

FRANCO-BRIT NEWSLETTER

March 2020

OUT & ABOUT

THE KNOX COLLEGE CHOIR (USA, ILLINOIS)

On Wednesday, March 18th at 8pm at the St-Siffrein Cathedral. Free entrance. It is possible to reserve, see enclosed flyer for more details.

Choir « Haut de Gamme »

Concert in Mazan at La Boiserie on Saturday, 21st March. All proceeds are going to the Croix Rouge. See enclosed flyer for more details.

SERVICES

French banking in English: mortgages; investments; property insurance & everyday banking requirements.

Contact the Service Anglophone at the Banque Populaire Méditerranée.

Robin Boxall (BPMED) will be happy to advise you.



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Hello and welcome to the March newsletter. I hope you all had a pleasant half-term break .



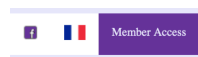
The main event in February was a very enjoyable and well attended visit to the weaving museum at l'Isle sur la Sorgue, «La Filaventure Brun de Vian-Tiran ». We were given a special talk highlighting the history of the museum. The tour was followed by a visit to the tea shop “ Eugénie”. Many thanks to Monique d’Hooghe for organizing this visit.

Thanks to Monique d’Hooghe’s patient guidance, participants of the craft workshop held at the Château de la Roseraie in Carpentras were able to complete some lovely pieces of jewelry or embark on new projects. The next workshop will be on Monday, March 16th. For details please see below. New participants are welcome!

There were two lively meetings of the Tuesday conversation group at the « Maison de la Vie Associative », 33 Rue du Collège in Carpentras before the half term holiday. Many thanks to Anita Caillet for carefully preparing and animating each session and to John Elmhirst for his continuing support of this group.

The Tuesday Conversation group.

The conversation sessions resumed on March 3rd. At the moment the sessions take the form of guided discussions. Please note that all the information concerning these sessions, including the texts studied and other useful links, is now also available on the website. Please be sure to ask for your password for the ‘members only’ pages in the section “Member access” so that you can access all this information.



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THE MONTHLY OUTING.

There are two events in March: a Karaoke on Saturday, March 7th and the guided tour of the gardens Lycée Agricole, scheduled for 2019 and postponed because of the heat wave. It will now take place on **Monday, March 30th 2020.**

THE KARAOKE : following last year's enjoyable Karaoke it was decided to hold another one, this time in La Roseraie. Please contact John Elmhirst if you wish to attend and let him know if there are any special songs you want to sing or listen to.

THE GUIDED TOUR OF THE GARDENS AT LYCÉE AGRICOLE

An experienced teacher will give us a tour of the gardens at the lycée, explaining the various techniques used, what mistakes to avoid... Don't hesitate to prepare your questions about gardening matters. The visit will be followed by lunch in the school canteen. Places are limited so be sure to book early.

Craft Workshop

The next craft workshop will take place on **Monday, March 16th** 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, maybe using a special weaving machine (check with Monique) 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:

moniquedhooghe@yahoo.com

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Scottish Dancing

Anne-Mie Devos has kindly offered to animate a Scottish dancing group. We are awaiting confirmation for the reservation of a suitable hall. Please contact Anne-Mie directly if you are interested in this project: mieheyte@yahoo.fr

«Let's Lunch»

On Friday, March 20th we'll meet at 12.30 at the restaurant « Adrien Aumaître », 471 Chemain de Villefranche in Carpentras. A 3 course meal is 20 euros, drinks extra. The road runs parallel to the railway line and there's plenty of room to park.

The new website:

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 in the 'members only' section** which 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.

Marie-Jacqueline Ballagh