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## CRAFT WORK COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION LAUNCHED

The Deacon Convener, Kenneth Sandford, has launched a major new Trades House initiative - a craft work competition and exhibition.

Speaking at the launch in the Trades Hall, the Deacon Convener said that the new initiative followed the success of the Trades House School Craft Scheme and the "Making Glasgow's Future" Exhibition.

"The Trades House and the 14 Craft Incorporations now wish to initiate a new competition to further encourage craft skills... both traditional and modern," he said, "We believe that this is needed in the city to foster the craft skills we all value so much."

The new venture, The Craft Work Competition, is being pioneered in conjunction with the Glasgow College of Building and Printing and Cardonald College.

Students will be able to submit their work with prizes of £500 being awarded in eight categories... Metal Crafting; Masonry; Weaving; Wood Working; Leather Work; Glazing; Visual and Audio Communications and Jewellery. A gold medal will

be awarded to the student with the best single piece of work and it is hoped that silver medals can also be awarded.

The very best in these categories will be displayed at an exhibition to be held in the Trades Hall from 11 to 13 May. Some of the exhibits will be offered for sale and students will be encouraged to accept commissions.

It is intended that the Craft Work Competition and Exhibition will become an annual event with more colleges being invited to take part in future years.

There are excellent opportunities for companies to sponsor categories in the competition and Deacon Convener Sandford commented: "The West of Scotland contains a huge wealth of latent talent which we must release and develop. Sponsorship of excellence must, therefore, be for the long term good of all."

Sponsorship details can be obtained from The Trades House Office, 310 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5QR (0141 228 8000).

## CONVENER ON CANVAS



As part of the Trades Hall bi-centenary celebrations Sir Matt Goodwin has presented Trades House with a portrait of late Convener Sandy Bone. The portrait, pictured here, was painted by the well known Glasgow artist Norman Edgar, the current president of the Glasgow Arts Club.

This brings up to date the series of historic paintings of past Deacon Conveners and other prominent individuals associated with the Crafts at present hung in the Trades Hall.

## WATCH OUT FOR

- ★ A state visit to the Trades Hall by the High Commissioner, Lady Fraser, during the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in May.

- ★ Details being announced of the first Trades House lecture to be held at the Glasgow Caledonian University.

- ★ Details of the Grand Antiquity Summer Ball to be held in the Trades Hall on Friday 2 June.

- ★ A new Trades House initiative on charity trusts and bequests.

## CONCERT SUCCESS

Once again the Trades House New Year's Day Concert, Glasgow Greets Vienna, in the Royal Concert Hall has been a sell out success with the proceeds going to Action Research, the leading medical research charity for children.

The evening was a musical delight with conductor Iain Sutherland and the City of Glasgow Philharmonic Orchestra under Leader Clive Thomas with soloists Patricia McMahon (Soprano) and Douglas Telfer (Tenor). During the Concert the Deacon Convener was welcomed to the stage by a special fanfare.

Once again we would like to thank those whose generous support made the function possible, namely:- Glasgow City Council; The W.M. Mann Foundation; Coopers & Lybrand CA; James A. Marshall Ltd.; Austrian Airlines; J.G. Thomson (Wines & Spirits) Ltd.; Schering Health Care Ltd.; Ferring Pharmaceuticals Ltd. and Boeringer Mannheim Pharmaceuticals.

## PATRONAGE SCHEME UNDERWAY

An imaginative patronage scheme which for the first time allows companies and corporate bodies to play a more supportive role in the life of the Trades House has been introduced to co-incide with the 200th Anniversary of the Trades Hall.

A committee under the chairmanship of Late Convener Sandy Bone has been formed to co-ordinate the scheme.

Under the scheme a limited number of companies are being invited to become "Patrons of the Trades House of Glasgow".

This honour will allow these companies not only to display the Trades House Patronage symbol at their premises and on their stationery but also to have privileges for Trades Hall functions and attend events such as Deacon Conveners' annual dinners and Patronage Receptions for five years.

One of the most important aspects of the patronage scheme is that each company will have the help and guidance of a Patrons' Friend to look after their interests during their membership. This will include advice on how to participate in Trades House activities with the possibility of a Patron's associate being sponsored for membership of Crafts of their choice.

To be Patrons, companies have to pledge support of £10,000 over five years which can be paid as £2,000 annual donations or made as Deeds of Covenant or Gift Aid.

Already five companies have become Patrons - Scottish Brewers; James Findlay; John Gardiner; Strachan Kerr, and The Bone Group.

The first Patronage Reception is planned for March this year.

## COLOURFUL OCCASION



The unveiling of the new Trades House flags to lead a procession to mark the 200th anniversary of the opening of the Trades Hall was the start of a colourful and eventful day.

More pictures of the procession and the events which followed are on page 3.

We are grateful for the increased support from Clydesdale Bank PLC which has enabled this issue to be produced in colour.



## CONVENER'S HALF TERM REPORT

### IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE

I have over the past few months been privileged to represent the House at so many functions and meetings throughout the country. There is no doubt that wherever I go the reputation of the Trades House precedes me, and the immense contribution that the House and the Incorporations make to Glasgow is not matched elsewhere.

In this issue you will read about our very successful New Year's Day Concert in aid of Action Research; the very effective Glasgow Schools Craft Scheme; the new Craft Work Competition we are launching this spring in two of the Glasgow Colleges of craft excellence; and the contribution the Commonwealth Fund and the Drapers' Fund make each year to improving the quality of life for so many folk in Glasgow and beyond. When you consider all these facets of benevolence, of care and encouragement, you can understand why it is that those people who do

know what we do, are so keen to support and encourage us. Our very strong and close connection with the City Council, while based on tradition, is continually strengthened by their knowledge that we, like the Council, are striving to improve the life and happiness of our fellow citizens. I believe that with the expertise and skills that we have within the membership of the Crafts and the House, there is much that we can do to help build on this.

The Gardeners have started just such a project in the Gorbals, where a special school is endeavouring to set up a small garden in a very deprived part of the city. The Gardeners are not only going to give them financial assistance but are also going to give ongoing advice and practical support to ensure that the garden project prospers in the future.

Such joint schemes could have a significant impact on the Trades House and also those areas of Glasgow most in need.

KENNETH E. SANDFORD



# HALL RENOVATION CONTINUES

The third phase of the £1.5 million renovation of the Trades Hall is now complete. Apart from extensive work behind the scenes in the kitchen and on the heating system the most obvious improvements are the upgrading of the reception room, a new reception area and a new library, which last year was a special project successfully led by the 14 Deacons and Visitor.

In September thousands of people were able to see the new look hall during the 200th anniversary celebrations, the crafts' annual Deacons' election meetings and at two public open days.



Visitors are shown the Banqueting Hall which will be upgraded in the next phase



Pictured here are: Deacon Convener Sandy Bone, Collector Morton Fyfe and Clerk Gordon Wylie in the new library with Sam Forrest and Iain MacGregor the new Deacon and Collector of the Gardeners.



Visitors tour the new reception area during Doors Open Day

## MORE TO BE DONE



When all funds are in place work will continue on the final phases of the renovation which includes exterior improvements, upgrading the Banqueting Hall and Saloon, creating new galleries on the top floor and improving disabled access.

Pictured here: Hall architect Campbell Duff explains proposed window alterations to Keith Adam, great-great-great-grand nephew of the first hall architect, Robert Adam.



The Bakers meet in the Reception Room where Deacon Iain Riddell and Collector Harith Kulasinghe were elected.

## TRUSTEES NEED YOU

If you would like to become a volunteer guide at the Trades Hall please contact the Hall Secretary at 310 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5QR (0141 228 8000). Training and advice will be given. The first tours will take place in September.

## DR MORRIS APPOINTED DRAPERS' FUND MANAGER



Dr Morris with Deacon Convener Sandford

For only the second time in its 76 years of operation a woman has been appointed to be the manager of the £1.1 million Drapers' Fund of the Trades House of Glasgow.

She is Dr Jean D.O. Morris, formerly Chairman of the Parole Board for Scotland and wife of the very Rev William J. Morris, Minister of Glasgow at the Cathedral. The appointment, for one year, was the choice of Deacon Convener Kenneth Sandford and is regarded as a mark of personal honour.

The Drapers' Fund was entrusted to the Trades House in 1918 by Mr James Inglis, draper of Argyle Street, to be distributed by the manager to "deserving people in need of help", and in recent years the main recipients have been children or organisations or charities assisting children. On average some 90 awards totalling over £40,000 are made annually.

Almost unique amongst trusts, and in the terms of Mr Inglis' wishes, the manager is not bound to give any account of the Fund's transactions.

The only other woman to have held the post of manager of the Drapers' Fund was the founder's sister, Miss Jessie Inglis, shortly after the Fund was established.

## CHILDREN BENEFIT

Following the tradition of support for children Dr. Morris has already helped provide a strip for an under-10 football team to enable them to take part in a European tournament and she has also arranged for the payment of a coach to take a primary school choir around eventide homes to entertain the residents. Dr. Morris has also authorised donations to help individuals with educational projects.



The choir singing one of their quieter numbers

## PONY PAYMENT

The Drapers' Fund also supports projects to help handicapped youngsters and pictured here in September is Mrs Bone, wife of the then Deacon Convener Sandy Bone with previous Fund Manager, Neilson Stevenson presenting a £2000 cheque for the purchase of a pony to Jim Russell, chairman of Riding for the Disabled at Maryhill.



## DREAMFLIGHT FOR JIM



Youngsters have also been helped by the Commonwealth Fund. Its support helped James McGuinness (9) from Drumchapel go on a Dreamflight '94 to Orlando. James, who suffers from severe haemophilia is pictured here "clowning around" on the flight.

Requests for assistance from Trades House Funds should be sent to The Clerk, 310 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5QR.



## HOUSE JOINS IN A NEW VISION OF GLASGOW

Guests at the Trades House Annual Dinner were urged to join with Glasgow City Council in creating a "vision statement" to carry the city into the 21st Century.

Replying to the toast "The City of Glasgow" following the election of Kenneth Sandford as the Deacon Convener of the Trades of Glasgow, Councillor Pat Lally, Leader of Glasgow City Council said: "We require a vision statement which will address the challenge of re-positioning Glasgow upwards in the ranks of European cities, seek financial prosperity for our businesses, provide personal opportunity for our citizens and development for our communities".

As a first stage in the vision process Councillor Lally said that Glasgow City Council and Glasgow Development Agency would be hosting a "vision seminar" and he invited business leaders to take part.

Proposing the Toast to the City of Glasgow, Mr. Terry Gardiner, Joint Deputy Chairman and Sales Director of the UK Confectionery Division of Nestle Rowntree, praised Glasgow as a "City with a great sense of self confidence and purpose. The development of Glasgow as a centre for the service industry in Scotland, the U.K. and the E.U. had been a success, and "a source of great and justifiable civic pride."

He warned, however, "We must recognise the need to redevelop a reservoir of skilled craftsmen who must be the key to any sustained redevelopment of an engineering or technology based growth in manufacturing industry. That in itself is the key to

the kind of real growth in non service area jobs which Glasgow, Scotland and the United Kingdom requires for us to reduce youth and male unemployment in a meaningful way."



*Pictures show: Deacon Convener, Kenneth Sandford and Collector David Watson after their election by the House.*



*Councillor Pat Lally (left) and Mr Terry Gardiner at the Deacon Convener's Dinner*

## ... and our views are put forward

The Deacon Convener and Clerk attended the Vision Seminar in December and made a positive contribution to the debate. Deacon Convener Ken Sandford said that in addition to being "no mean city" Glasgow was at present "no clean city" and he proposed a campaign to clean up the city to increase local self respect and provide a springboard for motivating the population.

In addition he proposed that the concept of town twinning should be developed into business twinning within local city areas. This, he said, should be more than a case of financial adoption of community projects but of lending practical help and expertise in carrying these out. Clerk Gordon Wyllie urged that traditional skills using traditional materials should be fostered in the lead up to the 1999 Year of Architecture and Design. This, he said, need not be expensive or pretentious and would be possible through a programme of appropriate, accessible public monuments to disseminate cultural values and enthuse the population with renewed pride in the city and its achievements.

## 200 YEARS CAPTURED

As these photographs show the 200th anniversary celebrations for the opening of the Trades Hall was a colourful occasion.

A procession to Glasgow Cathedral was followed by a service of commemoration conducted by the very. Rev. Dr. William Morris, Honorary Chaplain to the Trades House.



*Members of the Platform lead the way*



*Craftsmen of yesteryear in the spirit of the day*



*The craftsmen of to-day with their coats of arms*

Later in the day at the Trades Hall honorary membership of various crafts was conferred on five distinguished recipients, namely:-

Sir Robert Calderwood, Chairman of Greater Glasgow Health Board and former Chief Executive of Strathclyde Regional Council to membership of the Incorporation of Coopers.

Sir William Kerr Fraser, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Glasgow to membership of the Incorporation of Tailors.

The then Lord Provost of Glasgow, the late James Shields, to membership of the Incorporation of Masons.

Mr James Reid, noted Clydeside activist, politician and broadcaster to membership of the Incorporation of Bonnetmakers and Dyers.

Mr Keith Adam great-great-great-grand nephew of the first Hall architect, Robert Adam, to membership of the Incorporation of Wrights.



*Deacon Convener Sandy Bone introduces the new members to the Platform, House officials and Hall trustees. Seated (l to r) Sir William Kerr Fraser, Mr Keith Adam, Lord Provost the late James Shields, Deacon Convener Sandy Bone, Mr James Reid and Sir Robert Calderwood*

The day was completed by a Civic Dinner hosted by the Lord Provost in the course of which a fanfare and march, specially composed by Bandmaster G.D. Ramsay, was played by the Band of the 1/52 Lowland Division.



# CRAFT NEWS



Guests enjoying lunch at Troon

## HAMMERMEN

The Service Group continues to go from strength to strength. Formed in 1972 by younger members of the Incorporation to provide support for craft pensioners the group gives assistance with gardening and decorating but its main activities are the annual pantomime and summer outings organised by a 10 member committee under the chairmanship of Robin M Brown.

The two annual outings are now open to all crafts within the Trades House and most are represented in varying numbers from two to 16 pensioners with around 100 pensioners and guests attending each function.

The 1994 summer outing included lunch at the Marine Hotel in Troon and visits to Burns Cottage and Ayr. The pantomime outing in January this year was to *Sleeping Beauty* at the King's Theatre with a buffet in the RSAC Club.

This year's summer outing will be held on Saturday 19 August to St Andrew's with lunch at the Old Course Hotel. Details are available from Robin M Brown on 0141 956 1737 or 0141 333 9339.

● Deacon Patrick Newall has presented the Hammermen's premier craft award, The Prince Philip Prize, to Gavin Roberts (21) a former student at Coatbridge College. Gavin, who completed an HNC in June, will use the £1200 award to further his engineering career by studying for a degree at

## WRIGHTS

Following a competition organised by the Incorporation of Wrights, a new chair has been presented to the Chancellor of Caledonian University Lord Nickson. Designed by Fiona Busby a

student at Glasgow School of Art, construction of the chair was paid for by Glasgow City Council.

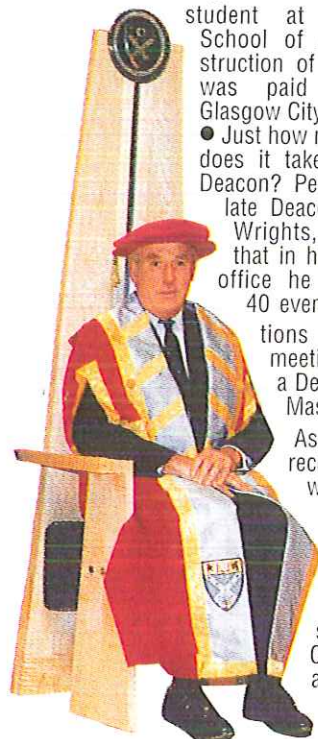
● Just how much time does it take being a Deacon? Peter Kelso, late Deacon of the Wrights, reports that in his year of office he attended 40 evening func-



Peter Kelso

tions and 63 meetings, starting on his first day as a Deacon with a "trial by fire" at the Masons Choosing Dinner.

As highlights of his year Peter recalls his own Choosing Dinner with guest Speakers, Dr William Morris, the Minister at Glasgow Cathedral; Patrick Boyle, the Earl of Glasgow; and Ian Rarity from the Bowring Group; forging stronger ties with the Carpenters' Guild in London; and presenting a craft plaque to Captain Robin Woodall of the QE2 on her visit to the Clyde.



## MASONS

Funds provided by the Incorporation of Masons from its Lady MacDonald bequest have allowed a new entrance pediment to be erected at the Marcus Humphrey House at Quarriers Homes, Bridge of Weir. The pediment was designed and sculpted by Gordon Kyle, a craft student at the Glasgow College of Building and Printing.

The pediment was unveiled by Mr J.M. Mac Humphrey of Dinnet who is pictured here (left) with Mr Andrew Tannahill, chairman of The Marcus Humphrey House Committee; Mr W. Stewart McFarlane, late deacon of the Masons; and Mr Les Dalton, Dean of the Faculty of Construction at the Glasgow College.

## MALTMEN

Whyte & Mackay's master blender, Richard Paterson, Visitor of the Maltmen in 1991, has won the Spirit of Scotland Trophy at the International Wine and Spirit awards presentation in London's Guildhall. The trophy marks the 500th anniversary of the first recorded reference to Scotch Whisky in the Exchequer Rolls in 1494. Richard, who created a special 500th anniversary blend using 18 to 25 year old whiskies is pictured here with the commemorative brass rubbing of the first reference.



## BONNETMAKERS & DYERS

Deacon T. Malcolm T. Wishart reports that his year has got off to a very good start with his Choosing Dinner with speakers Lord Nickson, chairman of the Clydesdale Bank and Peter West, Secretary to the University of Strathclyde. In December Jimmy Reid, broadcaster and author, addressed members and friends on "Scotland - The Way Forward". The Goose and Turkey Club raised £1100 at its annual charity dinner and the craft continues to

support education with prizes for students at the Scottish College of Textiles, Galashiels and Cardonald College, Glasgow.

Future events include a presentation by Dr Charles Munn, Chief Executive of the Institute of Bankers in Scotland on 14 March.



Malcolm Wishart

## SPORTS NEWS

### ANGLING

What happened this year? First of all we changed the day of the competition from Saturday to Wednesday to accommodate an international to be held on the Lake. Conditions were quite good in the morning but turned to rain with thunder and lightning.

What happened to the fish? 27 anglers took part and caught 13 fish weighing 13lbs 8ozs!

Alberto Laidlaw (Maltmen) had yet another excellent day with a clean sweep of the trophies - team prize (Jackson Miller), heaviest basket (Dallas) 3 trout - 3lbs 10ozs. and heaviest fish (Train Trophy) - 11lbs 6ozs.

Second prize was won by Ian McLellan (Gardeners) 2 trout - 2lbs 2ozs and third was Archie Hutchison (Barbers) 2 trout - 1lb 12ozs. Second in the team competition were the Barbers (Hutchison and McDougall) 3 trout - 2lbs 12ozs.

Craft representation was good but we look forward to the Cordiners and Skinners taking part this year. I would like to thank David Biggart of the Coopers for presenting the prizes and to all members for their support.

In March/April this year there will be an evening meeting where members and intending members can socialise. Craft Conveners will be notified as to date, venue and programme.

- Murray Blair, Angling Convener 0141 638 0155

For news of GOLF events contact Walter Mennie (0141 942 9299). Shield Competition 16 May.

### BOWLING

The Trades House Bowling Trophy winners in 1994 were, for the third year in a row, the Masons with the Tailors runners up. This year the Bowling Trophy will be played on Sunday 11 June at Giffnock Bowling Club which is celebrating its centenary.

1996 is, of course, a big year for us when The Trades House Bowling Trophy is 100 years old. It is hoped that all 14 crafts will make a big effort to raise at least one rink for the event.

- Stewart Cobb, Bowling Convener, 0141 639 6472

### CURLING

I am pleased to report a good return from the "calling all curlers" pro-forma in the last "Craftsman". There remain many Trades House curlers, however, who have not registered their interest. Name, address, telephone number and craft will be most welcome to be added to the growing list of those prepared to deliver a few stones on behalf of their craft. It remains my intention to run a Trades House bonspiel before the end of the season, but I cannot book ice until I know the likely numbers attending. So if you have not yet advised me of your general curling availability please do so now.

- Michael Burton, Curling Convener, 0141 638 2819

## BANK BOOSTS BUSINESS

The Clydesdale Bank has given business a shot in the arm by extending its successful Business Booster Loan Scheme.

Considerable interest has been shown by business across the whole spectrum in the Bank's innovative loan package which since its launch last September has become even more attractive.

Business Booster loans offer a discount of 2% on the base rate for the first year thereby providing substantial interest savings for businesses seeking to expand.

Clydesdale Bank has been able also to link in its Business Booster with the Small Business Loan Scheme, announced by Scottish Secretary, Ian Lang, which offers small business loans with the interest rate guaranteed by Scottish Enterprise not to rise by more than 1%.

Business Booster loans are available to new and existing Clydesdale Bank customers. Repayment terms are between 2-10 years on sums borrowed of a minimum £15,000 and a maximum £1-million.

