

FRANCO-BRIT NEWSLETTER

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Out & About

Please consult the new website for the latest events in the area of interest to the Franco-Brits.

<http://francobrits84.fr/>

Please contact Ulrich Boes for your code to the 'members only' pages or if you hear of any events which could be of interest to other members. Thank-you.

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Hello and welcome to the January newsletter - the first of the decade! Wishing you all a very Happy & Prosperous New Year. May this new decade, with all its challenges, be one of peace and fulfillment for you all.



In December there were two successful events, both organised by Monique d'Hooghe: an enjoyable Christmas lunch on Sunday 15th December at « La Goute d'Eau » in Pernes and the 'Foie Gras workshop' on Wednesday 18th December. The workshop, led by Nicole, was followed by a festive meal provided by the participants and we are happy to announce that Nicole will be animating more cookery workshops in her home in 2020.

Congratulations to the lucky winners of the raffle at the Christmas lunch. 60 euros will be donated to a local charity for homeless people, in keeping with the Christmas story... More details in the next newsletter.

The last Tuesday conversation group was held on Tuesday 17th and was followed by a drink at the Palmiers, offered by the association.

December also saw the emergence of the new website, designed by Ulrich Boes. This website is geared as a tool for Franco-Brit members as well as providing information for prospective members. The latest information about activities can be found on the website. We encourage you to visit it regularly. Please contact our web master, Ulrich Boes, if you have not yet received your access code to the 'members only' pages: ulrichboes@gmail.com

Tuesday Conversation group.

The first Tuesday conversation group in 2020 will meet at the **Maison de la Vie Associative, 33 Rue du Collège on Tuesday January 7th at 2.30 pm** Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Sherlock Holmes short story has now been read, there have been several suggestions for the next sessions. Geneviève Casy is the coordinator of the conversation group and she has already sent you details about the next session. Please contact her if you have any queries or suggestions : cine.conversation@gmail.com Many thanks to Geneviève Casy, Anita Caillet & John Elmhirst for their continuing support of this group.

Book exchange: The annual book exchange will be held on **Saturday January 11th** at the **Roseraie, from 2.30 pm to 6 pm**. As usual, there will be various « galettes des rois » and cider to enjoy. Our guest speaker this year is **Liz Konold** who will present her latest book "The Bitterest Wine", a novel about a French family's conflicting roles during the German occupation of Provence and which mentions many familiar landmarks in Carpentras. Bring your old books, magazines (French as well as English - or any other language), CDs, DVDs and videos and take away something new and different.

Pencil the date in your new agenda now !

If any member of the Association wishes to display their handicrafts, please contact the organisers.

The cost of this event is **5 euros** to be paid on the day, but please email **John Elmhirst** (treasurer@francobrits84.fr) before January 9th 2020 if you wish to participate so that we are able to cater for the refreshments. You are welcome to bring guests as long as you tell us in advance. We need to have a good idea of how many people are coming so that there are enough cakes for everyone!

NEW! A CRAFT WORKSHOP!

On **Monday January 20th** from **2:00pm – to 5:00 pm** at the **Château de la Roseraie** in Carpentras, Room N°1.

This workshop provides the opportunity to bring people together to share experiences and to come up with new ideas. This month we are going to make an accessory with pearls. If you are not interested in making an accessory with pearls then come along with your own project.

This is an opportunity to share ideas and expertise, to learn new skills and be inspired to make wonderful things. If you have not got anything to make, come along and get some ideas while enjoying a chat (in English or in French) with a cup of tea or coffee.

Cost: **5€ per person** to cover expenses (materials will be provided)

2€ per person for refreshments if you bring your own project or just come along for a chat and to get ideas.

Contact **Monique d'Hooghe** if you wish to participate or for more information: moniquedhooghe@yahoo.com

The next «**Let's Lunch**» will take place on **Thursday January 23rd** at «**Circle85** » in Carpentras, **30 Place de l'Horloge**, meeting at 12.15. Please note that this is a very popular restaurant so booking in advance is essential. Please send me an email by Tuesday January 21st if you wish to participate: franco.britsvn@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing many of you at these events. Your ideas, as usual, are always welcome.

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