

**VERNET-LES-BAINS:
RUDYARD KIPLING, the ENTENTE CORDIALE MONUMENT,
and the ANGLICAN CHURCH**



Rudyard Kipling stayed in Vernet-les-Bains in 1910, 1911, 1914 and 1926. By 1910, he was already well-known in France, following the award to him of the Nobel Prize for Literature and the success of the French version of *The Jungle Book*.

An article by Sam Collett about Kipling's visits to Vernet is available here:

https://walks-vernetlesbains-canigou.eu/english/collett_kipling.pdf

The text of a letter written by Kipling in 1911, in praise of Vernet's mountain, **Canigou**, can be seen here (it follows a French translation):

https://walks-vernetlesbains-canigou.eu/english/canigou_kipling.pdf

A short story by Kipling, called *Why snow falls at Vernet* and written while Kipling was in the town in 1911, can be seen here (with a French translation):

https://walks-vernetlesbains-canigou.eu/english/snow_kipling.pdf

A description of a walk in the *Belle Epoque* sector of Vernet, which contains a 1911 picture of Kipling in the town, can be seen here:

<https://walks-vernetlesbains-canigou.eu/english/Kipling-Belle-Epoque-walk.pdf>

A description of Vernet in 1911 by the English writer **Vincent Scott O'Connor** can be seen here (it follows a French translation):

https://walks-vernetlesbains-canigou.eu/english/oconnor_vernet.pdf

Vernet-les-Bains is the only settlement in France with a monument to the **1904 Entente Cordiale** between France and Britain. Information about this monument (partly in English) is available here:

https://walks-vernetlesbains-canigou.eu/english/entente_cordiale.pdf

A website about the **Anglican church** in Vernet, and its English bells ("the only ring of bells in France hung for English change ringing"), is here:

<https://www.stgeorgevlb.com/>

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