

FRANCO-BRIT NEWSLETTER

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Out & About

The Chapeau Rouge Theatre in Avignon offers various workshops, some of them in English, for example:

Meeting once a week in Avignon at the Chapeau Rouge Theatre - if you don't speak much English or want to improve your confidence with speaking English, join this special theatre workshop. Using improvisation, role playing, theatre games with words and dialogue, you will be on stage and speaking in English and building an ensemble cast for an end of term live performance.

Consult their website for more details;

[h t t p : / / www.chapeaurougeavignon.org](http://www.chapeaurougeavignon.org)
or phone :04 90 84 04 03

Also at the Chapeau Rouge:

a reading in English of Saki's works at the end of October.

[http://www.chapeaurougeavignon.org/tales-without-morals/...](http://www.chapeaurougeavignon.org/tales-without-morals/)

For other local events, please consult the new website page:

<https://www.francobrits84.fr/en/page.php?pn=34>

Welcome to the October newsletter. We hope that you are all able to keep both safe and active during this delicate and distressing period.



Many thanks to all those who visited our stand at the « Forum des Associations » on September 5th . There were many enquiries and we are happy to announce that this has led to new members joining the association and participating in its activities. Welcome to all the newcomers! A big thank-you to the committee members who helped out, in particular, John Elmhirst , Monique d'Hooghe and Raina Pavlova.

The new season started with gusto on September 26th with a guided tour of Séguret organized by Raina & Ulrich. After the very informative tour of this intriguing village we had some delicious refreshments in the tea shop « L'Eglantine » followed, for some of us, by a visit to a vineyard nearby. Many thanks to Ulrich and Raina for organizing this visit.

The first « Let's Lunch » of the season took place at «La Maison de Sylvanie » in Entraigues. Many thanks to Carole Harris for her suggestion.

The Tuesday conversation group resumed on September 15th at the Maison du Citoyen, organized and animated by Anita Caillet and John Elmhirst. Restrictions due to the present situation mean that at present only nine people are allowed in the room allocated to us in the Maison du Citoyen. Apologies for the inevitable disappointment. We all look forward to a time when there will be less restrictions. Those who are unable to attend can read about the contents of the sessions on the website in the dedicated, members only, section. Many thanks to Anita and John for all their hard work.

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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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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 Monteux is not convenient.

(Oustau Safr'Ane)
970 chemin de la Ribière
84170 Monteux

The AGM

The **AGM** will take place on **Thursday October 8th** at the **Château de la Roseraie**.

Unfortunately this year, due to the restrictions, we are unable to have our traditional buffet, instead, those who wish can join the committee for a drink in town after the AGM.

If you are unable to attend, **please fill in the proxy form** which you have been sent and which can also be **downloaded from the website**.

The AGM gives members a chance to participate actively in the shaping of the association. **If you would like to join the committee, please let me know as soon as possible.** We are in particular looking for someone to help Raina with the secretarial work. **Please be aware that joining the committee implies that you are willing to participate in committee meetings, held about once a month.**

The Tuesday Conversation Group

As mentioned above, access to the Tuesday meetings is strictly limited and it is essential to contact John Elmhirst if you wish to attend. As places are limited, if you are lucky enough to be on the list but cannot attend please contact John immediately so that someone on the waiting list can replace you. Please be aware that if you turn up at the meeting without having reserved a place you will only be able to attend if there has been a last minute cancellation.

Let's Lunch »

The next « Let's Lunch » will take place on **Friday October 16th**
We will be exploring a riverside restaurant in Pernes les Fontaines , «L'Estanquet Di Font »

247 quai de Verdun, 84210 Pernes-Les-Fontaines 04 86 04 29 45

Please send an email to franco.britsvan@gmail.com

before **Wednesday September 14th** if you wish to attend.

Play-Reading

If anyone is interested in a play reading session, please contact me.
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The monthly outing:

On **Sunday October 11th** we will visit the « Nougats Silvain » establishment in St Didier. On that day there is a special bee-keeping event with various animations and honey tasting. There is also a special visit to an apiary but reservations can only be made on their website. Early booking is essential as places are limited.

<https://nougats-silvain.fr/boutique/visites/visite-du-rucher-11-octobre-gratuit/?date=2020-10-11>

Those who do not get a place for the visit to the apiary can nevertheless participate in other activities as well as visit the shop and do some early Christmas shopping.

Suggested plan:

Those who are lucky enough to visit the apiary: meet at « Nougats Silvain » at 2.15

Others: meet at 3 pm to participate in the various animations offered and browse around the shop

4 pm Everyone : refreshments in the tea room. Please send an email to franco.britsvn@gmail.com if you wish to participate. Please let me know if you have succeeded in registering for the visit to the apiary.

Craft workshop

Monique d' Hooghe has kindly offered to hold the first craft workshop in her home on **Monday October 12th.** Flower and plant arrangements will be made. Please note that as this event is being held in a private home numbers are strictly limited and the activity is only open to paid up members. For the same reason, no further information will be given on the website. Get in touch with Monique if you are interested in this workshop:

moniquedhooghe@yahoo.com

at the café by the church

NEW!!! MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS!

There are many interesting and unusual tea shops to visit in the area as well as typical 'bistros'... These new monthly coffee mornings will be the opportunity to explore them and to get together informally.

The first of these meetings will be in Caromb at the on **Tuesday October 6th. from 10.15 to 11.30 at the café by the church.** This location has been chosen as there is a small market in Caromb on Tuesday mornings. Please let me know if you are interested.

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Cycling

I am pleased to announce that John Elmhirst has agreed to become co-ordinator of a cycling group. The idea is to encourage you to get onto bikes and get in touch with each other to arrange informal cycling outings. John has a number of spare bikes if you need to borrow one. If you are interested, please contact John:

treasurer.francobrits@gmail.com

The website

Ulrich Boes continues to develop the website. **A new page is being developed : « Out & About » where you will find information about local events. A first version is available at**

<https://www.francobrits84.fr/en/page.php?pn=34>

If you hear of any interesting events, or if you wish to promote an event, please send the details to Ulrich. Thank-you.

Members have access to the special membership section. Please apply for your password. You are all invited to contribute to the Blog which is very user friendly. Give it a try! It is a way of keeping in touch and of sharing information about events in the area. Many thanks to Ulrich for all his hard work on the site.

And last but not least - as you will probably have noticed, the newsletter always comes out a little late and the last few issues have not been translated into French. Raina and Ulrich carefully proof read the text before it is sent out. I would really appreciate help too with the layout - which sometimes takes longer than writing the text - and with the French version. If you are interested in helping with the newsletter please contact me: franco.britsvengmail.com Many thanks to Raina & Ulrich for their patience with my 'typos'!...

Looking forward to seeing you and hearing from you - your ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

Marie-Jacqueline Ballagh