

Autumn 2026



From President - Aileen Minns...

On the 25th of July, after much "nail biting" due to the fact that the original hog roast which I had booked was cancelled, we managed to secure another person - Gary, a farmer from Dunnington to provide this for us. Thanks to Moira Deuchars for organising this for us. Members of the council arrived early to help on the day; the Society Flag was placed over the front hedge, the games were set up by Frank as always - thank you Frank, Philippa arrived with a huge fresh fruit salad, which must have taken hours to prepare, thanks Philippa, and we all helped in the kitchen to prepare the salad, etc.

The only hiccup on the day was that instead of arriving at 12 noon, the Hog Roast arrived with Gary after 1 o'clock!

Whilst we waited we sold raffle tickets; the table was groaning with prizes, thanks to all who donated them and bought tickets - we raised £213 for the Venezuelan earthquake appeal through the Red Cross.

The day was a great success; thanks to all who came. The hog roast was excellent and enjoyed by all. Everyone participated with the games, sadly we didn't launch the "wellie" as we ran out of time!

On the 19th August, a party of 16 joined a coach trip by *Lochs and Glens Holidays* and we travelled up to Scotland, staying on the banks of Loch Lomond at the Inversnaid Hotel which was excellent. On Thursday we were bused into Edinburgh for the afternoon and to watch the evening performance of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo spectacular.

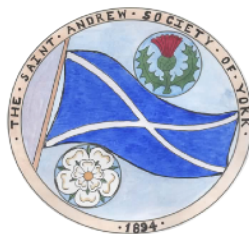
Friday was a boat trip on Loch Katrine, Saturday we went for a ride on the Falkirk Wheel and short trip on the canal and on to visit the amazing Kelpies. Sunday we travelled home, stopping to visit Moffat to sightsee or do some shopping.

Earlier this month, we went to the Railway Institute for a game of Bowls, the rain stopped play, but while we waited for our supper we did a few quizzes. After the excellent supper of pie, peas and potatoes we had a game of bingo which was great fun and enjoyed by all.

Another quote for you all

"Anything is possible when you have the right people there to support you." So true!

Aileen.



Members Update

In this newsletter we welcome two new members - **Moir McCulloch** who joined the society whilst she attended the Summer picnic in July and **John Marr** who currently resides in Inverness but will be moving to Yorkshire in early November.

Our society now has 95 members, 60 ladies and 35 gents.

New enquiries for membership are occasionally received via the website so I hope the society will continue to grow throughout the year.

Earlier this month, the **Men's Lunch** restarted at The Winning Post and the **Ladies Circle** monthly lunch will restart in October when the guest speaker will be from *Butterflies Chocolates*.

Both groups will hold lunches until Christmas on the 2nd Wednesday (for the Men) and 2nd Thursday (for the Ladies) each month.

We have a fantastic social event planned for October - **Nicola Mills Entertains!**

This will take place on Friday 16th October at the WI Hall, 6 Station Road, Copmanthorpe. Details have been sent by email to all members and those with no email addresses should receive the booking form with this newsletter via the post.

Nicola spent 6 years at The Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama before performing for over 10 years throughout Europe. Nicola has an extensive Song Menu and we will be able to request songs from this during her evening with us. Following her set, we will enjoy a fantastic fork buffet supper. All you need to bring is a glass and something to drink!

Then in November, we will be holding our regular formal celebration of **St Andrew's Day** and again we have chosen to hold this as a lunch event at the Novotel Hotel - York, on Saturday 28th November. We hope as many members and friends are able to join us for this special event. The booking form and menu will be circulated in late October.

Members may recall a note I sent out previously mentioning that two members - Linn Phipps and Jim Sharpe had collaborated to produce a version of **Highland Cathedral** and were seeking some photos of the Highlands to accompany their work.

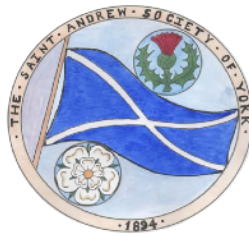
Here is a link to the finished product!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0OGCz5Y8pVs>

Congratulations to Linn and Jim!

A-Z History of Scotland

The timescale for publishing this newsletter has sadly meant there is no *A-Z History of Scotland* article this time but I hope we will restart with the letter "W" in the next newsletter!



Summer Party & Hog Roast



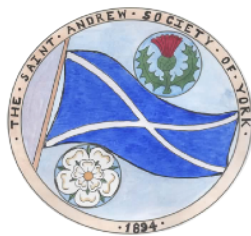
Over 40 members and friends attended the Summer Party this year which included a Hog Roast provided by Dunnington farmer Gary. An abundance of salads were prepared plus a fresh fruit salad and gorgeous gateaux for dessert.

The weather stayed fair and all the usual games were available to folks to enjoy. A great time was had by all.

Bowls & Bingo Evening

Sadly the rain caused this year's Bowling competition to be called-off so President Aileen run an impromptu Quiz event instead which was won by Ishbel Willey. The evening continued indoors with a pie, mash and peas supper and numerous games of prize bingo!





Scotland Coach Trip & Edinburgh Tattoo



Sixteen members supported President Aileen's initiative to pay a repeat visit to the Edinburgh Tattoo and enjoyed an action-packed 5-day coach trip based at the historic Inversnaid Hotel on the banks of Loch Lomond.

The group enjoyed a day trip to Edinburgh where they attended this year's Edinburgh Military Tattoo with the lead service being the RAF.

The group also enjoyed a boat trip on Loch Katrine aboard the Lady of the Lake and the following day visited the Kelpies and Falkirk Wheel before returning to Yorkshire.





Ladies Circle



Hello Ladies,

The Ladies Circle lunches start again on 8th October at the Novotel Hotel, Fishergate, York at 12 for 12.30 lunch.

Our speaker on this occasion is Butterflies Chocolates and there will be samples to try and also some to buy. So bring your purse!

Looking forward to seeing you all again after our summer break. Hopefully some other members might wish to join us as well.

Just let me know at least a week in advance if you wish to attend so I can advise the hotel of numbers and any dietary requirements.

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Please leave a message and I will get back to you if I am not available.

Moir Deuchars, Secretary.

2026/27 Programme

8th October - Butterflies Chocolates

12th November - Marilyn Teale - Baubles, Bangles & Beads

10th December - Ladies Circle Christmas Celebrations

14th January 2027 - Hobbies

11th February - John Clitheroe - The Life & Musicals of Andrew Lloyd Webber

11th March - Glynnis Whyte - Treasurers House - Ghosts

8th April - Malcolm Campbell - The Callanish Tartan

13th May - Ladies Circle AGM



Forthcoming Society Events!

Key dates to note in the coming months are:

Friday 16th October - Nicola Mills Entertains

WI Hall, 6 Station Road, Copmanthorpe, York, YO23 3SX

Further details are shown on the website and have been sent out by email or posted with the newsletter.

Saturday 28th November - St Andrew's Day Lunch

Novotel Hotel, Fishergate, York YO10 4FD

Further details will be sent out in late October.

Edinburgh Tattoo Facts (as found on't tinternet!)

- Each year over 200,000 attend the Tattoo with over 100 million watching on TV
- The first Edinburgh Tattoo took place in 1950 and a performance has never been cancelled
- Over 40 nations have performed at the event over the years
- Royal" was added to the Tattoo's title in 2010 by HM Queen Elizabeth to celebrate six decades on existence
- The word "Tattoo" comes from the Dutch phrase "doe den tap toe" meaning "turn off the taps". The phrase was a call used at closing time in 17th century bars.

Next Newsletter

The Winter Newsletter will be published in December.

If you have any articles or information you wish to share with the membership in the next newsletter, please do not hesitate to send this to me at the email address below. Please also share any feedback you wish to give by emailing me at:

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