



The Trades House Newsletter from the Deacon Convener

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Welcome

Welcome to the first Deacon Convener newsletter of 2018. I hope you have all enjoyed a healthy start to the year, managing to avoid the particularly unpleasant flu that knocked me for six!

I was back on my feet during January, representing the House at Holocaust Memorial Day at Caledonian University, which was incredibly thought provoking and moving. The First Minister, Glasgow Civic leaders and members of the Jewish community of Rostov on Don – the Russian City with which Glasgow is twinned - attended. 29,000, mainly Jewish women and children were slaughtered by the Nazis over two days during World War II and this was the main focus of remembrance, which included performances from pupils of Ross Hall and Shawlands Academy.

Improved Communications

We are looking for feedback and input on the various methods by which The Trades House of Glasgow communicates with different audiences to try to make improvements. We would greatly appreciate your participation in this survey, which should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. This survey will be open until 5pm, Wednesday 7 March.

Click on <https://goo.gl/forms/F8NDd1PXXBPhnGmg2> to access the survey, or if you would prefer a printed version, please contact claire.whyte@tradeshouse.org.uk.

Please note that this information is anonymous, and will only be used by Trades House (it will not be shared with any 3rd parties). Responses will be destroyed once the survey analysis is complete and individual responses will not be stored.

Successful Burns Festival

The Trades House Burns Festival was held on 19 January in the Trades Hall, and was a wonderfully uplifting event. It was tremendous to see Trades Hall packed with over 130 excited young pupils, teachers, parents and supporters.

The standard of performances was hugely impressive and we are grateful for all the support from volunteers from the Crafts and the Glasgow and District Burns Association. The event was much enjoyed by all those who attended



The Deacon Convener with children from St Denis's School

The **Burns Festival Competition Final concert** will be held in the Hall on Monday, 19 February 2018 at 18.00. This is open to all and I would encourage you to come along and hear the excellent renditions from these young people

Education Festival

Trades House has set up an 'Education Committee', comprising of representatives from all its Educational Projects and Trades House. Its objective is to help drive these projects forward with them benefiting from shared expertise and experiences. Through this committee it has become apparent that there is an opportunity to create an umbrella event, 'The Education Festival', which will take place during the first two weeks in June (when all the educational projects take place apart from the Burns Festival). It is anticipated that this will create opportunities for and give leverage to PR / social media / marketing. Each project will benefit from this.

The Education Festival is being launched following the Burns Festival (19 Feb) – the Burns Competition held in January had the highest attendance of many years and it is therefore anticipated that the Education Festival will be equally successful and therefore a good platform from which to build.

Barbers Prize Giving and New Members Evening

The Incorporation of Barbers new members evening was held on 17 January. Prizes were awarded to the winners of our Medical and Dental competition, who were also given membership of the craft by Deacon Karen Waugh. On a personal note the Deacon Convener was delighted to help award his son-in-law, Matt Petty, with his Burgess and Craft membership certificates.



Deacon Karen Waugh with Prizewinners and New Members

Nuremberg Burns supper

As part of our civic role, Sarah and I accompanied the Lord Provost and the Lord Dean of Guild and his wife Irene, to the annual civic Burns supper in our twin city of Nuremberg.

A ceilidh kick-started the trip, with 250 local participants enthusiastically dancing to the Caulbums Band from Glasgow. The next day after a tour of the old city we met with the Lord Mayor Dr Ulrich Maly in the City Chambers, where the Lord Provost signed a visitation certificate.

The main event of the weekend was a packed Burns supper at the Grand Hotel. This included a speech from the Mayor, Dr Klemens Gsell, as well as music, dancing and recitation, with simultaneous translation. We then enjoyed a ceilidh starting at midnight and going on until the

wee hours of the morning. The Glasgow contingent excelled in staying the course!

Sunday was more subdued, with visits to local historic sites culminating in a visit to a local brewery for an evening meal. This doubled as a whisky making enterprise and we sampled their efforts but brought home a bottle of their gin rather than their whisky. The civic, cultural, academic and financial benefits of twinning Nuremberg with Glasgow were obvious and cemented by our visit. This was made plain by our final tour of Nuremberg Fashion School, which has a long-standing beneficial exchange with Strathclyde fashion school. Sadly this is now likely to finish due to loss of European funding.



The Honorary Scottish Consul for Germany, Michael Dean, Alistair Dorward Deacon Convener, Lord Provost Eva Bolander, Lord Mayor Dr Ulrich Maly with Lord Dean of Guild Ian Dickson

Learn how to save lives!

Ex Deacon Anita Brown of the Bakers is a fully qualified volunteer first aider with St Andrew's First Aid and has 14 years' experience of attending public events to provide first aid cover.

As part of the Scottish Government's Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest strategy (OHCA), which could save an additional 1,000 lives by 2020, Anita recently carried out a demonstration session with Trades House staff in general first aid and how to use the new Hall defibrillator. This is with a view to rolling it out to Members of the House who wish to take part.

Increasing the incidence of bystander CPR can increase the likelihood of survival after OHCA by 2 or 3 times.

The number of participants at Trades House will go towards the OHCA target figure of equipping an additional 500,000 people with CPR skills by 2020: it would be fantastic if we could reach as many people as possible.

We plan to have another session after the House meeting in March. Details will follow in due course.



Staff demonstration session with Hall Keepers Willie and Jamie

The Hammermen Service Group Pensioners outings

The Hammermen Service Group was formed in 1972 to provide services such as house decoration and gardening but was quickly changed to two days-out for pensioners and one guest, with invitations now extended to each Craft and House pensioners (with each funding their own Pensioners). Currently 90-100 people attend along with the Convener and partner. This year's summer outing is on Saturday 25 August 2018 to Peebles Hydro.

The "Spring" outing was held on 31st of January with lunch in the Trades Hall followed by the show "Cilla" This was a fabulous show by a group of young enthusiastic performers, reminding the audience of their own youth and the music and the history of the Beatles, Cilla and Brian Epstein. We are grateful to the members of the HSG, led by Robin Brown for their ongoing support to The House.



The Deacon of the Hammermen, Colin Botfield, Robin Brown, Chairman of the Hammermen Service Group, Alistair Dorward, Deacon Convener and Pauline Bell, Deacon of the Gardeners at the Pensioners outing/lunch.

Dates for your Diary:

Burns Festival Competition Final concert Monday, 19 February 2018 at 18.00

An Evening with the Gardeners: Friday 9 March 18

Midsummer Ball: Saturday 23 June 2018

**Trades House in London Dinner: Tuesday 11 September, Haberdashers Hall,
London**

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