

## ▪NATURE

### **Les Migrations Hivernales**

Entendez-vous passer les grues ? C'est normal, nous sommes en pleine saison des migrations hivernales. Tous les ans, des groupes de grues, cigognes... partent passer l'hiver en Espagne ou en Afrique du Nord, et reviennent au printemps pour la saison des amours.

Pourquoi au-dessus du département de la Charente ? C'est parce-que nous sommes au milieu d'un couloir migratoire et aussi parce-qu'on est à égale distance du pôle et de l'équateur. Donc considérons-nous heureux d'avoir cette chance !

## ▪AGENDA

### **Marché de Noël de Saint-Gourson**

Le jeudi 22 décembre à Saint-Gourson, il y aura le Marché de Noël. Des artisans et des producteurs locaux vont être sur la place de la mairie à partir de 17h à l'heure habituelle du marché hebdomadaire. Maraîchers, fromages, mais aussi d'autres producteurs qui vendent de la viande, des jeux en bois, des desserts, des bijoux... Aussi, il y aura une assiette paëlla + du pain à 7 € (sur réservation au 06 18 26 11 96) à partir de 19h (buvette sur place, avec du vin chaud pour l'occasion)

## ▪ANNONCES

### **Cours d'anglais**

Tous les jeudis de 19h30 à 21h à St Sulpice, Susan Verrier et l'Amicale de la Tiarde proposent des cours de conversation anglaise, ouverts à tous. Tarif : 10 € d'adhésion annuelle à l'association. Début des cours le 1er décembre. Contactez Susan au 07 50 27 02 46.

## **■COIN ANGLAIS**

### Brexitland Part One

Unfortunately for them, it was the Greens' turn to visit the Coopers' that Christmas. Patrick had tried, in vain, to talk Jane out of going, given what had happened, but the children, Becky and Richard, had insisted.

"Let's give them a right French Christmas. Remember, no politics," Jane said to him as they unpacked the car in the Coopers drive-way. There wasn't much chance of that.

To his surprise, though, everything went well. At first, that is. It was Claire, his brother-in-law's eldest, who started it all.

It was two days before Christmas and everyone was eating round the dining table. It was still snowing. The television played on in the background. But since there was lots of wine he didn't complain. But, as trifle was served, Claire had asked, "Well if we're such close family why did my mum unfriend your mum on Facebook Becky?"

She knew the reason perfectly well, of course. How do you behave towards somebody in real life that you've unfriended?

"Because she's a racist moron," Richard said. The shouting started then. Patrick tried to placate first Jane, then Rebecca but he eventually joined in. Finally James had boomed,

"Because your type..." before checking himself. The television filled the awkward pause.

Patrick would never forget the strange coincidence that followed.

"We interrupt all programs for a special announcement by Field Marshall Lance-Thompson," a voice announced to the backdrop of Buckingham Palace.

Patrick looked at the white faces of his wife's family now all agog with excitement.

How do you behave towards a country that's unfriended you?

Outside, the snowfall quickened. It was going to be a long winter.

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