

# The Scots' Society of St Andrew

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## NEWSLETTER - July 2017

Dear Member

Most members on email will be aware and it is my sad duty to inform the rest that David McNaught, a much-loved former President, died on 23rd June. He had been a very active, supportive member until recent years when his cancer treatment prevented him from attending. A number of members were present at his funeral in Beaconsfield on 3rd July when donations, including from the Society, were given to Macmillan Cancer Support and Prostate Cancer UK. The whole Society sends its condolences to Anne and hopes that, when she is ready, she will be able to attend some functions in the future.

Meanwhile another former President, Jean Porter, now resides in a Nursing Home as she needs permanent care but she still loves to hear from members. I visit weekly and was delighted to inform her that Council voted she be an Honorary Member in recognition of her many decades of service to the Society. She is very appreciative of the honour.

Honorary members pay no subscription but, for the rest of us, subs became due at the AGM. Adam is very pleased that most have now paid for 2017-18 but if your sub is outstanding, please send your cheque payable to the "Scots' Society of St Andrew", £7.50 each, to Adam c/o the address above.

At the AGM in May, the retiring Immediate Past President was elected to the Council as Secretary, as you can see on the heading above.

### RECENT EVENTS

**Talk, Wed. 19 April:** Tony Eaton gave a truly fascinating talk on Rudolph Hess which all present agreed was outstanding. You will be pleased to hear that Tony returns with another talk next Spring.

**Dance Class Party, Wed 17 May:** A 'Request Night' meant that we completed a record number of dances, each a named person's favourite, and we had time for delicious home-made cakes in the interval.

**Historic Reading Walk, Wed a.m. 28 June:** Alan Hoskins, as ever a mine of information, led us on a most interesting tour of Reading's historic sights - of which there are a surprising variety and number!

**WEO, Thurs 13 July:** Verdi's "Masked Ball" was this year's choice by Windsor & Eton Opera, performed at Eton College. The singing was of a very high standard and the staging was most imaginative and effective. We all thoroughly enjoyed the performance of this less well-known opera.

Garden Party, Sun 23 July: Forty of us are hoping for fine weather! Report next time.

Alan's Ramble, Wed 23 August: A change of venue: meet at 10am at Windsor Leisure Centre; pay for 3 hours; the walk will be 2+ miles around Eton, plus a coffee stop. No stiles and no hills, says Alan!

Skittles Evening, Fri 15 September: Our first social of the new season, at the Greyhound at Eton Wick, 6.30 for 7pm, with hot food served at 8pm (fish & chips OR jacket potato & side salad with tuna/beans/cheese/or a combination of 2 fillings). Please complete the attached form and send it with your cheque payable to the "Scots' Society of St Andrew" (£13 members, £14.50 non-members) to Carol at the address on page 1. Do not delay as there is a limit on numbers at this popular, entertaining event.

Eating Out, Wed 27 September: a new venture for a Wednesday evening; details attached separately.

Talk, Wed 11 October: Malcolm Nelson will be talking on "40 years of catching smugglers", with particular reference to Heathrow. I am told he is a fascinating speaker. Don't forget - Shared Supper!

Discover the Promised Land with President Tony on Wed 1st November: Pictures of Israel, information, perhaps music, and certainly some suitable light refreshment. Probably £4 members, £5 non-members.

St Andrew's Dinner & Dance, Saturday 25 November: 6.30 for 7pm until midnight

- Maidenhead Golf Club, Shoppenhangers Road, Maidenhead SL6 2PZ. Plenty of parking.
- A delicious 3-course meal, menu choices below. A young piper from Eton College
- Dancing (and dinner) to the music of 'Strathallan'. Highland Dancing by Naomi Hennessey.
- Members - £40; non-members - £42. Cheques payable to the "Scots' Society of St Andrew".

President Tony is looking forward to meeting you at our flagship event; please complete the attached form and send it to him, with S.A.E., at: 5 The Paddock, Crowthorne, RG45 6HS by Sat 28 October.

#### MENU

Haggis, neeps & tatties OR Vegetarian haggis

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Rump of Lamb with Dauphinoise Potatoes, served with a Red Wine & Mushroom Sauce

Sea Bream with King Prawns & Garlic Pernod Butter, served with Roasted New Potatoes

Tower of Mushrooms & Peppers with Camembert Dressing

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Scottish Berry Brulee

A Selection of Cheese & Biscuits

Dancing: Peter Loveland will be teaching the Dance Class on the following dates:

13th + 20th September, 4th + 25th October, 8th + 15th November, 6th December.

We open our new programme with the Informal Dance on Wed 6th September. We are having a pleasing attendance at our Summer Dancing so hope all our dancers will be well prepared for the 2017-18 season.

Carol Berry Hon. Secretary