

FRANCO-BRIT NEWSLETTER

December 2019

Out & About

Free French conversation sessions in Aubignan!

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

Carol Services in English

If you hear of any carol services in the area please let me know so that the information can be sent to our members.

Church of England service in the Luberon

On the second Sunday of every month an Anglican Communion service is held with popular hymns. 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).

If you are interested please call **Christopher Morgan:**

04 90 75 53 16

He looks forward to seeing or hearing from you you soon.

Hello and welcome to the December newsletter. The Christmas season is well and truly with us now and preparations are in full swing.



Unfortunately the outing planned for November, a guided tour of the weaving museum «La filaventure Brun de Vian-Tiran» in Isle sur la Sorgue, was cancelled at the last moment due to the heavy rain which made the roads dangerous. The guided tour will take place some time next year.

There was a very successful «Let's Lunch» outing on Friday November 8th at «La cours des Grands» in Pernes-les-Fontaines. The staff were helpful and the dishes tasty. We will probably return in spring to enjoy the terrace.

The main event in November was the launching of the new website which Ulrich Boes has been working on for some months now: <http://francobrits84.fr/> For the moment, only the home page is online for the general public but members of the Franco-Brits have access to the full website. If you do not have the link yet, or if you have any comments or suggestions for developing these pages, please send an email to Ulrich: ulrichboes@gmail.com. During this transition period, the former website is still online. Many thanks to Ulrich for all his hard work and his patience. Thanks also to those who have participated in the development of the website: Raina, John Elmhirst, Pierre Caillet among others.

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This year we are returning to « La Goute d'Eau » in Pernes for the Christmas lunch on **Sunday 15th December**. Invitations have already been sent out. Please send your reservation slip and a cheque to John Elmhirst before **Tuesday December 10th**.

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/

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ITEMS FOR SALE!

Looking for a special xmas gift? Why not offer one of **Monique Hooghe's hand crafted pieces jewelry?** For more information contact Monique d'Hooghe moniquedhooghe@yahoo.com

If you have anything for sale, please send me details and they can be posted in this column.

The next «Let's Lunch» will take place on **Thursday Dcember 12th** at « **Le Grand Café Baretta** » in Avignon, 12-14 Place St Didier.

<https://www.grandcafebarretta.com>

Let me know if you wish to participate.

Monique d'Hooghe has kindly organized a 'Foie Gras' event in Sarrians on **Wednesday 18th December**. You will learn how to prepare 'Foie Gras', this will be followed by a shared buffet. Contact Monique for moere details:

moniquedhooghe@yahoo.com.

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Membership

Many thanks to all those who have recently joined the Franco-Brits or renewed their membership. Your participation and interest is greatly appreciated. All members are encouraged to contribute ideas and suggest events, don't hesitate to contact me if there any activities you would like to organize. Those who have a second home in Provence and who are only here for a short time each year now benefit from a reduction: 20 euros for a couple and 12 euros for a single person. Contact John Elmhirst for more details and the special membership form.

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Conversation groups.

The Tuesday conversation group continues to meet at the **Maison de la Vie Associative, 33 Rue du Collège from 2.30 pm to 4 pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend. Many thanks to Anita Caillet who animates these sessions, using a Sherlock Holmes short story in English and the French translation as a basis for discussion. Geneviève Casy is the coordinator of the conversation group. Please contact her if you have any queries or suggestions :cine.conversation@gmail.com

Please let me know if you wish to participate in the newsletter. Help with the French version and layout would be most welcome!

Looking froward to seeing you all soon.

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