

ST ANDREWS-LOCHES ALLIANCE



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UPDATE

Committee news

As noted in the last Newsletter, Virginia Fowler and Bill Sangster had intimated their retirements from our committee. The major contributions made to the work of the Alliance by these veterans of over two decades was marked during the first event of this year – our January drinks party at the St Rule Club. They were presented with copies of the magnificent book “Touraine”, whose author Pascal Dubrisay had inscribed each copy with a personal note of appreciation.



The presentation to Virginia Fowler & Bill Sangster

We are delighted that Irene Constable has agreed to join the committee. She has already attended her first meeting and her position will be ratified at the AGM in April.

SCO Concerts

Thanks are due to Joyce Duncan and Frank Quinault for their hard work running the bar on 31st January when I had to drop out unexpectedly. There are concerts on 14th March and 18th April for which volunteers are needed. Please, please – **can you help** (email jfmatthews6@gmail.com).

PROGRAMME FOR 2018

A programme for this year is enclosed and hopefully you will agree that it looks really interesting.

Madras-Georges Besse exchange

After a last-minute hiccup was sorted the Loches party of 40 pupils and 4 teachers should be in St Andrews from 8th to 16th March. The return visit is scheduled for 16th to 23rd May. The Alliance will be supporting this exchange financially.

Cheese tasting

A separate note is enclosed and this event promises to be extremely entertaining. Our devoted Secretary went so far as to “audition” the star of the show, Phoebe Weller, in Glasgow and the evening will be both tasty and entertaining. **Please get this date in your diary if you have not already bought tickets.**

AGM

Another date for your diary: our AGM in the St Rule Club at 7.00 pm on 26th April. **Please try to be there.**

Journées européennes in Loches

A small party from the Alliance will be going to Loches 11th to 15th July, accompanying Joyce Anderson and her highland dancers (who were such a hit at the twinning ceremonies in Loches in 2016.)



A gathering at the 2017 Journées européennes

Photographic exhibition and visit of Lochois

From 20th August to 30th September there will be an exhibition of photos of Loches in the Byre Theatre. We hope that they will be complemented by some of the paintings done by members of the St Andrews Art Club when they visited Loches last Summer

At the end of September, we expect a visit led by either Marc Angenault, Maire of Loches or his 1st Deputy, Valerie Gervès and Including some old friends from the Nouvelle Alliance and, maybe, some new friends.

Café Cabaret

The last Café Cabaret was a huge success and this year's is expected to be of the same quality. Another date for your diary - 2nd November at All Saints Hall. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

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It is understood that, following last July's trip to Loches by St Andrews Rotarians, a delegation of perhaps six from the Loches Rotary Club is expected to be in St Andrews in July as the guests of the St Andrews Rotary Club.

FINALLY

Thanks to all members who have completed standing order forms for their subscriptions. Most of those who have not yet completed standing orders have paid their subs, but, if you have forgotten, please contact our Treasurer. We will also welcome any new members. Standing order forms and membership application forms are available on our website:

standrewslochesalliance.org.uk

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