

FRANCO-BRIT NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2019

Out & About

Free French conversation sessions in Aubignan!

The «Comité de Jumelage» in Aubignan now offers French conversation sessions. There is no charge but participants are asked to join the association & make a small annual contribution. Please contact Josiane Dufourmantelle for further details:

jumelage-aubignan@orange.fr

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«All my Sons» by Arthur Miller, performed at the Old Vic, will be broadcasted at the Renaissance Aix-en-Provence Hotel on Sunday 1st of December, 2019, at 2:30 pm.

Tickets for the play must be purchased **no later than 5 pm on the preceding Friday**. Here is the link to use to buy tickets:

<https://www.weezevent.com/all-my-sons>

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Welcome to the November newsletter.

The main event in October was the Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Chateau de la Roseraie

followed by a buffet provided by the participants. The association provided the drinks. Many thanks to all those who attended and who renewed their membership. Thanks also to those who sent in their proxy forms.

During the AGM Ulrich Boes presented the new website he has been busy designing over the last few months and which will soon be online. Four members came forward to join the committee, this is really encouraging and much appreciated. Raina Pavlova, Ulrich Boes and Geneviève Casy had already been actively participating in committee meetings and have now decided to become official members. Christine Bonjean, who recently joined the Franco-Brits, generously offered to join the committee and help out with secretarial tasks.

After the AGM there was a very short committee meeting to share out roles. Monique d'Hooghe was voted Vice-President, Raina Pavlova was voted Secretary for the association and Christine Bonjean was voted Vice-Secretary. Congratulations and many thanks for taking on these roles. There are now ten members on the committee. Please find enclosed the full list in a separate document. Of course, we continue to welcome new ideas and suggestions from all members. Please do not hesitate to contact a committee member if you have any suggestions for events or if you would like to become a co-ordinator for an activity.

Geneviève Casy organized a film outing in October to see "Downton Abbey".

The « Let's Lunch » in Pernes which had been planned for October 17th was postponed and will now take place on November 8th. Please see below for more details.



Here is a link for an excellent newsletter covering many subjects of interest to subj to ex-pats:

Vivre en France _ en France
www.living-in-france.com/

And here is a link for an interesting blog:

Barefoot Blogger - Inspiring Travel Over 60
<https://bfblogger.com>

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 :
moniquedhooghe@yahoo.com

The conversion group now has a new format using a Sherlock Holmes short story in English with a French translation as a basis for discussion. However on Tuesday October 15th there was a break from this routine as we had guest speakers from Cancer Support France (CSF). The date had been chosen a few months ago when a different topic was chosen every week for discussion. Tim Forster presented the work of CSF. Jacques Vandenberg then gave a summary in French. It was shown a big interest to this conference. Anyone who wishes to help out and train as an 'active listener' can contact Tim Forster :

tim.csfprovencegard@gmail.com

or Jacques Vandenberg:

jacques.csfprovencegard@gmail.com

CSF website: www.csfprovencegard.com

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The Franco-Brits will resume their activities after the school holidays on **Tuesday November 5th** with the conversation group. Please contact Geneviève Casy for further details : cine.conversation@gmail.com.

The next «Let's Lunch» will take place on **Friday November 8th** at «**La cours des Grands**», 174 Avenue Jean Jaurès, 84210 **Pernes-les-Fontaines** meeting at 12h15. Please let me know if you wish to participate.

<https://lacourdesgrands.business.site>

The main outing will be on **Thursday November 14th** when there will be a guided tour of the weaving museum «**La filaventure Brun de Vian-Tiran**» Avenue de la Libération **Isle sur la Sorgue**. Entrance is 6 euros, payable at the door but please send me an email if you wish to attend. Let me know too if you wish to car pool, if you can offer a lift or need one. More details will be sent out shortly.

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

After the tour we will have refreshments nearby.

Sorry We Missed You

Ken Loach

Geneviève Casy is organising an outing to see Ken Loach's latest film at the Rivoli cinema followed by refreshments. Date to be confirmed. Contact Geneviève for more details:

cine.conversation@gmail.com

The date and venue of the next play-reading has not been decided yet. Please let me know if you are interested in participating and what day suits you best.

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New website

The new website will soon be launched. There will be a 'members only' section and a special page for local events of interest to anglophones. You can also send in your comments and articles which will be posted if considered appropriate.

Please contact Ulrich Boes for further details :

ulrichboes@gmail.com.

Membership

May I remind you that membership fees are now due. Many thanks to all those who have already contacted John Elmhirst & given him a cheque. If you had difficulty opening the membership form file, please let me know. John also brings a few copies of the membership form to the Tuesday conversation group. Please note that some events, such as the Christmas lunch, are more expensive for non-members so be sure to renew your membership or join for the first time before December!

It was decided at the AGM to introduce a special rate for those members who only spend three or four months in the area and who cannot avail of all the activities the association has to offer. Those who have a second home in Provence and who are only here for a short time each year will benefit from a reduction: 20 euros for a couple and 12 euros for a single person.

Sewing Circle & Crafts

It was announced at the AGM that Monique d'Hooghe has suggested animating a crafts workshop one Monday a month. It is hoped that a room in the Roseraie can be reserved. Please contact Monique if you would be interested in participating : moniquedhooghe@yahoo.com.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon and please don't hesitate to contact me with feedback and suggestions.

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