

## Let's speak Fran-glais

Knowing how difficult it is to get to know French people and to speak the language, the Pays de Gâtine has decided from September 2009 to arrange meetings to encourage bilingual discussions and integration.

The sessions will be based on an idea coming from Thouars where courses have been running successfully for the last five years. The evenings are informal, fun and light hearted although regular attendance and preparation are required should you wish to make progress and get to know the other participants. At the beginning of the evening you are given a subject for the following session and are asked to prepare your ideas. At the following session, in small groups of 6/8 people, individually the ideas are then read and discussed and questions follow. Observations/corrections come from the person overseeing your group. Correction is not done on a strict basis so as not to discourage people or stop the flow. As the same topic is being discussed by French (in English) and by the English (in French) culture differences and the way of how we think or do things in our different countries come to light automatically as well as some excellent pronunciation!

Unfortunately, the above method is not for total beginners as a basic knowledge of French/English is required.

If you have a French friend who would like to improve their English and get to know other British people living in the Gâtine do bring them along.

The dates for the period September 2009 to December 2009 are as follows :

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2009, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009,

24<sup>th</sup> November 2009, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009 : from **19h30 – 21h00**. At the Pays de Gâtine, in Parthenay (address below).

The first session on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2009 at 19h30 will be for inscriptions and the subject : getting to know one another. We would ask you to prepare a text in French and in English about yourself and ask you to try to include something funny!

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