

# Bulletin du Club International du Quercy

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## Trip to Bordeaux



On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 19 members of the club joined a trip to Bordeaux for a river trip on the Garonne. Unfortunately, Sarah Pegg the organiser had been admitted to hospital the night before, so Julia Jones led our trip.

We left at a reasonable hour and were treated to a detour via Pujols to pick up some other passengers! However, this proved to be a wonderful opportunity to view Villeneuve from the heights.

We arrived in Bordeaux and drove along the beautiful river front, which has been renovated to include a very large traffic free boulevard and the "mirror lake", an amazing water feature.

We boarded the "Sicambre" and enjoyed our meal served by an enthusiastic team. The river trip was amazing. It gave us all another view of this beautiful city and a chance to appreciate the history of Bordeaux and to understand why it has become a Unesco heritage site.

We were then able to enjoy a few hours wandering around before returning to our coach.

## Vide grenier Sunday 18th September



A slightly cool day awaited us as we queued to get onto the field behind the bank in Montaigu to set up our International Club stall.

Business was brisk from the start and the morning passed very quickly. I think bees round a honey pot might well describe the situation. Other stall holders were aghast at how busy we were.

After lunch things were slower but with our confidence at an all-time high we managed to come up with ingenious ideas for getting things sold.

**We would like to thank everyone who donated to this stall and all those people who came to help. We raised 225 euros for the club and had fun doing so.**

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## Forum des Associations



This year the Forum was held in Montaigu Salle des Fetes on September 10th.

The aim was to draw together in Montaigu all the local associations and clubs in the Communauté des Communes to show-case what is on offer to the local population.

There were about 24 groups represented but that is not all the groups in the area! There were 3 acting troupes, a ballroom dancing club, a gardening club, a pottery club, the pompiers looking for young recruits and the International Club to name but a few.

We managed to attract 10 new members that day and swiftly sent them down to the club to be welcomed and shown round.

We also just managed to find enough volunteers to man the refreshment stall.

We would like to thank everyone who helped run this stall, as well as those who manned the club stall. Your help was much appreciated.

## Autumn Exhibitions by Club members

**On Saturday, 22nd October, we hope to open a new exhibition of artwork by members, including some of the pieces painted during the summer art classes which took place at Atelier Lilly in July.**

**If you have any piece you would like to exhibit, please email the Club on [clubintquercy@gmail.com](mailto:clubintquercy@gmail.com), marking it Art Expo, with your name and some details (size, materials, composition etc) by Saturday 8th October. You will then be contacted with information about when the art is required for preparation of the exhibition.**

**We enjoyed a very varied and interesting exhibition last time. Please don't be shy and hide your talents away.**

**The needlework exhibition will remain in place for another 2 weeks. Please do make sure you come and view these lovely works before they are taken down.**

## Espelette et La Fete du Piment (Pepper Fair) Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Free time in Mont du Marsan. Through Dax and Bayonne to Espelette where you will have time to see the traditional way of drying the peppers on the facades of the buildings. There will be local food to try and buy with animations throughout the day. Lunch is not included. This is a beautiful part of the Basque area to visit. Return about 21h30. €34,20 without lunch Optional cancellation ins €3.**

**The trip is open at the reduced price to Members of the Club. Any non-member should book direct with Combedouzou at the normal price. For more information contact Sarah Pegg or Betty Lilly.**

## **INVITATION TO NEW MEMBERS ON SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER**

**The Committee would like to invite any of you who have joined the Club since the AGM in March 2016 for an apéro and nibbles at midday on Saturday 22nd October in the Club room.**

**This will be a chance for you to find out just how much your Club offers you for your membership fee and ask any questions you may have. In getting to know you, the Committee will also be interested to discover any skills that you could share to enrich the life of the Club, which is totally dependent on its members volunteering their services to keep the activities running.**

## **AUTUMN CLUB LUNCH 19TH NOVEMBER**

**There will be an autumn lunch in the Club room on Saturday 19th November at midday. The menu will reflect the season and the main course will be filled jacket potatoes.**

**More details will be available soon, but the cost per person will be under 10 euros and places will be limited to 36. Bookings will be taken from 22nd October on Saturday mornings at the Club.**

## **NEXT PHOTO EXHIBITION**

**The next photo exhibition will have its debut on Saturday 19th November. The subject will be Autumn Colour, so get busy with your cameras when you are out walking.**

**Further details will be sent out separately from Ed and his team.**

**The Club welcomes the following members who have joined since the summer:**

Lesley TOWNLEY (Br)  
Denise GAUL (Fr)  
Claire HEWLETT (Br)  
Dominique PETRI (Fr)  
Richard YOUNG (Br)  
Margaret GRUNDY (Br)

Brian TOWNLEY (Br)  
Christine CHERON (Fr)  
Allison HARLOW (Br)  
Veronique EVRARD (Fr)  
Sheena KNIGHT (Br)  
David GRUNDY (Br)

Brigitte DENIS (B)  
Alexandrine DAILLIERE (Fr)  
Jean-Claude LESCOAT (Fr)  
Yvonne INNES (Br)  
Terry KNIGHT (Br)

## THROUGH THE CLUB WINDOW

This month our focus is Short Walks



The short walks take place on the first Tuesday of the month. From May to October they are in the morning and November to April they are in the afternoon.

The distance varies but as far as possible they are between 7 & 8kms, lasting around two hours. The start is always less than a 30 minute drive from Montaigu de Quercy.

No special equipment is required and walking is probably the most integrated activity within the club as we frequently have French, English and Dutch speaking people walking together. We have walked as far South as Clermont Soubiran and as far North as Floressas with many other places in between and so far we have never repeated a walk.

If you are interested, why not join us. In October the 30th walk will be from Monségur 47150 on the 4th starting at 10.00am. For more information contact Peter Gauntlett.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MONTHLY SHORT WALK

DATE : TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
TIME : LEAVE 10H00  
PLACE : MEET AT MONSEGUR MAIRIE 47150

### LE STELSIA MINI GOLF

DATE : WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
TIME: 14H15  
PLACE: ST SYLVESTRE

### RANDONNEE

DATE : FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER  
TIME: 09H30  
PLACE : AROUND Tournon d'AGENAIS  
CONTACT JOHN BLAUS FOR MORE DETAILS

### ESPELETTE ET LE FETE DU PIMENT

DATE : SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
TIME: ALL DAY  
PLACE: CONTACT SARAH PEGG

### BRIDGE CLUB

On a Thursday afternoon between 13.30 and 17.00 the Bridge Club meets at the Club. This session is for experienced players. If anyone would like more information, please contact John Button [jjbutton@club-internet.fr](mailto:jjbutton@club-internet.fr)

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President	Nicolas Barret
Vice President	Chris Barrington
Treasurer	David Howat
Deputy Treasurer	Geoff Price
Secretary	Colette Guichard
Deputy Secretary	Ruth Smythers
Membership Co-ordinator	Julia Jones
Activities Co-ordinator	Anne Gibbs
Hospitality	Sue Gauntlett
Outside meals	Shirley Sears-Black
IT	Jan Emery

## 2016 – Activities

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	10.00 – 12.00 Bilingual Conversation <i>Julia Jones</i>	18.00 – 19.00 Chorale / Choir <i>Jenny Grimshaw</i>	
Tuesday	10.00 – 12.00 IT workshop <i>Carol Fenn</i>	15.00 – 17.00 Board Games <i>Maroussia Romanoff</i>	20.30 – 22.00 starting end Nov Badminton @ Salle des Fêtes <i>Gaelle Devroux</i>
		Short walk – 1st Tuesday of the month <i>Peter Gauntlett</i>	
Wednesday	Beginners English 09.00 – 10.30 <i>Anne Gibbs</i> 10.30 – 12.00 <i>Geoff Price</i>	Beginners French <i>Sue Gauntlett</i> 13.30 – 14.30 <i>Simple French</i> 14.30 – 15.30 <i>Grammar</i> 15.30 – 16.30 <i>Conversation</i>	20.30 QuercyCorum (contact <i>Lia Van de Sande</i> )
Thursday	11.00 – 12.30 Intermediate French <i>Philippe Ertzer</i>	13.30 – 17.00 Bridge <i>John Button</i>	17.00 Photocopier access for Clubs
Friday	11.00 – 12.30 Café Philo	14.00 – 16.00 Needle crafts <i>Ann Golesworthy &amp; RosemaryKeeley</i>	17.30 – 18.30 Yoga @ l'Oustal <i>Pat Dron</i>
	3ème vendredi du mois Rando Mensuelle - 09.30		
Saturday	10.00 – 12.00 Café du Samedi <i>Committee</i>		

Please note – due to works in the Salle des Fêtes, Ping Pong, Badminton and Dancercise are currently suspended



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