

February 2018 Club International du Quercy

We're keen to know if many/any members read the bulletin. So to give us some idea, would you try the easy, short prize winning quiz on page 3?

Introducing

SARAH PEGG

ORGANISER -
TRIPS AND TRAVEL



For 35 years Sarah lived in East Sussex before her sister suggested that she and their mother should follow their dream and move to South West France. So after long discussions, they sold the farm, piled their possessions and four dogs into the car, hitched up the caravan and set off at the end of September 2003. Their two cats flew over in luxury. Within five days of moving here, Sarah and her mother discovered the Club, where many new friendships were forged.

This was a mammoth life change. Previously, Sarah had been an Executive Assistant at East Sussex County Council then, after the move to France, she found herself wielding a chainsaw and running two gîtes. Many members will still remember Sarah's mother, who loved her ten years of French living, as did Sarah. Luckily Sarah still does and after selling her property in Tournon, she bought a house in St Sylvestre, where she's very happy.

As you've probably guessed from the photo, one of Sarah's hobbies is cycling so her new house was carefully chosen and is right on the cycle track from Cahors to Aiguillon. She also loves organising. For the last few years Sarah, ably supported by Betty Lilly, has arranged many interesting trips for the Club, often acting as chauffeur too. Her other interests are La Troupe d'Acteurs du Quercy where she's an active member and the Association Quercy Equestre.

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Linda PASTOR (F)
Ian BLAKE (GB)
Jacinta Van WISSEN (NL)
Ray DRON (GB)
Bernard LAURENT (F)
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W E L C O M E !



Montaigu de Quercy
Salle des Fêtes

Thursday 22nd March
10h30-12h00

The meeting is followed by
a **vin d'honneur** at 12h00
then **buffet lunch** at 12h30

Lunch 15€
Please book in advance

I'm sure everyone at the 2017 AGM remembers the President's assurance that this year's meeting would be even shorter....



LUNCH
10th February
12h30 at the Club

M E N U

Choice of homemade soups

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Ploughman's lunch

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Sweet pancakes with lemon or jam

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Wine and coffee

8€ members
13€ guests

Limited places so please book asap on Saturday at the Club

Club Visits planned for 2018

			€pp		Closing date
(a)	Wed 25 April	Périgueux by train from Penne d'Agenais	*	*	14 April
(b)	Mon 7 May	Corniche de la Gironde	59,85		7 April
(c)	Sat 30 June	Gran Jonquera Outlet and Shopping centre, Spain	28,50		2 June
(d)	July	Possibility of visit to Martel (Lot), Rocamadour and Gouffre de Padirac	*		
(e)	Sat 18 - 20 August	Puy du Fou	439,00		17 March
(f)	Fri 28 Sept	Cruise on the Canal du Midi	72,20		25 Aug
(g)	Sat 6 Oct	Nogaro Classic Car Festival	40,85		15 Sept
(h)	December	Marché de Noël	*		

* details to be finalised

The unmissable PUYDUFOU®

Saturday, 18th August
to
Monday, 20th August

This historical theme park is located in the Vendée and is the second most visited theme park in France, after Euro Disney in Paris. Here the comparison ends.

There's chariot racing in a Roman Arena; spectacular horsemanship; Viking invaders; the Ballet of the Birds involving over 200 birds of prey swooping over the audience. Apart from all the shows, within the park there are 3 reconstructed villages (Medieval, 18th and 19th century) where latter day craftsmen demonstrate their skills. Also gorgeous gardens, domestic animals and water features. The list goes on...

In the evening, a seat will be booked for you at Cinéscénie, the world's biggest night-time show which boasts a vast open-air stage featuring two thousand actors. The finale of the evening - a magnificent firework display. If you fear that you might not understand the French commentary, don't worry; these incredible spectacles speak for themselves.

On the way home on the third day, there's a visit to a brioche vendéenne then a stop at La Rochelle for lunch (not included in the price).

For further flavour of Puy du Fou, just have a look at their website (www.puydufou.fr).

The cost, €439,00 per person is based on two people sharing a room for two nights at Hotel Gallo-Romaine, which is on the complex.

For complete details and booking information, please contact Sarah Pegg (pegg.sarah@orange.fr) or Betty Lilly (bettylilly77@gmail.com)

This hugely popular event is a real treat so please book as early as you can.

At 24th January - ONLY 4 PLACES LEFT



Next expo - February
PENCIL DRAWINGS BY THE ART GROUP



SYMMETRY

PHOTO EXPO

at the end of March

Yes, it's abstract so give your imagination free rein. Just open your eyes and really **see** the many incredible, surprising images all around you.

Please leave your contributions in the photo drawer in the Club.

Jean-Philippe Lougrat, Peter Gauntlett and Ed van Weerd are planning a tri-lingual photography group to:



Photography

- support and teach beginners
- organise visits of interest to photographers
- offer tailored workshops eg portrait photography, digital enhancement, framing etc
- set up a private online storage for members to share their photos
- encourage members to put forward their works for the photography displays

Everyone with the camera is welcome (smart phone, tablet, compact, SLR, maybe even a Box Brownie?)

Please contact any of the organisers for more information and to hear the ideas generated at the first meeting on 29th January.



THE GREAT WET WINTER WALK

29th December

Only the intrepid 6 enjoyed (endured?) getting drenched that day. In spite of their soaking, it appears that everyone had a good time (or are those happy faces just for the camera)? Behind the smiles, were they actually wondering what on earth possessed them to walk in that weather when there was a perfectly good alternative - slippers, tea and toast by a fire?

Whatever – we salute you!

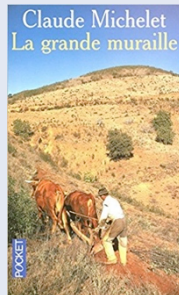
READING GROUP

Next meeting

**Monday 12th February
at 16h00**

(please note change to day/time)

Next book
La Grande Muraille
Claude Michelet



**Fête
des
Rois**
6th January

This year the Fête des Rois fell conveniently on a Saturday and the club was abuzz with members who'd gathered to celebrate.

All morning, slices of galette or brioche + coffee were on offer, and then after 11 am, the 'hard stuff: hot spiced cider.

The occasion proved a huge hit but sadly, around 1pm, a committee member was forced to call "time".

I want to die like my father,
peacefully in my sleep, not
screaming and terrified, like
his passengers.
Bob Monkhouse

Please note:

Beginners English class, which is temporarily suspended, will move to Thursday evening when it restarts.



UKULELE

**IF YOU CAN SAY IT,
YOU CAN PLAY IT**

6 members have already enrolled in this course run by Paul Janssenwillen. So far, he's taught them some basic chords and the techniques of strumming and by the end of both lessons, everyone was able to play a melody and sing along to it. The trainees gained not just a sense of achievement - they could actually play a recognisable tune - but they also acquired more confidence in their vocal ability.

Tempted to join them?
Friday 16h30 – 17h30 in the Club

MINI QUIZ

The 1st 5 members to email 5 correct answers will win cake and a cup of coffee at the Café du Samedi.
Now there's an incentive!

- Name the nighttime show at Puy du Fou?
- Who is Claude Michelet?
- Where is Gran Jonquera?
- Which committee member was featured in January?
- Who runs the yoga class?

Answers to: clubintquercy@gmail.com
Good luck and thank you!

Calendar of Events February

To book, please sign up at the Club on Saturday between 10h00 – 12h00 or by email clubintquercy@gmail.com

PETITE RANDONNÉE

Date: 6th February
Time: 14h00
Where: Place du Carré, Beauville

Mardi Gras Lunch

Date: 10th February
Time: 12h30
Where: Club Room

READING GROUP

Date: 12th February
Time: 16h00
Where: Club room

RANDONNÉE

Date: 16th February
Time: 09h30
Where: Massels and Cassignas 47500
Lunch: Le Roquentin, Laroque Timbaut

Art Workshop

Dates: 1st and 22nd February
Where: Lilly Studio

Planning hebdomadaire

	Matin	Après Midi	Soir
Lundi	10.00 – 12.00 Conversation bilingue français anglais <i>Julia Jones</i>	Comité ou activités ponctuelles	17.45 – 19.00 Chorale la Joie du Chant <i>Jenny Grimshaw</i> 19.30 – 21.30 La Troupe des Acteurs du Quercy ** Salle de Fêtes
emp	10.00 – 12.00 Atelier informatique <i>Carol Fenn</i>	15.00 – 17.00 Jeux de Société <i>Maroussia Romanoff</i>	Suspendu provisoirement 17.00 – 18.00 <i>Langue Anglais pour les débutants</i> <i>Jan Emery</i>
	1er mardi du mois Petite randonnée <i>Peter Gauntlett</i>		
Mercredi	09.00 – 10.30 English pre-intermediate <i>Anne Gibbs</i>	13.30 – 14.30 14.30 – 15.30 15.30 – 16.30 Langue française pour les Débutants <i>Sue Gauntlett</i>	17.00 – 18.30 Yoga L'Oustal <i>Pat Dron</i>
	10.30 – 12.00 Langue espagnole <i>Sylvie Petrocelli</i>		Badminton Salle des Fêtes
	10.30 – 11.30 Dancefit Salle de Fêtes <i>Linda Preston</i>		20.30 Chorale QuercyCorum ** (Contacte - Lia van de Sande 05 63 95 38 23)
Jeudi	10.00 – 11.00 Do-In <i>Véronique Evrard</i>	13.30 – 17.00 Bridge <i>Patrick Keeley</i>	15.00 – 17.00 Ping Pong Salle de Fêtes <i>Peter Wilkinson</i>
	11.00 – 12.30 Français mixte <i>Philippe Ertzer</i>		19.30 – 21.30 La Troupe des Acteurs du Quercy ** Salle des fêtes
Vendredi	10.30 – 12.00 Café Philo <i>Nicolas Barret</i>	14.00 – 16.00 Travaux d'aiguilles <i>Ann & Rosemary</i>	15.00 – 17.30 Tennis Court de tennis <i>Peter Buck</i>
	3ème vendredi du mois de septembre à mai 09.30 – 16.30 Randonnée <i>David Howat</i>		
Samedi	10.00 – 12.00 Café du Samedi <i>Comité</i>		

**** Activités non aérées par le Club**

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