



**ABERDEEN  
SCOTTISH HELLENIC SOCIETY**

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2011-2012

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Are you interested in Greece or Cyprus? Perhaps you have spent a holiday there, or watched TV programmes about Greek archaeology or read books written about or set in Greece. Whether your interest is in Ancient, Byzantine or Modern Greece, in the literature, the life, or the people, the Aberdeen Scottish Hellenic Society exists to help you develop that interest. It also serves to provide opportunities for Greeks, Cypriots and local residents to meet each other socially.

The Society, which in its present form dates from 1980, aims to offer a varied programme of informative and entertaining talks with a balance between ancient and modern Greek topics.

For further information and photographs of the Society's activities visit the web site at:  
[www.aberdeenscottishhellenicsociety.org.uk](http://www.aberdeenscottishhellenicsociety.org.uk)

### ACTIVITIES

The first meeting of the Society's 2011-2012 programme is on Thursday 6 October at 7.30 pm in Holburn West Church Hall, Ashley Park Drive (at its junction with Great Western Road), and takes the form of a Greek Evening. Greek wine and savouries will be served to members free of charge and music, dancing and AV presentations will take place in the course of the evening.

Further events take place at approximately monthly intervals, normally at the University Campus in Old Aberdeen, and are followed by free refreshments. The cutting of the Vasilopita (New Year's cake) containing a lucky coin, follows the January meeting.

A membership card, with full details of the programme, is issued as a receipt of subscription.

The Society recommends to you the only Greek restaurant in Aberdeen, Christos Taverna, John Street (telephone: 01224 636320), which has generously supported the Society's social events.

### EVENTS ARRANGED FOR SESSION 2011-2012

(all are held in Room 051, MacRobert Building, 581 King Street, University of Aberdeen, at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated)

- Greek Evening: *Thursday, 6 October 2011 at 7.30 pm (Holburn West Church Hall, Ashley Park Drive)*
- "A Fair and Great Church Vaulted": Frankish Architecture in Medieval Cyprus. A joint talk with The Hellenic Society: *Dr Nicola Coldstream, Chairman of the Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland. Wednesday, 2 November 2011 (Room A21, Taylor Building, Old Aberdeen)*
- The Myth of Adonis: *Professor Robert A Segal, Professor of Religious Studies, University of Aberdeen. Thursday, 24 November 2011*
- Film Evening: *A Tribute to Thanasis Veggos 1927-2011. Thursday, 15 December 2011*
- Art and Culture in Minoan Crete: a Zoologist's Perception: *Professor Tassos Eleftheriou, University of Crete, Founder Director of the Institute of Marine Biology of Crete and Senior Scientist at the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research, followed by the cutting of the Vasilopita. Thursday, 19 January 2012*
- A Walk across Crete: *Professor Keith Rutter, Emeritus Professor of Classics, University of Edinburgh. Wednesday, 15 February 2012*
- Actors and Audiences in Classical Athens: *Professor Stephen Halliwell, Professor of Greek, University of St Andrew's. Wednesday, 14 March 2012*
- Rembetika Night: *Thursday, 12 April 2012 at 8 pm (The Blue Lamp, 121 Gallowgate)*
- Easter Party: *Sunday, 15 April 2012 at 1 pm (Balgownie Playing Fields, off Balgownie Road, Bridge of Don)*
- Annual General Meeting: *Followed by a talk entitled "Nautical Tales of Ancient Greece: Myths, Legends and Reality" by Dr Andrew Yule, Teaching Fellow, School of Biological Sciences, University of Aberdeen, and the End of Session Party. Wednesday, 16 May 2012 at 7 pm (the Chaplaincy Centre, 25 High Street, University of Aberdeen)*
- Taverna Night: *Tuesday, 5 June 2012 at 7 pm (Christos Greek Taverna, John Street)*

#### Previous lecture topics have included:

The New Acropolis Museum: Ancient History and Modern

Some recent professional productions of Greek Drama

Mount Athos: the Holy Mountain

EU: Greece, Cyprus and Turkey – Are We Moving On?

A Greek Novelist in Search of the Meaning of Life: Kazantzakis's Zorba and Christ Crucified

Spinalonga, the Island

Crisis in the Universities? The case of Fifth Century Alexandria

Nikos Kavadias 1910-1975

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF ABERDEEN SCOTTISH HELLENIC SOCIETY

I/We wish to join the Aberdeen Scottish Hellenic Society and enclose £ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ordinary membership £10, Students £5, Schoolchildren £1.50)

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Please tick this box if you do NOT wish occasionally to receive relevant information about Greece from other organisations.