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NEWSLETTER - April 2016

Dear Member

First and foremost let me remind you of the **AGM on Wednesday 11th May at 8pm**. Details can be found at the end of the enclosed Secretary's Report. It is obviously important that as many members as possible attend, to hear the reports, join in the discussions, vote in the elections - including welcoming our President-elect Tony Welsh - and to enjoy a convivial time with wine and refreshments.

Please find enclosed/attached i) the Secretary's report, ii) the Treasurer's Report, iii) a nomination form for the elections. The minutes of last year's AGM were sent out in August; copies will be available at the meeting, as will printed copies of the agenda.

A message from the Treasurer: please bring your cheque book as subscriptions are due.

We look forward to seeing you at our AGM.

Meanwhile, read on for news of past and future events ...

Talk on 'The Mysterious Disappearance of Glenn Miller': Wednesday 2nd March

The title attracted a large number of members, who were not disappointed. The talk, by Tony Eaton, was completely enthralling and full of little-known facts and theories. One absolute fact is that Glenn Miller was NOT in the plane that sank in the Channel ... We were kept agog for over an hour and then conversation buzzed for quite a while after that as we enjoyed our shared supper. Everyone agreed it had been a thoroughly good evening.

Wine Tasting: Wednesday 6th April

What a civilised informative evening! We were seated comfortably at tables for 8 with cheese & biscuits aplenty while Lucy Keen of 'nosewine' plied us with fascinating facts and eight varieties of wine - sparkling, white, red & dessert. We all learned many new things about wine; the sensible ones took notes! Amid much cheery chatter, the evening ended with coffee and After Eights.

News of Members

We are saddened to report that long-standing member Ron Webb died on Easter Saturday; the funeral is on 19th April. Ron, a former Mayor of Slough, was a loyal enthusiastic supporter of our Society and a larger-than-life character; he will be much missed. We send our condolences to Adrienne and family.

* We congratulate Jacqui and Adam Cochrane on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in March. *

***** Spring Ceilidh: Wednesday 27th April *****

Home-grown talent features this evening: readings from Jean and Una, colourful dances by Babs and several songs by The Three Thistles (Mike Scott, David Steele & Tony Welsh, in their first performance together), & dances for all. The interval refreshments will include 'spring-like finger-food'; come and find out what that is! £4 members, £5 non-members.

DANCING

Peter Loveland takes the class on 20th April and 4th May; he then has a break until September!

Summer dancing dates: 1st, 15th, 29th June; 13th, 27th July; 10th, 24th August.

Simple fun dances to keep us fit and in contact with one another during the summer. Do come!

Garden Party & BBQ: Saturday 11th June

We have been invited to Otley Cottage, Windsor Great Park, by Joanna and Mike Scott for our summer Eating Out, starting at 5.30pm. There will be lawn games, shady gazebos, and tasty food - BBQ meats, salads, puds - and, of course, liquid refreshment - wine, juice, coffee. Do come and socialise in these delightful surroundings. Directions will be given to those who book. The event will only be cancelled if any rain is heavy; we can cope with light rain - but, of course, we hope for glorious sunshine.

Pre-booking is essential so please send your name(s), cheque (payable to the "Scots' Society of St Andrew"), notice of any special dietary requirements and a telephone/mobile number, to Carol (contact details on page 1) by Wednesday 1st June.

Members £10, non-members £12 - a bargain for food, wine and convivial atmosphere!

Windsor Races: Monday 11th July: The evening has a Cuban theme with live music so should be highly entertaining. As before, contact convenor Richard Smart using the enclosed form. Happy punting!

Theatre Outing, Friday 15th July: Windsor & Eton Opera will be performing Bizet's **Carmen**, at Eton College. As always, it will be spectacular. Book tickets from Fran Costello, 01753 867425. (£17, I think)

Ramble and Refreshment: Wednesday 20th July: Alan Hoskins will be leading the walk, starting at White Waltham Airfield SL6 3NJ (car park) at 10.00am. The ramble will be 'on the flat' and take about 2 hours at a normal pace. Refreshments afterwards - sandwiches/ hot meal/ whatever you wish - will be available at the airfield. We shall walk whatever the weather; it will not be cancelled. Please let Alan know in advance (07926 381711) and arrive in good time for a prompt start.

Saturday 17th September: A date for your diary! We shall be holding a **Skittles Evening** with hot food as our first social of the new season. Details will be in the August newsletter but please make a note now in order to keep the date free for this popular entertaining evening.

A summary of all the Summer Events can be found on page 2 of the Secretary's Report.

A final reminder - the AGM is at 8.00pm on Wednesday 11th May.

Carol Berry