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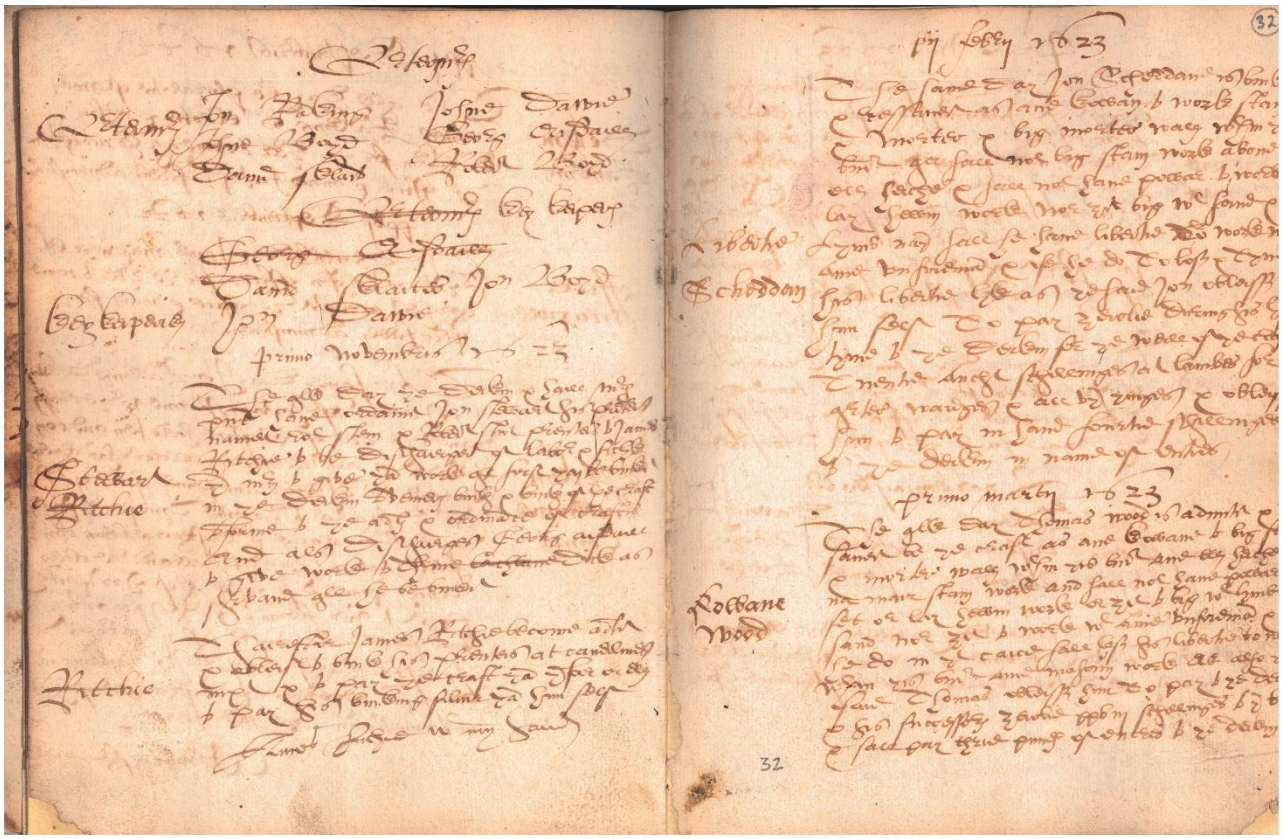
Front Cover: The first minute book of the Incorporation dates from 1600 and is in the Mitchell Library. Why does it start in 1600 when the Incorporation started officially in 1551? See Page 2 for a theory!

Additions to the House

Two new additions in TH - the newly made Masons' wooden shield along with the Glasgow 850 commemorative plate (from the Lord Provost (the former was on show at the dinner on Friday and the latter is in the DC Room).

The First Minute Book

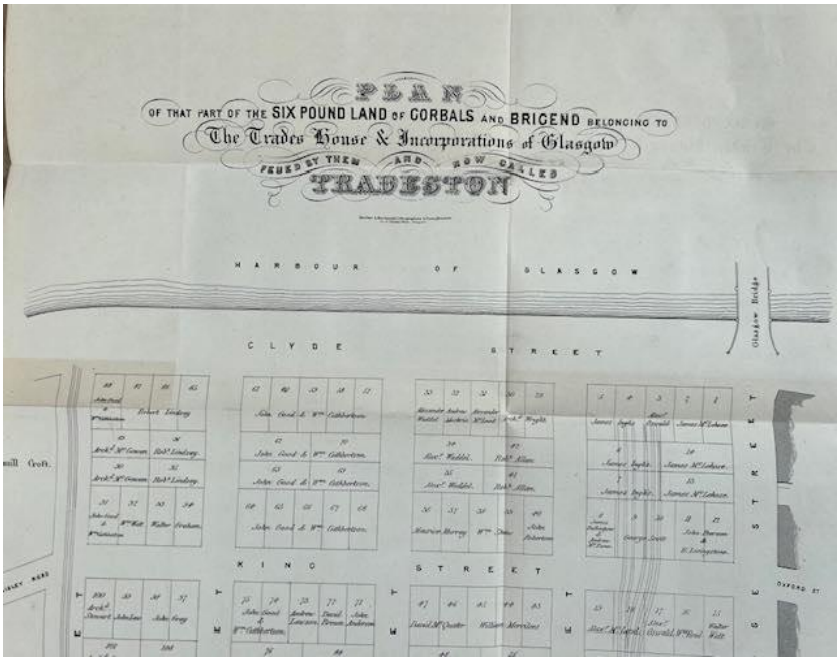


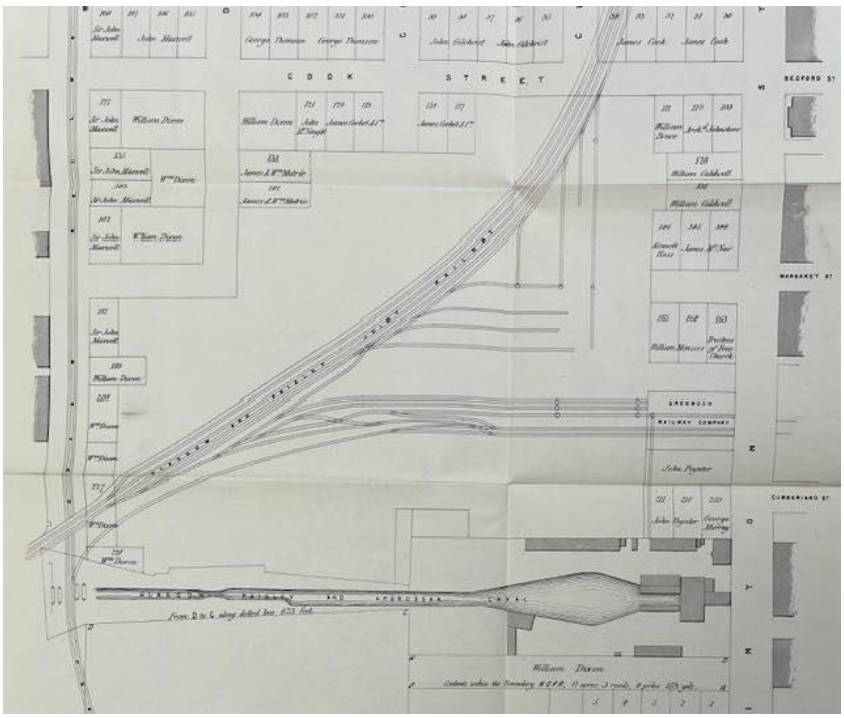
As you can see, it's old Scots language and not the easiest to read – indeed, it requires a professional to 'translate' it. The book is now kept in the Mitchell Library and to see it, you must book it out with the library.

A number of pages have been transcribed in the original history of the Incorporation by James Cruikshank in 1879, but it would be interesting to have the whole book complete. Unfortunately, there are few who are capable of doing this today and even when contacting Glasgow University, it would appear they had no PhD students in this field this academic year.

Tradeston

It's interesting to see the old map of Tradeston, once owned by the **Trades House of Glasgow**. Not only is the full plan interesting (no shown) but the starting point of the canal to Ardrossan can be seen. Unfortunately, it only reached Johnstone by 1811 when funding ran out and railways took over.





Commonweal Awards

At the end of September, the Commonweal Awards were presented with again, a large number of grants awarded.

News of Members

Rachel Macleod of our Incorporation ran the Great Scottish Half Marathon last October throughout Glasgow.

Being a member of the Universities Officers' Training Corps, she ran for the Army Benevolent Fund raising £852.

Congratulations Rach, fantastic effort.

GR Museum Visit

The DC Ricard visited the Friends of Glasgow Royal Infirmary Museum at Glasgow Royal Infirmary. The museum commemorates the history of the oldest hospital in Glasgow. Did you know it's the only museum in a working hospital in Scotland?

Our flag now stands out and hopefully people notice and ask about us.

News of Members

Great talk by Past Descon Craig Bryce today in the Mitchell about the Trades House Digital site and the genealogy resources in particular.

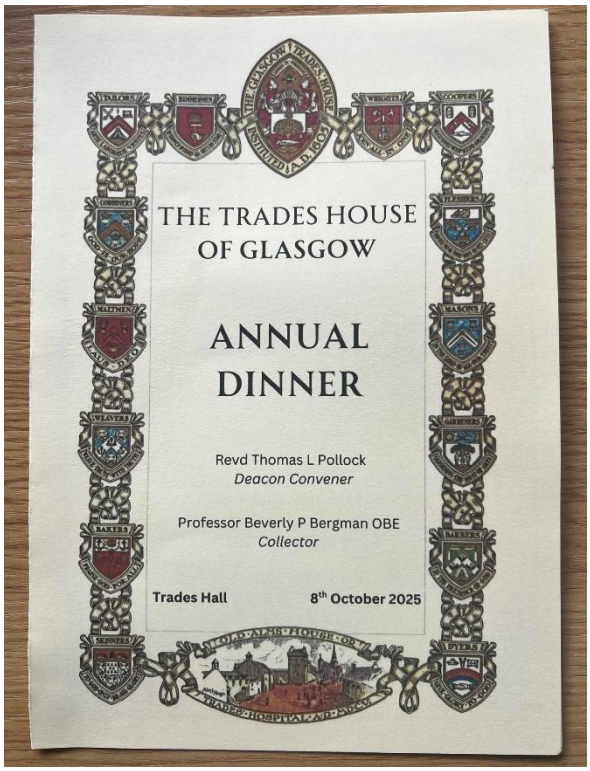
Should anyone have questions of this nature then it is worth pursuing and Craig would be delighted to help.

Kirking of the House

Left: Collector Elect Grant Macleod, Late DC Richard Paterson, Collector Beverly Bergman, DC Tom Pollock, Vice Dean of Guild Frances McMenamin and Late Collector Alasdair Beaton.

Right: Our Deacon Alex McNamee and Collector Susan McInally

New Deacon Convener



On 8th October, Tom Pollock became the new Deacon Convener of the Trades House and Beverly Bergman the Collector of the House An excellent annual dinner tonight to celebrate the new Deacon Convener of the Trades House of Glasgow. The toast to Glasgow was an interesting talk about the fantastic architecture and the positive aspects of the city.

The reply by the Lord Provost of Glasgow was equally as good and it's clear both people love our city. The toast to the Trades was done by Paul Richards - he was inspirational to many and promoted the youth which all incorporations support but correctly added that we should have young people actively involved in our activities.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting Katrina in the Trades House office. katrina.tilston@tradeshouse.org.uk

Deacon Convener Tom officially handing over our pledges to **Barnardo's** - 57 bags along with Amazon Fire tablets, books, toys, selection boxes and vouchers picked, packed and collected.

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Heritage Newsletter

The latest Heritage Newsletter No. 10 can be accessed at:

heritage_newsletter_no_10b.pdf

Glasgow Bibliography Society
Published: 1913 to 1921
Available from: Glasgow Bibliography Society 1913 - 14 Part 1

Past editions of this newsletter can be accessed at:

Archives - The Trades House Digital Library

Forthcoming House Events

Burns Festival Prizegiving Concert

Monday 23rd February at 6.00pm

Tour Guide Training – 11th February 2026

House Meeting

Wednesday 4th March, 2026 at 6pm

Incorporation Events

Candlemas Court Social Evening

Tuesday, 3rd February 2026

Details of how to purchase tickets for this will follow shortly.

General Information

Incorporation Website:

Incorporation of Masons of Glasgow: Supporting Stonemasonry and Allied Trades - Home

Trades House Website:

The Trades House of Glasgow

Trades House Digital Library:

The Trades House Digital Library - Home (tradeshouselibrary.org)

Should you have any information, points of interest, photos, etc. about our Incorporation, please email:

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