



BULLETIN

Welcome

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Dear Members

I hope you will have seen the recent advertising regarding the ACFAA Open Evening on Friday, 2nd September, 18.30h at the Salle des Fêtes, Agnac. The Committee, Group Leaders and Language Tutors are busy preparing for members to renew membership and sign up for language classes and group activities.

We have an enhanced programme of language classes for beginning of term and into 2023, and some new Groups on offer for everyone. Group Leaders will be on hand to advise you on each of the activities they have planned, and our Language Group Coordinator, Sally Blackman, will be available to assist students with enrolment to the appropriate level of language course to suit individual ability.

Refreshments will be available and a dedicated area for you to find out all about the social events planned for the first quarter with booking forms for you to secure your place.

In order for us to process the formality of membership swiftly at the entrance, please bring your completed and signed application form along with 10 euros (cheque or cash) for anyone younger than 75 years and older than 18. You will also need 10 euros in cash only, payable for the language classes.

The Centre de Loisirs opens for language class and group activity on Tuesday, 13th September. We are still looking for volunteers to help set up at 09.00h and close the centre around 17.00h. If you can help for a period of time then please speak to me at the Open Evening or email me at claireriley64@gmail.com

Claire Riley, President, ACFAA Association, August 2022



WHO WE ARE?

The Franco-English Cultural Association of Aquitaine (ACFAA) was created in July 1992 and this year, is celebrating its 30th anniversary. Activities have greatly expanded over the years and our membership is now approaching 500.

The primary objective of ACFAA is to develop a link between French, English and other European residents of the region, as well as to offer cultural and social activities that bring these nationalities together.

ACFAA will offer its traditional language courses in French and English from September and our tutors have enhanced the curriculum of courses.

In addition to these language courses, ACFAA offers a wide range of groups and activities. The Association also offers social events ranging from coach trips, organized visits to wine estates, bowling trips, quiz evenings to various talks.

Membership is 10 euros per year with additional fees for the language courses and certain groups. The highlight of the events this summer was the summer party in collaboration with the Eymet Rugby Club and the Félibrée Committee.



Officers and Committee (L to R): Michel Moreau, Wendy O'Meara, Nicole Clough, Sally Blackman, Claire Riley, Alan Godfree, Christine Sumner, Nicola Lack, Abbey Britton & Colin Goodall.

The Atelier Group were active making items for the commune, including children's games that were a big hit at La Félibrée and many local events.

ACFAA strives to become increasingly more involved in the local associative life. You can find out more about ACFAA through its website acfaa.com and via its [Facebook page](#). You can email your enquiries to info@acfaa.com



LANGUAGE CLASSES

This coming year we are pleased to be able to offer a much improved range of language classes to suit all levels. There will be ten French classes from Absolute Beginner through to Advanced level, as well as three English classes, Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced.

Lessons will take place on Tuesdays at the Centre de Loisirs, Bretou and will run for normal school terms over 30 weeks of the year. Each class will be geared to learning at the appropriate level and will combine speaking, reading, writing and listening.

Whether you are a complete novice, barely able to say more than 'Bonjour' and 'Au revoir', or someone with the skills to discuss current affairs or a newspaper article, there will be something for you!

We have recruited several new, enthusiastic tutors who, alongside some of our established tutors, will be available to meet you at our Open Evening on September 2nd. Here you will be able to gain advice and find out about the class most suited to your individual needs.

As well as your ACFAA fee there is an additional 10 euro fee to register your place. Do come and join us!

Further information, if required, can be obtained from our Language Co-ordinator, Sally Blackman at blackmansally7@gmail.com

Sally Blackman — Language Group Coordinator

GROUPS

Art



Join Group Leader Alan Chaston on a Tuesday afternoon during term time at the Centre de Loisirs, Eymet between 2pm and 5pm. The aim is to enjoy art, but also to improve and learn new techniques from each other.

Atelier

Tim Richardson and a number of volunteers meet regularly on a Thursday afternoon at 14.00 and the Group undertakes the manufacture of items, primarily from recycled wood, for the benefit of the residents of Eymet. Examples include picnic seats, planters, family games, and bar furniture. The group workshop uses space made available by the Mairie of Eymet with whom we liaise regarding the choice of projects to be undertaken.



Bridge



Christine Rich looks forward to you joining their group and if you are current or lapsed bridge player, we would love to hear from you. We are a small friendly group of varied abilities. We meet at 2pm every Thursday at the Bar/café in La Sauvetat du Dropt high street. We play duplicate bridge usually between 21 to 28 boards per afternoon, with between 3 and 5 tables of players. Nothing too serious and, of course, drinks/coffee are available for purchase from the bar throughout the afternoon.

Craft



Join Christine Sumner on at Tuesday at 10.30 until 12.30 at the Centre de Loisirs in Eymet. The aim of this craft group is to use a variety of materials and enjoy creating various craft objects.

Freewheelers

Chris King and the Freewheelers Cycling Group meet on the first Friday of every month, leaving from Eymet to visit local villages where we stop for coffee or lunch. Electric bikes are available to hire if required.

Gardening



Claire Riley hosts the Gardening Club on the last Friday of each month 10.30-12.00 noon except during school holidays at the Centre de Loisirs, Eymet, There is a varied Calendar of activity throughout the year.

Line Dancing



Agnac Crazy Stompers is the name of the ACFAA line dancing group. Join Polly Fellows and Caro every Wednesday morning in the Salle de fêtes at Agnac starting at 9am until 12 noon. From Beginners to Intermediate, the mornings are a huge amount of fun. We meet up with friends, we use our minds and bodies to dance and we laugh.....a lot!



Meditation



Florence Simmonds will be hosting a Meditation on Twin Hearts Class in September on Thursday morning at 11.30 a.m. in Eymet. To find out more about this new class speak to Florence at the Open Evening on the 2nd September 2022.

Photography



ACFAA photography group. Join John Simmonds on a Tuesday evening at the Centre de Loisirs in Eymet at 6.30 – 8.30pm. The principal objectives of the group are to promote and encourage photography by the members and help them to improve the quality of their photos. This is done partly through presentations on artistic and technical skills and techniques. Other ways include critiques, where members present and comment on their photos, and internal competitions. Our membership ranges from professional photographers to complete novices and all are willing to help other members.

Singing for Pleasure



From October 2022 Diane Moore will be hosting a weekly 'Singing for Pleasure' Group. The group will meet above the Tourist Office, Eymet on a Thursday afternoon between 2pm and 4pm. If you enjoy singing, then speak to Diane at the Open Evening.

Social afternoons



Join Margaret Cowan and a friendly group who meet on Friday afternoons to play games. Margaret will be available on the 2nd September at the Open Evening to discuss the various games that are played and new members are always welcome.





Walk & Stretch

Join Claire Riley every Monday, during term time at 09.00h at the Centre de Loisirs, Eymet. We are a friendly group and chat in both French and English as we walk. We follow one of three regular routes either through the town of Eymet or Park Bretou. The walk lasts approximately one hour with a 15-minute gentle stretch routine. Appropriate loose clothing is required along with trainers. It's a great way to start your day, so join us for some fresh air. Sorry, no pets per-

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The ACFAA Social Committee are responsible for organising social events throughout the year and we are looking for new members to join our dedicated team.

We meet on average once a month to plan and organise coach trips, visits to wineries / villages, quiz/games evenings and various workshops, summer parties and our annual team bowling in Bergerac where teams compete for the ACFAA cup.

ACFAA is increasingly involved in the local community life and the social committee also participates in various events organised by the commune of Eymet.

If you have some time to spare and you would like to enrich the offer with new ideas or proposals, come and join us!

Michel Moreau – Vice President

EVENTS

Just some of the events planned from September until January.

September

Open Evening – Salle des Fêtes, Agnac – 2nd September from 18h30. Your opportunity to learn more about the many events, groups on offer and speak to the English and French language class tutors

Thursday 8th September Join us and discover the history of the beautiful Chateau de Monbazillac, overlooking Bergerac. The informed talk is followed by a tour of the Chateau and ends with a wine tasting. Meet in front of the office at 13.45h, Thursday, 8th September. Duration 2 hours

Monday 19th September – Coffee Morning at 10.30 am at Tortoni's. Many members have asked for a drop in Coffee Morning to be held regularly throughout the Autumn/Winter. Why not join us and meet other ACFAA members for a catch up and chat. We look forward to seeing you there.

Walking Tour - Friday 23rd September – Discover the history of Allemans-du-Dropt Come along and enjoy a relaxed walking tour of the pretty and historic village of Allemans du Dropt with experienced tour guide Linda. The tour will be conducted in English, but explanations can also be given in French if needed. After a leisurely two hour walk, there will be the opportunity to have lunch at the Hotel L'Etap Gasconne in the village. There is a comprehensive 3 course menu for 16 euros, with wine, coffee etc extra.



October

2nd October 2022 Annual Bowling Event – Bergerac. Prepare a team to take on the current holders of the President's Cup

9th October 2022 – la Foulée Eymétois - une randonnée solidaire "Octobre Rose" Meet at 10am in Place Gambetta. Wear something Pink.

16th October 2022 – Acfaa's 30th Anniversary – Agnac Salle des Fêtes. A celebration of the 30th Anniversary with lunch and music. More details to follow.

November

18th November – Christmas Decoration Demonstration –Centre de Loisirs, Eymet at 2pm. Christine Sumner will demonstrate how to make your own decorations this Christmas and advise where to buy the materials. Refreshments provided.

26th November – Duck race night. Bring a team, or join a team at Agnac Salle des Fêtes for an evening of fun and laughter.

December:

3rd December – Coach Trip to Perigueux. Visit the Christmas Market, Saint-Front Cathedral, with domes and turrets. The Vesunna Gallo-Roman Museum contains an excavated Roman house with the remains of baths and murals. In front is the Tour de Vesoné, part of a ruined Gallo-Roman temple. The Périgord Museum of Art and Archaeology has ancient artifacts, African sculptures and modern paintings.

January

20th January 2023 – Coach Trip to Bordeaux – There is so much to do in this beautiful City.

The Sales will be on, but if shopping is not on your list, visit the Gothic Cathédrale Saint-André, 18th- to 19th-century mansions, Cite de Vin and notable art museums such as the Musée des Beaux-Arts de Bordeaux. Public gardens line the curving river quays. The grand Place de la Bourse, centred on the Three Graces fountain, overlooks the Miroir d'Eau reflecting pool and much more.

If you would like to contribute to the Bulletin, contact the editor [Wendy O'Meara](#)



For more information on ACFAA and details if you wish to join visit the web site: acfaa.com

