

The Scots' Society of St Andrew

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The New Programme, 2025 - 2026

The traditional printed programme with its striking tartan cover will be available in the near future. Meanwhile you will find all its information as a separate attachment, and there are some significant differences to notice, in content and in layout.

Content: Increasingly our non-dancing members prefer not to venture out at night; this has prompted the following changes.

- Each Wednesday will be a dancing evening.
- On at least two Wednesdays this will be a ceilidh.
- Social events, not involving dancing, will be monthly.
- These social events will be in the daytime, probably not Wednesdays, and are supplementary to the weekly dancing.
- Ample notification of all events will be in the monthly newsletter.

Layout: The front and back covers of the printed programme contain the usual information. The inside pages now do not list every Wednesday separately. Instead there is a list of 'Special Dates' which have already been organised. Also given are the first and last dates each year for 'Dancing Every Wednesday'. We now have much more flexibility for 'Other Events' so a general list is given, with the precise details to be published in good time in the monthly newsletters.

Forthcoming Events - Dates for the Diary

2nd Thursday Coffee, 10.30am: July 10th - at Thames Hospice;
August 14th - at Carol's; Sept. 11th - at Thames Hospice tbc.

25th September: Macmillan Coffee Morning at Carol's;
details in the next newsletter. (Raffle prizes, please!)

28th November: St Andrew's Dinner and Dance will be on a
Friday this year, at Royal Ascot Golf Club. Details later.

14th February 2026: For reasons beyond our control,
Burns' Night will be later in the year than usual, but how apt
to be able to link Rabbie with St Valentine!!

Subscriptions are due! See details on page 3.

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Subscriptions for the year 2025-2026 are now due for payment; £10 per member, as agreed at the AGM.

Cheque or cash is obviously acceptable but BACS is now preferable.

The necessary details are:

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

"Thank you" from the Treasurer, in anticipation.

John's Skydive

John Symmonds, our oldest member aged 97, has for some time been raising money for Thames Hospice in gratitude for the care given to his beloved late wife. Having already abseiled and wing-walked, he is now attempting a third aerial feat - a SKYDIVE. This will take place on 7th August, time tbc, at an airfield near Brackley, Northamptonshire. Donations can be made via justgiving.com/page/john-symmonds-skydive or, if preferred, at our Wednesday dancing evenings.

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



City Walk - Wednesday 25th June

Note that a red asterisk * denotes a photograph

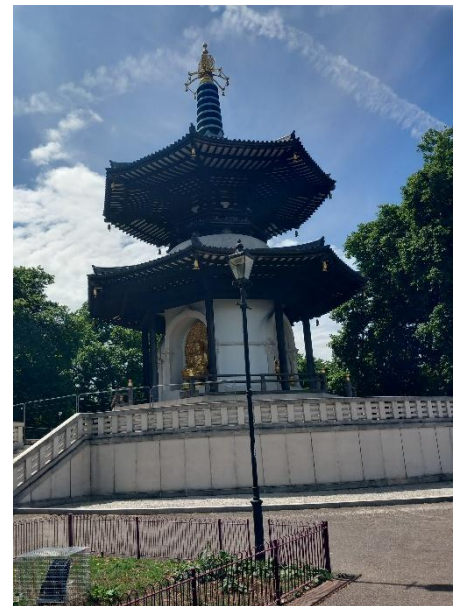
The journey to Clapham Junction on a new SW train* was smooth and speedy, with time to study Alan's helpful handout. This detailed the sights to be seen as he knew well that we would otherwise forget what he told us! As ever, Alan was a mine of interesting information as he pointed out the history of four bridges (Wandsworth, Battersea, Albert and Chelsea), the original site of the Fishmongers' Alms Houses* (now the Jesus Hospital in Bray), St Mary's Church* with its links to JMW Turner and William Blake, the Peace Pagoda*, Battersea Park and lastly the impressive bulk of the decommissioned and now transformed Battersea Power Station*. Most of the 3.5 mile route was along the Thames Path which, being on the South Bank, often offered welcome shade. We did however bask in sunshine as we ate our picnic* before investigating the interior of the Power Station and taking the bus back to Clapham Junction. A delightful outing; THANK YOU, Alan!

And thanks also to Eleanor for taking the photographs.





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A well-earned rest at the end of the walk.

We know you won't be interested but ... you would not believe the 'blood, sweat and tears' involved in learning how to transfer photographs into this document! Hopefully you have enjoyed the results of our efforts, and it will be really easy next time.

The next newsletter will be sent out at the beginning of August. If you have any news or views to be included, please email them to sloughscots@gmail.com or any Council member.