

The Scots' Society of St Andrew

Slough, Windsor & District

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June 2025 Newsletter

The Society newsletter: the place where you find all the details of future events and also a report on recent ones. The plan is to send you a news document at the beginning of every month so that you are regularly kept up to date. There will often be an extra attachment in the email. This month you have the Minutes of the AGM and the revised Constitution; in July there will be the programme for the coming year; in August there will be the application form for St Andrew's Night, and so on.

Read on for this month's news and reports.

Thames Boat Trip; Wednesday afternoon, 7th May

Twenty two members enjoyed this delightful outing on the Thames and if you were not one of them, you missed a treat! The weather was kind and the pace gentle, the spring foliage enhanced the views and some of us even saw a kingfisher. As we travelled from Eton Bridge to Monkey Island and back, the clear commentary on our surroundings and on local history was both informative and interesting. Lastly but definitely not least, we enjoyed some very tasty baking courtesy of four of our members. All agreed that a similar event next summer would be much appreciated.

"2nd Thursday" Coffee Mornings

In May the boat trip (described above) took the place of the monthly coffee morning.

On 12th June it was 'business as usual' at Carol's, with plentiful coffee, home-made cakes, much hilarity and lively chatter.

July 10th: the gathering will be at the Thames Hospice 'Café by the Lake' , 10.30 onwards.

August 14th: back to 'normal'!! 10.30 at Carol's. The following month will be the Macmillan Coffee Morning so the date will be 25th September, with more detail in the next newsletter.

Dancing

The Dance Class Party on 21st May also involved cake (!!) and, as is traditional, two hours of dancing with all the dances being special requests from members. It was a lovely combination of exercise and indulgence!

Summer Dancing will take place on the following Wednesdays:

18th June; 2nd , 16th , 30th July. (None at Slough in August)

On Tuesdays in alternate weeks there will be dancing at Maidenhead to which we are invited - **10th, 24th June; 8th, 22nd July; 5th, 19th August.**

Our weekly dancing will begin again on Wednesday 3rd September.

City Walk, led by Alan Hoskins

- The route is Clapham Junction to Battersea, 3.5 miles on pavements, from 11a.m. until approx. 2p.m.
- Meeting point: outside Sainsbury's Local, Clapham Junction
- If travelling from Windsor Riverside, use the 9.53am train
- Bring a picnic lunch, or there are food outlets available.
- At the end there will be an opportunity to visit Battersea Power Station.
- If you have a bus pass, bring it for the return journey to Clapham Junction Station.
- **Important:** please tell Alan if you're coming, 07926 381711.

A.G.M., 28th May

The minutes of this important meeting are attached separately. If, having read them, you have any queries or observations, please contact any member of Council.

The AGM was chaired by Lesley Sutton, our retiring President. Lesley has spent very many hours these last two years, working hard behind the scenes to facilitate Society events as well as wearing the chain of office and presiding on the more public occasions. The Council would like to put on record their appreciation of her dedication and example. While she is no longer officially a member of Council, we know that she is always there ready to offer practical advice and help when needed. Thank you, Lesley. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement.

St Andrew's Dinner & Dance

Please note this year's details, as they are different!

Date: **Friday** 28th November (Just for this year, not Saturday)

Venue: Royal Ascot Golf Club. (Since our previous event at this venue, it has been attractively refurbished and now has more space.)

Full details of the event and the application form will be included in the August newsletter.

News of members

We have been notified that, sadly, Hilary Stratton died on Monday 9th June. This was unexpected. Hilary was known best by those at our dancing and the Society will be represented at her funeral, for which the details are not yet available.

If you have any news or views that you would like published in our monthly newsletter, please contact any member of Council.

And finally, apologies that the June newsletter is slightly late, the reason being that the Council meeting was held on 12th June and certain details needed finalising. The July newsletter will be on time and will include the programme for the coming year.
