

The Scots' Society of St Andrew

Slough, Windsor & District

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July 2026 Newsletter

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Forthcoming events - dates for your diary.

Wed. 8th & 22nd July; Wed. 5th & 19th August - Summer Dancing

Thurs. 9th July - Coffee at Thames Hospice

Thurs. 13th August - "2nd Thursday Coffee" at Carol's

Wed. 2nd September - First Dancing of New Season

Sat. 26th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning

Sat. 21st November - St. Andrew's Dinner & Dance

Sat. 9th January 2027 - New Year Lunch

Sat. 6th February 2027 - Burns' Supper & Ceilidh

Programme for 2026 - 2027

The new programme will be available next month. Meanwhile, please do make a note of the important dates listed above.

The minutes of this year's AGM are attached separately. It is important that you read them and keep abreast of matters concerning our Society, especially the discussions on the annual programme and on the finances. These minutes will be sent out again prior to next year's AGM as a reminder.

Subscriptions have been kept at £10. Payment is due and can be paid by BACS, sent to the Treasurer as a cheque or paid in cash to any Council member. Full payment details below:

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.

Windsor Theatre Matinee

Following a suggestion at the AGM that a theatre trip would be a popular outing, here is a message from Cath:

In order to see if a theatre trip is viable, I need to know who would be interested in the matinee detailed below:

"The Mousetrap" on Thursday 15th October

Tickets in the Royal Stalls would be £39

There is a possible reduction in price for at least 10 takers

To show your interest, please email Cath NOW on sloughscots@gmail.com because tickets for this production will disappear fast!

The dates for Summer Social Dancing are listed on page 1. We had to cancel dancing on 24th June because of the heat. This situation may arise again so please always check your emails for any further cancellations or weather-related news.

St Andrew's Day - a wee note from Jane

Towards the end of November a lot happens around the world ...

- *crowds gather in Patras, Greece, ready for an all-night vigil;
- *thousands of pilgrims from Romania, Bulgaria and Ukraine gather at a monastery near a cave by the Black Sea port of Constanta;
- *hundreds of tin cans are dragged along the streets of Puerto de la Cruz as Tenerife marks 'San Andres Day';
- *in Barbados a grand military parade is held with landmarks illuminated in the national colours of blue and yellow;

BUT if you wish to mark the day closer to home,
then please put

Saturday 21st November 2026

in your diary and invite your friends to do the same.

We shall have a traditional Scottish celebration of Scotland's patron saint and our Society's 'namesake' at the Royal Ascot Golf Club, with dancing, the wonderful Strathallan Band and a sumptuous meal.

Full details will be set out in the August newsletter but, in the meantime, please do drum up support so that we can make this celebration one of our best.

Our River Trip - a report by convenor Cath

On Wednesday 3rd June 2026 sixteen of us took a trip on the Thames from Windsor Promenade. We were so lucky with the weather, as there had been a lot of rainy days up to this point.

Our journey took us downstream, but began with a brief section upstream, before turning to go down through Romney Lock towards Old Windsor. The cruise travelled through the Crown Estate land giving fantastic views of Windsor Castle and His Majesty's back garden. We went through Datchet towards Old Windsor before turning and arriving back at our starting place. In fact the skipper took us on an extra loop towards the end to show us more of the river and the lovely scenery. It turned out that he had been a pupil at the school where Cath taught at the end of her career!

There was a very informative commentary throughout our trip and all our passengers were treated to some delicious homemade cakes and shortbread en route, to go with whatever drinks they had purchased at the bar.

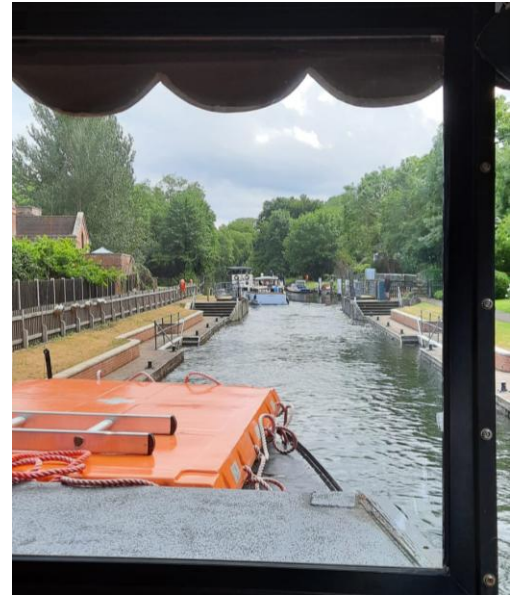
Thank you for the photographs - Cath, Dick, Lesley and Una.



As you can see, the swans gathered to see us off.



Negotiating Romney Lock



Cake, anyone,
to go with your
cup of tea?



The roof had to be lowered for
us to sail under Eton Bridge, but
Una was a tad late ducking!! Not
too late, fortunately.

Our cruise ended with that
iconic view of Windsor Castle.

