



“THE FRENCH CONNECTION”

WRINGTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

2018 NEW YEAR NEWSLETTER



BONNE ANNÉE!

As 2017 draws to a close and we welcome a new year, The French Connection has much to look back on and even more to look forward to for 2018.

2017 saw our membership grow yet again, and a number of successful events took place ranging from film evenings to visits from our French friends in Villeneuve and of course our ever-successful French Conversation evenings.

We continue to extend our connections on this side of the Channel with our members now hailing from all across the Wrington Vale. Similarly, in France, we now have firmly established links through the schools with Sérignan which is the next village to Villeneuve-lès-Béziers. Our outgoing Chair, Frank Finn, visited Villeneuve in the summer and reported back on his very enjoyable visit at the AGM in November.

NEW COMMITTEE

Following our AGM in November and the election of our committee members, we have now appointed officers to the committee as follows:

Chair: Annabel Scott	chair@wringontwinning.co.uk 07814 965668
Secretary: Colville Greaves	secretary@wringontwinning.co.uk
Treasurer: Janet Walters	treasurer@wringontwinning.co.uk 07715671679

Other committee members: John Adams; Tony Hancock; Frank Finn.
David Simpson continues in the short term as an Ex-Officio member appointed by the Parish Council

FORTHCOMING EXCHANGES

As you may remember, at the beginning of last year, we welcomed a group of young people on a preliminary visit from the Lycée Marc Bloch in Sérignan. We are delighted to be able to report that as a result of the visit an exchange programme has now been established between the Lycée and Churchill Academy. The first exchange will take place in March and April of this year and will involve approximately 25 students aged 14 to 17. We look forward to greeting the French students during their visit here and will report back on the exchange in our next newsletter.

On a similar note, there are a number of families in Villeneuve who have expressed an interest in participating in a family exchange and we are looking for any families here who would be interested in taking part. Do spread the word to anyone you know - there is often a nervousness about language but there is no need to be able to speak French - twinning exchanges have been taking place between UK towns and villages and those in Europe for decades and people always manage to communicate even without expert language skills!

2018 EVENTS

As always, we have a number of events and activities in the pipeline for 2018. Details of these will follow shortly, but they will include more film evenings, our annual boules competition, a music evening and possibly a croquet competition. We are also hoping to have some external speakers who will come and talk to us about various aspects of French life and culture.

Our French Conversation Group goes from strength to strength, thanks to Tony and Margaret Hancock and takes place on Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings.

It may also be of interest to some of you to know that Strode Theatre in Street will be showing a series of French films during January and February (details below)

Sun 7 Jan @ 5.30pm - Lost in Paris

Mon 8 Jan @ 7.30pm - Gauguin

Wed 17 Jan @7.30pm - Le jour se lève

Thur 15 Feb @7.30pm - Jour de fête

Sat 24 Feb @ 5.30pm - A woman's life

There is also a live screening of Carmen sung in French, with English subtitles on Tue 6 March @6.45pm (From the Royal Opera House)

We also welcome suggestions for activities so please contact us if you have any ideas!

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