

FRANCO-BRIT NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2020

OUT & ABOUT

If you hear of any events likely to interest our members please send an email to:

franco.britsven@gmail.com

ITEMS FOR SALE

Enclosed with this newsletter are photos of items of furniture for sale.

If you are interested in any of these items please

contact me at
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and I will put you in touch with the person selling the furniture.

If anyone has anything to sell, you are welcome to post it here!

Hello and welcome to the February newsletter. We hope your year has got off to a good start.



Following the raffle at the Christmas lunch, 60 euros was donated to the local charity 'Association Rheso' which befriends the homeless - in keeping with the Christmas story. Here's a link to their website if you want to read more about their work. www.rheso.org

The main event in January was the annual Book Exchange on Saturday January 11th. This year it was held at the Roseraie and was well attended. Many thanks to our special guest speaker, Liz Konold, who gave an interesting talk on the background of her novel "The Bitterest Wine" which mentions many familiar landmarks in and around Carpentras. Two members of the Association, Geneviève Casy and Laure Overwater, displayed their pictures and craft items. There were plenty of « galettes des rois » to enjoy, washed down by cider & soft drinks and there was an interesting selection of books on offer. Most of the left over books will find their way to various charities or hospital waiting rooms.

The new craft workshop got off to a good start on Monday January 20th at the Château de la Roseraie in Carpentras. Participants made some lovely pieces of jewelry. The next workshop will be on Monday February 10th. For details please see below. New participants are welcome!

The «Let's Lunch» outing took place on Thursday January 23rd at «Circle85 » in Carpentras, 30 Place de l'Horlorge. We were warmly welcomed by the staff, a restaurant to recommend for its decor, its tasty dishes and excellent staff.

There were several lively meetings of the Tuesday conversation group at the « Maison de la Vie Associative », 33 Rue du Collège. Please note that Geneviève Casy is no longer the co-ordinator of this group. All members are still sent a weekly update of the following session and this information is now also available on the website: <http://www.francobrits84.fr> Many thanks to Anita Caillet for carefully preparing and animating each session and to John Elmhirst for his continuing support of this group.

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Tuesday Conversation group.

Please note that there will only be two sessions this month, on **February 4th** and **February 11th**. There are no sessions during the school holidays. At the moment the sessions take the form of guided discussions and all members receive information on a weekly basis about the following session. All members are welcome to attend. It is not necessary to participate regularly.

THE MONTHLY OUTING.

On **Friday 14th February 2020** there will be a tour of the weaving museum at l'Isle/Sorgue « La Filaventure Brun de Vian-Tiran » Avenue de la Libération, l'Isle sur la Sorgue. This outing was originally planned for November 2019 but had to be cancelled due to bad weather. The tour will be followed by a visit to a special “salon de thé” located in a flower shop (optional).

Cost: 6€ for the entrance to the museum. This visit is being organized by Monique d'Hooghe. Please contact her directly if you wish to attend: moniquedhooghe@yahoo.com

For more information here is a link to their website:

<https://www.brundeviantiran.com/musee-brun-de-vian-tiran>

The next **craft workshop** will take place on **Monday February 10th** at the **Château de la Roseraie** in Carpentras. Participants will work with pearls or can bring their own projects. 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.

Cost: 5€ contribution is asked to cover the cost of the materials and light refreshments.

2€ for refreshments if you bring your own project .

Contact Monique d'Hooghe for more details:

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«Let's Lunch»

The date and venue has not yet been decided. Details will be posted on the website shortly. Suggestions welcome!

The new website: <http://www.francobrits84.fr>

The new website is now fully operational. Up to date details of all future events are posted **so be sure to consult the website regularly**. In particular, details of the Tuesday conversation group can be found on the website. **A 'members only' section is now operational, please apply on the site for access with a username and a password**. If you wish to contribute any articles or have photos to share please send them to the webmaster, **Ulrich Boes: webmaster@francobrits84.fr**. Many thanks to Ulrich for all the hard work he puts into making this website both functional and attractive.

35th Anniversary Celebrations

This year the Franco-Brits are celebrating 35 years of existence. A special party is being organized in June.

If you have any photos, anecdotes or special memories of former events you wish to share please send them to franco.britsven@gmail.com so that anniversary posters and leaflets can be prepared as well as special features on the website.

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

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