



August 2024

Dear Members

Craigtoun French Day with Libération de Loches exhibition..... Talk by Simon Brian, Headmaster of St Leonards Bastille Day lunch in the Botanic gardens Reception for the opening of Libération de Loches exhibition in Holy Trinity..... we have had a busy summer and all of these events have been well attended. We are always grateful for your support, thank you.

Now to the autumn. Our first event is in partnership with the Franco Scottish Society: a concert by a group of cellists from Bordeaux. They have an eclectic repertoire. More information about them plus a proposed programme in the attached flyer. This concert will be held on

Monday 21st October 2024 in Holy Trinity Church. 7pm. The event is free. Donation at door if you wish.

Our second event, une soirée cabaret, will star 'The Other Guys' the award winning and hugely popular University A Cappella group: Their repertoire is also eclectic and they have promised to give it a French twist especially for us! A light supper also with a French twist will be served.

Saturday 16th November in the Bowling Club. Doors open 7pm. Tickets: £20 to include supper. There will also be a bar.

This event is our main fund raiser of the year. We hope you will come along and bring some friends too.

Please make your ticket payment online: Sort code: 83-26-28 A/c 00246214

Name: The St Andrews Loches Alliance. Please enter your name in the reference space

We aim to make a profit from most of our events and use this money to promote French language and culture for all St Andrews citizens. Usually among other things, we make a large donation to Madras College to help finance their exchange visit to Loches. This did not take place this year so we have instead given a bursary to a student of French at the University to help finance her year abroad and we have also given a cup to the St Andrews Children's Golf Club, using a few minutes of the prize giving to promote the St Andrews Loches Alliance and the possibilities of a junior golf exchange. We are also supporting a tennis tournament for under 12's at the end of September. The Madras exchange is on track again for 2025.

Lastly and very importantly

Return Visit to Loches

This is being planned around **the weekend of 20-23 June 2025**. Obviously it is in the early stages but I will pass on more information when I have it. If you are planning to visit Loches you might like to brush up your French and I am delighted to report that Jean-Marc Murré has very kindly agreed to continue his conversation classes on alternate Wednesdays. Please in the first instance get in touch with me if you are interested in joining.

We look forward to your continued support and look forward to seeing you at our autumn events.

Best wishes

Joyce