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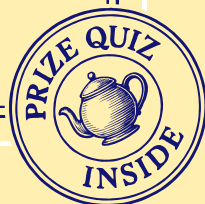
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The HBCF was previously the Hertford British Hospital Corporation, and it now incorporates the British Charitable Fund, Paris (with whom it merged on 1st January 2025).

The HBCF manages the original - and recently renovated - hospital built by Sir Richard Wallace in Levallois-Perret in 1879 (see below) and the modern hospital building behind it, which is made available to the Hôpital Franco-Britannique - Fondation Cognacq-Jay (“HFB-FCJ”).

HBCF no longer provides medical care (which is provided by HFB-FCJ who can be reached through their website: www.hopitalfrancobritannique.org).

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THE BRITISH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE OF FRANCE

The British Community Committee of France, 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.

The British Community Committee of France ("British Community" or "BCC") was first registered as a Loi 1901 association on 1 July 1939. It has two categories of members being associations with a major British link and up to 21 individual elected members of the British Community who wish to play an active part in the co-ordination and promotion of British Community activities.

Membership is open to associations and individuals throughout France and Monaco. The membership subscription is €20 if paid by 31 March, €30 if paid after 1 April.

We promote member organisations and their activities:

- The annual Directory of Member Organisations describes all members' activities and provides their contact details. You can obtain copies of the latest edition from places listed on page 46 and find a QR code to order copies to distribute.
- Our website britishinfrance.com reaches out to the broader on-line community, providing details of all members and their activities. Members use a webform to publicise upcoming events of members under britishinfrance.com/diary-of-events. Events can be searched for by region, keyword or date.
- We are building our social media presence so please follow us, tag us in your posts and in turn we will like and share posts of our member organisations. Should member organisations have events you would like to see featured on our accounts please send your photos and one-line stories to the committee and we will post immediately for the entire community to see.
- We hold Quarterly Meetings (usually in January, March or April, June, and September or October), attended by a delegate from each member organisation, the individual elected members, and the Regional Representatives elected by member organisation in the regions. We organise events for the entire British Community to help the British in France meet, see page 44.

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

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To obtain the full version of the Directory including these contact details, please either go to one of the locations listed on page 46 where a paper copy of the Directory is available, or request a full PDF copy from the BCC webmaster at webmaster@britishinfrance.email.

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British Embassy
Paris

Supporting British nationals overseas is a key focus of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), via our Embassy and Consular teams. Consular Assistance is directed towards the most vulnerable, and we really value collaboration with our partners across France who help us to support those most in need: thank you all.

2025 has been another busy year for the Embassy and our France network. We have just seen a fantastic State Visit to the UK by President and Mme Macron, alongside a UK/France Summit, which has delivered tangible results across key priority areas – migration, growth, and defence and security. The President announced the loan of the Bayeux Tapestry to the British Museum for a year (starting September 2026), with Sutton Hoo treasures due to come to France in return. This cultural partnership speaks to our shared history, and to our vibrant people-to-people links, and the connections between our communities.

This spring we hosted again the Annual General Meeting of the British Community Committee of France at the Residence. And our second 'Ambassador for a Day' programme, giving young French girls (aged 14-18) the chance to shadow me or one of my fellow Ambassadors for a day, showing that the world of diplomacy is open to all! We had some fantastic applications and enjoyed hosting the winners. In May we celebrated the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Europe when I attended the commemorations at the Arc de Triomphe with the flyover of both the Red Arrows and the Patrouille de France, and as ever it was a privilege to be on the beaches of Normandy for D-Day 81, standing alongside veterans and serving members of our Armed Forces.

This is sadly my final year as Ambassador to France: I am leaving at the end of July. My successor is Sir Tom Drew who arrives at the end of August with his wife Joanna Roper (also a British diplomat, who has just finished her tour as Ambassador to the Netherlands). I feel proud to have taken our alliance with France to a new level – an Entente Amicale – turning the page on some difficult years, and looking to the future. Tom will bring fresh energy and enthusiasm to the job and I know he will be brilliant, and look to connect with the British community.

Of course, all these events have been happening alongside our daily rhythm of work to support British Nationals in France. This includes our teams continuing to work with French colleagues to understand how British Nationals will be affected by the upcoming implementation of the EU's Entry/Exit Scheme (EES) in October. We will continue to liaise with many of your associations to highlight the introduction of the EES and will keep our Living in France guide up to date. You'll find the links below to our gov.uk platform and social media.

We continue to raise with the French authorities cases where the Withdrawal Agreement is wrongly applied to minors, late applicants and joining family members, and to seek to improve their online information. If your WA resident permit is coming up for renewal, please remember that this needs to be done through the local prefecture. Further details and updates on resident permits can be found in our Living in Guide and on the French government site *What does a British or family member have to do to live in France?* (service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F35032?lang=en).

Finally, let me thank all British Community Committee of France members for your partnership and support over the last four years. It's been a pleasure and a privilege. I would also like to thank our consular staff across France, led so brilliantly by Pamela Deegan and our Consuls in Paris, Bordeaux and Marseille, who deal with difficult issues day in and day out, but stay positive, calm and kind. I will miss them all.

Dame Menna Rawlings, British Ambassador to France

British Consular Services in France

Travel advice for France

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

Getting married in France

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

Consular Support

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

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

Our website has further information on our services and information we provide at gov.uk/world/organisations/france

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/guidance/living-in-france.

Preventing problems

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

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

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CHARITIES

Al-Anon (English-speaking)

Al-Anon is a worldwide fellowship of men and women whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking, regardless of whether that person is still drinking or not. It is non-professional, self-supporting and apolitical. The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism in a relative or friend. Details of English-speaking meetings in France on our website.

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06 75 55 79 28

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Helpline (English) **07 56 98 45 71 / (French) 09 69 39 40 20**

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Cancer Support France

Cancer Support France has been supporting English-speakers in France who are touched by cancer since 2002. Free, confidential, emotional and linguistic support is offered on a one-to-one basis by our trained volunteers for the patient, their carers or loved ones. With a network of 14 local associations, we can offer support face-to-face or remotely by telephone, e-mail or other secure means.

Support ✉ **helpline@cancersupportfrance.org**

National Helpline **0800 240 200**

Volunteers ✉ **volunteer@cancersupportfrance.org**

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The Franco-British Foundation de Sillery (Fondation Franco-Britannique de Sillery)

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The Hertford British Charitable Fund

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For welfare support	✉ office@bcfparis.org	01 47 59 07 69

SOS Help

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.

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A non-profit organisation of English-speaking/bilingual professionals who work with children having special educational needs/disabilities and their families. SPRINT offers the Anglophone community information regarding provision of appropriate education in international/bilingual schools, referral services, and networking opportunities for members. SPRINT also works with its member schools and offers schools professional development, meetings, and discussions on inclusion, learning, disability and therapy-related topics.

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Women for Women

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The association created and manages the national Multilingual Online Resource Centre for all victims of domestic abuse in France and the professionals who support them.

CEO: Sarah McGrath (she/elle)	womenforwomenfrance.org/en
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CHURCHES

Holy Trinity Church, Maisons-Laffitte

Holy Trinity Church is situated near the Château in Maisons-Laffitte. We are a multi-generational, English-speaking, international community who worship within the Anglican tradition, and are open to every age, nationality and religious background. In addition to weekly Sunday services at 9.15 am and 11.00 am with children's and youth groups, we host family-friendly events for the wider community throughout the year. There are also midweek meetings for Scouts, USA Girl Scouts, Parents & Toddlers and Trinity English School.

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Saint 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. Saturday 6.00 pm, Eucharistie en français.

For daily services and regular updates check our website.

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- Saturday: 11.00 am and 6.30 pm (Vigil)
- Sunday: 9.30 am, 11.00 am, 12.30 pm, and 6.30 pm
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Saint Luke's Church, Fontainebleau

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Saint Michael's Anglican Church, Paris

Saint Michael's is an international English-speaking church for people of all ages and stages of the spiritual journey. We are a family, a 'home away from home', and we encourage people to be involved and to make friends. Sunday Services: 9.30 am Traditional Anglican Service, 10.45 am Informal Service, with children's activities, 6.00 pm: Contemporary service. Service times may change during the year, so please check our website for updates.

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Chaplain **The Revd Jay Colwill**

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Saint Peter's Anglican Church, Chantilly

St Peter's is an English-speaking, Anglican evangelical church for all ages and nationalities. We'd be happy to welcome you if you're a convinced Christian, curious about life's big questions, or anywhere in between. We also host various events and enjoy good links with our local community. Our Sunday Services are: 9.00 am Traditional Service (1st and 3rd Sunday of the month), 10.30 am: Informal Service (with children's ministry). Please check our social media or website for any changes.

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CULTURE

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The International Players

The International Players are a friendly group of 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 mainly in St-Germain-en-Laye and Le Pecq. New members are always welcome, even if you are in France for a short time.

President **Amanda VanOsdol**

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PADFAS – The Arts Society – Paris

Affiliated to The Arts Society UK, this Franco-British society offers illustrated monthly lectures in English, by academics, researchers, museum curators and historians, on one Thursday afternoon a month from October to May in the Théâtre le Ranelagh (XVI Arr.). In addition, we offer guided visits to museums and other places of interest in the Paris region and beyond. New members are always welcome, as are guests. For details, please see our website.

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Paris Choral Society

Paris Choral Society is an association of about 90 international voices accompanied by professional soloists and orchestras.

It is unique in Paris in that its choristers speak French and English, and all ages and backgrounds are represented. Along with three annual programmes, the PCS is well known in Paris for Handel's *Messiah* sing-along, sung during the Advent period.

The PCS performs famous requiems and masses, modern compositions, well-known operatic arias and themed concerts.

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 **The Paris Choral Society**

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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 France. The Branch organises classes, half-day schools for beginners, intermediate or advanced dancers. There is a dance every Monday night from 8pm to 10pm and occasionally a ball on Saturday night. Everybody is warmly welcome.

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The lucky winners of a Fortnum and Mason tea gift box will be drawn at our summer quarterly meeting.

Good luck to everyone!

Simply take your phone camera to flash the QR code (or copy the following address into your browser: www.britishinfrance.com/bif-quiz) and follow the instructions!



EDUCATION

APARC (Anglophone Parents' Association in the Region of Chantilly)

APARC is a non-profit organisation English school offering English classes from Kindergarten to Collège. It follows the British schools' national curriculum in English language and literature and its bilingual students receive 2.5 hours on Wednesdays in Kindergarten and Primary classes (ages 4 to 11), and at age 11, they can either enter the state international secondary school in Chantilly, where English classes are integrated into the French school timetable, or continue on Wednesday afternoons. Please send an e-mail for admission enquiries or more information about the school.

1, Avenue du Bouteiller 60500 Chantilly

 **aparcschool**

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 **contact@aparcschool.org**

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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 BFI in English and History-Geography, and go on to the most demanding universities worldwide.

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 **Anglophone Section of Fontainebleau**

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The Bilingual Montessori School of Paris

As the oldest group of Bilingual Montessori Schools in France, created in 1972, we have schools in beautiful locations around Paris. They offer a truly bilingual education with highly qualified teachers, used to adapting to all language levels.

The children (including many British), aged 2 to 11 years old, enjoy learning how to learn and develop autonomy in a harmonious and caring environment. Our very good adult/child ratio results in great teacher/child relations and excellent academic results.

✉ info@montessori-paris.com

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🌐 the-bilingual-Montessori-school-of-paris

montessoriparis.com

British Council

The British Council is the UK's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities. We build trust and connections through arts and culture, education, and English language. In France for over 80 years, we offer English language training for children, teens, and adults and certify English skills. We strengthen UK–France ties and contribute to growth and impact through arts and cultural activity, education programmes, research collaboration, promoting UK university study, and alumni engagement.

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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.

Gillian Barratt

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

The British Section is the largest of 14 international sections that make up 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. Non-francophone pupils can join through the Français spécial classes.

Director **James Cathcart MA (Oxon) PGCE, NPQH**

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Collège Franco-Britannique

Located at the heart of the Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris (www.ciup.fr), the Collège franco-britannique was created after World War I as a sign of friendship between France and Great Britain. Today it welcomes 250 students, researchers and artists of over 50 different nationalities. Its mission is to develop cultural and scientific exchanges between the 2 countries. To this end, the CFB organises cultural and scientific events in French and English (www.citescope.fr/lieux/college-franco-britannique).

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Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC), founded in 1917 by Sir Fabian Ware, commemorates Commonwealth forces who died in the World Wars. Caring for over 1.7 million graves across 150 countries, our mission is to ensure the fallen are remembered and the human cost of war is honoured. In France, CWGC commemorates 575,000 Commonwealth soldiers, maintained in nearly 3,000 cemeteries with the support of 400 dedicated employees.

✉ contact.wea@cwgc.org

 VisitCWGC

cwgc.org

GrandChêne Section Internationale, La Celle Saint-Cloud - Noisy-le-Roi

The Section has provided the highest level of international English education for over 20 years, partnering with six French schools in La Celle Saint-Cloud and Noisy-le-Roi. Our programme extends from *Grande Section* to *Terminale* and is taught by qualified and experienced native English teachers. Small classes provide an ideal environment for our students in their preparations for the IGSCE and the BFI. Run by parent volunteers, GrandChêne offers a supportive and thriving English-speaking community.

Admissions Manager **Jodie Sokhan**

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Open Sky International

Open Sky International is a non-selective bilingual English-French (50-50) school welcoming students from pre-school to high school. A family-owned school, with 40+ nationalities and a team of 10+ nationalities, OSI's approach aims at reaching excellence. Even arriving without French/English, students become bilingual after 2 years, thanks to intensive courses (FAL and/or EAL). Our gold-standard curriculum enables all our students to obtain British diplomas: GCSE and A-Levels (OSI is a Pearson Edexcel certified exam centre).

Director **Mr Emmanuel Fayad**

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University of London Institute in Paris

The University of London Institute in Paris offers a unique chance to study in the heart of Paris while earning a prestigious UK qualification.

Our specialised institute provides Bachelor's degrees in French Studies with various minors, taught mainly in French, and International Politics, taught in English.

We also offer a split-site Master's in Urban History and Culture, taught in English, and PhD opportunities.

The Institute in Paris also hosts research seminars and engages in knowledge diplomacy.

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French school holiday dates 2025-2026

	Back to school	Toussaint	Christmas	Winter	Spring	Summer
Zone A	01/09 (all zones)	18/10- 03/11 (all zones)	20/12- 05/01 (all zones)	07/02-23/02	04/04-20/04	04/07 (all zones)
Zone B				14/02-02/03	11/04-27/04	
Zone C				21/02-09/03	18/04-04/05	

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

EX-SERVICE ORGANISATIONS

Libre Résistance

Libre Résistance is an Anglo-French association dedicated to the memory of the actions of the Special Operations Executive F-Section activities in France where 435 trained agents were infiltrated into France to create 75 resistance networks with over 30,000 local resistants. 104 SOE agents lost their lives through capture & torture. Our main commemoration is at Valençay each 6th May, but we hold numerous other ceremonies in France & UK (with Special Forces Club, London).

President **Bill Beauclerk**

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librerresistance.com/fr/accueil

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

The Royal Air Forces Association Île-de-France Branch was formed in 2011 through the amalgamation of the Paris and the Saint-Germain-en-Laye branches, created in 1946 and 1956 respectively. Today, we lack physically active members, including standard bearers, and therefore are unable to attend certain commemorations in our Region. We aim to maintain the memory of RAF aircrews who were killed in the Region during WW2, and welcome new members.

Ile-de-France Chairman **Wing Commander Graham August (retd)**

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Lyon See page 32

SW France See page 40

The Royal British Legion, Paris Branch

The Paris Branch, founded in 1921, can provide financial assistance funded by the Poppy Appeal to ex-servicemen and women and their dependents in the Ile-de-France Region. Ceremonies are organised at the Arc de Triomphe on 4 August and at the Service of Remembrance on 11 November. Membership is open to Serving and ex-Service personnel, and to all who abide by the aims of the Legion. Contact us to use the Clubhouse.

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Bordeaux & SW France See page 40

Lyon See page 33

Nord/Pas-de-Calais See page 36

The Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Association, Paris Branch

Founded in Paris in 1950, the Association has some 25 members. Membership is open to all who have served in or with the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, WRNS and QARNNS or the French Navy. Associate membership is available to those who support the interests and aims of the Association in things naval and maritime. A luncheon is held each month as well as an annual dinner, at which members, guests and their spouses are welcome. The Naval Attaché is the Honorary President.

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SSAFA the Armed Forces Charity/SSAFA France

SSAFA provides lifelong support to our Forces and their families. Last year our volunteers in France helped some 150 people. Support covers financial assistance, and sign-posting welfare and administrative needs for veterans and their families in France, also some Merchant Navy and British Airways veterans. Should you, or someone you know, need help, wish to volunteer for casework, support the lonely, or assist with fund-raising, then please contact general inquiries as below.

General inquiries **06 83 85 39 09**

✉ France.branch@ssafa.org.uk

Chairman **Keith Cima**

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PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Association of British Accountants in France

ABAF was set up in 1982 to promote the common interests of its members, principally members of the five UK and Irish professional Chartered Accountancy bodies. The aim is to provide a forum for UK and Irish qualified accountants to network, exchange views, communicate with their professional bodies, and gain valuable continuing professional development. ABAF holds 6 meetings a year which include technical updates on French and UK tax and accounting, as well as the AGM.

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Franco-British Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Founded in 1873, the Franco-British Chamber is the oldest international British Chamber in France and Europe. As the leading Franco-British economic network, the Chamber helps British companies develop their business throughout France. Members include companies of all sizes and sectors. Our network of private and public partners in France and the UK comprises 2000 companies, 3000 qualified contacts and 12000 social media followers. The FBCCI is a member of the British Chamber of Commerce Global Business Network.

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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 who are 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.

Contact Ijjou Belkacem	✉ ijjouB@gmail.com	iod.com/france
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Institution of Civil Engineers

The ICE French Association serves the 150+ members of the Institution living in France. The association committee organises technical and social events including lectures and visits to major construction projects throughout France. Most events are open to the France sections of other UK engineering Institutions and to guests. The ICE French Association meetings, held in English, are an excellent way to network whilst keeping members informed about technical and business developments in Europe.

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 ice-france-association	ice.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/ice-near-you/international/ice-europe	

Institution of Engineering and Technology – IET France

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

Chair Morgan Bonici	Secretary Stuart Burton
 IET France Local Network	 iet-france-local-network
✉ france@ietvolunteer.org	engx.theiet.org/local-networks/z123

Institution of Mechanical Engineers

IMechE Groupe France has circa 400 members in France, out of its 115,000 members in 140 countries worldwide. Most members are in Paris, Toulouse, PACA and Rhône-Alpes regions. Operations in France started in 2000 and IMech 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.

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Union Franco-Britannique des Architects (UFBA/FBUA)

Since 1921 the UFBA/FBUA, through its network of French and British architects, contributes to advancing the education of architects by way of annual scholarship bursaries and hand-drawing workshops for students and young graduates from both countries. We also provide mutual service in the understanding of various aspects of our professional practices. Alternately every year, along with our meetings and congress, we visit heritage and contemporary architectural sites. The visits are open to anyone interested in architecture.

Vice-President and President French section **Laurence David-Grant**

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SOCIETIES AND CLUBS

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**

Secretary General **André Dufétel**

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afgb.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 **Prof. Clarisse Godard Desmarest** ✉ **c.godarddesmarest@gmail.com**

Vice-President **Thierry Rechniewski,**

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franco-ecossaise.asso.fr

British and Commonwealth Women's Association

The BCWA was created in 1962, but has evolved over the years to accommodate changing times and, more importantly, the changing attitudes of modern women. It offers a broad range of activities such as weekly coffee mornings, MahJong, Scrabble, book groups, beginners and intermediate bridge, quizzes, needlecraft, yoga, easy gym and monthly walks in Paris. There are clubroom lunches and outside lunches. The BCWA is a voluntary organisation; all events are organised by members.

President **Sally Malingri de Bagnolo**

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bcwa.org

British Conservatives in Paris

Our brief is to further the aims of the British Conservative Party and to 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.

Chairman **Jeremy Stubbs**

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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 His 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 is Scotland's cultural hub in France. It celebrates Scottish culture through events (St Andrew's Ball and Burns Supper), music, ceilidh dancing, conferences... for Scots and lovers of Scotland.

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, is welcome to join.

✉ caledoniansocietyfrance@gmail.com

caledonian-society-france.org

The Cambridge Society of Paris

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

President **Matthew Kay**

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Hon. Secretary **Jacques Li**

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The Clan MacLeod Society of France

Founded in 1981, the Society: fosters research into the role played by the MacLeods in France, where they have been present and active for over 500 years; conserves and makes available family records; distributes the magazines issued by the worldwide ACMS, as well as the annual French magazine; and encourages social activities amongst members. Membership is open to all, whether called MacLeod, descended from MacLeods, attached to the Clan or simply interested in joining.

President **Michel Maclot**

Secretary **Odile Hussenet Maclot**

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The English-Speaking Union France

The ESU, founded in 1918 in London, is an International Educational Charity whose aim is to promote understanding and friendship among people all over the world using English as a common language. ESU France has four branches, each one engaged in developing this aim differently.

ESU Paris: events, visits, lectures. ESU Loire Valley and ESU Marseille: events and National Public Speaking Competition organisation, leading to participation in the International Public Speaking Competition. ESU Bordeaux: regular meetings.

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Marseille President Nicholas Hill	✉ nick@real-land.com

EU Britizens

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

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 EUBritizens	helloasso.com/associations/eu-britizens

Franco-British Connections

FB-Connections' philosophy is to encourage and help students to develop their own projects. We view student-led events as complementary to the regular course-based projects. Students are often not aware of their potential to organise important and mutually beneficial events with other universities; this is where FB-Connections strives to act as a catalyst, by putting students in touch with our alumni. The Franco-British Young Leader programme was incubated by us back in 2015.

President Jean-Pascal Sibiet MBE	Secretary Nicolas Khadivi
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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.

Secretaries General Marine Decuyppère and Zakary Hammoutou
✉ french.debating.association@gmail.com

Labour International Paris & North East France

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

✉ li-franceparisne@labourinternational.net labourpartyparisandnortheastfrance.com

Liberal Democrats in France

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

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 LibDems in France	 LibDemsinFrance	LibDemsinFrance.org

Message

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

✉ president@messageparis.org messageparis.org

The Oxford University Society in Paris

OUSP organises events for Oxford alumni, students and guests, ranging from breakfast and evening talks and dinners with distinguished speakers to convivial pub evenings, wine and cheese parties and a variety of other events. Events with the Cambridge Society include a viewing of the Boat Race, monthly drinks and some sports matches. 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.*

President **Kate Williams**

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The Royal Society of Saint George

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

President **Andrew Simpkin**

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Treasurer **Emmanuel Durand**

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🦋 [@rssgparis.bsky.social](https://www.bsky.social/rssgparis)

France website theroyalsocietyofstgeorge.com

Worldwide website rssg.org.uk

Society of the Wallace Fountains

The Society of the Wallace Fountains promotes, preserves and protects the historic Wallace Fountains of Paris, and recognises and encourages 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 presentations and guided tours to groups, as well as 21 self-guided walks to find all 108 Wallace Fountains scattered throughout Paris via its guidebook and website.

President **Barbara Lambesis**

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Secretary **Gretel Furner**

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Women's International Club

Le WIC (Women's International Club) de Paris welcomes women of over 40 different nationalities residing in and around Paris. We offer activities such as museum visits, coffee mornings, lunches, local walks, book groups, monthly meetings and more! We extend a warm invitation for you to join us at one of our events and meet us in person. Please contact us by email or fill out the website inquiry form. We look forward to meeting you!

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USEFUL DATES IN 2025/26

1 November will fall on a Saturday
11 November will fall on a Tuesday
CHRISTMAS DAY will fall on a Thursday
EASTER SUNDAY will be on 5 April
ASCENSION DAY will be on Thursday 14 May
WHIT SUNDAY will be on 24 May
1 and 8 May will fall on a Friday
14 July will fall on a Tuesday
15 August will fall on a Saturday

SPORTS

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!

 **BRFC – British Rugby Paris**

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brfcparis.com

Chantilly Cricket Club

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

President **Geoffrey Auckland**
Treasurer **Mark Rodmell**
Secretary **Nicholas Sansbury**
Captain **Eddy Hoyle**

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 **ChantillyCricketClub**

Château de Thoiry Cricket Club

Founded in 1990, we originally played in the superb setting of the grounds of a 16th century château. Unfortunately, in 2020, the owners of the cricket pitch found a new use for the ground, which now features as part of Thoiry Zoo.

The Club is currently nomadic, playing around 15 matches a season in the Ile de France area.

We are an open, friendly association, playing good quality, competitive cricket, always keen to find new members.

Club Secretary **John Hardy**

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Standard Athletic Club

The Standard Athletic Club, set in the heart of the forest of Meudon, is an English-speaking and family-oriented sports and social club. The Club boasts an outside swimming pool, 8 tennis courts, 2 squash courts and magnificent grounds for cricket and football. We also have a well-equipped fitness room and golf is available at 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

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AUVERGNE – RHÔNE-ALPES

Association France – Grande-Bretagne – Lyon & Rhône

The Lyon & Rhône branch of the Association France – Grande-Bretagne aims to promote Franco-British relations through cultural activities, including a monthly luncheon, talks by visiting speakers, a book circle, an English Scrabble group, a poetry reading group, cinema outings to see films in English, conversation groups, and 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 **Christine Olley**

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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 8eme 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.

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Franco-British International Business Association (FIBA), Lyon

We are the representative body for the Franco-British & international business community in the Auvergne - Rhône-Alpes Region of France. As a member, you'll unlock opportunities to expand business activity through: a vibrant and diverse network, members' website database, regular seminars, meetings and events, top speakers from all walks of life, and links with other regional and international business clubs. Moreover, FIBA can connect you with experts outside the Association for personalized help, advice, and guidance.

President Rachel Maury ✉ info@fibalyon.org	Secretary Nicolas Delorme	Treasurer Michel Bouzigues fibalyon.org
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Grapevine Association, Aix-les-Bains

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

President Joy Lorcery f Grapevine Association Aix	04 79 54 70 66 grapevineweb.wordpress.com
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The Royal Air Forces Association, Lyon "Jubilee" Branch

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

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The Royal British Legion, Lyon Liberation Branch

The Lyon Liberation Branch covers Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes and Bourgogne-Franche-Comté. As with the RBL world-wide, 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 many Remembrance events, across the two regions, during the year: these vary from a memorial in a small commune in a rural area to a major commemoration such as the Liberation of Lyon.

Chairman **Garth Drury**

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Vice-Chairman **Brian Rosen**

Secretary **Mary Vince**

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Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Lyon Branch

RSCDS Lyon Branch offers Scottish Dancing classes, a very active worldwide community. We are mainly involved in Scottish Country Dancing, with occasional Highland dancing classes. We have a weekly Friday night class, with two parts (all dancers including beginners; then intermediate and advanced); we also organise ceilidhs, day classes and weekend schools, with live musicians whenever possible. We accept beginners all year, so come and join us! "Fun, fitness and friendship" (the RSCDS's motto) guaranteed.

Contact **Laure Gardelle**

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Trinity Church Lyon (Lyon Anglican Church)

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

50 rue Bancel, 69007 Lyon

lyonchurch.org

BRITTANY, NORMANDY & PAYS DE LA LOIRE

All Saints Vendée

All Saints Vendée is an Anglican church in the Diocese of Europe, and we welcome all denominations to our services which are held at 11.00 am 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 British In France website.

allsaintsvendee.fr

Amicale Culturelle Européenne

Amicale Culturelle Européenne is a bilingual association based in Normandy. Members are of various nationalities (French, British, Belgian, Swedish, American, Dutch, German) and widely spread over Manche and Calvados.

We organize events such as visits to exhibitions, monuments, places of interest, talks or lectures on various subjects, private showing of films and operas, 2- or 3-day leisure outings, regular luncheons and a yearly get together with CONNECT, a similar association located in Dieppe.

President ✉ president@amicale-culturelle.eu

Secretary ✉ secretaire@amicale-culturelle.eu
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Anglophone Association of Coutances

Formed in 1993, we are an international association of English-speaking people aiming 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 **John Jenkins**

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Association Lord Russell, Dinard

Lord Russell Association was launched in 1983 in Dinard, France. Its main purpose is to promote friendship with English speaking countries and especially the United Kingdom. Our Association aims at keeping alive the long-lasting British spirit in Dinard by setting up English language courses, round-table discussions in English and by being official partners of the regular Dinard British & Irish Film Festival, and managing the yearly twinning between Dinard and Newquay, Cornwall.

President **Colette Loas**

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asso-lordrussell.org

Christ Church La Manche, Normandy – C of E Diocese in Europe

'Living the Life of Christ - in English!' Serving la Manche (50) and beyond: English Sunday services followed by refreshments: 11.00 am at Homméel (in Gratot, a commune near Coutances) and 4.00 pm at Avranches. Online Bible Study Group and 'Something More' house group. Broad-based Anglican/Episcopalian style welcoming Christians from varied backgrounds, led by Fr Chris Probert and ecumenical team. For details see website, Facebook page, or weekly Friday Focus email.

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 [Christ-Church-in-the-Manche](https://www.facebook.com/Christ-Church-in-the-Manche)

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Connect

Connect is based in the Dieppe area. The association's aim is to promote all initiatives which will reinforce exchanges and friendship at an international level and in particular French-British relations. To this end, it organises events such as book exchanges, pub quizzes, restaurants, outings, coffee mornings in French or in English, etc.

President **Anne Vandelannoote**

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Opéra de Baugé

Opéra de Baugé presents a summer opera festival, under cover with a full orchestra, in the park of Les Capucins. It enables opera lovers to combine an operatic performance with the relaxing pleasure of dining/picnicking with friends during the 90-minute interval in a beautiful setting.

For the 21st season in 2025, the opera programme comprises Orphée aux enfers (Offenbach), Don Giovanni (Mozart) and Der Rosenkavalier (Richard Strauss).

Les Capucins, 432 route du Lude, 49150 Baugé-en-Anjou

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President **John Grimmer**

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 **Opéra de Baugé**

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Saint Mary's Caen – The Anglican Chaplaincy in the Calvados

We are a chaplaincy of the Church of England serving residents and holidaymakers in Normandy. All are welcome to our Eucharist and/or Morning Prayer in English (some with a translation into French) at 11 am every Sunday at the Chapelle de la Miséricorde, rue Elie de Beaumont, Caen. Tea and coffee after the service, and sometimes a light meal, bring us together in fellowship.

Churchwarden

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HAUTS-DE-FRANCE

Anglican Church in the Pas-de-Calais

All are welcome to our services, which are held on the first and third Sunday mornings in our three worship centres; Boulogne at 10.30 am, Calais at 11.00 am, Hesdin at 10.30 am.

We are currently in interregnum but do have occasional visiting priests and are hoping for a 'house of duty' Chaplain in the near future. More information is available on our website - including the monthly chaplaincy newsletter, where you can read more about us.

President **David Sergent** ✉ dav.sergent@gmail.com

Treasurer **Tanya Collins** ✉ tanya.collins@orange.fr
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Secretary **Clare Page** ✉ clare.page@wanadoo.fr
You can also find us on achurchnearyou.com

British Association Côte d'Opale

BACO, which has historically focused on the Calais area and nearby coastal towns and villages, has continued its expansion southwards, with new members and events in the Montreuil/Hesdin sector. As well as social activities we continue to advise members on issues affecting their position in France in a changing political climate on both sides of the channel. Our monthly English Book Club continues to explore an eclectic series of authors and titles.

President **George Murray** ✉ assobaco@gmail.com

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 **BACO British Association Cote d'Opale**

British Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI), Lille

The Chamber promotes and facilitates business and trade relations between the UK and Lille and the Hauts de France region.

Founded in 1868, the Chamber also works closely with national, regional and local business support organisations and cofounded the UK Business Centre, Lille in April 2023.

Business, networking, cultural and social events and activities are organised throughout the year. Members meet for lunch on the first Friday of each month.

President **Nik Haidar**

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Christ Church, Lille

We're a friendly international community of people from diverse backgrounds and different ages. Services are held within the Anglican tradition, and we welcome everyone, whatever your age, nationality or religious background. Full details of services, groups and events are on our website; we look forward to seeing you.

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03 28 52 66 36

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Royal British Legion, Nord / Pas-de-Calais Branch

In the Nord and the Pas-de-Calais, the remains of British service personnel lost in the two world wars are still found and buried beside their comrades, and we are there, to honour them and to support their families. We also provide assistance to current members of the British Armed Forces, veterans and their families. We raise money for the Poppy Appeal and attend British, French and Commonwealth commemorations. Join us to assist in our work.

Chairman **John Knight**

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Secretary **Jennie Knight**

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branches.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/nord-pas-de-calais/

MONACO

British Association of Monaco

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

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

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📘 British Association of Monaco (BAM)

[bam-monaco.org](#)

NOUVELLE-AQUITAINE

ACFAA

ACFAA, which was formed in 1992, is a multi-cultural, non-profit-making organisation bringing together around 800 British and French people, plus those from another 24 countries globally. The Association promotes wellness, culture, sport and fun through a wide range of regular activities and social events. Its French and English language classes are highly popular. Managed and run entirely by volunteers, membership is open to everyone.

[acfaa.com](#)

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📘 ACFAA

The Anglican Chaplaincy of Aquitaine

Part of the worldwide Anglican Communion and in the Diocese in Europe, we minister to the spiritual needs of English-speaking people in the Gironde, Dordogne, Lot et Garonne and part of the Gers. We are home to Christians from all denominations and nationalities, and welcome those who are exploring questions of faith, or looking for companionship or support. Our church communities meet for services held in several locations throughout the region, including baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

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[churchinaquitaine.org](#)

Association Franco-Anglaise

In 2005 a group of British and French residents from Royan started AFA to encourage interaction between the cultures. Over the years the association has grown and now we have a full diary of year-round events including arts and crafts, clubs for different interests, visits etc. To encourage integration of members and improve language skills, the committee has an equal number of British and French members. See more on our website.

✉ associationfrancoanglaise@gmail.com

afa17.com

Bon Coeur

We raise funds to distribute to local causes. We have a shop in Beauville 47470, open regularly with clothes, books, brocante and jewellery, and our enormous Spring and Autumn Grand Bazaar sales. 10,000 books, 1000 clothes, 50+ tables of keenly-priced brocante. We assist with neutering errant cats. Since inception, we have made donations of over €180,000 - generally to smaller local Associations. Quality donations are welcome, but please contact us. New volunteers always welcome.

President **Charles Miskin**

Treasurer treasurer@boncoeur47.fr

 **Bon Coeur (Beauville)**

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The Bordeaux British Community

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

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Charente Limousine Exchange

Founded in 2003, the CLE is a group of enthusiastic members who now reside or intend to reside in France. They maintain contact with the British Consulate in order to keep their members correctly informed of French administrative changes affecting them. CLE organises a range of social activities and experiences, including flying days, trips exploring the region, regular lunches, quizzes and randonnées. Forums on French tax and other relevant issues provide crucial membership support.

President **Marilyn Reynolds**

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The Dordogne Ladies Club International

We are a not-for-profit association for women living in and around the Dordogne. We are a vibrant community of all ages and nationalities (with English as the common language). Our ethos is networking, friendship, support, welfare and charity fundraising. We have four main hubs in Bergerac, Périgueux, Sainte Foy la Grande and Villerséal and we hold coffee clubs weekly and events, lunches and book clubs throughout the year.

President **Lin Green**

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Dordogne Ladies Club International
dldci.club

The Dordogne Organisation of Gentlemen

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

President **Andrew Easdale** **aeasdale@aol.com**

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The Old School

The Old School is a co-educational day school providing English curriculum studies for students aged 10 to 19 in a supportive environment with commitment to the pursuit of academic excellence. We attach a high value to creativity, imagination and the quest for knowledge and understanding.

We encourage students to discover and enjoy their individual strengths and capacities and develop fluency in English and French. We promote academic achievement and participation in the global community. We also provide English education in a local French primary school.

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Oxford University Alumni, South West France

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

Chairman **Greg Hawes**

Secretary **Nigel Griffin**

Treasurer **John Perry**

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Past and Present Rotarians Fellowship Club (Bergerac)

An English conversation luncheon club that meets every fourth Wednesday of each month. We rotate our luncheon venues every month, so please contact us for the latest information.

The club is open to both male and female (and their partners) past or present members of Rotary, Inner Wheel, Probus, Round Table, Ladies Circle, 41 Club, Tangent Club, and other like-minded clubs.

President **Jill Ferry**

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Phoenix Association

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

President **Sophie Nicol**

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Treasurer **Linda Foster-Smith**

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Secretary **Aurélie Lavergne**

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Membership **Chrystina Wardleworth**

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📘 [PhoenixAssociationFrance](https://www.facebook.com/PhoenixAssociationFrance)

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

RAF Association Sud-Ouest France (Loire to Spanish border). Membership comprises RAF veterans of many nationalities and those with an interest in all things aeronautical.

We meet regularly all over our region. Our support team of trained welfare officers takes active care of veterans and their dependents. We attend ceremonial commemorations remembering those RAF personnel who gave their lives in SW France. We are the charity that supports the RAF family.

Chair **Squadron Leader Beryl Dennett Stannard RAF (retd)**

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Secretary **Squadron Leader Terry Dennett RAF (retd)**

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The Royal British Legion, Bordeaux & S.W. France Branch

It is thought that the branch existed before WWII but it traces its current existence to 22nd November 1946. We cover Nouvelle-Aquitaine, an area larger than Scotland, and have 4 priorities: welfare support for the Military, Veterans and their Families; liaison with other Military Charities in France; raising funds for the Annual Poppy Appeal; Remembrance and Ceremonial duties in the area. Regular updates are posted on our Facebook Page.

Chairman **Duncan Andrews**

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Secretary **Philip Morrison**

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Treasurer: **Paul Phillips MBE**

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📘 **Bordeaux & S.W. France Branch, Royal British Legion**

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OCCITANIE

Chaplaincy of Midi-Pyrénées & Aude

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

For dates and times of services, please visit our website.

Contact **Gill Heyworth**
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Ecumenical Church of Occitanie

ECO is an online English-language church providing worship for Christians who do not have easy access to an anglophone church. Our services (which are broadcast up to 4 times each week) are inspired by Iona Celtic worship. You are welcome to take part in our online communion services whether or not you are confirmed. Sunday services are usually followed by a Zoom Virtual Coffee Bar. Our monthly newsletter, ECHO, is downloadable free from our website.

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ourchurch.fr
X [occitaniechurch](https://twitter.com/occitaniechurch)

PROVENCE – ALPES – CÔTE D'AZUR

Anglo-American Group of Provence (AAGP)

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

✉ info@aagp-provence.com

aagp-provence.com

Association Culturelle Franco-Britannique du Comtat Venaissin

A small group of English people who met regularly in Carpentras to practice French founded the association in 1985. Monthly outings were soon added to weekly conversations, and we now offer a variety of activities and outings, announced in the monthly newsletter and on the website.

This year we are celebrating our fortieth anniversary with various special events.

Our key role is to help anglophones from countries all over the world integrate into the area.

President **Marie-Jacqueline Ballagh**

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 **Association Culturelle Franco-Britannique du Comtat Venaissin**

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Riviera Lifeline

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

Please contact us for details.

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Saint John's Church, Menton

We are a friendly community of different nationalities, seeking to know, live and proclaim God's love in Menton and the surrounding areas. We aspire to welcome everyone as they are, and seek to be a place where everyone – no matter where they are on the journey of faith – can find friendship and support. We meet every Sunday at 10.30 am and host events year-round, often in association with our sister organisation, the St John's English Library.

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Sunnybank Association

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

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

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President **Jeremy Daynes**

Secretary **Elizabeth Ward**

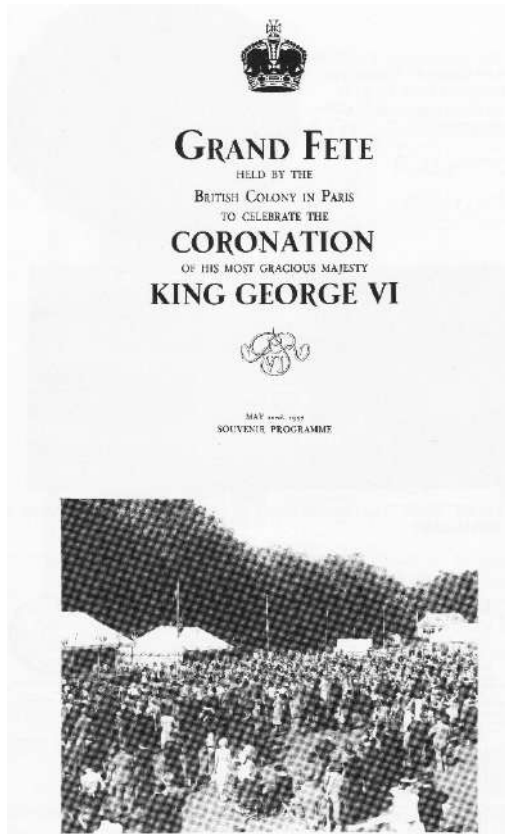
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Treasurer **Allan Haggerty**

sunny-bank.org / the-grange.org

HOW THE BRITISH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE BEGAN

The British Community Committee of France has represented the British in France for almost 90 years.



The end of the Napoleonic wars in 1815 had made it possible for the British to come back to France to live and to pursue their business interests such as building railways, running banks, property and insurance companies, and bringing British sports such as football, tennis, horseracing, rowing and even cricket to the people of France.

Following the abdication of King Edward VIII in 1936, a group of British residents in Paris decided that to cheer themselves up, they should launch a joyous celebration of the Coronation of King George VI in 1937.

The celebration was a great success, restoring the traditional *joie de vivre* of the British community in France.

The British Community Committee of France was registered as an *association loi 1901* on 1 July 1939. In January 1948, Mrs Lynch reported to the Préfecture de Police a list of 26 members, including 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 name be changed 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 when Beryl spotted a poster for the British Community Christmas Party. 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 British Community Committee's first lady Chairman in 1985, her first act was to institute the Social Diary.

Under the Chairmanship of Christopher Mitchell-Heggs, the British Community 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 Directory of Member Organisations, a copy of which you are now reading. The website was added later and today all member organisations are encouraged to add events to the on-line diary on the British In France website.

In 2012 and 2022 the British Community gathered to celebrate the Diamond and Platinum Jubilees of Queen Elizabeth II. During her long reign she met 10 French presidents from Vincent Auriol to Emmanuel Macron. In 2023 we held a cocktail party to unite the British Community in celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. Our British In France website also published details of the celebrations held by our member organisations all over France. In 2024 we held a British in France Christmas party.

According to the IPPR's estimates of numbers of passports held by permanent British residents abroad, the British community in France is Britain's fifth-largest expat community, and the second-largest in a non-English-speaking country (after Spain). The British Community currently numbers over 110 member organisations and can elect up to 21 individual members.

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

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

Once you are registered, you can choose to vote in person at your local polling station if you are in the UK on Election Day. Otherwise, you can apply in advance to vote by post or by proxy. You can register for this online for constituencies in England, Scotland or Wales by going to electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/ways-vote/apply-vote-post or electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/ways-vote/apply-vote-proxy. Your proxy can apply for a postal proxy vote if they live in a different area.

Applying for French nationality

You may hold both French and British nationalities. Usually at least five years' legal, law-abiding residence in France is required for *naturalisation par décret*. An application for *naturalisation par décret* for most foreigners (not those with a French spouse and/or French children, where the procedure is different) requires form CERFA n°12753*03 (which can be completed on-line) and documents including family members' birth, marriage, divorce and death certificates and official translations. The form asks for details of relatives and children, as well as those of the applicant, all work positions ever held, and all places of residence in France and abroad. Applicants' ability to speak French may be tested. Applications should be made to the *préfecture*.

The website service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2213 gives detailed information in French, receives on-line applications, and includes a simulator where would-be applicants answer questions about their situation, and obtain a tailored list of the required documents.

Travelling between the UK and France with your pet

If you enter the UK, or an EU member state from the UK, with an animal and do not have the correct documents, your pet may be put into quarantine or sent back to the country it travelled from, at your expense. See information is available at gov.uk/taking-your-pet-abroad and the Pet Travel Scheme pages for France, pettravel.com/immigration/France.cfm. For travel to the UK with a pet, see gov.uk/bring-your-pet-to-great-britain.

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