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## NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2019

Dear Member

As always, I find the winter passes quite quickly as there is so much going on at the Scots' Society; it's our busiest time! Let me remind you of the details ...

### RECENT EVENTS

**A Birthday Party, Wednesday 14th November:** A most interesting evening based on Prince Charles, whose 70th birthday it was, and on growing up in the 1950's. The room was decorated with red, white & blue, a glass of Bucks Fizz welcomed guests, and the tables were laid with 50's-style sweets and a quiz. Readings were from The Old Man of Lochnagar and Prince Charles's favourite poems, complemented by reminiscences of living as a child in the 50's. The tasty buffet supper included a delicious Birthday Cake made by Eleanor. Very well done, Cath, on your first experience of being a convenor!

**St Andrew's Dinner & Dance, Saturday 24th November:** President Hugh Johnstone hosted our flagship evening and generously donated a bottle of whisky as a lucky ticket prize. Further details: music during dinner & for the dancing - Strathallan; piper - George Maybury; address to the haggis - Una; toastmaster - Mike Scott; 3-course meal + coffee; guest speaker - Christopher Gosden; toast to the Toons - Tony Welsh; MC for the dancing - Bob Oxtoby of Strathallan; Highland dancing - Naomi Hennessey; raffle organisers - Eleanor & Alan. Maidenhead Golf Club provided an excellent venue and we are delighted that they will be able to accommodate us again, on Saturday 30th November 2019.

**St Andrew's Service, Sunday 25th November:** Mary Carpenter led a thoughtful service at Trinity URC, with readings by the Mayor of Slough and our President. As is his speciality, Jimmy Edmundson decorated the hall and served the coffee and shortbread, all of which the Mayor stayed and enjoyed.

**Ceilidh and Costumes, Wednesday 5th December:** A one-off venture to find good homes for our large collection of costumes and bits & pieces. Brenda Bateman did an excellent job of attracting the attendance of several drama groups. Everything 'went' and we had donations of £75. There was a large attendance to enjoy a ceilidh of dancing, readings, songs by Jane Leach, and The Shepherd's Crook danced energetically by our no-longer-young (!) Carol, Dick & Una. Refreshments included Scottish delicacies: cheese & oatcakes, blini & smoked salmon, and shortbread. A very rewarding evening!

**Christmas Party, Wednesday 19th December:** A typical seasonal party, with mulled wine, dances, readings, games including the highlight of 'wrapping the snowman', and of course tasty refreshments including another delicious cake by Eleanor. Well done, Alan & team; a very jolly end to 2018!

**New Year Lunch, Saturday 5th January 2019:** Another 'traditional event': excellent catering by Jacky Williams was enjoyed by 40 members, who later danced New Year Jig and other dances, and were entertained by a mini-quiz, readings and singing, not forgetting the lucky ticket raffle with lots of prizes. We all, aged 94 (Wolf & Jim N) down to '??', had a friendly start to, hopefully, a Guid New Year.

**'Barging About', Wednesday 16th January:** Tony & Rowena Welsh introduced us to the heritage and wonderful engineering features of British canals which they have been exploring for many years. In the interval between 2 sets of slides, we tasted cheeses (& beer!) from the areas visited, and also fruit cake (thank you, Cath) which is another staple for bargees. Many were inspired to try a barging holiday.

**Burns' Supper & Ceilidh, Saturday 26th January:** Always a 'good night', this year was no exception, with everything looking, sounding and tasting good! The details: a lovely haggis supper by Lee Greenwood; 'address' by Una; Toast to The Immortal Memory by Col. Finlay Maclean, Military Knight of Windsor; Toast to the Lassies and Reply by Dick & Doreen Rothwell; MC Mike Scott; piper Bill Copland of Reading Pipe Band who also recited 'To A Louse' in the ceilidh, as well as playing 2 sets on the pipes; songs from our Three Thistles, David, Mike & Tony; dances between each item; 'the play wot I wrote' by Una, entitled Getting into Heaven ain't so Easy, acted by our own SADS. A most entertaining, enjoyable evening for which credit and thanks go in particular to the convenor Una.

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

**Quiz Evening, Wednesday 13th February:** By popular request, Alan Goddard returns to help us activate our little grey cells in a friendly yet competitive quiz. Don't forget to bring a 'little something' for the Shared Supper. We all had great fun last year at Alan's quiz, so come along again!

**Ceilidh Dance, Wednesday 27th February:** An evening of simple lively dances, designed to convince any newcomers that it's a great way to both socialise and exercise. Posters are available (there's one on the website, too); please encourage potential dancers to come along - Trinity URC Hall, 8-10pm, £4.00. Lesley will be putting you through your paces, new and not-so-new dancers alike. All welcome.

**Eating Out, Wednesday 13th March:** This year we are trying a lunchtime sortie to enable those who, for one reason or another, are uncomfortable with coming out in the evenings. **Time: 12.00 for 12.30pm**  
**Venue: The Duke's Head, Farnham Royal, SL2 3AJ** Come and enjoy wining, dining and good company. The menu includes a range of options to suit all palates and pockets. Car parking is available. A starter/main/snack menu is attached/enclosed allowing you to select your choice and pay in advance, thus enabling a stress-free time for all. As the dessert menu is changed on a weekly basis, if you require a dessert, you may order and pay for it on the day at the same time as ordering your drinks. If you have any queries, contact Lesley on 01753 866191 as soon as possible as places will be limited.

**N.B. There will be no evening event on Wednesday 13 March.**

**Auberge du Chocolat, Wednesday 3rd April:** Anne Scott will be entertaining us with a talk on chocolate, telling us how the Auberge runs, which chocolate is the healthiest, etc., with some tasting but no chocolate fountains - sorry! We shall have a Shared Supper, too. Cost - £4 (£5 non-members).

**Two fundraising events for WEO at Gardeners' Hall:** 22nd February - Quiz Evening, £6.00;  
30th March - Sing-along of choruses + drink, £12.00. For details ask Mike or Tony, or see WEO website.

Last but NOT least!! **Dancing: every Wednesday, apart from the above.** Have fun and keep fit!

**Carol Berry, Hon. Secretary**