

FRANCO-BRIT NEWSLETTER

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OUT & ABOUT



Scottish dancing in l'Isle sur la Sorgue on Friday June 7th from 7.30 to 10.30 pm

<http://jumelageslisle-sur-sorgue.over-blog.com>



Sunday June 9th at 6.30 pm in Vaison la Romaine, in the cathedral Notre Dame de Nazareth. A unique concert with only women composers... Conducted by the talented Bisser Kostadinov. Some of our members sing in this choir!

Welcome to the June newsletter. You'll find information about outings planned not only for June and July but also for September and October. We hope you will find plenty to interest you.



On Sunday, May 12th Laure Overwater hosted a stylish 'High Tea' in her beautiful garden. Delicious scones, cakes, terrines and sandwiches were served, respecting the décor of a traditional British 'High Tea' - but with a touch of Provence. There was rosé wine as well as a selection of teas... Many thanks to Laure for hosting the event and for baking and to Patricia Gay Fauquet, Liz Harper, Monique d'Hooghe and Alison Skinner for their excellent culinary contributions.

Regular activities.

Qi Gong

Georges and Geneviève continue the Qi Gong sessions, free and open to all members, on Monday mornings, from 10.30 to 11.30 at the Château de la Roseraie or in the gardens of the Château, weather permitting. Please contact Geneviève if you wish to participate in the sessions and be on the Qi Gong mailing list and in the WhatsApp group. Many thanks to Geneviève and Georges for these invigorating sessions.

A light-hearted theatre workshop.

A few members now meet regularly at the Roseraie on Monday afternoons to prepare short humorous sketches, in English and French, easily understood by non-native speakers. If this project interests you, please send an email to info@francobrits84.fr or just drop in at the Roseraie on Mondays between 3 and 5 pm.

Items for sale

If you have any items for sale, you can present them on the Blog.

<https://www.francobrits84.fr>

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

Cocoon'Essence

<https://www.cocoonessence.com>

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.britsvn@gmail.com

Tuesday Conversation group.

More than just an opportunity to practice your French or English in a friendly atmosphere, these sessions have developed into a genuine exchange of ideas and experiences. A wide variety of topics have been broached over the past year and Raina Pavlova had the idea of making a collection of these contributions and posting them on a dedicated page on the website. If you have participated in these sessions over the past year, please don't hesitate to share your contributions. They will be proofread before being posted online and you can remain anonymous. You will find more information below.

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.

Many thanks to the French volunteers who have 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. The sessions will continue until July 2nd and resume on Tuesday, September 10th.

Scottish dancing at the MJC

Why not try Scottish dancing sessions at the MJC on Thursday afternoons from 2.15 pm to 4.30 pm? 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.

Upcoming events - Save the date!

Wednesday, June 5th - a day out in the Camargue!

The coach is almost full now. Thank you to all those who are participating - and thank you Monique & Beata for organizing this special outing. If you missed out, you can still try for a 'last minute' place by phoning Monique d'Hooghe: 06 27 19 29 66



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 and biscuits printed with a personal message!



If you wish to advertise any crafts or items you wish to sell, please send me an email with photos: info@francobrits84.fr

Wednesday, June 19th: 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.

Thursday June 27th. « Franco-Brit Fête de la Musique »

This year, our traditional Fête de la Musique will take place in Monique d'Hooghe's spacious garden. Members are invited to share their musical talents and this will be followed by a sing-along, karaoke-style. The association keyboard will be available, please bring your guitars and whatever other instruments you play. Please also bring a sweet or savoury dish to share. To make the buffet more festive, please consider preparing something exotic from other countries... More details will be sent out nearer the date but if you are interested in participating please send an email to info@francobrits84.fr stating:

- the number of people participating
- if you are playing or singing. (so that a programme can be organized...)
- if you are bringing a sweet or savoury dish

Drinks are provided by the association

Cost: Members: 3 euros to cover overheads.
Non-members: 8 euros

Saturday Night Fever! Saturday, July 20th at the Hippodrome in Carpentras

To round off the season we are holding a dance and buffet with a professional DJ - Dance away the mid-summer blues! Put on your dancing shoes, come along in a seventies outfit and bring something tasty to share.

September 7th. - Association day

This is a really important event when new members are recruited and former members have the opportunity to meet up after the holidays. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the stand in the morning and to take turns manning the stand during the day. So do drop by to lend us a hand or just for a chat, if you're free on Saturday, September 7th.



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>

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.. Find out more in Peter Guillery's blogpost

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](https://www.jardindebegnoles.fr/2023/02/le-jardin-de-begnoles.html)

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

Thursday, September 12th, Chapelle Benoit XII

Peter Guillery has organized a visit to the Vaucluse departmental archives in the Chapelle Benoit XII, Avignon, from 10 am to 12 am on Thursday, September 12th, followed by an optional lunch, at the 'Goût du Jour'. Places are limited to 20 so don't hesitate to reserve now. More information will be sent out shortly.

Wednesday, October 16th -A day out in Villeneuve lès Avignon

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 in English followed by lunch in an Indian restaurant, 'le Kashmir' or elsewhere nearby, there are several restaurants on the square. In the afternoon we will visit La Chartreuse with a guided tour in French. 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!

A communal kitchen garden

The Big Bang project is slowly but surely evolving. The plot has now been ploughed, a shed has been put up and garden tools will soon be bought with the remaining budget allocated to this project by the Mairie. The date of the inauguration will be announced shortly.

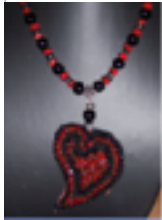
The kitchen garden will be open to all members of the Franco-Brits, wherever they live, and to Carpentras citizens. To have access, participants must commit themselves to contributing a few plants or tools and to helping out in the kitchen garden, each according to his/her abilities, digging, planting, weeding, watering... The harvest will be shared among the participants, in proportion to their efforts... There will also be themed evenings, learning about gardening, and plant exchanges... If you are interested in participating this venture, please send an email to info@francobrits84.fr.



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

<https://www.francobrits84.fr>

Monique d'Hooghe's
handicrafts

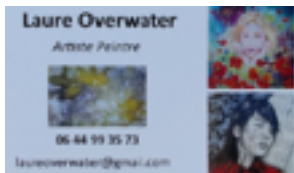


Some of you enjoyed learning how to make jewelry with Monique d'Hooghe a few years ago and are still wearing

the items you created. Monique has many fine pieces of jewelry for sale, contact her for further details:

moniquedhooghe@yahoo.com

Laure Overwater has a selection of handmade items for sale, as well as some fine paintings. Get in touch with Laure for more details



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

The special day out in Reillanne has been postponed. Reillanne is a pretty village in the Alpes de Hautes Provence. Please contact Corinne Duval for more information: athenais59@sfr.fr

If anyone needs a tax rebate form please send an email to info@francobrits84.fr

What's new on the website

Ulrich Boes is constantly updating the website. As mentioned above, a page has been developed featuring contributions from the participants in the Tuesday group. The idea is to feature some of the ideas discussed during these lively sessions. Participants are asked to send their contributions either to Peter Guillery or Michèle Gallichio for proofreading and small corrections if necessary. Please note that the contributors can remain anonymous if they so wish. Have a look at the website to read the first of these articles:

<https://www.francobrits84.fr>

There has been a recent interest in getting access to the 'members-only' pages where photos of past events are displayed. All members are invited to contribute to the blog - don't be shy! Thanks, as always, to our webmaster, Ulrich Boes for his hard work and initiatives. Please contact Ulrich if you would like to help with the technical side of the website: webmaster@francobrits84.fr

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 proofreading suggestions, interesting blogposts and initiatives for new outings.

Looking forward to seeing you at our events.

Marie-Jacqueline Ballagh