The Scots' Society of St Andrew

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Forthcoming events – dates for your diary.

Wed. 6th & Wed. 13th May - Dancing with Carol

Thurs. 14th May – Coffee at Thames Hospice, 10.30.

Wed. 20th May - Dance Summer Party

Wed. 27th May - **A.G.M.** , including socialising from 7pm.

Wed. 3rd June – Thames River Trip (see p. 3)

Thurs. 11th June - "*2nd Thursday Coffee*" at Carol's, 10.30.

At the **Summer Dance Party** (20th May) the programme traditionally includes dances specially requested by members. Which is your favourite jig, reel or strathspey? Let us know. We shall indulge in cake in the interval and finish ½ hour later, at 10pm. If any non-dancers wish to come, watch and eat cake, you would be more than welcome.

A.G.M., Wednesday 27th May – a message from Council

This year we shall begin at 7.00pm, with refreshments of wine, soft drinks and nibbles of tasty finger food. The meeting will begin promptly at 7.30, with socialising continuing in the usual way afterwards. Please make every effort to be there.

The following documents are attached in the email for you to read beforehand: *Agenda; minutes of last year's AGM; Secretary's Report; Treasurer's Report; Nomination form*. The Council work very hard all year so please do show your support and help them by studying the reports and making a note of your queries or comments in readiness for the meeting. Thank you.

A crucial item to be discussed is the annual programme. At last year's AGM it was agreed that, for one year, we would dance every Wednesday evening and hold other events at other times.

The past year has included: 2 Ceilidhs on Wednesday evenings; a coffee morning every '2nd Thursday'; lunch out (October) and a talk (March), both Thursdays; a Skittles Evening (Thursday). *[In a survey, Thursday was the most popular day other than Wednesday.]* The Summer River Trip will be a Wednesday. "St Andrew's", New Year Lunch and "Burns'" all take place as usual on suitable dates.

We greatly appreciate the loyal support of our regular dancing members, at the same time realising that some members are unable to attend events in the evening, especially in winter. It is important always to remember that we are a Scots' Society (not a Dance Club like others in our area and beyond) and we therefore aim to offer a variety of events. To enable this varied programme, perhaps you could consider what contribution (however small) you could make towards any of our activities.

Please may we encourage you to think about how this trial year has worked for you and what recommendations you would make. We would appreciate your contribution to our discussion at the AGM and we look forward to seeing you on 27th May.

Thames River Trip: Wednesday 3rd June

Do join us for this year's special outing! The boat will be leaving **Windsor Promenade** promptly at **2.00pm**.

We shall travel through Romney Lock and downstream through the Crown Estate – with fantastic views of Windsor Castle and His Majesty's back garden, then through Datchet towards Old Windsor. We return to Windsor Promenade at **4.00pm**, bursting with fascinating facts from the very informative running commentary by the skipper.

We may also be 'bursting' after enjoying tasty cakes and biscuits made by our members, at about 3pm. For tea & coffee, there is a bar on board which is cash only.

The cost for this lovely outing is £18 for members, £20 for non-members. Contact Cath on sloughscots@gmail.com or on 07952 306 576 before the closing date, Wed. 20th May.

BACS: sort code: 20-78-58; A/C No. 00689939; Ref: RIVER. A/C Name (for BACS and cheques): The Scots' Society of St Andrew. Cash is also very acceptable.

Do book as soon as possible!

Summer Dancing in June, July and August has yet to be finalised. The logistics are not always easy for this! Details and dates will appear in the June newsletter. If the weather were to prove too hot on any dancing night, we shall probably just meet for a 'walked dance' or two, plus tea and a natter!

Skittles Evening: Thursday 9th April - a report by Cath

A group of 27 members of the Scots' Society and their friends descended on The Greyhound pub in Eton Wick, eager to show their skill at skittles. It was a very lively evening with much good-hearted rivalry between the 7 teams. The winning team, with the name of Euan, were all presented with a bottle of wine for their efforts. The highest scoring lady and man also received one each. The prize for the most amazing feats of the evening was given to Jacqui Jones from team Bonnie, who treated us all to a couple of very interesting throws. On one she pitched the ball standing backwards and another time she managed to send the ball down the gully on the right of the alley!

It was an evening of fun and laughter, as you may imagine. Half way through we were treated to a very tasty and substantial buffet supper and nobody went home hungry. We will definitely return next year to one of the only skittle alleys still open in the area.

Thank you, Cath, for your excellent organisation of the event which, by all accounts, was a roaring success. And thanks also go to Lesley and Dick for the following photographs which capture the fun atmosphere.

I think Lesley means business!

Jane is perhaps pausing to discuss technique?

The spectators certainly enjoyed the variety of bowling styles and always cheered the resulting score.