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NEWSLETTER - April 2015

Dear Member

As I write, the sun is shining brightly and the daffodils and cherry blossom are putting on a glorious show. Spring is definitely here and summer is round the corner! Meanwhile, the Scots' Society has been having fun, with lots more in the pipeline. Read on!

RECENT EVENTS

Quiz Evening, Wednesday 11th February:

A talk on the Titanic was scheduled for this date but, very sadly, our speaker died and we had to rethink at short notice. The ever-resourceful Jean Porter offered to host her quiz evening a month early and to find a speaker for the following month. So it was that 26 of us gathered that evening in February to have our little grey cells tickled and tested in several rounds of questions on assorted topics. Some fascinating facts emerged which I did not know - and frustratingly have now forgotten, as is the way these days. It was a most enjoyable evening; thank you, Jean!

Talk, Wednesday 11th March:

We were very fortunate that Barbara Askew of Stoke Poges, a Blue Badge Guide of great experience, was free to talk to us this evening. The topic chosen was 'An affectionate look at Queen Victoria'. Accompanied by both familiar and less well-known slides, Barbara took us through the Queen's life with entertaining and informative anecdotes, giving a very thorough and sometimes surprising picture of our longest-reigning monarch. As is our custom, we then adjourned to the small tables for a sociable and delicious shared supper. Once again, thanks go to Jean for convening the evening.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

A Light Entertainment, Wednesday 15th April:

It's that lass again! Jean Porter will be displaying her dramatic skills this time, accompanying our main guest, Jenny Harper-Jones, in a programme of readings and music on the topic of 'Love and Marriage', with heart-shaped refreshments provided. The newsletters will be available this evening, all being well.

DANCING

There are just two Dance Classes remaining this season - April 22nd (Peter) and April 29th. On Wednesday 13th May there will be the Dance Class Party with favourite dances and home-made cakes, another popular custom!

Thereafter, once a fortnight, there will be informal Summer Dancing, on the following dates:

27 May 10 June 24 June 8 July 22 July 5 August 19 August

Come along to keep up your fitness and your memory - and to enjoy!

****** V. E. Commemoration, Wednesday 6th May ******

We invite you to join in this very special party to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Victory in Europe. There will be 1940's music and dancing, recollections and visual displays - with the obligatory 'street-party tea' in the interval. If you feel inspired, 1940's dress (and/or patriotic colours) would add to the atmosphere. Entry is by ticket only.

Tickets, £5.00 each, available from Carol (address etc. on the heading)

Eating Out, Saturday 6th June: details available from Lesley & Dick Sutton, after April.

Theatre Outing, Friday 10th July: WEO will perform Verdi's 'La Traviata' at Eton. Tickets at £18 (group price) from Fran Costello 01753 867425.

Windsor Races, Monday 13th July: There will be a Cuban theme to this evening. Get your reduced price tickets in advance from Richard Smart. More details at the AGM on 20th May.

Ramble & Refreshment, Sunday 9th August: A non-hilly 4 mile walk near Holyport, with pub refreshment to follow. Richard Smart will be our leader. More details at the AGM.

A.G.M., 8.00pm Wednesday 20th May at Trinity URC

There is business to be done if the Society is to run!

It is vital that you, the members, attend this annual meeting in order not only to give your views and vote but also to see what you can offer in the way of help to run our functions. Everyone has his/her expertise: - planning, ideas, contacts, baking, visual displays, making tea, setting out/putting away the chairs etc. - you name it, we can use your skills for one of next season's events. The point is, the same few cannot (and should not) do everything so a bit of help when asked is going to be essential if events are to happen. The Council members are going to be more pro-active at asking so please do your bit, with a smile!

The AGM will include reports from the Officers (Secretary's & Treasurer's enclosed) and elections. The remarkable Wolf Stephen will be stepping down as Treasurer after 11 loyal years of service; our Honorary Member has earned his retirement! Council members Fran Costello & Dick Sutton have one more year to serve; Una Barnard, Graham Berry, Angela Murphy, Jean Porter & Lesley Sutton are available for re-election to Council. There is room for more! A nomination form is enclosed for you to use. We would welcome 'fresh blood'.

As always, there will be wine and nibbles to follow our discussions - a chance to socialise and to **pay your 2015-16 subscription!**

I look forward to your input (in person or email/post) for the AGM.

Carol Berry