

## THE FRENCH CONNECTION

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### Chairs Report November 2021

The last 12 months have been really tough and challenging for everyone. Relatively it's not of much significance, but I'm proud to say that the French Connection has adapted to the new online world and is in very good shape – see below. The French Connection is all about you the members, and it would be great if you would like to take part in any of the below, or if you have any ideas of activities, events, or a talk that members might be interested in - please do get in touch! Our mission for the next couple of years is to grow interest and engagement in our activities and twinning and thereby to grow our membership.

Margaret Hancock shifted the French conversation group online and we have been meeting twice a month. Recently we re-surfaced for a few get togethers in person. The people in our twinned village Villeneuve-lès-Béziers (VLB) are keen to link up so Jane Finn set up a Franglais discussion group where they talk to us in English and we talk to them in French. We have had hilarious but successful misunderstandings on topics ranging from recipes to wine :-). An active French film club, called Cinéphiles, meets monthly - we all watch a film and then meet to discuss it online. So far we have covered classics like Jean de Florette to more modern films like La Délicatesse. Our editor Tony Hancock has unfailingly produced amusing and informative Newsletters. He has now retired and handed the reins to Lindsey Shaw-Miller, whose first edition should have landed in your inbox recently. Lindsey will be giving a talk on "*Romanesque sculpture with local references*" just after a quick AGM on Weds 17<sup>th</sup> Nov at 19:00. There are links and reports on all of the above as well as the news from VLB on our website that Frank Finn has recently redesigned - <https://wringtontwinning.co.uk/>.

As the cloud of epidemic slowly lifts we hope to (re-)activate a long list of planned and sometimes started activities, including the "*Deux Bières*" workshops, a range of interesting talks, school interaction, visits there, and them coming here for the Wrington Fair 2022. To this end we are bringing a proposal to the Nov 17 AGM to raise the membership contribution to £10 per person starting Oct 2022. We believe this is not a huge amount, represents good value, but most importantly with a healthy balance sheet we can aim for even more ambitious events, and a greater degree of community involvement. Please let your views be known at the AGM!

Look forward to seeing you at some of the above!  
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