

# **Moray Coast U3A Conversational French Group**

## **Activities for the 2017 – 2018 Session**

Many thanks to Elma for hosting the meeting on the 14th November at her home. Thanks to Tam and Jane for producing the vocabulary list of those words that we meet but are not sure of. A particularly big "thank you" to Sheila Brumby (Retired PT of Modern Languages at Milne's High School) who guided us through the evening. Work was mainly from our Easy French Reader with lots of straying down various paths, en français naturellement! We concluded with a communication exercise provided by Jane giving us a chance to ad lib, in French, on diverse subjects.

The meeting on Tuesday 28th November was planned to be at Kate's home near Dufftown but due to the extremely wintry weather on the 28<sup>th</sup>, and the difficult access to Kate's home, the venue was changed at the last minute to John and Helen's home.

On Tuesday 12th December we had the French Group's Christmas Party at Tam and Jane's home. Many thanks to all those who contributed to making the evening such a success. The food was excellent and Jane ensured that we did have to do some tasks, in French, before we were allowed to eat.

Good to meet up again and tax our brains a little on Tuesday 9th January 2018. We had a productive evening completing the set work from our reader and we discussed how to tackle those dreaded verbs. We came to the conclusion that for our purposes we only need to know four tenses, present, future, passé composé with the past participle and the imperfect.

At the meeting on the 23rd January we caught up with some work from our French Text but also answered the questions about each chapter and discussed what we should be doing in the next few sessions.

On the 30th January Elma was once again host to the group and we concentrated on conversation.

The meeting on Tuesday 13th February was at Tam and Jane's home.

Tuesday 27th February saw us return to Elma Hendrey's home in Garmouth once again. The severe winter weather saw severely depleted numbers. Some members set off but turned round and returned home due to the condition of the roads. We looked at Chapter 14, "La poésie" pp 39 - 40 in the first part of the book and "La Première Guerre mondiale" pp

119 - 122 in the second part. As usual we attempted to answer the questions. We also been worked on "directions" from the map of Bordeaux we were given. We were also asked to revise "parts of the body". We had a most enjoyable session on the 27th with the few who had braved the elements. The rest of you missed Elma's delicious courgette and pistachio cake!

The meeting on Tuesday 13th March was also at Elma's home in Garmouth. We all enjoyed the last session at Elma's and greatly appreciated all the help we got from Sheila who managed to include us in her very busy schedule.

On Tuesday 27th March we were at Jane H's home in Garmouth. Thanks to Jane H for hosting the meeting on 27th March. We all had a lot of fun and enjoyed the excellent hospitality. Most of us wanted to take Jane's adorable Siamese cat, Kuki, home.

On Tuesday 17th April we met at John & Helen's home. The meeting involved the usual hilarity!

Tuesday 1st May is at Tam and Jane's home at the usual time of 7.30 pm. Jane had produced an excellent Communication Exercise. We await with bated breath for the remaining recipe(s)!

The group continued to meet informally over the summer months.