

# *The Scots' Society of St Andrew*

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## *September 2025 Newsletter*

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### **Forthcoming Events - Dates for the Diary**

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

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September: 10.30 onwards, coffee at Thames Hospice Café.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September: 10.30, Macmillan Coffee Morning.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October: Ceilidh, 7.30pm, Trinity URC.

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

**Dancing dates in September, and who's leading proceedings:**

*We start promptly at 7.30, have a break about 8.30 for a cuppa, a biscuit and a chat, and then finish at 9.30, having exercised our mind and body and also had a few laughs.*

- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>: Carol; the beginning of the new season.
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> : Carol; with dances old and new.
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>: Peter Loveland; our 'guest teacher'.
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>: the 'in-house team'.

**Coffee Mornings**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September AND Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October

The monthly gathering for coffee, at 10.30, will be held at the Thames Hospice "Café by the Lake", because ...

on **25<sup>th</sup> September** will be the **Macmillan Coffee Morning**.

Details for this fundraiser are as follows:

- 10.30a.m. at Carol's; Monkey Island Court, SL6 2LL
- Please share transport if possible and park where indicated by the green and white balloons.
- To ensure there is adequate seating, please book your place in advance on 07712238165.
- Ample coffee and cake will be provided at £1 per item.
- The raffle will also be £1 per ticket, so please bring plenty of cash (or a cheque book, if you prefer).
- Please also bring a container to take home extra cake!

**Donations of cake and raffle prizes would be appreciated.**

**Ceilidh: Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30 p.m. at Trinity URC Hall**

*"Ceilidh: informal gathering for song & story. [Gaelic]"* So says my trusty Oxford dictionary, printed in 1964 (!), but we all know that it is much more than that, as Kirstie our ceilidh convenor describes below:

*"Come along on 15<sup>th</sup> October for the musical ceilidh evening with dancing, 3 Thistles singing, Scottish tales and recitations, and community singing. Within all that activity there will be a shared supper to sustain us all."*

Ceilidhs are very much part of our Scots' Society tradition so come with friends and family, plus a plate of tasty finger food to share. You are guaranteed a very jolly evening.

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

The August newsletter contained all the necessary details for our annual flagship event, as do the attachments provided again for your convenience. Convenor Jane writes:

*28<sup>th</sup> November feels a long way off, but as the weather starts to cool, why not have something to look forward to and book your tickets for St Andrew's Night Dinner & Dance? Still plenty of time with a closing date of 24<sup>th</sup> October - but as this event is always popular and fully subscribed, don't delay too long! We look forward to seeing you there.*

**Royal Ascot Golf Club      6.30 for 7pm until 11.45pm**

**Members £52    Non-members £56**

Our amazing John has, unfortunately, had to postpone his charity SKYDIVE (see July & August newsletters). There will be an update in the October newsletter. Meanwhile, we are sure to see John participating enthusiastically in our Wednesday dances.

**Alan's Battersea Walk, number 2:**  
**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August**



25 "assorted" Ramblers joined this walk, the route of which was described in full in the July newsletter.



Eleanor took the photos (thank you!).

**Can you spot Alan, Linda and Magi??**

**Bonnie Scotland & "Bonnie Scottish Lassies"**



Una (on holiday) met Sheila M. (who was visiting her sister) at Clachnaharry at the head of the Caledonian Canal.

Una on the bridge at Invermoriston en route to Kyle of Lochalsh.



We welcome contributions for the October newsletter.