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August 2023 Newsletter

What's happened to the weather?!
But at least we aren't struggling with fires and high temperatures like some parts of Europe.....
Sunflowers have arrived in all their glory, what a picture they are and help to brighten up the surrounding countryside. Enjoy!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Reading Circle	Tues 2 nd Aug	11.00 hrs	La Bourse	Lesley Ritchie
Summer Event 2 Board Games, hats and Afternoon Tea	Sun 6 th Aug	12.30 hrs	La Chapelle Thireuil	Annette Green
Wine and lunch club	Tues 5 th Sept	11.30 hrs	TBC	Diane Mousdale
Ladies that Lunch	Wed 13 th Sept	12.30 hrs	Fomperron	Annette Green
Walk	Fri 29 th Sept	10.30 hrs	Chapelle Thireuil	Brad Warden
Walk	Thurs 12 th Oct	10.30 hrs	Melle	Julia Murray

Next Committee meeting 1st Sept 2023

Reports to NLE by 28th Aug
Newsletter 30th Aug

Reading Circle Tues 2nd Aug 11.00 hrs La Bourse Lesley Ritchie

Our next meeting will be at 11.30 on 2nd August at Michele and Eric's house in La Bourse, to discuss *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe* by Fanny Flagg.

If you are interested please contact Lesley for more information.

Summer Event 2 Board Games, hats and Afternoon Tea – Sun 6th Aug - 12.30 hrs – La Chapelle Thireuil - Annette Green

We thought we would try something a little different. Brad and Sally are kindly hosting this event at their lovely home in La Chapelle Thireuil.

Board games will be made available or you can bring your favourite game – in our house it's 'the really nasty horse racing game'! **However, this is not compulsory!** If you just want to chat and enjoy a glass of sparkly with your afternoon tea then that isn't a problem, we just want you to enjoy the afternoon.

Brad and Sally are also offering the use of their pool, so if you wish to cool down and go for a swim please bring swimwear and a towel.

In addition we will be having a bring and share 'Afternoon Tea' and for a bit of fun, to wear your best hat – it's likely to be hot so you will need to wear one anyway!

We are suggesting you bring the usual fare for an 'Afternoon Tea' eg, scones, sandwiches - cucumber, cheese and pickle, ham and mustard, beef and horseradish, sausage rolls, cheese straws, cakes etc etc.

A glass of sparkly will be provided by GT to have with your afternoon tea, plus teas and coffees. Please bring your own soft drinks and additional wine.

We are now holding a tombola in aid of Association Violet. We are asking that everyone attending bring an item to add to the tombola, ranging from unwanted gifts to bottles of wine. Please give generously as you will see from the attached files that your money is being spent to great effect, helping children in France who are in great need of extra support and Association Violet is helping to provide that help. See website for more details <https://associationviolet.com/>

If you are unable to attend but would still like to contribute, please let Annette know. Thank you.

Please contact Annette Green via gtnewsletter79@gmail.com to book your place and to tell her what you would like to bring and share.

Lunch and Wine Group Tues 5th Sept 11.30 hrs Le Retail Diane & Keith Mousdale

The Sept meeting will be held at Yvonne & Steve's home in Le Retail, The theme of the meeting for both wines and food is Anything but French. Food, a starter, cheeses or a dessert is on the same theme as the wines, but which item is needed to be in collaboration with Diane to ensure all items are covered. 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 of hosts houses and how many reasonable tastings from a bottle of wine, but in the event of over subscription anyone who cannot be accommodated will be offered first refusal for the following meeting.

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

You do not need to be a culinary expert, it's 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 or Keith for directions if required

Ladies that Lunch – Wed 13th Sept 12.30 hrs Fomperron Annette Green

This will be the inaugural 'Ladies that Lunch' which will take place at Le Bistrot des Amis in Fomperron - 15 euros for a three course lunch.

The idea is to try something different, this is purely a chance to chat with old friends and make some new, whilst having a convivial lunch.

If this is a hit then we will take it in turns to organise the following lunches, could be monthly or bimonthly depending on the group.

If you are interested please contact Annette via email gtnewsletter79@gmail.com

Walk Friday 29th September 10.00am La Chapelle Thireuil Brad & Sally Warden

The walk will begin from the car park on Rue de la Gâtine in the centre of La Chapelle Thireuil where public toilets are available. (what three words stows.putted.currencies).

There will be a 4km and an 8km walk and these will largely be along country lanes, so appropriate footwear is recommended. As we will be passing livestock farms, we ask that dog owners respect the rules of the commune and keep dogs on a leash.

Lunch will be at the newly re-opened restaurant in La Chapelle Thireuil, Le Thi' Détour which sits across from the start off point. The cost of the meal will be around €15 for 3 courses, including coffee, but excluding drinks. The restaurant has a comfortable bar area where non-walkers can wait. Lunch will be served at 12.30. The starter is a self-service buffet and the menu options for the main course will be meat or fish. The restaurant is small and as our group will be taking up much of the dining room, we have been asked to confirm numbers by **15th September**.

If you would like to join us for the walk and/or lunch – please contact Sally stating your preference of meat or fish.

Walk Thurs 12th October 10.30am Melle Julia and Peter Murray.

We are walking around the arboretum and walking routes around Melle. The route is on good pathways, relatively flat with only a couple of gentle inclines. 8 km in total, those wishing to do the short walk (3km) will divert into the town centre to have coffee.

We will park in SuperU carpark at the rear of the building.

There are toilets at SuperU and 1/2 way around the walk.

Dogs are welcome.

Non walkers are welcome to join us for lunch at O'resto in Saint Romans les Melle, 10 minute drive from Melle. Price and menu to be confirmed.

Please contact Julia to book your place

Christmas!!

I can hear the groans from here!!

BUT the GT committee are looking for some ideas for Christmas. We usually go to a nice restaurant with a walk to start, but if you have other ideas or can recommend a restaurant it would be much appreciated. The only stipulation is that it needs to be fairly central.

Please email Annette gtnewsletter79@gmail.com
Thanking you in advance.

Reports

Summer event 1 - Sun 9th Jul Lezay Report by Julia Murray



The horse racing afternoon has been hosted by John and Maureen for several years now and as usual the garden was looking beautiful and the table and chairs arranged under the hangar.

The horses ready and waiting on the course!
Everyone arrived promptly at 12.30 including 2 visiting dogs, once introduced to the 2 resident dogs, Lucy and poppy all the dogs ignored each for the rest of the

afternoon

The bring and share buffet table was filled with super quiches, delicious puddings and cute egg mice!
After an apero and time to chat and catchup with old friends we all tucked in to the delicious food. Once lunch was finish we started the serious business of horse racing.
6 colourful horses with fantastic names ran in 4 Races raising 118€ for Association Violet.
Although there where other games available, croquet, table tennis, boules and darts, the rest of the afternoon was spent idly chatting.
A huge THANK YOU to the GT committee for organising everything and John and Maureen for hosting this event.



Walk organised by Helen Horton, July 28 report by Michele Hansford

Well: all I can say is that in 2023 the L’Absie walks appear to have been cursed.

Last night some 13 walkers were signed up but by 10.30 this morning the wise virgins had found reasons to be elsewhere so we were 8 to set off from Helen’s house, all dressed up in anoraks.

The drizzle at the start persisted, got worse, improved, got worse, improvedby the time we had done the 3



Km into l’Absie we were all drenched. At this point some of us walked home to dry off and change and others went to dry off in the Pause café.

We reconvened at the hotel ‘Du Coq à L’Âne’ at 1pm for aperos and then lunch. By this time we were 15 and we had a convivial meal enjoyed by all.



FREE admission –entrée gratuite

DIMANCHE le 13 Août 2023 11h00–18h00

3^{ème} Garden Party

Château de Cherveux

2 Pl. de l'Église, 79410 Cherveux

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Don Giovanni – Opera de Mozart

Performances will be on 10 -12- 14th August at Sanxay Theatre Gallo Romain. Prices range from €22 – 98

www.operasanxay.fr

For walks in the Deux Sevres take a look at www.tourisme-hautvaldesevre.fr

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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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