



The Scots' Society of St Andrew, Bedford

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Newsletter.....June 2017

A Message from the President - Ian Kirk

Since our last Newsletter, I am pleased to say that at the AGM we were able to elect a further 3 committee members, Jenny Briscoe, Stephen Doe & Thelma Mc-Nairn Doe. This will allow us to run events currently scheduled for the coming year.

At the AGM I confirmed my intention to continue as President for a further year without a Vice-President. However, as previously stated, unless a Vice-President can be appointed soon, ready to step into my shoes at the next AGM, then this will become an EGM and the Society will be dissolved.

This was stated in the information recently circulated to all members by John Thompson, with 'The Programme of Events' for the coming year. We will now only book our major events a year in advance, at each event. Previously we have booked for the year to the AGM. The first occasion when this will occur will be President's Night in September.

Events held since our last Newsletter are 'Pub Skittles' at the Polhill Arms, the 'EMASS Summer Outing' this year held in Derby and 'Tea with the President' at The Park Pub and Kitchen. Reports on these events can be seen later in this Newsletter.

We have a full programme of events arranged from now till the AGM. I hope all members will continue to support us, in the hope that we may be able to keep the Society running. Our next event will be the Society Summer Outing to the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew on 12th July. I look forward to seeing many of you on this trip.

Report on Scots' Society Pub Skittles 13th April 2017

Our annual Pub Skittles event was again held at the Polhill Arms in Renhold.

This a regular event in our calendar, is a time to enjoy a social evening with good company and a gourmet buffet supper, including chips and a pot of chilli!





This year there were 22 persons attending and the winners were Gerry Stafford & Julia Tubby, second prize was Les Barr & Ann Kirk and third prize was Roger Whitbread & Linda Reed.

Julia Tubby

Report on Scots' Society AGM 3rd May 2017

Following a welcome and initial agenda proceedings, reports were made by the President, Secretary and Treasurer detailing the activities of the past year. Three new committee members were elected, Jenny Briscoe, Stephen Doe and Thelma McNairn-Doe, which will allow the Society to continue for another year.

The existing Committee and Examiner were also elected to their current positions. They are Ian Kirk, President; Maureen Mathie, Secretary; John Thompson, Treasurer; Julia Tubby, Committee Member and Les Barr, Examiner. The President gave thanks to all committee members for their contributions to running Society activities for the past year. Special thanks was given to Bob Buchanan, a Past President and Committee Member since his Presidency in 2010, who retires this year.

It was stated that after this coming year the future of the Society is uncertain, it has been operating without a Vice-President for the past two years and unless anyone else is prepared to accept the role, it is likely that the Society will be dissolved next year in accordance with the Special Notice sent to all members with the AGM Notice.

A donation of £350 was made to this year's charity, the M S Therapy centre. Donations of £200 each were also made to the Bedford Scottish Dance group and the Bedford Pipe Band. The charity for next year was elected as Sight Concern.

Reports on behalf of the Bedford Scottish Dance group and Bedford Pipe Band were presented by George Hogg and Donald Reid.

The programme for the coming year was given by Maureen Mathie.

The importance and relevance of EMASS activities was debated, as requested. After much discussion, it was agreed that the main benefit is seen as the social contact and support from other societies at EMASS events. The result of these discussion would be forwarded to the EMASS Secretary.

The evening ended with members being served tea or coffee.

Ian Kirk



A cheque for £200 was donated to Donald Reed for the Bedford Pipe Band



A cheque for £200 was donated to George Hogg for the Scottish Dance Club

EMASS Summer Outing

The EMASS summer outing was held at Rolleston-on-Dove, Derbyshire, on Saturday 10th June 2017.

Julia Tubby and Roger Whitbread represented the Bedford Society on the day and joined Ian and Ann Slatter and Vida and Hamish Brown of the Corby Society. We formed a combined team and were successful in winning the Games Shield. The quiz competition was won by Derby.

The result was that we had a very enjoyable day and evening.

Julia Tubby



President's Tea - Tuesday 14th June 2017 held at The Park Pub & Kitchen,
Kimbolton Rd, Bedford.

This event was again held at the Park Pub & Restaurant on Park Avenue.

Twenty-six members enjoyed a great spread of sandwiches, cakes and enormous scones (not forgetting the jam and cream) and endless cups of tea and coffee. A raffle was held, and most of those buying tickets went away with a prize, or two!

There was much talking and catching up with friends old and new. I think it is safe to say, that everyone had a great time.

Julia Tubby





Summer Fete 2017

Our President, Ian, set up a stall at Milton Ernest Fete on Saturday 24th June, and, with the aim to have fun and promote the Scots Society of St Andrew, Bedford, he and fellow helpers from the Society ran two competitions. Firstly, it was 'Guess the Weight of the Haggis', and secondly, 'Name the Highland Cow'. For your interest the haggis weighed 9lbs 13oz (2x Haggis in a box of sand). The prize for the guessing the correct weight was a bottle of whisky and a tin of shortbread biscuits and was won by Dan Whitlock. Steve Edmonds guessed the correct name (Skylark) for the highland cow (soft toy) winning the cow herself and a selection of sweeties.



Dates for your Diaries

Event	Venue & Date	Ticket Cost	Contact
Society Summer Outing	Kew Royal Botanic Gardens Wed 12 th July 2017	£25 Members £28 Non-members	Maureen Mathie West Barn, 5 Parkside, Milton Ernest, MK44 1RG secretary@bedscotsoc.org.uk 01234 826766
Family BBQ	125 Kimbolton Rd, Bedford. Sat 5 th August 2017	£7 Children U12 free	Ian Kirk The Beeches, Thurleigh Rd, Milton Ernest, MK44 1RF. Iankirk442@gmail.com 01234 823711
President's Evening	Bromham Village Hall Saturday 9 th September 2017	Details available soon	

Don't forget to check our Website on www.bedscotsoc.org.uk, with links to Facebook for regular information and flyers for our events.

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