

# A.C.I.P - ([www.acip24.com](http://www.acip24.com))

## WHO AND WHAT ARE WE?

### ASSOCIATION

We offer friendship and practical support to our members, through a wide range of activities and social events: a monthly social evening provides the opportunity to chat over a glass of wine, meet new friends and enjoy the comfortable surroundings of 'Le Bastion', our comfortable base in Le Bugue.

There are seasonal themed evenings throughout the year, plus an annual 'vide grenier' and occasional large scale dinners. We are also here to offer help and support, when and if it is needed, to individuals in times of trouble or distress.

The formal organisation of ACIP is through the work of the committee, which meets each month and reports back to members, through email and the website, on details of finance, ongoing projects and forthcoming events. But the overall success of the group is down to contributions made by its members; you can take from ACIP what you need, but we very much encourage you to contribute to it - in terms of skills, time and commitment, whatever you can!

### CULTURELLE

If you look at the monthly ACIP calendar on our website you'll see the huge range of cultural activities on offer - free of charge - to all our members; language and literature courses, bridge, book club, art classes and a film club, to name but a few. Many take place in Le Bastion on a weekly basis.

In addition, you can join the Performance group for monthly singing sessions at the Vezere Lodge, or take part in monthly or more regular walks - long and short - the former culminating in a three or four course lunch at local restaurants (this *is* France after all!)

If physical activity is not what you're after, join us at the various concerts organised during the year, or simply call in at Le Bastion, browse through the extensive library, have a cup of coffee and relax in the comfortable surroundings.

## **I**NTERNATIONALE

People from all around the world, for so many different reasons, take the decision to come and live, either full or part time, in this beautiful region of France. We are proud to say we currently have around 250 members in ACIP, from the UK, France, The Netherlands, Belgium, the United States, Australia and many other nations.

We aim to be a truly international group; we send out information in English, French and Dutch to our members and hope that, in the range of activities provided, we can establish firm friendships for all and help with integration into life here in:

## **P**ERIGORD

This is not an enclave of 'ex-pats', but a group which aims to join in with French life here in the Perigord.

To this end, we have strong links with local associations and communities, such as La Tulipe and Arcades. The latter organise year-round concerts, from jazz to classical, trios, quartets, individuals, choirs and large groups, providing an excellent range of superb quality music.

ACIP also contributes to local events in and around Le Bugue and helps to raise money for local charities, especially the Croix Rouge.

As part of our support to members we provide links, information and contacts for all aspects of life in France; we also invite speakers, for example from local institutions such as Credit Agricole, to talk to our members.

Full details of all we do - and of how to contact us - are available on our website:

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