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NEWSLETTER - November 2018

Dear Member

A great deal has been happening since the previous newsletter and there is plenty more in store for us so, without more ado, I will move on to the details.

RECENT EVENTS

Skittles Evening, Saturday 15th September: This event at The Greyhound, Eton Wick, has become our traditional social evening to start the new season, and it was great fun as always. The attendance was 32, the ideal number for the space available, and we also had several on the waiting list. (Memo to all: book early!) The hot supper and 4 rounds of bowling were much enjoyed and prizes were duly awarded after jovial but competitive participation by the eight teams.

Theatre Outing, Wednesday 26th September: Wednesday was the Dress Rehearsal for The Marriage of Figaro by Mozart, performed By Windsor & Eton Opera at Norden Farm Maidenhead. We were privileged to be invited to attend, at reduced price, which proved to be a novel and entertaining experience, with the added drama of costume and staging effects to complement the tuneful music.

Talk, Wednesday 3rd October: Part 2 of Malcolm Nelson's "40 years of Catching Smugglers" did not disappoint. Malcolm knows how to keep his audience entertained and, as before, his stories were fascinating, surprising and amusing. His talk was very much appreciated - as was the Shared Supper ...

Hallowe'en Social, Wednesday 31st October: Lesley and Una worked hard to provide a traditional evening: the room was decorated very impressively with all manner of appropriate hangings and wall art; many guests sported interesting costumes; Witches' Brew served as a welcome drink; games, mime & draw, and dancing made up the programme; we enjoyed an excellent supper of sausage, jacket potato and beans, plus 'orrible jelly (that is, set with 'orrible-looking sweets!) and chocolate bites; lots of willing help before, during and after the event was much appreciated; in short, a jolly evening with atmosphere!

A Birthday Party, Wednesday 14th November: Our convenor Cath Hockley says " Any excuse for a fun evening with friends! On 14th November we will celebrate Prince Charles's 70th birthday with a party of our own. Along with tasty food and drink, we will enjoy some entertainment to take us back to Prince Charles's childhood - and our own. There will of course be dancing as well. Please invite your friends to join us for this special celebration." As substantial refreshments are being provided, the cost will be £6 for members and £7 for non-members - well worth it for a grand evening.

St Andrew's Dinner & Dance, Saturday 24th November: We hope you have already booked your tickets, otherwise it's too late! (Eleanor & Alan would very much appreciate donations for the raffle, soon if possible, so that they can ensure 'a good mix'.) Finally, please remember - arrive by 7pm at the latest.

St Andrew's Service, Sunday 25th November: All members are invited to Trinity URC for the annual St Andrew's service at 10pm. The Mayor and our President will be in attendance, with proceedings led by our own Mary Carpenter. Please wear something tartan. Coffee, shortbread and socialising afterwards.

Ceilidh and Costumes, Wednesday 5th December: No, you don't have to dress up! The event is actually an opportunity for us to find good homes for the many costumes and props that the Society has acquired over the decades to grace our various shows and performances. Various local drama groups are showing interest; if you know of anyone interested, please bring them! Apart from the costume display, the evening will be a traditional Scottish ceilidh - song, dance, poetry - with tasty refreshments, of course. The cost will be £4 for members, £5 for non-members.

Christmas Party, Wednesday 19th December: This event needs no introduction - all the usual ingredients including mulled wine and refreshments. Cost £5 members, £6 non-members. We hope to see you at this final social of 2018.

New Year Lunch, Saturday 5th January 2019: An opportunity to wish everyone A Happy New Year. Arrive at Trinity any time after 12 noon for lunch at 12.30, followed by the usual mix of entertainment. Tickets will be £23 for members, £25 for non-members. Please choose your meal from the menu below, fill in the attached form and return it to me, Carol, by Wed. 19 December.

Beef Goulash (diced beef in a rich tomato sauce, not spicy, just a hint of warmth)
OR Chicken & Ham Pie **OR** Roasted Vegetable Quiche (all with seasonal vegetables)
Chocolate & Black Cherry Roulade **OR** Normandy Pear Tart in Walnut Pastry

'Barging About', Wednesday 16th January: An evening hosted by Tony & Rowena Welsh; Tony says "The canals of Britain are a wonderful heritage dating back to the late 18th century Industrial Revolution. We, as devoted annual-hire bargee members since 1976, will enable you to appreciate the fabulous engineering feats involved in the canals' construction and to enjoy the now more peaceful delights of their natural surroundings." Light refreshments will be included; £4 members, £5 'non'. Should be good!

Burns' Supper & Ceilidh, Saturday 26th January: Your application form is attached; don't delay, send it in right away! This popular evening will follow its usual tradition: New Windsor Community Centre, Hanover Way; 6.15 for 6.45pm; £27 members, £30 non-members; haggis supper; an entertaining celebration of Robert Burns and of 'Scottishness'. Forms to Una, please, by Wednesday 9th January.

Quiz Evening, Wednesday 13th February: By popular request, Alan Goddard returns to help us activate our little grey cells in a friendly yet competitive quiz. Shared supper. Come along and join in the fun!

Don't forget our DANCING - all the other Wednesdays! See your programme for the dates.

** We are compiling a list of those requiring a lift to our functions and those willing to offer a lift. **
Please let me have your details as appropriate so that I can be sure we don't miss anyone at our events.

We hope to see you soon.

Carol Berry, Hon. Secretary