

The Scots' Society of St Andrew

Slough, Windsor & District

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November 2025 Newsletter

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Forthcoming Events - November Dates for the Diary

Wed. 5th November: Dancing: Firework Night! (p.2)

Wed 12th November: Dancing: Carol

Thursday 13th November: NEW - Eating Out (p.2)

Wed. 19th November: Dancing: John Fletcher

Wed. 26th November: Dancing: Carol

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

Sunday 30th November: St Andrew's Service (p.3)

Dancing: 'special' days in November and December

November 5th is our Firework Night! The dances will be themed accordingly, there will be tasty refreshments, some (indoor!) sparklers, - an altogether colourful evening, especially if you come dressed in fiery hues. All welcome.

November 19th : Our guest teacher this month is John Fletcher who earlier this year eloquently proposed the Toast to the Immortal Memory at Burns' Night. He will certainly lead us in some entertaining dances.

December 17th: our Christmas Dance Party. Details in the next newsletter; jollity is guaranteed. All welcome.

'Eating out' on Thursday 13th November

What: Lunch: menu attached; no pre-ordering necessary.

Time: 11.30 for 12 noon, to allow time to get settled ...

Venue: Oaktree Garden Centre; directions in separate attachment.

Action needed: Please confirm your attendance; text/phone Carol on 07712238165 by Wed. 5th November. Numbers are needed as tables will be reserved - see October newsletter.

2nd Thursday Coffee Mornings

November 13th: arrive early for lunch; have coffee as we assemble! No separate coffee morning this month.

December 11th: 'Christmas Coffee' at Carol's. Seasonal treats (and mini-quiz!!) included. All welcome; please book!

St Andrew's Day Service, Sunday 30th November:

Trinity United Reformed Church, 106 Windsor Rd, Slough SL1 2JA

Our 'liaison officer' (as it were), Una, writes as follows:

The St Andrew's Service starts at 10.30 a.m. and will be led by our visiting preacher Derek Wensley. Tea, coffee, shortbread and pancakes will be served afterwards in the Church Hall. We hope as many of you as possible will join us. A touch of tartan in your attire will be much appreciated.

St Andrew's Dinner & Dance will be on Friday 28th November so a late night then need not affect getting up for church on Sunday! If you have still not booked your place for St Andrew's Night, contact the convenor Jane very soon! jane.seber@gmail.com.

New Year Lunch, Sat. 10th January 2026, 12 - 4pm

It seems early to be thinking about 2026, but meals need booking and other plans made ...

Our traditional lunch has a new caterer this year. The menu below sounds delicious and Chris the chef is a very co-operative person, so all should be well. The application form is attached separately so please choose from these options and book your place as soon as possible, 17th December latest.

Beef in Guinness Pie OR **Creamy Lemon Tarragon Chicken** OR
Mushroom & Stilton Stroganoff, plus fresh vegetables.

Raspberry Crème Brulee OR **Chocolate Torte**, plus coffee etc.

Seasonal entertainment will follow the meal.

Members - £32, Non-members - £34. **Details on the form.**

Ceilidh: Wednesday 15th October

Kirstie the convenor reports as follows:

The ceilidh was enjoyed by 25 members and friends. We started with 2 dances led by Carol, called Celtic Harmonies and Ceilidh Madness, appropriate and not too difficult; we all felt we completed them with not too many errors.

Una then gave us an amusing reading about a greedy young boy and the possible (!!) origins of a haggis, a rather gory tale told with relish!

A friend of Kirstie's, Aggie Norris, entertained us with 3 Scottish songs including 'I belong to Glasgow' dressed as a wee drunk man, with Tam o' Shanter and all. What a laugh!

Tony and Rowena sang The Isle of Mull, accompanied by Kirstie on the piano (*see photo on next page*), and I Love a Lassie and The Keel Row with everyone joining in. We then enjoyed a delicious shared supper.

After our refreshments, Carol 'volunteered' 6 dancers to perform 'After Supper Sweepers', with props of brooms and rubbish bags, a right laugh - some of those men had used brooms before!

Cath told us tales from her recent cruise where one of the speakers was Grant Harold, former butler to King Charles III (then Prince of Wales) and his family. What do we not know about the royals now!

We danced The Highland Rambler and then Tony and Rowena finished off the evening leading 'Wild Mountain Thyme' with Kirstie on the accordion, and finally our traditional sign off Auld Lang Syne.

The evening went without a hitch, thanks to lots of help beforehand setting out tables & chairs and the sound system and, in the kitchen, preparing and clearing away.

Great teamwork! Thank you to chief organiser, Kirstie.

Tony, Rowena and Kirstie entertaining us at the ceilidh



We welcome photographs for the newsletter so feel free to send any you think suitable to sloughscots@gmail.com.

Meanwhile here are two lovely ones that missed inclusion in the October newsletter:

John (97!!) coming in to land, and his gentle controlled landing.



What a man! Well done, John.