



L'Amitié

Newsletter of the Norfolk & Norwich Rouen Friendship Association

February 2020

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2020!

The year has got off well with our first event, the Epiphany Tea Party, held in Thorpe Marriot Village Hall. It was an enjoyable occasion and an opportunity to sample the Galette du Roi and also the other buffet food supplied by members, my thanks go to them, lots of good conversation and a catch up with members who attended. Thanks go to Isabelle Savage for suggesting the event and organising it so well. There are other events planned for this year and a programme will be shown in the newsletter.

My thanks go to the Committee members who have done so much and have supported me over the past year.

I look forward to giving you information regarding any planned visits this year from our friends in Rouen.

Amitiés

Chris Rowe, Chairman

AGM, Wednesday 11 March, 7.30 pm

A chance to meet new and existing members is at the AGM on Wednesday 11 March in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 7.30 pm. Drinks and snacks available from 6.45. Access is from the Bethel Street entrance and the Council Chamber is on the first floor. Parking is at the Forum. We look forward to seeing you!

If you wish to nominate yourself for the committee, please let Ann Rowe know by 20 February: ann18rowe@yahoo.co.uk

Pétanque evening, Thursday 11 June

This late afternoon event, starting 5.30 pm, is in Eaton Park. The pétanque terrain is by the tennis courts (behind the lily pond). Bring a picnic. The café will be open late. Some boules will be supplied but if you have any, please bring them. There are two table tennis tables nearby.

Parking in Eaton Park is often difficult. The two car parks are either end of the park, entrances on South Park Avenue, or you can park on permit-free roads like de Hague or George Borrow Road and walk. Bus 25 to Pettus Road, or 26 to Colman Road Shops and walk.

Garden party, Saturday 11 July

This is at the kind invitation of Beryl Blower, 26 Morello Close, off Bluebell Road. The date is nearest to France's national day, 14 July, so a French theme is encouraged. We all take a dish but more about that later.

Trip to Battle

In the last newsletter we asked if members were interested in a coach trip for two nights to Battle to meet people from the

Souvenir Normand society, see the 1066 battlefield and Battle Abbey, probably with a guide), and St Mary's Church (built by William with stone from Fecamp) which has the lovely Battle Tapestry. There would be time to visit one or more other places, as yet to be decided on. A sub-group is working on the costs etc, but the dates are likely to be Monday 20 – Wednesday 22 April and there will be a maximum of 16 places. Accommodation will be in a hotel. If you are interested, please let Chris Rowe know: 01508 494409, chrisrowe@btinternet.com

Find out what's on!

If you haven't looked at the website, it is nnrfa.co.uk and NNRFA and other local twinning or French events are posted on the 'news and events' page. There is now a members' page which is being finalised this week. When the page is ready, you will be able to post ideas and comments. The password to this members' only page is Flaubert1821.

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