

FRANCO-BRIT NEWSLETTER

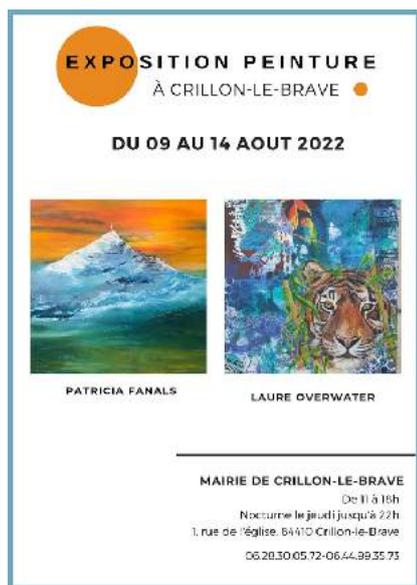


JULY 2022



OUT & ABOUT

Exposition Peinture



Member Laure Overwater is exhibiting her paintings in Crillon-le-Brave between August 9th and August 14th.

On Thursday evenings there is also a craft market outside the Mairie. Why not make an evening of it and have an apéro afterwards at the St Romain with its splendid view?



Welcome to a very belated newsletter - recent events were over before I had found time to announce them in the ... Now that the 'season' is over, here is the opportunity to look back on recent activities and take a look at what is in store in September...



The Tuesday Conversation Group was particularly successful this year. There was a group of regular participants and Anita Caillet carefully prepared a weekly programme which was sent out to the 'regulars', with work to prepare, stories to read, various suggestions... Many thanks to Anita for all the time and effort she puts into the Tuesday Group and to John Elmhirst for his help. Please note that as of **September, the meetings will start at 5 pm.**

In collaboration with the **MJC in Carpentras, Scottish dancing sessions** were organised by Anne-Mie and Alain on Thursday afternoons. These sessions will start again on **Thursday, September 15th, from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm.** More details below.

The Franco-Brits took part in the « Printemps Anglophone » with a **play-reading** at the book shop « Gulliver's » followed by refreshments in Jouvaud's. Participants read out the parts of various characters in Oscar Wilde's «A Woman of no Importance», a play that featured in the « Printemps Anglophone» programme. Play readings will resume in October.

Qi Gong sessions were held regularly on Monday mornings, often in the park of the Chateau de la Roseraie. Many thanks to Georges & Geneviève for organising these sessions. If you wish to be kept informed of the sessions in autumn, please send an email to: info@francobrits84.fr

On April 1st Carole Harris organised a very successful « **Let's Lunch** » at « La Plancha » in Carpentras with « Moules-Frites » on the menu. About 20 members participated. Thank you Carole for the idea.

Raina organised a very enjoyable guided tour of Pernes in March, followed by refreshments in « Le Petit Prince a dit » - a book shop cum tea shop on the Quai Verdun. Many thanks to our excellent guide Elodie - and of course to Raina for organising the outing.

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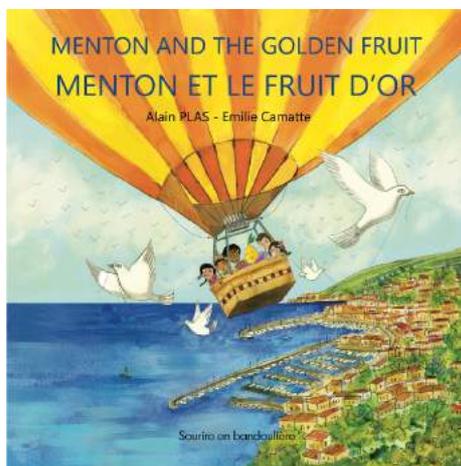
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In May we visited the Luma Arts Centre in Arles. Some of us opted
for the guided tour - everyone opted for lunch! A memorable day
out.

The highlight of the year was surely the celebration of the
Queen's Platinum Jubilee on June 4th at the Château de la
Roseraie. The committee worked hard to prepare an evening to
remember. The event was mentioned on France Vaucluse and the
President of the PACA region, Renaud Musslier, got to hear of our
celebrations and sent the Association a congratulatory letter. Many
thanks to the committee members and all those who helped make the
event such a success. Here is the link to the special Jubilee
webpage: <https://www.francobrits84.fr/en/page.php?pn=36>

The « **Fête de la Musique** » has become a Franco-Brit tradition
and this year it was yet again celebrated in Geneviève &
George's beautiful garden. There was live music and dancing
followed by karaoke-type singing. Many thanks to Geneviève & George
for their generous hospitality.

On June 22nd there was a very special garden visit, organized by
Laure Overwater. Our host was Mme Minocini who lovingly
tenders an « English garden » and delights in sharing the fruit of
her work. For those who missed this visit, there will probably be another
one later in the year. Many thanks to Mme Minocini for her generosity.

The season was rounded off with a
completely new venture. Monique
D'Hooghe and Nigel Skinner presented
a comedy sketch, «Dinner for One », at the
Chateau de la Roseraie. Pierre Caillet provided
the musical accompaniment. After the
performance, everyone enjoyed a delicious
paella. The performance was a great success
and those who missed it will have the
opportunity to see it sometime in October.
Congratulations to Monique & Nigel for their
début on stage.



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Items for sale

If you have any items for sale you can post 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>



Painting by
Laure Overwater

During August, no specific events have been planned as many members are either away on holiday or busy with family and friends visiting. However, you might consider going to see **Laure Overwater's exhibition in Crillon le Brave**. There are also many music festivals and interesting events all over the region. If you come across anything that could interest other members, please send an email to the webmaster: webmaster@francobrits84.fr

He will post it on the site if he is given sufficient warning. You can also send an email to info@francobrits84.fr so that the information can be forwarded to other members. Similarly, if you have an idea for an outing or a picnic, walk or cycle, send an email to info@francobrits84.fr so that the idea can be shared.

The **2022 -2023 season** officially starts on **September 10th «Association Day »**. Many thanks to those who have already volunteered to help out at our stand at the Platanes. Extra help is always welcome! You are all invited to drop by to pick up a programme of the season's events and your copy of the **Franco-Brit pocket calendar**, running from September 2022 to September 2023

The **Tuesday Conversation Group** will kick off on **Tuesday, September 13th at 5 pm** in the Maison des Citoyens, 35 Rue du Collège. New members are welcome.

As mentioned earlier, the Scottish dancing sessions start on **Thursday, September 15th, from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm at the MJC** in Carpentras. led by Anne-Mie & Alain The sessions are free but participants must be members both of the Franco-Brits and the MJC. Come and give it a try! You don't have to enrol in the MJC for the first, trial session.

If you wish to participate in the Qi Gong sessions, please send an email to info@francobrits84.fr and Geneviève Casy will send you all the details. Sessions are on a Monday morning from 10.30 am to 11.30 am.

On Thursday, September 15th, a trip to Aix is planned to visit the Dufy exhibition followed by lunch (optional). Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in participating in this outing. For more information, visit the site:

<https://www.caumont-centredart.com> › raoul-dufy

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The first « **Let's Lunch** » of the season will be on **Thursday, September 22nd**. We will sample « **Fish & Chips** » at the **Imperial Bus Food Truck**, situated in **Bedarides**. Those who wish can go for a short walk around Bedarides afterwards.

Start preparing for the **third edition of the Franco-Brit photo competition!** The theme is « **Flight - le Vol** » - which can be interpreted as flying, fleeing, - or thieving, depending on which language you are using... Entries can be submitted from September 1st. There will be a dedicated photo competition address. Voting will take place during the first week in October and the winners will be announced at the AGM. Looking forward to seeing your photos! Winning photos will feature in the Franco-Brit 2022 calendar.

A guided tour of Carpentras is planned in October.

If you have any ideas for an activity or an event, please do not hesitate to contact me. New initiatives are always welcome.

Up-to-date information about our activities is available on our website: <https://www.francobrits84.fr>
New members are encouraged to ask for access to the 'members only' part of the site.

Looking forward to seeing you on September 10th - if not before....

Marie-Jacqueline Ballagh

