



## **The Trades House Newsletter from the Deacon Convener**

**March 2018**

### **Welcome**

The "Beast from the East" caused some disruption to the House and events, most notably the cancellation of the Coopers' Dinner Dance. Fortunately, Deacon Ken Dalby has been able to rearrange this for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April. This month's newsletter gives you a flavour of the events I have attended, what is going on in the Crafts and House and some ideas of how you can help with volunteering.

### **Trades House sign at the new Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice**

Through its Commonweal Fund, the Trades House has sponsored a room in the new hospice to the tune of £10,000. The permanent signs are beautifully crafted from wood in keeping with the homely yet modern feel of the new hospice and will remain indefinitely. The new Hospice has now nearly completed its 90-week build.

## Ahlul Bayt Society

The Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society is a faith-based organisation working to meet the needs of the Scottish Shia Muslim community and the breadth of society in general across the cultural, social, political, and religious spectra. They work to engage with other communities and faiths; strengthening ties in an effort to create a setting for religious and racial harmony, equality, and diversity in the nation.

I represented the House at the Society's 'Togetherness and Inclusion: Homelessness and Community Cohesion' meeting in Edinburgh City Chambers. Most impressive was Alice Thompson, co-founder of Social Bite, who spoke about their Housing First initiative. Their Sleep out Event in Princess Street Gardens on a freezing night in December, raised £1/2 million. The video of this is definitely worth watching.



Imram Sayed Razawi Director General, Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society



In aid of the immensely worthwhile Kinship Care Initiative please come and enjoy a magical evening at the Trades Hall Midsummer Night's Ball which will start with a champagne reception followed by 3 course meal and a fundraising auction. The very entertaining live band That Swing Sensation - who were such a hit last year that we have asked back - will keep us on our feet all night!

The Ball will take place in the Trades Hall on Saturday 23rd June 2018 at 7pm and tickets are £75 each. Being on Midsummer's Night, this is sure to be a very special event. For tickets contact [janet.olverman@tradeshouse.org.uk](mailto:janet.olverman@tradeshouse.org.uk) or call 0141 553 1605

We support kinship care because, through no fault of their own, children may have had chaotic upbringing throughout their formative years. They can have very low self-esteem and be among the most vulnerable children in society. Glasgow has the highest rate of kinship arrangements in

Scotland. Alcohol and drug addiction are the most common causes of kinship care but it can also be due to parental mental health issues, illness, imprisonment, death or neglect.

### Robert Burns Festival Prize–Giving Concert, Monday, 19 February

The audience of Craftsmen, parents, teachers and participants were rewarded with 15 presentations of excellent Burns recitations, song and instrumental playing by young people from primary four to senior school. Congratulations must go to the organising committee and in particular Bob McDonald and Iris Gibson for their hard work, particularly this year with a record entry of over 140 participants. We were delighted to see that the Festival was recognised in the Robert Burns World Federation Newsletter.



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#### Glasgow's Trades House Burns Fest Concert

On Monday 18th February, at the grand location of the Trades House in Glasgow, visitors saw the prize giving and concert for kids who were placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the verse speaking, song and musical instrument disciplines, in the Burns Festival Competitions organised by Trades House and supported by the Glasgow Association of Burns Clubs. Diversity was the name of the game with a clarsach player, pianist, violin soloists, singers and some notable recitations. Every performance was a splendid success and the parents in attendance were clearly proud of their children, Burns and the Scots language.



The children with the trophies and clutching their certificates who will be the ones representing the Glasgow and District Burns Association in the National Festival on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at Denzy High School near Falkirk.

The event was attended by senior officers of the Trades Incorporations, local Burns Clubs and several members of the Robert Burns World Federation.  
(Photo courtesy of George Mahoney)



The Deacon Convener's Lady, Sarah Dorward, awards Landi Weng from Hillhead Primary, 1st Place Solo Singing P4/5 "A red red rose"

### Assistance Required!

Volunteers for Trades Archive

A dedicated archives area has been developed in the cellars of the Trades Hall by Craig Bryce our

historian. Some of the material has remained hidden for over 100 years, giving us an exciting prospect of discovering fascinating items and hidden gems in the archives. Craig is looking for members of the Incorporations to help organise some of the material. No experience is necessary. Work is planned to start now on Tuesdays from 10:30 AM to 5 PM. Any help within these times would be most appreciated.

Email [http://craig\\_bryce@hotmail.com](mailto:craig_bryce@hotmail.com) to let him know when you would be available.

### **Bonnetmakers Spring Outing**

We were delighted to be guests of the Bonnetmakers at their spring outing in March to Windy Hill in Kilmacolm, a Category A-listed house designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh.

The house was commissioned in 1900 by William Davidson, who was Mackintosh's friend and patron. David Cairns, the house's fifth owner, gave us a talk on the house and its artwork followed by a tour, with input from architect Ruairidh Moir. David has painstakingly sourced craftspeople to restore it from an almost derelict state. The house is fabulous and it was a great privilege to see it restored authentically and used as a family home.



### **The Bakers win back the Trades House Curling Trophy**

On Monday the 22nd of January 2018, the Bakers faced the Hammermen in the final of the Trades House knock-out curling competition, with Graham Davidson's Bakers team of Fraser Davidson, Simon Blyth and Willie Brown managing to beat the Hammermen, overcoming Skip Don Rutherford, Iain Hamilton, John Fingland and Andrew Young by 9 shots to 2.

The game was impossible to call until the fourth end when the Bakers scored a well played 4 and thereafter refused to relinquish control.

The Bakers route to the final involved the beating of first the Tailors, then the Masons whilst the Hammermen overcame the Skinners and then the Bonnetmakers and Dyers. The Curling Convener's wife Helen presented the Trophy and the prizes on the night.

The teams which competed for the magnificent Trades House Cigar Box Trophy were aware that their route to the final was foreshortened by the absence of the Cordiners, Maltmen, Weavers and Wrights, all of whom have fielded curling teams in the relatively recent past.

The competition would be greatly improved if all the crafts could put forward teams and if any

readers consider that they might be in a position to help out they should please contact their respective Clerks and let them know. Alternatively they can contact [burtonmh@aol.com](mailto:burtonmh@aol.com) who would be happy to pass on their details.

Congratulations to the Bakers – and commiserations to the Hammermen! We all look forward to next season's competition!



L-R: Willie Brown, Simon Blyth, Helen Burton, Graham Davidson, Fraser Davidson.

### **Trades House Tartan**

There is still plenty of Trade House tartan available for trews, kilts, skirts, neckties, bow ties and shawls. Late Deacon Colin Brown of the Weavers supplies the cloth at cost and ex-Deacon Ken MacDonald of Houston Kiltmakers, Paisley supplies the product at cost. All profit then goes to the Trades House. There will be Trades House lambswool scarves available for autumn/Christmas this year. A self-measure guide and information on how to order is [here](#).



### **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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **New Trades Hall Website**

The new Trades Hall website, developed by our Marketing Consultant, Claire Whyte, is up and running. The layout has been designed to make it as easy to navigate and use as possible. It has a number of useful features such as a Client Area which clients can access and upload their personal requirements (such as their guests' menu choices). This will prove extremely time saving for the Events Team. The blog area will be added to regularly with suppliers' input and information regarding public events at Trades Hall.

### **New Trades House Facebook page**

Trades House also has a new Facebook page. If you use Facebook it would be much appreciated if you could 'like' The Trades House of Glasgow, by visiting our page and pressing the 'Like' button under the main photo heading. If you do this and like and share our posts as much as possible, Facebook will deliver them to more people therefore widening our audience. Please note that the old page is no longer in use

### **Ex Convener Ruth Maltman's Portrait Unveiling**

In October 2015 the Trades House of Glasgow elected its first lady Deacon Convener Ruth Maltman, as its leader and Third Citizen of Glasgow.

Her chain gang, the Deacons, Visitor of the 14 Incorporated Crafts and Collector of the House and the Associated Bodies, felt this was an important milestone in the history of the House and an occasion for recognition.

To mark this occasion they commissioned a portrait from artist Max Scotto, which was gifted to Trades House in a ceremony at the Trades Hall on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

Lord Provost Eva Bolander unveiled the portrait in the presence of the Lord Lyon, the Lord Dean of Guild, the 2015 chain gang and members of the House.



**Ruth with the Lord Provost who unveiled the portrait and Max Scotto the artist.**



Artist Max Scotto with Ruth and some members of the 2015 Chain Gang

### **Dates for your Diary:**

- Ladies Golf outing – Monday 14 May 2018
- School Craft Competition - Monday 4 June 2018
- Gentlemen's Golf outing - Wednesday 30 May 2018
- Trades House of Glasgow Modern Apprentice Awards - Tuesday 5 June 2018
- Craftex: Thursday 7 June – Saturday 9 June 2018
- Citizenship Award - Thursday 14 June 2018
- Midsummer Night's Ball - Saturday 23 June 2018
- Annual Trades House Lecture- University of Glasgow – Monday 25 June 2018
- Trades House in London Dinner - Tuesday 11 September 2018

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