

The Scots' Society of St Andrew

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Forthcoming Events - Dates for the Diary

Wed. 1st + 8th October: Dancing: Carol + 'in-house team'

Thursday 9th October: 10.30, Coffee at Thames Hospice Café

Wednesday 15th October: Ceilidh, 7.30pm, Trinity URC.

Wed. 22nd + 29th October: Dancing: Carol

Wed 5th November: Dancing: **Firework Night!**

Thursday 13th November: **NEW** - Eating Out

Friday 28th November: St Andrew's Dinner and Dance.

HE HAS DONE IT !! The amazing John Symmonds, aged 97. Here, from daughter Gillian, is the report on his Skydive:

On Friday 19th September, an absolutely perfect weather day, John and his brilliant tandem guide jumped from 6,850ft, free-falling for 25 seconds and reaching a speed of 80mph, before the guide released the parachute at 3,850ft. It was all about enjoying the view after that until the guide brought them down to a perfect landing.

With this skydive John has now completed the trio of challenges he set himself to raise money for the absolutely fantastic Thames Hospice. John's lovely wife Ann passed away in 2021 and was able to spend her final precious weeks at home thanks to the help and support of the Thames Hospice nurses, who were there any time of the day or night that they were needed. In total John has now raised over £19,000 for the Hospice. Whilst keeping his feet firmly on *terra firma* in future, John intends to keep supporting Thames Hospice and is looking forward to taking part in the Hospice's Sunflower Walk next September.



**Congratulations, John,
from all of us.**

Photos show:

'before', 'during', 'after'.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

A HUGE 'thank you' to the members of our Scots' Society. At the Coffee Morning on Thursday 25th September at Carol's, the marvellous sum of £550 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support. A further £50 of Gift Aid can be added. Extra thanks go to those who baked delicious cakes and/or donated prizes for the raffle. A very jolly time was had by all; as well as coffee, cake and raffle, we had a wee quiz, lots of chatter and banter, and plenty of laughter - and we raised a tidy sum.

A new date for your diary - Eating Out

On Thursday 13th November we shall be meeting for lunch at Oaktree Garden Centre (Bracknell Road, Warfield, RG42 6LH) opposite The Stirrups. The manager has kindly agreed to reserve an area for us and put tables together. A copy of the lunch menu is attached separately but you don't need to order in advance, just think about it. In fact, on the day you might choose one of the 'Daily Specials'. We shall meet about 12 noon; time to be confirmed in November's newsletter. Of course you can also enjoy browsing through the attractive gifts, plants and other merchandise before or after your meal. As we are reserving tables, it is very important that we know numbers in advance. Text/phone Carol on 07712238165 or contact any Council member.

We look forward to a large gathering of us.

Ceilidh: Wed. 15th October, 7.30 p.m. at Trinity URC Hall

Kirstie has planned a lively interesting evening for us - music, dancing, recitations etc. - so do come with friends and family, plus a plate of tasty finger food to share. You are guaranteed a very jolly evening, as is our tradition.

St Andrew's Dinner and Dance: Friday 28th November

Here is an autumnal message from the convenor Jane:

The definite nip in the air in the early morning and the retrieval of my woolly slippers from the cupboard tell me that we are well into the transition from summer to autumn. However, I still find myself surprised that there are just over three weeks until the closing date for ticket applications to St Andrew's Night. This is my last chance to send a reminder before the closing date of 24th October. Please don't leave it until the last minute - tickets are steadily going.

Full details are in the separate attachment.

Subscriptions: There are still a few who have not paid their subscription for the year 2025-2026. You know who you are !! Do make our Treasurer's day and send your £10 as soon as possible.

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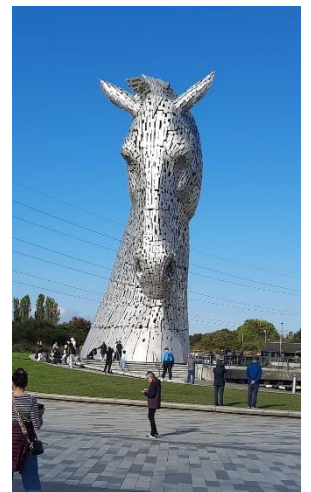
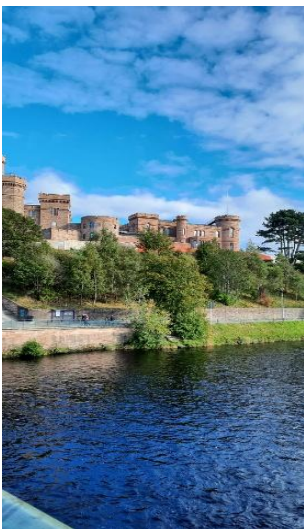
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Continuing our series of ...
"Scots' Society members in Scotland"

Our Secretary Cath has been exploring in **Oban**, at **Cawdor Castle** and at **Falkirk** - the famous **Wheel** and **The Kelpies**.
And just look at that September weather!



P.S.

Two 'old' photos for fun:

John S at Morris Dancing,
and a Cameron in Cameron
Square, Fort William.

