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Sept 2023 Newsletter

The morning had dawned clear and cold, with a crispness that hinted at the end of summer.

George R.R. Martin

A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer's wave goodbye.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Wine and lunch club | Tues 5 th Sept | 11.30 hrs | Le Retail | 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 26th Sept

Newsletter 28th Sept

Lunch and Wine Group Tues 5 th 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 them 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 so to be a culinary expert, itis 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 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!!

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 2 Sunday 6th Aug Report by Leslie Green



Well, we couldn't have asked for better weather, finally the sun shone! Members of GT gathered for Hats, Games and afternoon tea. Some of the hats were funny, others very grand, but most quite summery.

Michele opened proceedings and aperos were served.

As usual, members surpassed themselves with the Bring and

Share Afternoon Tea, it was truly delicious and nothing was left!!

After tea, members swam, played board games or just relaxed and chatted, it was a very convivial atmosphere.

It was good to see Martin Hughes at the event, he no longer drives so its not always easy to get out and about.



The tombola raised 117.50 euros for Association Violet, thank you to everyone who contributed and bought tickets.

Lastly, a big thank you to Brad and Sally for hosting the event.

Non GT

Pommeraié Players are back!! If you wish to join us, please email me at john.buckley@free.fr or jb0549@icloud.com stating the performance and the number of tickets required (adults and children). An envelope will be left in your name at the door on the selected night. Payment, in cash, should be made then. All bookings will be acknowledged. Please notify any change in numbers asap. Hoping to see you there!

**POMMERAIE
PLAYERS
ARE BACK**

Presenting **AN EVENING OF
DEJA YU AND SOMETHING NEW** Presenting

On 6th and 7th October 2023
At the Salle des Fêtes La Pommeraié
Doors & Bar open 7.00pm Curtain up 8.00pm
Tickets 7.00 Euro Children 3.00 Euro



Tickets can be reserved by phone from the Melrie
Tel 05 49 07 61 71
OR
ON THE DOOR ON THE NIGHT.

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