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NEWSLETTER - April 2018

Dear Member

As always at this time of year, may I remind you of the **AGM: Wednesday 16th May at 8pm**, at our usual venue of Trinity URC Hall. Further details can be found at the end of the enclosed Secretary's Report. We would, naturally, like to see as many members as possible; it is important that you hear the reports, join in the discussions, vote in the elections and feel yourself to be an active member of our Society.

At present, the running of the Society is mainly in the hands of a very few and that burden should not continue. We need more members to stand up to the mark and be counted. A nomination form is enclosed for additional members of Council; the task and responsibility are not arduous if they are shared; the more who volunteer, the less each has to do. Any new recruit would not be thrown in at the deep end! The hours need not be long; it is a fresh approach and ideas that are required.

New for this year's meeting: Before and after the official part of the meeting, there will be a 'running display', via Powerpoint, of photographs taken at a variety of events during the past year, which did not make the cut for the previous newsletter. There are many of them but if you have others which you can email to us to include, that would be appreciated. Following the official business, wine and refreshments will be served to make our socialising even more pleasurable.

Subscriptions 2018-19 become due at the AGM. The Treasurer requests that you pay by cheque if at all possible as this avoids the problem of lots of change and is much more secure for all concerned.

RECENT EVENTS

Valentine's Ceilidh, Wednesday 14th February: It would have been churlish to ignore the date as it fell on a Wednesday ... The evening produced a variety of activities and entertainment based on the letters of the word Valentine's (we had to include the 's' in order to have Songs!). Among the other items were Verse, Laughter, dances including an Elimination waltz and, of course, Eating - pate & cheese + suitably decorated cakes & biscuits. There was a very happy atmosphere throughout the evening.

Talk, Wednesday 14th March: Tony Eaton is well-known to us after his superb talks on Glenn Miller, Amy Johnson and Rudolph Hess, all with mysteries to uncover. His latest talk 'Invasion 1940 - What If?' did not disappoint in revealing surprising facts and figures only recently available to the general public.

Forthcoming Events

A Taste of India, Wednesday 18th April: The theme of this social seemed appropriate as many of our members travelled to India in November for the wedding of James Sutton to Mishry and took the opportunity to visit different parts of that fascinating country. We anticipate an evening of exhibits, short talks, slides and - of course - food, the latter being partly spicy and partly non-spicy in order to suit all tastes. This newsletter will be distributed that evening, so there will be a report next time ...

Joint Evening with Datchet English Country Dancers, Friday 20th April: Join us at the WI Hall in Datchet for a jolly evening of English and Scottish Country Dancing, starting promptly at 8pm. We anticipate a good attendance from our Society, some already being members of both clubs.

Dance Class Party, Wednesday 23rd May: Calling all dancers! Come and enjoy a selection of your favourite dances, with home-made cakes to enhance the party atmosphere. Just £3.00 as usual.

Summer dancing dates

6th, 20th June 4th, 18th July 1st, 15th, 29th August

Informal dancing for the holiday season - do come, maintain your fitness and have fun!

London Four Parks Walk, Wednesday 11th July: Another treat for us arranged by Alan Hoskins! Meet at Wesley's Café, Lower Ground Floor, Methodist Central Hall, Westminster SW1H 9NH at 11a.m. The walk of 4 miles is flat and paved; it will take 3 hours including a coffee stop; it passes through St James's Park, Green Park, Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens, obviously viewing some interesting places 'en route' and enjoying Alan's commentary. Talk to Alan beforehand to book your place - 01753 861930.

Garden Party & BBQ, Sunday 22nd July: Once again we have been invited to Otley Cottage, Windsor Great Park, by Joanna and Mike Scott for our summer party, starting at 5.30pm. There will be dancing and lawn games in the lovely garden and a tempting array of tasty food - meats from the BBQ, salads, home-made desserts, plus wine, juice and coffee. Directions will be available when you book. **Pre-booking is essential** so please send your **name(s)**, **cheque** (payable to the "Scots' Society of St Andrew"), notice of any special **dietary requirements** and a **telephone/mobile number**, to Carol (contact details on page 1) by **Wednesday 4th July.** **Members £11.50, non-members £13.00.**

Dates for your diary - details in the August newsletter

Skittles Evening, Saturday 15th September: At Eton Wick as before - a very social evening!

Theatre Outing, Wednesday 26th September: WEO will be performing 'The Marriage of Figaro' by Mozart, at Norden Farm, Maidenhead.

St Andrew's Night Dinner & Dance, Saturday 24th November: Maidenhead Golf Club will again be our hosts for this very special occasion when we wine and dine and dance until midnight!

Meanwhile, we look forward to seeing you at the **AGM, 8pm on Wednesday 16th May.**

Please do not forget to use the nomination form.

Carol Berry