

March 2019 Club International du Quercy

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This month, we are highlighting our most important meeting of the year when your club committee reports back to you and looks forward to your feedback.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Club International du Quercy will be held at 10.30-12.00 on Tuesday 19 March at the Salle des Fêtes in Roquecor. Doors will be open and registration will start at 10 am. The meeting is open to all members who are up to date with their membership subscription.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and opening remarks by the President.
2. President's report
3. Club Activities Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Financial Examiner's Report
6. Election of Financial Examiners
7. Budget for 2019
8. Amendments to the Club's internal rules
9. Any other business
10. Elections to the committee
11. Closure of meeting

Members who are unable to attend may give their proxy vote to another member present at the meeting. Proxy forms can be downloaded from the website or obtained at the clubhouse. Nominations for election should be submitted to the Secretary, in writing, no later than March 16th 2019.

The meeting will be followed at 12.00 by a Vin d'honneur and at 12.30 by a meal. The meal is 15 euros per person and must be booked in advance by Saturday 9th March.

Inside this issue:

Computer workshop:

How to get the best from your internet experience by attending the IT workshop sessions.

Would you like help with using your computer/tablet/smart phone more effectively?
We have the solution for you.

Come along to a friendly group to help you access the club and other websites.

Table Tennis:

What about a little light exercise in the company of a friendly and growing group?
We have the solution for you.

Come along on a Thursday afternoon to try your hand at table tennis.



Festival of Lanterns visit at Gaillac

The Chinese connection of this display may seem odd but Gaillac is twinned with Zigong in the Sichuan province.

The famous “Feerie de Chine” event took place in the historical Foucaud park which covers an area of 3.5 hectares. It is a show on a massive illuminated scale - The main display, especially created for Gaillac, is the largest lantern light ever built outside China and is a palace 75 metres long and 20 metres high. Complementing this structure there are a pair of 100-metre-long dragons. There are traditional Tang Dynasty streets, landscapes of the Silk Road, 1000 silk covered painted lanterns, a trio of Chinese porcelain elephants 12 metres high. To name but a few, there are mountain pandas, deer, flowers, masks and dancers. A huge water sculpture with sound, light and incredible musical accompaniment assaults all the senses. This display is not only a spectacle on a monumental scale but serves to show its cultural value requiring the work of 80 metal craftsmen, painters and specialised designers from Sichuan.

Thank you to the people from the Sichuan province China, the people of Gaillac, Combedouzou Travel and last but by no means least to Sarah Pegg for organising such a spectacle which was enjoyed by 23 members.

Table Tennis



Want to join a friendly group for a little light exercise? You only need to provide suitable footwear and you can exercise in the company of a group playing at various levels. We have just added a new table to our stock and with three now available, can have up to twelve people playing at once.

Come and join us on a Thursday at 3pm – plenty of time for you to digest your lunch before you start!

Carol Fenn explains how the Computer Workshop sessions came about and how they might be useful to you:

So, Carol, how did you become involved in sharing information on IT?

The sessions started by accident really. I was overheard on a Saturday coffee morning one day explaining to someone how to put a shortcut on a desktop. As a result, I was asked if I would run 'sharing knowledge' sessions. I personally thought it would be a disaster but to my surprise several people turned up weekly and were able to help each other. Now it has become a friendly and informal meeting where we are able to get computer issues sorted out.

How long have you been running the sessions?

About three or four years. The sessions are drop in, with no need to inform us in advance of your difficulty. You do not have to attend regularly or even to stay for the whole two hours. I was lucky that a couple of years ago Alan Castle offered to come along, and he is invaluable, so patient and knowledgeable, that I would not now do it without him.

What kind of help do you give?

We will try and help with anything, that's the beauty of sharing knowledge. We get a wide range of questions usually starting with 'How do I?' We can usually help with connection issues, it is often just a setting that needs to be changed. We obviously cannot help with home connection issues, but can give suggestions as to what might help.

Can you help with accessing websites?

Yes, we can help with accessing websites if they are set up properly. If anyone has a problem accessing the club website, then we can show them how to use it. It is not like a classroom situation, but very informal.

Do participants need to bring any equipment?

Yes, it helps to bring your current device along rather than use the old laptops in the clubhouse. You can access the internet in the club if your problem relates to internet issues. We are also able to help with the use of a tablet or smartphone.

What do you enjoy most about the sessions?

The pleasure of giving people confidence in using information technology. We have had people come along who have never touched a computer before, and we have managed to start them off on a voyage of discovery in the world of the internet. I like to show people what extra things are available on their machines and what a wonderful world of imagination can be at your fingertips.



Périgueux

Thursday, 25 April



Come and visit the delightful city of Périgueux by train. The train departs Penne d'Agenais Station for the interesting train ride through woods, villages and hopefully seeing spring gardens in bloom.

The journey takes just under two hours in a comfortable carriage with toilets on board.



Provisional Timetable:

- **07h30 Meet at Penne Station**
- **09h43 Arrive Périgueux**
- **11h00 Tour of city by Petit Train**
- **12h30 Optional Lunch at Lou Chabrol**
- **17h30 Meet at Périgueux Station for return journey**
- **19h55 Arrive Penne**

The total cost of the trip will be confirmed on 5 April when the final numbers are known, but a non-refundable deposit of €20.00, plus the optional €18.50 for the meal, if required, will be taken at the time of booking. The anticipated maximum cost will be in the region of €33.50 without lunch, or €52.00 with lunch (menu of the day, wine and coffee). The final payment will be due on, or shortly after 6 April.

To reserve your place, please come to the Club on Saturday mornings, or contact Sarah Pegg (visites.voyages@clubintquercy.fr) or Betty Lilly, same address

You can, of course, pay by bank transfer (after 6 April) and the details are mentioned below. Please remember to email either Sarah or Betty with the number of places that you are booking.

Destinataire: Club International du Quercy

IBAN: FR76 1120 6201 3596 43326593 134,

Motif: 1(or the number of places) place for : Périgueux in the name of: (name)

Closing Date: 6 April, 2019

Pot de bienvenue

On Saturday 16 February, around a dozen members who had recently joined came to meet with the committee and to enjoy an aperitif and a few nibbles.

They discussed club activities and gave their thoughts on the club. Several of those present expressed their appreciation at the opportunity to meet with the committee; to learn more, and to speak about their experience of the club.

Welcome to New Members

D'ABOVILLE	Marcel (Br)
HOLLAND	Caroline (Br)
PECHVERTY	Monique (Fr)
REVEL	Joelle (Fr)
TAYLOR	Pamela (Br)
VON ERTZDORF	Josephine (Br)
VON ERTZDORF	Steven (Br)
WESTCOTT	Pamela (Br)
WORBY	Malcolm (Br)

Calendar of events in March

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

PETITE RANDONNÉE :

Date : 5th March
Time : 14.00
Venue : Moissaguel

GRANDE RANDONNÉE :

Date : 15 March
Time : 09.30
Venue : LeBoulve & Le Sauzet

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Date : 19th March
Venue : Salle des Fetes
Roquecor
Time : 10.30

Vin d'honneur 12.00
Buffet Lunch 12.30

GROUPE DE LECTURE :

Date 25 March
Time : 16.00
Venue : Salle du club

Committee

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