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November 2020 Newsletter



*Events, activities, news
and reports for members*

Fishing Boat, Quatiera, Portugal
Photograph by Carol Andrews

... And the Votes are In !!

The Photography Competition has been finalised and the votes counted.

Firstly a big thankyou to all members who submitted photographs for the Competition and to all members who took time out to look at the photos and cast their votes. A big thank you also to Andy for the time and trouble it took, formatting the photos and monitoring the website to enable us all to get the best out of your efforts. The photos are listed below in order of merit, but may change in the 2021 Newsletter, according to seasons!

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| 1. | Misty Morning in Deux Sevres | Anne Amsden |
| 2. | Keeping Cool | Carol Andrews |
| 3. | Cathar Castle | Martin Hughes |
| 4. | Etang du Lambon | Roger Amsden |
| 5. | Hummingbird Moth | Steve Marshall |
| 6. | Mushroom Hotel | Steve Marshall |
| 7. | Butterfly at Perre | Roger Amsden |
| 8. | Chateau at La Fleche | Sally Warden |
| 9. | Pedals and Canoes at St. Loup | Vinny Galloway |
| 10. | Flowers at La Fleche | Sally Warden |
| 11. | Poppies in Calvados | Sally Warden |
| 12. | Alfie on the Bridge | Martin Hughes |

Congratulations to Anne Amsden for the winning photograph !

You will notice that the Calendar of Events is seriously compromised. This is due to our ever present Covid 19 regulations. We have left in the events that have been cancelled, to ensure everyone is aware of the situation. The items that have been left as possible events will obviously be subject to further review in the light of the current rules appertaining to the area.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Northern Walk	Fri 30 th Oct		CANCELLED	Helen Horton	Esthmc2@gmail.com
Lunch & Wine Group	Tue 3 rd Nov		CANCELLED	Annette Green Martin Hughes	06 69 40 12 94 06 02 39 15 20
Photo Group	Mon 5 th Oct	2.00 p.m.	Via Zoom	Steve Marshall Roger Amsden	05 49 50 95 26 05 49 28 98 69
Southern Walk	5 th /7 th Nov		CANCELLED	John Chard	05 49 29 65 90
Book Library	Wed 18 th Nov	2-4 pm	Scillé 79240	Joyce Roberts	06 44 10 20 34
Lunch & Wine Group	Tues 1 st Dec	11.30 am	Souvigne 79800	Diane & Keith Mousdale	05 49 70 04 42

- **Next Committee Meeting** **TBA**
- **Final Copy Date** **December Newsletter Items** **Wed 25th Nov** (gtnewsletter79@gmail.com)
- **for publication on** **Sat 28th Nov**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Photo Group

Mon 9th Nov

2.00 pm

Via Zoom

Steve Marshall



The next Zoom meetings will be on Monday 9 November and Monday 14 December at 1400. In November Roger will be talking about photographing buildings and we will be reviewing everyone's photographs on the theme of 'Water'.

Going forward we intend to focus on different types of photographs - such as indoor, portrait, landscape, close up, black and white, winter, etc.

We also hope to arrange some outside meetings. Given the coming winter weather these cannot be arranged too far in advance but if we get some bright days we will try and sort something for those available.

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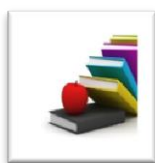
Book Library

Wed 18th Nov

2-4.00 pm

Scillé 79240

Joyce Roberts



The Book Library will once again be held at Joyce's house. There is plenty of space to view the boxes of books and social distancing and the usual precautions can be adhered to.

Instructions to get to Joyce's house are as follows: From the north (L'Absie), take the D744 towards Niort/Coulonges. After 4km, bear left onto the D128 in the direction of Le Beugnon. Immediately you will pass through Scillé village and continue for a further kilometre where at the next junction there is a large cross. Turn right onto the C1 in the direction of Chapelle Thireuil and almost immediately turn right, signposted La Marietiere/Chat-eau. From the south come through Le Beugnon on the D128 towards Scille/L'Absie. After about 4 miles turn left at the large cross as described above. Any problems please contact Joyce on 06 44 10 20 34 or Chat-eau@hotmail.fr

Lunch and Wine Group

Tues 1st Dec

11.30 am

Souvigne 79800

Dorothy & Alan Peel



The December meeting, Covid restrictions permitting, will be held at Dorothy and Alan's home at Bois Pineau, Souvigne. The wines will be wines from various parts of France made from the Gamay grape. Food, a starter, cheeses, or a dessert can be anything French.

Under the older Covid restrictions a maximum of 10 members can attend, bookings are on a first come but in the event of oversubscription anyone who cannot be accommodated will be offered first refusal on the following meeting.

If you would like to join us or would like more information contact Diane & Keith on 05 49 70 04 42 or email dandkmousdale@gmail.com. You do not need to be culinary expert, it is just a fun social gathering with a lot of chat and lots to eat and drink so why not come along and give it a try?

Please contact Dorothy and Alan directly for directions at enquiries@saule-des-bois.co.uk

[REPORTS ON RECENT EVENTS](#)

Southern Walk

Mon 21st Sept

La Bourse 79240

Report by Eric Hansford



On 1st October the first southern walk for six months took place around Rom. Fifteen walkers enjoyed the day, the rain held off and there were even a few periods of sunshine. Everybody returned safely so it was a great success. Lunch was in the Market Cafe in Lezay where the group enjoyed the "Plat de jour".

There was a lot of catching up with people's news and even some planning for November and Christmas.

It was nice to see people we have not met for several months.



Some of the Photo Group met in Parthenay on Monday 21st September and got some interesting photos despite the grey sky and flat light.

We met on Zoom on Monday 5 October to review the Parthenay shots, hear from Howard Needs about one of his favourite photographers and to vote on everyone's 'best shots of the summer'.

The winner was Phil Carlton with his shot of a fountain.

INFORMATION OF NOTE FOR GT MEMBERS

In these difficult times, we are not always in touch with our fellow members and sometimes information is not available. However, we would like to keep our members informed of happenings within the Group. If you are aware of any circumstances, sadly such as the death of a member, or a joyful moment you would like to share, please pass on the information and we will circulate it through the pages of the Newsletter.

As another year comes to a close, the GT Group will be looking to the beginning of hopefully a more eventful time in 2021. In these circumstances, information on the holding of an AGM will be confirmed nearer the time, but we have to let you know that both the position of Secretary and Newsletter Editor will be available for a change of management! If you know of anyone who might be interested in the positions, your own selves included, please feel free to contact the Secretary or President for further information. We are a small, very friendly committee - although we haven't had much contact during the past few months - but we do sincerely hope that that will change in the year to come

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Cancer Support Deux Sevres

aims to improve the lives of people affected by Cancer in Deux Sevres

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or contact Cancer Support France on freephone number 0800 240 200

or email Cancer Support France on helpline@cancersupportfrance.org

Cancer Support France will forward your details if you need local support

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- 15** SAMU (Medical)
- 17** Gendarmes
- 18** Pompiers (Fire Service - also trained for Medical Emergencies)
- 112** European Emergency Number

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gettogether-france.org, move your mouse to 'information', then click on 'Useful Links'.

You will find the ICE leaflet at the top of the list. Why not keep a copy by your phone and in your car.

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