

CORONA NORTH NEWSLETTER

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We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting

On Tuesday 10 September: doors open at 9.15 a.m at Grand Baie Yacht Club

OUR SPEAKER: Marie-Louise Letellier Edwards

TOPIC: A Royal Progress ...

**‘palaces, pirouettes and peonies’. A peep at my perambulations
around England and Scandinavia’**



Our August speaker was Captain Dick Twomey. His passion for flying developed at an early age. His father was a great flying enthusiast and used to take Dick and his siblings up for joy rides whenever the opportunity arose, taking off and landing on beaches! During WW2, Dick learned to recognise every plane in the sky. After serving in the RAF and an illustrious career with BEA, BOAC, and BA, he found himself in Berlin facing retirement at 55. Instead he decided to start an airline flying in and out of West Berlin with 55-year old colleagues who also wanted to continue flying! This was during the Cold War: there were three air corridors in and out of West Berlin, 20 miles wide with two-way traffic and flying at a height of 10,000 feet! If you strayed from your path, you would be escorted by Russian MIGs and forced to land at a Soviet-controlled airfield ... Every so often, the Russians would 'bomb' Berlin with supersonic bangs; it was a city under siege with Russian tanks all around. After a tricky start when Panam stole their idea and also began flying small planes out of Berlin, they eventually had an agreement with Monarch Airline and flew two Boeing 737s until the Wall came down and German airlines were once again able to fly in and out of the city, and Berlin Regional UK was sold! But Dick's career wasn't over, he then came to work for Air Mauritius, and at the age of 88 he is still going strong - an inspiration to us all!



If you are interested in learning more about Dick's latest 'baby', the Aeronautical Society of Mauritius founded in December 2013 with the help of Dr Arjoon Suddhoo of the Mauritius Research Council, see <https://www.aesm.mu>

Dick kindly donated his speaking fee to the **Cheshire Home** in Tamarin.

*Ideally situated on the sea front in Tamarin, the **Cheshire Home** opened on 1st April 1964 to welcome young boys and men who were victims of polio. In the early 80's the home started to take female residents with learning disabilities. Besides providing the residents with the care they need, the home also looks after their rehabilitation to empower them to integrate into the community. The home now accommodates 22 residents who are referred to Cheshire Home by the Ministry of Social Security. Furthermore two studio flats for short stay or respite care are available. (<http://www.leonardcheshire.mu>)*

AND following our visit last month, MAVROS will very kindly offer a 10% discount to members of CORONA North.

POTLUCK LUNCH FOR NEWCOMERS on Thursday 19 September chez Marie-Helene Oliver at Mont Piton. This get-together is for all those who have joined since January 2018. If you are a new member and you haven't received an invitation, please contact Audrey Bracey Deegan or me.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 18 October: The 3rd Friday of the month Coffee Morning will be at **Lisa Maurel's: A Cup for Cancer**.



Thursday 24 October: a trip down south for a guided tour of **Ile aux Aigrettes Nature Reserve** followed by lunch in Mahebourg.



Tuesday 12 November: **Charity Fair** at GBYC instead of our usual meeting.



Friday 29 November (TBC): Our very popular **Annual Quiz** at GBYC. Start getting your teams of SIX together.

Tuesday 10 December: Christmas Lunch.



CORONA NORTH BOOK GROUP DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The next Book Group meetings will be at 10.30 on **Monday 7 October** at Amanda Pike's home to discuss **Paris Echo** by **Sebastian Faulks**.

The novel is set in modern-day Paris with Tariq, a young Moroccan from a middle-class family in Tangier who comes to Paris in search of himself, his mother's French family and an obliging woman who will help him lose his virginity. He meets Hannah, an American academic studying the lives of women in Paris during WW2. Ten years earlier, she had an affair with a caddish Russian playwright, which has left her both wary and emotionally scarred. Despite this trauma, she is sufficiently trusting to let the chance-met Tariq live rent-free in her flat. He finds a job in a sleazy fast food joint run by two Algerians whose different colonial experiences allow Faulks to examine the bitter human consequences of France's withdrawal from North Africa (based on a review by Alan Taylor in The Spectator)



August Book Review by Heather Chettiar

Nicholas Sparks has published over twenty novels and two non-fiction books. Many of his romantic-drama novels have been adapted to film. In Two by Two, Russ, his wife Vivian and daughter London seem to have it all. As time passes, however, the cracks soon begin to appear. The frustrations of a stay-at-home Mum, and a Dad who branches out somewhat recklessly to start his own business, all contribute to the downward spiral, which ends in a bitter divorce. Sparks, in his depiction of divorce, a painful process, probes the full range of human emotions. It illustrates the effects on the family and the importance of coping through the support system of the extended family. The story is written from the husband's point of view. The depth of the sentiments expressed led readers to believe that the writer was in fact a divorcé. As it turns out, Nicholas Sparks has five children and his marriage of 25 years ended in divorce in early 2015. Close to two years later, he wrote Two by Two.

Two by Two was easy to read, however, not a page-turner. The consensus was that it may have been written in dialogue format with adaptation to a movie in mind.

Thanks to Isabelle for hosting the meeting and to everyone for bringing along delicious snacks. As one might expect, discussions afterwards centred around divorce and its effects on children and family.

Corona North's Book Club is now full.

If you would like to join a group and would like your name added to the waiting list, please let Heather know. A new group may be organised with approx. six members. CONTACT Heather Chettiar (5252 6062).

The Mahjong group is looking for players. Please contact Annamaria Brockes (5 495 2544) if you are interested. They meet every Monday at 10.00: Grand Bay Gym. **BEGINNERS** are also welcome!



Every 3rd Friday of the month: the next one will be on **Friday 20 September** at 10.30 at COFFEE GARDEN, Food Lovers, La Croisette.



TWO PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

On **Tuesday 3 September**: Ganesh Chaturthi a Hindu festival celebrating the birth of Ganesh (<https://www.mauritiusinsideout.com/Ganesh-Chaturthi-in-Mauritius.html>)



And **Monday 9 September**: State visit of Pope Francis who will be celebrating Mass at the shrine of Marie Reine de la Paix on the side of Signal Mountain in Port Louis.

If you are not attending the mass, you should avoid Port Louis at all costs as thousands of people will be converging on the capital!

The last Papal visit was Pope John Paul II in 1989.



It is hoped that the Pope will announce the canonisation of Père Laval (1803-1864), a French doctor who became a priest and then a missionary known as the Apostle of Mauritius. He arrived here in 1841 and worked tirelessly to help former slaves. He died in Mauritius on 9 September 1864. And every year on 8 September there is a pilgrimage to his tomb in Sainte Croix which brings together Mauritians of all faiths.

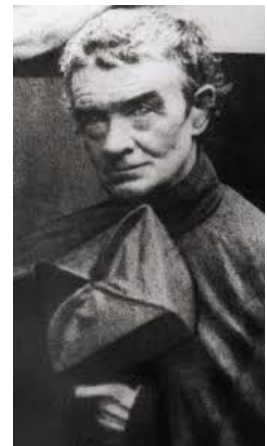


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WEEKLY/MONTHLY EVENTS

- BOOK CLUB Monday 7 October at 10.30 chez Amanda Pike.
Contact: Heather Chettiar (5 252 6062)

- BRIDGE Every Tuesday at 10.15: Grand Bay Gym.
Contact: Heather Chettiar (5 252 6062)

- COFFEE MORNING Friday 20 September at 10.30 at COFFEE GARDEN,
Food Lovers, La Croisette

- LUNCH CLUB Pot luck lunch for newcomers on Thursday 19 September chez
Marie-Helene Oliver.

- MAHJONG Every Monday at 10.00: Grand Bay Gym. Contact: Annamaria
Brockes (5 495 2544)
Beginners welcome.

- PLAY READING Thursday 26 September at 10.00 at CocoBeanies
(Endemica). Please contact Madhvi Ivain (5 257 4212) for
further details.

- SCRABBLE Every Thursday at 2.30 chez Foxy Pitcher in Calodyne.
Contact: Foxy (5 722 4834)

- WRITERS' CIRCLE If you are interested in joining this group, please contact:
Gisela Dörflinger (5 948 9356).

AND DON'T FORGET that if you wish to ADVERTISE, you are welcome to do so free of charge in the newsletter if you are a Corona member.

ITEMS FOR SALE: Please contact Corona member Elaine Schorn (5 839 4295)

USED:

Oriental passage runner (wool)

Rs 8 000

STUDIO FLAT TO LET

Studio flat at Belle Vue available from 12 May. Very safe area, near Northfields School. Fully furnished and own garden. CONTACT Corona member: Carole Robson on 59246059

Carole is also giving **Bridge lessons** now and then at her home in Belle Vue.

Tried & Tested	By Corona members
Nelly Joganah-Lapp	Podiatrist @ Grand Baie Business Park, speaks English.

5 709 7430	<i>Recommended by Kathleen Law Hing Choy</i>
O'chado	Dog groomer Royal Rd Pte aux Canonniers
5 923 0498	<i>Recommended by Kathleen Law Hing Choy</i>
Isabelle JOSEPH	<i>Veterinary surgeon - pays home visits</i>
5 935 9026	<i>Recommended by Sarah Taylor</i>
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Exotic Dream Tour Operator & Car Rental	Airport pick-ups, day trips: flexible and punctual, great staff <i>Recommended by Veronica Murphy</i>
Route Royale (opp. Pereybere Beach)	Tel: 263 53 59 Email: office@exoticdream.mu
Car Connexion, Circle Square, Forbach	Service Centre; Body Shop from September Ask for quote for servicing
Tel: 244 3888	<i>Recommended by Heather Chettiar</i>
Mauritius Hash House Harriers www.mhash.com	For a run/brisk walk in convivial company every 2 nd Sunday morning <i>recommended by Pat Knox</i>
Nickelnet Company Limited	Carpets/Upholstery Cleaning - Bring Beauty back to your Carpets and Sofa
Mariamen Temple Road	Contact Krishini Panjanadum
Cap Malheureux	Nickelnet@live.com
262 7708/5 723 9906	<i>Recommended by Yvonne Mamtora</i>
XTREME Tech Informatique Limited	For your computer problems
La Colombiere, Royal Road Grand Baie	Contact Jonathan Maurer Masson on 5 918 5321
	<i>Recommended by Elisabet Dent & Heather Chettiar</i>

GRAND BAY STUDIO	<i>Call Kawsar Banon on 5 729 7005 or kawsar19@intnet.mu: learn to paint on material, wood, ceramic and canvas.</i>
Sottise Rd roundabout near La Croisette	<i>Recommended by Foxy Pitcher</i>
FLOWERS OF PARADISE	<i>Recommended by Jean and Ben Fourie</i>
Beach Lane, Pereybere Tel: 5 934 5320/0204	<i>Cuisine: European, French, Mediterranean, seafood.</i>

ADVERTISEMENTS	
HOLIDAY APARTMENTS Beach Lane, Pereybere	One & two bedroom apartments with private balcony, Aircon in bedrooms, bathroom with shower, living area equipped with microwave, oven, stove and TV
Contact Heather Chettiar on Mobile 5252 6062	Maid service, safety box, alarm system (response) Clean and reasonably priced
Dod.chettiar@intnet.mu	Only a few minutes walk from Pereybere Beach. Owner lives on site
JUST BREATHE PILATES	Small group & private Pilates classes
http:// www.justbreathe-pilates.com	Contact Michele de Gennaro Tel: 57 66 43 53

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