, his book the Scottish Nation became an international best seller in 1999, for a time even outselling Harry Potter.

In January 2006, Professor Devine will take up a new post as the Sir William Fraser Professor of Scottish History and Palaeography at Edinburgh University, while retaining his professorship in Aberdeen.



Standard grade winner Natalie Christie with her wooden fish-shaped table and higher grade winner, Kevin Watters, displays his plastic light modelled on the stunning Burj Al Arab Hotel, itself an architectural masterpiece in the shape of a boat's billowing sail. Both are pictured with Deacon Convener Tom Gilchrist.

LOURDES SCOOPS CRAFTS' TOP HONOURS

More than 60 pupils from 19 secondary schools across Glasgow had their craftsmanship rewarded by the annual Trades House of Glasgow School Craft Competition 2005, which recognises exceptional woodwork, plastic and metalwork, produced as part of standard and higher grade curricular studies.

Two pupils at Lourdes Secondary School scooped the top standard and higher grade honours for their work, each winning £40 and an exclusive certificate. Natalie Christie, standard grade, and Kevin Watters, higher, were presented with their prizes along with other winning pupils by Glasgow City Council Education Services Committee Convenor, Bailie Margaret McCafferty JP, at an awards ceremony in the Trades Hall.

Deacon Convener Tom Gilchrist said: "We reviewed hundreds of submissions before making our commendations. In the past, the calibre of work has been quite exceptional and we are seeing the same high standards once again this year."

The two overall winners and 1st certificate winners had their pieces on display at Craftex 2005.



Pupils cheer as head teacher Linda Turner is presented with the prestigious Citizenship plaque from the Deacon Convener and Collector.

"The customised programme has now been extended to include Happy Heart Star, in line with our active health promotion, and the overall Caring Citizen Star which encompasses all aspects of the programme."

The Citizenship award, now in its sixth year, directly encourages the development of an important part of the school curriculum. It is supported by Glasgow City Council Education Department and is open to all schools throughout the city – pre-5, primary, secondary and special needs.

GLASGOW BALL 2005



CRAFT NEWS . . .

CRAFTS BOOST EARL HAIG FUND



BAKERS

More than £2,000 was raised at the Choosing Dinner for Deacon Robert Lawson of the Incorporation of Bakers, in aid of The Earl Haig Fund Scotland. Deacon Convener Tom Gilchrist joins Robert (left) in presenting the cheque to the Fund's Chairman, Colonel David Scott and fundraiser Keith White (right). The presentation took place at the Baker's Admittance Day for new applicants, five of whom were ladies.

CORDINERS

The Incorporation of Cordiners held their spring outing at the Royal Highland Fusiliers Museum in Glasgow, where Deacon Col Robert L Steele presented a cheque for £2,349 to a representative of the Earl Haig Fund. The money was donated by members and guests attending the Craft's Dinner and Dance earlier this year in the Trades Hall.



COOPERS



Incorporation of Coopers Deacon Richard Fletcher is joined by Clerk Alastair Campbell and fellow Deacons and Visitor, to celebrate 21 years of Fletcher Jones Executive Search at the New Club, Edinburgh.

WHISKY RAISES SPIRITS AT BALL

As part of its preparation, fundraising and planning for the 400th anniversary Glasgow Ball, the Incorporation of Masons provided a prize that raised a fantastic £1700 on the night. The bottle of Glengoyne 29 year old special family reserve whisky was a "one single bottle" especially for the Ball. The collector's bottle along with another to drink and four blending opportunities, were given by Stuart Henry of Glengoyne. Anna Macfarlane of Glengoyne distillery is pictured presenting the bottle to Deacon Anthony Warnock of the Masons.

SUN SHINES ON MERRY MASONS

A sunny spring afternoon sail on board the Silver Marlin on Loch Lomond was enjoyed by the Deacon, Collector, Late Collector, Past Deacons, Craftsmen and friends of the Merry Masons. The sun shone continuously during the hour long sail from Balloch, when the party was given an informative commentary about the area from the crew. A short walk from the pier took them to the Raffles restaurant where a scrumptious buffet and refreshments were laid on to round off a superb day out.



GARDENERS

AWARDS FLOURISH

Deacon J Douglas Anderson of the Incorporation of Gardeners welcomed the Lord Provost of Glasgow Liz Cameron to the Trades Hall for the annual Let Glasgow Flourish Awards.

Set up in 1983, the awards are presented each year to businesses that have made the best contribution to brightening up their premises and Glasgow with exterior floral displays. This year 27 awards were made in a number of categories including the prestigious Robertson Silver Spade to overall winner, the Theatre Royal, represented by Chief Executive, David Williams.

To celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Trades House, the Lord Provost also presented commemorative spades to previous winners of the Robertson Spade (pictured above), since its inception in 1992.



The Lord Provost with David Williams of the Theatre Royal (front left), Deacon J Douglas Anderson (right), Collector Brian Porteous (back left) and former winners of the Robertson Silver Spade who were presented with replica spades.

THREAVE TOUR A TREAT

A grey June morning greeted the Incorporation of Gardeners and their guests when they joined the coach for their annual garden visit - this year to the NTS-owned Threave Garden and Estate at Castle Douglas. The effect of the torrential rain during the journey was mitigated by the traditional Cava and smoked salmon sandwiches, supplied by the Deacon and his lady.

By the time the party had reached Threave, the rain had stopped and a brief introductory talk was provided by Administrator, Trevor Jones. After lunch, a tour of the superb Garden extended to many parts, including rose, woodland, patio, walled and rock gardens. Enjoying the tour (from left) are Deacon Convener Tom Gilchrist, Anne Gilchrist, Deacon of the Gardeners Douglas Anderson, Deacon's Lady Morag Inglis, Trevor Jones, Evanda Yeomans and x-Deacon Harry Yeomans.



BEECHGROVE GARDEN FILMS AT LINN PARK

Popular BBC programme, Beechgrove Garden, recently featured Linn Park Adventure Playground for children with special needs, where the Incorporation of Gardeners had donated a decorative seat thanks to money raised at the Glasgow Ball 2003.

Expertly carved by sculptor Robert Coia out of a sycamore tree from Pollok Country Park, the seat is shaped like two leaves with two squirrels and an owl. Deacon J Douglas Anderson along with Collector Brian Porteous took part in the BBC broadcast at the end of June, when they unveiled the seat. The Gardeners have previously donated plants and materials to make a sensory garden at Linn Park.



Beechgrove Garden films Deacon Douglas Anderson presenting the garden seat to youngsters at the park.

FRANCISCAN FRIARY UNCOVERED

A 500-year-old Franciscan Friary discovered by archaeologists on lands once owned by the Incorporation of Gardeners, created great excitement being described by experts as one of the most important finds in the country.

Following the Reformation, the lands off the High Street were bought by the Incorporation of Gardeners in 1705 and a market garden established on the site of the former friary. In more recent times, tenement buildings occupied the area until their demolition in the 1960s when it was used as a car park.

Now the site of the multi-million pound City Science project, which will create hundreds of new jobs and provide additional housing on derelict land in the Merchant City, will see a medieval well restored to form the centre piece of a courtyard.

Following scientific investigation of 20 skeletons found buried in the cloister, the remains were brought to St Andrew's Cathedral for a Requiem Mass, before interment in a specially constructed grave at the Southern Necropolis. Due to the Gardeners' connection, Deacon J Douglas Anderson along with Officer and Depute Clerk, Ragne Hopkins, joined Lord Provost Liz Cameron and Deacon Convener Tom Gilchrist at the Mass and subsequent interment.

"This was another significant day in the history of Glasgow, once again demonstrating the close, amicable and fruitful connection between the City, the House and the Incorporations," said Deacon J Douglas Anderson. "It is intended that a monument commemorating the friary, and the Gardeners' subsequent ownership of the lands, will be placed in a small garden to be built at the Science Park."

Archaeologists say there are very few finds like this anywhere in the world, let alone Scotland. The monastery, one of a handful in Scotland to survive the Reformation, contained rare stained glass, pottery, and other artefacts from as far away as Spain, France and Italy.

ALL CARIBBEAN AND COCONUTS



Complete with appropriate attire for a fun Caribbean Cruise party night, the Gardeners transformed the Trades Hall with decorative pineapples and even a live palm tree with coconuts, to get everyone in the mood. "Captain" Douglas Anderson and his "Mate" Morag Inglis welcomed everybody with Planter's Punch, followed by a hot supper and dancing to the jazz tunes of The Millenaires' big band.



SKINNERS

Paul Herries, a final year student of the Faculty of Visual Communication at Glasgow Metropolitan College, receives the Incorporation of Skinners travel bursary cheque for £500 from Deacon Bob Carss. Paul is using the bursary to travel to Malta for two weeks where he will study bookbinding, preservation and conservation techniques at the National Library of Malta and at the Archives of The Order of St John.

FLESHERS

The Incorporation of Fleshers held their annual Musical Evening in the Trades Hall in May, with some virtuoso performances provided by Willie Young on the flute and Drew Young on the piano. Members of the Fleshers were joined for the very enjoyable evening by the Deacon Convener, the Collector of the House and several members of the Chain Gang and their ladies.

HAMMERMEN

WARM WELCOME FOR LORD PROVOST

The Rt Hon Lord Provost of Glasgow Liz Cameron was presented with her Certificate of Membership and Burgess Ticket, as she officially joined the Incorporation of Hammermen at the Craft's annual college and university prizegiving in the Trades Hall.

"It is a great honour to welcome the Lord Provost to the Hammermen," said Deacon Peter Shand. "As a former lecturer, her passion for education really shone through as she delivered an inspirational speech to the gathering of students before presenting their awards.

"Much to our delight, Liz is already proving a superb ambassador for our Craft. She takes the opportunity to mention her membership wherever possible at the many functions she hosts or attends in her role as Glasgow's First Citizen."

WEAVERS



The Weavers Master Court gather for their annual dinner at the Whistlefield Inn by the beautiful banks of Loch Eck. The event was organised by Collector Maria McKellar (seated centre right).

FASHION AIDS CHARITY

Thanks to the £3,350 raised at its latest charity fashion show, the Association of Trades House Ladies was once again delighted to contribute £1675 to both the Deacon Convener's charity and to the Children's Hospice Association of Scotland (CHAS). The show was held at the Moat House Hotel in Glasgow.

September will see the Association's annual dinner and AGM at the Western Club, where the speaker will be Sandra Hood, the recently retired Assistant Chief Constable (Glasgow). Tickets for the evening are available from the Secretary, Aileen Brodie, 3 Gilmourton Crescent, Newton Mearns, Glasgow G77 5EE or from any Committee member.

As the Association continues to grow in numbers, members are reminded that they can invite their friends to join by submitting proposal forms. These can be obtained from Treasurer Sheena Watson, 2 Ochil Road, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow G64 1EW.

DRAPERS FUND



Drapers Fund Manager David Roser is brought down to size by some Dennistoun youngsters, as he presents a cheque to the Reidvale Adventure Play Association. The group not only helps local kids stay off the streets, but is fully fitted to provide for children with special needs across the Greater Glasgow area.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Send your news and photographs for the next edition of the Craftsman — **deadline Monday 9 January 2006** — to Elaine Stewart at Elaine Stewart Public Relations, Victoria House, 5 East Blackhall Street, Greenock PA15 1HD, Tel: 01475-806801, Fax: 01475-806834, email: elaine.stewart@espr.co.uk.

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