

Chantilly is a country town of around 12,000 inhabitants on the southern edge of the Departement of Oise. Famous for its lace, cream and porcelain, it is best known now for it's forest, it's Museum of the Living Horse and above all its superb Chateau which houses one of the most important collections of art in France. The town is well maintained and has a busy life, with a Cultural Centre and Library (which includes an English Language Section) and thriving sports facilities. For more information visit the websites of the [Town Council](#) and the [Tourist Office](#).

### **Schools**

There are good schools, both public and private, in Chantilly and the surrounding the area. Many English-speaking families choose to enrol their children in classed organised by [APARC](#), which provides classes for children from the age of 3 to 17 which are complementary to the French school system) or in [BMSO/BIPC](#) which is Bilingual school following the French curriculum from pre-school to the end of Secondary school.

### **Racing**

Horse racing is a major focus of the town, with large numbers of horses in training and a fine race course with racing from late spring until the most prestigious meetings in June, and again in September.

For those interested in the history of English horse racing at Chantilly, St Peters supported a local author Michel Bouchet publish a history "La Branche de Quinze", with an introduction by her royal highness, Princess Anne. The book witnesses the importance of the Anglo community in Chantilly since the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

### **Expat life**

There are a number of sites for Expats living in Chantilly. A good start is Chantilly Expat.com, (click [here](#) for their facebook page),