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THE BRITISH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE OF FRANCE

The British Community Committee of France (BCC), founded in 1937 (see page 37), is the umbrella organisation of British associations in France at a national level. It operates under the registered logo *britishinfrance* and publicises the existence of its member organisations so that British citizens in France, or those with British interests, know whom to contact to join. It co-ordinates the activities of the British in France by collecting information on events being organised by member associations, highlighting potential clashes of dates between events, and communicating the list to members and on its website **britishinfrance.com**.

The BCC was first registered as a Loi 1901 association on 1 July 1939. It has two categories of members:

- associations with a majority British link, whether charitable, educational, religious, social, sporting, professional, etc;
- up to 21 individual elected members of the British Community who wish to play an active part in the co-ordination and promotion of British Community activities.

Membership is open to associations and individuals throughout France and Monaco.

The BCC promotes its member organisations and their activities in the following ways:

- Each year it publishes the Directory of Member Organisations, which gives a description of all of its members' activities and their contact details.
- The BCC's website **britishinfrance.com** reaches out to the broader on-line community, providing details of all member associations and their activities.
- BCC member associations use a webform to publicise their upcoming events on the BCC website under **britishinfrance.com/diary-of-events**. Events can be searched for by region, key word or date. They are also shared on **facebook.com/BritishCommunityInFrance**.
- The BCC holds Quarterly Meetings (usually in January, March or April, June, and September or October), attended by a delegate from each member association, the individual elected members, and the Regional Representatives elected by member associations in the regions.

Any association in France or Monaco with a British link is welcome to apply to join the BCC. Admission is granted to successful applicants following a presentation of the association to a Quarterly Meeting.

The membership subscription is €20 if paid by 31 March, €30 if paid after 1 April.

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Copies of the latest edition of this publication may be obtained from the British Consulates, the churches and associations, and from the places listed on page 41.

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The printed version of the Directory includes details of individual members of the BCC, not considered as appropriate for publication in the online version of the document, available to the general public.

To obtain the full version of the Directory including these contact details, please either go to one of the locations listed on page 41 where a paper copy of the Directory is available, or request a full PDF copy from the BCC webmaster at webmaster@britishinfrance.email.

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British Consular Services in France

Travel advice for France

For advice and information to help ensure you stay safe, avoid problems, and make informed decisions when travelling in France, register for email alerts at gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/france. Also check diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/conseils-aux-voyageurs.

Getting married in France

Obtain relevant information for marriage or PACS in France on gov.uk/marriage-abroad

Consular Support

The British Embassy and Consulates provide support to British nationals who:

- have been the victim of serious crime, including rape and sexual assault
- have been involved in a serious accident or other serious incident
- have been arrested or detained
- need to travel in an emergency and do not have their passport available.

Our website has further information on our services and information we provide at gov.uk/world/organisations/british-consulate-paris.

Passports

To apply for a first passport or renew an existing passport, visit gov.uk/overseas-passports.

Information for people living in France

A wide range of information for British nationals who live in France is available at gov.uk/living-in-france.

Preventing problems

We ask all British nationals abroad to prepare carefully for their holiday or move to France and to take sensible steps while abroad. These include:

- Keeping your passport safe; it is a unique and valuable document
- Having an EHIC/GHIC card and appropriate travel or medical insurance
- Driving safely and staying within the law
- Following the advice of local authorities regarding weather and other warnings.

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(South West France)

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British Consulate

Marseille

(South East France)

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Les Docks de Marseille
13002 Marseille
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British Embassy Paris

Supporting British nationals overseas is a key focus of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) via our Embassy and Consular teams. Consular Assistance is mostly directed to helping those who most need our help, and we really value collaboration with partners across France including many of the British associations and charities who enable us to do this.

The first half of 2023 has been extremely busy for the Embassy. In March, we hosted the UK-France Summit, the first since 2018. The atmospherics were positive, opening a new chapter in our bilateral relationship – an “Entente Renewed”. I’m delighted that, as part of the agreements reached at the Summit, our leaders committed to making school travel between the UK and France easier, including by making changes to documentary requirements for school children on organised trips from France. We expect further news on this in the autumn.

Following the Summit, we will also be working with France on preparations for the new EU Entry Exit System, recognising the importance of fluidity across our joint border. And our two countries will put the emphasis on developing people-to-people initiatives, encourage mobility, culture, and exchanges, within the framework of the EU-UK relationship.

As you might know, we were also excited to be welcoming Their Majesties The King and Queen to France at the end of March for their first State Visit. This was sadly postponed due to the political and security situation in France at that time, but we look forward to announcing a new date as soon as we can. We were happy to be able to celebrate His Majesty’s Coronation and I hope you had the chance to celebrate too!

Our work to support British Nationals in France has continued alongside these huge events. We continue to raise with the French authorities cases where the Withdrawal Agreement is wrongly applied to minors, late applicants and joining family members – we know this is a challenge in some prefectures. To help, we are working with the French Interior Ministry to ensure prefectural websites are updated, easy to access, and have a clear process for Withdrawal Agreement beneficiaries who want to make an application. We have also sought clarity from the Health Ministry on British nationals’ eligibility for a low-income benefit, following a change in French policy.

The Embassy is also gearing up for the exciting large sporting events on the horizon – the Rugby World Cup, Paris 2024 Olympics and Paralympics. We anticipate large numbers of attendees: please do remind any guests you may have to ensure they have a valid passport and take out travel insurance. You can find more information on our Travel Advice Pages.

And finally: do sign up to alerts for our Living in France Guide www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-france. You can always contact the Embassy via our webform www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris.

Thank you to BCC members for their ongoing support.

Dame Menna Rawlings
British Ambassador to France

ARTS, MUSIC, THEATRE AND DANCE

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abrmrep@sfr.fr		abrm.org

Dear Conjunction Theatre Company

Dear Conjunction, an English and French language theatre company based in Paris, has produced well over 40 plays since its foundation in 1991. DC is still run by its founder members but works with many other professional actors and directors. As well as productions, DC regularly gives play and poetry readings and is happy to perform at special events throughout the year. We are always eager to welcome new performers, administrators, supporters.

Les Clack	dearconjunction@wanadoo.fr	01 42 85 09 57/ 06 37 56 95 21
Trish Kessler		01 42 41 69 65/ 06 31 32 47 84

English Cathedral Choir of Paris

The choir is conducted by counter-tenor and composer Christopher Wells, who was a cathedral chorister under the choir's patron Sir David Willcocks. For more than twenty years the ECC has been promoting English cathedral music throughout France's churches and cathedrals, taking part in religious ceremonies, services, weddings, carols, etc., as well as larger orchestral works, festivals, TV and radio broadcasts. Members include former English cathedral choristers and university choral scholars, but good musicians of all nationalities are welcome.

Odile and Christopher Wells	01 42 72 73 76
pepysmusic@hotmail.com	ecc-paris.org

The Friends of the Tower Theatre in Paris (Tower Bridge)

We are a group of English theatre lovers in Paris, which supports the London-based Tower Theatre Company in their visits to Paris. The next visit is hoped to be in 2024, and details will be announced on our website.

Friends (€25 pa) are entitled to one free ticket to the play in Paris, and concessions on all Tower Theatre shows in London.

Information Marcus Moore	06 71 08 50 02
Marcus.Moore@mail.com	www.towertheatre.org.uk/paris

The International Players

The International Players are a friendly group of over 70 members of all ages and nationalities with a variety of talents, from acting and singing to designing sets and costumes. We put on English-language productions which cover a range of very different styles from musicals and pantomimes to serious plays and comedies. The group rehearses and performs in St-Germain-en-Laye and Le Pecq. New members are always welcome, even if in France for a short time.

President Roger Surridge
info@internationalplayers.org

06 86 95 95 22
internationalplayers.org

PADFAS – The Arts Society – Paris

Affiliated to The Arts Society U.K., this Franco-British society offers a series of illustrated monthly lectures in English, by experts in their fields, on Thursday afternoons from October to May. Other activities include guided visits to museums and other places of interest; a book club; and an annual 3- or 4-day trip. New members are always welcome, as are guests, (free first lecture). For details of our programme and membership, please see our web site.

Secretary Phil Dunbar
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padfas.fr

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Paris Branch

The Paris Branch of the Society was created in 1984 in order to promote Scottish Country Dancing and to offer the opportunity to learn and practise Scottish Country Dances in Paris. The Branch organises classes, half-day schools for beginners, intermediate or advanced dancers. There is a dance every Monday night from 20.00 to 22.00, and occasionally a ball on Saturday night. Everybody is warmly welcome.

Contact Marcus Moore
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06 71 08 50 02
rscdparis.fr/calendar

CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous is an international fellowship of people who have had a drinking problem. It is non-professional, self-supporting, multiracial, apolitical, and available almost everywhere. There are no age or education requirements. Membership is open to anyone who wants to do something about their drinking problem.

Helpline
publicinformation@aa-paris.org
Volunteer Dennis **deg1953@gmail.com**

(English) **07 56 98 45 71** / (French) **09 69 39 40 20**
Secretary@aa-paris.org
aa-paris.org

The British Charitable Fund

We help British people of all ages and walks of life, resident in France, falling into financial need or distress. Through discretionary grants, we provide continuing support for the elderly or temporary assistance to younger people during short-term difficulties. Donation support (via website) is vital to continue current aid levels. The UK registered BCF is represented in France by the British Charitable Fund in France. Our office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10.00 am – 5 pm.

01 47 59 07 69

office@bcfparis.org

bcfparis.org

Cancer Support France

Cancer Support France offers emotional and language support for English speakers in France affected by cancer. Our free, confidential support is offered on a one to one basis by our trained volunteers for the patient, carers or those close to them. Our local associations can offer support that may be face-to-face, or remotely by telephone, e-mail or other secure means.

National Help-line

helpline@cancersupportfrance.org

0800 240 200

cancersupportfrance.org

The Franco-British Foundation de Sillery

Created by French and British trustees of the British Committee of the French Red Cross who had coordinated Britain's effort to treat wounded French servicemen in British-run hospitals throughout France during WW1, the headquarters has been at the Château de Sillery since 1919.

350 qualified staff care for 850 adults from 14 nationalities in 11 training establishments and workshops in Essonne, Val de Marne and Brittany. FFBS aims to help these individuals manage their disabilities, acquire living and employment skills and, ultimately, to lead independent, working lives.

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President Colonel Geoffrey Cardozo CBE

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ffbs-sillery.com

Vice-President Annette Gilles

The Hertford British Hospital Charity (HBHC)

HBHC is a UK registered charity that manages both the original hospital building built by Sir Richard Wallace in Levallois-Perret in 1879 and the modern hospital building behind it. This building is made available to the Hôpital Franco-Britannique-Fondation Cognacq-Jay ("HFB") and HBHC no longer directly provides any medical care. HBHC also supports the British Charitable Fund and, from 2022, other British charities in France.

All medical services are provided by Hôpital Franco-Britannique at their two sites.

3 rue Barbès, 92300 Levallois-Perret (maternity and geriatrics)

4 rue Kléber, 92300 Levallois-Perret (all other medical services).

Appointments 01 46 39 22 00 or online.

hopitalfrancobritannique.org/en medical matters **british-hospital.org/en** HBHC matters

SOS HELP in English: 01 46 21 46 46

SOS Help provides emotional support by telephone to anyone in France who prefers to speak in English. Callers may speak in confidence and anonymity about whatever is on their mind to a non-judgmental, trained volunteer listener. SOS Help is part of the SOS Amitié Federation, a member of Befrienders International and has links to the Samaritans in the UK.

Chairperson **Lynne Dalrymple**
Enquiries **admin@soshelpline.org**

chair@soshelpline.org
soshelpline.org

SPRINT

A non-profit organisation of English-speaking/bilingual professionals, who work with children having special educational needs/disabilities and their families. Sprint offers the Anglophone community information, referral services, support, provision of appropriate education in international/bilingual schools, and networking opportunities for specialists. SPRINT works with member schools, offering professional development, and hosts meetings and discussions on inclusion, learning, disability and therapy-related topics. Members include credentialed professionals for learning needs as well as various types of therapy.

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CHURCHES

Holy Trinity Church, Maisons-Laffitte

Holy Trinity Church is situated near the Château in Maisons-Laffitte. We offer a warm welcome to the English-speaking community in the western suburbs of Paris. In addition to Sunday services at 9.15 am and 10.30 am, there are groups for children and youth of all ages. The church also hosts festive events for the wider community throughout the year. There are midweek meetings for Beavers/Cubs/Scouts, Rainbows/Brownies/Guides/Rangers, Mothers & Toddlers, and Reception and Reading Groups (Trinity English School). We now have a virtual service available most weeks on our YouTube page which is accessible via our website.

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St. George's Anglican Church, Paris

St. George's Anglican Church is a welcoming international community, part of the Church of England's Diocese in Europe. Sunday services: 8.30 am Holy Communion (1662); 10.30 am Sung Eucharist with sermon, choir, servers and traditional ceremonial, Crèche and Sunday School. Mainly in English, with a reading and sometimes intercessions in French. Cheese and wine, or coffee afterwards, and regular lunches.

For a timetable of Daily Prayer and the Eucharist, please check our website.

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St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Paris

This church was founded in 1863 to minister to the needs of English-speaking Catholics of Paris and suburbs, coming from over 40 different countries. It is staffed by priests of the Congregation of the Passion. Masses:

- Saturday: 11 am and 6.30 pm (Vigil)
- Sunday: 9.30 am, 11.00 am, 12.30 pm, and 6.30 pm
- Monday to Friday: 8.30 am
- July and August: SUMMER SCHEDULE: Sunday 10 am, 12 noon and 6.30 pm

50 avenue Hoche, 75008 Paris (Metro Charles de Gaulle Etoile)
Superior Fr Martin Coffey CP
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01 42 27 28 56
stjoeparis.org

The American Cathedral

SUNDAYS

SELECT SUNDAYS 6

MON - THURS

FRENCH CATHEDRALES

St. Luke's Church, Fontainebleau

We gather in the Chapel of Lycée St Aspais (18 boulevard Maginot, 77300 Fontainebleau) for Sunday services at 10:30. We share in refreshments after the service. Various Bible study groups are available. Our charitable arm, Les Amis, hosts social and cultural events throughout the year. Please check our website for details and more information about St Luke's. Do come join us!

Churchwardens Leigh Montillot 06 26 49 13 75 and Patrick Raharijaona 07 67 19 93 60
stlukeschurchnews@gmail.com achurchnearyou.com/church/19620

St. Mark's Church, Versailles

Services are held every Sunday as follows:

- 9.00 am: Holy Communion in the Old Chapel, 31 rue du Pont Colbert, Versailles (on the first Sunday of the month only)
- 10.30 am: Morning Service (Morning Prayer, All-age Worship or Holy Communion) including Sunday School at the church centre (and online)
- 5.30 pm: Evening Service (Evening Prayer or Holy Communion) at l'Eglise St. Paul, Chevry, Gif-sur-Yvette (special arrangements during July and August, email us for details).

31 rue du Pont Colbert, 78000 Versailles
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01 39 02 79 45
saintmarksversailles.net

St. Michael's Anglican Church, Paris

Saint Michael's is an international English-speaking church for people of all ages and stages of the spiritual journey. We are a family, a 'home away from home', and we encourage people to be involved and to make friends. Sunday Services:

9.30 am Traditional Anglican Service
10.45 am Informal Service, with children's activities
6.00 pm A contemporary service

Service times may change during the year, so please check our website for updates.

5 rue d'Aguesseau, 75008 Paris (Métros Concorde, Madeleine, Miromesnil)

Chaplain The Revd Jonathan J Clark

office@saintmichaelsparis.org

saintmichaelsparis.org

St. Peter's Anglican Church, Chantilly

St Peter's English-speaking church has been at the centre of the Chantilly community for over 150 years. Originally providing for the English racing community, today we welcome people of all nationalities and ages. There are activities during the week, and on Sundays at:

9.00 am Traditional Holy Communion (BCP) (1st and 3rd Sunday of the month)
10.30 am Family Communion or Morning Worship, with children's activities.

Normal service pattern is expected to continue but please check our website.

7a avenue du Bouteiller (corner of Rue des Cascades), 60500 Chantilly

09 82 45 83 40

Chaplain The Revd Sarah Tillet

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StPeterschantilly.org

The Scots Kirk, Paris (Church of Scotland – Presbyterian)

The Scots Kirk is an international church situated close to the Champs Elysées which offers worship and fellowship in English in the Reformed tradition. Each Sunday, morning worship is held at 11 am and Holy Communion is celebrated monthly. After the service, there is an opportunity to get to know others over tea/coffee and periodic pot-luck lunches. Numerous associations and support groups meet on our premises during the week.

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Métro FD Roosevelt or Champs-Élysées Clémenceau

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- Located in the green, leafy suburbs west of Paris of La Celle-Saint-Cloud & Noisy le Roi



The Anglophone Section of Fontainebleau

Since 1979, the Anglophone Section has been providing a friendly, bilingual education by qualified, experienced native English teachers for international children aged 6 to 18 as a fully integrated part of the French National Educational system. Students thrive on a beautiful campus comprising the Léonard de Vinci primary school, the Collège International and the Lycée François 1er near the renowned Fontainebleau forest. Students sit IGCSEs and the OIB in English and History-Geography, and go on to the most demanding universities worldwide.

Contact admin@anglosection.com

01 64 22 11 77

British Council

The UK's international organisation for educational and cultural relations working in over 100 countries, our purpose is to create international opportunities between the people of the UK and other countries and build trust with them worldwide.

We provide English language courses in Paris and its suburbs and a broad range of exams and tests of English. We also work in the fields of Education & Society, English and the Arts.

Country Director Anne Duncan

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- International Baccalaureate
- Council of International Schools
- New England Association of Schools and Colleges
- UNESCO

École Jeannine Manuel is a non-profit pre-K-12 coeducational school founded in 1954 with the mission to promote international understanding through the bilingual education (French / English) of a multicultural community of students. It believes in pedagogical innovation and the constant exploration of best practices, in the context of an ever-changing global environment.

An associated UNESCO school, École Jeannine Manuel is the largest independent school in France, with 2400 pupils representing 80 nationalities and every major cultural tradition. Each year, the school welcomes more than 100 new non-French speaking pupils. These students, key to the cultural diversity of the school, are enrolled in an adaptation programme where they receive intensive and immersive French tuition tailored to their individual level.

In eleventh grade, students choose between the French track leading to the baccalauréat français international (BFI) and the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB). École Jeannine Manuel ranks at the very top of French schools in terms of exam success rate as well as distinctions received at the Baccalaureate. Admission results to highly selective French institutions and the most demanding universities in the United Kingdom, USA or Canada are consistently excellent.

École Jeannine Manuel has a boarding school in Lille (one hour from Paris by TGV), with the same curriculum as the Paris school, and opened a sister school in London - in the heart of Bloomsbury - in September 2015. **Seven years after its creation, Ecole Jeannine Manuel London welcomes 600 pupils from nursery through Year 12.**

École Jeannine Manuel - Lille

418 bis, rue Albert Bailly – Marcq-en-Baroeul

École Jeannine Manuel - London

21-24 Russell Square (primary school)

43-45 Bedford Square (middle school)

52-53 Russell Square (upper school)

British Scouting Overseas

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. There are four Groups in France belonging to the Scout Association UK: in Chantilly, Croissy-sur-Seine, Maisons-Laffitte and Toulouse. They are part of British Scouting Overseas and offer a challenging and exciting programme for children, both boys and girls, from 6 years of age.

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British Section of the Lycée International, Saint-Germain-en-Laye

The British Section is the largest of 14 international sections of the renowned Lycée International, an academic multi-lingual school which is consistently placed at the top of the French school league tables. British Section pupils are taught in English for 6 to 8 hours per week in addition to covering the French national curriculum in French. Access is made possible for pupils with little French thanks to the *Français spécial* classes. Pupils take IGCSEs and the Option Internationale du Baccalauréat (OIB). The school's emphasis on bilingualism promotes open-minded, global citizens, many of whom gain places at the most prestigious universities worldwide.

Director James Cathcart MA (Oxon) PGCE, NPQH

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French school holiday dates 2023-24

	Back to school	Toussaint	Christmas	Winter
Zone A				17/02-04/03
Zone B	04/09 (all zones)	21/10-06/11 (all zones)	23/12-08/01 (all zones)	04/03-11/03

Zone A: Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, Bourgogne-Franche-Comté, Nouvelle-Aquitaine

Zone B: Bretagne, Centre-Val-de-Loire, Grand Est, Hauts-de-France, Normandie, Pays de la Loire, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur

Zone C: Ile-de-France, Occitanie

Section Internationale La-Celle-St-Cloud – Noisy le Roi

In 2022, we celebrated 20 years of providing the highest level of international English education, partnering with French schools in both towns. Our programme extends from Maternelle to Terminale and is taught by qualified & experienced native English teachers. Small classes provide an ideal environment for our students in their preparations for the IGSCE and the BFI. Run by parent volunteers, the Section is not only a school, it offers a supportive and thriving community.

Admissions Manager Jodie Sokhan
admissions@sectioninternationale.org

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University of London Institute in Paris

The University of London Institute in Paris (ULIP) is a specialised institute offering a unique opportunity to study in the heart of Paris and graduate with a renowned UK qualification. We offer Bachelors in French Studies and in International Politics, as well as a split-site Masters programme in Urban History and Culture. As part of a partnership with Queen Mary University of London, ULIP also houses an LLM (Master of Laws) and a Masters in International Relations, taught entirely in English.

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EX-SERVICE ORGANISATIONS

The Royal Air Forces Association, Ile-de-France Branch

RAFA Île-de-France was created on merging RAFA Paris and RAFA Saint-Germain-en-Laye (founded in 1946 and 1956 respectively). Members included French veterans who responded to the 18 June 1940 call of Charles de Gaulle, by escaping to England and joining the Free French Forces in the RAF, the Royal Navy, and British Army. Sadly, many have now passed on and it is our duty to keep their memory alive.

Ile-de-France **Chairman Wing Cdr Graham August RAF (Rtd)**
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SW France See page 34

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The Royal British Legion, Paris Branch

The Paris Branch, founded in 1921, can provide financial assistance for ex-servicemen and women, and their dependents in the Ile-de-France Region, this being funded by the Poppy Appeal. Ceremonies are organised at the Arc de Triomphe on 4 August and in the Cathedral of St. Louis, Les Invalides on 11 November since the devastating fire at Notre Dame. Membership is open to ex-Service and serving Service personnel, and to all who abide by the aims of the Legion. The Clubhouse premises may be available for use by Associations or for private events for a donation to the Royal British Legion.

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In addition to the Paris branch there are the following RBL branches in France:

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The Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Association (Paris Branch)

Founded in Paris in 1950, the Association has some 30 members. Membership is open to all who have served in or with the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, WRNS and QARNNS or the French Navy. Associate membership is available to those who support the interests and aims of the Association in things naval and maritime. A luncheon is held each month as well as an annual dinner, at which members, guests and their spouses are welcome. The Naval Attaché is the Honorary President.

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SSAFA the Armed Forces Charity/SSAFA France

SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity, has provided lifelong support to our Forces and their families since 1885.

Last year our team of volunteers in France helped over 300 people. Our support covers financial, welfare and administrative needs for veterans and their families in France, also some Merchant Navy and British Airways veterans.

Should you, or someone you know, need help, or wish to volunteer for casework, support the lonely, assist with fund-raising, then please contact:

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PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONS

The Association of British Accountants in France

ABAF was set up in 1982 to promote the common interests of its members, principally members of the five UK and Irish professional Chartered Accountancy bodies.

The aim is to provide a forum for UK and Irish qualified accountants to network, exchange views, communicate with their professional bodies, and gain valuable continuing professional development.

ABAF holds 6 meetings a year which include technical updates on French and UK tax and accounting, as well as the AGM.

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The Franco-British Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Founded in 1873, the Franco-British Chamber is the oldest international British Chamber in France and Europe. The Chamber is the leading Franco-British economic network in France and operates throughout the country, helping British companies to develop their business.

Our membership consists of large, medium and small companies from all sectors of activity. We have an interactive network of private and public partners in France and the UK with an ecosystem of 2,000 companies, 3,000 qualified contacts and 12,000 followers on social media. The Franco-British Chamber is a member of the British Chamber of Commerce Global Business Network.

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The Institute of Directors, France

IoD is the UK's longest established organisation for directors and business leaders. We are dedicated to supporting our members, encouraging entrepreneurial activity and promoting responsible business practice. IoD's French branch supports IoD members working, living or doing business in France, creating networking opportunities, promoting good governance and a professional approach to the director role. We help facilitate contact between the French and British business communities and welcome members from both.

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The Institution of Civil Engineers

The ICE French Association serves the 200+ members of the Institution living in France. The association committee organises technical and social events which include lectures and visits to major construction projects throughout France. Most events are open to the France sections of other UK engineering Institutions and to guests. The ICE French Association meetings, held in English, are an excellent way to network whilst keeping members informed about technical and business developments in Europe.

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The Institution of Engineering and Technology – IET France

The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) is an international multidisciplinary professional engineering institution with over 168,000 members in 150 countries. The IET is the world's largest institution offering Engineering Council UK professional registration and offers world-class publications and resources supporting lifetime professional development, qualifications and career support. The Local Network organises seminars and technical visits for everyone to learn about engineering and meet others with an interest in technology, most are free of charge.

Local Network Chair Morgan Bonici
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SOCIETIES AND CLUBS

Alumni of the University of Edinburgh in France

The Association A.U.E.F. is open to graduates, former students, students, staff and friends of the University of Edinburgh. We organise social and cultural meetings and an annual golf day. We are in contact with the alumni of other universities who organise various networking and cultural events together. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Association France – Grande-Bretagne

The Association, founded in 1916 while the Franco-British Society was being founded in London, aims to foster and develop Franco-British co-operation. The AFGB network includes some 20 local associations, which organise talks and debates, visits and theme trips, social activities and, in general, aim to spread and promote British cultural and intellectual life, whilst helping British expats to integrate in France.

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Association Franco-Ecossaise

The AFE was born in 1896 a few months after its sister, the Franco-Scottish Society, was founded in Edinburgh. Its aims are to promote good relations between Scotland and France by the exchange of goodwill visits, by making Scotland better known in France through regular lectures and meetings in the old Scots College in Paris and by encouraging research on Scotland in French universities.

President Thierry Rechniewski	07 81 58 33 39 / 01 46 24 79 19
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	franco-ecossaise.asso.fr

British and Commonwealth Women's Association

The BCWA was created in 1962, but has evolved over the years to accommodate changing times and more importantly, the changing attitudes of modern women. It offers a broad range of interests such as Mahjong, scrabble, yoga, book discussion groups, bridge, quizzes and monthly walks and visits, often to places not readily open to the public. The BCWA is a voluntary organisation; all events are organised by members.

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British Conservatives in Paris

Our brief is to further the aims of the British Conservative Party and provide a forum for Conservative Party supporters. Our political and social events involving British politicians enable our members to debate political issues and meet visiting British and sometimes French parliamentarians. We represent members' views to the Party and we encourage qualified British subjects to register to vote in the UK, while campaigning vigorously for an extension of this limited right to vote.

Chairman Jeremy Stubbs
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British European Movement, France

The British European Movement, France, the French branch of the European Movement UK, is open to British citizens resident anywhere in France. Our aim is to protect their European Citizen's Rights now that we have left the EU and to maintain the post-Brexit rights of EU citizens in the UK by supporting the aims and activities of the European Movement UK, lobbying British, French and European MPs and other relevant bodies.

Chairman Geoffrey Ross
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British Freemasons in France

Freemasonry is one of the world's oldest and largest non-religious, non-political, fraternal and charitable organisations. Its values are based on integrity, kindness, honesty, fairness and tolerance. Every freemason makes his own journey of self-discovery, learning new skills, making lasting friendships, and above all having fun. Lodges offer all their members a place of harmony and tranquillity, an antidote to busy, modern life. Details of English-speaking recognised and regular Lodges in France are available from:

brit.fms@gmail.com

The British Luncheon (1916)

Founded in 1916, the "Advisory Committee Lunch", consisting of members of the Ambassador's Advisory Committee on Exemptions from National Service, changed its name in 1935 to The British Luncheon (1916). Membership, by election only, is currently limited to 100 plus 15 privileged members including Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service officers. Luncheons are held on the third Tuesday of every month at the Cercle de l'Union Interalliée, with an annual Christmas luncheon, to which guests are invited.

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The Caledonian Society of France

Founded in 1922, the Caledonian Society of France centres its annual activities on St Andrew's Night in late November/early December, and Burns' Day, around 25 January, the poet's birthday. The Society also organises quiz nights, film shows, whisky tastings, excursions and visits to places of cultural interest in and around Paris.

Anyone, whether Scots-born or not but with an interest in Scotland and its culture and traditions, may apply for membership.

caledonian-society-france.org

The Cambridge Society of Paris

The Cambridge Society of Paris provides a Cambridge meeting point and representation of the University in Paris. Membership can be applied for on our website or by contacting us by email. Events include lectures, debates, Embassy Garden Party, dinners with eminent speakers, sporting and social events with a mix of in-person and virtual events. Current membership is 300. All alumni of Cambridge welcome to join and it is free if you are under 30!

President Matthew Kay

Hon. Secretary Jacques Li

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cambridgesocietyofparis.com

The Clan MacLeod Society of France

The French Clan MacLeod Society, founded in 1981, is to foster research into the role played by the MacLeods in France, where they have been present and active for over 500 years, to conserve and make available family records, to distribute the magazine issued by the worldwide ACMS with a French supplement, and to encourage social activities amongst members.

Membership is open to all, whether called MacLeod, descended from MacLeods, attached to the Clan or simply interested in joining.

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The English-Speaking Union France

The ESU, founded in 1918 in London, is an International Educational Charity whose aim is to promote understanding and friendship among people all over the world using English as a common language.

ESU France has four branches, each one engaged in developing this aim differently.

ESU Paris: events, visits, lectures. ESU Loire Valley (esu-loire-valley.org): events and National Public Speaking Competition organisation, leading to participation in the International Public Speaking Competition. ESU Bordeaux: regular meetings. ESU Marseille: new in 2022.

Facebook ESUFrance

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EU Britizens

EU Britizens is a group of experienced and dedicated professionals affected by Brexit aiming to help British Citizens' legal cases going before the Court of Justice of the European Union in order to win back our European Citizenship rights to vote, live, work, study and retire in the European Union as well as keeping Freedom of Movement in the EU.

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French Debating Association

FDA debates are based on the rules and procedures of the House of Commons. They involve two teams of students from top French *grandes écoles* and universities who argue a motion in English, alternating between “proposition” and “opposition” speakers who deliver feisty six-minute speeches. Spirited arguments and mutual rebuttals offer space for improvisation and rhetorical amusement to inspire an audience and, above all, convince the members of the jury.

President Declan McCavana MBE

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Labour International Paris & North East France

Labour International Paris and North East France is one of three Labour branches in France. It is part of Labour International, run like a Constituency Labour Party, and it holds monthly meetings in which it makes motions, debates, elects delegates for conference and energizes Labour voters living abroad to elect a majority Labour government. Our meetings are by ZOOM on the second Wednesday of the month. Visit our website and contact us with any questions.

labourpartyparisandnortheastfrance.com

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Liberal Democrats in France

We are the official home for Liberal Democrat members and supporters living in France, with links to the party's organisation across the globe. We actively promote the interests and concerns of Britons living in France including their right to register for a vote for life under the new Elections Act and for effective representation through their own constituencies abroad. Join as a Member from £15 per annum or as a Registered Supporter free of charge.

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Message

Parenting is always an adventure but trying to blend different languages and cultures can sometimes feel overwhelming. Message Paris is a diverse, supportive community of English-speaking families living in and around Paris with one key goal: to help each other feel at home. We offer resources and support for all ages and all stages of the parenting journey. With hundreds of annual events, workshops and support offerings, Message provides a community where you always belong.

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messageparis.org

The Oxford University Society in Paris

OUSP organises events for Oxford alumni, students and guests, ranging from breakfast and evening talks and dinners with distinguished speakers to convivial pub evenings, wine and cheese parties and a variety of other events. Events with the Cambridge Society include a viewing of the Boat Race, monthly drinks, some sports matches and an annual theatre performance in the Shakespeare Garden. A Garden Party at the British Embassy and Carol Singing at the Travellers are annual highlights. Our website provides membership information and details of events.

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The Paris Welsh Society – Cymdeithas Cymry Paris

The Paris Welsh Society, founded in 1890, brings together Welsh people working, visiting or resident in the Paris area, to share their cultural heritage.

The Society's annual programme of events includes the St David's Day dinner and Owain Glyndwr dinner, and during spring and summer an annual walk and boules competition.

PWS welcomes everyone who is Welsh, or who is interested in Wales, to join us.

Croeso i bawb sydd a diddordeb yng Nghymru.

Contact Ceri Davies, President
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The Royal Society of Saint George

Founded in 1894, the Royal Society of Saint George, under the patronage of His Majesty the King, brings together all those in France who share a passion for the English way of life. Regular events at prestigious venues in and around Paris include the President's Cocktail Party, the St. George's Day Dinner, the AGM and Summer Party at the British Embassy, the Charles Spencer Bernard Longchamp Picnic, garden visits, wine tastings and the Christmas Party. Proposer and seconder required.

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The Society of the Wallace Fountains

The Society of the Wallace Fountains is a non-profit organisation. Its mission is to promote, preserve and protect the historic Wallace Fountains of Paris, and to recognise and encourage philanthropy in the spirit of Sir Richard Wallace. It provides education and information about the historic, cultural and social significance of the fountains and their donor. The Society offers 21 self-guided walks to find all 108 Wallace Fountains scattered throughout Paris via its guidebook and website.

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Women's International Club

Le WIC (Women's International Club) de Paris welcomes women of over 40 different nationalities residing in and around Paris. We offer activities such as museum visits, language classes (French, Spanish, Italian, English), coffee mornings, lunches, local walks, book groups, monthly meetings and much more! We extend a warm invitation for you to join us at one of our events and meet us in person to decide if you would like to join.

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SPORT

The British Rugby Football Club of Paris

The British Rugby Football Club of Paris is a rugby union club currently playing in the 1st division of the FFSE (Fédération Française de Sport en Entreprise). We have been going strong since 1923, training on Wednesdays and playing and socialising on Saturdays in and around the Paris area. Playing and social memberships are available and we have a good mix of French and expat players. Contact us for more information!

Facebook BRFC – British Rugby Paris

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Chantilly Cricket Club

Founded in 2006, Chantilly Cricket Club (CCC) has a superb pitch on the Chantilly Polo Club grounds at the Ferme d'Apremont. Members of the Hauts de France league, CCC offers competitive as well as its traditional leisure cricket for players of all ages and skills. We are open to new players throughout the season.

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Club Captain Christo de Jager

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Club Secretary Geoffrey Auckland

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Château de Thoiry Cricket Club

Founded in 1990, we originally played in the superb setting of the grounds of a 16th century château. Unfortunately, in 2020, the owners of the cricket pitch found a new use for the ground, which now features as part of Thoiry Zoo. The Club is currently nomadic, playing around 15 matches a season in the Ile de France area. We are an open, friendly association, playing good quality, competitive cricket, always keen to find new members.

Club Secretary

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Standard Athletic Club

The Standard Athletic Club, set in the heart of the forest of Meudon, is an English-speaking and family-oriented sports and social club. The Club boasts an outside swimming pool, 8 tennis courts, 2 squash courts and magnificent grounds for cricket and football. We also have a well-equipped fitness room and golf is available at Villarcieux. Coaching is on hand for most sports and there are numerous activities for children. Many different events are staged throughout the year. The club is available for private functions. There is a good bar and restaurant offering lunches, brunches, and teatime of course.

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AUVERGNE – RHÔNE-ALPES

Association France – Grande-Bretagne – Lyon & Rhône

The Lyon & Rhône branch of the Association France – Grande-Bretagne aims to promote Franco-British relations through cultural activities, including a monthly luncheon, talks by visiting speakers, a book circle, an English Scrabble group, a poetry reading group, cinema outings to see films in English, conversation groups, a group which organises social events and outings. A monthly newsletter sent to members contains details of our programme, which can also be found on our website.

President **Michael G Smith**

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The English Speaking Families' Group, Lyon

ESFG Lyon provides a support network for native English-speaking families living in the Lyon area. We organise English-language events for children of different ages, parents and families. To find out more about joining our group, please visit our website.

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Franco-British International Business Association (FIBA), Lyon

What we offer is to be the principal contact and representative body for the Franco-British business community in the Auvergne – Rhône-Alpes region of France. As a member, you have access to a network of services, to help develop your Franco-British and international business activities through:

- a diverse network of members
- regular seminars, meetings and events
- investment opportunities.
- a members' website database
- business information, promotion and training

In addition we offer to put you in contact with persons outside the Association for help, advice or accompaniment.

President **Rachel Maury**

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Grapevine Association, Aix-les-Bains

Grapevine Association is a group in Aix les Bains who meet once a month to promote the English language and British culture. Founded in 1992, activities include conversation evenings, illustrated talks and outings. Emphasis is on the spoken word and topics related to the British culture and traditions. A friendly group for anyone who would like to improve their English and become acquainted with the British way of life.

President Joy Lorcery

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grapevineweb.wordpress.com

The Monday Club

Originally founded in 1966, The Monday Club was created for people whose mother or adopted tongue was English to meet and enjoy shared activities. Now, based at Mains Ouvertes (127bis, rue Servient, Lyon 3) and equipped with an extensive lending library, members enjoy theme-enhanced meetings accompanied by tea and cakes on the 1st Monday of each month, holidays apart, and, mid-month, lunch at a Lyonnais restaurant. The Monday Club is non-profit making.

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The Royal Air Forces Association, Lyon “Jubilee” Branch

We care for the welfare of the RAF family, serving or retired, and for their dependents; also for members who are ex-Free French aviators. Lyon Jubilee Branch covers an extensive area encompassing most of eastern France and we are proud to be present with our Standard Bearer, together with the RBL Lyon Liberation Branch and other military associations, at many memorial events in our area commemorating the human sacrifice of RAF, Commonwealth and Allied Airmen.

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The Royal British Legion, Lyon Liberation Branch

The Lyon Liberation Branch covers the Rhône-Alpes and Burgundy regions. The aims of the Branch are those of the RBL worldwide: we help serving and ex-service personnel and their families, and we raise funds through the Poppy Appeal. We are present with our Standard at a number of events during the year, and, together with the RAFA Lyon Jubilee Branch, we are involved in the annual Remembrance Ceremony at the Commonwealth War Graves cemetery at St. Germain au Mont d’Or, a few kilometres north of Lyon.

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Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Lyon Branch – Scottish Chanterelle

The object of RSCDS Lyon Branch is to preserve and further the practice of traditional Scottish Dancing as it is danced today; we are mainly involved in Scottish Country Dancing, but also hold occasional classes in Highland dancing. We have a weekly class on Friday nights, with 3 levels (beginners, intermediate, advanced); we also organise *ceilidhs*, balls, social dancing, day classes (usually 3 times a year on Saturdays) and weekend schools (usually twice a year), with live musicians whenever possible. We accept beginners all year round, come and join us!

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Trinity Church Lyon (Lyon Anglican Church)

We are an oasis for English-speakers in Lyon who want to discover and deepen their Christian Faith. We offer a spiritual home to displaced people from around the world, needing logistical and practical help. In order to fulfil our calling, we serve in partnership with local churches and actively seek overseas mission support. We meet every Sunday at 10.30, in an informal and family-friendly atmosphere. More info on our website.

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lyonchurch.org

BRITTANY, NORMANDY & PAYS DE LA LOIRE

All Saints Vendée

All Saints Vendée is an Anglican church in the Diocese of Europe, and we welcome all denominations to our services which are held at 11.00 every Sunday. There are a number of House Groups and other activities. Details of these and recent news can be found on our website, and the times and venues for services can be seen there and also on the BCC website.

allsaintsvendee.fr

Amicale Culturelle Européenne

The association was formed in Basse-Normandie in 1996. Its aim is to promote friendship amongst British residents in Normandy and to facilitate their introduction and communication with French and other European nationals living in the area. To this end, ACE organises monthly events; these include visits to museums, one or several days' leisure excursions, country walks, trips to other places of interest, talks or conferences on various matters of interest, and regular luncheons.

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Vice-President Tom Hegarty La Noblerie, 50560 Blainville-sur-Mer
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Anglican Chaplaincy in Caen – St Mary’s Church

We are a chaplaincy of the Church of England serving residents and holidaymakers in Normandy. All are welcome to Eucharist services and the occasional Morning Prayer in English at 11.30 am every Sunday at the Chapelle de la Miséricorde, rue Elie de Beaumont, Caen, with fellowship over tea or coffee after the service and often a light meal at a local restaurant. We are under the aegis of St. George’s Anglican Church in Paris.

Churchwarden Marian Clarke
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Anglophone Association of Coutances

Formed in 1993, we are an association of English-speaking people enjoying Normandy, who aim to help each other in our integration into the French way of life and form links with the local French community. We organise events, walks, visits to places of interest and local enterprises and conversation groups, all of which enable us to learn more about our local countryside and communities. We frequently enjoy seasonal celebrations and the food of Normandy.

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Connect

Connect is based in the Dieppe area. The association’s aim is to promote all initiatives which will reinforce exchanges and friendship at an international level and in particular French-British relations. To this end, it organises events such as book exchanges, pub quizzes, theme meals at members’ houses or in restaurants, plant exchanges, computer literacy, outings etc.

President Anne Vandelannoote
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Connect76.com

Opéra de Baugé

Opéra de Baugé presents a summer opera festival, with a full orchestra, in the park of Les Capucins. It enables opera lovers to combine an operatic performance with the relaxing pleasure of dining / picnicking with friends during the 90 minute interval in a beautiful setting. For the 19th season in 2024, the programme will include Don Carlo (Verdi) and L’Elisir d’amore (Donizetti) as well as concerts and our 6th international conducting competition.

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HAUTS-DE-FRANCE

Anglican Church in the Pas-de-Calais

Services are held on the first and third Sundays in the three worship centres (Boulogne, Calais and Hesdin), with services on zoom on the second and fourth Sundays. A weekly compline service is also available on a Wednesday. We are now planning for our future and hoping to have a house for the duty Chaplain. All details of our activities are available on our website and everyone is very welcome!

President Pat Page
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British Association Côte d'Opale

With a new president and a new team, the emphasis is on increasing membership and the number and quality of events. As part of this, we are embarking on a new partnership with the Château d'Hardelot "Centre Culturel de l'Entente Cordiale". We inform and advise our members on post-Brexit issues. Our musical tradition continues, and our monthly English Book Club continues to explore an eclectic series of titles and authors.

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British Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI), Lille

The Chamber promotes and facilitates business and trade relations between the UK and Lille and the Hauts de France region. Founded in 1868, the Chamber also works closely with national, regional and local business support organisations and cofounded the UK Business Centre, Lille in April 2023. Business, networking, cultural and social events and activities are organised throughout the year. Members meet for lunch on the first Friday of each month.

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Christ Church, Lille

As we adapt to a post-Covid and post-Brexit world, we are working for a busy and active future: new members, new activities and new ways of reaching out. Full details of services, groups and events are on our website: you will be very welcome to join us.

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International Singers, Lille Métropole

Formed in 2006, we are a high-quality group of singers based in Lille, Hauts-de-France. With a repertoire strong in the musical roots of the Anglophone world, we sing a mix of popular traditional 4-part music. Now 40 strong, we sing at events in and around Lille, northern France and Belgium. Our concerts over the years have helped to raise several thousand euros for all kinds of local charitable projects.

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MONACO

British Association of Monaco

The BAM was established in 1935 and is one of the most active associations in the Principality. We aim to provide a social focus for British citizens living in and around Monaco and to represent their views in the Principality. We organise monthly outings, talks, etc., and give aid to British citizens who may be in need, whether BAM members or not.

A monthly Newsletter provides members with articles and a diary of current events in Monaco.

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NOUVELLE AQUITAINE

ACFAA

ACFAA's aim is the promotion of cultural life and well-being in the communities of Eymet and surrounding communes. Its objective is the development of activities that build community rapport. The Association offers a wide range of activities in the fields of culture (art, atelier, craft, photography, gardening, history, music, dance etc) and wellness, as well as language classes and events for members within the local community. Membership is open to everyone.

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The Anglican Chaplaincy of Aquitaine

The Chaplaincy of Aquitaine is part of the worldwide Anglican Communion and in the Diocese in Europe. We minister to the spiritual needs of English-speaking people in the Gironde, Dordogne, Lot-et-Garonne, and part of the Gers. We are home to Christians from all denominations. We also welcome those who are exploring questions of faith, or who are simply looking for companionship or support. All are welcome! Our congregations are comprised of many different nationalities, and we meet in a dozen or so churches and in private homes throughout the region. Services are led by a growing team of clergy, readers, and worship leaders, and include baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

Chaplain The Revd Tony Lomas

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Bon Coeur

We raise funds which we distribute to many local causes - human and animal. We have a shop in 47470 Beauville - open regularly with clothes, books, brocante and jewellery, and two annual Grand Bazaar sales – one in spring and one in autumn. We conduct a Franco-Britannic boules tournament on 14 July and we assist with neutering errant cats. Since inception, we have made donations of over €110,000, generally to smaller local Associations.

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The Bordeaux British Community

The Bordeaux British Community is an Aquitaine-based social association. We have a multi-national membership, the only requirement is a reasonable grasp of the English language. Our association has on our books approximately 100 family memberships, who mostly live within an 80 km radius of Bordeaux. Normally we have around 3 events each month and issue a monthly newsletter. If you would like to learn more about us visit our website.

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Charente Limousine Exchange

Founded in 2003, the CLE is a group of enthusiastic members who now reside or intend to reside in France. They form a valuable resource for the exchange of information, ideas and experiences. CLE organises many social activities. Regular trips exploring the region are very popular. Monthly lunches, quizzes and (usually) friendly boules games bring members together for some light-hearted fun and games. Forums on French tax and other relevant issues provide crucial membership support.

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The Dordogne Ladies Club International

Formed in 1986 as a not-for-profit association for women living in and around the Dordogne, we are a vibrant and enthusiastic community of all ages and nationalities (with English as the common language). Our ethos is networking, cultural exchange, friendship, support, welfare and raising money for local charities. Current members from all over the world provide mutual support for new lives in France and get together for social gatherings throughout the year. Annual membership is 25 euros.

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The Dordogne Organisation of Gentlemen

Formed in 1987, DOG is an association of Anglophones of various nationalities in and around the Dordogne area. We meet at least once a month at a variety of excellent restaurants for lunch and convivial discourse. At each lunch a member normally gives a talk on a subject of his choice, or a quiz or similar is held. Three lunches a year are attended by wives and partners. Participation is by invitation from a member.

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The Old School

The Old School is a co-educational day school providing English curriculum studies for students aged 10 to 19 in a supportive environment with commitment to the pursuit of academic excellence. We attach a high value to creativity, imagination and the quest for knowledge and understanding. We encourage students to discover and enjoy their individual strengths and capacities and develop fluency in English and French. We promote academic achievement and participation in the global community. We also provide English education in a local French primary school.

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Oxford University Alumni, South West France

Oxford University Society South West France welcomes all Oxford alumni living full or part time in Nouvelle-Aquitaine and Occitanie and their families and guests. Visits to places of interest, often accompanied by a wine-tasting and always by lunch, are organized from April to November. We also circulate information received from members about activities in which they are involved, such as concerts, music festivals, and theatrical productions, as well as some BCC events.

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Past and Present Rotarians Fellowship Club (Bergerac)

An English conversation luncheon club that meets every second Wednesday of each month, always at the Hotel Kyriad, Bergerac, at 12 for 12.30 pm for a three-course luncheon inclusive of wine and coffee @ 20€ pp (pay on the day). Dress casual smart as seasons dictate.

The club is open to both male and female members and also welcomes like-minded clubs i.e. Innerwheel, Probus, Round Table, Ladies' Circle, 41 Club, Tangent Club.

President Maurice Dennis

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Phoenix Association

Phoenix is a non-profit organisation managed and run exclusively by volunteers, operating across the Dordogne and surrounding departments. The members are mainly British but also French, Dutch and some other nationalities. We take in abused or abandoned animals for rehabilitation and re-homing. We act as intermediary between SPA shelters and people wishing to adopt from them. The Spring and Autumn Book Fairs are the stars of the yearly social events.

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Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA), Sud-Ouest France

RAF Association Sud-Ouest France (Loire to Spanish border). Membership comprises RAF veterans of many nationalities and those with an interest in all things aeronautical. We meet regularly all over our region. Our support team of trained welfare officers takes active care of veterans and their dependents. We attend ceremonial commemorations remembering those RAF personnel who gave their lives in SW France. We are the charity that supports the RAF family.

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OCCITANIE

Ecumenical Church of Occitanie (ECO)

ECO was founded to broadcast English-language Church services online for residents of the Occitanie (and beyond) who do not have access to an English-speaking Church within easy travel distance. Our services are non-denominational and draw heavily on Iona Celtic worship. You are welcome to take part in our online Communion services irrespective of whether or not you are confirmed. Sunday services are usually followed by a Zoom Virtual Coffee Bar. We broadcast worship up to 4 times each week.

As a French-registered church, we offer marriage blessings to any couple who are in a relationship recognised by French Law, as well as conducting funerals. We make no charge for either of these but do ask you to reimburse our ministers for any travel costs based on Google Maps and published French Government-approved travel rates.

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Chaplaincy of Midi-Pyrénées & Aude

We are a Church of England Chaplaincy in the Diocese in Europe, currently comprising 6 worship centres with diverse congregations in Brens (Tarn), Carcassonne (Aude), Cahors (Lot), Caylus (Tarn et Garonne), Toulouse (Haute Garonne) and Vayrac (Lot). All offer a community to be part of: worshipping (in English), studying, helping others and, most importantly are journeying together in the light of Christ. All are welcome!

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PROVENCE – ALPES – CÔTE D’AZUR

Anglo-American Group of Provence

The AAGP is a non-profit social organisation, created over 50 years ago, run by volunteers, offering opportunities to find friendship, support and information relevant to life in France. We organise a year-round programme of activities for all ages and interests which are published in a monthly newsletter. Our aims are to welcome English-speaking newcomers to their new life in Provence, to share activities, make new friends and promote friendship within our French community.

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Association Culturelle Franco-Britannique du Comtat Venaissin

The association was founded in 1985 by a small group of English people who met regularly in Carpentras to practise their French. Monthly outings were soon added to the weekly conversation meetings and we now offer a variety of activities and outings, announced in the monthly newsletter and on the website. One of our most important roles is to help anglophones integrate into the area. We also offer our members assistance when facing administrative or legal issues.

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Riviera Lifeline

Riviera Lifeline is a non-profit, non-denominational organisation serving the Var and the Alpes-Maritimes. Our volunteers help seniors to continue independent lives across the French Riviera for example visiting seniors at home, lending a sympathetic ear and offering companionship. We can usually be found at The Grange on Thursdays and the third Saturday each month. Please contact us for details.

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Sunnybank Association

Sunnybank Association is involved in The Victoria Residential Care Home and the Albert Retirement Apartments, operated by the French company EMERA (victoria@emera.fr), and the running of 'The Grange', Sunnybank Association's headquarters, social centre and library, open 10 am to 3 pm every Thursday, with an 'open house' every third Saturday.

Sunnybank Association also supports elderly Anglophone residents who are unable financially to meet their retirement home needs in South-East of France (Alpes-Maritimes and the Var regions).

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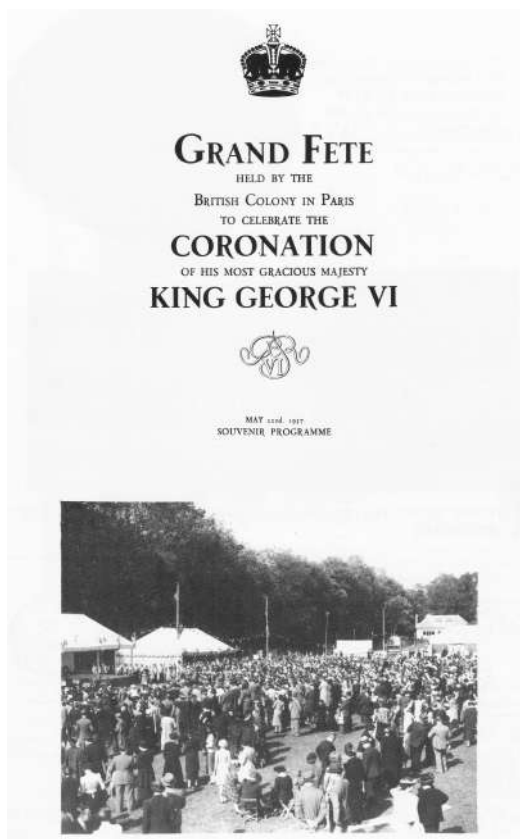
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THE BCC – HOW IT ALL BEGAN

The British Community Committee of France has been the voice of the British in France for almost 90 years. The end of the Napoleonic wars in 1815 had made it possible for the British to come back to France to live and to pursue their business interests, and pursue them they did – building railways, running banks, property and insurance companies, and bringing British sports such as football, tennis, horseracing, rowing and even cricket to the people of France. Following the abdication of King Edward VIII in 1936, a group of British residents in Paris decided that to cheer themselves up, they should launch a joyous celebration of the Coronation of King George VI in 1937.



The celebration was a great success, restoring the traditional *joie de vivre* of the British community in France, at the same time marking the birth of the British Colony Committee, as it was then called, the British community's own umbrella organisation representing British organisations, societies and associations.

The BCC was registered as an *association loi 1901* on 1 July 1939 and officially registered with the French authorities on 12 August 1947, when the headquarters were at the British Chamber of Commerce in the rue Halévy, near the Paris Opéra. Activities had restarted well before this; the minutes of the AGM of 8 May 1947 record that the outgoing Secretary, a Mr Foster, was replaced by Lilian Bernice Lynch. In January 1948, Mrs Lynch reported to the Préfecture de Police a list of 26 members, eight were elected members and the others represented British organisations. They included the Chaplain of St. George's Church, Paris, Fr Neate; the Minister of the Scots Kirk, Paris, the Revd Donald Caskie, the manager of Thomas Cook's travel agency on the place de la Madeleine, Mr Hargreaves, and several prominent lawyers, accountants and engineers working in Paris.

In February 1982, the then Vice-Chairman, Beryl Jones, proposed that the BCC change its name to "British *Community* Committee". (The words "of France" were added in 2012.). Beryl had arrived in Paris in 1955, with virtually no knowledge of French, and very lonely. Everything changed the day young Beryl spotted a poster for the BCC's Christmas Party, held at 47 avenue Hoche – open to all British citizens living in Paris. Beryl recalls a frustrating December Saturday in 1978 when she vainly tried to visit three English church bazaars, all inconveniently held on the same day because there was no-one to co-ordinate the various social events being organised in Paris by and for the British Community. When she was elected the BCC's first lady Chairman in 1985, her first act was to institute the Social Diary.

Under the Chairmanship of Christopher Mitchell-Heggs, the BCC began to publish The Digest, a booklet describing the activities of the various British institutions, such as the schools, churches, sports clubs and the Consulate. That publication became the BCC's Directory of Member Associations, a copy of which you are now reading. The website was added later and today all member associations are encouraged to add events to the on-line diary on the BCC website.

In 2022 the British community gathered to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. During her long reign she met 10 French presidents from Vincent Auriol to Emanuel Macron. Sadly, later in 2022, we mourned the passing of our late queen.

In 2023 the BCC held a cocktail party to unite the British Community in celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. The BCC's website also published details of the celebrations held by our member associations all over France.

According to the IPPR's estimates of numbers of passports held by permanent British residents abroad, the British community in France is Britain's fifth-largest expat community, and the second-largest in a non-English-speaking country (after Spain). The BCC currently numbers over 100 member organisations and can elect up to 21 individual members.

Much of the valuable work of member associations of the BCC still lies in welcoming new British residents to France and helping them to assimilate. Today, the Directory and Website, including the What's On diary page, enable British enthusiasts of any activity in one part of France to know what is going on in their field of interest in other parts of France, so they can get in touch, make new contacts, or even be inspired to create a "new" activity. It all helps us to remember that we're all part of one big British family in France.

Renewing your British passport if you live in France

British citizens living in France apply for their new UK passport **on line** at [gov.uk/overseas-passports](https://www.gov.uk/overseas-passports). Begin by having a new digitised ID photo taken, see here for requirements:

<https://www.gov.uk/photos-for-passports>

Once you have the file of the photo, go to [gov.uk/overseas-passports](https://www.gov.uk/overseas-passports) and fill in the simple on-screen form. You will be asked to upload the digital file of your ID photo and the website will tell you whether the photo is acceptable. Then complete the rest of the online form and use your bank card details to pay the required amount including the courier fee for delivery of your new passport. Next send your old passport to HM Passport Office at the address indicated, preferably by registered post.

Your application cannot be processed until HM Passport Office receives your current (now "old") passport, but you will be advised by e-mail when it does receive it. When your new passport has been printed, you should receive an e-mail confirming that your new passport is on its way and has been sent by secure delivery. In practice there can be a delay between this message being sent and actual despatch of the new passport.

Emergency Travel Documents

These are for British nationals finding themselves outside the UK and whose passport has been lost, stolen, damaged, is full, has recently expired, or is with HM Passport Office or a foreign embassy, and who do not have time to renew or replace their passport before travelling.

You will need to provide proof of your travel plans, for example booking confirmations (or detailed written travel plans, if you cannot book ahead). Following your online application, you may need to attend an appointment at a British Embassy, High Commission or Consulate. See [gov.uk/emergency-travel-document/how-to-apply](https://www.gov.uk/emergency-travel-document/how-to-apply).

Travelling between the UK and France with your pet

Pet passports issued in Great Britain before 31 December 2020 are no longer valid for travel to the EU or Northern Ireland. If you enter the UK, or an EU member state from the UK, with an animal and do not have the correct documents, your pet may be put into quarantine or sent back to the country it travelled from, at your expense. More detailed information is available at [gov.uk/guidance/pet-travel-to-europe-from-1-january-2021](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pet-travel-to-europe-from-1-january-2021) and the Pet Travel Scheme pages for France, pettravel.com/immigration/France.cfm. For travel to the UK with a pet, see [gov.uk/bring-your-pet-to-great-britain](https://www.gov.uk/bring-your-pet-to-great-britain).

USEFUL DATES IN 2023/24

1 November will fall on a Wednesday

11 November will fall on a Saturday

CHRISTMAS DAY will fall on a Monday

EASTER SUNDAY will be on 31 March

ASCENSION DAY will be on Thursday 9 May

WHIT SUNDAY will be on 19 May

1 and 8 May will fall on a Wednesday

14 July will fall on a Sunday

15 August will fall on a Thursday

Registering to vote in the UK

Part 2, section 14 of the Elections Act 2022 abolished the rule under which UK citizens could no longer vote in the UK after 15 years' residence abroad. In future, regardless of where they live, UK nationals resident overseas may register to vote for life in the UK constituency where they last resided, or were last registered. The period of validity of an overseas elector's registration has been extended to three years. Further details of how to register and what proof(s) to provide are expected in secondary legislation. Meanwhile the present situation is that UK nationals in France who have been registered to vote as residents in the UK at any time within the past 15 years can register at [**gov.uk/register-to-vote**](https://gov.uk/register-to-vote). You will need your National Insurance number and passport details. For more information about registering to vote in any part of the UK, including Northern Ireland, see the Electoral Commission website [**electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter**](https://electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter).

Those who were too young to register when they left the UK must have a parent or guardian who has been registered. Registered overseas voters are eligible to vote for the UK General Elections, but not local government elections or elections for the devolved assemblies.

Once you are registered, you can choose to vote in person at your local polling station if you are in the UK on Election Day. Otherwise, you can apply in advance to vote by post or by proxy. You can register for this on line for constituencies in England, Scotland or Wales by going to [**electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/apply-vote-post**](https://electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/apply-vote-post) or [**electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/apply-vote-proxy**](https://electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/apply-vote-proxy).

Applying for French nationality

You may hold French nationality in addition to British nationality. In most cases a minimum of five years' legal and law-abiding residence in France is required for *naturalisation par décret*. An application for *naturalisation par décret* for most foreigners (not those with a French spouse and/or French children, where the procedure is different) requires form CERFA n°12753*03 (this can now be filled in on line) and a list of further documents including family members' birth, marriage, divorce and death certificates and translations by a sworn translator. The form asks for details of relatives and children, as well as those of the applicant, all work positions ever held, and all places of residence in France and abroad. Applicants' ability to speak French may be tested. Applications should be made to the préfecture. The cost is 55 euros.

This website [**demarches.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/naturalisation**](https://demarches.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/naturalisation) operated by the Ministry of the Interior gives detailed information in French, receives on-line applications, and includes a simulator where would-be applicants answer questions about their personal situation, and can then read a tailored list of the documents to be produced.

Why not advertise in the next BCC Directory?

Readership of the Directory is extremely wide-ranging, and its geographical distribution mirrors that of the British population living in France, with an emphasis on the Paris, Lyon, Hauts-de-France, Nouvelle Aquitaine and PACA regions.

All this makes the BCC Directory a uniquely effective way of reaching British people living in France and who take a deep interest in the life of their community.

The Directory has a life span of one year, and its readers keep it as a reference document for the whole of that period. Your ad's effectiveness will therefore extend over the entire year's life of the Directory and will complement and underline your presence in relatively more short-lived local and other media.

Please contact me to discuss how we can help you.

Penny Girinsky

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Addresses where copies of this Directory are available

This Directory is widely distributed through our member organisations, the British Consulates and other appropriate channels in France, including the addresses below:

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St. George's Anglican Church, 7 rue Auguste-Vacquerie, 75116 Paris	01 47 20 22 51
St. Mark's Church, 31 rue du Pont Colbert, 78000 Versailles	01 39 02 79 45
The American Cathedral, 23 Avenue Georges V, 75008 Paris	01 53 23 84 00
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Emergency telephone numbers in France

European Emergency number (SOS All services)	112
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Police (emergency)	17
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