

Friends of Chaville Newsletter

Summer 2019

Well, we have certainly dived into summer in a big way! The last time I wrote to you all, I talked about our wonderful Quiz in the depths of winter, and then asked if anyone else wanted to join us in March at Bentley Priory, followed by lunch at The Hare. That was a really good day, with about 20 of us being treated to a wonderful guided tour of the priory, the RAF headquarters during WW2, followed by a really good lunch.



Future activities

Saturday July 20th – 'Bring a dish' - Lunchtime social chez Lorely and Harry,

25, Ventnor Drive, Totteridge. Come along from 12.30 and catch up with old friends or maybe meet some new ones. Please let Lorely know if you are planning to come (tel 07944 795 781 or email - lorelyatkinson@googlemail.com)

Petanque – after the enthusiasm generated by our recent visit to Chaville, some more sessions are planned at Potters Bar Petanque Club – the next ones will be

- at Oakmere Park, Potters Bar. Sunday 4 August from 10am Potters Bar Petanque Players have an Open Day including lunch at the club
- The three-way match between PBPP, Saracens and Friends of Chaville is on a date to be arranged., probably at Saracens' new piste at Cophthall. Please phone Keith 020 8445 7850 for up-to-date information.

**And another quiz for your diary – the Barnet Borough Arts quiz
Also at Trinity Church Hall, on Saturday, September 14th**

Visit to Chaville, June 20th-24th 2019

Our twinning visit this year was combined with an invitation from Chaville petanque players to Potters Bar Petanque club. As always, we had a varied and interesting programme to suit all tastes, from starting at the Café Polyglotte and chatting to people from many different countries, in a range of languages, to visiting a museum featuring art and furniture of the 30s – Musée des Années 30 in Boulogne Billancourt.



We strolled through the Roseraie in all its June splendour in the Parc de Bagatelle.



While the petanque players fitted in an extra match, others took part in a Rally (discovery walk around Chaville, where Barnet's links with Chaville are there for all to see)



and everyone joined in an extremely lively and well attended communal supper and ball in the evening - Chaville's own 'fete'. Many are those amongst us who tripped the light fantastic (with perhaps more enthusiasm than skill in some cases!)



We also fitted in a visit to a luxury chocolate and macaron factory, where we were happy to accept samples



and some even had the energy to have a tour of the Marais in central Paris, going through the Place de Vosges, seeing hidden cloisters, a new UNIQLO shop in an old smelting factory, and streets decorated with multi-coloured umbrellas in preparation for the upcoming LGBT parade. And all nourished by lunch in the very trendy Chez Marianne and refreshed by Berthillon ice-creams.



Yet others spent a few hours in the gardens of Versailles.

The hospitality was wonderful – and food seems to have played a large part in what we did, when I look through all the photos!

As for the Petanque, we all seemed to come out as winners! Our own Coupe Sportive salver has returned to Barnet, although the new Challenge Cup went to the Chavillois players, who scraped a win by counting up the points, after the result was initially declared a tie. Obviously, a return match is keenly sought.



These photos show just a small sample of what we did, and cannot express the warmth of our welcome, nor the care shown to us as we struggled through dense crowds at stations, or faced challenging journeys due to unforeseen events. Fabienne and her team can be truly proud of themselves, and we thank them HUGELY!

Remember that you can find information about us and review any past newsletters by going to [The Friends of Chaville - Home - friendsofchaville.weebly.com](http://friendsofchaville.weebly.com)

Please note: Attendance at any function, meeting, or event of this society is entirely at your own risk.
No claim or responsibility for injury, damage, or loss of goods will be accepted by the society.

For those who might be looking for some French conversation closer to home, you might be interested in.....

Barnet Anglo-French Club

- Our varied programme includes contributions from members on the music, art, history, geography and cuisine of France, along with wine-tastings, conversation, outings, quizzes, parties, picnics and visits from guest speakers.
- Meetings at 8.00 p.m. every second Tuesday in Ewen Hall, United Reform Church, Wood Street, High Barnet.
- Visitors £3.50 per visit. Members £1.00 per visit. Annual subscription £25.00.
- For more information, please phone one of the numbers below:

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Programme de septembre à décembre 2019

septembre	10	Actualités Mondiales
octobre	1	Jeux de Société
	15	Assemblée Générale suivie de Cuisine
	29	Souvenirs de Vacances
novembre	12	Le Monde Artistique
	26	Film – à annoncer
décembre	10	Soirée Musical
	14	Soirée de Noël

Le club reprend ses activités le 7 janvier 2020