

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

GT Zoom Quiz

Thurs 8th April

20.00 hrs

Michele Hansford

Above are the details for the next Zoom quiz, if you wish to participate please contact Michele directly.

Having tried an afternoon session it was felt by all that with the weather improving and the days getting longer that an evening quiz worked better for us now, despite curfew. Some members asked for 8pm due to commitments at home, hence the slight change of time.

The quizzes are taking approximately 1:30 hrs with a short interlude of 10 minutes halfway through. It is a lot of fun and something different to do, so I would encourage you all to participate.

Photo Group **Monday 12 April** **14.00 hrs** **Via Zoom** **Steve Marshall & Roger Amsden**

Our next meeting will be in three weeks on April 12th at 2pm. The challenge waterside near river banks ponds etc., Pics to Steve this time please.

If anybody would like to join our Photogroup let Me or Steve know and we will be pleased give you the link.

Roger A.

GT History Group – Thurs 15th April – 15.00 hrs – via Zoom – Alan Peel

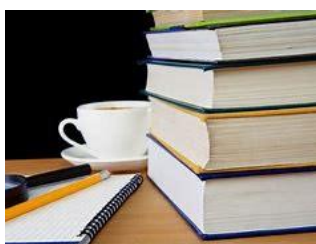
Despite a full programme for the future it could be some time before we can convene safely for our usual gatherings. To keep in contact with you all we are proposing a zoom session at **15h on Thursday 15th April 2021.**

The first part will be presented from England by **Robert Pierson**, known to many as a founder of the GTHG and the narrator in the 2018 Commemorative Event. Robert's presentation will be on **An Introduction to Charles de Gaulle.**

The second part will be a discussion on your ideas for possible future presentations, who might present them, and ideas for our "days-out".

The zoom conference will be set up by Michele Hansford and the History Group meeting will be run by Alan Peel.

Everyone in GT is invited and your participation will be very wel



Second Circle
Lesley Ritchie

Wed 21st Apr

14.30 hrs

via Zoom

Our next zoom meeting will be at 2.30pm on Wednesday 21st April, where we will discuss 'People of the Book' by Geraldine Brooks.

('Sensuous and fascinating' The Times, 'An irresistible subject, given urgency by its timelessness and poignancy' The Guardian.)

As ever, contact Lesley Ritchie if you are interested in joining us.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2021

The theme for 2021 will be '**WATER IN ALL ITS FORMS**'.

The photographs MUST be taken in FRANCE ONLY and can be landscape or portrait. There will be 3 voucher prizes this year - for 1st 20 euros, 2nd and 3rd 10 euros each. 12 photos will be chosen in total and will be used on the monthly GT newsletter

Entries must be in by 31st October 2021 and details of where to send them will be provided towards the end of the summer.

REPORTS ON RECENT EVENTS

Zoom Quiz **4th March: All over Deux Sèvres** **Report by John Buckley**

Fifteen or so Zoomers came together digitally for GT's second zoom quiz one Thursday afternoon. The format was as the inaugural quiz which took place in early February. There were a number of technical issues, all due to our inexperience with the new way of getting together without getting together, if you see what I mean! Some of us had problems with muting and unmuting sound, in one instance, making a camera work. We were entertained by four rounds of wide-ranging questions, including one concerning Europe, which I'm sure most people thought would be "easy peasy" (including us!). We were in for a surprise. It appears our knowledge of Europe is quite superficial. Who would have thought Greece has over 4000 islands? In addition to the main quiz there was a "table quiz" consisting of cryptic clues to the names of Pop groups over the decades. The easy ones were easy, the rest diabolical. The overall winners were the team of Fred & Jane Oram and Maureen & John Buckley by a measly ½ point!

Our thanks are due to Michele and Eric Handsford for once again providing an interesting and entertaining quiz and I for one am looking forward to the next one.

Photo Group **Mon 22nd March** **Via Zoom** **Report by Roger Amsden**

After a brief talk from myself on taking pictures of friends and family with the object of getting a more relaxed and warm image, catching them at ease as apposed to 'say cheese' I'm taking your picture.

I explained I often use a longer lens so they are not always aware I am about to take their picture, though always aware I am there. I shared a number of my pictures that I hope enabled me to get my point across.

We went on weeks capturing submitting some of us on that say of the 34 me there shots, new bunnies, blooms, birds about their high quality, pics that got well done



then to view their challenge of 'spring' four (though can't count) pics subject. I have to or so pics sent to were some great born lambs, beautiful budding and insects going business, all very see enclosed 3 the most votes, everybody.

Howard



Roger



Terry

Second Reading Wed 17th March

Via Zoom

Report by Lesley Ritchie



Last month we discussed 'The Beekeeper of Aleppo' by Kristy Lefteri, a former psychotherapist. She tells the story of Nuri and his wife Afra's harrowing journey from Syria to England and the experiences of other refugees they encounter.

Though a work of fiction, it is based on the author's experience working with refugees in camps and at a centre in Athens. The book gives human faces to the people caught up in this humanitarian disaster and opens our eyes to the danger, trauma and suffering they both leave behind in Aleppo and endure on their long, and at times terrifying search for a safe place to try to rebuild their lives shattered by the war.

This beautifully written book is certainly not an easy read, but neither is it wholly pessimistic. The descriptions of Nuri's former life as a beekeeper in the vibrant city of Aleppo are very evocative, contrasting sharply with the reality of life as a refugee. By chance, our meeting coincided with the 10th anniversary of the start of the Syrian war. Some of the stories and footage on the news – eg the bombing of a school in Aleppo and its aftermath – were more harrowing than anything described in the novel. We would urge you to read it.

SOUTHERN COORDINATOR VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

Due to unforeseen circumstances Jeannie Clark has had to resign as Southern Coordinator. Therefore we are looking for a new volunteer to take over this role with immediate effect. The role is primarily to ensure that walks are organised (so very easy at the moment!) Attend the walks, organise a write up and attend committee meetings,

which are usually around once a month via ZOOM and last approximately an hour. If anyone is interested in the role and/or would like to find out more please contact Annette or email her at gtnewsletter79.com

NON GT NEWS

STILL AVAILABLE! - FREE Canon eos 500 35 mm Camera

Leonie and John Henstridge would like to offer to any GT member a canon eos 500 35mm camera with zoom lens (no charge).

If you are interested please contact Annette at gtnewsletter79@gmail.com who will facilitate the handover.

Leonie and John live in 85120 Breuil Barret.

Emergency Phone Numbers

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

Don't Forget to Download the 'In Case of Emergency' Leaflet off the Get Together website,

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.

A GT member has provided a list of online shops that you may want to use to buy items that are difficult or expensive to buy here eg Marmite.

Please note that these website are for you to check out, GT has not vetted any of the sites.

www.thetradingpost.fr

www.allirelandfoods.ie

www.ardkeen.com

www.baconbythebox.com

www.paddybox.com

www.asiamarket.ie

www.youririshshop.com

www.giftedfromireland.com

www.foodsofathenry.ie

www.fabre.fr

www.brittains-direct.com

www.avoca.com

www.aprilandthebear.com

www.britishcornershop.co.uk

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or email Cancer Support France on helpline@cancersupportfrance.org

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10 Top Gun	11 Wait for nobody	12 Wet behind the ears
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13 Burn the candle at both ends	14 Down by the riverside	15 First in the queue
RSPCA	Saucer u p	SOIL St. Pancras
16 High society	17 'T' Junction	18 Underground Train station

Easter 'Egg' Quiz?

1. In what year was the first Faberge egg made?
 - a) 1865
 - b) 1885
 - c) 1905
2. Which of the following chicken breeds lays the brownest eggs?
 - a) Black Copper Marans
 - b) Araucana
 - c) Leghorn
3. In what year were Cadbury Crème Eggs first sold?
 - a) 1971
 - b) 1972
 - c) 1973
4. And Cadbury Caramel eggs joined the range in?
 - a) 1993
 - b) 1994
 - c) 1995
5. The three main ingredients of advocaat are?
 - a) Eggs, sugar and rum
 - b) Eggs, sugar and whisky
 - c) Eggs, sugar and brandy
6. During the COVID pandemic egg sales in the UK have?
 - a) Decreased
 - b) Remained constant
 - c) Increased
7. The French phrase 'œuf à la coque' means?
 - a) Scrambled egg
 - b) Poached egg
 - c) Boiled egg
8. Which female writer is accredited with the advertising slogan 'Go to work on an egg'?
 - a) Muriel Spark
 - b) Fay Weldon
 - c) Jilly Cooper
9. In South Asia the aubergine or 'eggplant' is known as?
 - a) Brinjal
 - b) Bhindi
 - c) Methi
10. The tradition of Easter Egg Hunting began in which European country?
 - a) Italy
 - b) Sweden
 - c) Germany
11. The annual Easter Egg roll at the White House was started by which US President?
 - a) Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - b) Rutherford B. Hayes
 - c) Harry S. Truman
12. What is a 'fart egg'?

- a) An egg with no yolk
- b) An egg with no white
- c) An egg that has gone off....