

January 2019
Club International
du Quercy



The Committee would like to wish all members a very Happy, Healthy and Friendship filled year. A New Year, a chance to meet new friends or learn a new skill. Why not start by joining us on the **Saturday 5th January** to share traditional French galettes and crowns – the edible variety!
A warm welcome is guaranteed.

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow – Albert Einstein



You have until 7th January to book your seats for the festival of lanterns at Gaillac - A taste of China brought to the Tarn. Over 3.5 hectares of light displays – well worth a visit. Contact Sarah Pegg or Betty Lilly for more info or visit the website <https://festivaldeslanternes-gaillac.fr/>

Bordeaux Trip

10th December 2018

Twenty six members and their guests set off early on Monday 10th December for a Christmas Market /shopping spree in the elegant city of Bordeaux.

Our concerns were laid to rest when we arrived and noticed very few signs of the manifestations of the “gilets jaunes” that rocked the city over the weekend. Our bus driver dropped us off at the main tourist office in the Golden Triangle district.

Off we went, maps in hand, to shop, sight see, and stroll along Bordeaux’s delightful waterfront and boulevards. Surrounded by so many bistros and restaurants it was hard to choose which would best satisfy our lunchtime appetites.

Loaded down with packages, souvenirs and sweet treats and anxious to give our feet a rest (shopping is hard work) we boarded our coach for our return to Montaignu that evening.

We need volunteers to help us with serving tea and coffee on Saturday mornings. If you can spare a couple of hours, please sign up on the list on the wall next to the door to the kitchen



A big THANK YOU to those members who supported our collection of good quality, loved toys and for those who donated new toys. The photo shows just a selection of toys which were handed over to Trem Plein d'Espoir on Saturday 1st December. These toys were given to local residents to help with the cost of Christmas for their children and some were sold in the shop.

Trem Plein d'Espoir is a victim of its own success and is moving into bigger and better premises in the former Terre plein sud shop near to Caminel's. The move entails a big refurbishment operation. We are working with Corinne to create a working party of keen DIYers to help create their new environment. If you can spare a couple of hours and are a dab hand with tools or a paintbrush, please add your name to the list in the club. The move is in February – more details to follow!

A selection of Christmas jumpers

A few festive faces on the 22nd December. Many more came to enjoy the mulled wine.



Sid & Ann Horman

Annelise Poncelin

Ray and Pat Dron

Jan Emery, Sarah Pegg, John Blaus, Sue Stone



Meet Carol – the cleaning lady, receiving a box of chocolates from Vice President, Colette Guichard.

MEMBERSHIP FEES – a gentle reminder - now is the time to renew your membership. You can pay in cash or by cheque at the Club any Saturday, post a cheque to the club or pay by virement from the comfort of your own home. Best value you get for 20 euros per year!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

To book, please sign up at the Club on Saturday
10.00 – 12.00 or by email :
clubintquercy@gmail.com

FETE DES ROIS

Date : Saturday 5th January
Time : 10.00 – 12.00
Venue : Club International
Come and share traditional
French galette and crowns – who
will be King for the Day

PETITE RANDONNÉE

Date : Tuesday 8th January
Time : 14.00
Where : Peyralade
Parking : near the reservoir

GROUPE DE LECTURE

Date : Monday 21 January
Time : 16.00 – 17.00
Venue : Club International
Book : Tempête by J.M.G. Clézio

RANDONNÉE MENSUELLE

Date : Friday 18 January
Time : 09.30
Where : Duravel
Parking : Mairie car park
Lunch : Restaurant d'Famille, Duravel

GAILLAC LANTERNE FESTIVAL

Date : Monday 4 February
Leave: Combedouzou garage, Montaigu
Time : afternoon – return evening

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date : Tuesday 19 March
Time : 10.00
Where : Roquecor Salle des Fetes

With the Christmas festivities now behind us, the Troupe d'Acteurs du Quercy is entering its busiest period. Oh yes, that means it's panto time again. Oh no it isn't – oh yes it is! Well, not quite...

Panto rehearsals are underway with the performance on the last weekend in January 2019. This year the Troupe is putting on two free performances for the local schools as well as two public performances on the Saturday 26 night and the Sunday 27 afternoon .

If you have never been to a Montaigu panto, you would be amazed at the transformation of the village hall into a semi professional theatre. The sets and the costumes bring the west end to the Tarn et Garonne. The chairs are still sadly lacking in padding, but the lighting and atmosphere help make up for any discomfort. Or a special tip – bring a cushion!

This year is Snow White and the 7 dwarfs, using a rather large pinch of artistic licence when it comes to the term "dwarf". Most of the cast and the crew are members of the International Club – come and see how many faces you recognise.

Tickets will be on sale every Saturday in the Club.



Who is this member who played the Wicked Witch in last year's performance of Robin Hood and the Babes in the wood?

Weekly Activities – Spring 2019

Outlined below is the list of weekly activities offered by Club members with anticipated start dates. For further information on any of the activities please check the website, <https://www.clubintquercy.com/activities-new> or send an email to the club clubintquercy@gmail.com

Monday			
10.00 - 12.00	Bilingual conversation	Julia Jones	07 January
16.00 - 17.00	Reading group* (monthly)	Lesley Townley	21 January
17.45 - 19.00	La joie du chant - choir	Jenny Grimshaw	4 February
Tuesday			
10.00 - 12.00	IT workshop	Carol Fenn / Alan Castle	29 January
10.00 - 12.00*	Short walk (monthly)	Peter Gauntlett	1 st Tuesday of the month
16.00 - 17.30	Administration Française	Nicolas Barret	15 January
Wednesday			
09.00 - 10.30	English - Intermediate	Anne Gibbs	16 January
10.30 - 12.00	Spanish - Intermediate	Sylvie Petrocelli	9 January
12.00 - 13.15	Spanish for beginners	Sylvie Petrocelli	9 January
10.30 - 11.30	Dance fit (Salle des fêtes)	Linda Preston	9 January
13.30 - 16.30	French for beginners	Sue Gauntlett	9 January
17.00 - 18.30	Yoga (l'oustal)	Pat Dron	9 January
Thursday			
09.45 - 10.45	Do-In	Veronique Evrard	10 January
10.45 - 12.15	French - intermediate	Veronique Goubard Touzac	10 January
13.30 - 17.00	Bridge	Patrick Keeley	10 January
15.00 - 17.00	table tennis (salle des fêtes)	Peter Wilkinson	10 January
17.30 - 18.30	English for beginners	Jan Emery	17 January
Friday			
09.30 - 16.00	Monthly day walks	David Howat	3rd Friday of the month
10.30 - 12.00	Café philo	Nicolas Barret	11 January
14.00 - 16.00	Needlecrafts	Anne Golesworthy / Rosemary Keeley	4 January
15.00 - 17.30	Tennis	Lia Van de Sande	all year
16.30 - 18.30	Ukelele	Paul Janssenswillen	11 January



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