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December 2015 Newsletter

Events, activities, news and reports for members



Christmas Market, Bordeaux



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all Get Together Members

2016 Renewal Form

Don't forget to download the **2016 Get Together Renewal Form** which is with this email (or at the back of the newsletter if you receive it by post). Please note there is a discount if you send it back with your 2016 subscription before 31st December 2015.

Last Orders for GT Committee

The GT AGM will be in February 2016 where new officers for the Committee are elected.

So if you are thinking of getting involved, please call the President Roger Amsden on 05 49 28 98 69 to discuss anything you might be able to offer.

Is there a task you could take on? Could YOU share it?

Being on the committee does take a small amount of time, but it is very rewarding – and fun!

We all have other commitments – family, UK responsibilities and such-like but we support each other – and the association, so why not give it a try?

Photo Competition Winners

The winners of the Photo Competition for the 2016 GT Calendar are - by number of votes received:

<u>17</u> <u>14</u> <u>53</u> <u>28</u> <u>9</u> <u>54</u> <u>3</u> <u>21</u> <u>49</u> <u>59</u> <u>5</u> <u>63</u>

Photo number 54 also won the artistic merit prize

Winning Photographers are David Brennan (2 photos), David Sewell, Annette Green (2 photos), Jackie Luckett (3 photos), Kaye Scott, Sally Coppack, Rebecca Sewell and Steve Parker – so well done to them, and thanks to everyone who voted.

2016 Calendars

The Get Together 2016 Calendars are now available.

They are Bigger and Better – A4 but opening to A3 size when hung on a wall, and still only 5 Euros each.

The order form is at the back of this Newsletter, so please send in your order to Michele ASAP.

If you are at either of the Northern or Southern Xmas Lunches – you can arrange to pick up your order there.

WALK ORGANISERS NEEDED FOR 2016

Once again I have to appeal for walk organisers in the South. As it stands at the moment the last walk in the South will take place in February. Despite repeated requests for people to come forward to arrange a walk and meal, no volunteers have appeared for after February.



If you want to walk in the South, please organise one!

We have become virtually reliant on a small number of people to organise multiple walks throughout the year. This is self evidently unfair and the load should be shared.

NO VOLUNTEERS, NO WALKS

John Buckley
Southern Co-ordinator

- Next Committee Meeting Monday 7th December, Chez Amsden
 Final Copy Date for Newsletter Items Wednesday 23rd December (gtnewsletter79@gmail.com)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

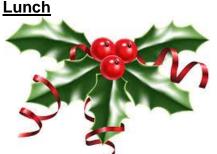
Southern Xmas Walk & Lunch	Sat 5 th Dec	10.30 am	Rom
Book Club	Mon 7 th Dec	2 – 4.00 pm	Seran
Northern Xmas Walk & Lunch	Fri 11 th Dec	10.30 am	Menigoute
Xmas Social Happening	Mon 14 th Dec	2.30 pm	Chey
Mince Pie Specials	Sun 20 th Dec	2.30 pm	St Jean de Sauves
After Xmas Amble	Mon 28 th Dec	10.30 am	La Grimaudiere
Book Club/ Library	Mon 4 th Jan	2 – 4.00 pm	St Pardoux
Reading Circle	Wed 6 th Jan	2.30 pm	La Villedé
Bowling	Thurs 7 th Jan	5.00 pm	Niort
Second Circle	Fri 8 th Jan	10.30 am	Exireuil
Photographic Group	Mon 11 th Jan	2.00 pm	Nr L'Absie
Walk	Sat 16 th Jan	10.30 am	Lezay
Walk	Fri 29 th Jan	10.00 am	La Chapelle Thireuil
History Group	Thurs 18 th Feb	3.00 pm	Menigoute
GT Annual General Meeting	Fri 19 th Feb	11.00 am	To Be Confirmed

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Southern Xmas Walk & Sat 5th Dec

<u>10.30 am</u>

Rom



PLEASE NOTE BOOKING DEADLINE 1st DECEMBER!

The walk this year will start in Rom which is on the D14 between Lezay and Couhe. The lanes and tracks around the village are well made and fairly level but as normal be prepared for inclement weather. The walk is 8km long with the option of breaking off and doing 5km.

We will meet in the car park below the cemetery, where 31 members of the S.A.S. and an American airman are buried after being executed by the Nazis in 1944. The entrance to the car park is opposite the church in the centre of the village. Toilets are available nearby.

A traditional Christmas lunch is booked for 1pm at The Mad Hatter`s Restaurant in Caunay.

It will consist of an aperitif, Kir Royale or fruity mulled wine, a choice of starter, main course and dessert, coffee and 1/2 litre of wine each at cost of 20 Euros. The full menu is shown over page.

Please select your choices for each course when making your booking. As with all GT events this is open to both Southern & Northern members.

Starters

Homemade Apple &
Parsnip soup
Salmon Mousse with
horseradish crème fraiche
Goats Cheese, beetroot,
walnut salad, maple syrup
Chicken liver pate with our
own pickle and salad

Main

Roast Turkey with herb stuffing, pigs in blankets Slow roasted pork with mushroom cream sauce Poached Salmon in cream tarragon sauce All served with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables

Dessert

Homemade Christmas
Pudding
Apple and Red currant
Crumble
Meringue with caramel,
nuts and vanilla ice cream

(extra wine is 5€ per ½ litre)

Book Club Mon 7th Dec 2 – 4.00 pm Seran

December's Book Club/Library is being hosted by Margaret & Frank Stubbs at 1 rue de la Croix Lavault, Seran, 86170 Cherves.

Directions: Take N149 (main Parthenay to Poitiers road) from Parthenay as far as Chalandray.

At Chalandray (at crossroads with bakery on the corner) turn left onto D24 signed Vouzailles.

Continue on, over rail tracks, for 3 kilometres and turn left at sign for Seran. Follow on through the village.

We are the very last house on your left (large white m. de Maitre, plenty of parking inside large gates or in road).

Northern Xmas Walk Fri 11th Dec 10.30 am Menigoute Lunch

The 8 km walk will start at 10.30 am at the lake just outside Menigoute called the Etang de Bois Pouvreau, its fairly flat terrain, but is known to get muddy if it has been particularly wet, so please wear appropriate footwear and clothing. Toilets are near the restaurant but you need to allow 10 mins as they are on the other side of the bridge.

The meal afterwards will be at the popular L'Auberge des Voyageurs also in Menigoute. Please book before Monday 7th Dec. **Everyone is welcome including non walkers and guests**. Please be at the restaurant for 12.30 pm prompt. There will be a **'FREE RAFFLE'** on the day. As with all GT events this is open to both Northern and Southern members.

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Dôme de saumon fumé au fromage frais

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Salade aux noix, croûtons magret fumé et lardons

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Salade mixte

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Rôti de dinde farci

(sage and onion stuffing), saucisse et bacon

(gravy, cranberry and bread sauce), choux de Bruxelles, pommes de terre, et panais

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Chaudrée de cabillaud et St Jacques au curry (like a fish soup)

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Vegetarian falaffel steak avec legumes

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Tulipe de banane flambée au rhum et sorbet

ou

Bûche de Noël

Cafe et ½ vin compris par personne

Prix par personne TTc 23,00 EUR

PLEASE NOTE - IF, at the last moment, for whatever reason, you are unable to attend, it is quite likely you will be charged the full cost of the meal.

<u>Xmas Social</u> <u>Mon 14th Dec</u> <u>2.30 pm</u> <u>Chey</u> <u>Happening</u>

Just a chance to gossip and savour some booze made to an ancient recipe (Delia's, and she's certainly getting on a bit). Mince pies will be just like last year, none of your bought in rubbish, but home made by Maureen, so come in your droves.

Mince Pie Specials Sun 20th Dec 2.30 pm St Jean de Sauves

After having to cancel last year's gathering because of Grant's op he has decided that he will again be running the traditional 'Mince Pie Specials' on his 'O' gauge railway layout. Come and play with and watch trains and have a cup of tea and a mince pie. Non-playing partners, all other members and their visitors are welcome to come just for the chat and refreshments.

There is no need to telephone beforehand just turn up!

<u>After Xmas</u> <u>Mon 28th Dec</u> <u>10.30 am</u> <u>La Grimaudiere</u> <u>Amble</u>

Walk off your Christmas fare!! An amble/walk for just over an hour between Christmas and New Year on flat ground on the tracks and small roads around La Grimaudiere.

The walk is suitable for all abilities with no substantial hills but there could be a couple of wet patches so suitable footwear please. The walk is "figure of eight" the first 20 minutes is on quiet roads and then passing our starting point; where people can drop out if they wish; we do another 45 minutes on a mixture of roads and tracks. It is an interesting walk passing lavoirs and the source of the Dive giving a super view over a small lake towards the church on the first part of the walk, then on the second part we walk to the small hamlet of Surin which has a mill with a working mill wheel. We return to La Grimaudiere along the track at the side of the river Dive. We then drive for about 15 minutes to the restaurant.

Lunch, as in previous years, will be taken at "Le Bacchus" restaurant in Grand Rue, 86330, Martaizé.

We have booked for 12.00 noon as they have another commitment in the afternoon. It is €13.00 for three courses, wine and coffee included. There will be two starters, two main courses and a choice of desserts or cheese. If you require fish as a main course we must know when you book as fish is not always one of the choices. Because a lot of people are away over the Christmas period and our walks are always on the edge of our "catchment area" there will be plenty of room for your Christmas guests. Also please feel free to book just for the lunch if you fancy a communal yuletide meal out.

Directions;- La Grimaudiere is on the D725 which runs from Airvault towards Mirebeau and is just over the "border" from Deux Sevres into La Vienne. In the centre of La Grimaudiere take the left turn (from Airvault direction) onto the D19, signposted Notre Dame d'Or and La Vallee Divine. Follow the road round keeping to the left at the fork and park in the "Aire de pique nique" "Depart des Randonnees" on the left at a small crossroads. There are basic facilities at the start but sometimes in the winter they are closed as they drain the system down - so don't rely on them! If you need a route from any other direction, or for directions if you are going straight to the restaurant please contact us.

Please book by Monday 21st December.

Book Club/ Mon 4th Jan 2 – 4.00 pm St Pardoux Library

Reading Wed 6th Jan 2.30 pm La Villedé
Circle

For our first meeting in the New Year our book choice is *Levels of Life* by Julian Barnes. It is a slim novel (only 117 pages) consisting of three separate and distinct stories but interconnected as a whole thesis. The equally short and precise review from *The Times* described it thus: 'To read it is a privilege. To have written it is astonishing'.

We shall see what our group think of it in due course.

The completed set of reviews for 2015 is published on the website and can be consulted any time.

Bowling Night Thurs 7th Jan 5.00 pm Niort

Due to its popularity, Lesley & Neil have planned another bowling night for Thursday 7th Jan near to Niort.

Cost of bowling is approx 8 Euros per person including shoes.

It will start at 5.00 pm at the bowling alley- please allow an extra 15 mins to sort out shoes and drinks, this will be followed by a meal at Les Pyramides at 7.00 pm which is 15.00 Euros per person including wine.

Non-bowlers are also welcome to come and watch, or just join us at the restaurant.

Second Circle Fri 8th Jan 10.30 am Exireuil

Book Chosen: Elisabeth is Missing by Emma Healey.

<u>Photographic</u> <u>Mon 11th Jan</u> <u>2.00 pm</u> <u>Nr L'Absie</u> <u>Group</u>

The next Photography group meeting will meet at Michele & Eric Hansford's house near to L'Absie.

Come and join in and learn how to use YOUR camera!

To book your place please contact David Brennan.

Walk Sat 16th Jan 10.30 am Lezay

Please note the revised date for this walk (restaurant availability).

There will be a walk of approximately 8Km, with a shorter option of 4 to 5Km. The walk will be on the flat and will comprise by-roads and well made tracks. Never-theless, suitable footwear should be worn given the season. Lunch will be taken at the Market Restaurant in Lezay.

Walk Fri 29th Jan 10.00 am La Chapelle Thireuil

The walk will start from the car park in the centre of La Chapelle Thireuil, where public toilets are available. The main walk is 8km which will be mostly on tracks which could be muddy, so please bring appropriate footwear. A shorter walk of 4km is also available, but please note that due to the nature of the Gâtine countryside, Lunch will be taken at L'Edelweiss Restaurant in Coulonges-sur-L'Autize (5 rue de la Gare) and the cost for a 3 course lunch with wine and coffee is €14.00 per person. Any non-walkers are most welcome to come along and enjoy the lunch. We must submit menu choices in advance for all three courses, so when booking your place, can you please choose from the following selections.

Starter: Salade de Gesiers

Tulipe de Saison (oignons rouge, jambon de Vendeé, croutons, oeuf)

Croustilants de Misotte (fromage de Vendeé)

Main: Filet Mignon de Porc et ses legumes

Jambon au miel et a l'orange avec tagliatelle

Pavé de perche, riz et petits légumes

Dessert: Nougat glacé maison

Creme Bruleé

Fondant au chocolat

History Group Thurs 18th 3.00 pm Menigoute Feb

This month we have another Guest speaker: Nick Wells, Senior Archaeologist at Foundations Archaeology. Nick has previously undertaken analysis of a coin hoard in 2010. He has over 20 years experience in all aspects of archaeology. He has also run several projects from Cornwall to Perth.

His Topic Today is: *From Gallia to Francia; the transformation of Aquitania* Secunda from the 4th to the 6th centuries.

Aquitania Secunda in the 4th century was a relatively peaceful province far enough away from the Rhine frontier to be untroubled by constant border wars. Various civil wars, often fomented by rebellious military leaders in the provinces of Britain, passed the region by heading to the centre of imperial government via Arles and onwards to Rome. The province's capital, Bordeaux, and the main military post, Poitiers, were thus unscathed and the picture painted by our aristocratic sources of the region is one of tranquillity and wealth. Yet this idyllic world would come tumbling to the ground in the first two decades of the 5th century. First by the migration of a loose confederation of Germanic tribes who crossed the frozen Rhine in the winter of 406 and pushed southwards to Spain, and then in 418 by the settlement of the Visigoths in Aquitania fresh after their sacking of Rome.

Over the next hundred years the region became the centre of power politics between Imperial Rome and the dominant Visigoths – until the battle of Vouillé near Poitiers in 507 when the Visigothic king, Alaric II, was defeated by Clovis I, king of the Franks. This talk will explore the nature of late Roman society in Aquitania Secunda, the effect of the Germanic incursions into the area and examine the transition from a Visigothic kingdom to the precursor of what was to become France.

The cost is €5.00 per head, to cover refreshments, hire of the room & heating (if needed).

Directions to Auberge des Voyageurs in Menigoute.

From North (Parthenay), exit towards Pompaire then via Vausseroux and La Pagerie, on mainly D176 and D21. **From South** (Lezay), via D45 and D5 through Chey, La Mothe Saint Heray and Saint Germier.

From West (Champdeniers), via Saint Georges de Noisne, Chantecorps and La Pagerie, mainly D329.

From East (Poitiers), via La Torchaise and Sanxay, mainly D3. The restaurant itself is in the centre of the Bourg, opposite the small chapel.

N.B. We have to confirm numbers to the Auberge one week before the meeting. As a result we will be charged for any people who DO NOT TURN up on the day.

So, we will have to charge individuals for "No Shows" on the day, sorry about this, but we have no choice!

As many members are now choosing to arrive early and enjoy a lovely social lunch at the Auberge, Charlotte has asked that if possible, you book ahead. Please call 05 49 69 13 66.

Speak to Charlotte, her English is very good.

GT Annual	<u>Fri 19th Feb</u>	<u>11.00 am</u>	Venue to be	<u>The</u>
General		·	Confirmed	Committee
Meeting				

In accordance with article 11 of the constitution of Get Together, notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Friday, 19th February, 2016 at 11.00am, at a venue to be confirmed (probably Maison Pour Tous in Mazières-en-Gâtine, but we are unable to book at this time).

All members who have paid their 2016 subscriptions are welcome and entitled to come to the AGM without giving prior notice.

Agenda

- 1. Apologies for absence.
- 2. Minutes of the previous AGM.
- 3. Matters Arising from previous Minutes.
- 4. President's report.
- 5. Treasurer's report, adoption of the 2015 accounts and appointment of an auditor to represent the membership for the 2016 accounts.
- 6. Other Officers' reports.
- 7. Election of Members to serve for a term of two years.
- 8. Any other business.

Members are requested to forward items pertinent for an AGM for discussion under Any Other Business to the President, Roger Amsden, by 22nd January 2016.

The President would also like to hear from anyone willing to stand for election to the Committee. Committee nomination forms are available from the Secretary and President. Completed nomination forms for election as a Committee Member must be received by the Secretary by 22nd January 2016.

The elected committee consists of the following positions:

President, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 other members (one of the three other members is elected to serve as Vice President).

Roger Amsden (President) is standing down.

John Buckley (Southern Co-ordinator) has agreed to stay for a fourth consecutive year but would prefer to stand down if anyone else is willing to step into his shoes.

Annette Green (Northern Co-ordinator), is willing to continue for a third consecutive year.

Neil Ritchie (Secretary), Eric Hansford (Treasurer), Michele Hansford (Membership Secretary) & Rebecca Sewell (Newsletter Editor) each have another year to serve.

At 12.30pm after the AGM there will be a Bring and Share Informal Lunch

We will be having a bring-and-share lunch after the AGM, from 12.30 pm – 3.00pm.

Wine, juice, tea & coffee will be provided free but please bring a Plate of Food to Share.

There is no need to say in advance if you are coming to the AGM but if you are

staying on afterwards please fill in the booking form below as Rebecca needs to do some pre-planning.

If you would like some advice on what to bring, please call Rebecca 05 49 95 43 73.

You will also need to provide your own, crockery, cutlery, glasses, cups etc.

Please let Rebecca know if you are willing to help set-up and /or clear up the room.

If you wish to attend the lunch please complete the form below and post it back, call or email the information to rebecca.pm@orange.fr before **Saturday 13th February 2016**

Name:
Number of People Attending:
Phone Number:
Email Address:
Name of Dish:
Approx Number of Portions:

Rebecca Sewell, 6 Allee de Longeville, Fenery 79450

REPORTS ON RECENT EVENTS

Second Circle Fri 6th Nov La Bourse Report by Lesley Ritchie

Our most recent meeting was held on Friday 6th November at Michele, Eric and Audrey's home in La Bourse.

We have decided to explore different genres of books, beginning with science fiction. Eric's choice, *Squares of the City*, written in the 1960s by John Brunner, is about a futuristic model city in South America based loosely on Brasilia.

It led to a very interesting and thought-provoking discussion about power, politics, manipulation and race, before we ran out of time and reluctantly had to stop. Some of us who have not read or expected to enjoy science fiction, were writing down the titles of his other books in the *Club of Rome* Quartet.

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Sat 7th Nov

Montjean

Report by Jeannie Clark



On 7th November 28 of us plus two dogs set off from Montjean, and made our way along minor roads, crossing the new LGV line and skirting the very attractive small chateau at le Peu (which was probably



more attractive when the Marquis lived there prior to his death 7 years ago). We were impressed by an enormous urn in the grounds, and also by an eagle sculpted from wood, situated rather bizarrely in the middle of a field of tournesols.

The weather was exceptionally warm - around 20°C - and before long various layers were being discarded, and some faces became gradually more and more pink. There was some dissention in the ranks when the 'short walk' didn't materialise, but luckily the cavalry arrived in the form of Linda in her car, to relay people back to the restaurant.

Lunch at the Relais de la Peruse at Montjean was excellent value for money - with two extra guests joining us - although unfortunately one of our number, Jeff Talbert, was taken ill half way through. Luckily there literally was a 'doctor in the house' who was able to take charge until help arrived.

I am delighted to report that Jeff was discharged from hospital later on that evening - and we all wish him a speedy return back to fitness. Thanks to Bob and wife Chris for taking Jeff's wife Bev to the hospital.

Our thanks to Linda and Peter Bains for arranging a lovely walk and an excellent meal.

Photography Club Mon 16th November Fenery

Report by Lesley Ritchie

Seven members of the newly-formed group met at Rebecca's home where David (Brennan) and Jim Hutchison shared their considerable expertise. We focused on some of the technical aspects of the camera and on photo composition. We took some photos and discussed others photos brought by members of the group.

The quality of our cameras and knowledge of how to use them varied a lot (mine being – hold it the right way up, point, press and hope for the best). Yet, because David made time to help us individually, we all came away feeling enthused and keen to apply what we had learned. Most important, we all enjoyed ourselves, helped by the excellent flapjack, and came away keen to get out there with our cameras.







David Brennan also writes: At the second meeting of the GT Photography Group some of our members brought along recent photographs for viewing and discussion and

three of these are reproduced here. For the technically minded the exposure details are included, and none of the images have been post-capture computer adjusted, so they are straight from the camera.

Michele and Eric Hansford showed us the superbly detailed ceiling, walls and windows of a Chapel. The photograph was taken on 17 September before the Photography Group inaugural meeting, so this is all their own work! If this is an example of what they can do when they "don't know what they are doing!" look out for some exceptional shots for the 2017 calendar. Shutter speed 1/30 sec @ aperture f/5.6, ISO 640. Jim Hutchison silenced us with the shot of the tribute candles scene on the steps of the Niort Mairie the evening after the Paris terrorist attack. Taken at 1/60 sec @ f/4.5, ISO 2800.

You may know that Jim is a retired professional photographer. However, all his professional life was spent with film (stills, not movie) cameras, before the advent of digital, when both the world and photography were different from today. Jim has only recently embraced the digital revolution and this image reflects his undoubted skill. Rebecca Sewell has been experimenting with her Samsung Compact camera since the first meeting and trying to put into practice new skills learned then. She showed us four images taken of the same scene using different settings and we unanimously agreed that at the fourth attempt she had a shot which blew us away. Bec now knows a little more about the settings of her camera and what effect they have on the resulting photograph. What makes this shot so special is that she didn't want the trees to appear as silhouettes, and what she has achieved is detail in the trees without the sun being totally overpowering, and just look at that beautiful "starburst" effect. This is a shot to tax an advanced photographer, so well done Bec! Shutter speed 1/1500 sec @ f/3.9, ISO 80.

<u>History Group</u> <u>Thurs 19th Nov</u> <u>Menigoute</u> <u>Report by</u> Alan Peel



A satisfying number of members turned out to listen to a superbly researched presentation, the second part of a series on France and the Great War, entitled *Lions, Donkeys and the Onset of Trench Warfare 1914-15*, presented by Vaughan Wells It was particularly relevant, if not to say poignant, so soon after Armistice Day, when we think of the fallen in all wars of which the WW 1 seems to have become a symbol. We say, reverently, "We will

remember them" but do we really remember the true horror and futility of it all or do we just remember the sanitised and glorified memory that has been perpetuated for 100 years?

There is an old saying "The first casualty of war is the truth" and although it is a cliché, it is nonetheless true. Governments and generals are obliged to lie to the people in order to justify war and then to hide the horror, the waste and the failures. Fortunately there were those who, to some degree, revived the "casualty" and recorded the truth of trench warfare; men like Wilfred Owen, Siegfried Sassoon and numerous less known writers. Vaughan gave these people a voice again and showed us, perhaps, a different perspective on that horrific conflict.

NON GT ITEMS OF INTEREST

History Group Members – Information

You might be interested to know BBC Radio 4 is running a short series of documentaries about the history of France. Called 'The Invention of France'. The programmes are about Joan of Arc, Robespierre and Napoleon.

Hopefully, they will still be available to listen to on-line when this newsletter goes out. If you have an ipad and have the BBC Radio iPlayer app – look for the series which started on Monday 2nd November at 11.00 am, or use the link below to the first

episode and find the others from there.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b06kndlx

10th Anniversary The TERVES CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 12th December 11am – 5pm (Entrée Gratuite)
REEL Fish & Chips! (from 12 pm)
Mulled Wine & Mince Pies -Tombola
Christmas Carols with Keynotes Choir
a to be a great day, with 30 stalls filled with lovely Christmas

It's going to be a great day, with 30 stalls filled with lovely Christmas goodies Keynotes and 3 +1 to keep us entertained

The refreshment area will be open from 11am for a coffee and a mince pie So please call in to see us!

Salle des Fêtes, 79300 Terves Contact Lin: 05 49 64 84 95

<u>Chaplaincy of Christ the Good Shepherd, Poitou-Charentes</u> Traditional Service of Christmas Carols & Lessons

-bi-lingual (English & French)

Monday 14th December at 7.00pm

in the Parish Church of St Nichols

in the centre of Civray

followed by coffee, mulled wine and mince pies.

Further information from the Chaplaincy Office: 05 49 97 04 21

or from Peter & Pat Davey: 05 49 27 35 32

On the 1st Sunday of each month, the Chaplaincy of Christ the Good Shepherd,
Poitou Charentes hold Christian services (in English)
at the little church (near the Marie) in Chef Boutonne
After each service, coffee is available.

<u>Chaplaincy of Christ the Good Shepherd, Poitou-Charentes</u> <u>Traditional Service of Christmas Carols & Lessons</u>

bi-lingual (English & French)
Thursday, 17th December
at 7.00pm

in the Parish Church, POMPAIRE (rue du Baille Ayrault, 79200 Pompaire)

followed by coffee, mulled wine and mince pies
Further information from the Chaplaincy Office: 05 49 97 04 21

or from John & Barbara Matthews: 05 49 75 29 71

On the 4th Sunday of each month, the Chaplaincy of Christ the Good Shepherd, Poitou Charentes

hold Christian services (in English) in the Parish Church, Pompaire (Parthenay) at 11.00am.

After each service, coffee and a 'bring & share' lunch is available.

Anyone, and everyone, will be warmly welcomed.

For further information, please contact John or Barbara Matthews (05 49 75 29 71).

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