



Président's Report for the year 2023

Welcome

Welcome to the second AGM held in person under our revised calendar with the Association's year running from January to December. We have enjoyed a year of regular lessons and events, without disruption, for the second time since the pandemic.

Thanks

Once again thanks are due to our teachers, Céline and Jill, for maintaining lessons while managing a steady turnover of students. Our Social Secretary, Barbara, has again organised a range of activities including lunches and cinema visits, and has been assisted by Norma and Jose in adding new events to the calendar.

Our Treasurer, Lisa, has continued to manage the Association's finances and ensure that our operations are financially viable.

Organising the Association's work has required more Committee Meetings over the past year, and I have to thank Teresa for taking notes and producing Minutes on a regular basis, despite her other commitments and health issues.

Membership

Membership has continued to increase at a steady rate, rising from 60 to 76 households in 2023, with a total of 104 individuals. We have continued to offer 6 French and 2 English classes to an average of 38 students weekly.

Community Relations

We have again been supported by Rochechouart Mairie with the use of rooms and a grant of 350€ towards our running costs. We participated in the bi-annual Forum des Associations in September, although we were unable to undertake any fund-raising activities for the Téléthon within the commune. However, many of our members have been involved, as individuals, with other community groups.

The Committee

The Committee has been able to welcome three new members in the past year; Chanon, Norma and Denise. Additionally, various roles and responsibilities have been agreed; Chanon is now in charge of the membership database and Norma has introduced social evenings and the Murder Mystery Matinee to our events calendar. Jose has organised two visits, one of which she hosted herself, and will be managing the website in the coming year.

Patsy, originally involved with the Association as a teacher of French and English at Brigueuil, and a helpful Committee member for several years, has decided to stand down

Finally, a little over four years since we announced our intention to stand down at the 2019 AGM, both Teresa and I will be leaving the Committee at the end of this AGM. I am very pleased to announce that Denise will be taking on the role of Président, and I am sure that members will join me in wishing her every success and satisfaction in the coming year.

Alan Bretman

Président

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