

# The Scots' Society of St Andrew

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Dear Member,

We have had a busy time in the Society since the New Year began. After a very good New Year lunch organised beautifully by Carol, we had two very enjoyable dance classes before our annual Burns' Night. As usual, Una made this a very special occasion and we all had great fun. We finished January with a Burns' Night Ceilidh which Kirstie made extra special with live music.

During February, along with three dance sessions we had a really good time with Alan Goddard who presented his annual quiz in his own inimitable fashion! I must learn how to make paper aeroplanes again. March produced three social occasions, lunch out organised very efficiently by Lesley and we have our Skittles evening next week on 15th. March. Our talk at the end of the month, entitled: 'When the Bell Goes Down' sounds fascinating and below are some words from our speaker, Mark Green, a former fireman.

*Mark joined the Fire and Rescue Service in 1978 as a naive 18 year old and spent the next 32 years attending a wide range of incidents including the Great Fire at Windsor Castle. Mark reflects on his career and looks at some of the amusing incidents he has attended as well as some of the more sobering ones. He talks about the wide variety of, sometimes very challenging, jobs that he has attended and about how his intense dislike for cooking led him on the path to promotion!*

This will be an entertaining talk on what fire-fighters have to face 'when the bell goes down'.

Before the AGM, when subs are due, we have lots more dancing to enjoy, amidst which will be another talk, this time from Una, about some of her travels. During this year 2023, the year of our 90th Anniversary, we will be doing some very special events, so watch out for dates and details.

Before I close, as you already know we are trying to recruit new members to our society and a number of us on the Council as well as Alan, Eleanor and Douglas have been having fun trying to get local Brownies to do Scottish dancing. The trouble is it would be a rather long time before they could join us, but we would be happy if we gained a few of their parents or Brown Owls!

Please don't forget Alan leads a walk for us on the last Friday of each month and this time we will be meeting at Horton Road car park in Datchet, SL3 9ER on 31st. March at 9.30 am. Alan suggests we pay for 3 hours of parking in the car park. Lots to join in with and lots to look forward to!

All the very best Cath

### Upcoming Events

- March 15th Skittles Evening (no dancing class )
- March 29th Talk "When the Bells go down" Mark Green  
(8.00 pm start, shared supper)
- April 19th Talk by Una "My travels in Kolkata and the Kaziranga Nature Reserve  
(8.00 pm start, shared supper)
- May 10th Dance Class Party 7.30pm start
- May 17th A.G.M. 8.00pm start

Cath mentioned special events . Here is a little more information about the first one.

### **Special Event**

**SAVE THE DATE - MAY 24th 2023**

**Canal boat trip and cream tea**

**A relaxing pleasurable afternoon guaranteed**

This will be the first special event of our 90th year so be sure to mark the date in your diary.

More details to follow shortly.