

The Scots' Society of St Andrew

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March 2026 Newsletter

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Thank you, Eleanor, plus Dick and Jane, for the photographs.

Forthcoming events - dates for your diary.

Wed. 4th, & 11th March - Dancing, with Carol

Thurs. 12th March - TVAA Talk & Afternoon Tea (see p.2)

Wed. 18th March - Dancing with Peter Loveland

Wed. 25th March - Ceilidh, with Kirstie (see p. 2)

Wed. 1st April - "Foolish Dancing" ??!!

Wed. 8th & 15th April - Dancing, with Carol

Thursday 9th April - Skittles Evening (see p.2)

Wed. 22nd April - "St George's" Dancing, with Datchet.

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

TVAA Talk & Afternoon Tea

Thursday 12th March, 2.30pm, at Trinity URC Hall

Tickets have been going well. Please share transport wherever possible, to facilitate parking. Thank you. (Details - see last month)

The deadline for booking is Wednesday 4th March.

Members £5, non-members £6; contact Carol 07712238165.

Ceilidh: Wednesday 25th March, 7.30pm at TURC

Convenor Kirstie writes as follows: Do come along to our March ceilidh, only £3 for members, £4 for non-members. We hope to entertain you with lots of fun, including poetry, readings, dance and musical numbers with ukelele, accordion, piano and singing.

We look forward to delighting you all and hope you will join us - complete with a tasty contribution to the shared supper.

Skittles Evening: Thursday 9th April

Convenor Cath writes: Our next Skittles evening has been booked! It will take place at the Greyhound Pub, Eton Wick, SL4 6JE, with a buffet meal at half-time. Arrive 6.30-6.45 for a prompt 7pm start. The prices remain the same as last year, a bargain £16 for members, £18 for non-members. Numbers are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. Contact Cath on Sloughscots e-mail or on 07952 306 576 before the closing date, Wednesday 18th March.

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

Thames River Trip - see page 3 (next page)

Message from Cath: Thames River Trip - save the date!

After our lovely trip upstream from Windsor promenade last year with French Brothers, this year on Wednesday 3rd June we will be enjoying a trip downstream, cruising through Romney Lock. We shall see the back garden of Windsor Castle and many hidden treasures, before returning to our departure point. Throughout there will be a very informative commentary. Drinks will be available to purchase at the bar (cash only!). There will be delicious cakes from our lovely home-bakers, served to you about 3 o'clock. More detail in April.

St Andrew's Night 2026: convenor Jane writes ... Save the date!

Unusually, St Andrew's 2025 was held on a Friday so here is plenty of notice that in 2026 we will revert to a Saturday, 21st November. Mark it in your diary and let your friends know. I do hope that you will be able to join us. More details later in the year ...

Burns' Supper & Ceilidh: *here is convenor Una's report.*

Red roses! Heart-shaped chocolates! Is this St Valentine's Day? Well, yes, but this year we had to hold our Burns' celebration on 14th February, so we made the most of it. The haggis was piped in and addressed; after a delicious meal, a speech honouring the Immortal Memory, a toast to the Lassies and a reply, 53 members and friends enjoyed a traditional ceilidh with dancing, piping, poetry recitations and singing, plus a well-stocked raffle. If you weren't there, you missed a treat - a truly splendid way to celebrate Scotland's national bard.

Burn's Supper 2027: already booked for 6th February. Make a note!

On Saturday morning, after much hard work, the room looked elegant and inviting...
The meal was much enjoyed, and the haggis plentiful.



But first, the haggis was paraded and dramatically addressed.



Then - after soup, haggis, dessert and speeches - the ceilidh.



The Gay Gordons

Piper Ron





Nearly ready to dance ...

A Burns recitation



Right hands across - a typical move in the dancing.

Our very own "Thistle Trio" leading the singing.

Last of all, at 11.30, there was Auld Lang Syne.

P.S.

Here is a favourite photo from the pantomime that missed the cut last month: *Mmm! Luverly hunny!*

Important note

April's newsletter will be a week late.

