

# L'Échappée Belle

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- During non-Covid times we organized a series of literary evenings with French writers. In 2021, because of lockdown measures we were able to organise only one evening in October with Laurent Binet, the worldwide celebrated author of HHhH.
- The *Maison de l'Échappée Belle* has been running a free book-exchange which is more and more popular. We receive a great number of donation of books and people come to exchange books for free or for a small donation. The book exchange was open within Covid restrictions. Unfortunately, we have not been able to organize any events at the *Maison de l'Échappée Belle* as the space is too small to allow Covid distancing for more than 10 people at any time.
- During the Covid lockdowns we offered books in a bookcase outside the *Maison de l'Échappée Belle* which proved to be very popular.
- The exhibition of Jeanne Develle's work titled 'Art Spontané' was continued in 2021, but an event to present her works has not been possible.
- Tapis Rouge Frans Film Festival third edition took place in November 2021. Tapis Rouge has become a major event for people who love France, and French movies : 20 films, with 60 viewings, were shown over six days at FilmHallen in Amsterdam. More than 2500 people attended the festival. French movie directors and an actor have been present at special events before the viewing of their film;
- The second edition of the *Prix Tapis Rouge* took also place in 2021. The *Prix Tapis Rouge* is granted to the best film adaptation of a novel in the French language; a six member jury comprised of Dutch and French personalities, presided by Pierre Assouline, a famous French writer and member of the Académie Goncourt, has designated *Tout s'est bien passé*, a film by François Ozon. Pierre Assouline and Chazia Mourali, a member of the jury, presented and debated about the six films competing for the prize during a special evening.

