

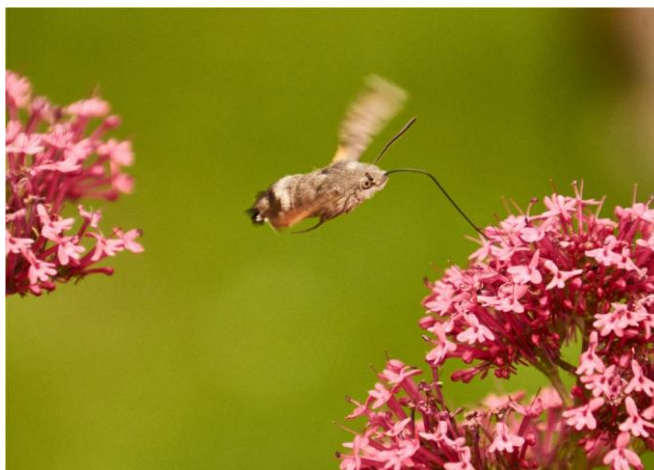
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Oct 2021 Newsletter

***Events, activities, news
and reports for members***



Hummingbird Moth by Steve Marshall 1

Well I am back in harness after two weeks in hospital. Apparently I have arthritis with plenty of pills to take!

Many thanks to you all for your kind words and messages, it was most heartening and certainly an encouragement on my return home.

So I'm back to ensure we all do our bit to revitalise GT as we come out of Covid. The exciting news is our next History Group meeting will be in November with the return of Robert Pierson, back to talk on the Sun King, not to be missed!

DON'T FORGET to send in your photographs – Water in all its forms – France!

Take care all, Martin

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Photo Group	Mon 11 th Oct	14.00 hrs	Zoom
Wine and Lunch Club	Wed 13 th Oct	11.30 hrs	La Bourse
Southern Walk	Thurs 14 th Oct	10.30 hrs	St Leger
Photo Group	Mon 26 th Oct	14.00 hrs	
Northern Walk	Fri 29 th Oct	10.30 hrs	Echire
Long Walk	Wed 3 rd Nov	10.00 hrs	Puits D'Enfer
Wine and Lunch Club	Tues 9 th Nov	11.30 hrs	Chez Mousdale

Southern Walk	Fri 12 th Nov	10.30 hrs	Lezay
History Talk	Sat 20 th Nov	TBC	TBC
Northern Walk	Fri 26 th Nov	10.30 hrs	TBC

- **Next Committee Meeting** Wed 13th Oct
- **Final Copy Date May Newsletter Items** Wed 27th Oct (gtnewsletter79@gmail.com)
- **for publication on** Fri 29th Oct

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Photo Group - Mon 11th Oct 2021 14.00 hrs - Zoom Steve Marshall and Roger Amsden

Our next group meeting will be on Monday 26th Oct 2021 at 14:00 hrs, detail TBC. Everyone is welcome so please contact Steve or Roger for more detail.

Wine and Lunch Club Wed 13th Oct 2021 11.30 hrs - La Bourse Annette Green

To be held at Michele and Eric's in La Bourse, the theme will be the Normandy region with wines selected by Keith from north of the Loire Valley to compliment the food!

Please contact Annette via gtnewsletter79@gmail.com. If you are interested in attending future events or want to find out more.

DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND OCTOBERS GATHERING IS ALREADY FULL!

Walk-Thurs 14th Oct 2021 - St Léger de la Martinière - 10.30 hrs - Bob Seager

This is a gentle walk between Melle and Lezay, about 6km on grassy tracks and quiet roads over undulating countryside. (That means there are some hills, maximum gradient 5%, whatever that means). Quite a lot is shaded, in case summer finally arrives, and there is a possible shorter cut off available.

Start at GPS coordinates N46.22651 W0.10271.

From St Léger take D305 sign posted St Vincent and after about 3km turn left at small sign post Bourneveau. Park by iron gates after about 100metres.

Lunch will be available at the Restaurant du Marché in Lezay, three courses, wine and coffee for around 16€. This will be a fond farewell to the retiring management of this restaurant, which is where lunch was taken after the first GT Southern Walk some 21 years ago, and who have entertained us many times since.

Please advise attendance by Sunday Oct. 10th

Northern Walk - Friday 29th Oct - 10.00 hrs - Cherveux – Neil Ritchie

The meeting point will be the visitors' car park at Chateau Coudray-Salbart, Chemin de Salbart, 79410 Echire. You will find a map and GPS coordinates at www.coudraysalbart.fr (more detailed directions if you need them can be obtained via the contact details below) The only shorter walk option on this occasion is to turn around part way and retrace your steps, although I suppose the bold and fearless can opt to swim across the river!

There are no toilets anywhere on this walk, but there are plenty of trees and hedges to hide behind for those who don't mind an al fresco toilet break.

The customary meal will be at Cafe des Sports in St Gelais €14 approx

Chateau Salbart will be open on this day so anybody wanting to complete their outing with a visit to an ancient monument will be able to do so. See the website mentioned above for further info.

Now the weather is becoming more autumnal it is important to wear the correct clothing and footwear

Photo Competition – 31st October 2021-10-10

Water in all its forms, taken in France. The deadline is fast approaching so please send all entries to gettogetherfrance@yahoo.com

See later in the newsletter for the rules.

Long Walk - Wed 3rd Nov 2021 – 10:00 hrs - Exireuil/Puits d'enfer - Leslie Green

The walk on Wednesday the 3rd Nov 2021 will start at 2 La Gaconniere, Exireuil. It is a circular walk, approximately 10kms long with a couple of quite steep climbs/ descents. It is a very pretty walk through the Puits d'Enfer, with views of Exireuil and Saint Maxient L'Ecole. It will take 2 hours at a fairly brisk pace.

Appropriate footwear and clothing is recommended.

There is a toilet at the parking area (chez nous), dogs will be on leads about 50% of the time.

Restaurant will be Bistrot des Amis – Fomperron 14€ approx

Wine and Lunch Club - Tues 9th Nov 2021 11.30 hrs Chez Mousdale Annette Green

The wines for this month's event will be from 'outside of France' and the theme will be 'Outre-Mer'. Maximum of 14 members.

Please contact Annette Green via gtnewsletter79@gmail.com if you are interested in attending or would like to find out more.

Walk: Lezay Friday 12th November: 10.30 Maureen & John Buckley

Please note closing date for restaurant reservations.

The walk commences from the first layby on the left on the D14 about 1.5 km from Lezay towards Melle.

From Melle take the D14 towards Lezay and find the first layby on the right just after La Grande Foye. (46.2492N, 0.0344W). There are no toilets.

There will be a walk of 8km approximately, with a shorter option of 4-5km. The going should be good in the main, mostly on well-maintained tracks and roads. There is a woodland section, which if there has been a lot of rain before the walk, could be a bit muddy. Stout shoes should be worn.

Lunch will be at le P'tit Berlands which can be found in the centre of Lezay opposite the Salle des Fêtes. It will consist of 4 courses, with a choice of meat or fish, a vegetarian option can be arranged if required, followed by cheese and a choice of dessert. The price, including wine, will be 15€, with a supplement of 1€ for coffee or tea.

Please book no later than **7th November**, indicating choice of main course. A confirmation email will be sent on receipt of booking.

History Talk – Saturday 20th Nov – Time and Venue TBC – Robert Pierson

"Louis XIV came to the throne at the age of four, and by 1715, the year of his death, had made France into the most powerful and civilised nation in Europe. This was no ordinary monarch. This was a leader deeply involved in day to day government while, at the same time, presiding over a lavish and, at times, barmy court at Versailles. Louis may be regarded as a giant figure in the pantheon of French history. His was a tragic, shining masterpiece of absolute monarchy.

Robert Pierson will tell some of the story on November 20th."

Please contact Michele **to book your place – the venue will be in a central location.**

Event Reports

This report and the associated photographs are for publication only as part of the GT email and as part of the PDF version of the email on the website. No changes to text or images may be made.

Photo Group Report

A small number of us met on Zoom on Tuesday 13 September.

We discussed options for future meetings and agreed to widen the discussion to as many members of the group as possible.

We looked at the photographs of members, some of which were on the theme of Village, based on a visit to Sanxay in August.

The best was agreed to be Anthea's photograph of a cat in a window.

Close runners up were Roger's Post Office sign and two of Steve's bees.

We will then meet at 1400 on 11 October on Zoom.



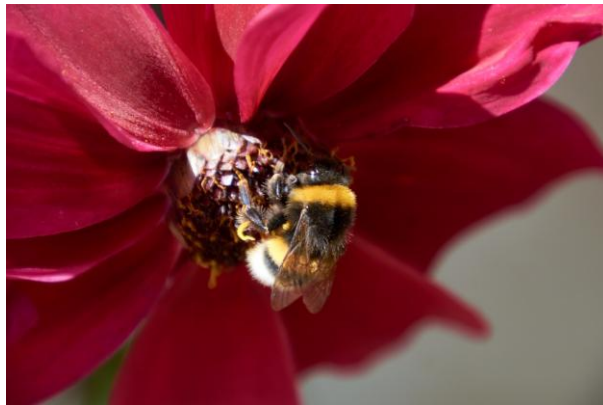
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Taken by Roger Amsden 1



Taken by Steve Marshall 1



Taken by Steve Marshall 2

Long Walk Report 1st Oct 2021 Report by Leslie Green

It was another lovely day when 5 walkers and 3 dogs went for a brisk walk through the rolling countryside around Saint Neomaye. We initially met in the centre of Saint Neomaye, the muttles eager to get walking. We crossed over at least 3 roman bridges and walked along the lovely Sevre Niortais.

Later we met two non walkers at the le p'tit Toque in Nanteuil for a great 3 course meal, we added a bottle of wine and it all came to 15€ – great value for the quality!

GT photograph competition 2021

Theme: Water in all its forms – any how and anywhere - taken in France

Rules:

1. The competition is open to all paid up members of Get Together, Each family member may submit up to four photographs.
2. Photographs can be in either landscape or portrait format and must state where in France they were taken.
3. The closing date for submissions is 31st October, 2021. Entries received thereafter will be

excluded.

4. By entering the competition members are accepting the terms and conditions as laid out.
5. The photographer will own the copyright at all times.
6. By entering the competition you give Get Together:

Permission to use your entry in the association's newsletter and on its website with a non-exclusive, royalty free, worldwide licence in hard copy and electronic format for the sole purpose[s] of the competition.

- a. The right to use your name for the sole purpose of identifying you as the author of your entry.
 - b. Get Together will use reasonable efforts to assert your moral rights in the photograph.
 - c. You acknowledge that Get Together may use any editing process to permit any presentation of the photograph in connection with the competition or its publication subsequently in its media.
 - d. You acknowledge that in the process of presenting the photographs for selection no name will be credited with the photograph, only once the winning photographs have been selected.
7. Your entry must be all your own original work and conform to the Laws of France, both moral and legal. You warrant that any consents have been obtained or rights waived.
Where any person is under 16 the consent of that person's parent or guardian must be obtained.
 8. Any divergence from the rules will grant Get Together the right to disregard any submission.

Selection of winning entries:

After the closing date all entries will be displayed anonymously on the Get Together website for the purpose of voting for members' favourite entries and thereafter full accreditation will be given to the photographer.

The twelve most popular entries will be used in the monthly newsletter in 2022.

The twelve photographs will also remain on the website.

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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.

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