



Trades House of Glasgow

Heritage Newsletter No 2

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Welcome to our second Heritage Newsletter. We received such positive feedback from our first Newsletter that the Heritage Team agreed to continue Heritage Newsletters on a quarterly basis to keep the House and members of the Incorporations up to date with heritage developments and items of possible interest.

Craig Bryce, Honorary Archivist, Carol Parry, Honorary Librarian, and Peter Trowles, Honorary Curator.

ARCHIVES

New Transcriptions

Minutes and Scores of the Trades House Golf Competition ~ 1905 to 1954 The Minutes of this competition, which continues to this day, was started in 1905 with Robert Laing as Secretary. The competition was for members and past members of the Trades House and members of the Master Courts of the 14 Incorporated Trades. The Platform under Deacon Convener Kirkwood presented the shield to be used for the competition.

The Incorporation of Bakers won the inaugural competition and the list of all winners from 1906 to 2022 are listed in this history which can be downloaded at:

https://www.tradeshouselibrary.org/uploads/4/7/7/2/47723681/golf_competition_1905.pdf

Collector's Accounts etc.

A fascinating file has just been uploaded to the Digital Library (www.tradeshouselibrary.org) which gives details of the Collector's Accounts from around 1732 to around the 1960s which are stored in archive boxes in the basement of the Trades Hall. There are also details of Burgess Tickets and information on decisions by Incorporations as they were approved by the Trades House. If your Incorporation owned property, then you may find that we have details of their purchases and sales. This is a unique resource that would make ideal research material for students studying history. To download the file, please click on:

https://www.tradeshouselibrary.org/uploads/4/7/7/2/47723681/archives_brown_box_1_to_39_complete.pdf

Histories of the Incorporations

Books on Incorporations' histories and other material connected to Incorporations can be found at: <https://www.tradeshouselibrary.org/incorporations.html> which also provides dates of incorporation and when an Incorporation's coat of arms were matriculated.

Near the bottom of the page there is information concerning other Incorporations outwith the City of Glasgow. One of my favourite items is the *Molenindar: The Burgess Song of Glasgow* which used to be sung at incorporations' dinners. This can be found at:

https://www.tradeshouselibrary.org/uploads/4/7/7/2/47723681/the_molendinar__001.pdf

Burgess Roll of Glasgow

For those interested in their family tree, then an excellent starting point is the Burgess Roll of Glasgow. The two great books by Anderson on the Burgess Rolls from 1573 to 1750 and 1751 to 1846 are both available from:

https://www.tradeshouselibrary.org/uploads/4/7/7/2/47723681/burgess_book_1573_to_1750.pdf and https://www.tradeshouselibrary.org/uploads/4/7/7/2/47723681/burgess_book_1751_to_1846.pdf.

For dates after 1846, there is less information available, but some information can be gleaned from the Burgess Rolls from 1847 to 1955. For information after 1955, please contact the Archivist as Data Protection may apply. To access the above records please use the following link:

<https://www.tradeshouselibrary.org/trades-house.html> and go down to the period that you are interested in.

LIBRARY

Visit by Writers Ink

Writers Ink, a group of local writers from North Glasgow, visited the Trades Hall recently and presented a signed copy of their first published book to the Library, *Milton's Voices*, a collection of poetry and short stories. The group started early in 2022 with the aim of giving Milton its voice back after lockdown. Founded by Jackie McAulay, the group has gone from strength to strength, meeting weekly within the North Glasgow Community Food Initiative hub which allows plenty of input from local people. The group believe that everyone has a story to tell and they work together to support one another in learning and practising writing. Writers Ink are now in the process of compiling their second publication and we wish them well.



MUSEUM

Introduction to our new Honorary Curator

Since the last Newsletter we have a new Heritage member, Peter Trowles, our new Honorary Curator. We believe that he will make an excellent addition to the team having spent 30 years as Mackintosh Curator at Glasgow School of Art as well as holding a number of honorary posts in other heritage organisations. Those who have been in the basement recently will have noticed that there are now several framed images on the walls of receipts from the plans for the New Trades Hall, and one of James Jarvis's drawings. Peter was the person behind this idea and has mounted all the images on the walls, much enhancing the area. It is intended that further images will be displayed in the basement depicting some of the famous characters of the House from the past. Over the coming

months, Peter intends to create a detailed searchable spreadsheet that aims to capture and record all museum objects (paintings, sculptures, furniture, miscellaneous artefacts etc.) in one place. Plus, with past experience in securing museum funding, he is also considering a number of grant options so that the Trades House regimental colours, amongst other items, might be finally restored.

For further information or if you wish to make a donation of a book or object connected to the Trades House, please contact us via the Trades House Office

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