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## ACIP News update – December 2013

So much has been happening since the AGM in September and we want to update you..

### Recognition from Le Mairie



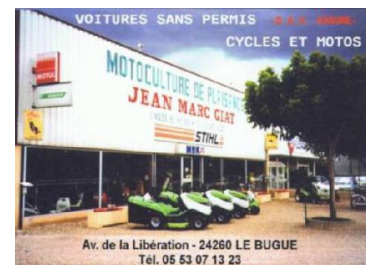
The Mairie of Le Bugue awarded ACIP a generous 200 euro 'subvention' for a second year running. ACIP Committee members, with their partners, attended an award ceremony at Eugene le Roy on Friday, November 29th. Some 40 associations operating in Le Bugue, including ACIP, were presented with a 'Diplome d'Honneur' in recognition for their voluntary work in and for the community.

This was followed by a most welcome 'vin d'honneur', soup and canapés. You will be able to see the 'Diplome' in Le Bastion when it opens in the New Year.

### EGM - October 11

Over 60 members attended the EGM/Social held on October 11. Members present approved the new committee:

<b>President</b>	Robert Brereton
<b>Vice-president</b>	John Kuppens
<b>Treasurer</b>	Alan Reeves
<b>Secretary</b>	Jenny West
<b>Group Co-ordinator</b>	Gwyneth Green
<b>Translation Co-ordinator</b>	Christine Dumaux



The meeting was followed by a very jolly social with various nationalities represented.

### New Members

37 new members, of several nationalities, have joined ACIP in recent months and weeks. We extend a very warm welcome to you all. Bienvenue!

### Volunteers - ACIP needs you!

A magnificent turn out of around 30 volunteers attended a meeting before the EGM on October 11 to plan ways in which they could support the work of the Committee. They have already begun helping by:

- acting as Group Leaders
- helping out with ACIP events and activities
- translating into French and Dutch
- providing technical computing support
- refurbishing and maintaining our new venue, Le Bastion. (see below for an update on progress)

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We are most grateful to John Pretty who has taken on the role of Membership Secretary. The role involves liaising with members to ensure we have your contact details and that you are added to the circulation list. Annual subscriptions (due on October 1<sup>st</sup>) should be sent to John, if you have not already done so. John will send you out a new membership card. You can contact John at [johnpretty@hotmail.com](mailto:johnpretty@hotmail.com)

Jill Little, with help from Linda Higgins, is continuing to develop the ACIP website in English, French and Dutch. Thank you, Jill.

Thanks are also due to Liz Liverton, and her team, who have taken over the running of the ACIP library.

Thank you to everyone for their skilful work, their time and their good will.

We will hold volunteer meetings from time to time, as we do with Group Leaders, to share views and ideas and to offer committee support. Thank you to everyone for their help and their skills. If you think you too can help in anyway, please contact Jenny West at [jennyjones@spirallearning.co.uk](mailto:jennyjones@spirallearning.co.uk)



## Beujolais Nouveau est arrivé



60 members gathered for a social and meal and with entertainment from the ACIP choir to welcome the arrival of the Beaujolais Nouveau on the 21st November.



## Christmas Vide Grenier

This year's Christmas Vide Grenier was held, as usual in the Halle in Les Eyziez on Sunday 24th November. It was a really good event with a record 46 stall holders selling to the many members of the public who attended. 6 new members joined on the day.

It really has become a popular seasonal event in Les Eyziez and puts ACIP firmly on the map. In addition to the large amount of goods on sale, the event was enhanced by Xmas music and decorations and a lovely selection of food and drinks provided by Sue Foster and her team of helpers.

We received tremendous support from the Marie and its staff and have already had an invitation to hold the event again next year on 30th November 2014 which we have gratefully accepted. Hope to see you all then!!

## Group News

3 new groups are up and running, These are the Short Walks Group, a 10 Pin Bowling Group and a Book Club.

The **Short Walks Group** is led by Gwyneth Green. Walks are organised by members of the group. We usually have around 12 on each walk. Amazingly, we have been very lucky to dodge the incessant rain and have had lovely sunny walks each week.

The **10 pin Bowling Group** started on the 19th of November with 16 members bowling and some 'groupies' coming along for the meal afterwards. A good time was had by all! This group is led by Roger Green.



The new **Book Club** had its first meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> November and is scheduled to start in earnest in January, hopefully in Le Bastion. It is led by Teresa Crawford.

The **Gardening Group** is being re-launched in January and will be led by Jenny West.

We hold regular **Group Leaders' meetings** to support Group Leaders and to hear their views. The next meeting for both current and future group leaders will be held in the Brasserie on Friday 6th December at 2.30 pm.

For information and enquiries about groups, please contact [gwynethverte@aol.com](mailto:gwynethverte@aol.com)

## Our New Venue - Le Bastion

A band of volunteers, led by John Kuppens, have been putting their electrical, carpentry, plumbing, design and decoration skills - as well as sheer hard work - into transforming what is already a beautiful space into ACIP's new home on le Rue Bastiere in Le Bugue. We are on schedule, and on budget, to open in the New Year. We will be celebrating with an Open Day. Watch this space!



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**Have a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!**

*from the ACIP Committee, December 2013.*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**December 12 Christmas Social** – buffet and entertainment

Please remember to sign up for this event now at [randr.brereton@wanadoo.fr](mailto:randr.brereton@wanadoo.fr)

**Entrance is free.** But please bring a plate of food to share as your entrance ticket.

**January 9th A New Year's Social** – to be held at the Tennis Club.

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