

# FRANCO-BRIT NEWSLETTER

## October 2019

### Out & About

#### Interested in theatre in English?

The « **Red Hat Players** » is an amateur English theatre troop based in **Avignon**, at the « **Chapeau Rouge Theatre** », **Rue du Chapeau Rouge**.

The troop was formed in 2018 and their first production, a modern dress production of “The School for Scandal” was performed in May 2019.

They will be starting the new season with an information meeting on **Thursday October 3rd at 19h30** at the **Chapeau Rouge**. Existing and potential new members are most welcome.

Rehearsals for the new season will then start in mid-October and will include work on one or two plays to be performed in Spring 2020.

In the meeting we will discuss projects for the 2019/2020 season and various organisational matters.

**Hello and welcome to the October newsletter. A warm welcome to our new members and those have shown an interest in our association. We hope you will enjoy participating in our outings and activities.**



The main event in September was Association Day which took place on Saturday 7th September. Many thanks to all those who visited our stand and a big thank you to John Elmhirst, Geneviève Casy, Monique Hooghe and Daphne Mathon who did a wonderful job manning the stand. Several people showed an interest in our association and some have started coming to Franco-Brit events. Also a big thank you to Georges who helped put up and take down the stand.

Unfortunately the two outings planned for September had to be postponed. The gardens at the Lycée Agricole suffered during the heatwave, the visit has now been postponed to spring. The guided tour of the Salinger Foundation is now scheduled for **Saturday October 12th** followed by afternoon tea in Vellelron.

There was a very successful « **Let's Lunch** » at the restaurant in the converted station at Loriol. A cycle was suggested along the Via Venaissia but most people preferred to come by car! There will be the opportunity for other cycling outings, let me know if you wish to participate.

The Franco-Brits had the honour of being invited by the Inguimbertaine mediatheque to participate in the «European Day of Languages» on September 26th and a play-reading was held in this prestigious building. A newspaper cutting about this successful event is enclosed.

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« Theatre in English » - continued...

The current troop includes both native speakers and people with English as a second language.

Rehearsals are on Thursday evening and occasional weekends

Anyone, who is interested in finding more about us is most welcome to join us on **October 3rd**. Do not hesitate to contact us if you would like more information.

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#### **Church of England service in the Luberon**

On the **second Sunday** of every month an Anglican Communion service is held with popular hymns. Those of all denominations are warmly welcomed. The service is at 10.30 am at the **Oppede village church** (not to be confused with Oppede le Vieux church). There is also an opportunity to meet after the service at the village bar near the church. Christopher Morgan looks forward to seeing you soon.

#### **NEW! ITEMS FOR SALE!**

Looking for a special gift? Why not offer one of Monique Hooghe's hand crafted pieces of jewelry? For more information contact Monique :

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#### **VERY IMPORTANT!**

The **AGM** will take place at the Roseraie on **Wednesday October 16th**, followed by an apéro dinatoire. Please do your best to attend, it is your opportunity to help shape the association.

The Tuesday conversation sessions are now in full swing. These sessions are open to all members and it is not necessary to participate regularly. A new format is being introduced, using short stories in a bilingual edition as a basis for conversation. Many thanks to Geneviève Casy, Anita Caillet and John Elmhirst for animating these sessions.

There will be a special meeting on **Tuesday September 15th**. Guest speakers from «**Cancer Support France**» will talk (both in English & French) about their work helping English speaking cancer sufferers in the region. A discussion on health issues will follow their presentation. Everyone is welcome. [csfprovencegard.com](http://csfprovencegard.com)

On **Thursday October 3rd** Geneviève Casy has organised a cinema outing "**Let's go to the cinéma**" to see «**Downton Abbey**» in vo at **4.15** followed by refreshments in the café at the Rivoli cinema in Carpentras." Meet in the foyer of the cinema at **4 pm**. If possible, please contact Geneviève if you wish to attend. [cine.conversation@gmail.com](mailto:cine.conversation@gmail.com)

As mentioned above, the outing to the **Salinger Foundation** in **Le Thor** will now take place on **Saturday September 12th, meeting at 14.30** followed by refreshments in Velleron. Full details will follow shortly but please let me know if you are interested in this outing [www.pierresalinger.org](http://www.pierresalinger.org)

The date of the next «Let's Lunch» has yet to be decided. «**La Cour des Grands**» in **Pernes** has been suggested as a venue.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Marie-Jacqueline Ballagh