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Feb 2023 Newsletter

The French Tradition La Chandeleur – Candlemas is fast approaching – Thursday 2nd February. It is traditionally held on the 2nd February and is considered the last cycle of the Christmas celebrations. So in religious tradition, Christians were only meant to clear Christ's manger scene after la Chandeleur. Nowadays, La Chandeleur is mostly known as a day of the crepes. It's a day when families and friends all make crepes and enjoy them together. La Chandeleur is not to be confused with Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday which celebrates the beginning of lent.

So why not mix up a galette and crepe mix and enjoy a very traditional French pancake day!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wine and Lunch Club 	Tues 7 th Feb	11.30 hrs	Le Tallud	Diane Mousdale
Reading Circle	TBC	10.00 hrs	Cherveux	Lesley Ritchie
AGM	Thurs 16th Feb	11.00 hrs	Cherveux	Michele Hansford
Bees – An introduction to... 	Thurs 16th Feb	12.00 hrs	Cherveux	Michele Hansford
Bring and share lunch 	Thurs 16th Feb	12.30 hrs	Cherveux	Michele Hansford
Northern Walk 	Fri 24 th Feb 23	10.30 hrs	La Bourse	Eric Hansford
Bowling - Niort	Thurs 2 nd Mar	18:00 hrs	Niort	Lesley Ritchie
Wine and Lunch Club	Tues 7 th March	11.30 hrs	Benet	Diane Mousdale

- **Next Committee Meeting** **Thurs 2nd Mar**
- **Final Copy Date May Newsletter Items** **Thurs 23rd Feb**
- **(gtnewsletter79@gmail.com)**
- **for publication by** **Sun 26th Feb**

GT MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – 15th FEBRUARY 2023

We have extended the renewal time until **12 noon on Wednesday 15th Feb – the day before the AGM.**

This will definitely be your last chance to renew.

You do not need to fill in a form **unless** your details have changed.

3 ways to pay:

In cash to a committee member.

By cheque....made payable to **getogether france** and posted to **3 route du chateau d'eau, peruze, 79190 sauze vaussais.**

By bank transfer, please remember to put your name in the "motif" box ...bank details attached **PLEASE SEE THE PHOTO ATTACHED FOR THE BANK DETAILS.**

Membership fee 7€ single, 10€ family.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Lunch & Wine Group Tues 7th February 11.30am Le Tallud Diane & Keith Mousdale

The February meeting will now be held at Diane and Keith's home in Le Tallud. The wines will be from revisiting Beaujolais. Food, a starter, cheeses, or a dessert can preferably be from this region, but if impossible anywhere in France. A small charge is made to cover the cost of the wines, usually around €3

A maximum of 14 bookings are on a first come basis, due to restriction on size for hosts houses and how many reasonable tastings from a bottle of wine, but in the event of oversubscription anyone who cannot be accommodated will be offered first refusal for the following meeting.

If you would like to join us or would like more information or to book please contact Diane & Keith. 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 Diane directly for directions.

Reading Circle TBC 11.30 am Chez Elizabeth

Discussing *The Phone Box at the Edge of the World* by Laura Imai Messina followed by a bring and share lunch.

***The Phone Box at the Edge of the World* is an unforgettable story of the depths of grief, the lightness of love and the human longing to keep the people who are no longer with us close to our hearts.**

'A moving and uplifting anatomisation of grief and the small miraculous moments that persuade people to start looking forward again'

If you want more information or are interested in joining us, please contact Lesley Ritchie,

AGM Thurs 16th Feb Chateau de Cherveux 11hrs Michele Hansford

As the AGM falls due, it is also time to organise elections for those committee posts where the incumbent has been in place for 2 years.

The constitution states:

At the end of their 2-year period, committee members are eligible for re-election at the annual general meeting, if they wish to continue in office. They are re-elected by a show of hands of the members present at that Annual General Meeting. Or by a secret ballot at the AGM, if more than one person is standing for the following positions: President, Secretary and Treasurer.

This year all posts are up for election with the exception of Northern/southern Co-ordinator.

i.e. President, Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Membership Secretary and Facebook Co-ordinator

President – overseeing the smooth running of GT, attending events where possible.

Secretary – Organising and taking the minutes at Committee Meetings – usually 1 per month, can be via zoom.

Treasurer – Keeping an accurate record of all monies into and out of the GT accounts.

Newsletter editor – producing the monthly newsletter and distributing via email

Membership secretary – keeping an accurate record of GT membership, informing the NLE of any new members, dealing with renewals at the end of the year.

If you would like to take an active role in running GT please do not hesitate to talk to any committee members about what is involved.

If you wish to apply for election to any of these roles please contact the Secretary to ask for a nomination form. The completed form should be returned to the secretary at least 28 days before the AGM. This would be 19 January 2023

The Get Together AGM will be held at Le Chateau de Cherveux, Cherveux at 10.30 am for 11.00 am start, followed by a Bring and Share Lunch at 12.30 am.

All members who have paid their 2022 subscriptions are welcome and entitled to attend the AGM without giving prior notice.

AGENDA

1 Welcome and apologies

2 Minutes of AGM and EGM 2022

3 Matters arising

4 President's report

5 Treasurer's report and adoption of accounts

6 Report from the North and South co-ordinator

7 Election of officers.

8 AOB's – GT Committee are proposing an increase in fees for the year 2024 to 12 euros per couple and a single persons fee will remain at 7 euros.

This is to help cover the increased costs of insurance, hall hire and providing refreshments at some events.

Members are requested to forward items pertinent for an AGM, for discussion under Any Other Business, to the Secretary, Michele Hansford by 19th January 2023

The GT accounts will be circulated nearer the time, they are currently being audited.

At 12.30pm after the AGM and Bee talk, there will be as Bring and Share Informal Lunch, **Michele, now back from holiday, is co-ordinating the food. Please contact here directly with your preferred dish to bring.**

Wine, juice, tea and 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 it is useful to know numbers likely to attend.

Walk Fri 24th Feb 10.30 hrs La Bourse, 79240 Scillé.

This will be a good winter walk on a mix of road and track starting from the Hansford home. Parking all around the house. Toilets available! The usual 8km with a 4km short walk option. There are a couple of steep patches. Obviously at this time of year sturdy footwear is essential and I always find my sticks useful!

Lunch will be at Chez Chantal on the D744 at the entrance to L'Absie at 1 pm. It will be €14 + wine and coffee. Non walkers are very welcome to meet us there. Non walkers accompanying walkers are welcome to settle in our house with tea and coffee available.

Please book your place with Eric and Michele, stating meat, fish or vegetarian.

Bowling Thurs 2nd March 18:00 hrs Niort Lesley and Neil Ritchie



Due to popular demand we are organizing a fun bowling event in Niort. It will be held at the Bowling Stadium Niort, 19, Rue Condoret, Zone Mendes – please note a different location. We will hold 2-3 sessions, depending on demand, shoes are provided €4 per session. There is a bar.

Following we are looking to go to O'La Vache 600 Ave de Paris, Niort – olavache.fr

Why not check out the menu.

The restaurant is a short trip from the bowling. It serves meat, fish (even fish and chips!) and vegetarian options – so don't let the name put you off! We will come back to you asap with options.

To book your place contact Lesley

Lunch & Wine Group Tues 7th March 11.30am Benet Diane & Keith Mousdale

The March meeting will be held at Gloria and Brian Miles home in Benet. The wines will be from Languedoc. Food, a starter, cheeses, or a dessert can preferably be from this region, but as the Languedoc is not necessarily known for its food it can be from anywhere in France. A small charge is made to cover the cost of the wines, usually around €3



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THE POMMERAIE PLAYERS THEATRE GROUP



"WANTS
YOU"

18+ Want to:-
HAVE FUN?
MAKE NEW FRIENDS?
LEARN NEW SKILLS?
THERE'S A SPOT FOR EVERYONE

If you'd like to be involved come and meet the gang at the Salle Des Fetes
La Pommeraie on a Wednesday evening where we gather from 6.30 for
a chat and a drink before the rehearsal proper starts at 7.00pm.

Need more information? Contact:-

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Bev - 05 49 29 19 07

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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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

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.

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