

Scottish Printing Archival Trust

Annual report for the year ending 30th September 2013

Activities

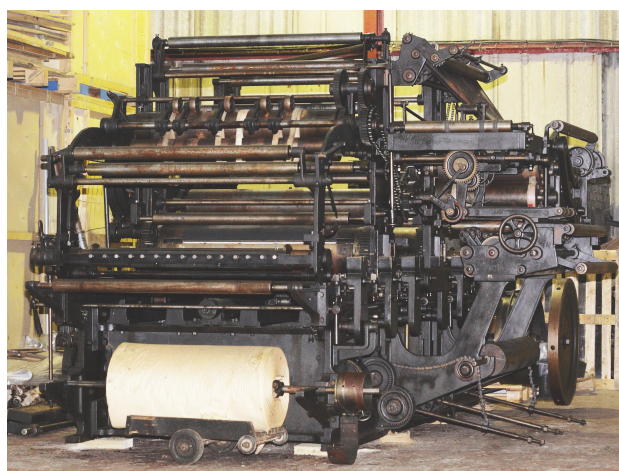


This year has again been dominated by the fundraising project for the Cossar Press, removed from the premises of David Philips Printers in March 2012 into the care of National Museums Scotland. The press has now been successfully rebuilt, but remains in store in Govan, near the home of its inventor, Tom Cossar, pending a final decision on where it is to be sited. The Trust continued to raise awareness of this important Scottish artefact, although progress in raising the balance of the funds required remained slow.

Some areas of the Trust's website have been added to during the year, and news stories and links have been updated regularly. The Secretary received emails from all over the world about aspects of the Scottish printing industry, and about individual firms. The '500 years of printing in Scotland' website remains in existence, but is no longer maintained. Occasional emails are received through that site.

The Trustees held three meetings during the year, on 6th February, 25th June and 26th September 2013. Contacts have been continued or maintained with organisations which share the Trust's interests, such as the National Library of Scotland, National Museums Scotland, Robert Smail's Printing Works. Campbell White resigned as Treasurer after 15 years in the post, and Peter Laidlaw took his place. Tim Honnor was invited to join the Trustees at the June meeting.

A few copies of the *500 years of printing in Scotland* book were sold, but none of the other titles in print were sold, although 350 copies of the Edinburgh Printing Trail leaflet were distributed, courtesy of Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature, during the Edinburgh International Book Festival.* Discussions on potential future publications were held, but no firm plans were made as no funds are available for this.



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Current Trustees

Patrick Mark (Chair)	14 th February 2002
Bernulf Clegg	19 th September 2000
Alistair McCleery	9 th June 2008
Bob Hodgson	23 rd September 2010
Campbell White	19 th January 2010
Helen Williams (Secretary)	19 th January 2011
Peter Laidlaw (Treasurer)	9 th February 2012
Tim Honnor	25 th June 2013

* Full list of Trust titles currently in print:

Mechanical to digital printing in Scotland: the print employers' organisation / John Gennard. (2010)

500 years of printing in Scotland. (2009) – a number of copies were sold.

A reputation for excellence: history of the Edinburgh printing industry. (1990)

A reputation for excellence: history of the Glasgow printing industry. (1994)

A reputation for excellence: history of the Dundee and Perth printing industries. (1996)

A reputation for excellence: history of the Aberdeen and Northern Counties printing industries. (2000)

Edinburgh Print Trail – leaflet (2008)

Rules and directions to be observed in printing-houses – poster

All titles can be ordered through the Trust's website by downloading the order form:

<http://scottishprintarchive.org/resources/>

or email the Hon Secretary at h.williams@scottishprintarchive.org