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NEWSLETTER - November 2015

Dear Member

I am taking a break from the St Andrew's Night preparations to compose this newsletter and look forward to telling you all about the event in the following newsletter! Meanwhile, what has been happening since the August letter? Well, a varied assortment of things, as usual ...

Garden Party, Wednesday 9th September

Wolf was the genial hospitable host. His large garden at Hanley Close looked welcoming with gazebos, tables (but bring your own chair!), lawn games, and wine. Nearly 40 guests chatted happily until supper was ready - a truly delicious array of home-cooked ham, mini quiches, mini sausages, eggs, home-prepared potato salad and other salads, followed by luscious summer fruits, mini meringues, cream and home-made shortbread (a lot of 'mini' and of 'home-made', you will note!). Candles adorned the tables but still the darkness eventually got the better of us, as did the cold. Memo to self - remember travelling rugs next time! Nevertheless, a jolly good time was had by all so 'thank you' to Wolf, to the organisers and to the cooks! It was a novel and enjoyable start to our new season.

Autumn Social, Wednesday 30th September

The hall looked a picture, the walls decorated with autumnal posters and leaf shapes and the tables with arrangements of colourful foliage. Entertainment included songs and poetry, woollen craftwork to produce a leaf, puzzles & quizzes, and the apple-peeling competition for the longest unbroken peel! The naked apples were then stewed to be served in the interval with hot apple (or cherry) pie and luxury Mackie's ice cream, along with cheese & biscuits. 'Thank you' to Angela, Fran, Anne and Wendy!

Talk, Wednesday 21st October

Roger Askew of Stoke Poges gave us many illustrations and insights into the lives and times of Gilbert & Sullivan, accompanied of course by rousing musical excerpts. We sang along happily and later refreshed ourselves with a shared supper. A very entertaining evening!

Dancing

We welcomed back Peter Loveland twice in September and twice in October. He enjoys our classes and we look forward to seeing him again on:-

11 Nov, 25 Nov, 2 Dec, 9 Dec, 13 Jan, 27 Jan. (February dates to be decided)

Social, Wednesday 18th November

Convenor - Anne Ford, assisted by Lesley Sutton

"A 'Pointless Evening'?? Bring your brains along and find out!

The price of £4 each (£5 for non-members) includes a drink & nibbles PLUS tea & cake."

An invitation like that from Anne is not to be refused! We hope you can come, and friends too.

St Andrew's Day Celebrations

Following the St Andrew's Dinner & Dance on 28th November, the St Andrew's Service will be held at Trinity URC on Sunday 29th November at 10am and led by the new minister, Rev Leonora Jagessar-Visser't Hooft, who is very much looking forward to the service. A young Eton piper will also participate, as will the Mayor of Slough. Your President would appreciate an enthusiastic attendance by members and the wearing of something tartan if possible. Afterwards there will be light refreshments in the hall, which will be specially decorated with flags for the occasion.

Christmas Social, Wednesday 16th December

The title says it all! Do join us for a Christmas 'special', with all the usual ingredients and a few surprises along the way. The cost will be £5 maximum for members, possibly less once the final details are in place. There is bound to be mulled wine on offer, and other goodies. Come and bring your friends!

New Year Lunch, Saturday 9th January 2016

Another year! Already!! Come and celebrate with us at our annual lunch party with all the familiar ingredients - tasty food and wine, coffee & chocs, lucky ticket, entertainment, a few dances and songs. We start at midday and end before dark at 4pm.

The application form is attached/enclosed; please fill in your menu choices and send, with cheque for £20 each/ £23 non-member, to Carol (address above) by Wednesday 16th December or, better still, bring the form and cheque to the Christmas Social!

Menu Choices:

Chicken & Ham Pie OR Moroccan Lamb with apricots & almonds OR Spinach & Mushroom Lasagne
Summer Berry Trifle OR Lime Cheesecake

Burns' Supper and Ceilidh, Saturday 23rd January

Haggis, 'The Immortal Memory', piper, poetry, songs, dancing - our popular mix of Scottish culture. Arrive at 6.15 for 6.45pm, at New Windsor Community Centre, Hanover Way, Windsor SL4 5NW. Tickets are £26 for members, £29 for non-members. An application form is attached/enclosed. Return it to Una with your cheque by Saturday 2nd January at the latest - preferably sooner!

Social, Wednesday 3rd February

This far ahead we do not know the theme for this event - but I can guarantee that Scots' Society ingenuity will show itself yet again. Put the date in your new diary and come along to participate, to be entertained, to enjoy tasty refreshments.

What an array of tempting entertainment is in store for 2015-2016! Do come; bring your friends.