

# The Scots' Society of St Andrew

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## NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2023

Dear Member,

I would like to say a big thank you for electing me as your President. I look forward to your support in the coming months and years.

### Thank You

Firstly, a very important and pleasant job is to say a big thank you to our retiring president Cath. She now becomes our Immediate Past President (IPP). Those of you who were at the AGM will know that I thanked her verbally but it is only right that I should do so in writing. After a comparatively short time of being a member of the Society, Cath volunteered to take on the Presidency in May 2020. As you may remember, this was just as Covid was taking hold. This was no mean feat and Cath worked hard to keep us updated as well as keeping us upbeat when we could not meet with family and friends. Apart from the wartime, when functions were cancelled and there was a gap in the Presidency, Cath is only the second president to have served for 3 years. Many thanks, Cath, for all your hard work.

My thanks go also to Adam Cochrane who has been our Treasurer for many years and kept us on the straight and narrow as both treasurer and also as an auditor for many years. Adam's long and dedicated service to the Society was recognised at the AGM by conferring Honorary Membership on him. We welcomed Dick Sutton as the new Treasurer and Adam has kindly offered his full support in the coming months.

Sadly there were no volunteers from members to join our Council. As I said at the meeting, your current Council has served for many years now and would dearly like some fresh faces with new ideas to join them!! It is not too late to be co-opted! We also asked members to offer to join us for one-off meetings for a particular event. If any of you are willing and able to come along to a meeting for a particular event please do let a member of Council know.

### News Of Members

Sadly, one of our members, Helen Muir, passed away on Saturday 10th June. Helen had been poorly for quite some time and died in the Thames Valley Hospice. She had been a member of the Society for many years and our thoughts are with her family at this sad time.

## RECENT EVENTS

### A Taste of India, Wed 19th April

We were treated to a fascinating talk by Una about her trip to the Kolkata & Kaziranga Nature Reserve. We relived her holiday with her as we travelled through her stunning slideshow. Thank you, Una, for sharing your experience with us.

### Joint Evening with Datchet Folk Dance Society, Friday 12th May:

Carol, Una and Lesley led our Scottish part of this shared evening of dancing with John at the Datchet Folk Dance Society. On Wed 17th October, the Datchet Folk Dancers have been invited for a reciprocal evening so come along then for more 'mixed dancing' and tasty refreshments.

### Dance Class Party, Wed 10th May

Carol finished our season of dancing with a special "Coronation" Class party. She put us through our paces with regally named dances to match the occasion. In the interval we were treated to a delightful array of coronation themed cakes, including a large beautifully presented 'Union Jack' cake made by Cath.



### Canal Boat Trip Wed 24th May

A group of 31 of us made our way to Colthill Wharf in Odiham to board the John Pinkerton canal boat for a trip along the Basingstoke Canal. We were looked after by 4 members of crew including our own Tony & Rowena. The sun shone on the righteous and we enjoyed a most pleasant trip along a very peaceful canal. At our halfway point our crew skilfully turned our boat around and we were treated to a cream team as we meandered our way home. This was the first special event of our 90th Anniversary year. A big thank you to Tony for organising this.



### Summer Dancing:

As I write this newsletter Summer dancing is underway. A big thankyou to Anne Montminy for taking on the lion's share of this. Thank you also to Una, Cath and Lesley for helping out.

## Your Programme

In April I sent out a questionnaire asking you for your suggestions for the coming year. The Council studied those returned and I hope we have produced a programme with something to suit all of you. We do hope that you will come and support us for these events and please bring along family and friends. Your syllabus has been printed and your copy should be with you very shortly. Meanwhile, a copy has been attached to this newsletter.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### 6th and 13th of September. Dance Classes:

Our season begins with dance classes and these will be led by Carol who will hopefully be refreshed and ready to knock us into shape.

### 20th September: Social

This will be our first Social of the year and as I write this Cath and Una are putting their heads together to find some interesting ways to entertain us. Please note that this will be a **shared supper** so do bring along a small plate of food to share.

### Saturday 7th October: Special 90th Anniversary Lunch

This is one of the main [special events of our Anniversary Year.](#) You will find a whole page giving you the details of this event. Please make every effort to come as we would love to see a full member turnout!!

### 18th October : Talk

Carol has organised a talk from a member of the [Thames Valley Hospice.](#) As this is one of the charities we, as a Society, have supported for many years it will be interesting to find out a little more about the running of the Hospice and how our donations are used. Once again it will be a **shared supper.**

### 8th November: Ceilidh

With Mike and Tony at the helm, this promises to be a most enjoyable evening. I haven't been privy to their thoughts and ideas but I'm sure that we won't be disappointed. Do come along and support them.

### Saturday 25th November : St. Andrew's Night Dinner and Dance

This is one of the flagship events of the Society and a very social evening with a great atmosphere. Once again, we have been lucky enough to have Strathallan Band to lead us in the dancing. Chris and Ann manage to get the most reluctant of us on the floor with their lively music. There is a proforma attached to this newsletter and Jane Seber is happy to receive applications as soon as possible. Please note the closing date—**OCTOBER 25th**

### Sunday 26th November

St. Andrew's Day Service, Trinity United Reformed Church 10.30 am.

### 29th November: Coach Trip To Winchester Christmas Market

Many years ago the Society would organise trips to the Bath Christmas Market. These were most enjoyable events. Carol has now volunteered to organise a coach trip to the Winchester Christmas Market. Winchester is a very pretty place and, not only is it an ideal place to buy those little gifts, it will get you in the Christmas Spirit. Obviously places will be limited so please do let Carol know in good time if you are interested. More details will come out at a later date.

**13th December Christmas Party:** More details to follow

## ANNIVERSARY LUNCH



It is with great delight that I can now give you more information about our next special event. We are going to celebrate with a special members' lunch to be held on Saturday 7th October. This will take place at the Grovefield House Hotel in Taplow (more details below).

This event will be subsidised from Jessa's legacy for all members who are paid up at the time of application. You may arrive from 12.00 midday and you will have the opportunity to buy a drink-tea, coffee or alcohol from the bar (**please note card payment only!**). You can then spend time browsing through a variety of historic Scots' Society memorabilia, reminding you of past events within our Society. There will be photos, newspaper cuttings, minute books (all beautifully handwritten!), and many other items from events which have long since faded into the back of our memories. Lunch is at 12.30pm and you may continue socialising and sharing your memories with other members. until 4.00pm.

The event is taking place in the 'Huntswood Suite'. This is situated on the ground floor of the Hotel. For those of you preferring a step free access there is a ramp at the side of the building (on the right-hand side as you look at the building).

As this is such a very special one-off event we would ***really be delighted to see a full attendance of*** our members to make it a really memorable occasion. There will be no dancing, just eating, drinking and reminiscing! If you require transport please would you contact me via the Scots' Society email and I will see if anyone can help. There is a full menu and a proforma attached to this email for you to complete.

Non-members are, of course, also welcome to come and join in our celebration.

**Note:** This event is being subsidised for **PAID UP** members so don't forget to pay your subs before applying!

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**Date:** Sat. October 7th 2023

**Venue:** Grovefield House Hotel, Taplow Common Rd, Burnham Slough SL1 8LR

**Time:** From 12 midday to 4.00pm. Lunch will be served at 12.30pm.

**Price:** Members £38                  Non-members £42

BACS: Sort Code: 20-78-58    Account No: 00689939

Account Name: The Scots' Society of St Andrew

**\*NB: BANK TRANSFERS MUST BE REFERENCED with the word Anniversary Lunch and YOUR NAME**

**CLOSING DATE AUGUST 30th**

**There is a menu within this newsletter and a proforma attached**



GROVEFIELD HOUSE  
HOTEL

To Commence

Tomato & Basil Soup, Crusty Roll

Slow Roast Pork Croquette, Celeriac Remoulade, Apple Sauce & Crackling

Smoked Salmon Heritage Beetroot, Cauliflower Florets & Beetroot Juice

Goat's Cheese, Caramelized Onion Tart, Balsamic Glaze & Pefit Salad

To Follow

Chicken Supreme, Dauphinoise Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Red Wine Jus

Slow Cooked Beef, Garlic Mash, Glazed Carrots, Sugar Snap Peas

Baked Seabass, Sautéed Potatoes, Buttered Kale & Capers Sauce

Wild Mushrooms & Spinach Philivier, Confit Tomato, Roasted Celeriac & Kale

To Finish

Chocolate Delice, Toffee Sauce, Mixed Berry Coulis & Chantilly Cream

Crème Caramel, Lang De Chat Biscuit

Gâteau Paris Brest, Patisserie Cream & Caramel Sauce

Strawberry Cheesecake, Berry Compote

## St Andrew's Night Dinner & Dance

When? Saturday 25th 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.

Dancing to the music of Strathallan. An excellent piper in attendance

Cost Members - £44 ; non-members - £48. Cheques payable to "Scots' Society of St Andrew".

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*This event is also being subsidised from Jessa's legacy for paid-up members.*

Complete the attached application form and send it to Jane Seber, as shown on the form. It is our flagship event; **do come!** Apply as soon as possible, at the latest by 25th October.

### MENU

Haggis, neeps & tatties **OR** Vegetarian haggis

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Beef Bouguignon with butter and chive mash and seasonal vegetables

**OR** Grilled Seabass fillet with homemade lemon and chive mayonnaise, new potatoes and green beans

**OR** Vegetarian Paella— peppers, mushrooms, red onions, olive, sunblush tomatoes, spring onions & spinach

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Lemon posset & raspberry coulis with homemade shortbread

**OR** Apple & Blackberry crumble with sauce Anglaise

**CLOSING DATE OCTOBER 25th**

### **IMPORTANT**

*If you wish to apply for both the Anniversary Lunch and St Andrew's Night's at the same time, please feel free to send your application in one envelope or one email, as Jane Seber has kindly agreed to process applications for both events. However, if you are paying by cheque please can you write a **separate cheque for each of the events**. Likewise, if you wish to pay by BACS transfer please can you make **two separate transfers**, ensuring you have the correct referencing on each application.*

### **Attached to this newsletter are several attachments :**

1. Minutes of the meeting for the May 2023 AGM. Please read them carefully and file them ready for next year's AGM. Do let a council member know if you have any queries about these minutes.
2. Proforma for the 90th Anniversary Lunch.
3. Proforma for St. Andrew's Night.
4. Copy of the syllabus

*A message from the Treasurer: Please remember that **subscriptions are now due**. Cheques payable to "Scots' Society of St Andrew" (£7.50 per member) may be sent to the Treasurer :*

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Your Council wishes you all an enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Best Wishes

*Lesley*