

The Scots' Society of St Andrew

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NEWSLETTER - August 2018

Dear Member

The summer is not yet over (we hope!) but the Scots' Society is looking forward to the new season. We welcome our new President Hugh Johnstone and wish him a very fulfilling two years at the helm. We also welcome a new Council member, Cath Hockley, who has already brought enthusiasm and fresh ideas to our meetings.

The programme for the season 2018-2019 is enclosed/ has been or will be handed out when we see you. Also attached/enclosed are the minutes for the May 2018 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.

RECENT EVENTS

A Taste of India, Wed 18 April: More than 50 took advantage of this opportunity to have a taste of India in more ways than one. Guests arrived early to view a variety of colourful exhibits around the hall and to admire those in Indian dress. The two halves of the evening consisted of Powerpoint presentations of holidays in the north and south of India (by Una, Jean Cozens, Carol & Lesley) and of the spectacular wedding in Goa of the Suttons' son James and his bride Mishry. The supper interval catered for those liking spicy dishes and for those preferring calmer food. It was a very memorable evening, with special thanks to Lesley for the hours of technical help preparing the presentations.

Joint Evening with Datchet Folk Dance Society, Friday 20 April: Carol and Lesley led our Scottish part of this shared evening of dancing and our members also acquitted themselves well in the English dances. Many cakes were provided for the interval! The Datchet club has been invited for a reciprocal evening on **Wed 17 October**, so come along then for more 'mixed dancing' and tasty refreshments.

Dance Class Party, Wed 23 May: Request dances formed the programme, led by Carol, and lots of delicious cakes were made for the interval, all of this enjoyed by a pleasing number of 27 members.

Summer Dancing: There has been a steady attendance so far on alternate weeks, despite the heat!

London Four Parks Walk, Wed 11 July: Alan Hoskins had, as always, researched thoroughly and led an informative yet leisurely stroll through St James's Park, Green Park, Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens. We all discovered places and facts we didn't know before; a most enjoyable expedition!

Garden Party and BBQ, Sunday 22nd July: It turned out to be a little too hot for the planned dancing but no one was complaining! Joanna & Mike's garden at Otley Cottage is a delightful place to explore, to practise croquet or lawn dominoes, or just to relax under a gazebo with a drink in hand. There was a plentiful supply of BBQ meats, salads, trifle and fresh fruit so all tastes were catered for. Once again we are very grateful to Joanna and Mike for both their hard work and their hospitality.

Skittles Evening, Sat 15 September: We have again booked this popular first social of the season: skittles at 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 £13 for members, £14.50 for non-members, a very jolly evening of bowling - with prizes - is an amusing and sociable way to open the new season.

Theatre Outing, Wed 26 September: Windsor & Eton Opera will be performing 'The Marriage of Figaro' by Mozart at Norden Farm, Maidenhead. We have the opportunity of half-price (£10) tickets for the dress rehearsal, a bargain for a wonderful evening of tuneful music, amusement and spectacle. To book your place, contact Fran Costello on 01753 867425 as soon as possible.

Talk, Wed 3 October: As requested by members, Malcolm Nelson is returning to give us Part 2 of '40 Years of Catching Smugglers'. Part 1 was truly fascinating so bring friends; be sure not to miss Part 2. Please remember to bring a plate of finger-food for the Shared Supper afterwards. Entrance - £4/£5.

Hallowe'en Social, Wed 31 October: A traditional evening of Scottish fun! More details in October.

St Andrew's Night Dinner & Dance

When? Saturday 24th 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. An excellent piper in attendance.

Dancing to the music of Strathallan. Highland dancing by Naomi Hennessey.

Cost? Members - £40 ; non-members - £42. Cheques payable to "Scots' Society of St Andrew".

Complete the attached application form and send it to our President, as shown on the form. It is our flagship event; do come! Apply as soon as possible, at the latest by Sat 27 October.

MENU

Haggis, neeps & tatties OR Vegetarian haggis

Lamb Noisettes, with Button Onions, Pancetta, Chestnut Mushrooms, Dauphinoise Potatoes
OR Plaise Paupiette, with Smoked Salmon & Prawn Mousse, crushed New Potatoes, Chive Butter Sauce

OR Field Mushrooms, Roasted Vegetables topped with Goat's Cheese Tartlet

(All main courses accompanied by mixed fresh vegetables)

Cranachan-style Cheesecake with Shortbread OR A selection of Cheese & Biscuits

The very first event of the new season will be the Informal Dance on Wed 12 September, with familiar dances and friendly faces. We hope to see you there .

Carol Berry