

FRANCO-BRIT NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024

OUT & ABOUT

DIMANCHE 28 AVRIL 2024
Chœur Vocalys de Carpentras
 Concert 2024

18h00
 Église de l'Observance de Carpentras

Mozart Requiem

Direction : Bisser KOSTADINOV

Au piano à 4 mains :
 Catherine STERNIS - Christophe MELHIN

Solistes :

Géraldine JEANNOT	Soprano
Chani BAUZA	Mezzo
Samuel ODDOS	Ténor
Raphaël MARBAUD	Basse

Billetterie à l'entrée du concert
 Tarif: 15€ gratuit pour les moins de 16 ans

CARPENTRAS LE RIVOLI Ouedrom LA PROVENCE

April 28th at 6 pm

At the Observance church in Carpentras.

Some of our members sing in this choir. Come and listen to them!

Chœur Européen de Provence
 Direction : Bisser KOSTADINOV

Femmes compositrices

Ethel SMITH "Mistral en Re"
 Isabelle LEONARDA "Magical"
 Lili BOULANGER
 "Vie de prière bouddhique"

DIMANCHE 9 JUIN 2024
18 h 30

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A unique concert with only women composers... Conducted by the talented Bisser Kostadinov.

Some of our members also sing in this choir!

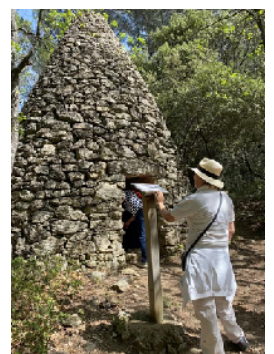
Welcome to the April newsletter. The committee has been busy planning many new outings and activities ...



In March 'Let's Lunch' was combined with a cultural outing in Avignon. There was an interesting tour of the recently renovated Opera House followed by lunch in the Jardin des Doms and a stroll around the gardens to enjoy the many wonderful photos on exhibition there. For those who missed the tour, you can read all about it in Peter

Guillery's excellent blog post on the website. Many thanks to Monique d'Hooghe for organizing this outing.

New member Bernard Dubois kindly guided a very enjoyable walk in the woods among bories (cabanes) and other dry-stone structures, on Saturday, April 13th. Bernard Dubois helped create this path, the 'sentier de pierre sèches' which lies between Mormoiron and Mazan. Bernard was accompanied by a colleague, Jean who had prepared numerous signs indicating the names and attributes of the wild flowers and shrubs. You can read Peter Guillery's blog post on the website. Many thanks to Bernard for this initiative and to Peter Guillery and Alison Skinner for organising the outing.



In April we participated in 'Le Printemps anglophone' by holding a play-reading in the Roseraie. We read the first two acts of 'You Never Can Tell' by George Bernard Shaw. A second play reading will be held in May to discover acts three and four.

Monique d'Hooghe 's Wine Truck



The season will be open soon for Monique's wine truck at the Sunday morning market in Sarrians. Come and enjoy fine wines and champagne in a friendly atmosphere. For more details, contact Monique directly:

06 27 19 29 66

moniquedhooghe@yahoo.fr

monique-winetruck.com

New in Carpentras! Douce Impression

35 Rue Vigne, 84200 Carpentras

Surprise your friends with a really original gift - marshmallows, biscuits printed with a personal message!



Regular activities.

Georges and Geneviève Casy continue the **Qi Gong sessions on Monday mornings** at the Château de la Roseraie... When the weather permits, the sessions are held in the gardens of the Château. The sessions are free and open to all members. Please contact Geneviève if you wish to participate in the sessions and be on the Qi Gong mailing list... Geneviève has also started a WhatsApp group. Many thanks to Geneviève and Georges for these invigorating sessions.

The **Tuesday conversation group** is going from strength to strength with new members joining every week. The group is open to all members, just turn up if you are curious. Many thanks to the French volunteers who've offered to lead a session and of course to Alison, John Elmhirst, Peter and Zsu for the varied topics they suggest and all the work involved in preparing the sessions. There are no sessions during the school holidays. The next session is on Tuesday, May 7th at 5 pm in the Maison du Citoyen. If you wish to be on the mailing list and receive the latest information about the conversation group, please contact John Elmhirst: john.elmhirst12@gmail.com

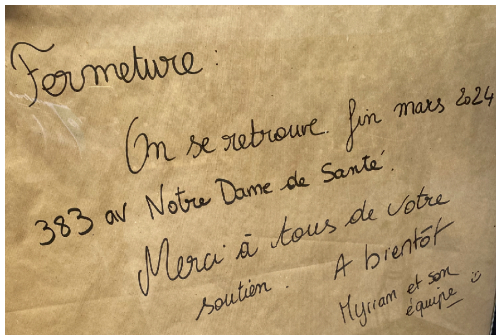
The sessions are free to members, there is no need to enrol and if you can only attend occasionally, that's fine.

Why not try **Scottish dancing sessions** at the MJC on **Thursday afternoons** at 2.15?

Beginners are welcome and the sessions are free but members are asked to join the MJC association. Many thanks to Anne-Mie and Alain for this initiative and to the MJC for hosting this activity on their premises.



Change of location



The pâtisserie « L'Envie des Mets » has moved to new premises, from the Rue de la République to 383 Avenue Notre Dame de Santé in Carpentras.

They baked the wonderful Queen's Jubilee cake for us and this year's Galette Provençale. We wish them luck in their new premises and hope to have other opportunities to enjoy their cakes.



LE JARDIN DE BESIGNOLES

An interesting garden in the Ardèche, open to the public. Have a look at their website for more details:

<https://www.jardindebegnoles.fr/2023/02/le-jardin-de-begnoles.html>

Upcoming events - Save the date!

Corinne Duval is organising a special day out in Reillanne, a pretty village in the Alpes de Hautes Provence and the Luberon on **Saturday, April 27th**. After a short tour of Reillanne, there will be a visit to a pottery workshop followed by an aperitif in the potter's garden. Lunch will be at « L'Origine » at St Martin des Eaux. and then we will go on to Apt to visit the famous candied fruit factory and museum, « La Maison du Fruit Confit » The cost is 40€ all-inclusive: apéro, lunch and car-pooling. Please send an email to Corinne Duval if you wish to participate: athenais59@sfr.fr

On **Sunday, May 12th** we are holding a 'High Tea'. As this is being held in a private garden the number of participants is limited. More information will be sent to you soon. Meanwhile, if you have a talent for making scones, Dundee cakes, or exquisite sandwiches, please volunteer to join the team and help prepare the high tea. We are also looking for tiered cake stands, traditional tea cups etc.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, on **Wednesday, June 5th** we are organizing a very special event - a day out in the Camargue! The invitations have now been sent out and the coach is filling up rapidly. Leaving Carpentras by coach at 8.30 in the morning, we will head for Saintes Maries de la Mer. A boat trip will take us deep into the Camargue, and a guide will comment on the flora and fauna. This will be followed by lunch and free time to stroll around Saintes Maries and then a train trip to explore a different part of the Camargue. We will head back to Carpentras at about 5.30. As a gesture of appreciation for the support members have given us over the years, the association is heavily subsidizing this day trip and we are only charging 45€ for the full day: coach, boat trip, lunch and train trip. Non-members will be asked to pay the full, unsubsidized price.

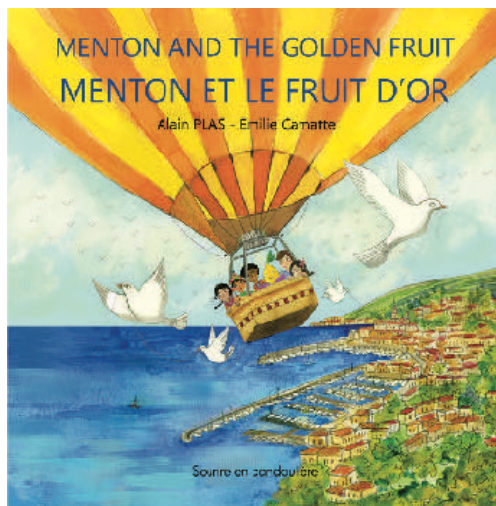
Items for sale

A bi-lingual children's book...

If your children or grandchildren are bilingual or if you want to gently introduce them to French or English, this book is perfect.

The story is set in Menton and is about a magic lemon. Translated by Marie-Jacqueline Ballagh.

Only 12€ (plus postage & packaging, if applicable)



For more information, send an email to:

Some of you may be interested in Paul W. B. Marsden's latest book « Entente Cordiale of 20 Great Writers in the 19th Century », published by Apple Books at the special price of £4.99 or €5.99:

<http://books.apple.com/us/book/id6496848766>

Or available at Amazon Kindle for £5.99: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B0CW1MDFQ1?dplnkId=0f6fe03fb-a-5-e-4-3-9-8-9-2-a-6-a70f033d5b1e&nodl=1>

Anyone for Boules!

On June 19th we are planning a boules evening with a picnic in Le Barroux. Please let us know if you are interested in participating in this event.

Saturday Night Fever!

To round off the season we are holding a dance, the date and location have yet to be decided.

Peter Guillery and Auli Guiland have kindly organized a day out in Villeneuve lès Avignon. Originally planned for spring, this has had to be postponed to **October 16th** as there was no guide available at an earlier date. In the morning there will be a guided tour of Villeneuve followed by lunch in an Indian restaurant, le Kashmir. In the afternoon we will visit La Chartreuse. if you are interested in this event, please send an email to info@francobrits84.fr

We are also planning a Brazilian event. Fabiano Silva will give a demonstration of Brazilian cooking and talk about Brazilian culture and we will then share the meal. This will take place in the Maison du Citoyen - unless a member has a large garden and wishes to host the event!...

New projects

Following the success of 'Dinner for One', Geneviève Casy suggested doing other short humorous sketches, in English and French, easily understood by non-native speakers. We meet on **Monday afternoons** at the Roseraie for a kind of 'theatre workshop' - those interested in participating are invited to come along and prepare various sketches. Performing the sketches will come much later, at first it is a matter of trying out different sketches and different roles, both in English and French.

If this project interests you, please send an email to info@francobrits84.fr If you have a favourite sketch you would like to perform, please send in your suggestions.

Music workshops...

The idea is to get together for musical afternoons or evenings, to sing, dance, play various instruments... The emphasis is on sharing music rather than performing in front of others, a kind of jam session-cum-karaoke. If you are interested in this project, please send an email to info@francobrits84.fr



'Pint of Science' is an annual science fest that takes place in May in many countries. Its aim is to communicate contemporary scientific developments to the public by bringing scientists to cafés and other public places to share their research and findings. This year's festival is taking place from **May 13th to May 15th**. Here is the link for events in Avignon:

<https://pintofscience.fr/events/avignon>.

There is a special event in English:

<https://pintofscience.fr/event/>

Looking for an original gift? Consult Genevieve Casy's on-line exhibition on our website:

<https://www.francobrits84.fr>

If you wish to advertise any crafts or items you have for sale, please send us an email with photos.

Disclaimer

The association cannot be held responsible for any services rendered by anyone whose contact details have been posted in a Franco-Brit newsletter.

The Inguimbentine museum at the Hôtel Dieu is now open to the public and a guided tour is planned.

The website

Don't forget to apply for access to our 'members only' pages featuring many photos and accounts of recent activities in the Blog. Do please consider contributing to the Blog. You will also find information about all our events on the website. It is constantly kept up to date by our webmaster, Ulrich Boes. Please contact Ulrich if you would like to help with the technical side of the website.

Film extras

I have been approached by a casting director based in Marseilles. She is looking for American and British natives for a period drama produced by Pathé, an adaptation of Julian T.Jackson's « A Certain Idea of France: The Life of Charles de Gaulle » More specifically, she is looking for men and women aged 30 to 60 to play American soldiers, Army Generals, British diplomats and house staff (house maids, concierge etc.) during WW2. English mother tongue with an American, English, Irish or Scottish accent. No visible tattoo.

Filming: Near Marseille/Avignon and Toulon either on May 27th or May 28th

If you are interested in applying, please send an email to: franco.britsvn@gmail.com

Many thanks to the committee members for their enthusiasm and ideas, to Ulrich Boes for all his work on the website and to all those who suggest new activities and inform us of interesting events in the region. A big thank you to Peter Guillery for his patient proof-reading suggestions and interesting blogposts. And thank you Zsu Guillery for your photos illustrating the outing to the Opera House and the 'dry stone' walk.

Looking forward to seeing you at our events.

Marie-Jacqueline Ballagh