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## November 2024

Can you believe it is Halloween and Toussaint already. 2024 seems to have flown by. We have already started thinking about Christmas - hence the December walk combined with Christmas lunch at Le Dix-Vingt - details below.

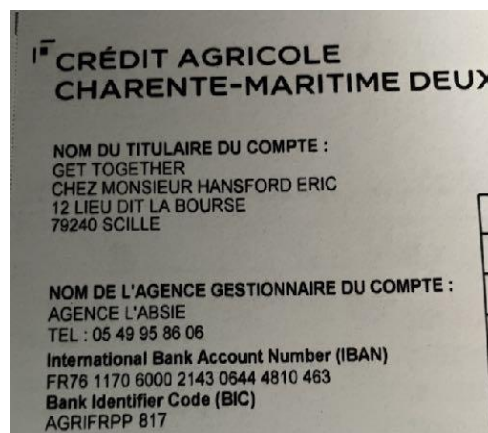
Inevitably this also means it is membership renewal time. You will be pleased to hear that the rates remain unchanged at €12 for a family, €7 for a single membership: a real bargain.

Please pay asap, but definitely before the end of the year.

You can set up a credit transfer to the GT account – See the photo below with the account details. It is really important to put your name as a reference. This is our preferred way to receive your renewal. It would be appreciated if you could also send an email to Diane to let her know you have renewed so she can keep track

Please also include your mobile phone number so we can contact you if necessary even when you are away from home.

You can pay with cash or cheque at any event and please give to any Committee Member though preferably the treasurer, in an envelope with your name clearly included. This is essential for accurate accounting.



## Calendar of Events

Quiz	Wed 5 November	15.00	Fomperon	Michele Hansford
Walk & Lunch	Fri 15 November	10.30	Cherveux	Lelsey & Neil Ritchie
Fine Wine Lunch	Thurs 21 November	11.30	Exireuil	Diane & Keith Mousdale
Christmas Walk & Lunch	Thurs 5 December	10.30	Exireuil & Refannes	Annette Green
AGM	Friday 28 February 2025	TBC	Le Tallud	

## Walks Co-ordinator

Lesley Ritchie

**URGENT** - Walk organisers needed for 2025

I am currently trying to organise the early 2025 walks.

**Organisers are needed for February.**

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 me if you would like to talk about it or sign up.



Quiz      Nov 6    3pm      Le Bistrot des Amis,  
Fomperron.

As promised this is an afternoon quiz as I know many of us prefer not to drive in the dark. As always, teams of 4 for a fun afternoon to get those little grey cells working.

Refreshments will be provided by the restaurant -tea/coffee and cakes and there is a charge of €7 to cover the cost. There will be prizes!

If you wish to have lunch at the restaurant before the quiz please contact them yourselves on 05 49 95 96 91. They are closed on Mondays and Tuesdays but open from 9.30-2.30 the rest of the week.

If you are planning on joining us, please contact Michele **before November 1.**

**Walk and lunch                      November 15th                      Cherveux/St Gelais**

(Please note that it has been brought forward as the Christmas walk/lunch is on 5th December.)

We will meet at 10.30am in the Temple car park, almost opposite the school on the D8 Cherveux to St Maixent road. There will be a long and a short walk.

Please wear appropriate footwear as the walks may be muddy in places.

The meal is booked for 12.30 at the Cafe des Sports in St. Gelais (€15.50 including wine, with a choice of meat/poultry, fish or vegetarian.). This is open to both walkers and non-walkers, as always.

Please contact Neil and Lesley Ritchie to reserve your place and give your food choices. Bookings before November 10 please.

**Lunch and Fine Wine                      Thurs 21 Nov 11.30am                      Exireuil                      Diane & Keith**

There will not be our usual Lunch and Wine Group in November but this Fine Wine Lunch as a once off replacement which will be hosted by Annette & Leslie at their home near Exireuil. The theme of the meeting will be 4 of the more expensive wines from different areas of France. The cost of the wines will be €10 per person with a dish, supplied as for the usual Lunch group, but one chosen from a list supplied by Diane as it will be specifically recommended to match the wines being tasted

A maximum of 12 bookings on a first come basis, due to how many reasonable tastings can be had from these bottles of wine, but in the event of over subscription anyone who cannot be accommodated will be offered first refusal for the following usual type of meeting, which will be held at Diane & Keith's home on 4<sup>th</sup> February as there will be the Christmas Lunch and walk at the beginning of December as advertised in the newsletter

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 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

## Christmas walk and lunch Thurs 5th Dec 2024 Exireuil and Reffannes

**Note to all - this event is on a Thursday.**

Two walks will be available on the 5th, a 30 mins and a 1:30 hrs walk. Please arrive at La Gaconniere, Exireuil, 79400 for a 10:30 start

The short walk is very easy with a mix of country lanes and a very small stretch of road ( but there is very little traffic). The longer walk has the same mix of terrain, with the added feature of a couple of up and down sections.

Wear walking boots as the weather is unpredictable!

Coffee and teas will be available to the short walkers at chez Annette, plus a warming fire (if necessary ☺☐) to wait for the other walkers return or you can go directly to Le Dix Vingt in Raffannes, they are open from 9:00 hrs.

The restaurant is approximately 15 mins away from the walk location, lunch is booked for 13:00 hrs, the walk should finish by 12:30 at the latest.

The restaurant is the same as last year, the popular Le Dix-Vingt, 14 Avenue de la Grande auberge, Reffannes, 79420. It offers superb value with its all inclusive menu. The two menus are listed below, Le Gourmand and Le Végétarien both are €32 and includes, tea, coffee, still water, plus bottles of red, rose and white wine. As it's Christmas it would be great to see as many Christmas jumpers or hats on display ☐☐ plus we will be giving away two bottles of champagne in our free raffle.

Please contact Annette directly with your meal choices and if you are walking which walk you intend to do by December 1 at the latest, but preferably asap!

In case you are wondering:

- fourme d'Ambert is a blue cheese
- lieu is pollack
- rouget is red mullet
- secreto de porc is a tender cut of pork
- calamansi is a philippine lime

### **Menu gourmand €32**

Cocktail Manhattan et son trio de toasts

Craquant à la fourme d'Ambert et ses chips de magret fumé

Ou Sphère de lieu curry, coco, coriandre

Filet de rouget mariné à la mandarine et au yuzu

Ou Secreto de porc sauce sriracha

Duo de fromages et son mesclun

Cookie caramel beurre salé aux noix de pécan

Ou Tarte mangue et sa boule de glace citron vert

Café, thé, boissons comprises (vin jusqu'au fromage)

eau plate, vin blanc, rosé et rouge en bouteille

### **Menu Vegetarien €32**

Cocktail Manhattan et son trio de toasts

Houmous et ses crackers au graines

Ou Tartare de légumes de saison et sa vinaigrette au calamansi

Risotto et ses légumes croquants

Ou Boulettes de lentilles

Duo de fromages et son mesclun

Cookie caramel beurre salé aux noix de pécan

Ou Tarte mangue et sa boule de glace citron vert

Café, thé, boissons comprises (vin jusqu'au fromage)

eau plate, vin blanc, rosé et rouge en bouteille

**GT AGM**

**28 Feb 2025**

**Le Tallud**

We have booked a large room at the Maison d'Associations in Le Tallud. It is easy to find, has plenty of parking and is a central location for all our members. Full details will follow closer to the time but I can tell you that we will hold the meeting in the morning,

followed by a bring and share lunch. We have enough volunteers to be sure that a new committee will be elected, so you can attend secure in the knowledge that no arms will be twisted!

Please make a note in your diary.

**Non-GT Association Violet Terves Christmas Market**

**December 1**

Animation & Restauration Sur Place

Entertainment & Catering On-Site

# Terves Christmas Market

Dimanche 1er Décembre 10h à 17h

Salle des Fêtes de Terves, 79300

- Stands d'Artisanat et Producteurs Locaux
- Vêtements, bijoux & plus
- Musique en Direct
- Stand de Nourriture Anglais et plus encore...
- Craft Stands & Local Producers
- Clothes, Jewellery & more
- Live Music
- English Food Stall and more...

Partagez la magie de Noël avec un cadeau de gentillesse: Apportez des cadeaux étiquetés (âge et sexe) et nous les livrerons au Resto du Cœur.  
Share the magic of Christmas with a gift of kindness: Bring along a labeled gifts (age & gender), and we'll deliver them to Resto du Cœur.

Sandwichs au Bacon, Sandwichs à la Saucisse, Gâteaux Faits Maison, Tartelette de Noël, Vin Chaud et Cidre Chaud

Bacon Sandwiches, Sausage Sandwiches, Homemade Cakes, Cornish Pasties, Mince Pies, Mulled Wine & Mulled Cider,

**Meet Santa**  
**Rencontrer le Père Noël**  
13:00 - 16:00 hr

Fish'n'Chips Food Truck

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Aider L' **Association Violet**  
Soutenir les enfants handicapés à vie.

**@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](http://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](mailto:helpline@cancersupportfrance.org)

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

Association Violet

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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](http://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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