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July Newsletter



Welcome to a shorter than usual newsletter. Due to some of the regular activities not taking place for the next couple of months there is not much to tell you but the committee are still working on plans for the autumn and of course we still have the big summer event to look forward to later this month.

Have a great summer and I hope that you are all managing to stay cool during this heatwave, roll on some rain!

Lunch & Wine Group Diane & Keith Mousdale

There isn't a Wine and Lunch group for the next 2 months but Keith has sent this note to tell us something about the group.

Lunch and Wine Group – a “birthday” for raising a glass.

The meetings of the group are on hold, as usual during the months of July and August and we hope to restart our events in September subject to the response of members.

The origins of this group of friends started as “The Pudding Club” but as members increased and so did the number of puddings to enjoy, the abundance of sweetness compelled us to change to a Lunch Club. As I had at that time been contemplating proposing a wine club to the Committee it was an ideal opportunity to introduce wines to this newly formed Lunch Club because as one for whom wine has always been of particular interest, it had been for some time my belief that food and wine went together and were inseparable to a meal. The result being the Lunch and Wine Group together with a more recent addition being Fine Wine Events.

Remembering those origins, I recently looked back through my files to find the first presentation of wines and it was of no surprise to note that Rosé Wines were presented for a Springtime lunch. However, it was the date of that meeting that was a shock - the first week of June 2015 So we have been “in business” for ten continuous years except during the Covid pandemic.

We look forward to continuing from September and hope for a good level of support, with a reminder that these meetings are for all GT members and not an exclusive ‘Club’

D & K M

I for one look forward to September and the return of the Wine and Lunch Group as it is an excellent event very well organised by Keith and Diane. I strongly encourage you all to try and take part in a very social afternoon - but not too many was I still want my place!

Thanks as always to Keith and Diane for their invaluable efforts.

GT Walk

No walk this month, also on summer break.

Our book of the month is *The Promise* by Damon Galgut

On a farm outside Pretoria, the Swarts are gathering for Ma's funeral. The younger generation, Anton and Amour, detest everything the family stand for – not least their treatment of the Black woman who has worked for them her whole life. Salome was to be given her own house, her own land....yet somehow, that vow is carefully ignored.

As each decade passes, and the family assemble again, one question hovers over them. Can you ever escape the repercussions of a broken promise?

As always we will be meeting at the Pause Café in L'Absie on the 2nd Wednesday in the month. New members are always welcome. Please bring along any recommendations of books to discuss or to be read purely for pleasure. Please contact Yvonne Pond to let her know if you plan to be there.

GT Event Reports

Nothing to report

Upcoming Events

Summer Event

The Summer Event will soon be upon us, with a little over 2 weeks to go and it is still not too late to book in. We are up to 35 people at the last count and so it should be a wonderful day for all. We look forward to seeing you all there. I am told that some members had problems opening the attachment with the details so hopefully this will help.

GT Summer Event. Sun 27th July. 12:30 hrs. Noirlieu, Bressuire.

Annette Green

A new member Helen, has kindly offered her house and garden for this summer's GT event. It is a little further north than usual, close to Noirlieu, however I'm sure you will agree that for the few extra kms it will be worth your while.

The events starts at 12:30 hrs prompt and the committee will be in attendance pouring your well earned apéro.

There is plenty of parking.



Les Jouteaux has extensive mature gardens, including a lake and a wet weather location if required - hopefully not!

We would encourage you to bring friends and family to this event, they are most welcome and it's great fun, especially with the games.

We will be holding our annual horse racing game, there will also be additional outdoor games eg, molky, pétanque and giant jenga.

Food will be a bring and share event, with GT providing aperos, wine, hot drinks, cheese and bread. You need to bring crockery, cutlery, mugs, glasses for wine, and water/soft drinks.

Well behaved dogs are welcome, however cats and dogs do live at Les Jouteaux. Dogs can of course be kept on a lead.

Please contact Annette to book your place for a fun day out and say which dish you will be bringing

That's it for this month, have a great summer and hope to see you all soon.

About @Association Violet:

Association Violet is dedicated to supporting children with lifelong disabilities and their families in the Deux Sèvres region of France. Through various fundraising events, they provide essential services, therapies, and equipment to those in need.

What3Words

This is an app for your smart phone which we find extremely helpful when seeking out rural venues.

Use the internet to read: <https://what3words.com/ways-to-use>.

It is to be recommended

For possible walks in the Deux Sèvres take a look at:

www.tourisme-hautvaldesevre.fr

Charities we support:

Cancer Support Deux Sèvres

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

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

Cancer Support France will forward your details if you need local support

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- this is a local charity run by Suzette Jeapes, an active GT member.

Association Violet HQ – Moulin Poussard, Saint Pardoux Soutier or find them on Facebook

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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