



The St Andrews Loches Alliance

December 2025

Dear Members

2025 has been a busy year but before we look back, some dates for 2026:

January Drinks Party

Friday 16th January 6.30-8.00

The St Rule Club

£12.50



We hope you will join us. Ticket price includes a glass of wine or soft drink and delicious canapés.

Please email me if you are able to attend.

Payment details: Sort code: 83-26-28 A/c 00246214

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

And most importantly:

- **Visit from the Lochois**

Yes, our friends from Loches are planning to visit St Andrews for the weekend of St Andrews Day: Friday 27th November 2026 when we will celebrate together 30 years since the founding of the St Andrews-Loches Alliance and 10 years since the official twinning of the two towns.

Some highlights from 2025, there seems to have been a lot of eating and drinking!



A memorable visit to Loches where the welcome was very warm and the weather was very hot!



*Lunch in the grounds of St Leonards School where we celebrated La Fête Nationale in due style.
Another very hot day.*



Wine and charcuterie hosted by Luvians

With the money we raised at these events we have been able to give significant support to the Madras / Loches exchange programme. This year 40 Madras pupils visited Loches and the surrounding area, hosted by families from le Collège Georges Besse there. In addition we were able to give a bursary to a student who is spending time in France as part of his degree. This year's student is spending a year at the prestigious Sciences Po university in Paris and will visit Loches at some point. We look forward to hearing about his experiences on his return next September. We also funded a Junior Tennis tournament and a Cup for the Children's Golf Competition.



*Les jeunes nous racontent
Some of the Madras pupils, here with their teacher,
spoke of their adventures in Loches*



Les Champions !

In addition we had our traditional New Year Drinks Party, two film evenings at the Byre, a French café with games for children at Craigtoun Park and an evening with the Franco-Scottish Society where we heard from the young who had benefitted from our funding. The conversation group continues, thank you Jean-Marc, and Loches Drive in St Andrews West is occupied. So, as the French would say, *bonne continuation!*

We could not do this without you, our members, and the committee and I would like to thank you very much for all your support.

With falling numbers studying languages in our schools and as a consequence at university, language teaching and learning needs all the help we can give. We look forward to your continued support in 2026

Joyeux Noël et Bonnes Fêtes de fin d'année

Joyce and the Committee

