

ST ANDREWS-LOCHES ALLIANCE



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Annual General Meeting

Sadly, the Byre Theatre is not available for our AGM this year. We wish all who are engaged in the efforts to re-open this wonderful theatre every success.

This year's AGM will be held, as advertised in the Citizen, at The Scores Hotel on Tuesday 26th March at 7.30 pm.

Annual Report

Enclosed with this brief Newsletter you will find the Annual Report for 2012, part of which comprises our statement of income and expenditure for the year. The accounts have not yet been audited but, as soon as they have been, the Report will be submitted to OSCR.

What's happening?

The **poetry competition** between primary schools here and in Loches is well underway with entries to be judged sometime in the Spring (if Spring ever arrives!).

The **new exchange** between Madras College and College Georges Besse in Loches is moving ahead, with our French visitors due in St Andrews from 13th to 20th June and a party from Madras planning on a visit to Loches from 18th to 25th September. The arrangements between the schools are being made directly but Lyn McCartney, the

principal teacher of modern languages at Madras knows that the Alliance is ready to help as necessary.

The Alliance Committee has decided to support the exchange with a grant of £600 and a cheque will be handed over to the school shortly. There will be a **Quiz Night** in the Madras Rugby Club on Friday 10th May at 7.00 pm. A flyer is enclosed and members and friends of the Alliance are urged to get groups of six together for what will be a fun evening.

Bastille Day is on a Sunday this year, so we intend to hold a commemorative event on Saturday 13th July. Details will follow, but a cheese & winetasting is the likely format in a venue to be decided.

Visit to Loches There will be a visit to Loches during the period 25th to 28th October. This weekend suits both our friends in the Nouvelle Alliance and the Mayor, Jean-Jacques Descamps. A group of Scottish Country Dancers will travel with our party and hopes to dance with Loches group, *La Gigue Ecossaise*. The 2011 visit took place in October and was an outstanding success; members are asked to try and keep their diaries open so that they can participate this year. We may once again try to involve some student participation and, perhaps, a piper since the presence of delightful and talented youngsters was such a boost to our last visit.

For **2014** it is hoped that a choral group, *Les Baladins*, will be able to visit St Andrews.

Subscriptions

Some members have not yet paid their subscriptions for the year. If this may have slipped your mind, please call Bill Sangster or me to check; if you haven't paid, it would be helpful if you could get your £10 to Bill soon.

John Matthews