

## **ROTARY VISIT TO LOCHES**

Earlier this year, the St Andrews Twinning Association Committee approached the Rotary Club of St Andrews, with the purpose of exploring the possibility of developing a link with the Rotary Club of Loches in France. The request was welcomed and, following correspondence between the two clubs, it was agreed to investigate avenues offering opportunities to forge a mutually beneficial relationship between the two clubs.

The first opportunity for the clubs to interact arose in July this year, when Loches and its surrounding villages organised a European-wide conference funded by the European Commission, inviting representatives from twenty seven European towns, all with established links to Loches. The President of the organisation EBT (Europe en Berry Touraine) organising the conference is a Rotarian and also invited two rotarians from St Andrews along with their partners, to accompany members of St Andrews Twinning Association to attend the conference.

During the three days of discussion, debate and cultural exchange, the St Andrews Rotarian group attended a reception led by the President of the Loches Rotary Club. At this meeting the Loches club agreed to further enhance this new link, by accepting an invitation to visit St Andrews in 2018 and to work together on establishing a joint international project.