

FRANCO-BRIT NEWSLETTER

May 2023

Out & About



Member Laure Overwater will be exhibiting some of her paintings at this open-air exhibition. Come and admire her work!

Printemps Anglophone

There are numerous and varied activities for adults and children, including a 'Ghost Tour' of Avignon. Consult the programme to find out more:

www.printempsanglophone.org

If you hear about any local events which could interest other members, please don't hesitate to share the news by sending it to:

info@francobrits84.fr

Welcome to the May Newsletter. Poppies are flowering everywhere and the month is peppered with festive bank holidays. 'Do as you please' the French say in May!



Regular activities:

The Tuesday conversation group continues to flourish and after the last meeting participants relaxed over a drink in the Rich bar. We hope this will become a regular occurrence now that the days are longer and the weather warmer. The organizers continue to meet regularly to decide how best to structure the sessions. Many thanks to Alison Skinner, Peter and Zsu Guillery, John Elmhirst and Josette Meysard for the lively and varied sessions.

There will be no Qi Gong sessions in May due to the numerous bank holidays. Geneviève Casy will send out an email to regular participants at the beginning of June. If you wish to join the group, send an email to info@francobrits84.fr and Geneviève will get in touch with you. Many thanks to Georges and Geneviève for organising these sessions.

The Scottish dancing sessions take place on Thursday afternoons from 2.30 to 4.30 pm at the MJC in Carpentras. Newcomers are always welcome. Come and try it out! The sessions are free to members but it is necessary to join the MJC too. Many thanks to Anne-Mie and Alain for organising these sessions.

Outings in April

There was a very enjoyable play-reading on Saturday, April 15th. Many thanks to Anita & Pierre Caillet who kindly hosted the event at very short notice due to an unexpected 'technical error'. Thanks are also due to Peter & Zsu Guillery who offered to host if necessary.

On Saturday, April 29th there was a visit to the Chapelle St Martin de Serres followed by a short walk and a picnic. Our guide pointed out many features of the surrounding countryside as well as intriguing details about the channel itself. Many thanks to Laure Overwater for suggesting this outing and putting us in touch with the guide.

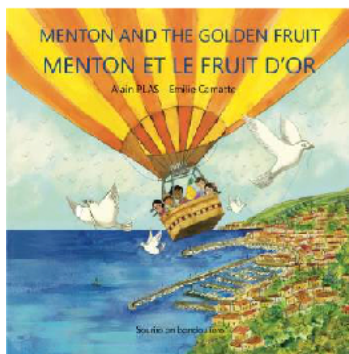
Items for sale

You can find quality organic beauty products and original gifts in this local company:
Cocoon'Essence

<https://www.cocoonessence.com>

Looking for an original gift?
Consult Genevieve Casy's on-line exhibition on our website:
<https://www.francobrits84.fr>

A bilingual 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:

franco.britsven@gmail.com

Events in May

Due to popular demand a second cookery workshop will be held on Friday, May 4th in the 'salle protocolaire' at the Maison du Citoyen. Kamaljit Uppal will demonstrate how to prepare 'Chaat Masala' and tamarin chutney. All the details are in the invitation which has already been sent out. Book quickly if you wish to participate:
info@francobrits84.fr

The second 'Printemps Anglophone' play reading will be held on **Friday, May 12th** at the **Château de la Roseraie** at 2.30pm, featuring extracts from **George Bernard Shaw's 'You never can tell'**. Participants take it in turns to read male or female roles. Please send an email to info@francobrits84.fr for more details.

The Franco-Brits are celebrating the King's Coronation in style on two different occasions.

Member Katherine Despax has organised a '**Big Lunch**' on **Sunday, May 7th** in the Luberon. Many other activities have been organised around this 'Big Lunch': a walk, a 'vide dressing', afternoon English tea and an evening apéro. All the details are on the website:

<https://www.francobrits84.fr>

Please contact Katherine directly for more information and to book a place.

As not all members are willing to go to the Luberon it was felt necessary to organise a second event, nearer Carpentras. This will take place on **Friday, May 12th** at **6.30 pm** at **Jeromus** in **Loriol du Comtat** with music and a shared '**Big Buffet**'. Participants are asked to bring a delicious dish to share and if they wish they can take part in the '**Best British Pie & Best British Pudding**' competition. There is a 7€ participation for overheads. (non-members, 9€) Please send an email to info@francobrits84.fr if you wish to participate, saying if you will bring a sweet or a savoury dish.

Corinne Duval is organising a 'Let's Lunch' at the restaurant **Côté Vignes** in **Beaumes-de-Venise** on **Tuesday, May 16th**.

<https://www.cotevignes-84.fr>

Meet at 12h30 at the car park in front of the post office in Beaumes de Venise. To reserve please contact Corinne: athenais59@sfr.fr

Carpentras Patrimoines is an association whose aim is to organize visits to historical buildings that are not normally open to the public. Although the visits are entirely in French they may be of interest to many of our members. In May there is a visit to the 'Ecole d'Avignon'. Find out more in the blog post!

<https://www.francobrits84.fr>

Monique d'Hooghe's
handicrafts



Some of you enjoyed learning how to make jewelry with Monique d'Hooghe a couple of years ago and are still wearing the items you created. Monique has many fine pieces of jewelry for sale, contact her for further details:

moniquedhooghe@yahoo.com



Art exhibitions

There is still time to see the David Hockney exhibition at the Musée Granet in Aix-en-Provence (it ends on May 28th). There is now also a Max Ernst exhibition from May 4th to October 8th at the Hôtel Caumont.

Is anyone interested in going to Aix to see both exhibitions? If so, please send an email to: info@francobrits84.fr

An outing to the theatre

Richard Brinsley Sheridan's 'The Critic' The full play will be performed in English by the **Red Hat Players** on **Saturday, May 20th at 7.30pm** and on **Sunday, May 21st at 4pm** at the **Archipel Théâtre in Avignon.**

25 bis rue du Rempart de l'Ouille

Booking is recommended: 04 90 84 04 03

If you wish to carpool please send an email to : info@francobrits84.fr

Tax rebate form

If anyone needs a tax rebate form please send an email to

info@francobrits84.fr

The website

Members are invited to explore the website for up-to-date details of activities. Accounts of recent activities can be found in the Blog. Do please consider contributing to the Blog.

Don't forget to apply for access to the members-only pages...

<https://www.francobrits84.fr>

Many thanks to Ulrich Boes, our webmaster, and to all the committee members for their ideas, enthusiasm and commitment. Thanks are also due to members who suggest and run events, making it possible for the association to offer a wide variety of activities. If you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the committee. Looking forward to seeing you at our events.

Marie-Jacqueline Ballagh