



Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue

French for Absolute Beginners

The inspiration for this introduction to French, came about as the result of the learning needs survey identifying a desire by Fire Brigade uniformed and non-uniformed Union members to have access to other languages. The resulting Union Learners meeting decided that as a Brigade introduction to the Union Learning project, the French lessons would work as a good method of advertising both learners, their availability, and their use.

The course started with 12 persons attending the first session, but due to clashes with the duty system, one person already having quite a comprehensive grasp of French and deciding that the instruction was too basic, and two others finding the French too complicated, the course compliment quickly dropped down to the 6 or 7 hardcore. Throughout the following 9 weeks, we worked our way through the modulised “BBC Active” French book, with the help of audio and video cassettes, we graduated through the module of ordering food, and accompanied this session, with examples of Brie, Camenbur, Pate, French Bread, olives and Rose wine, naturally describing our plates with our best interpretation of the Gallic fare. The course ended with the final module, and further gallic interpretations of our parting Gallic table fare.

We look forward to “French, not for the absolute beginner”

Kim Allen ULR, and French beginner!

Course Tutor; Linda Ryder

Course Title; An introduction to Basic French

Provider; South Notts College, TU ed

Location; West Bridgford Fire station

Duration; Nine weeks of two hour sessions, Tuesday nights, 6.30-8.30

Students; Various Fire Service personnel, their partners, and other union members.