

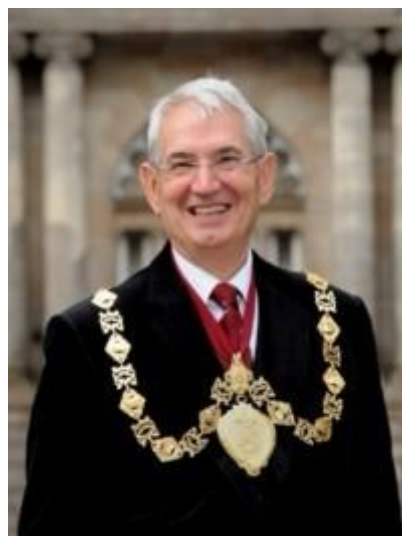


The Trades House Newsletter from the Deacon Convener

The Latest News...

This has been an exceptionally busy month for The Trades House and its 14 Crafts, with the first Education Festival taking place in which almost every possible age group and educational establishment took part - more on this below, along with House and Craft news.

Sarah and I also attended various end of term ceremonies at the Universities of Strathclyde, Glasgow and Glasgow Caledonian. Most poignant was the graduation ceremony at the Glasgow School of Art on 15th June. This was a wonderfully happy occasion with everyone excitedly looking forward to reclaiming the Mackintosh building in a year's time. We had lunch with the principal, Professor Tom Inns, and Chair of the Board, Muriel Gray, following the graduation and shared their enthusiasm for the future of GSA. It was truly devastating to hear of the disaster that befell the building later that day.



Education Festival 2018

The last few weeks saw all of our educational events brought under the banner of 'Educational Festival' for the first time. The aim of the Festival is to reward, motivate and inspire those in and around education in Glasgow.

It was a huge success, with every age of student and educational establishment being represented - from pre-school to apprentice, primary school to university. We welcomed young people receiving awards and prizes, showcasing their work, parents, teachers, lecturers, co-ordinators and mentors.

A huge thank you to the sponsors of these events (more info on them below) and the Crafts and Committees who work tirelessly to organise them throughout the year. We are looking forward to next year's Festival already!

The Trades House School Craft Awards

Gary Condie, Principal Officer of Employment and Skills at Glasgow City Council, officially launched the Festival at these Awards. Pupils from almost 20 Glasgow High Schools picked up awards. Congratulations to all that took part!



Top left: The Late Collector Tom McNally presents a certificate.

Tom Right: The Deacon Convener admires a winning piece of work.

Bottom Right: Jackie Mullen, Trades House Administrator, presents Helen Clark from the Council's Education Department with a bouquet of flowers in recognition of her support in helping organise the educational events. Helen retired this month.

Glasgow Modern Apprentice Awards 2018: 'Passion shown by Inspirational Winners'

Judges of this year's Glasgow Modern Apprentice Awards were extremely impressed with the skills shown by this year's applicants, in particular their passion for their roles and determination to succeed.

Overall winner, Erin Tinney, joined the Technical Apprentice scheme at engineering services company Doosan Babcock, having been forced to give up studying for a BA in Music at Aberdeen University due to health problems. Erin said: "Unfortunately

due to ill health I was forced to reconsider my career path. My successful transition to an engineering modern apprenticeship has been my greatest challenge and achievement to date.”

Erin was chosen from eight finalists and presented with an inscribed trophy that will remain on display in the Trades Hall, home to the Trades House of Glasgow. She also received a cheque for £1,000 and an inscribed Quaich.

The second prize and a cheque for £500 went to Andrew Finlayson, an Engineering Technician Apprentice with BAE Systems. Matthew McKinley, an Apprentice Pipefitter also with BAE Systems was awarded third prize and a cheque for £250.

The winners of two new awards, 'Overcoming Difficulties' and 'Community Engagement', which were introduced last year and once again sponsored by the [Royal Philosophical Society of Glasgow](#), were each presented with cheques for £500.

Visit Trades House's YouTube channel to see the [video](#) of the finalists' telling their own stories.



The Deacon Convener with some of this year's GMAA finalists

Craftex 2018

Craftex showcased over 300 entries from the very best of Glasgow's college students' work. The standard was deemed 'outstanding' by the judges, raising the bar and inspiring the work of future students. The main sponsors for Craftex is [Quilter Cheviot](#), Investment Managers, along with many of the Crafts and the Merchants House of Glasgow, to whom Trades House is extremely grateful.

Valentina Boneva of Glasgow Kelvin College was awarded The Deacon Convener's Design Prize. Originally from Bulgaria she moved to Scotland 2 years ago. Her award winning piece combines exquisite jewellery with sculpture.

This year's Quilter Cheviot Award for Excellence and Innovation went to Steven Graham from City of Glasgow College, whose stunning stained glass piece really stood out. Steven is a retired police officer, but has always been fascinated by glass work so decided to bite the bullet and embark on an HND with a view to taking commissions for his work.

The Gold Medal was awarded to Alan Forsyth whose intricate wood and string work

on his guitar was noted as outstanding. Alan has been studying 'Stringed Instrument Making' at Glasgow Clyde College, and is about to start an HND there. He previously worked as a joiner, but has been designing and building guitars since he was 14.



Top Left: the Craftex Exhibition

Top Right: Valentina Boneva, winner of The Deacon Convener's Design Prize with the Deacon Convener.

Bottom Left: Alan Forsyth, winner of the Gold Medal.

Bottom Right: Steven Graham, winner of the Quilter Cheviot Award for Excellence with Anita Brown from Quilter Cheviot.

Determined To Make Movies

We had a great morning supporting 'Determined to Make Movies' at the end of the Festival's first week, seeing the fantastic winning films from Glasgow primary and secondary schools on the huge screen at Cineworld Silverburn, with Bonnie the Seal, official mascot of the Glasgow 2018 European Championships, in attendance! This was our second year of sponsoring this project, run by Glasgow City Council's Education Department, which encourages children from an early age to think about careers in the growing film industry in Scotland 🎬📺🎥🎧.



Left: The actor Atta Yaqub, the DC and finalists at DTMM (with Bonnie the Seal!)
Right: Ex Deacon Iris Gibson presents a finalist with her certificate.

Citizenship Awards

The Trades House Citizenship Awards took a slightly different format this year by combining our competition with the best entrants in the Education Department's 'Growing good Citizens' competition which has similar aims. The best 8 entrants were selected to make a presentation on their school's achievements to the Trades House judging panel comprising the Deacon Convener, the Collector of the House, the Late Convener, the Late Collector and the competition co-ordinator, Ex Deacon Ian Young. From the 8 schools, Darnley Primary School was selected as the winner with the other schools deemed runners-up. Darnley became the first school in the 20 years of the competition to win the award twice, having previously been top school in 2013.

The awards ceremony held in Trades Hall on 14 June, was a great success with probably our largest ever turnout of about 150 pupils, teachers and parents in attendance. Combining the competition with the Education Dept. 'Green Acorns' certificate was a successful move which we can build on for next year.

There was also excellent support from the 2018 chain gang with 9 Deacons and Visitor there and 4 ex Conveners in attendance, a good turn-out which generated much interest amongst our guests on that evening.



Top: Thornlaw Nursery School receive their certificate from Bailie Marie Garrity.
Bottom Left & Right: Darnley Primary School are presented with their award by the Deacon Convener.

House & Craft News

The House meeting on the 23rd May saw the proposed changes to our constitution passed. The election of a new Collector Designate of the House, Late Deacon of the Hammermen, John McKnight, also took place.

A proud Glaswegian, John's school and working career have all been based in Glasgow. He is married to Louise, a retired Local Government Officer with Strathclyde Police.

He retired in 2015 as Technical Director and latterly Associate with 43 years continuous service with a firm of consulting civil engineers, and was involved in projects redeveloping and regenerating Glasgow and Scotland.

One of the highlights of his year as Deacon was the the Royal visit of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh to present the 50th Anniversary Prince Philip Prizes to colleges and university students. John is currently an enthusiastic member of both the Commonweal Committee and School Craft Committee.



The Incorporation of Weavers Box Opening

Deacon Moira Dalgetty presided over a successful Box Opening. Ex Convener Hamish Brodie gave the meeting a short history of the Weavers boxes. The Deacon and Clerk awarded cheques to charities and then Alistair MacDonald, the well-known entertainer and TV star in the 70's and 80's, gave us a wonderful performance of Scottish songs connected with the weaving trade.



Collector of the Weavers, Breege Smyth, Deacon Moira Dalgetty, Alistair MacDonald the well-known entertainer, and the DC at the Weavers Box Opening.

The Incorporation of Bakers' networking event

One of the established events on the Bakers' calendar is a networking night for students of baking and hospitality. Due to the Bakers' close links with the City of Glasgow College the event is hosted in Scholars' training restaurant at the College. Each year a group of 5 leaders in their field give their time to speak to the students, and advise them on careers. On 25th May, through MCR Pathways, we invited students in kinship care to join us, to experience what is available for those keen to pursue a career in the baking and hospitality industries.

The Deacon, Dr Rose Mary Harley, introduced speakers: Prof Maurice Taylor CBE, hotelier; Mr Bruce Reidford, Chief Finance Officer, Tunnock's; Mr Alasdair Smith, Chief Executive, Scottish Bakers; Mr Brian Dick, Chief Executive, The New Chocolate Company; Mr Scott Anderson, Quality and Training Manager, Scottish Bakers.

The Incorporation also used the event to present the **Bakers/Tunnock Award for Excellence in Baking** to Mitchell Finnell, a 1st Year NPA Bakery student, and Lucy Snowball, a 2nd year NC Bakery, and to also present them with their membership of the Incorporation.



The Deacon presenting cheques to Mitchell and Lucy, with Bakery lecturers Jason Ross and Lisa Ross.

Trades House Midsummer's Night Ball!

The Ball will be featured in the next newsletter, but if you can't attend or would simply like to donate to the Kinship Care Initiative (the charity it is in aid of) that would be hugely appreciated! [DONATE HERE](#).

We'd also like to pass on our grateful thanks to sponsors: Tunnock's, Arnold Clark, Vision Events Glasgow, Investec, Speirs & Jeffrey and YSM Eventsmart.

Trades House Shield Men's Golf Competition

On 30 May the Trades House Shield competition took place in glorious weather at Kilmacolm Golf Course. The golf course was in excellent condition and thirty five players from 10 Crafts enjoyed playing. High-scoring took place: Crawford Gorrie and Jonathan Crichton won with 51 Stableford points for the Incorporation of Hammermen.

The second outing is the Borland trophy with teams of four from the Crafts. Taking place at Pollock Golf Club on the morning of 13th September 2018, we hope to have strong participation from the Crafts.



Iain Lockhart, the captain and organiser of the men's golf and the Deacon Convener present the prize to Crawford Gorrie of the Hammermen.

Other News...

The pensioner's tea party was a very successful event, organised and hosted by the Collector of the House. Angelo and Paolo, old friends of the Convener, entertained us brilliantly.

Upcoming events

- The Trades House Annual Lecture - Monday 25th June 2018
- Glasgow in London Dinner - Tuesday 11th September 2018