



St Andrews – Loches Alliance

Summer Newsletter

Dear Members

Although we have not been able to carry out our usual programme of events for reasons that are all too familiar, I must assure you that all has been far from quiet on the Loches front as we have been busy preparing some very exciting events for the autumn.

First of all, our much anticipated exhibition:

‘LOOK at LOCHES our twin town’

This will be held at the Preservation Trust Museum and will run
Wednesday – Sunday from

Saturday September 11th until Sunday October 10th.

It will recount among other things the story of our Alliance and Twinning and it will present the town of Loches. We hope that you will come along to visit and encourage your friends and neighbours. There are still lots and lots of people who have no idea what the Alliance is or does, please help us to enlighten them by encouraging as many as possible to visit the exhibition. We have invited the local primary schools to come along for fun work shop sessions based on the exhibition and hope in this way to raise awareness amongst the children too.

Here is a preview of the exhibition poster:



The background of the poster is a watercolour of the Loches Town Hall, painted by Lindsay Murray.

The second event of this autumn is our

Café Cabaret with Christine Bovill

This year we are working with St Andrews Voices and the cabaret will be part of their programme. It will be held on the evening of:

Thursday 14th October

Christine Bovill is a chanteuse with an international reputation. She is performing this year at the Edinburgh Fringe and all performances are already sold out. We are hugely excited to have her here for our

Cabaret. Although details of the evening are still to be finalised, we have the date so please save it and once again please invite friends and family. To whet your appetite here is a feature on Christine from this week's Sunday Times:

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/la-mome-comforts-at-the-fringe-kl9hg526w?shareToken=8d6c42b62306e5a3cfc9b75ab01fee56>

In other news... We held a French Day at Craigtoun at the beginning of June. Although we were a bit disappointed that our tent was so far away from the café and so our idea of having a crêperie was slightly lost, nevertheless we had quite a bit of interest, the children enjoyed the games and the sun shone. Quite a few members dropped in for a chat which was lovely.

Most of you will be aware that we have had two Zoom calls with members in Loches. The second in particular, having learned from the shortcomings of the first, was very successful. We feel that now we are getting back to normality there is possibly no longer an appetite for Zoom calls but if you disagree and would be interested in doing this again, please let me know.

On Bastille Day appropriately, I had the pleasure of addressing the St Andrews Rotary Club. I spoke about the Alliance and the town of Loches and hopefully raised a little more awareness of the St Andrews – Loches Alliance.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our autumn events.

Best wishes and à bientôt

Joyce

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