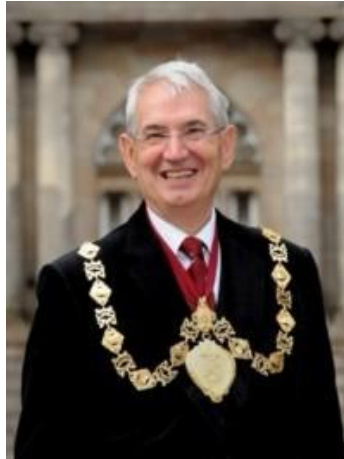




The Trades House Newsletter from the Deacon Convener



The Latest News...

July and August are relatively quiet months for Trades House, although Civic functions for the DC continue throughout the summer. This newsletter gives you a flavour of a few of the recent events. I have attended several university graduations and civic events throughout the last few weeks. We were delighted to attend the opening ceremony of the European Games, the disappointment was of course the weather on that evening. This however did not dampen the spirits of those who turned up to George Square and witnessed a spectacular fireworks display.



On a personal note, Sarah and I were delighted with the birth of our first grandson on 8 June – Baby Elliott, mother and father and grandparents are all doing well. Thank you for all the kind wishes.

FUNDRAISING

Sarah and I are fundraising for our Trades House Kinship Care Initiative, by participating in the Classic Cycling Challenge on the 9th September from Glasgow to Edinburgh, whatever the weather.

You can help us to raise money for this great cause by donating directly to our fundraising page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alistair-dorward>



MIDSUMMER BALL

This year's Chain Gang organised the Midsummer Ball on 23rd June, which was a huge success. It was enjoyed by all and raised over £22,000 for the Trades House Kinship Care Initiative. Thank you to all who came and contributed to the fun of the evening and especially for all those who helped in the organisation.



The Annual Trades House Lecture

The annual lecture was held on 25 June 2018 as the final event of our Educational Festival. This was given by Professor Ian McInnes and entitled "Livingstone and Lister: Medical Lessons for the 21st-century"

Professor McInnes discussed new medical adventures being led from Glasgow in the age of molecular medicine, highlighting the remarkable advances in precision medicine being pioneered in the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital. He considered how the University of Glasgow is expanding its studies to the global stage and wondered what the Glasgow pioneers Joseph Lister and David Livingstone would do next in the current age.

There was universal praise for the lecture from the audience. Professor McInnes explained difficult and novel concepts in an entertaining and enlightening manner for a lay audience.



Professor Anton Muscatelli Principal of Glasgow University,
the Deacon Convener and Professor McInnes

DOORS OPEN DAY AT TRADES HALL

Trades Hall takes part in the annual **Glasgow Doors Open Day** event and this year the dates are **15th & 16th September**. Preparations are in full swing and we hope to attract more visitors than ever in order to raise our public profile and attract some new Craft members.

This year we plan to offer visitors refreshments in the Robert Adam Room, which hopefully will encourage them to stay with us longer.

As always, we are looking for **guides and stewards to volunteer** over the weekend. We require a minimum of 12 volunteers per time slot plus three Tour Guides. If you are able to assist please let Janet Olverman know before **Wednesday 22nd August**.

This event wouldn't be possible without the help of our volunteers so we are extremely grateful for your support.

Glasgow Medical School Graduation Ceremony

The Trades House prize was awarded at this year's graduation ceremony to Alan MacDonald as the graduate in Medicine who received the highest marks in final year for clinical and written exams. Alan hopes to carve out a career in academic oncology.



The Deacon Convener, Alan and his parents who came from their home in Benbecula for the ceremony.

Glasgow Humane Society

I attended the AGM of the Glasgow Humane Society, which has been operating continuously from its Boathouse in Glasgow Green since 1790. As is customary the Convener was made an honorary member of the Society.

The Society's aim is the preservation of human life in and around the waterways of Greater Glasgow, by providing lifeboat and safety services where and when requested. Advice is also provided to councils, emergency services, universities and schools businesses, riverside users and general members of the public on safety and accident prevention on waterways and finally education of the public in water safety.

George Parsonage, the Society's Consultant Officer has a family connection with the Society going back 100 years and this continues down to the next generation.

The Society is keen to find new supporters, members and volunteers to help them in their excellent work. Details can be found at <http://www.glasgowhumanesociety.com/join>

The Chairman, John Park, ex Dean of Guild, presided over the AGM and demitted Office after a decade. Jim Mearns, ex Deacon of the Coopers, was appointed in his place.



The Deacon Convener, George Parsonage and his Family

ARMED FORCES DAY

At the end of June I attended Armed Forces Day on behalf of the Trades House, with a march-past by the troops and veterans. This was attended by local Councillors, Baillies, MSPs and Glasgow MPs, it was followed by a reception for all those taking part in the City Chambers Banqueting Hall.



The Lord Provost Eva Bolander with the Scots Guards

Networks of Enlightenment Civic Reception

As third citizen of Glasgow I get invited to attend many City events to represent the Trades House. One such was the Civic Reception for Networks of Enlightenment Conference which was organised by Glasgow University. This brought over 130 delegates from around the world who all study Scottish Enlightenment of the 18th century.



Deacon Convener and Professor Henry Fulton

Emeritus Professor Henry Fulton of Michigan University, was present at the conference to give a paper on Dr. John Moore, a famous Glasgow Burgess. Dr. Moore, was a physician and surgeon who ran Glasgow's town hospital in the 18th-century. He was also a significant figure in the Scottish Enlightenment. (His son, Sir John Moore was a celebrated General, whose statue is in George Square and who is commemorated by the Glasgow populous nowadays as the name of the large Weatherspoon's at the corner of Hope and Argyll Street).

Professor Fulton has spent a lifetime on research on Dr. Moore and has published a definitive biography (Dr. John Moore, 1729–1802: A Life in Medicine, Travel, and Revolution). It was a pleasure to arrange and present Professor Fulton with his Burgess ticket of the City of Glasgow.

Historically Burgess Tickets certified the holder to be a Freeman of the City of Glasgow. At that time, people were divided into two classes which became known as the "free" and the "unfree". The Freemen were Burgesses who had paid for the right to participate in both the corporate life of the town and its trade. The unfree men were not allowed to keep a shop or a booth, could not follow any trade and could not be an artisan or a craftsman. Due to the part that the Trades House played in the past with the local Glasgow Government, it is still a prerequisite to acquire a Burgess Ticket for a token fee. This certifies that the applicant is a free citizen of the City of Glasgow prior to them joining one of the 14 Incorporated Crafts.

Future events for your Diary

The Hammermen Service Group Pensioners outing to Peebles
Saturday 25th August 2018

Chocolate & Wine Tasting Evening in aid of Kinship Care
Monday 3rd September 2018 - 7pm till 9pm

The Association of Deacons AGM and Reception
Wednesday 5th September 2018 for AGM otherwise 6.30pm

Pedal for Scotland Charity Cycle
Sunday 9th September, last chance to donate

Glasgow in London Dinner
Tuesday 11th September 2018

Borland Golf Trophy at Pollok Golf Club
Thursday 13th September from 9am

Doors Open Day in Trades Hall
Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th September 2018

Choosing Day
Friday 21st September 2018



AN ENTERTAINING AND FUNDRAISING

CHOCOLATE & WINE TASTING EVENING

IN AID OF THE TRADES HOUSE
KINSHIP CARE INITIATIVE

MONDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2018
FROM 7PM TILL 9PM
AT THE TRADES HALL
IN GLASSFORD STREET

THE EVENING WILL INCLUDE A DEMONSTRATION BY
CHOCOLATIER BRIAN DICK OF *THE NEW CHOCOLATE
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