

Friends of Chaville Newsletter Winter 2008/9

Welcome to the winter update of the FoC

Firstly, I can report on the Autumn visit of the Chavillois. On the afternoon of their arrival, we went off to the Tate Modern to spend some time reflecting on the Rothko paintings- the 'must see' cultural event of the season, which the French particularly wished to see. That was followed by a proper English cream tea before we headed back up to Barnet.



On Saturday, in spite of a great deal of inclement weather, the intrepid tennis players of Chaville and Barnet braved very windy conditions to complete a great afternoon of tennis, followed by tea and cakes. The serious rain kindly held off till we had retired to the clubhouse for tea. We thank the Ravenscroft Tennis Club and Steve, the coach, for facilitating and hosting the event.



The evening saw some FoC members and Marie-Alice at a quiz run by Chelle and Jim, while others dined out in the area. On Sunday, the pouring rain dampened nobody's spirits as the Eatons whisked a group off to Windsor and then everyone reassembled at the Telfers for a buffet supper. Many thanks to all who contributed food, drink and very convivial company.

A bus trip through North London took the group back to St Pancras station on Monday morning, where the delights of the redevelopment were seen. So ended another very successful exchange visit. Thank you to all those who hosted and participated.



News from Chaville

We regularly keep in touch with members of the AIJC and it was with regret that we learnt that Francoise Hirtz has resigned as President of their town twinnings. She found she can no longer juggle all her work, family and town twinning commitments. We are so grateful for her enthusiastic support of all our joint events and for her warm hospitality. However, we are confident that her replacement will continue to do us proud. We still look forward to seeing Francoise and Jean here in Barnet.

Dates for your Diary

February 28th

Quiz supper at Quench Cafe. Please complete the attached form and return it, with your cheque, to Penny. We look forward to seeing a good crowd at this event. **See the attached flyer**

March 23rd 2009

Jewellery Evening. This should give you a really fascinating opportunity to learn about jewellery, and have some of your pieces valued too. The talk will be entitled 'Are Diamonds really a Girl's Best Friend?' At June Burton's, 102 Wise Lane, Mill Hill, NW7 2RD 7.30pm. Call Chelle on 0208 959 4505 by Saturday 14th March to let us know if you are coming, for catering purposes. Friends are welcome but space is limited, so please call or email (jimchelle2@yahoo.co.uk) to book your place. There will be a small charge £5.00 for the evening.

April 13th -19th.

Norfolk - Walking & Bird Watching

In tandem with our programme, Jenny Eaton & Irene Nichols are arranging a low cost walking and bird watching week exploring the North Norfolk coast with some of the friends from Chaville, staying at Sheringham Youth Hostel providing dormitory- type accommodation with breakfast.

Cost approx £ 20 per night .B&B. (Cheaper for YHA members)

Please contact Jenny Eaton for more information on 020 8441 5696. or email broadoak@msn.com

May/June 2009

Joint planning meeting, in Barnet. Nearer the time, we shall be planning the weekend's activities, and asking for people who would like to host. **This visit will include the proposed Civic Visit and tree planting by M. le Maire de Chaville, Jean-Jacques Guillet.**

Sat June 6th

Musical Evening – This promises to be a really wonderful and varied evening of live performances as some of our participating members are professional or semi-professional musicians. Light refreshments will be served during the interval

At the Telfers (51 Garthland Drive, Arkley, Barnet) 7.30pm. No charge but donations would be appreciated.

June 12th-14th

Visit to Harrogate in Yorkshire. This will be a joint trip with Mill Hill Garden and Allotment Society who are reserving some spaces for us. We shall visit several gardens, including Harlow Carr RHS Garden, and National Trust properties and, of course, see some of our lovely Yorkshire countryside. We shall be staying in the comfortable Crown Hotel in Harrogate with bed, breakfast and evening meal included for two nights. There are no supplements for single rooms if booked well in advance. Cost £195 (or £185 if a member of the National Trust.

Don't miss the chance to have tea at Betty's!

Please contact Chelle or Penny asap for more information.

Other events are in the pipeline – we shall let you know as they are finalised

[Web Page for FoC Society](#)

This has now been set up within the LB Barnet's web site. You can read our latest newsletters there, and find other information such as future events.

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IF YOU WANT FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT ANYTHING IN THIS NEWSLETTER, OR HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, PLEASE CALL ONE OF US

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If any of you are receiving this in the post, but have an email address, please let Penny know it.

The Friends of Chaville

(Barnet's Twin Town near Paris)



QUIZ SUPPER 2009



at

Quench Café

(Mill Hill East Church)

Salcombe Gardens

MILL HILL EAST

Saturday, 28th February 2009

7pm for 7.30pm prompt start.

Tables of 6 to 8 people

(Bring your friends or come on your own)

£12-50 per person

to include Hot Supper & Fruit Platter

Vegetarian alternative available subject to prior notification

For more information call Penny on 020 8440 9096

Please bring your own drinks and glasses

Places are limited so book early

(Please book by 20th February)

There will also be a raffle

Please reserve me a table for _____ people
or please reserve me seats for _____ people

Name _____

Telephone _____

Number of vegetarian meals required _____

Cheque for £ _____ enclosed

Please make your cheque payable to 'Friends of Chaville' and send it to

Penny Telfer

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