



Friends of Triel

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Newsletter of the Leatherhead & District Twinning Association

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Bonne Année

2014 is the year we mark the 10th Anniversary of the official twinning with Triel-sur-Seine. I hope our first newsletter this year shows that our twinning is alive and healthy. Thank you for all the photos you sent me - I hope I have chosen the ones that bring back memories of our visit in 2013. Many thanks to Pauline and Ian Scott who have compiled the quiz for this issue.

Where would you find a wolf in Triel?



Answer: This fearsome belongs to the "L'Association Sportive des Sapeurs-Pompiers de Chanteloup-les-Vignes". The Fire Service for Triel is based in this nearby town and the pompiers (firemen) set up this Sports Club in 2012. About 10 cyclists from the club are planning to cycle the 450kms from Triel to Leatherhead reaching our town late afternoon Friday 4th April. They are making the journey with the "Trophy Boscariol" which they will present to our Fire Station on behalf of the Marie of their community. This trophy is named after a former colleague Corporal Benoit Boscariol who died in the summer of 2012.

Spring Social Sunday March 16th

Please put this date in your diary. We are planning a walk on Headley Heath followed by lunch at "The Water Mill" just outside Dorking. Details will be sent to you nearer the time. You can come for the whole event or go straight to the pub where you can save a table for the walkers!

The 10th Anniversary Visit Thursday 8th May to Sunday 11th May

We are working hard to plan a visit that is worthy of this special occasion. If you can offer hospitality that would be really appreciated. Our programme is as follows:

Thursday evening: Arrival of French visitors and meal with hosts.

Friday: Visit to – Windsor Castle and river trip. In the evening there will be shared supper at a number of hosts' homes.

Saturday: Civic reception at Mansion House. Hedley Kay will provide his own inimical mix of folk music during and after the formal proceedings. In the afternoon you are free to spend the afternoon with your visitors, although we will provide a list of options if anyone wants some inspiration. In the evening we are returning to the Tyrell's Wood Golf Club for our dinner dance. Music will be provided by Atlantis, the group that played for us in 2010. This is a popular venue, so do not miss the opportunity to enjoy the views, the food, the music and above all the fun of an evening together.

Sunday morning: The coach leaves for Triel from the Leatherhead Leisure Centre.

AGM November 2013

Twenty five members turned out for the AGM. Paula Hancock our Chairman gave us a succinct account of our activities in the previous twelve month and David Crutchley our Treasurer assured us that our finances are in a healthy state. Christine Hearne joined the committee for the first time and as a German speaker will be our link with Seligenstadt, the German town which is twinned with Triel. Other members re-elected were Navin Metha (secretary), Jo Hancock (membership secretary), Elaine Crutchley (newsletter editor) and Julia Baker (hosting secretary). Bridget Lewis-Carr is our council representative. After the business we enjoyed some delicious cheese and wine and lots of lively conversation.

Finally can I give you a gentle nudge for your subscription if you were not at the AGM. We will need as many people as possible rejoining as it is likely that we will have a large French contingent for this 10th Anniversary visit.

Memories of 2013

Mantes-sur-Seine has a beautiful cathedral soaring above the town – the town where William the Conqueror met his nemesis.



Then after a picnic at Roche-le-Guyon on the banks of the river we walked into a horticultural dream at Giverny.



No water lilies in flower but the water garden was deliciously cool. That little Japanese bridge was a favourite photo stop.



The civic reception is the formal part of the visit but there was a friendly fun atmosphere. Here are some pictures of that morning.



An international pétanque competition on Saturday afternoon ...

There was a winning team



And then the grand finale - a dinner dance with reception on the banks of the Seine.



Connie and Christine at the Coq d'Or with the river in the background.

Fireworks outside and as a climax to a delicious meal!



And now for a brain teaser

1. On which island was the 'Man in the Iron Mask' imprisoned in the 17th century in the book of the same title?
2. What is the name of the church in Triel-sur-Seine, overlooking the River Seine and built around 1240?
3. What female figure, holding a place in town halls and law courts is the National Emblem of France?
4. The sit-com 'Allo Allo' was devised as a parody of which BBC wartime drama series?
5. Charlotte Corday assassinated which leader of the French Revolution while he was having a bath?
6. What is the name of the basilica situated atop Montmartre in Paris?
7. Which French actress won the Golden Globe Award for best actress for portraying a French singer in a 2007 film?
8. Who was born in Lille in 1890 and founded the French Fifth Republic in 1958?
9. What French song was written by Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle in 1792?
10. Which French army officer was wrongly convicted of selling military secrets to the Germans in a notorious scandal of the 1890s?

Please send your answers to Pauline Scott at paulinescott53@yahoo.co.uk

Winners of this quiz will be invited to compose the quiz for our next newsletter.

To help you with your answer to question 2 here is a dramatic picture of the church in Triel taken by Gerald Bradley.



Answers to summer quiz which was won by Pauline and Ian Scott.

1. L'Académie Française
2. Giscard d'Estaing
3. Belgium
4. Asterix stories
5. Camille Pissarro
6. Yanick Noah
7. To live life to the full
8. Michelin Man
9. Paris (City of the Football Championship Winners)
10. Napoleon the Third

Summer Social

At the tail end of our glorious summer we gathered in Paula's garden for our summer social. It was a great afternoon chatting together, reviving our pétanque skills, and sharing the delicious food contributions. In the editor's opinion Kathy's sunglasses were a high fashion statement.



Julia Baker organised a quiz which was quite a challenge. Thank you. Rosemary Bradley had the highest score – she had been practising on a recent cruise!



The pétanque terrain was a tad greener than the one in Triel!

Finally a picture which brings it all back – the reception on the banks of the Seine



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Don't forget to pay your subscriptions £5.00 per person. And if you have not already indicated please email Paula on paula303@2000net.com to let her know if you can offer hospitality

Joining the Friends of Triel



There is great enthusiasm in Triel to link up with local organisations over here - representatives from French churches, choral societies, football clubs, schools and a host of other organisations in Triel are keen to foster links with similar organisations in the Leatherhead area. The twinning committee would be delighted to hear from any local groups who would like to join the 'Friends of Triel'.

On a more personal level, the welcome and hospitality encountered by the various groups who have visited Triel over the years is always warm and generous. The committee are keen to expand the membership of the 'Friends of Triel' and would welcome any individuals or families who would like to join as new members. If you are interested in joining or finding out more, please contact Paula Hancock on 07767 833427 or by email paula303@2000net.com

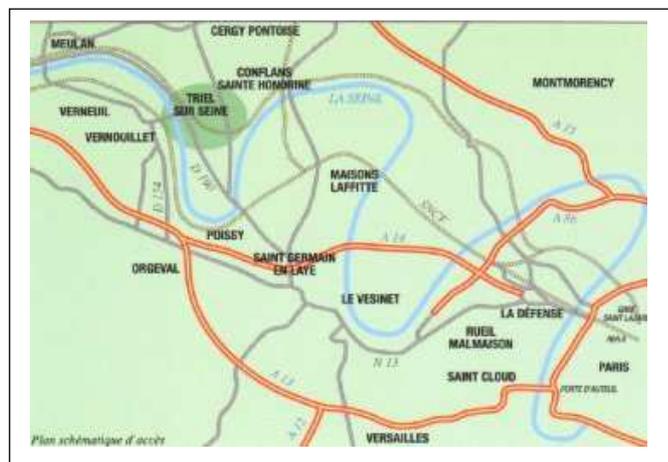
About Triel

Triel-sur-Seine is a small town of 11000 inhabitants situated approximately 30 kilometres north-west of Paris on the banks of the River Seine.



Located on an old trade route which ran from the coastal towns of the north-west to Poissy and Paris, Triel was proclaimed a free town in 1221. The ancient church of St Martin in Triel, which dates back to 1240, is renowned for its impressive stained glass windows. Triel also has a small theatre in a recently-restored 18th century building.

The wooded hills behind the town are known as the Bois de L'Hautil and are a popular place for walking. On the crest of these hills is the Château de la Tour which was built in 1890 and now houses the Triel Observatory. Opened in 1991 and known as the "Parc aux Etoiles", the observatory affords an unparalleled view of the universe and is a stargazer's paradise!



The people of Triel-sur-Seine are known as "les Triellois" and are not only proud of their town, but also extremely hospitable. We hope that you will take advantage of their hospitality and discover Triel for yourself.

For more information see the web-site <http://www.mairie-triel78.fr/> where you can also download a copy of a membership application form. We always look forward to welcoming new members.