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NEWSLETTER - August 2019

Dear Member

Another season is upon us. We are delighted to welcome Col. David Steele as our new Vice-President. He is a Military Knight of Windsor but better known to us for his Scottish songs on Burns' Night! Read about his election and other matters in the minutes for the May 2019 AGM. Please read and file them ready for next year's AGM, and contact any Council member if you have a comment or query. The programme for 2019-2020 has been or will be handed out when I see you.

There are three further attachments: the application forms for the Skittles Evening in September and for St Andrew's Night in November, and also two pages of photographs taken since the April newsletter. I have been told that members very much appreciate having pictures with the newsletter and so I heartily thank our 'official photographer' Eleanor Huskisson on your behalf.

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

RECENT EVENTS

May Day Social, Wed 1st May: A convivial evening of English folk dances, readings, songs and games - including riding a hobby horse to make a crown for the May Queen (see photos!). A table quiz and the construction of mini-maypoles provided more sedentary fun. With cups of tea came sandwiches & cakes.

Dance Class Party, Wed 15 May: Request dances formed the programme as is now traditional. Delicious cakes were made for the interval, all of this enjoyed by a pleasing number of 24 dancers.

Summer Dancing: There has been a steady attendance so far on alternate weeks. Our thanks go to Anne M., Jane (Leach), Lesley and Una for devising the programmes and leading the dancing.

Oxford Walk, Wed 24 July: Alan Hoskins was, as ever, our learned guide, on this occasion exploring little-known sights as well as well-known landmarks in the glorious city of Oxford. It was a hot day but we found plenty of shade and a quirky café for a tasty lunch. A most informative, enjoyable day.

Afternoon Tea & Garden Party, Saturday 3 August: Otley Cottage in Windsor Great Park was our charming venue. Guests enjoyed exploring the lovely grounds and also, of course, the plentiful tea of sandwiches, scones & cakes. Some of us learned croquet or played giant dominoes, while many entered the lawn skittles competition - won by Eleanor with Jim Nicol second. We are grateful to Joanna and Mike for their hospitality and their hard work to provide this delightful relaxing afternoon.

Skittles Evening, Sat 28 September: Our 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 as previously: 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, we can expect a very jolly evening of bowling - with prizes. **Book by Wednesday 18 September.**

Theatre Outing, Wed 2 October: Windsor & Eton Opera will be performing 'Die Fledermaus' by Johann Strauss II at Norden Farm, Maidenhead. It is a highly entertaining opera and will be sung in English. Tickets are £18 each and we have a block booking for the Wednesday performance. Please register your interest as soon as possible to Fran or Carol. (We anticipate organising shared transport.)

Social, Wed 30 October: Tony Welsh is organising a Games Evening which will ensure lots of fun and laughter for members, and friends, too, of course. Light refreshments will be provided. Do come!

On display that evening will be some magnificent A4-sized photographs belonging to Jim Nicol who joined other veterans recently on the Boudicca to attend D-Day Remembrance Ceremonies at Portsmouth and in Normandy. Jim will be proud and happy to share his mementos of this remarkable experience.

Talk, Wed 20 November: As requested by members, Malcolm Nelson is returning to give us Part 3 of '40 Years of Catching Smugglers'. We KNOW it will be fascinating! Remember - Shared Supper.

The very first event of the new season will be the Informal Dance on Wed 11 September, with familiar dances and friendly faces. We hope to see you there. **Carol Berry**

St Andrew's Night Dinner & Dance

When? Saturday 30th 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. (Note that the price has not increased.)

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 Saturday 2nd November.**

MENU

Haggis, neeps & tatties OR Vegetarian haggis

Scottish Fillet Steak, with Diane Sauce (mushrooms & mustard cream sauce) + Dauphinoise Potatoes

OR Grilled Fillet of Sea Bass with Tomato & Basil Salsa, + crushed New Potatoes

OR Courgette, Roasted Butternut Squash & Wensleydale Open Tartlet

(All main courses accompanied by mixed fresh vegetables)

Winter Berries Pavlova OR A selection of Cheese & Biscuits

We are very sad to report the recent death of Jim Sharpe - a real gentleman and one of our very own quartet of singers, along with Angela, Fran and Tom. Jim had been ill & unable to join us for some time.