



THE TRADES HOUSE OF GLASGOW NEWSLETTER

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## RAFT WORK COMPETITION **EXPAND**

The outstanding success of the first Trades House College Craft Competition and Exhibition has ensured that the event will be held again in 1996 with more colleges taking part and more craft categories being included.

Given continued support from the House, the colleges, funding bodies and sponsors the competition and exhibition could become an ongoing major attraction for Glasgow. "The support we have received to date and the standard of work which we have seen



The prizewinners, with gold medal winner Marion Kane in the front with Deacon Convener Ken Sandford and Deacon Wallace Dick. More pictures Page 2

gives me the confidence to say that this will become a feature in the city's annual calendar of events involving all colleges in the Glasgow area." said Deacon Convener Ken Sandford.

Set up this year as a pilot project with the Glasgow College of Building and Printing and Cardonald College, it is intended that, with their co-operation, the competition and exhibition will in 1996 have additional entries from Anniesland, John Wheatley, Langside and Glasgow North Colleges. Craft categories, which, at present, comprise ornamental glazing, jewellery, woodworking, weaving, stonemasonry, leather work, graphic design and audio/visual work will also be reviewed and possibly extended.

The Deacon Convener said that the success of this year's event was a tribute to the vision of the House. "We saw it as essential that an organisation such as ours, which owes its very existence to the dedication of craft workers over many centuries, should be active in preserving traditional skills and encouraging new skills which are now emerging and which will also one day form part of the city's heritage," he said.

The Deacon Convener praised the "hard work and dedication" of the organising committee and this year's Deacons and Visitor under the co-ordination of Deacon Wallace Dick of the Wrights.

He also thanked the judges, the Glasgow Development Agency for their financial support and the sponsors: C.R. Smith; ScottishPower; the Howden Group; Henry Abram and Sons; Glen Catrine Bonding Co.; John Hannay & Co.; Pollock & Cochrane and the Society of Weavers

The high standard of entries made judging extremely difficult but it was decided that the Trades House gold medal for the best entry should go to Marion Kane a student in metalwork and jewellery at Cardonald College for her entry of a silver necklace with a droplet containing a small amount of perfume. Marion also received the jewellery prize.

Another Cardonald student, Helen Kirk, won the weaving Prize with the remaining six category awards going to students at the Glasgow College of Building and Printing - Ronald Sim (stonemasonry); Philip Melville (stained glass); Barry Robson (wood-carving); Burgess (leather): Jacqueline David Renwick (graphics); and Tim Derham (multi media). All winners received £500 ànd a certificate.

Provisional dates for the 1996 competition and exhibition have been set for 29 May to 1 June in the Trades Hall with Deacon elect of the Bonnetmakers, Peter D Winton as co-ordinator.

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#### CREATING IMPACT THROUGH INVOLVEMENT

I am happy to report that the work of the House continues to grow and the impact we have on our community is increasing in many areas. This spring we saw the inaugural Trades House Craft Work Competition and Exhibition and, as you can see from the pictures elsewhere, the quality of the work presented for the competition was of a gratifyingly high standard.

I am delighted to say that all those who attended were highly impressed with the work and the concept of the competition and our thanks are due to this year's Deacons and Visitor who worked so assiduously to make the event so successful.

Team work as described above is evident also in the support I have received from the Collector of the House and our fellow members of the 'Platform', from Gordon Wyllie and his staff, from all members of the House and, of course, from Denis Findlay and his staff at the Trades Hall.

I stated last year that one of my aims was to encourage former members of the House to retain an interest and involvement in our activities, and over the past year I have realised just how many opportunities there are for the House to play an even greater part in the regeneration of our city. I am delighted to report that several former members have agreed to participate and assist the House in helping us to expand the ever growing range of activities that we now undertake. We have such a wealth of talent amongst our membership, and oh so many challenges await us.

Kenneth Sandford, Deacon Convener

Over the past two years I have had the opportunity of observing, and to some extent participating, in the full range of the activities of the House and am very conscious of the duties and responsibilities associated with the privilege of leading the House. If, on the 11th October 1995 the Trades House does me the very great honour of electing me Deacon Convener I promise to carry out these duties and responsibilities to the best of my abil-

How do I see the year ahead? My vision is based on two convictions. Firstly we must be mindful of the traditions of the Trades House of Glasgow using the funds entrusted to our care for the benefit of our pensioners and, in the words of the Letter of Guildry, "for any other good and pious use which may tend to the advancement of the commonweal of the burgh".

Secondly, although the Deacon Convener changes each year, continuity of purpose is essential if the achievements of past years are not to be dissipated. Encouraging manufacturing as a career through the School Craft Project and the College Craft Work Competition and Exhibition, the Year's Day concert, Patronage Scheme and the refurbishment of the Trades Hall are now established activities of the House and will be energetically promoted in the coming year. These activities and

our more active role in befriending our pensioners through Contact etc. will involve an ever increasing participation of our membership, and past experience confirms that this will be willingly volunteered.

I believe the House is in excellent heart and the prognosis for the future is of continuing good health.

W Morton Fyfe, Late Collector

The last ten months or so have been most interesting and undoubtedly busy. Apart from the refurbishing work there has been the normal activity level surrounding Dinners and Functions which have all been of a very high standard. We also enjoyed yet another Friends' Tea Party which was an excellent afternoon and clearly enjoyed by all who were able to come.

We have seen tremendous efforts being made in arranging competitions for schools and for colleges culminating in prize giving and an Exhibition which was well attended and very successful. These particular activities are increasing and place greater demands on the House.

In addition, the ongoing good works of the House were certainly not forgotten and much work goes on in the background ensuring that where it was at all possible real needs were met.

The work of Trades House is appreciated by those in the city and beyond who are aware of the House and its activities and it is for us to ensure that this work is publicised as much as possible

David Watson Collector

## **CONGRATULATIONS...**

to The Very Revd Dr William Morris KCVO. The Trades House takes immense pleasure in the honour conferred upon our Honorary Chaplain by Her Majesty The Queen in raising the Minister at Glasgow Cathedral to the rank of Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order. "It gives the Trades House no small satisfaction to see the personal qualities of our much loved chaplain appreciated and marked in this way by the Sovereign,' said Gordon Wyllie, Clerk to the House.

#### WELCOME BACK . . .

to W. Martin Christie, who has returned to his duties as Clerk of the Incorporation of Coopers after a long and serious illness. The House wishes him good health for many years to come.

## LOOKING FORWARD . . .

to Sir Paul Newall, former Lord Mayor of London and Dr Kenneth Calman, Chief Medical Officer at the Department of Health as speakers at the Deacon Convener's Dinner in Trades Hall on 11 October. Sir Paul will propose the Toast to the City of Glasgow and Dr Calman the Toast to The Trades House.



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# PICTURES FROM CRAFT COMPETITION







(I to r) Sponsor George Eadie of C R Smith with student Philip Melville and his stained glass which won the ornamental glazing prize. Judges award the weaving prize to an entry by student Helen Kirk. Judges examine some of the woodcarving entries. Examining the jewellery and metalwork entries.

The best craft work produced by secondary school pupils throughout Glasgow was recognised at the prizegiving for the annual secondary schools competition sponsored by the Trades House in conjunction with the Education Department of Strathclyde Regional Council. Apart from awards for the best individual craft items

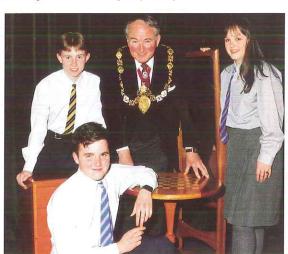


produced there were special awards for the best items of metalwork, sponsored by the Incorporation of Hammermen, the best portfolio and the best designs. Top school once again was Holyrood Secondary so, with Holyrood's approval, the Trades House Plate was awarded to runners-up Hillpark Secondary.

The number of schools taking part is increasing each year and we are delighted at the high standard of entries which shows that many of the city's ancient craft skills are alive and well in the hands of the next generation," commented Deacon Convener Ken Sandford, who presented the prizes.

The competition was organised by Ex-Deacon Ralph Leishman.

Pictures show: (right) Deacon Convener Ken Sandford with prize winners 1st Gillian Hunter (Holyrood); 2nd Andrew Black (Hillpark) and in front 3rd Geoffrey Smith (Holyrood). (left) Anthony Broadway of the Incorporat Hammermen with winners of the metalwork awards Incorporation



# **ACTION RESEARCH** CELEBRATE

It was a proud day for the House when at a special ceremony in the City Chambers Deacon Convener Ken Sandford handed over a cheque for £19,000 to Action Research in Scotland. This represented the proceeds of our now well established annual event, the New Year's Day Glasgow Greets Vienna Concert.

The Deacon Convener is pictured here celebrating



# MAY 1945 TO MAY

This picture of a decorated Trades Hall was taken during the V.E. Day celebrations by Ex-Deacon William Morris of the Weavers who was home on survivor's leave from a sunken submarine.

Fifty years later the Flags were out again, including the Scottish Royal Standard, at the Trades Hall to mark the state visit by Lady Fraser, Her Majesty's High Commissioner to the General Assembly.



# **COMMONWEAL WORK CONTINUES**

The good work of the Commonweal Fund continues and at their meeting in March the Commonweal Committee made 42 awards totalling almost £36,000.

Major grants included £3000 to the Abbeyfield Society towards new housing for the elderly in Springburn; £2500 to the Glasgow Philharmonic Orchestra; £2000 to Greater Glasgow Scout Council towards the cost of the "Gang Show"; £2000 to Christian Action Glasgow Housing Trust; £2000 to Glasgow School of Art towards publication of a history of the school; £2000 to Sense Scotland towards furnishing group homes and £2000 to East Park Home.

Smaller awards included £1000 for a new commercial cooker at the Gorbals Youth Run Drop In Cafe; £550 for 10 replacement sets for British Wireless for the Blind Fund; £150 to Govan Reminiscence Group towards a history of the area and £300 to purchase a new music centre for the John Mains Pensioners' Sequence Dance Club.



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# HIGH COMMISSIONER VISITS HOUSE

The House was honoured in May when Her Grace, Lady Fraser, Her Majesty's High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland made a State Visit.

on arrival Her Grace was heralded by a fanfare of trumpets and met by Late Convener Sandy Bone. A formal welcome to the House was made by Deacon Convener Ken Sandford who then moved, to unanimous approval, that Her Grace be admitted and enrolled as an honorary Guild Sister and Burgess of Glasgow of the Craft Rank qua Hammerman.

Her Grace then expressed her thanks to the House and her warm congratulations for the contributions made

to the history of Scotland since 1605 and the promise which it continues to hold for the future.

Deacon Scott Grier of the Incorporation of Skinners then presented the Deacon Convener with a commemorative painting of the Trades Hall, the first print of which was presented to Her Majesty's High Commissioner.

Pictures show: (below) Late Convener Sandy Bone and trumpeters welcome the High Commissioner to Trades Hall. (left) Deacon Convener Ken Sandford presents Her Grace with her Burgess ticket and a commemorative print of Trades Hall. Members of the Platform and their ladies with Lady Fraser, her Ladies in Waiting, the Purse Bearer and Sir William Kerr Fraser.



# INTO 1996 WITH.

# A CARING HAND ON THE REINS

The Deacon Convener elect, Dr W Morton Fyfe, was Deacon of the Incorporation of Bakers in 1992/93 and was Preses of the Grand Antiquity Society in 1986/87.

Morton (72) has devoted his entire life to the medical profession graduating from Glasgow University in 1945. He saw service in the Royal Army :Medical Corps in Greece and Palestine.



Dr W Morton Fyfe.

In 1959 he became a consultant paediatrician in Renfrewshire before in 1964 becoming a consultant paediatrician to Stobhill Hospital and the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, posts which he held until his retirement in 1988.

A Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (Glasgow, Edinburgh and London) he has held many senior positions in the profession including Council Member, British Paediatric Society: President Scottish Paediatric Society: and Chairman, Paediatric Committee Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Married to Elizabeth, Morton lives in Bearsden, and has two sons and two daughters. He is a keen golfer and skier and enjoys gardenics.



lan J Scott.

# THE PLATFORM OF THE HOUSE

During 1995/96 the new Deacon Convener will preside over the affairs of the House along with three other members of the Platform. These will be:

\*lan J Scott, the Collector elect of the House, a Chartered Accountant since 1958. He set up his own practice in Rhu and Helensburgh in 1974 which this year he merged with Hammond & Co.He is now a consultant and

semi retired. He has held a number of directorships including chairman of the Savings Bank of Glasgow and deputy chairman T.S.B. Scotland.

Deacon of the Gardeners in 1993/94, he is also a member of the Coopers and of the Washing Green Society. Ian lives in Rhu and is married to Aileen. They have four children.

An enthusiastic yachtsman, he is honorary commodore of the Clyde Corinthian Yacht Club.

\*David Watson - the present Collector \*Ken Sandford - the present Deacon Convener

# **GRAND ANTIQUITY HONOURS**

His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Winning became an honorary member of the Grand Antiquity Society of Glasgow at a ceremony held in Glasgow Cathedral in June.

Accepting membership, Cardinal Winning said that "antiquity is very relevant as this is my 70th birthday." He also said "This Cathedral is very dear to the people of Glasgow and it is still standing due to the burgesses of the city who prevented its destruction by rioters in 1579." The Society Preses, lain F Muir, on presenting the membership certificate said that he was looking forward to an ongoing association between the Society and the Archdiocese.

At the same time Mr Muir also presented honorary membership diplomas to Mrs Barbara Shields, widow of the late Lord Provost of Glasgow, Mr James Shields.

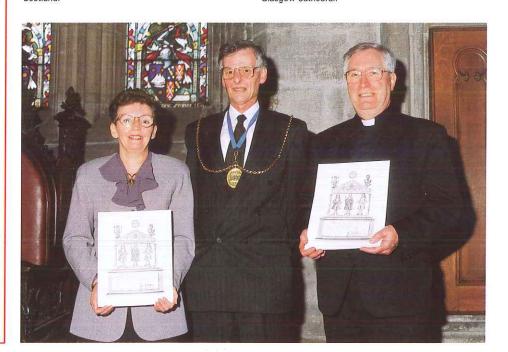
Later in the day, at the Grand Antiquity summer ball in Trades Hall, membership was conferred upon Sir William Kerr Fraser, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Glasgow and Lady Fraser, Her Majesty's High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and chairman of Christian Aid in Scotland

The Society has also elected Mrs Marjorie Matheson, widow of former Deacon Convener of the Trades of Glasgow Jimmy Matheson, as its first directress in its 239 year history.

Founded in 1756, the purpose of the Grand Antiquity Society, which has close links with The Trades House of Glasgow, is to provide mutual self help to the old burgess families of the city and preserve continuity of burgesship amongst them. Some families can trace burgess connections through seventeen generations. The Society has as its motto: "This city's freedom purchased was by me. Since that be so then I was born free. Then I'm Free born of antiquitie."

The Society, which has over 4000 members, has had a number of distinguished honorary members including King Edward VIII, King George VI, H.M. The Queen Mother, H.R.H. Princess Margaret and H.R.H. The Princess Royal.

Picture shows: Preses Iain F Muir with Mrs Barbara Shields and Cardinal Thomas Winning at the ceremony in Glasgow Cathedral



## CLYDESDALE TELEBANK SETS THE PACE

TeleBank PC, which was successfully laurnched for business customers last year by the Clydesdale Bank, has been given a further boost by the Clydesdale with a highly competitive interest rate on the deposit account for TeleBank users.



**Bob Brice** 

The top rate has been increased recently to maintain its position as one of the most competitive interest bearing electronically accessed accounts on the market

According to Bob Brice, head of Business Banking Services: "TeleBank PC was already a very attractive product. This latest move gives it the edge - quite simply it is the best and most convenient product of its type on the market.

"It is giving business customers the ability to access vital information they need to run the financial side of the business from their premises in a more efficient and cost-effective way with banking hours they set for themselves

"It removes a lot of the cumbersome routine work, saves money and adds to efficiency which is the kind of electronic banking that customers want."

The TeleBank PC services are available on separate modules which can be added to the system when required

The services cover balance reporting, - allowing you to know what your financial situation is whenever you want; CHAPS, which is the standard UK payment system for making same day

payment to any UK beneficiary; SWIFT, the world-wide payment system; and BACS, which allows you to make automated payments simply, efficiently and cheaply.



# BEAUTIFUL BANK

The Clydesdale Bank head office in St. Vincent Place, Glasgow, has been judged the winner of the Robertson Silver Spade, the top prize in the Incorporation of Gardeners



# **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Two research projects into food technology have been recognised by the Incorporation of Bakers with awards of £250 to each

They went to Dr Frances Jack, for her Ph.D research at Strathclyde University into the texture of cheddar cheese using sensory analysis towards better understanding of how cheese is formed, and Marion Sommerville, for a Ph.D study into starch technology with particular reference to the digestibility of starch in bakery products.

Pictured at the presentation are (I to r) Late Collector and Ex-Deacon of the

# **MALTED BARLEY?**

A award of £1300 from the Incorporation of Maltmen to Heriot-Watt University, Department of Brewing and Biological Sciences, has enabled student Robert Prentice to complete a project involving the determination of protozoan levels in grain samples.

# CALLING ALL CRAFTSMEN HELP! HELP! HELP!

HELP! - We still require volunteer guides to take visitors around Trades Hall. Training will be given and we hope that this could lead to forming a team similar to National Trust Guides. Contact the Hall Secretary on 0141-228 8000.

HELP! - We now have an official librarian, Murray Blair, who would be delighted to receive books, photographs and other material about crafts or the City of Glasgow.Contact Murray on 0141-638 0155, or the House office on 0141-228 8000.

HELP! - We still need a regular flow of craft information and stories for the Craftsmen. Only seven of the 14 Incorporations returned information for this issue. Contact Bob Colquhoun on 0141-889 6708 or send it to him at 33 Greenlaw Avenue, Paisley PA1 3RE

"Let Glasgow Flourish" Awards for 1994/95.
"The judges felt that the Clydesdale Bank merited the award for the top quality window

boxes which they have maintained in a diffi-

cult situation for many years," commented

Lord Provost Tom Dingwall presented companies with a total of 36 other awards as follows: 7 certificates for first time winners; 17 commendation plaques for continued quality standard and 12 high commendations for exceptional high standards of display.

Picture: Prizewinners and guests at the award ceremony.

\* The Gardeners have also provided £1000 to Glasgow District Council Parks Department for travelling scholarships and prizes, and £1000 to the Scottish Agricultural College at Auchincruive.

Bakers, Morton Fyfe, Miss Sommerville, Dr Jack and Deacon lain Riddell of the Bakers.

# WRIGHTS' GENEROSITY

The Incorporation of Wrights has donated £6200 over the past year to craft projects. This was made up of Craft Competition Awards (£500); McDonald Prizes for joinery and double glazing (£2000); RSAMD Scenery and Design Competition (£800); Glasgow School of Art Design Competition (£2120); Caledonian University Chancellor's Chair (£700) and, new this year, Institute of Carpenters (£500).

# **WEAVERS' WIDE WEB**

A total of £10350 has been donated by the Incorporation of Weavers towards: National Trust Weavers' Cottage, Kilbarchan (£1500); Glasgow School of Art (£3000); Scottish College of Textiles (£2000); University of Strathclyde (£3300); Langside College (£50); Royal Scottish College of Music and Drama (£500).

Other craft support has included: SKINNERS - Prizes and Bursary Glasgow College of Building and Printing (£975) and

Prizes Glasgow School of Art (£300); TAILORS: - Cardonald College (£500); Anniesland College (£250).

BONNETMAKERS - Scottish College of Textiles, Galashiels. Travel Prize (£1000) and book Prize to be awarded in October

# CRAFT NEWS

# TAILOR TO THE RESCUE

Helping our pensioners is all part of the job and Ex-Deacon James Waardrop rose to the occasion during the floods of last winter when he was telephoned by a pensioner trapped in her home. The lady was unable to get to the airport to fly to England for a holiday with her son and his family.

son and his family.

Undaunted James was quickly on the phone to Social Services and the Strathclyde Fire Service who organised an inflatable boat to rescue the damsel in distress and see her safely to the airport.

Perhaps it did help a little that, as well as being a banker, James is also one of Her Majesty's Deputy Lieutenants for Renfrewshire.

#### **BONNET WEEK**

Stewarton Bonnet Week in June was a busy time for Deacon Malcolm Wishart of the Bonnetmakers and Dyers and his Collector, Robbie McPhail. Essay prizes were presented to pupils at Stewarton Academy; a procession through the town followed the crowning of the Stewarton Queen; and the Deacon laid a wreath at the War Memorial on the Sunday.

Deacon late a wreath as the Sunday.
Then it was back to Glasgow and Cardonald College where Deacon Wishart presented prizes for the best hats produced by students during Bonnet Week and attended a fashion show.

### **ROYAL TIME PIECE?**

The Incorporation of Masons' stone sundial now has pride of place in the new Provands Lordship Garden at Townhead which was officially opened by H.R.H. Princess Anne, The Princess Royal on 30 June.

The sundial, commissioned by the Masons in 1991 from the Glasgow College of Building and Printing, was originally intended to be located in the Cathedral Precinct. This was not possible and the prominent and prime position in the Garden is a location in which it will be seen by thousands of visitors to the city each year.

And as the sundial also features metal gnomons

And as the sundial also reatures metal gnomons donated by the Incorporation of Hammermen a great deal of public interest will be generated in the work of the crafts and of Trades House.

EX-Deacon lan MacConnacher of the Masons

Ex-Deacon Ian MacConnacher of the Masons explained to the Princess Royal the carvings on the sundial depicting the crests of the Masons, the Hammermen, the College and the City, with the wording THE INCORPORATION OF MASONS carved on the second sten.

# SKINNERS RESTORE SEATS

These two small oak open arm-chairs (normally



to be found in the Saloon of the Trades Hall) were renovated by the Incorporation of Skinners to commemorate the bi-centenary of the hall. The work was carried out by students of the Glasgow College of Building and Printing.

# SPORTS NEWS

## ANGLING

Trades House anglers had their first social evening in April when Colin Carnie (Hammermen) gave an illustrated talk on "What is happening to our salmon?". This was followed by Ian Campbell (Masons) who, as President of SANA, enlightened members on "International fishing and the background to SANA". The meeting concluded with refreshments and discussion. annual Trades House Angling Competition will be held on Wednesday 6 September on the Lake of Monteith. This is open to all craftsmen who can either contact their own angling convener or approach me for details on 0141-638 0155 Tight lines - Murray S. Blair,

Angling Convener

## GOLF

The annual Trades House golf shield competition took place at Glasgow Gailes in May. Winners - Coopers (J M Wylie and A D Robin); Runners-up - Gardeners (G Mickel and W H Hunter); Deacons Association best net score prize: Skinners (G D Ferguson and W S Ferguson).

The annual Old Deacons of Trades House against Edinburgh City Merchants is being held at Bruntsfield with the Deacon Convener taking part.

The David Borland Golf Trophy will be over Glasgow Gailes on 19 September and is open to all craft members. Entry Fee £30.Contact your Incorporation golf convener for details.

Walter S H Mennie, Golf Convener. 0141-942 9299

# CRAFT MEETINGS

The 14 craft incorporations will meet in Trades Hall on Friday, 22 September to elect their office bearers for 1995/96. The appointments to be ratified are: HAMMERMEN - Deacon: Richard J A Hunter, Collector: Gordon Maclennan. TAILORS Niall H Henderson, Collector: Bill Harte. CORDINERS Deacon: Forbes M Dunlop, Collector: To Be Confirmed. MALTMEN - Visitor: Murray S Blair, Collector: Robin D ONeill. WEAVERS - Deacon: J S Couper, Collector: R C Hart. BAKERS - Deacon: F Graeme Hogg, Collector: Christopher Smith, SKIN-NERS - Deacon: John M Mason, Collector: Nicholas J Giles. WRIGHTS - Deacon: Robert Gray, Collector: Jack D Copeland. COOPERS - Deacon: Duncan I Cunningham, Collector: Richard G Capper. FLESH-ERS - Deacon: Kenneth G Chrystie, Collector: Alan T Lapsley. MASONS - Deacon: William B Johnston, Collector: Norman H Wilson, GARDENERS -Deacon: Alexander M Martin, Collector: Andrew, Count McMillan, Baron of Cleghorn. BARBERS - Deacon: Alexander C McEwen, Collector: William Hogg. BONNETMAKERS - Deacon: Peter D Winton, Collector: Professor Gary Roach.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16 & 17 September - Trades Hall open to the public. 22 September - Annual meetings of the Incorporations. 11 October - Deacon Convener's Dinner. 1 January - Glasgow Greets Vienna Concert.

The main 1995/96 Dinners are as follows: HAMMERMEN 9 November 9 November 10 November 12 January 20 November TAILORS CORDINERS MALTMEN WEAVERS 23 November 24 October BAKERS SKINNERS WRIGHTS 3 November 4 October 1 March **COOPERS** FLESHERS 8 December 22 September 20 October MASONS GARDENERS BARBERS BONNETMAKERS 9 February 27 October

GRAND ANTIQUITY SOCIETY
Directors' Dinner 24 November
Summer Ball 7 June