



The Trades House Newsletter from the Deacon Convener

Charity Awards and New Initiatives

The last few weeks have been an extremely busy time for The House and the Crafts. To give you a flavour of things: the Commonwealth Appeal presented awards to 24 different charities; 'Body and Sole' was launched by the Cordiners to help those who may otherwise be unable to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards (by providing specialist footwear) and The Gardeners answered an appeal by Bridgeton Community Learning Campus to help to spruce up its gardens and donated £250 for new materials. We are also about to launch the Trades House's first Education Festival and the many projects it encompasses. Read on for more news on these and other stories.



We have refreshed our newsletter design, with a greater focus on the many educational and charity initiatives we are involved in and the multitude of projects the 14 Incorporated Crafts undertake. We will continue to inform you of the activities of the Deacon Convener when he represents the House as well as the many House and Craft events. Make sure you send any interesting Craft news or updates to [Claire Whyte](#) - we will try to include as many as possible.



Commonweal Awards: Spring 2018

It was wonderful to see 24 deserving charities and organisations receive Commonweal Funding, and the Awards evening in March was truly inspirational. From assisting projects for disadvantaged children, to helping supply equipment for a Glasgow cerebral palsy centre, to donating towards bikes to improve the health of older people.

The audience enjoyed an energetic performance from Pollokshields Primary School on behalf of Shakespeare Schools Foundation, a previous award winner. Towards the end of the evening there was a chance for everyone to mingle and exchange views.

Education Festival 2018

The Trades House of Glasgow launches its first Education Festival this year, creating a unified platform for the many educational projects it supports and runs:

- Trades House of Glasgow School Craft Competition (Monday 4th June 2018)
- Trades House of Glasgow Modern Apprentice Awards (Tuesday 5th June 2018)
- Determined to Make Movies (Friday 8th June 2018)
- Craftex – Wednesday 7 June (Saturday 10th June 2018)
- Trades House of Glasgow Citizenship Competition (Thursday 14th June 2018)

Trades House of Glasgow Lecture (Monday 25th June 2018)

In this, the Year of Young People, we aim to highlight the hard work and dedication of many young people to overcome sometimes difficult circumstances and maximise the opportunities open to them. The Trades House of Glasgow aims to help motivate and reward them for their efforts. The skills they learn by taking part in one of the Educational Festival's projects not only often lead to employment opportunities but are useful and transferable to the work place.

The Education Festival is a unique event within Glasgow, bringing together a wide range of educational establishments including the city's schools, colleges, universities and apprenticeship programmes. We would encourage you to get involved and come along to as many events during the Festival as possible!



Sports shoes for disadvantaged D of E participants

The Cordiners recently presented a cheque for £5,000 to Gary Condie, the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards Manager for Glasgow, as part of 'Body and Sole', their new charitable initiative. This money will buy a large pool of sports footwear for use by Duke of Edinburgh participants in Scotland who otherwise may not be able to take part. They have also given £6,000 to Glasgow City Council Education Department and the Glasgow Outdoor Resource centre to encourage physical activity in children and young people.

Dr Iain Lennox, Deacon of the Incorporation of Cordiners in Glasgow, said: "We are delighted to be able to directly benefit young people who might otherwise not be able to participate in projects like the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. A lack of basic equipment such as appropriate shoe wear is a barrier to participation that is often overlooked. It can be expensive and therefore prohibitive to those on a low income. Projects such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award can be life changing, giving confidence and learning new skills so it is fantastic to help break down these barriers."

Gary Condie commented: “This is a real boost for us and the other organisations involved, opening up and encouraging participation from everyone that wants to take part. All too often hurdles such as this are not thought about – apart from by those affected – so for the Cordiners to step in and give financial assistance is fantastic.”



Hammerman Awards

This year the Hammerman Awards (now in their 60th year under various formats) gave a record number of 32 prizes.

Deacon Colin Botfield, the Convener and Baillie Glenn Elder presented the award certificates, with a cheque. The prizes are supported by the Glasgow Colleges and Universities, and many senior academics attended to support their students. The Deacon noted that the winners will go on to be considered for the prestigious Prince Philip Prizes in the college and university categories with a £1,500 prize each.

The Deacon Convener, Alistair Dorward, was impressed with the engagement of the young prizewinners and their guests. They were keen to stay on at the buffet after to socialise with members of the Hammermen and learn more about the history and heritage of the Trades House.

Congratulations must go to Andrew Young, the Hammermen Prizes & Awards Convener for his smooth organisation of the event.

Community Work at its Best

One of our Crafts, The Incorporation of Gardeners of Glasgow, recently answered an appeal by Bridgeton Community Learning Campus requesting for help to spruce up its gardens, and donated £250 for new materials. Donald Wemyss, the Gardeners' Collector managed the repairs and replanting. There were over 20 volunteers helping from Cornerstone - Glasgow & East Dunbartonshire and Calton Gardens.



BOOKS TO DONATE?



The Trades House Library is a wonderful resource for finding out about the history of the House, its incorporated crafts and also the city of Glasgow. There are currently over 1,500 books in the Library and a detailed list of contents is now available online at <https://www.tradesouselibrary.org>

The list is in PDF format which can be searched by using “Find” on your browser.

The Honorary Librarian, Carol Parry, would be delighted to receive books relating to the House or the city, to fill gaps in the collection. Due to lack of space duplicate items cannot be accepted.

The Library is reference only and if you would like to view any of the holdings then please contact the Honorary Librarian to arrange a suitable time. Carol can be contacted by email at carol.parry24@gmail.com.

Other News...

The Incorporation of Maltmen



The Incorporation of Maltmen were delighted to return to Trades Hall after a long absence, for the Visitor's Choosing Dinner on 8th March. This was a highly successful event with the 150 guests entertained by former solicitor and referee, Willie Young and Alistair McDonald of the Clydeside Distillery. A number of charitable causes will benefit from funds raised at the dinner, including a £500 donation to Kinship Care.

The North Parish Washing Green Society

"Deacon, can I take drink with you, your right and left and members of the North Parish Washing Green Society and their right and left." This is a common part of the Trades House dinner.

Intrigued?! [Read more](#) about this ancient society's history and how to join.



The Washing Green

Trades House welcome SODS back to the Hall

The Society of Deacons and Free Preseses of Glasgow (known as SODS) was formed in the year 1780 to provide a fund for relief and support for members and widows and for the relief of distress amongst the people. Members came from Trades House and Incorporations, the Merchants House, Hutchison's Trust, clan societies and other similar bodies, which all stood for benevolence. In 1857 a schism developed with the Trades House, when the Association of Deacons was formed.

In 1989 there was a rapprochement with the House, and an agreement with the Deacon's Association two decades later.

It was with great pleasure I was able to welcome Preses Angus Kerr and SODS back to the Hall for their Annual Dinner in March after a gap of 171 years. Guest speakers were Fred MacAulay and ex-Scotland rugby captain, Alastair Kellock. The society is in excellent financial health and continues to do good works throughout the city.



Armed Forces Covenant

On the 8th May the Deacon Convener attended an early morning ceremony to sign the Armed Forces Covenant on behalf of the Trades House at the invitation of Mr Jim McVicar. This commits the House to honour the Armed Forces Community and to recognize the value of Serving Personnel both Regular and Reservists, Veterans and military families contribute to our business and our country.

The Defense Employer Recognition Scheme recognises and awards UK employers for their support to Defense personnel. The scheme encompasses Bronze, Silver and Gold awards for employer organisations that pledge, demonstrate or advocate support to Defense and the Armed Forces community, and align their support with the Armed Forces Covenant.



Lieutenant Colonel J R McIlhinny, Commanding Officer 6th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland and the DC sign the Armed Forces Covenant

Trades House Shield Golf Competition

The Trades House Shield competition will be held at Kilmacolm Golf Club on Wednesday 30th May. Sandwich lunches will be available from 12 noon, first tee off time is 1:30 and there will be High Tea and prize giving afterwards. Official notification will follow in due course.



Trades House Ladies Golf Outing

The Annual Trades Ladies Golf Outing was held on Monday, 14th May in glorious sunshine, compared to last year's event, which was a washout. The participants hailed the event a huge success. The outing was organised by Sarah Dorward, the Golf Convener, who doubles as the Deacon Convener's lady. This year the team from the Masons triumphed over the other five participating crafts.



The Winning Mason's team. Sandra McFarlane, Dorothy Skeoch, Jinty Rodger and Moira Allan with the DC.

Upcoming events

- Education Festival - see above for dates
- The Midsummer Ball - Saturday 23rd June 2018
- The Trades House Annual Lecture - Monday 25th June 2018

Glasgow in London Dinner - Tuesday 11th September 2018

