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Nov 2021 Newsletter

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



Chateau at La Fleche by Sally Warden

Well with autumn firmly upon us, isn't it lovely to see all the different coloured leaves on the trees. It truly is a spectacular display. Don't forget to put your clocks back on Sunday and remember you all have a day off on Monday for Toussaint!

Andy, who puts all your photographs on our website, is away for the first week of November, so we have pushed back the final date for your photographic submissions. Please keep sending them in. Remember there are prizes to be won!

*We would like to thank **Louise Tamblin** for all her work whilst in the role as Northern Co-Ordinator, it has been a very difficult time for her as her husband Mich has been very ill for the last 2 years. We wish them both all the very best for the future.*

*We would also like to welcome two new members **Suzette and David Jeapes from St Pardoux**, we hope you have fun with GT and find it of interest.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Photo Group	Mon 8 th Nov	14.00 hrs	Zoom
Wine and Lunch Club	Tues 9 th Nov	11.30 hrs	Le Tallud
Southern Walk	Thurs 12 th Nov	10.30 hrs	Lezay
Reading Group	Mon 22 nd Nov	10.30 hrs	Menigoute
Photo Group	Mon 22 nd Nov	14.00 hrs	
Northern Walk	Fri 26 th Nov	10.30 hrs	
Long Walk	Wed 1 st Dec	10.00 hrs	Souvigne
Wine and Lunch Club	Tues 7 th Dec	11.30 hrs	Chez Peel
Xmas Walk	Friday 10 th Dec	10:30 hrs	Niort
History Talk	Sat 20 th Nov	15:00 hrs	Chateau de Cherveux
GT Quiz	Wed 17 th Nov	19:00 hrs	Fomperron

- Next Committee Meeting Wed 10th Nov
- Final Copy Date May Newsletter Items Thurs 25th Nov
(gtnewsletter79@gmail.com)
- for publication by Sat 27th Nov

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's that time year we start asking for you to renew your membership.
Please renew your membership by **15th December 2021**.

Simply send a cheque to:

Julia Murray (membership secretary)

or give cheque or cash to a committee member.
THERE IS NO NEED TO FILL IN THE RENEWAL FORM

10€ for a family
7€ for a single person.

Thank you
Julia

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Photo Competition – 31st October 2021 – DEADLINE EXTENDED!!!

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE EXTENDED THE DEADLINE DATE TO SUNDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

The theme: 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.

Photo Group -Mon 8th Nov 2021 14.00 hrs - Zoom Steve Marshall and Roger Amsden

As well as Menigoute on 26 October we will meet on Zoom on Monday 8 November at 1400.

Wine and Lunch Club Wed 9th Nov 2021 11.30 hrs – Le Tallud Annette Green

To be held at Keith and Diane's in Le Tallud, the theme will be the 'Outre Mer' or from anywhere outside of France, with wines selected by Keith from outside of France 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.

Walk: Lezay Friday 12th November: 10.30 hrs –Lezay -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 by email no later than **7th November**, indicating choice of main course. A confirmation email will be sent on receipt of booking.

GT Quiz – 17th Nov 19:00 hrs - Fomperron - Annette Green

Our first proper quiz in a while. There will be a mix of questions, including a pre-quiz challenge, plus the chance to play a joker to double your score for your chosen category and prizes to be won! **Cost 1.5 euros per person. Max 4 per team.**

It will be held at **Le Bistrot mes Amis, in Fomperron** where we will have a break midway for a little something to eat, **fish and chips - 13 euros or a beef option or a vegetarian option both 11 euros.**

The quiz will start promptly at 19:00 hrs, so we recommend arriving earlier, by 18:30 hrs,

to sort out drinks and start the pre quiz challenge.

Please email Annette to book your team in, providing your team name and choice of meal. I need to know numbers and choices by Saturday 13th November at the latest.

History Talk – Saturday 20th Nov – 15:00 hrs - Cherveux – Robert Pierson

Robert, who has been a GT member for many years, is currently studying at the Sorbonne University in Paris. He has generously offered to visit us for the day in order to give the talk in person - it's not the same via zoom!

In addition we have managed to acquire a superb setting to kick start the History Talks - the grand hall at the Château de Cherveux!

Robert's talk will be on the 'Sun King':-

"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."

Venue: Chateau de Cherveux, 2 Place d'Eglise, Cherveux, 79410

Start time: 15:00 hrs

Cost: 5 euros per person

Required: Pass Sanitaire - venue is open to the public

Recommendation: Warm clothing - an open fire will be lit

Parking: Plenty of room

Tea/Coffee/Cakes/Biscuits will be made available after the talk.

We hope you will all agree that this is a great opportunity not to be missed.

Please contact Michele Hansford to book your place.

Reading Circle - Mon 22nd Nov - 10:30 hrs - Chez Hughes - Lesley Ritchie

Our next meeting will be at 10.30am on Monday 22nd November, at Martin Hughes's house in Menigoute, when we will be discussing *The Hour of Separation* by Katharine McMahon.

If you would be interested in joining us or would like more information about the group, please contact Lesley Ritchie

New members are very welcome.

Northern Walk - Friday 26th Nov - 10.30 hrs - Faymoreau – Michele Hansford

Walk November 26 10.30 start. Faymoreau 7km, short walk available

We start and finish at the carpark opposite the Hotel des Mines where we are booked in at 1pm for lunch: 13€ (not including drinks).

A gentle walk, undulating but not too strenuous around the mining village of Faymoreau, finishing beside the little church which has some interesting modern stain glass windows.

It is open for coffee etc for non walkers.

What 3 Words: reworks.childbirth.farmworkers

DIRECTIONS: Take the D744 from L'Absie or from Niort. Between Le Busseau and Coulonges sur L'Autize take the D3 signed to Faymoreau. Turn right onto the D39 following signs to the Centre Minier and the Hotel des Mines. As you reach the village go straight across. There is a very large carpark opposite the hotel and a small carpark next to it, where there are toilets. We will meet there.

Please email Michele on to book your place.

Long Walk - Thurs 2nd Dec - 10.00 hrs - Souvigne - Julia Murray



The Six Fontaines, Souvigne will be an 8.5 -10 km walk starting at 10am.

As the title suggests you will pass 6 fountains, it should make for a very picturesque walk!

Lunch is at le p'tit toque, nanteuil - approx 15 euros

Please contact Julia to book your place or for more information



Wine and Lunch Club - Tues 7th Dec - 11.30 hrs - Chez Peel - Annette Green

To be held at Dorothy and Alan's in Souvigné (Nr St Maixent L'Ecole).
The theme will be Alsace who are well known for their Christmas fare, the wine will likewise be from the Alsace/Lorraine region to compliment the food.

Please contact Annette to book your place or if you want to find out more call her.

GT Christmas Walk – Friday 10th Dec 2021 – 11:00 am - Niort - Michele Hansford

We thought it would make a change for all (north and south) of us to meet up for our Christmas walk and lunch.

For those wishing to walk, we ask that you meet us at the entrance to le Donjon (the keep not the restaurant!) at 11.00 am. It will be a slow meander around historic Niort, its approx 2 kms over 90 minutes, but very interesting.

We need to be sitting down to eat at Les Planches Restaurant, 18 Rue Pierre Antoine

Baugier, Niort by 12:50 hrs.

Parking is best at Parking Moulin du Milieu or Biscara and the restaurant is close to the river and the outdoor theatre. We will have our own room. Maximum 40

The menu for 25€ without drinks is:-

Entrée: Oeuf cocotte comte et truff OU Saumon gravelax, condiments exotique

Plat: Marbre de lieu noir, beurre d'agrumes et achar de legumes OU Pave de boeuf facon tataki, salade thai OU un plat autour des cucurbitacees (courge, potron, potimarron)

Dessert: Dome chocolat cacahuete OU Entremet citron et poivre de timur

Afterwards you will have the opportunity to visit the Niort Christmas Market and if you have some fun in mind, a chance to go ice skating!

Please contact Michele via to book your place, indicating your menu choices and whether you will be walking or not. We need to have numbers by Saturday 4th December 2021.

[Event Reports](#)

Photo Group Report

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.

Some of us met at Place Denfert on Monday 27 September to take photographs of movement - concentrating on traffic and each other.

The Zoom meeting on Monday 11 October looked at some of the results.

Steve made a short presentation on Photo Projects and suggested all members try to find a project to stretch their photography.

Find a Photographer - Steve proposed that all of us search the internet, or elsewhere, for a photographer they do not know, but they find interesting - so they can present briefly about them at a future meeting.

We agreed to meet at the Menigoute Bird Festival on Tuesday 26 October at 1400. There are some professional photographers presenting as part of the exhibition. In past years there have also been live birds we may be able to photograph. Please contact Steve or Roger if you wish to go so we can reduce the number of cars, as parking can be difficult.

The best movement photograph was voted as Steve's shot of Roger.

Close runners up were Anthea's shadows, Phil's racing car and street lights, two of Roger's birds and Steve's car.

As well as Menigoute on 26 October we will meet on Zoom on Monday 8 November at 1400.

Group Co-ordinators are Steve Marshal & Roger Amsden



Taken by Steve Marshall 1



Taken by Anthea Libby
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Taken by Phil 1



Taken by Phil 2



Taken by Roger Amsden 2



Taken by Roger Amsden 1

Wine and Lunch Club – 13th Oct Chez Hansford Report by Annette Green

Normandie was the theme and the 14 gourmandes who gathered around the table did us proud.

First of all though we started with the wine tasting, wines from the Loire Valley. We kicked off with a very fine white – Chateau de Varennes, similar to a Vouvray – it certainly got a seal of approval from the group. This was followed by three reds, a L'Enclos de Charmes 2018 similar to a Beaujolais, a Chateau Mauny 2019 an Anjou Village and lastly Domaine du Roncée 2019 a Chinon, considered by many to be the best red wine in the Loire Valley.



Camembert was a favoured ingredients – it was normandie after all, baked camembert, camembert and potato tart and a very tasty soup, all delicious. This followed with a cheese course – Neufchatel, Livarot and pont-l'évêque perfect to go

with our last glass of wine.

Desserts included apple and calvados crepes and apple tart to finish off the meal. We must thanks Michele and Eric for being such generous hosts.



On an absolutely beautiful, cloudless, autumn day 9 of us and 3 of our four-legged friends met down a country lane somewhere in St Léger de la Martinière. We set off following our great walk-leader, Bob and meandered through some very pretty countryside, idyllic villages and interesting lavoirs. However, a note of caution for future walks: if you happen to come across a tractor whilst traversing a narrow lane, please give it plenty of room and get as high up the bank or as far away from it as possible as unfortunately one member incurred a nasty graze to their leg as the tractor passed.

Lunch was taken at the Restaurant du Marché in Lezay where 12 of us enjoyed a delicious meal possibly for the last time at this venue as sadly the business is up for sale.

A very big thank you to Bob for organising a delightful walk, perfect weather and a great restaurant.

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

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