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NEWSLETTER - August 2016

Dear Member

Here we are with another season for the Scots' Society and a fresh heading to the newsletter! We welcome our new President Tony Welsh and wish him a very fulfilling two years at the helm. We also welcome a new Council member, Alan Hoskins; you will see that he has been busy already with two items on the programme, for which we thank him.

The programme for the season 2016-2017 is enclosed/attached/ has been or will be handed out. Also attached/enclosed are the minutes for the May 2016 AGM. Please read and file them ready for next year's AGM, and contact any Council member if you have a comment or query.

A message from the Treasurer: please remember that subscriptions are due. Cheques payable to "Scots' Society of St Andrew" (£7.50 per member) may be sent c/o the address given above.

News of Members

We are saddened to report that Sheila Currie, a Past President of our Society, died in June. Sheila was known in particular for her contributions to the shows and pantomimes we used to perform and for the wonderful decorated cakes she made for our special celebrations. The Society was represented at her funeral and condolences given to her family.

RECENT EVENTS

Spring Ceilidh, Wed 27 April: As promised, there were dances for all, readings, spectacular costumed dances by Babs McMillan, and a second half of rousing songs by the Three Thistles - our very own David, Mike & Tony. Tasty refreshments completed our enjoyment of this lively traditional ceilidh.

Garden Party/BBQ, Sat 11 June: Postponed until Sat 30 July when we hope for better weather!!

Theatre Outing, Thurs 14 July: 'Carmen' by Bizet was performed at Eton College by Windsor & Eton Opera, and what a performance! - powerfully sung, dramatic costumes, an ingenious set. Marvellous!

Ramble & Refreshment, Wed 20 July: The heat was tolerable (unlike the previous day) and Alan Hoskins led us efficiently on the circular route ending in the café at White Waltham airfield - excellent!

Dancing: Following the Dance Class Party on 18 May, we have been meeting on alternate Wednesdays throughout the summer, hopefully maintaining our fitness for the new season in September. Peter Loveland will be having a hip replacement in August so his return to us may be delayed a little.

Skittles Evening, Sat 17 September: We have a change of venue from previous years for this popular first social of the season: The Greyhound at Eton Wick, 6.30 for 7pm, with hot food served at 8pm. The menu choice is fish & chips OR jacket potato & side salad with tuna/beans/cheese/or a combination of two of those. Please fill in the attached form and send it with your cheque, payable to Scots' Society of St Andrew, to Carol at the address on p.1. At £11 for members, £12.50 for non-members, a very jolly evening of bowling - with prizes - is an amusing sociable way to open the new season.

Historic Windsor Walk, Sunday 2nd October: Highly recommended!

Alan Hoskins, the organiser, writes: 'We will meet at Windsor Leisure Centre for a 2pm start. The walk will take about two & a half hours (including a coffee stop, of course!) so you will need 3 hours car parking. It will be a leisurely flat walk, always on pavement, seeing some places around Windsor you may not know about. It will take place whatever the weather.'

The only cost is the carpark (and coffee!). Let Alan know if you are coming, on 01753 861930.

Talk, Wed 19 October: Arthur Barty, a Scotsman, was chauffeur to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother for many years. He has a fund of interesting anecdotes so a fascinating evening is in store. Please remember to bring a plate of finger-food for the Shared Supper afterwards. Entrance - £3/£4.

St Andrew's Night Dinner & Dance

When? Saturday 26th November; 6.30 for 7pm, until midnight.

Where? Maidenhead Golf Club, Shoppenhangers Road, Maidenhead SL6 2PZ. Plenty of parking!

What? A delicious 3-course meal, menu choices below. A young piper from Eton College.

Dancing to the music of Stuart Forbes & his band. Highland dancing by Naomi Hennessey.

Cost? Members - £38 ; non-members - £40. Cheques payable to "Scots' Society of St Andrew".

Tony Welsh will be presiding at our flagship event and would very much like to see you there. Please complete the attached application form and send it to him at: **5 The Paddock, Crowthorne, RG45 6HS**. There is an upper limit to numbers; apply as soon as possible, at the latest by Sat 29 October.

MENU

Haggis, neeps & tatties OR Vegetarian haggis

Medallions of Scottish Beef, Red Wine & Mushroom Sauce, Dauphinoise Potatoes

OR Fillet of Hake, Roasted Peppers, Cherry Tomatoes, crushed New Potatoes

OR Roast Aubergine, with a Vegetable and Brie Topping

Cranachan Tart with Whisky Syrup OR Assorted Cheese & Biscuits

The very first event of the new season will be the Informal Dance on Wed 7 September, with familiar dances and friendly faces. We hope to see you there.

Carol Berry