

Hello Everyone

The sun had gone in but I went for a walk anyway. Wrapped up against a strange easterly wind which had been blowing for about 2 days, I tramped through the woods. In amongst the cistus and the heathers there were wonderful peaty and piney smells, damp and fresh. Lots of buds too. Not a pretty nature walk but, even so, one which was quite new to me. When you've got all day it doesn't matter if you get lost or how long you linger to touch soft young pine cones or lean down to smell the yellow flowers of a prickly gorse.

The [Vins de Femmes](#) on Saturday 7 March was a great success. This was a new event, organised by 12 vineyards, all of them with lady winegrowers. It was held at the Chateau de L'Ou near Villeneuve de la Raho. A strong tramontane was blowing as we made our way to the Chateau to set up our stand inside the entrance, but neither this nor the threat of coronavirus put anyone off coming. The event was to raise funds for CSF and the ladies were expecting around 200 attendees. In fact, much to everyone's delight, nearly 1,000 people came through the door!! It was a superb evening with music, food, a talk on wine tasting, a "thank you" from our President and a few words from the President of La Ligue 66 about our partnership.....oh, and some wine tasting!

New CSF Merchandise - Caps Polo Shirts & Fleeces !

Just a note about the latest CSF Merchandise. Please have a look at the attached [pdf](#) to find out how to order.

Emergency Medical Centre opening in Perpignan

I have attached in [pdf](#) format, information which last week was sent to us, as members of CAUS, by the Mairie of Perpignan. It's about the opening of an emergency medical centre called Centre Covid-19 Perpignan. It's in French but if you have difficulty, try using Google translate or by all means email me for a translation.

All the April Drop-Ins are cancelled. If you can, please keep your paperbacks and bring them when we're back in business.

The CSF Open Meeting on the 15 April has been cancelled.

Les Printemps de la cancerologie - ICIC on 23 April has not yet been officially cancelled. Have a look on their website to check the latest situation <https://institut-icic.fr>. We have pulled out this year.

The Cycle for Life has been postponed until 23 September - see below

Saturday 6 June CAUS 66 L'Université de la Santé Perpignan

We are pleased to announce that this week CSF signed the convention with CAUS66 - Maison des Usagers. This is a big step forward for us in the P-O. The Maison des Usagers is a group of organisations throughout France which brings together under one roof all the patient associations for all sorts of illnesses. They also interact with the hospitals and clinics. To be signed up with them means greater accessibility for CSF. They can support CSF and we can support them.

Have a look at the CAUS66 website and you'll see that we are in good company <https://maisondesusagersdelasante.fr>

As an Association Member, CSF is entitled to a stand at the **CAUS66 3ème Université de la Santé** which takes place on Saturday 6 June at Place du Souvenir Francais et Allees Maillot in Perpignan, near the Palais des Congrès.

It's a day of conferences and events and all the Associations, including CSF of course, will have a stand. Here's the link: <https://maisondesusagersdelasante.fr/universite-de-la-sante/>

We very much hope that you will come along, especially as it's our first time at this convention. Let Maggie know if you are coming, preferably before 10 April, and let her know whether you would like lunch which is €10. Also, if you feel you would like to help on the stand, we would of course be very grateful. Maggie's email is sud-po@cancersupportfrance.org.

Sunday 7 June

Vide Grenier

St Cyprien

As far as we know, this large Vide Grenier, organised by La Ligue, will go ahead. We normally have a couple of tables and it's very well attended. If you have any good quality bric-a-brac or nearly new gifts which you would like to donate, please keep them aside for now. We'll have more news on this next month.

Thursday 10 September

Activity for Life

Maureillas

We are looking forward to doing our **Walk for Life** again this year. We have still not been able to confirm the date with the Mairie at Mareillas. This is largely due to the local elections and, straight after that, the cancellation of all council meetings! Bear with us though.

Wednesday 23 September Cycle For Life 2020

Rochefort to Angoulême

Faced with so much uncertainty, we held a Cycle for Life meeting on Monday and have taken the decision to postpone it until the autumn. Although we will continue using the Flow Velo route, the ride will now take place over 4 days starting on Wednesday 23rd September in Rochefort and ending in Angoulême on Saturday lunchtime with a welcome.

We will continue with the overnight stops as before, at St Savinien and Cognac, arriving in Angoulême on Friday evening 25th.

On the morning of Saturday 26th there will be a local short ride organised around the area, rather as we did at Agde a couple of years ago. That means people can set off home or may even take the chance to stay on for a long weekend.

More information will be sent out shortly and the various websites will be updated in a couple of days.

Saturday 17 October

This is the date for our next **Autumn Ball** which will be in Bages again this year. Please put it in your diary!

Diana Eastaff

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