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NEWSLETTER - October 2019

Dear Member

Autumn and winter are busy times for the Scots' Society, with our major functions within a month or two of each other:

The deadline for applying for tickets for St Andrew's Night, Sat 30th November, is almost upon us; be sure to send in your application by 2nd November and join us for an evening of good food, live music and all the traditional pageantry. See all the details in the previous (August) newsletter.

Application forms are enclosed for the New Year Lunch, Sat 4th January and also for our Burns' Supper & Ceilidh, Sat 25th January. See overleaf for all the details.

RECENT EVENTS

Skittles Evening, Sat 28 September: Many of our regulars were unable to attend this year but 25 of us enjoyed an excellent nail-biting (!) evening of bowling and a very tasty supper. The Dymek family did particularly well with Paul being captain of the winning team and Magi achieving the highest individual score. Everyone was wearing a beaming smile as they departed for home; enough said!

Theatre Outing, Wed 2 October: As promised, 'Die Fledermaus' was a highly entertaining performance by Windsor & Eton Opera, with tuneful music, colourful costumes and - of course - excellent singing. Our own Mike Scott carried off a comic cameo role to perfection.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Social, Wed 30 October: Tony Welsh has organised an evening of entertaining games, none of them requiring dashing about! His plans sound great fun. Refreshments will be provided and, hopefully, Jim Nicol and his son will be on hand to show off some very special photographs (see last newsletter).

Talk, Wed 20 November: As advertised previously, Malcolm Nelson will be entertaining us with Part 3 of "40 Years of Catching Smugglers". He is, as we know, an excellent speaker with some fascinating inside knowledge. Do bring family and friends - and 'a little something' for the Shared Supper.

St Andrew's Service, Sunday 24th November: This special service at Trinity URC begins at 10am and we hope Mary Carpenter will be leading the proceedings. Please try to wear something tartan and do stay for refreshments afterwards.

St Andrew's Dinner & Dance, Sat 30 November: The deadline for tickets is fast approaching. Hurry!

Christmas Party, Wed 18th December: I do not have any precise details to give you, but none are needed. Suffice to say that Alan Hoskins and his trusty team will organise an entertaining programme for this last function of 2019, with 'something for everyone'. The cost will probably be £5 for members and £6 for non-members. There will, of course, be seasonal refreshments.

New Year Lunch, Saturday 4th January 2020: An opportunity to wish everyone A Happy New Year. Arrive at Trinity any time after 12 noon for lunch at 12.30, followed by the usual mix of entertainment. Tickets will be £23 for members, £25 for non-members. Please choose your meal from the menu below, fill in the attached form and return it to me, Carol, by Wed. 18 December.

*Beef and Chestnut Casserole OR Fresh Salmon Parcels, with cream cheese, watercress & puff pastry
OR Broccoli and Stilton Parcels (all with seasonal vegetables)
Mincemeat and Apple Crumble Flan OR Raspberry Cheesecake Mess*

Quiz Evening, Wed 15th January: Alan Goddard will be returning with his very special blend of teasing quiz questions and entertaining play-offs - not remotely stressful and very amusing. To complete the evening, there will be a Shared Supper.

Burns' Supper & Ceilidh, Saturday 25th January: This popular evening will follow its usual tradition: New Windsor Community Centre, Hanover Way; 6.15 for 6.45pm; £27 members, £30 non-members (no increase from last year); haggis supper, with a choice of dessert - profiteroles with hot chocolate sauce OR fruit salad; first-class speakers and a varied ceilidh - including 2 young brothers on pipes and drum. Forms (enclosed/attached) to Una, please, by Wednesday 8th January. **Highly recommended!**

Talk, Wed 5th February: A fascinating evening is promised with a talk on " Medical Detection Dogs". I am sure we have all heard vague information about these wonderful animals; now is your opportunity to hear the full story. Please remember something for the Shared Supper. (£4/£5 to cover costs.)

We are very sad to report the recent death of two of our long-standing members:

Anne Smith was a month off her 98th birthday, having been remarkably fit both mentally and physically until a year ago. She was renowned for her energy and smart appearance, and her enthusiastic participation in any unusual or exciting adventure.

Betty Sutherst was also in her nineties. She had been unable to attend our social events for the last few years but, prior to that, had been a stalwart of the Society, taking part herself in shows, being a member of the costume team and supporting (now late) husband Larry in his Presidency.

In their longevity and enthusiasm, these two ladies have been a fine advertisement for our Society.

Dancing: There has been a steady attendance at the Dance Classes and always a jolly atmosphere. On 16th October, we welcomed Datchet Folk Dancers and had a very enjoyable evening of both English and Scottish Country Dances. This has now become an annual fixture.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the events detailed above, all of which come with our Scots' Society guarantee of good value and good fun.

Carol Berry, Hon. Secretary