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THE BRITISH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE OF FRANCE

The British Community Committee of France (BCC), founded in 1937 (see page 43), 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.

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

- associations throughout France and Monaco 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.

Additionally, beginning in 2017, the BCC is a founder member of and an active participant in **British in Europe**, a coalition of UK citizens' rights groups in various EU27 countries working to alleviate the negative impacts on UK citizens living in EU27 countries of the UK referendum decision on 23 June 2016 for the UK to leave the EU.

In organising events, the BCC does not in any way substitute itself for its members. However, in years when there are major British or Franco-British events the BCC may itself organise and promote an event for the benefit of the whole British Community.

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

- Each year in September, it publishes the Directory of British and Franco-British Clubs, Societies and Institutions, which gives a description of all of its members' activities and their contact details.
- Every month, the Diary Editor collects information on events being organised by member associations and sends out the monthly British Community Diary of Events to inform member organisations and their members about what is happening in the community.
- The BCC's website **britishinfrance.com** reaches out to the broader on-line community, providing details of all member associations and their activities.
- 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 for 2020-2021 is €20 if paid by 30 April, €30 if paid after 30 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 42.

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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 documentation 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 serious accident or other serious incident
- have been arrested or detained
- need to travel in an emergency and do not have their passport available.

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 for their holiday or move to France carefully and to take sensible steps while abroad. These include:

- Keeping your passport safe; it is a unique and valuable document
- Having an EHC 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.

The British Embassy

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Consular Services Paris (Northern France)

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British Consulate Bordeaux (South West France)

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British Consulate Marseille (South East France)

La Joliette Atrium 10.3
Les Docks de Marseille
13002 Marseille
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British Embassy Paris

As the new Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), supporting British nationals overseas continues to be a top priority for our Embassy and Consular teams, particularly in these challenging COVID times. The new French Government website for residency applications by British citizens covered by the Withdrawal Agreement went live on 19 October. It allows all **UK nationals** resident in France by 31 December 2020 to apply for a new Withdrawal Agreement residency card. The application process is simple and user-friendly, and the French authorities will take a generous approach to granting residency. When speaking to British citizens in France, please encourage them *all* to apply for the new residency permit before the deadline of **30 June 2021**.

The Embassy will continue to work hard to inform the community. We have recently published a Top Ten Frequently Asked Questions on Residency article, a video about applying for healthcare in France and will continue to hold our weekly Q&A sessions on Facebook. The team and I will also continue to stay in touch with you – including through regular briefings and, over the autumn, virtual outreach meetings, which will build on the 90+ physical outreach meetings we have already held across France. Please do encourage your community to sign up for Living in France guide updates, and to follow us on Facebook (UK in France), on Twitter (@UKinFrance @BritishinFrance @EdLlewellynFCDO), and on Instagram!

Though we anticipate that the vast majority of online applications will be straightforward, I wanted to draw your attention to the four UK Government-funded organisations providing practical support to UK nationals in France who may have difficulty completing their residency applications. These include the International Organisation for Migration in Brittany, Normandy and Paris, the Franco-British Network in the Dordogne, Church of England (Diocese in Europe) in wider Nouvelle-Aquitaine, and SSAFA for Armed Forces veterans across France. Information and guides produced by these organisations will be publicly available. If you or someone you know may have difficulty completing the application, you can contact them to discuss how they may be able to help you. All details are on the Living in France Guide: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-france>

Edward Llewellyn

How to apply for your compulsory post-Brexit residence permit

On 1 October 2021, all *titres de séjour* previously issued to UK nationals as EU citizens will cease to be valid. Therefore, all UK nationals over the age of 18 (or who will turn 18 before 1 October 2021) already resident in France before 31 December 2020 must apply individually on line for a compulsory post-Brexit residence permit under the Withdrawal Agreement before 30 June 2021 by going to

invite.contacts-demarches.interieur.gouv.fr/BREXIT

However, you should *not* make an online application if you are a UK national or family member of a UK national and you applied for a residence permit on the no-deal Brexit website between 9 October 2019 and 31 January 2020 (unless you have since changed address, in which case you *must* apply on line), or if you hold French nationality as well as British.

If you have a "paper" application in progress at a *préfecture*, but have not received the card you applied for, you should apply again on the new site.

All applicants (other than those who hold an existing EU citizen's 10-year *titre de séjour* marked "*séjour permanent*", see below) should provide a scan or photo of their UK passport, a scan or photo of the ID photo side of any existing French residence permit that they may have held, and evidence of residence in France in 2020. For example, an electricity, gas, water, landline telephone or internet access bill; a lease, or rent receipt (*quittance de loyer*) less than 6 months old; or an *avis de taxe d'habitation* less than 6 months old. Or, if lodged by a third person, an *attestation d'hébergement* and copies of identity documents of the *hébergeur*.

Applicants who hold an existing EU citizen's 10-year *titre de séjour* marked "*séjour permanent*" will be asked to provide details of their UK passport, and a scan or photo of the ID photograph side of their *titre de séjour*. They will not be asked for evidence of residence in 2020.

Additionally, for those who have lived in France for more than 5 years, the site also asks for dated evidence of the applicant's date of first settling in France. For example, an earlier *titre de séjour*, even if now out of date, or an *attestation* or *avis d'impôt*, or a work contract or first pay slip, or lease on a rented dwelling, or a *titre de propriété* for an owned dwelling, or an insurance contract on the dwelling, or an *avis de taxe d'habitation* on the dwelling. It is not necessary to prove residency for every year spent living in France.

For those who have lived in France for less than 5 years, the site asks for evidence of the applicant's status category: salaried or self-employed worker, student, job seeker, retired or person with sufficient resources or with incapacity for work, person with a family connection with a British national, or spouse or PACS partner or cohabiting partner of a French national.

Specific documents are required for each of these categories, such as, for salaried workers, a work contract or an *attestation d'emploi* or the most recent pay slip; or for the self-employed, proof of affiliation with the appropriate authority, and evidence of the actual functioning of the activity (*effectivité de l'activité*). Retired or otherwise "inactive" persons may upload their most recent pension advice or bank statements or *avis d'impôt* and must provide proof of health insurance.

Préfectures may request further documentation, and this case will e-mail you.

Once your file has been processed, an e-mail will be sent to you by your *préfecture* quoting a different reference number called "GED" (*numéro de demande de titre de séjour*) and inviting you to an appointment at the *préfecture* to hand over your ID photograph and to have your fingerprints taken.

When ready, your residence permit will be sent to your home by post.

ARTS, MUSIC, THEATRE AND DANCE

The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

With over 700,000 students, ABRSM is the world's leading provider of music examinations and assessments.

At centres in France, practical graded examinations are available for all instruments (including voice), at all levels, from novice to confirmed, with no age limit.

Examinations are held in Paris in May and December at the British School of Paris. Exams are open to all and French candidates can bring their interpreter. Written theory exams are held from grades 1 to 8. Syllabi, fees lists, entry forms and more information available from:

Steven Calvert	British School of Paris, 38 quai de l'Ecluse, 78290 Croissy-sur-Seine
01 34 80 45 94	06 15 65 36 73
abrsmp@sfr.fr	abrsmp.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.

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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
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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 Graham Bushnell	06 80 38 41 25
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Lux Perpetua

Lux Perpetua is a vibrant international classical choir based in St. Nom-la-Bretèche open to any interested Anglophone singers. Rehearsals are every Friday night from 20.30 to 22.30. If you live in the West of Paris please join us! (Unfortunately, due to Covid 19, we are putting the choir on hold for the moment. Please check our website for updates.)

Director Claire Lewis

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luxperpetuachoir.wixsite.com/luxperpetua

Paris Decorative and Fine Arts Society (PADFAS)

This Franco-British society is affiliated to The Arts Society U.K. It offers a series of monthly lectures, in English with visual illustrations, during the season from October to May. Lectures, by experts in their field, are held on Thursday afternoons.

Other activities include visits to museums, etc.; musical evenings; a book club; half- or full-day outings; and an annual 3 or 4 day trip to an interesting area further afield.

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Royal School of Church Music, France

RSCM France is an autonomous “area” of the Royal School of Church Music, an educational charity working in over forty countries since 1927.

Its mission is to foster and promote high standards in varying styles of music for worship by training and educating musicians (lay people and clergy).

Churches, schools and individuals may all become members of RSCM France (subject to acceptance).

Membership gives access to the RSCM’s regular publications, its training schemes for singers and musicians in France and abroad, and a valuable discount on all RSCM materials.

Chair John Crothers

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rscmfrance.org

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.

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Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge is an association for lovers of English theatre in Paris. It assists the Tower Theatre Company, London, in their presentation of Shakespeare in the Bois de Boulogne. At the start of June 2021, we hope to present Shakespeare's popular comedy, "The Merchant of Venice".

Tower Bridge members (€25 p.a.) have free tickets to the play, as well as a number of other activities associated therewith, and concessions for Tower Theatre Company shows in Paris and London.

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CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous is an international fellowship of men and women 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 his or her drinking problem.

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The British Charitable Fund

We help British people of all ages and from all walks of life, who are resident in France and find themselves, for whatever reason, in financial need or distress. Through a wide range of discretionary grants, we can provide continuing support for the elderly, and give prompt, temporary assistance to younger people and families to overcome short-term difficulties. The BCF is a UK registered Charity, no. 243 880 represented by the British Charitable Fund in France, an association registered under the law of 1901. The BCF office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 10 am to 5 pm.

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01 47 59 07 69
bcfparis.org

Cancer Support France

CSF offers emotional and practical support in English to any Anglophone in France affected by cancer. Our free confidential support can be for the patient, carer or family member, and this may include help with the French language. Our trained client support volunteers help clients to cope with living with cancer.

CSF's 17 associations offer support locally or at a distance wherever a client may live.

National Help-line
helpline@cancersupportfrance.org

0800 240 200
cancersupportfrance.org

E.N. VOL. (Equipes Nouvelles de Volontaires)

E.N.VOL. is a 1901 association providing a team of fully bilingual English/French speakers to assist patients at the Hôpital Franco-Britannique in Levallois-Perret. Due to the present circumstances, the service is temporarily suspended until further notice. However English-speaking medical consultations for maternity will continue on Thursday mornings with Dr Gunita Jolly.

3 rue Barbès, 92300 Levallois-Perret

Fondation Franco-Britannique 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.

Château de Sillery, 91360 Epinay-sur-Orge

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Vice-President **Annette Gilles**

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ffbs-sillery.com

The Hertford British Hospital Charity (HBHC)

The HBHC provides premises at 12 rue Barbès for the Centre International de Dermatologie, and for the British Charitable Fund at 3 rue Barbès for the Maternity department of the newly named Hôpital Franco-Britannique (ex-IHFB) acquired by the Fondation Cognacq-Jay.

Future major works at HFB, 3 rue Barbès, have obliged the 15th "Art at the Hertford" Exhibition to be postponed. All medical services continue as usual at the Hôpital Franco-Britannique.

HBHC 3 rue Barbès, 92300 Levallois-Perret

01 47 57 19 45 british-hospital.org/en

HFB 4 rue Kléber and 3 rue Barbès, 92300 Levallois-Perret

appointments 01 46 39 22 00

hopitalfrancobritannique.org/en

The Salvation Army (Armée du Salut)

In France the Salvation Army operates through 25 Corps (parishes) and more than 200 social institutions and services (centres).

A practical expression of Christian faith operates in much the same way as in centres in the United Kingdom and elsewhere. Most of the officers are French, and the leaders are ultimately responsible to the movement's international headquarters in London.

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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 **Christine Payne**
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SPRINT

A non-profit organisation of English-speaking and bilingual professionals, SPRINT works with special needs children of all ages. We offer the Anglophone community information, referral services, support provision of appropriate education in international and bilingual schools and provide networking opportunities for specialists. SPRINT hosts meetings and discussions on learning- and disability-related topics. Members include credentialled professionals for all learning needs (please see website for list of members).

SPRINT supports EKIPP (SPRINT Parent Action Network) for parents of children with special needs. EKIPP meets regularly to support families, organise play groups and offer informational sessions.

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TOC H Association

The Paris Branch, started in 1937, offers friendship and social contact for “senior” British citizens who may feel cut off and in need of a friendly smile in a relaxed atmosphere.

Tea, including sandwiches, cake and chat are on offer every second Monday of the month at different locations around the city. Special lunches also take place. Occasionally outings are organised to places of interest.

President **Valerie Chemama**

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WHY NOT LEND A HAND?

**All of these charities would love you to give some of
your time to help the people they help.**

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.

7 rue Auguste-Vacquerie, 75116 Paris

(between Avenue d'Éléna and Avenue Marceau via rue Newton)

Chaplain **The Revd Mark Osborne**

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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: 10 am, 12 noon and 6.30 pm
- Monday through Friday: 8.30 am
- July and August: Sunday 10 am, 12 noon and 6.30pm

50 avenue Hoche, 75008 Paris (Metro Charles de Gaulle Etoile)

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SUNDAYS

9:45 am

Holy Eucharist
(Family Service)

11:15 am

Holy Eucharist

5:00 pm

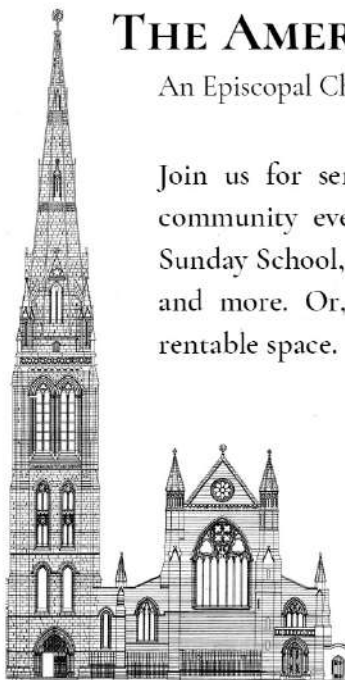
Choral Evensong
or Evening Prayer

DAILY

9:00 am

Morning Prayer

subject to change



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St. Luke's Church, Fontainebleau

St Luke's meets weekly in the Chapel of Lycée St Aspais (18 boulevard Maginot, 77300 Fontainebleau) for Sunday Services of Holy Communion at 10.30, and bi-monthly Sunday School classes for young people. Refreshments after each service. We have bible study groups, women's fellowship evenings and coffee mornings. Our charitable arm, Les Amis, hosts social and cultural events throughout the year. Please check our website for details or find more information about St Luke's on A Church Near You. Do come join us!

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achurchnearlyou.com saintlukesfontainebleau.org

www.britishinfrance.com

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
- 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, contact Chaplain for details).

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Chaplain **The Revd Dale R Hanson**

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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:

9.00 am Traditional Anglican Service

10.45 am Informal Service, with children's activities

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

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

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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

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 a few minutes from the Champs Elysées, which offers worship and fellowship in English in the Reformed tradition. Each Sunday, morning worship is held at 11 am. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. There are crèche facilities upstairs in the hall. After the service, there is an opportunity to get to know others over tea/coffee or periodic pot-luck lunches.

Numerous associations and support groups meet in the Scots Kirk premises during the week, and Scottish Country Dancing is held in the church on Friday evenings.

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EDUCATIONAL

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

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French school holiday dates in 2020/21

	Christmas	Winter	Spring	Summer
Zone A	19/12-04/01	06/02-22/02	10/04-26/04	06/07
Zone B		20/02-08/03	24/04-10/05	
Zone C		13/02-01/03	17/04-03/05	

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

The dates for Christmas and Summer holidays will be the same for all zones.

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- Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale
- 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, and to foster pedagogical innovation by exploring best practices in 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 international option of the French baccalaureate in the American section (OIB) 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. Five years after its creation, Ecole Jeannine Manuel London welcomes 500 pupils from nursery through Year 12. Last year, the school opened its Upper School on Russell Square, a few steps away from its Primary and Middle schools.

École Jeannine Manuel – Lille

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École Jeannine Manuel – London

43-45 Bedford Square

52-53 Russell Square

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 **Bob Lewis**

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The British School of Paris

The British School of Paris provides a British Independent School education combining excellence in teaching, a highly personal approach, and technology-enriched learning environment, with many cultural and sporting activities. Our community of happy, confident students and supportive, well qualified staff provide an enriching environment for young people to thrive and succeed. At the centre of the international community we serve, we take pride in making interaction with the school a happy and fulfilling experience for the family.

Headmaster **Nicholas Hammond**

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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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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 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 38*

Lyon *See page 30*

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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Lyon *See page 31*

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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.

Michael Hunt 7 rue du Centre, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine **01 47 47 17 68/mjzhunt@gmail.com**

SSAFA the Armed Forces Charity/SSAFA France

SSAFA France covers the whole of France and seeks to assist all those who have served, or are still serving, in any of the three Services, and their families, provided they have received at least one day's pay, including National Service, and regardless of rank. Should you need help, please contact SSAFA France.

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GUIDES AND SCOUTS

British Girlguiding Overseas (BGO)

Girlguiding is the leading UK charity for girls and young women, providing its members with a space where they can be themselves, have fun, build brilliant friendships, gain valuable life skills and make a positive difference to their lives and their communities.

BGO units run by dedicated volunteers meet across France for Rainbows (5-7 yrs), Brownies (7-10 yrs), Guides (10-14 yrs), Rangers (14-18 yrs) and Trefoil Guild (adult members). Currently we have units in Ile de France, Toulouse and Mauzac (24).

County Commissioner for Benelux and France

Emma Nalson

Benelux and France County website:

To get involved

b.f.countycommissioner@gmail.com

girlguidingbeneluxandfrance.org.uk

girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved

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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Friends of British Guiding in Ile-de-France (FOG)

The mission of this association is to provide support and encouragement for the leaders of Rangers, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, through fundraising activities to pay for their training. We are part of British Girlguiding Overseas BGO. We believe that through our activities we raise the profile of Girlguiding as an important part of childhood experience.

Christine Salisbury

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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, who are principally members of the five UK and Irish professional Chartered Accountancy bodies.

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

ABAF holds 6 meetings a year of a technical or a social nature, for members and guests. These include technical updates on French and UK tax and accounting; and the AGM, with representation by the UK/Irish and French professions. Our next residential conference will be in March 2021.

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CIMA France

The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, together with our JV partners, the American CPAs, has formed the world's largest professional body with 650,000 members in 165 countries. The qualification focuses on the strategic management and organisation within business - industry, commerce, not-for-profit or consultancy.

The Association in France promotes the interests of members, students and our profession, raises profile with employers and other professional bodies and provides a point of contact. We hold 5 events per annum in central Paris. Study options are available in Business Schools, Universities or via e-learning.

Secretary Hilary Parker FCMA

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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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Chair **Anne Duncan**

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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.

Chairman **Liam McVeigh**
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The Institution of Engineering and Technology

The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) is one of the world's leading professional societies for the engineering and technology community, with more than 150,000 members in 127 countries and offices in Europe, North America and Asia-Pacific. The IET provides a global knowledge network to facilitate the exchange of ideas and promote the positive role of science, engineering and technology in the world.

Non-members are welcome to attend our events on engineering and technology matters.

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Secretary **James Liddle**

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The Institution of Mechanical Engineers

IMEchE Groupe France has circa 400 members in France, out of its 110,000 members spread in 140 countries worldwide. Most members are in Paris, Toulouse and Rhône-Alpes regions. Operation in France started in 2000 and has been very active and dynamic since. Its raison d'être is to assist British-trained mechanical engineers in France, develop links with French-trained engineers and French Grandes Ecoles and hold technical and social events for its members. It has strong links with other British engineering institutions.

Chairman **Mounir Mossolly**

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SOCIETIES AND CLUBS

Alumni of University College London

Alumni of University College London (UCL) is an active University Alumni group which started 20 years ago to enable alumni and current students in France to meet and share ideas and interests. There are nearly 2,000 UCL alumni in the Paris region. We organise a successful "Bon Voyage" event at the British Council each September. There are monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month.

Alumni keep in regular contact through the UCL France Facebook.

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uclalumnicommunity.org

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. For information concerning our activities please contact Pamela Lintage.

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President **Pamela Lintage**

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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.

President **Patrick Hénault**

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association-france-grande-bretagne.fr

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**

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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 art, yoga, book discussion groups, bridge, talks, 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.

President **Sandra Cheyne**

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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
conservatives-paris.org

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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.

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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.

Honorary Secretary C M Wicker

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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.

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The Cambridge Society of Paris

The Cambridge Society of Paris provides a Cambridge meeting point, liaison with Paris institutions, and representation of the University in Paris. Membership through personal introduction, our College Representatives and website. Events include lecture series (Cambridge Cutting Edge Lectures and Glory Days of Paris), debates, the Embassy Garden Party, dinners with eminent speakers, sporting and social events. Current membership nearing 300. All members of Cambridge are welcome to join.

Contact Terry Quinn, President

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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.

Secretary Alain MacLeod

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ECREU

Expat Citizen Rights in EU (ECREU) is a voluntary group set up to ensure the rights of UK citizens in the EU and EU citizens in the UK are foremost in the minds of those negotiating their future after Brexit. We lobby MPs and negotiators in the UK and EU to put citizens' rights first and to ring-fence rights regardless of the outcome of Brexit.

Membership is free via our web site – ecreu.com.

Email contact@ecreu.com

Facebook facebook.com/expatrights

The English-Speaking Union France

The ESU is an international educational charity present in some 50 countries worldwide, whose aim is to promote understanding and friendship through the use of English as a common language. The activities of the four French branches include monthly cultural programmes, trips and exchanges, and participating in the ESU Public Speaking Competition in London.

The English Speaking Union Paris organises monthly events, as you can see in the BCC Diary.

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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.

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LibDems in France

The French Local Party of UK LibDems - Getting Our Voices Heard - Campaigning for UK Constituencies Abroad to change UK law so that all citizens of the UK living abroad can vote for their representation in discrete constituencies abroad and participate in UK referenda. Join as a Member for £12 per annum or free of charge as a Registered Supporter. Each French Region has a local group and coordinator.

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	LibDemsinFrance.org

The Oxford University Society of 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 Her Majesty the Queen, 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.

President Andrew M G Simpkin

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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 103 Wallace Fountains scattered throughout Paris via its guidebook and website.

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USEFUL DATES IN 2020/21

1 November will fall on a Sunday

11 November will fall on a Wednesday

CHRISTMAS DAY will fall on a Friday

EASTER SUNDAY will be on 4 April

ASCENSION DAY will be on Thursday 13 May

WHIT SUNDAY will be on 23 May

1 and 8 May will fall on a Saturday

14 July will fall on a Wednesday

15 August will fall on a Sunday

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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!

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Chantilly Cricket Club

Chantilly Cricket Club (CCC) held its inaugural match in June 2006 and now shares a ground with Saint Brice (CCSB95) hosted by the Polo Club du Domaine de Chantilly at La Ferme d'Apremont. The Club has a leisure side that plays friendly matches, but nevertheless offers a good level of competitive cricket and is open to new players throughout the season. Surrounded by trees and polo fields, the Club offers a warm welcome to all.

Club Secretary **Robin Richardson**

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Château de Thoiry Cricket Club

Founded in 1990, Château de Thoiry Cricket Club plays in the superb setting of the grounds of a 16th century château. We are an open, friendly association centred around the playing of good quality, competitive cricket. We play about 30 matches each season against French clubs and touring sides from the UK, Belgium, India and Australia. We are always keen to find new members. Please see our website for more information.

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thoircricketclub.fr

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 Villarceaux.

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.

Route Forestière du Pavé de Meudon, 92360 Meudon-la-Forêt

contact@saclub.org

01 46 26 16 09

saclub.org

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 organize English-language playgroups for children of different ages at our hall in the 8ème district of Lyon, as well as a diary of social events for parents and families. To find out more about joining our group, please visit our website.

esfglyon@gmail.com

esfglyon.com

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 will have access to a network of services, which can 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 Philip Last

Secretary Nicolas Delorme

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Grapevine Association, Aix-les-Bains

The Association was founded in 1992 to encourage members to practise their spoken English, widen their knowledge of British traditions and promote British heritage in Aix-les-Bains. We hold monthly meetings from October to June where activities include talks, games and musical evenings. Each May we have a ceremony near the statue of Queen Victoria opposite the town hall. In September 2019, we will participate in Tutti Frutti and Les Journées du Patrimoine. Our annual Carol Concert will be at St Swithun's Church.

President Joy Lorcery

04 79 54 70 66

grapevineweb.wordpress.com

The Royal Air Forces Association, Lyon "Jubilee" Branch

Founded in 1977, our primary concern is for the welfare of members and ex-members of the RAF family and their dependants living in the Lyon area. Throughout the year we are proudly present with our RAFA Standard Bearer at National celebrations such as VE Day, 11 November and at the many memorial sites in the area commemorating the human sacrifice of RAF and allied Airmen in WWII. We welcome any new members with like-minded motives.

President Sean Brady

Chairman Brian J Millar MRAeS

Acting Secretary Brian Rosen

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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.

Chairman **Simon Wesley**

Vice-Chairman **Brian Rosen**

Secretary **Mary Vince**

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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!

Contact **Laure Gardelle**

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06 56 79 66 38

rscds-lyon.fr

Trinity Church Lyon (Lyon Anglican Church)

Trinity is a dynamic Christian community with a congregation of 100 serving the region's English speakers. Present in the city since the 1840s, we welcome you to a varied programme of activities: regular Sunday services, small groups and social events. Coming from many nations and Christian traditions, we invite all established Christians and those with questions or faith to re-ignite, to join us in an informal and family-friendly atmosphere.

Sunday 10.30 - find our programme and our current address on the website below:

lyonchurch.org

Useful information for Brits living abroad - gov.uk/browse/abroad

This British Government website is a must-visit for the 9% of British nationals who live abroad, with information on passports, pensions, pets, and much more.

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.

President Marc Levy 27 place des Fuchsias, 14880 Colleville Montgomery

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06 81 10 97 64

Vice-President Tom Hegarty La Noblerie, 50560 Blainville-sur-Mer

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02 33 07 17 00

Anglican Chaplaincy in Caen

We are a chaplaincy of the Church of England serving residents in Normandy. All are welcome to services in English at 11 am on the first and last Sunday of the month at the Chapelle de la Miséricorde, rue Elie de Beaumont, Caen, with fellowship over tea or coffee 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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06 22 68 22 86

anglican-chaplaincy-caen.blogspot.com

achurchnearyou.com

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.

President Louise Wilson

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02 33 45 69 30

anglophones.fr

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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06 46 40 42 12
Connect76.com

Opéra de Baugé

Opéra de Baugé presents a summer opera festival, with a full orchestra, in the park of Les Capucins. A notable feature of an evening at Opéra de Baugé is the 90-minute dining/picnic interval modelled on Glyndebourne.

Many of our soloists become the stars of tomorrow.

For the 18th season in 2021, we intend to perform the programme initially planned for 2020 with three operas – Faust (Gounod), La Traviata (Verdi) and The Merry Widow (Lehár).

President **John Grimmett**
Les Capucins, Baugé-en-Anjou, 49150

06 13 25 32 83
operadebaugé.fr

Royal Naval Association – France Nord Branch

The RNA is a registered charity and was granted a Royal Charter in 1954. Her Majesty the Queen is its patron.

Membership is open not just to serving or ex-serving Naval members, but to all who enjoy a friendly social gathering.

The France Nord Branch holds monthly social events in Normandy and Brittany. It also participates in a number of World War 2 commemorative events at which wreaths are laid and standards paraded.

Chairman **Derek Powell**
Secretary **Liz Yeowell**

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royal-naval-association.co.uk

Emergency telephone numbers in France

European Emergency number (SOS All services)	112
SAMU (mobile emergency medical help)	15
Police (emergency)	17
Fire Brigade	18

HAUTS-DE-FRANCE

Anglican Church in the Pas-de-Calais

We find ourselves once more without a chaplain, our “new” chaplain the Rev. Kirrilee Reid having resigned half-way through her contract. We sincerely hope the stakeholders (the dioceses of Canterbury and Europe, plus the United Society Partners in the Gospel) will continue funding for a new chaplain and refugee project officer, but until an appointment is made, our three worship centres (Calais, Boulogne-sur-Mer and Hesdin) face a period of lay services alternating with visiting priests.

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Treasurer Linda Pillière	06 51 73 00 07	linda.pilliere@free.fr
		anglicanspdc.com

British Association of Côte d’Opale

British Association Côte d’Opale is a Nord-Pas-de-Calais association. Our membership is international and takes part in regular events that we organise throughout the year. We produce a quarterly newsletter covering our events and issues of interest concerning our members. We have created a Franco-British orchestra called the “Friends of Europe Orchestra” promoting cultural interests locally and regionally. We also organise a monthly English book club at the médiathèque Calais with visiting authors

President Kristina Howells	07 83 92 75 26
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British Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI), Lille

The Chamber’s principal aim is to promote and facilitate business and trade relations between the UK and the Lille region. Founded in 1868, it enjoys good relationships with other similar bodies in France. Members meet for lunch on the first Friday of each month. Other membership benefits are the exchange of business information – the BCCI encourages discussions on business topics (including networking and exchanging business cards) at all its meetings.

President Philip Jenkinson	
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Christ Church, Lille

We are a busy and active congregation, with a wide range of ages, backgrounds and nationalities. After celebrating 150 years of existence in Lille, we are now looking forward to the future and a new way of being church. Full details of our services, meetings and groups are on our website - if you’d like to join us, you’ll be very welcome.

Christ Church Lille is part of the Anglican Diocese in Europe.

Chaplain The Revd Canon Debbie Flach	03 28 52 66 36
churchoffice@christchurchlille.fr	christchurchlille.fr

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.

Musical Director **Simon Fletcher**

03 20 98 95 34

Résidence des Tours (Appt 403), 32 bis rue des Tours, 59000 Lille

direction@international-singers.eu

international-singers.eu

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.

bam@monaco.mc

+377 93 50 19 52

bam-monaco.org

NOUVELLE AQUITAINE

Association Culturelle Franco-Anglaise d'Aquitaine

We are based in Eymet (24500) and the surrounding areas. We aim to develop rapport between French, UK and other European residents by providing cultural and social activities. We have 500+ members, principally British but also French, Dutch and Belgian. The Association offers French and English language classes at all levels. A wide range of activities is available (Art, Line Dancing, Bridge, Photography, Gardening etc). We also organise activities and social events throughout the year.

acfaa.com

acfaainfo@gmail.com

www.britishinfrance.com

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. As an Anglican Chaplaincy, 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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Facebook **English Anglican Church Chaplaincy of Aquitaine**

06 72 31 72 87

churchinaquitaine.org

Bon Coeur

Our objective is to raise funds which we distribute to many local good causes - human and animal. We have a shop in 47470 Beauville - open regularly with clothes, books, brocante and jewellery, an annual giant book sale on 1 May, a friendly Franco-Britannic boules tournament on 14 July, and a Grand Bazaar in the autumn. We also assist with neutering errant cats.

In about 7 years we have made donations of over €80,000, generally for smaller local Associations.

President **Charles Miskin**

Treasurer **treasurer@boncoeur47.fr**

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Facebook **Bon Coeur (Beauville)**

boncoeur@boncoeur47.fr

Secretary **secretary@boncoeur47.fr**

boncoeur47.fr

The Bordeaux British Community

The Bordeaux British Community is an Aquitaine-based social association with multinational English speaking members.

We have over 100 family members. Our monthly newsletter details our events and summarises what is going on around Bordeaux.

We welcome newcomers to the area and normally hold three events each month.

We continue to be active with respect for the safety of our members and events now include virtual exhibition visits and a virtual weekly pub quiz.

president@bordeauxbritish.com

vicepresident@bordeauxbritish.com

bordeauxbritish.com

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.

President Dave Brown
contact@cle-france.com

05 49 87 05 85
cle-france.com

LEGGIES – Lot et Garonne Girls Informing Educating Socialising

It is often challenging to meet people when you first move to France or come to live in a new area like the Lot et Garonne. Leggies provides an opportunity for ladies to meet together in a friendly and social environment where they can make friends and get practical information.

Leggies meets once a month in St Livrade sur Lot for discussions and presentations, and they also run many visits and trips during the year.

Come along, you will be made very welcome.

47leggies@gmail.com

47leggies.com/about-us-1

North Eastern Dordogne Women’s Association (NEDWA)

The North Eastern Dordogne Women’s Association (NEDWA) is a multi-national group. Activities include groups for exploring family history, sewing and crafts, a book club, as well as monthly coffee mornings, walks, lunches, speakers on topics which relate to you and much more.

New members can always be sure of a warm welcome, good company and friendship and with our membership you can be as free or active as you like – we have something for everyone!

nedwa24@gmail.com

nedwa.wordpress.com

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.

47410 St Colomb de Lauzun
oldschoolfrance.com

05 53 64 24 97
info@oldschoolfrance.com

Oxford University Alumni, South West France

Oxford University Alumni South West France welcomes all Oxford alumni living in an area ranging from the Hérault to the Gironde, and from the Dordogne to the Pyrenees, whether they be permanent or temporary residents. Visits to places of interest, often accompanied by wine-tastings, and lunches with or without speakers, are organised throughout the year. 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.

Chairman **John Baylis**
Secretary **Nigel Griffin**
Treasurer **Andrew Edgar**

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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 **Royston Watkins**

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pastandpresentrotariansfellowshipclub.wordpress.com

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.

President **Gillian Le Solleu**

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phoenixasso.com

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.

Chair Squadron Leader **Beryl Dennett Stannard RAF Retd**
Secretary Squadron Leader **Terry Dennett RAF Retd**
admin@rafasudouest.fr

06 89 90 55 82
05 46 95 38 89
http://goo.gl/ut80T

South West Left

South West Left is a centre-left forum, mainly of expatriate British residents in France, who meet regularly to discuss issues of social and political concern based on the principles of a fair, free and open society in which there is a balance between the fundamental values of liberty, equality and community, and in which no-one is disadvantaged by poverty, ignorance, gender, age, race or creed.

South West Left was registered at the sous-préfecture of Villeneuve-sur-Lot on 19 March 1997.

President David Cowan
Secretary Averil de la Rue

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survivefrance.com/t/south-west-left/3423

Receiving British TV and radio in France by satellite

For free to air broadcasts from the BBC, ITV, Channel 4 and Channel 5 your satellite dish should be set up to receive the signal from **28.2° East**. The further you are from the British Isles, the larger the diameter of the satellite dish you will probably need. In certain locations the signal may not be received at all.

If you live in a *copropriété* you should consider having a motion placed on the agenda of the *Assemblée générale des copropriétaires* for permission to install your own private satellite dish - remember, in France everyone has a legal right to a TV aerial (*le droit à l'antenne, décret du 22 décembre 1967*). If you rent your home, you should ask your landlord to do this for you.

OCCITANIE

Chaplaincy of Midi-Pyrénées & Aude

We are the Church of England presence in our region, though our members join us from many different Christian backgrounds and we delight in our diverse gathering together.

We meet in various locations around the region for worship, study and spending time together as friends. We have all found a home in this church; there are many others who would and will find the same. For more information please visit our website or contact us directly.

Chaplain The Revd Daniel Langdon-Griffiths

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Secretary Heidi Worswick
Treasurer

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PROVENCE – ALPES – CÔTE D’AZUR

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.

President **Marie-Jacqueline Ballagh**

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Facebook **FrancoBritsComtatVenaissin**

francobrits84.fr

The British Association of the Var

The Association originally began in 1998, and today has circa 400 members. We represent and promote the interests of our members, their families and friends – in fact all British people residing in or visiting the Var.

We help British people in difficulty, and those who encounter unexpected problems such as illness, accidents, bereavement or financial difficulties.

We hold a range of social events reflecting what members enjoy doing, such as a boules and golf groups, painting circles, and coffee mornings.

Chairman **Rob Flanagan**

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baofthevar.com

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. However, in the current health crisis we are shut to the public. We look forward to reopening. Please contact us for details.

1267 chemin du Train de Pignes Ouest, 83510 Lorgues

04 89 82 68 51

info@rivieralifeline.org

rivieralifeline.org

www.britishinfrance.com

Sunnybank Association

Sunnybank Association has HRH The Duke of Edinburgh as Patron. 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 operates locally to support elderly Anglophone residents who are unable financially to meet their retirement home needs in South-East of France (Alpes-Maritimes and the Var regions). The website contains useful information on these in English and French.

815 chemin des Gourettes, 06370 Mouans-Sartoux

President **Jeremy Daynes**

Secretary **Jill Shepperd**

Treasurer **Mike Kenington**

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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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Applying for a new British passport if you live in France

British citizens living in France MUST apply for their new passport to Her Majesty's Passport Office in the UK (and NO LONGER to a Consular post or Embassy outside the UK, except for Emergency Travel Documents - for these, see gov.uk/emergency-travel-document). An online application service is now available at gov.uk/overseas-passports.

When you make an online application for a passport, you will be asked to create your own application file, indicating the type of passport required and personal details of the passport holder. You will be able to check and edit your application, and the website will show you the total amount to pay online. You may pay by MasterCard, Visa, Visa Electron or Visa Debit card.

Once you have submitted your application online and paid for your passport, the website will create a personalised declaration pack for you to download and print. The declaration pack includes the declaration form for you to read, sign and return to HM Passport Office. Sign the printed declaration form and send it to HM Passport Office at the address indicated. The guidance will tell you what documents you must include, whether or not you require a counter-signatory, and what kind of photos are acceptable.

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:

FBCCI, 63 avenue de Villiers, 75017 Paris	01 53 30 81 32
Bordeaux – contact Louise Cossey	louisemcossey@gmail.com
British Council, 9 rue de Constantine, 75007 Paris	01 49 55 73 00
British School of Paris, 38 quai de l'Ecluse, 78290 Croissy-sur-Seine	01 34 80 45 90
British Section, Lycee International, 78100 St Germain en Laye	01 34 51 62 64
Christ Church, Lille, rue Lydéric/rue Watteau, 59000 Lille	03 28 52 66 36
Institut Hospitalier Franco-Britannique (The Hertford British Hospital)	01 47 59 59 59
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
Standard Athletic Club, Route Forestière du Pavé de Meudon, 92360 Meudon-la-Forêt	01 46 26 16 09
SW France region - contact the Regional Rep., Claire Godfrey	clairelem@hotmail.com
The Australian Embassy, 4 rue Jean Rey, 75015 Paris	01 40 59 33 00
The Scots Kirk, 17 rue Bayard, 75008 Paris	01 48 78 47 94

THE BCC – HOW IT ALL BEGAN

The British Community Committee of France has been the voice of the British in France for over 80 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. But it was during the period of moroseness following the abdication of King Edward VIII in 1936 that 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 British Colony Committee was duly registered as an *association loi 1901* on 1 July 1939. After the war, the renaissance of the British Colony Committee was officially registered with the French authorities on 12 August 1947, with its headquarters at the British Chamber of Commerce in the rue Halévy, near the Paris Opéra. Activities had restarted well before this however; 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 of whom were elected and the rest representatives of 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, and free of charge. Much of the valuable work of member associations of the BCC still lies in welcoming new British residents in Paris and helping them to assimilate.

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, a list of intended forthcoming events that could be consulted in advance to avoid clashes. It continues to this day as the BCC's British Community Diary of Events, normally published monthly.

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.

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). So it made sense to extend the BCC's coverage to the whole of France and Monaco in 2004. The BCC currently numbers over 100 member organisations, and can elect up to 21 individual members.

Today, the Directory, the Diary of Events and the website 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.

In June 2016, the result of the referendum on the UK's continuing membership of the European Union brought with it a new need to defend the interests of the British in France, and indeed also those of the million-plus UK nationals living throughout the 27 non-UK member states of the EU. Thus, in January 2017, the BCC became a founding member of a coalition of groups representing UK nationals living in those countries, which took the name British in Europe.



British in Europe has been extremely active in lobbying the UK Government, the European Parliament, the European Commission and the European Council, as well as parliamentarians, ministers and officials in the 27 EU member states. Its position has always been that the rights of UK citizens living in other EU member states must be maintained intact and indivisible. The organisation is currently trying to extend the period during which UK nationals may return to live in the UK with non-UK family members without having to meet stringent minimum income conditions.

The British in Europe website britishineurope.org provides regularly updated information about the coalition's lobbying work, appearances before parliamentary committees both in the UK and in non-UK member states (including France), and its publications and research.

British in Europe is registered as a *loi 1901* association in France, and works closely with **the3million**, the organisation set up in the UK in the aftermath of the 2016 referendum to defend the rights and interests of nationals of the 27 non-UK EU member states who live in the UK.

Applying for French nationality

Many British nationals resident in France are understandably worried about the consequences of Brexit on their ability to continue living and working in France. Although many will want to apply for a post-Brexit residence permit (see page 6), others may decide to apply 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*02 and a demanding list of further documents, to be provided within six months, including originals of all family birth and marriage certificates (not forgetting those of parents!), and their translations by a sworn translator.

The form asks for details of all relatives and children as well as the applicant, all work positions held, and all places of residence in France and abroad....since birth! Applicants' ability to speak French may be tested. Applications should be made to the préfecture. The cost is 55 euros.

See **service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F15832** where detailed information (in French) is available.

Travelling between the UK and France with your pet after Brexit

A current EU pet passport issued in the UK will not be valid for travel to the EU from 1 January 2021. If you enter the UK, or an EU member state from the UK, with an animal and don't 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** and the Pet Travel Scheme pages for France, **pettravel.com/immigration/France.cfm**.

Registering to vote in the UK

British Citizens in France who have been registered to vote as residents in the UK at any time within the past 15 years can register as overseas voters at **gov.uk/register-to-vote**. 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 in elections for the UK General Elections and European Parliamentary 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 the government website **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, see the Electoral Commission website **yourvotematters.co.uk/can-i-vote/overseas**. It is advisable to re-register *annually*.

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