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## **October 2023 Newsletter**

We would like to welcome several new members to GT.

Monica and Vincent, Kirsty and Nik, Lisa and Michael and Clare. We would also like to welcome back Joyce.

Have fun and hopefully you will join us at one of the forthcoming events.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Ladies that Lunch	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	12.30 hrs	Le Tallud	Suzette Jeapes
Walk	Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.30 hrs	Melle	Julia Murray
Book Club	Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	11:00 hrs	La Bourse	Joyce Roberts
Wine and lunch club	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	11.30 hrs	Nr Lezay	Diane Mousdale
History Talk	Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	15:00 hrs	TBC St Gelais	Michele Hansford
Quiz	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	18:00 hrs	TBC St Gelais	Eric Hansford
Lunch and Wine Club	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11:30 hrs	TBC	Diane Mousdale
Christmas Walk and Lunch	Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	13:00 hrs	TBC Raffanes	Annette Green

Next Committee meeting Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov

Reports to NLE by 25<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Newsletter 31<sup>st</sup> Oct

### **Volunteer Host required Lunch and Wine Group 5th December Diane Mousdale**

There is not a lunch and wine group in October but we are looking for hosts for the next Lunch Group on the above date please.

The meetings are always for a maximum of 14 people but sometimes bookings are less than that number.

We bring the wine glasses and apero nibbles, lunch being bring and share either starters, cheese or desserts but only small portions per person

**If anyone can help please get in touch with Diane**

### **Lunch and Wine Group Tues 7 th November Near Chey Diane Mousdale**

The Nov meeting will be held at Dorothy & Alan's home near Chey. The theme of the meeting for both wines and food is Beaujolais before Nouveau. 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 -4.

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 and Keith**

You do not need so to be a 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 or Keith for directions if required

**LTL. Monday 9th October. 13:00 hrs Le Tallud. Suzette Jeapes**


The next LTL will be held at Le Dynamic Club in Le Tallud.

The meal is €15 excluding wine. If you have specific dietary requirements eg are you vegetarian and if so do you eat fish ( I know but this is France!)

Please book your place by contacting Suzette by Thursday 5th October.

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

**IF YOU BOOKED VERBALLY PLEASE REMIND ME VIA EMAIL (senior**

**moment**  )

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. Please wear appropriate footwear.

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, 12.45.**  
Choose from the menu on the day.

Please contact Julia to book your place by 11th October.

**Book Group Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 11:00 hrs La Bourse Joyce Roberts**

The next book club meeting will be at Helen's house on Wednesday 25 October to discuss *Harvest* by Jim Crace.

Shortlisted for the 2014 Walter Scott Prize for Historical Fiction

As late summer steals in and the final pearls of barley are gleaned, a village comes under threat. A trio of outsiders - two men and a dangerously magnetic woman - arrives on the woodland borders triggering a series of events that will see Walter Thirsk's village unmade in just seven days: the harvest blackened by smoke and fear, cruel punishment meted out to the innocent, and allegations of witchcraft.

We usually have a very convivial bring and share lunch to follow. Please contact Joyce.



**History Talk   Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Nov   15:00 hrs   TBC St Gelais   Michele Hansford**

The Paris Commune 1871:

What, When and Why it is still of importance  
150 + years later.

Setting the scene.....

On 2 September 1870, France was defeated in the Battle of Sedan, and Emperor Napoleon III was captured. When the news reached Paris the next day, shocked and angry crowds came out into the streets. Empress Eugénie, the acting Regent, fled the city, and the government of the Second Empire swiftly collapsed.

Republican and radical deputies of the National Assembly proclaimed the new French Republic, and formed a Government of National Defence with the intention of continuing the war. The Prussian army marched swiftly toward Paris.....



Please contact Michele to book your place.

There is a charge of €5 to cover the venue and teas and coffees which will be available after the talk.

**Quiz   Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov   18:00 hrs   TBC St Gelais   Eric Hansford**

A date for the diary.

Full details will be emailed out to members in due course

**Christmas Walk and Lunch   Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec   10:30 hrs   Reffannes   Annette Green**

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Full details to follow.....

**Reports**

**Lunch and Wine Club   report by Joyce Roberts**

September lunch and wine club was another great success thanks to the charming attendees and idyllic setting of Yvonne and Steve's beautiful place in Le Retail.

Keith outdid himself yet again with his choice of delicious wines, beginning with a bottle of white that we learned should technically be described as acidic rather than dry. We ought to try harder to

fight the temptation to socialize during the moments where Keith enlightens us with his sommelier research and knowledge. There's always something new to learn!

A discussion about a vegetarian entree led to a popular suggestion to hold a future lunch and wine club where the entire meal is vegetarian. For the more confident chefs, a gluten-free challenge could be added. This would all work well with a lack of constraints of locality, similar to the "anything but French" theme that allowed us to enjoy a gorgeous Italian red, amongst other tasty treats in September.

The convivial company and gorgeous garden made our last lunch of the hot season a true delight.

## **Ladies that lunch**

**Report by Annette Green**

**Photos by Suzette Jeapes**

A great start to our first Ladies that Lunch.

12 ladies enjoyed a super lunch at 'Bistro des Amis' in Fomperron all for 13 or 15 euros including wine!



It was good to hear lots of chat and laughter. It was suggested that we try to meet monthly and Suzette offered to organize the next luncheon – see above for details.

In fact it was sooooo successful that three ladies and their partners joined GT!

**Sadly, we said 'Goodbye to Tanya, who has now sold up and returned to America, we hope her move home went smoothly and we wish her well in the future.**

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

**It's that time of year again!**

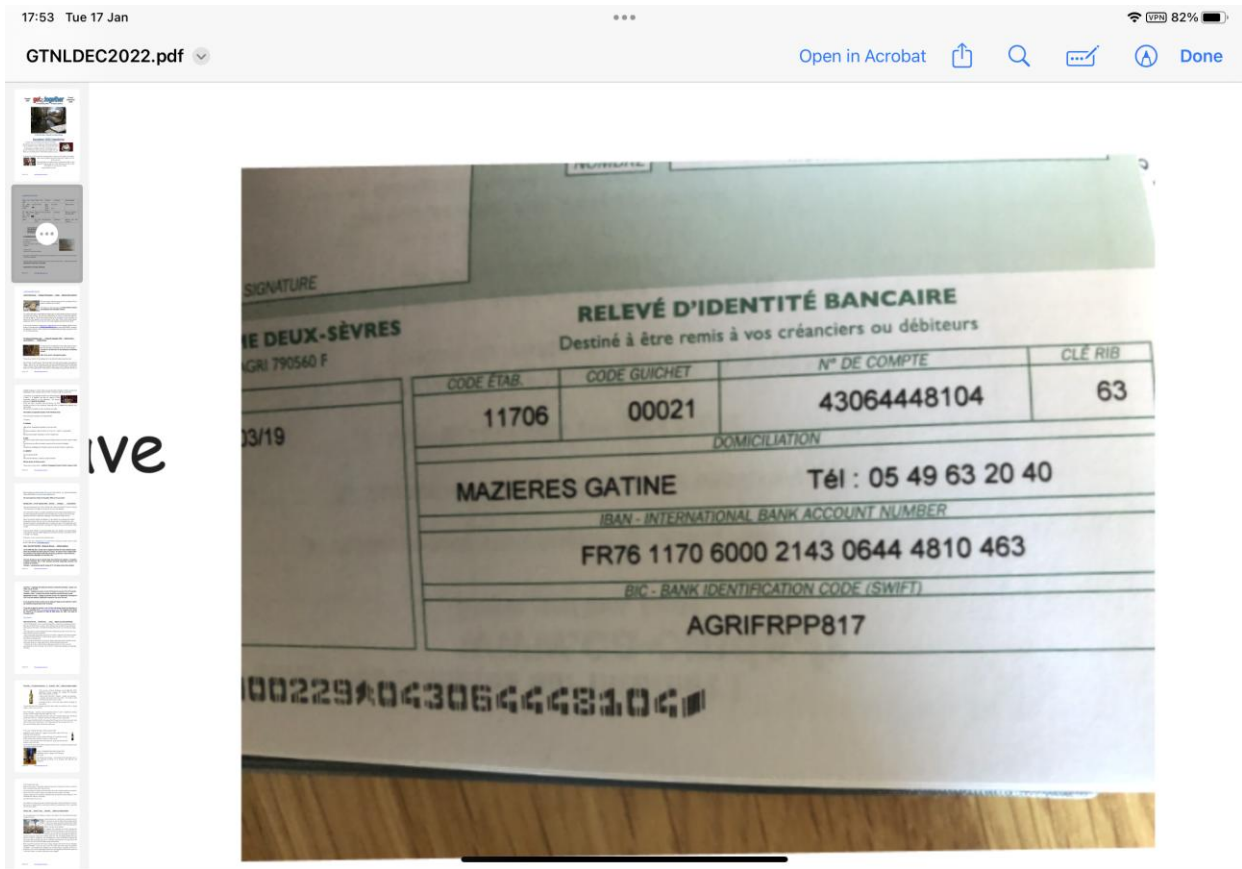
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**Single €7**

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our preferred way to receive your renewal.

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## Non GT

Pommeraié Players are back!! If you wish to join us, please email me at [john.buckley@free.fr](mailto:john.buckley@free.fr) or [jb0549@icloud.com](mailto: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 VU 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 Métairie  
Tel 05 49 07 61 71  
OR  
**ON THE DOOR ON THE NIGHT.**

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For walks in the Deux Sevres take a look at [www.tourisme-hautvaldesevre.fr](http://www.tourisme-hautvaldesevre.fr)

## Cancer Support Deux Sevres

Aims to improve the lives of people affected by Cancer in Deux Sevres  
CSDS direct number is 06 40 77 27 35  
or contact Cancer Support France on freephone number 0800 240 200  
or email Cancer Support France on [helpline@cancersupportfrance.org](mailto: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

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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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