

## **FRENCH CONNECTION NEWS & EVENTS**

### **GROUP VISIT TO Villeneuve-lès-Béziers**

We recently sent you an email about a possible trip to Villeneuve-lès-Béziers later in the year. The response was very positive and a meeting to discuss the trip will be held on **Wednesday 28th February 2018 at 6.30 pm in the Reading Room in Wrington.**

**This date is also scheduled to be a conversation evening and Margaret and Tony Hancock have kindly agreed to conduct the conversation session immediately after the meeting in the Reading Room.**

**We very much hope to see you there, and if you've never attended one of the excellent conversation evenings, why not stay and give it a try.**

### **FILM EVENING at the ROXY - CARMEN**

It has already been announced that The French Connection will be putting on a film show on the evening of **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March** at The Roxy cinema in Axbridge.

We shall be showing the 1984 French-Italian film of Carmen, directed by Francesco Rosi. It is a film version of Bizet's opera, probably the most performed opera ever, and was filmed entirely on location in Spain. It brings all the excitement of the bullring as well as journeys into the wilderness of the Andalusian mountains, superb settings for Bizet's immortal music.

The language is French but there will be English sub-titles and a synopsis will be available for those not familiar with the plot

Shortly after its US première in 1984 the film was nominated for the Golden Globe award for the best foreign film.



Carmen is played by Julia Mignes, who portrays superbly the flamboyant beauty whose charms ensnare the timid young soldier Don José, portrayed by Placido Domingo, who was at the time at the height of his career. Even if you are not an avid opera-lover the settings, the music and Carmen's dancing are bound to enthrall you.

For those who do not know it, The ROXY is a small, intimate, cinema in Axbridge, situated at 36 High Street. It does not have its own parking but there are several parking places available close by nearer to the centre of the village.

The evening will start with a gathering for drinks at 7.00 PM, when you will be able to buy drinks at the bar, and there will be an interval during the film when drinks will also be available.

Entry will cost £5 per person and you are welcome to bring a friend (or friends). However, accommodation is limited so, to reserve a place, please send an email to Tony Hancock at [hancock.divonne@gmail.com](mailto:hancock.divonne@gmail.com) and let him know that you are coming and how many you will be.