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## NEWSLETTER - October / November 2016

Dear Member

The nights are drawing in but, as ever, we have a tempting array of events this winter for you to enjoy. First, here is what's happened since the August newsletter ...

### RECENT EVENTS

**Skittles Evening, Saturday 17th September:** The Greyhound at Eton Wick provided an excellent bowling alley and ample seating for the 33 members who attended our first social of the new season. Hot food was provided in the interval and, after 4 rounds of bowling, the prizes were awarded to the leading team, and leading lady & man; there was also a special award for one lady managing to score 0 in round 3!

**Historic Windsor Walk, Sunday 2nd October:** Alan Hoskins showed us parts of Windsor we never knew existed! 16 walkers met at Windsor Leisure Centre and explored parts of Clewer before wending our way to obscure parts of central Windsor. The enthusiasm was such that, for those unable to attend and for those wanting a repeat, Alan will be leading the walk again in November (details below).

**Talk, Wednesday 19th October:** 40 members and 16 guests packed the hall to hear Arthur Barty who used to be chauffeur to HM the Queen Mother and served at a number of royal residences. He was accompanied by his Dundee-born wife Jenny who was celebrating her birthday - a good excuse for us to have cake along with our usual plentiful shared supper. It was late when we finally left for home.

**Dancing:** Thanks go to Anne (Montminy), Carol, Lesley and Una for a well-planned variety of dances during September while Peter Loveland was recovering from his hip operation. Peter returned to us in October and we were delighted to see that he has made excellent progress back to fitness.

**Social, Wednesday 9th November:** Our President Tony and 'accomplices' will be hosting a **Western Highlands Evening** with words, pictures and music. The light refreshments will also have a Scottish theme so have just a small meal beforehand! Be sure to come and bring your friends. Members £5, visitors £6.

**Historic Windsor Walk, Sunday 20th November:** Alan Hoskins will be repeating the October walk but starting earlier at 1.00pm in order to finish in daylight. Meet at Windsor Leisure Centre and book 3 hours on the car park. Let Alan know if you are going: 01753 861930.

**St Andrew's Night, Saturday 26th November:** You should have your tickets by now - but don't forget to donate a raffle prize; all prizes to be handed to Eleanor & Alan in advance (number above).

**St Andrew's Service, Sunday 27th November:** The 10.00am service will be led by Revd Leonora Jagessar, one of our members; the Mayor of Slough and a piper will be in attendance. Do try to wear tartan in some form large or small. Scottish shortbread will be served with the coffee afterwards.

**St Andrew's Ceilidh, Wednesday 30th November:** This is the day itself! We are having a traditional ceilidh to celebrate, masterminded by Lesley Sutton. There will be light refreshments so the cost will be £5 for members, £6 for visitors. This is not to be missed!

**Christmas Party, Wednesday 14th December:** Another traditional occasion - with all the ingredients that you would expect: mulled wine, games, dancing, entertainment and light refreshments. It is our last event of 2016 so do come along - £5 for members, £6 for visitors.

**New Year Lunch, Saturday 7th January:** This popular New Year event at our 'home venue' begins at 12 noon, for lunch at 12.30, and ends at 4.00pm before it gets dark, with the now traditional programme of food & wine followed by entertainment. The choice of menu is as follows:

Stuffed Roast Loin of Pork OR Breast of Chicken with bacon & mushrooms in brandy cream sauce  
OR Leek, Broccoli and Stilton Flan - all accompanied by fresh vegetables.

Tangy Lemon Tart OR Chocolate & Raspberry Roulade - coffee/tea & chocs to follow

Cost as last year: £20 members, £23 non-members.

Please send the attached application form to Carol (address overleaf) by **Wednesday 14th December.**

**Games Evening, Wednesday 18th January:** A fun event for a winter evening. You won't be expected to run the length of the hall, it will be much more relaxing than that - but also competitive in a stress-free way. We hope you will join us and perhaps win one of the prizes.

**Burns' Night Supper & Ceilidh, Saturday 28th January:** 6.15pm at the New Windsor Community Centre. It is a very popular evening so book NOW! The application form is attached, to be returned to Una by **Wednesday 4th January** at the latest. Members £26, non-members £29, as last year.

Expect the traditional haggis supper and speeches - Toasts to The Immortal Memory and The Lassies - plus a rousing ceilidh of easy dances, music and poetry.

**Concert, Saturday 4th February:** WEO will be performing a concert on the theme of royalty, 'Kings and Queens', at Windsor Parish Church at 7.30pm. Tickets, about £12, will be available late November.

**Talk, Wednesday 8th February:** More 'look' than 'listen' on this evening of wonderful wildlife images, mostly of birds and in particular the elusive Little Owl. Neil Neville is a professional photographer from Stoke Poges who has done amazing research. Come and enjoy; bring tasty titbits for the **shared supper.**

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

2nd Nov 23rd Nov; 7th Dec; 4th Jan 11th Jan. February dates to be decided later.

On page 3 is a letter from Zoe Meek. At the AGM we awarded her £1000 from Jessa's bequest to help her start her career in dance teaching; Zoe and her family knew Jessa for many years. Photographs from Zoe will be included in the February newsletter.

**Carol Berry**