

FRANCO-BRIT NEWSLETTER

MAY 2020

Out & About In Cyberland

Make the most of the wide range of entertainment which has been on offer for free during lockdown. From British comedy to international opera, you will find many links just by 'googling' the subject of your choice.

Below are just a few links, others are posted regularly on the Franco-Brit FaceBook page or sent to you by email. Do please contact me if you come across anything particularly interesting so that it can be shared.

[WhatsOnStage at Home](#) is a guide for accessing shows online, many of them are free.

www.timeout.com is a comprehensive guide to what entertainment is available online at the moment.

<http://openculture.com> is a more general site giving access to courses, lectures, films.

Enjoy all this while it is still available!

Welcome to the May newsletter. I hope you are keeping well and safe and that lockdown is not weighing too heavily on you.



Soon it'll be May 11th and we will be able to see our friends and families again - as long as they live within a range of a hundred kilometers... Meanwhile, there is a huge range of activities offered free on line to help pass the time productively.

This newsletter has been sent out later than usual because I was waiting to hear from the municipality about the measures being taken in Carpentras concerning the use of public buildings. It has now been confirmed that the "Maison du Citoyen" and the "Château de la Roseraie" will not be open to the public for the time being, so our activities are still on hold. You will of course be informed as soon as it is possible to have meetings again. Meanwhile, thanks to Monique d'Hooghe, it is possible to 'meet' via « Zoom » on Mondays and « Skype » on Thursdays at 5.30pm. If you would like to join in these meetings but the time does not suit you please let me know. Anita Caillet continues to keep in touch with the participants of the Tuesday conversation group and you will find all kinds of language activities on the website: <https://www.francobrits84.fr/>

If you have not done so already, please apply for access to the 'members only' section where you will find these activities. You apply for access by clicking on the button "Member Access" at the top right of the homepage and following the steps as indicated.

Ulrich Boes continues to develop the website and now you can enjoy the blog which is in the 'members only' section. You are all encouraged to contribute articles, stories, photos... It would be interesting to read various accounts of how you have experienced lockdown, the positive as well as the negative aspects.

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Avoiding the shops...

LOCAVOR

<https://locavor.fr>

« Locavor » is a platform for local producers. You order and pay online and either collect your purchases or get them delivered. Click on the link above to find the one nearest to you, if Montoux is not convenient.

(Oustau Safr'Ane)

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Many thanks to those of you who have sent in photos and humorous videos or jokes to share and links to theatre and ballet productions. Do please continue to do so even after May 11th. And if you need any advice about the upkeep of your garden I will forward your queries to Tim Akitt.

Here's hoping that in the next newsletter there will be announcements for 'non-virtual' meetings! Meanwhile, continue to Keep Safe and enjoy the first tentative steps of 'deconfinement'.

Marie-Jacqueline Ballagh