

# *The Scots' Society of St Andrew*

*Slough, Windsor & District*

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## *August 2025 Newsletter*

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### Forthcoming Events - Dates for the Diary

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Coffee, 10.30am:

August 14<sup>th</sup> - at Carol's; Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> - at Thames Hospice tbc.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: the first Dancing of the season.

25<sup>th</sup> September: Macmillan Coffee Morning at Carol's;  
details on p.3. (Raffle prizes, please!)

15<sup>th</sup> October: Ceilidh, 7.30pm, Trinity URC. Details in next newsletter.

28<sup>th</sup> November: St Andrew's Dinner and Dance will be on a  
Friday this year, at Royal Ascot Golf Club. Details on p.2.

## St Andrew's Night Dinner & Dance: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November

*This year Jane Seber is the convenor for this major event and she writes as follows:*

"We are delighted to confirm full details of our flagship event in November - the St Andrew's Night Dinner & Dance. As you may already be aware, there are a few changes this year with the event moving to the **Royal Ascot Golf Club** and, just for this year, we will be celebrating on a **Friday** evening - 28<sup>th</sup> November. But as always there will be:- a delicious 3 course meal to look forward to; entertainment courtesy of the hugely talented Strathallan Band, who will also accompany the evening's social dancing; a wonderful piper; a raffle; and generally lots of fun. Please do come along and join us in celebrating this special occasion in style."

### Menu

Haggis OR Vegetarian Haggis, with Neeps & Tatties

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Chicken Supreme with tarragon sauce OR Fillet of Salmon with lemon sauce  
OR Mushroom, Brie and Spinach Wellington

**All served with seasonal vegetables and potatoes**

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Sticky toffee pudding with toffee sauce OR Lemon tart

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Coffee / Tea and mints

*Full details, including how to apply, are contained in a separate attachment for your convenience - for reference and/or for printing.*

**Members £52      Non-members £56**

Please note the closing date: **24<sup>th</sup> October 2025**.

Don't delay, book now!

**2025-2026 Subscriptions**   £10 per member

Over half our members have now paid. Thank you!

For the rest, here are the details.

Account name: The Scots Society of St Andrew (with/without apostrophe!)

Account number: 00689939      Sort code: 20-78-58

Reference: Subs (or Subscription)   Your name is automatically shown.

Send cheques to: Mr R Sutton, 44 Aston Mead, Windsor SL4 5PP

**John's Skydive**

Reminder: John Symmonds' charity SKYDIVE in aid of Thames Hospice will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August.

Donations can be made via

[justgiving.com/page/john-symmonds-skydive](https://justgiving.com/page/john-symmonds-skydive).

Good luck, John. Our best wishes go with you.



**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30 a.m. at Carol's

Further fund-raising by our Society

After the generous response to last year's coffee morning, we are repeating this event. Come along for coffee and lots of cake, but be sure to book your place on 07712238165. There will be plenty of fun and laughter, plus a raffle. Contributions of cake and raffle prizes would be appreciated. Thank you!

## Our regular "2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday" Coffee Mornings

*For more than a year these have been held at Carol's, but not held if she was away. A solution has now been found! In July the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday gathering was held at the Thames Hospice Café, as described below by Cath.*

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July our usual coffee morning was held at the Thames Hospice "Café by the Lake". There was a good gathering of people and everyone chatted happily whilst enjoying their refreshments. Eight of our members were present (3 dancers and 5 non-dancers) so I managed to distribute a number of our 2025-2026 programmes. We also welcomed Colin Hurt and his wife Joan and, as I had never met him before, I had to work out who he was by a process of elimination. I had invited Colin as he has sorted out the production of our programme for many years and has always done an excellent job. (He also previously designed and managed our website.) We all had a lovely morning in our very pleasant surroundings before leaving to go our separate ways.

### Alan's Walk

Alan will be leading his Battersea Power Station walk again on 27<sup>th</sup> August. If any of our members would like to join him (for the first or second time!), please give him a ring on 07926381711 and he will give you the details. You can also read all about it by revisiting your July newsletter which describes the route and illustrates it with photographs.

Summer Dancing: Here is a report by Anne (Greenshields), who is a regular dancer and fast becoming a seasoned caller.

There were just four occasions of Summer dancing this year, with a rest period over August. A few members plucked up courage to do some calling, and two of us even tried our hands at planning and running a whole programme, firsts for all of us.

The first session was led by Cath, with guest calling done by Jacqui, the second being led by Anne, with guest calling by Wendy and Linda. Lesley and Una alternated to lead us for the third session, with Lesley and Cath alternating for the last one.

The weather was often very hot for dancing, so we had plenty of cool-down times, but still enjoyed lots of our favourite dances. We finished the season with many good wishes to our oldest dancer John for his charity skydive in August!



### Two of our favourite dances

**Dunnet Head** (most northerly point on mainland Scotland) and **Ecclefechan Feline** (shown with Douglas not cat!) *Photos July 2025*

The next newsletter will be sent out at the beginning of September. If you have any news or views to be included, please email them to [sloughscots@gmail.com](mailto:sloughscots@gmail.com).