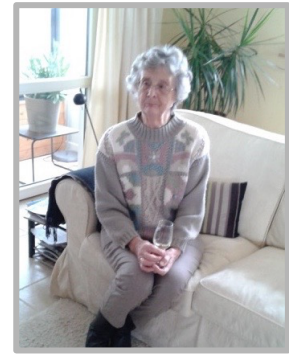


March 2018 Club International du Quercy

MAROUSSIA ROMANOFF – The Final Farewell



It was with great sadness that we said a final farewell to Maroussia on Friday 23rd February, as her ashes were interred next to her beloved partner Pieter at the cimetière at Moissaguel on a bright cold afternoon. Around a dozen French, British and Dutch club members were there to pay their respects to this amazing lady, founder of the Club International du Quercy almost 25 years earlier. A bowl of flowering plants was given in the Club's name, which will be planted around the grave in due course.

Our immense gratitude goes to Maroussia, whose inspiration all those years ago means that we have the thriving International Club that we all enjoy today.

The idea must have been born around 1993, when Maroussia was running a French conversation class in a room over the Mairie. That year there was an outing on the Lot, in 1994 a shared venue was offered and the Club was open once a month, and by 1995 there were gatherings 3 times a week, and thirty members. Maroussia was president from the beginning until she had to retire for personal reasons in 2001. During that time, she created a monthly newsletter, La Feuille, there were many of the activities still at the heart of the club today, outings, voyages, meals, randonnées, language classes, scrabble, dance, and of course Saturday coffee, which even then struggled to find volunteers to serve it! Some things never change.....

The original Club met at various locations in Montaignu until it finally moved to the present premises in the autumn of 2000. Maroussia was able to return to the Club after a while, and has been a constant presence on Saturdays until very recently when her health began to fail. Tea was her favourite beverage, and we always served it to her in a tiny pink teapot, which now resides in the pottery display cabinet as a memorial to her. She will be sorely missed by many friends old and new.

This is just a glimpse of her life in the Club, but if you want to browse further, the club archives, which were carefully compiled by Genevieve at the time of the 20th anniversary, make fascinating reading. Just ask a member of the comité to dig them out of the store cupboard on a Saturday morning.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – THURSDAY 22ND MARCH

Please see following page for details

Périgueux - Wednesday, 25 April

Come and visit the delightful city of Périgueux by train. The train departs Penne d'Agenais Station for the interesting train ride through woods, villages and hopefully seeing their gardens in spring bloom.

The name Périgueux comes from **Petrocorii**, a Latinization of Celtic words meaning "the four tribes" – the Gallic people that held the area before the Roman conquest. Périgueux was their capital city. In 200 BC, the Petrocorii came from the north and settled at Périgueux and established an encampment at La Boissière. After the Roman invasion, they left this post and established themselves on the plain of L'Isle, and the town of Vesunna was created. This Roman city was eventually embellished with amenities such as temples, baths, amphitheatres, and a forum. At the end of the third century AD, the Roman city was surrounded by ramparts, and the town took the name of Civitas Petrocoriorum.

The journey takes just under two hours in a comfortable carriage with toilets on board.

Timetable:

- 07h30 Meet at Penne Station
- 09h43 Arrive Périgueux
- 11h00 Tour of city by Petit Train
- 11h30 Guided tour in English/French
- 12h30 Optional Lunch at Lou Chabrol
- 17h30 Meet at Périgueux Station for return journey
- 19h55 Arrive Penne

The total cost of the trip will be confirmed on 7 April when the final numbers are known, but a non-refundable deposit of €20.00, plus the €18 for the optional meal if required, will be taken at the time of booking. The anticipated maximum cost will be in the region of €33.50 without lunch, or €51.50 with lunch (menu of the day, wine and coffee). The final payment will be due on, or shortly after 7 April. To reserve your place, please come to the Club on Saturday mornings, or contact Sarah Pegg (pegg.sarah@orange.fr) or Betty Lilly (bettylilly77@gmail.com). You can, of course, pay by bank transfer (after 7 April) and the details are mentioned below. Please remember to email either Sarah or Betty with the number of places that you are booking. Destinataire: Club International du Quercy IBAN: FR76 1120 6201 3596 43326593 134, Motif: 1(or the number of places) place for : Périgueux in the name of: (name)

Closing Date: 7 April, 2018



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Club International du Quercy will be held at 10.30-12.00 hrs on Thursday, 22nd March 2018 at the Salle des Fêtes in Montaigu de Quercy. Doors will be open and registration will start at 10.00 am. **The meeting is open to all members who are up to date with their membership subscription.**

AGENDA

- 1 Welcome and opening remarks by the President
- 2 President's Report
- 3 Club Activities Report
- 4 Treasurer's Report
- 5 Financial Examiners' Report
- 6 Budget for 2017
- 7 Any other business
- 8 Elections to the Committee
- 9 Closure of meeting

Members will be asked to vote on the adoption of each of the reports per agenda items 2-5 as well as on the election of Committee members.

- Jo Ryan, Jan van der Heijden and Monique Morlier were co-opted onto the Committee in 2017 and in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution their co-option must be confirmed by the vote of members.
- Having served for six years, Sue Gauntlett and Anne Gibbs are retiring from the Committee.
- Lesley Townley offers herself for election to the Committee

Any other nominations for election to the Committee should be submitted to the Secretariat in writing no later than March 19th 2018.

Members who are unable to attend may give their proxy to another member present at the meeting [each member may accept only one such proxy]. A proxy form is attached to this notice and printed copies are available at the clubhouse. Proxy forms should be submitted to the Secretariat as soon as possible.

Meal @ 15 euros per person must be booked by the 19th March

THE NEW PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP is open to everyone interested in photography.

We will be covering all aspects of photography including digital processing. We will also be visiting places of interest to photographers such as gardens, abbeys and markets. The club room is so well used that the only time available for indoor meetings is on Monday afternoons. Outdoor meetings will be on different days.

*The next meeting will be in Montaigu de Quercy
Tuesday 6th March at 9.30 by the Office de Tourisme.*

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR CAMERAS

All future meetings will be publicised by email.

If you are interested it doesn't matter whether you use a tablet, smartphone, compact or a reflex camera.

Our aim is to help everyone take better pictures.

gentle reminder about...

**next photo expo
'SYMMETRY'
end of March**

**Beginners English re-starting Thursday
29th March at:
17h to 18h30 in the Club Room**

Lost some emails?
Don't worry.

USE THE WEB SITE.

Details of all the activities in the club are available online and you can find them instantly without waiting for the organizers to reply to their emails.

You don't even have to enter the members' area as all the current activities are on the news page.

NEW MEMBERS

Dominique Barral (F)
Keith Huggett (GB)
Mireille Segues (F)
Penny LEHALLEY(GB)
Karen Furnivall (GB)
Tony Martin (GB)
Benjamin Emery (GB)
Pat (Margaret) Morris (GB)

WELCOME!

THE MARDI GRAS LUNCH, held on Saturday 10th February, proved to be popular again this year, and 35 members gathered in the club room for a prompt 12.30 start.

There was a choice of 4 delicious homemade soups made by some of our regular volunteers, which disappeared rapidly. This year they were followed by a traditional ploughman's plate of ham, cheeses and pickles, and the meal finished with homemade pancakes, all washed down with wine and coffee.

Thanks to plenty of help in the kitchen to clear up, everything was washed and tidied away before the 6 nations rugby matches were due to start!

Calendar of Events March

To book, please sign up at the Club on Saturday
between
10h00 – 12h00 or by email
clubintquercy@gmail.com

PETITE RANDONNÉE

Date: 6th March
Time: 14h00
Where: Church at Pervillac

PHOTAGRAPHY GROUP

Date: 6th March
Time: 09h30
Where: Office of Tourism,
Montaigu

READING GROUP

Date: 12th March
Time: 16h00
Where: Club room

RANDONNÉE

Date: 16th March
Time: 09h30
Where: Thezels Church
Lunch: Le Bardouquet,
Castelnaud Montratrier

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: 22nd March
Where: Salle des Fêtes,
Montaigu de Quercy
Time: 10h30
Vin d'honneur: 12h00
Buffet Lunch: 12h30 (please book
in advance)

Planning hebdomadaire

	Matin	Après Midi	Soir
Lundi	10.00 – 12.00 Conversation bilingue français anglais <i>Julia Jones</i>	Comité ou activités ponctuelles	17.45 – 19.00 Chorale la Joie du Chant <i>Jenny Grimshaw</i> 19.30 – 21.30 La Troupe des Acteurs du Quercy ** Salle de Fêtes
Mardi	10.00 – 12.00 Atelier informatique <i>Carol Fenn</i> 1er mardi du mois Petite randonnée <i>Peter Gauntlett</i>	15.00 – 17.00 Jeux de Société <i>Maroussia Romanoff</i>	
Mercredi	09.00 – 10.30 English pre-intermediate <i>Anne Gibbs</i>	13.30 – 14.30 14.30 – 15.30 15.30 – 16.30 Langue française pour les Débutants <i>Sue Gauntlett</i>	17.00 – 18.30 Yoga L'Oustal <i>Pat Dron</i>
	10.30 – 12.00 Langue espagnole <i>Sylvie Petrocelli</i>		Badminton Salle des Fêtes
	10.30 – 11.30 Dancefit Salle de Fêtes <i>Linda Preston</i>		20.30 Chorale QuercyCorum ** Contacte - Lia van de Sande 05 63 95 38 23
Jeudi	10.00 – 11.00 Do-In <i>Véronique Evrard</i>	13.30 – 17.00 Bridge <i>Patrick Keeley</i>	15.00 – 17.00 Ping Pong Salle de Fêtes <i>Peter Wilkinson</i>
	11.00 – 12.30 Français mixte <i>Philippe Ertzer</i>	17.00 – 18.30 Langue Anglaise pour débutants <i>Jan Emery</i>	19.30 – 21.30 La Troupe des Acteurs du Quercy ** Salle des fêtes
Vendredi	10.30 – 12.00 Café Philo <i>Nicolas Barret</i>	14.00 – 16.00 Travaux d'aiguilles <i>Ann & Rosemary</i>	
	3ème vendredi du mois de septembre à mai 09.30 – 16.30 Randonnée <i>David Howat</i>		15.00 – 17.30 Tennis Court de tennis <i>Peter Buck</i>
Samedi	10.00 – 12.00 Café du Samedi <i>Comité</i>		

**** Activités non aérées par le Club**

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