

Friends of Chaville Newsletter Spring 2009

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter which I hope will tempt you to join in some of our planned activities.

Firstly, however, a round up of some of our recent ventures

Pétanque

In preparation for the visit from Chaville and renewal of our annual competition for la Coupe Sportive, we had a practice game of pétanque on the redgra pitch at Copthall, ideal terrain for the game. A few daisies lent an element of unexpectedness to the encounter. The Joint Secretary's triple (Chelle, Keith and Nigel) just, but only just, overcame the Chairman's triple (John, Jim and Fred) by 13-12, 5-14, 9-3, the third end being time restricted as Keith had a LAWN bowls game to get to after lunch. Everyone improved as the game went on, and the feeling was that the Chavillois would find us ready to contest their defence of the Coupe. And we enjoyed it.

The Walking Week in Norfolk

Jenny, Dave, Wilf and Irene were joined by Josiane, Michel and Manu from Chaville for a visit to the North Norfolk coast – an area especially familiar to Jenny and Dave who seemed to know every nook and cranny.

We all stayed in the very friendly youth hostel in Sheringham, which provided copious breakfasts and very good self-catering facilities, though of course fish and chips and a couple of pub meals (J and D knew the best!) were included in the programme.

We enjoyed many lovely walks along various parts of the coast, most notably the bird reserve in the sea marshes at Blakeney where we saw a huge variety of birds including such delights as avocet, grebe and lapwing.

There were also walks inland through some of the pretty villages and a particularly interesting nature trail in Holkham Park. A day in Norwich, a boat ride out to sea to see seals and a self-drive boat on the Broads added to the very enjoyable mix.



Jewellery Evening

In March we held a most enjoyable and informative evening where we were regaled with facts about diamonds and other jewellery. The evening was hosted by June and was well supported by FoC members and friends. The evening was rounded off by a chance to have some of our own jewellery valued. Our thanks to David Vroobel for his talk, and June, Phyllis and other committee members for their help in organising the evening and providing the refreshments.

And now on to **Future Events**

We have two main events happening in June

Musical Evening

This will take place on June 6th, at 8pm, at Penny and Ray Telfer's, in Arkley. Please see the attached flyer and programme. We expect quite a high turn out for this live event and space is limited, so if you would like to come, please let Penny know as soon as possible.

Civic Visit

2009 sees the 50th Anniversary of our Town Twinning with Chaville and we are delighted that Barnet will be hosting an official visit of a delegation from Chaville from June 23rd to June 27th to commemorate this event.

During the official programme on Wednesday 24th June, there will be

- a visit to East Barnet School in the morning,
- the Robing Ceremony at 11.30am, at Barnet House*
- a tree-planting in Friary Park, at 2pm, (meet at the café at 1.50)*
- a tour at the RAF museum *

***FoC members are very welcome to attend these events**

We, the FoC, will be arranging other visits and activities, including, hopefully a visit to Kew on Friday 26th. Group entry rates will apply if there are sufficient numbers (coach transport) if interested, please call Chelle on 0208 959 4504

On the Tuesday evening, we are suggesting supper at the gate pub in Arkley, or the Klezmer music evening at Quench café.

On Thursday the civic party will be taken around Barnet to see new developments, but our other guests (Marie Alice, Josiane, and possibly others) will have a free choice of activity.

**And finally, our Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 9 June at 7 pm chez Penny and Ray Telfer.**

Please call Chelle (020 8959 4504) or Penny (020 8440 9096) for more details