



December Newsletter 2021

Dear Members

There were two events this autumn which made us feel that life was returning to normal. Whether this feeling was premature remains to be seen....

The first was the exhibition 'Look @ Loches' which ran at the Preservation Trust Museum in September and October. I know many of you visited it and judging from your comments, enjoyed seeing the history of the Alliance and the history of Loches displayed. Three of the five local primary schools took part in workshops which we organised, so potentially one hundred pupils learned about Loches and the twinning and took the information back to their school and family. I was invited to give a short interview about the exhibition and the Alliance for 'La Nouvelle République', which can be accessed following the link :

<https://www.lanouvellerepublique.fr/loches/loches-exposee-a-saint-andrews>.

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How it all began



A corner of the museum

Our second autumn event was a Café Cabaret which we organised with St Andrews Voices as part of their festival in October. This was an evening of magical escapism; together we transformed St Leonards school hall into a Paris night club, a venue fitting for our guest that evening , Christine Bovill . She gave an enchanting performance of songs from the **classic** French chanson repertoire and truly captivated her audience. Once again, we had brilliant feedback; everyone seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed the evening and we felt very fortunate that all the attendant risks had come to nothing.

Buoyed by the success of these two ventures we would like to invite all our members to our annual New Year Drinks party on Friday 14th January 2022. This will be held as usual in the St Rule Club, with numbers restricted in order to comply with Covid regulations. This year we have a guest speaker, M. Jean-Marc Murré, who will give a short talk entitled 'Mon 'Parcours de l'Algérie à la France' We have to acknowledge that there is at present much uncertainty in the air, sadly since I wrote this , even more , and so I will be in touch nearer the time to confirm this event and give more details. Meanwhile please save the date!

New Year Drinks Party

Friday 14th January 2022

The St Rule Club

All of us on the Loches Alliance Committee would like to wish you a wonderful Christmas and a very healthy and happy 2022.

Bonnes fêtes!

Joyce

