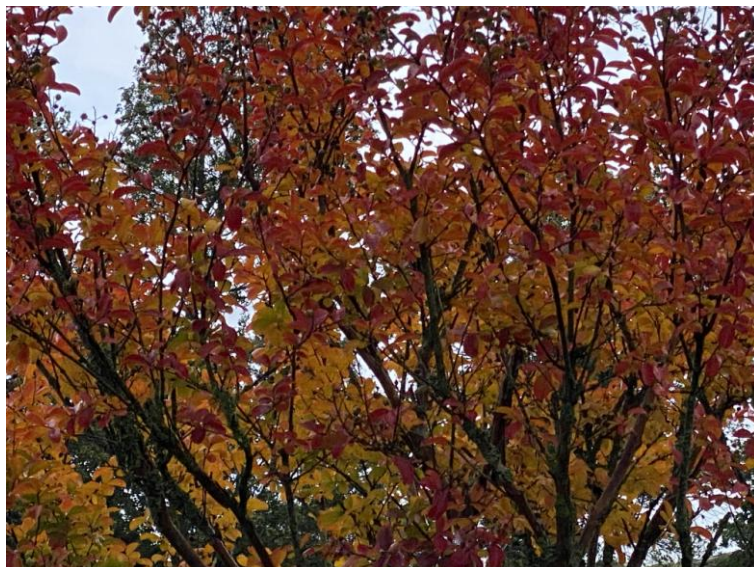


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Nov 2023 Newsletter

We would like to welcome Guerin and Justine Ballaster who are new members to GT. Have fun and hopefully you will join us at one of the forthcoming events.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wine and Lunch Club	Tues 7 th Nov	11.30 hrs	Lezay	Diane Mousdale
Ladies that Lunch	Tues 14 th Nov	13:00 hrs	Nanteuil	Julia Murray
History Talk	Wed 15 th Nov	15:00 hrs	St Gelais	Michele Hansford
Book Group	Tues 21 st Nov	11:00 hrs	Bressuire	Lesley Ritchie
Quiz	Wed 22 nd Nov	18:00 hrs	St Gelais	Lesley Ritchie
Walk	Fri 24 th Nov	10:30 hrs	Cherveux	Lesley Ritchie
Wine and lunch club	Tues 5 th Dec	11.30 hrs	Le Retail	Diane Mousdale
Christmas Walk and Lunch	Thurs 7 th Dec	13:00 hrs	Raffanes	Diane Mousdale

Next Committee meeting Thur 2nd Nov

Reports to NLE by 26th Nov

Newsletter 1st Dec (due to holidays)

Walk organisers needed for 2024

I am currently trying to organise the 2024 walks. Yvonne and Steve have kindly offered to lead the January walk but as yet have no other volunteers.

Please let me know if you are willing to step in. We can help you plan the walk or organise the restaurant if you've never done it before.

Please contact Lesley Ritchie if you would like to talk about it or sign up.

Lunch and Wine Club on the 7th Nov is full – infact there is a waiting list!!

Ladies That Lunch Tues 14th Nov. 13:00 hrs. Nanteuil. Julia Murray

Ladies that Lunch will be on Tuesday 14th November. It's very informal and a good chance to meet and chat.

Meet at 13h at Le p'etit Torque. Nanteuil, St Maixent.

Please book your place with Julia Murray by Sunday 12th Nov, menu choice decided on the day.

History Talk Wed 15th Nov 15:00 hrs St Gelais Michele Hansford

The Paris Commune 1871:

The Paris Commune was a french revolutionary government that seized power in Paris from 18th March to 28th May 1871. It was brutal in its actions, was brutally suppressed and has been cited as an inspiration in numerous events since then. In this talk we will look at what happened, when and why it is still of importance 150 years later.....

The talk will be held at The Cafe des Sports in St Gelais at 15:00 hrs.

You can eat at the restaurant beforehand, please indicate when booking your place if you wish to have lunch.

Please contact Michele Hansford 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.

Book Group Tues November 21st 11:30 hrs Bressuire Lesley Ritchie.

Moondrop to Gascony by Anne Marie Walters

On a cold, moonlit night in January 1944, Anne-Marie Walters, just 20 years old, parachuted into southwest France to work with the Resistance in preparation for the long-awaited Allied invasion. The daughter of a British father and a French mother, she was to act as a courier for George Starr, head of the WHEELWRIGHT circuit of SOE. Over the next seven months Anne-Marie criss-crossed the region, carrying messages, delivering explosives, arranging the escape of downed airmen and receiving parachute drops of arms and personnel at dead of night - living in constant fear of capture and torture by the Gestapo. Then, on the very eve of liberation, she was sent off on foot over the Pyrenees to Spain, carrying urgent despatches for London.

Address: 12 Allee Camille Claudel, Bressuire

This is followed by a convivial 'bring and share lunch'. Please email Sue Morley if interested in joining the group and to say what you intend to bring to the lunch.

Quiz Wed 22nd Nov 18:00 hrs St Gelais Eric Hansford

Yes it's November again and time to sign up for the GT quiz before your brain hibernates for the winter.

It will be held on 22nd November at Cafe des Sports in St Gelais. The meal is booked for 6pm so we can eat before we start the quiz with the usual meat/poultry, fish or vegetarian options. (around €15 including wine).

Michele and Eric Hansford will be asking the questions and we will be booking the meals so could you sign up asap and let us have your food choices.

As usual, it will be teams of 3 or 4, so if you need help getting a team together or need directions just let us know.

Hope you can come.

GT Walk Friday 24th November 10:30 hrs Cherveux Lesley Ritchie.

We will meet at 10.30 am in the car park next to the old protestant temple on the D8 St Maixent l' Ecole road in the village, next to the playing field opposite the school.

There will be a short and long walk. The short walkers can while away the time with a cup of tea in our house as it is just up the road.

As ever, please wear stout footwear and bring waterproofs and water.

The meal will be at 1.00pm in The Cafe des Sports in St Gelais, clearly signposted

from Cherveux on the road past the mairie .Non-walkers are welcome.

As usual, the options are poultry/meat, fish or vegetarian - €15 including wine.

Toilets are open in the village square.

Directions :

From St Maixent - follow the sign for Cherveux on the Leclerc roundabout and just keep going. The temple is on the left.

From the D743 main Parthenay - Niort road - turn left for Cherveux and stay on this road, crossing the mini roundabout in the village. The chateau stands back on your left, the temple is on your right.

Contact Lesley and Neil Ritchie

Lunch & Wine Group Tues 5th December 11.30am Le Retail
Diane & Keith Mousdale

The December meeting will be held at Yvonne & Steve's home in Le Retail. The wines will be those which would be a fine choice to accompany the Christmas Lunch/dinner. Food, a starter, cheeses, or a dessert can be typical for the festive period and perhaps a Christmas pudding can be found!?

A small charge is made to cover the cost of the wines, usually around €4

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 over subscription 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 Mousdale. 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?

Christmas Walk and Lunch Thurs 7th Dec 10:30/12:50 hrs St Lin & Reffannes Diane Mousdale

The walk will start at the football stadium in Saint Lin, where there is plenty of parking. It is a 7 kms walk, mainly along quiet chemins, there will be a shorter 4 kms walk. This is an interesting randodeuxsevres.fr walk.

You will discover on the walk, a pool called the 'German Pool', numerous viewpoints over St Lin, the Chateau de la Bouchetiere, a pond and the church of Saint Leon plus other interesting points.

Please wear walking boots.

This should give you a great appetite for lunch at **Le Dix-Vingt, 14 Rue de la Grande Auberge, 79420 in Reffannes**, a 10 minute drive from St Lin.

This is the Christmas walk AND lunch, and we would encourage non walkers to meet us at the restaurant at 12:50 hrs, the meal is booked for 13:00 hrs.

This is an all inclusive meal and vegetarians have their own menu! There will be the customary bottle of champagne to be won too – free entry.

So here are the two menus – €32 each including an apero, the meal, cheese, wine and coffee.

When booking we need you to make your choices from the two menus (you cannot mix menus) for starters, mains and dessert.

Fish and Meat choices

Girly au Cidre
Et son trio de toasts

Poire rôtie au crottin de chevre et son mée de pancetta
OU

Ill flottante au chorizo et crème anglaise a la carotte

Filet d'aiglefin sauce wakame

OU

La punta de lomo de cochon ibérique sauce béarnaise

Duo de fromages et son mesclun

Madeleine et sa compotée de pomme de gâtine

OU

Palet breton chocolat ananas

Café/The

Boissons comprises

(jusqu'au fromage)

Eau plate, vin blanc, rose et rouge en bouteille

Végétarien

Girly au cidre
Et trio de toasts

Houmous et ses crackers aux graines

OU

Tartare de legumes de saison et sa vinaigrette au calamansi

Boulettes de lentilles au sarrasin

OU

Steak de ble et soja grille a la plancha

Duo de fromages et son mesclun

Madeleine et sa compotée de pomme de gâtine

OU

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Please email Diane Mousdale to book your place for either – the walk and lunch or just the lunch, stating clearly your choices. We need final numbers in by the end of November.

Non GT

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

Cancer Support Deux Sevres

Aims to improve the lives of people affected by Cancer in Deux Sevres

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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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