



Cercle français de Belfast

Les bandes-annonces / Coming attractions 2024-2025

Welcome to the coming attractions of our outreach programme in which we visit various locations in the Greater Belfast area. Please note that some events and venues are still being finalised and updated details will be provided in our monthly newsletter.

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18 septembre 2024 In person Carrickfergus Marina Hall

Assemblée Générale et Soirée d'accueil

Following the formalities of our AGM at 7pm we celebrate *la rentrée!* Time to catch up with members for our launch of the new season. After showcasing our programme we invite those attending to an hour of meeting and greeting.

09 octobre 2024 In person QUB Room details later

Eileen GRAY: Architect and Designer

Mary McKEOWN.

In this long-awaited talk we consider the contribution and legacy of Enniscorthy-born architect and designer, Eileen GRAY who made such a significant contribution to the Art Deco and modernist movements. You'll not want to miss it.

23 octobre 2024 In person Shaftesbury Community Centre, Balfour Avenue

Café causerie

Brigitte GOURLEY

First in a series of conversation meet-ups on subjects that are of general interest or which are making the news in France. A "speed-dating" format allows for switching of tables to discuss in French and in English. If the former, all levels welcome.

13 novembre 2024 In person Finaghy Community Centre, Geeragh Place

Ciné-cercle. This event is pending confirmation. Further details to follow.

In a first for our cercle we are planning to screen a short film in the presence of its writer/director! Cinema or *Le septième art* is such an essential aspect of French life and culture that we are sure there will be much to discuss. So, come along film fans!

11 décembre 2024 In person Irish Linen Centre & Lisburn Museum

Jean-François CHAMPOLLION

Michael ROOZE

Michael deciphers the life and work of French philologist, Champollion le jeune, who helped decode the Rosetta Stone. We are delighted to host this event in the Irish Linen Centre / Lisburn Museum which recently presented its own Egyptology Exhibition and associated talks.

8 janvier 2025 In person Venue details later

Fête des Rois

The Fête des Rois is a traditional French celebration in which families and friends come together to welcome the year ahead. We will be sharing slices of *galette des rois* and a glass of something sparkling. Naturally there will be some music and a golden paper crown or two for those lucky enough to find the *fève* or charm inside their portion of galette.

23 - 26 janvier 2025 Online

Les Nuits de la Lecture célèbrent : Les Patrimoines

Allison NEILL-RABAUX, Hélène GUILLET et Brigitte GOURLEY

Jeux, lectures et échanges sur la langue française et la littérature francophone, pour tous les amoureux de la langue française. Et notre thème ? Les Patrimoines.

All levels welcome!

12 février 2025

Shaftesbury Community Centre, Balfour Avenue

Café causerie

Brigitte GOURLEY

The second of our conversation meet-ups on subjects that are of general interest or which are making the news in France. A “speed-dating” format allows for switching of tables to discuss in French and in English. If the former, all levels welcome.

26 février 2025

In person QUB Room details later

Mai 1968

Sam THOMPSON

Sam’s talk last year on Général de Gaulle was such a success that we had to bring him back to treat us with another of his specialist subjects - this time the events of May 1968 in France.

8 mars 2025

In person Venue details later

Journée Internationale des Femmes : Joséphine BAKER

Brigitte GOURLEY with Felix SCHMIDT

To mark International Women's Day we celebrate the life, times and enduring legacy of Joséphine BAKER who from her arrival in Paris in 1925 at the age of nineteen became the star attraction of les Années Folles.

9 avril 2025

Shaftesbury Community Centre, Balfour Avenue and online

Cercle de Lecture :

Les enfants sont rois / Kids run the show par Delphine de VIGAN

Brigitte GOURLEY

Although our choice this time is a longer read than previous selections we feel sure you will enjoy its contemporary relevance. We have chosen a thriller set in the world of social media influencers which has terrifying consequences for a family. The book is available in both French and English. This is a hybrid event so you can join us in person or online.

23 avril 2025

in person @UUAcademy Restaurant, Belfast.

Dîner Annuel

Last year’s dinner attracted over 40 diners and this time we are aiming for even more by organising a joint event with the Academy Restaurant team. Although open to the public this time, cercle members will have priority booking. Not to be missed!

Mai 2025

in person / Saturday date and venue to be revealed

Promenade en blanc

In keeping with the *en blanc* custom of secret locations, we will reveal the venue a short while beforehand. It will involve some walking (we’ll keep it gentle) and you know what our weather is like so watch the forecasts.

Extra !

We have planned additional events outside our main programme, such as café meet-ups, walks and visits. If you have any suggestions for talks or events please send us details and we'll do our best to include them.

If you are not already a member and you like the accent of our programme then why not join up? You'll find more information and joining instructions at www.cerclefrançaisdebelfast.org

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