



Friends of Triel

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Ashted Village Day

This was a very enjoyable event for the Friends of Triel! The aim in taking a stall at Village Day was to raise awareness amongst the local community about the Triel twinning so, although we ran a competition to 'Find the Treasure' (it was buried in the streets of Triel of course!) and offered prizes of champagne and chocolates, we did not charge for entry to the competition or for any refreshments.

The day dawned hot and sunny (remember those halcyon days of summer!) and the committee set up an impressive gazebo and decked it out with French flags and a huge sign to advertise the twinning. Armed with several gallons of wine and vast packs of ice (thanks Winnie – we were the most popular stall at the event!), we set about accosting the locals with invitations to find the buried treasure.

Lured into the cool interior of our huge gazebo, a steady stream of people joined us during the afternoon in search of shade / wine / iced water / nibbles / buried treasure, and this gave us the opportunity to tell them about the twinning. We gave out fliers and other information about Triel and, by the end of the day, had collected a few new members and successfully spread the word about the twinning.

The committee feel it is important to spread the word about the twinning by participating in events such as these and we are now planning ...

...a Friends of Triel Quiz Night!

This brain-teasing social will be on Saturday 24 March 2007 at 7.30pm – venue to be confirmed. There will

be a French flavour to the evening in terms of questions, but the food will be British through and through, as a fish and chip supper will be provided.

Tickets will be on sale early next year and we hope that members will make up tables of 6 - 8 with their friends and neighbours. Again, our aim is to have a lot of fun, expand our membership and raise the profile of the twinning locally, so we need everyone to bring along some friends so they can spread the word. No hard sell, just awareness raising, so have a think about your team and put the date in that new diary NOW!

Friends of Triel AGM

You are all cordially invited to the Friends AGM / Cheese and Wine which will be held on Tuesday 9 January 2007 at 7.30pm in the Reeves room at Leatherhead Parish Church.

The agenda will be

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of last AGM
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Election of Officers
(all current committee members are standing)
7. Any other business – Quiz Night & May visit to Triel

The committee hope as many members and friends as possible will join us for cheese and wine (all French of course!) after the meeting.

STOP PRESS!!! Triel Trip - May 25 – 28 2007

Another date for your diary!!

The Amite Europeene (the twinning group in Triel) have invited us to join our friends in Triel from Fri 25 - Mon 28 May. This is a Bank Holiday weekend in the UK (Mon 28 May

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 Sue Brader on 01372 275862 or email friends_of_triel@hotmail.com

About Triel

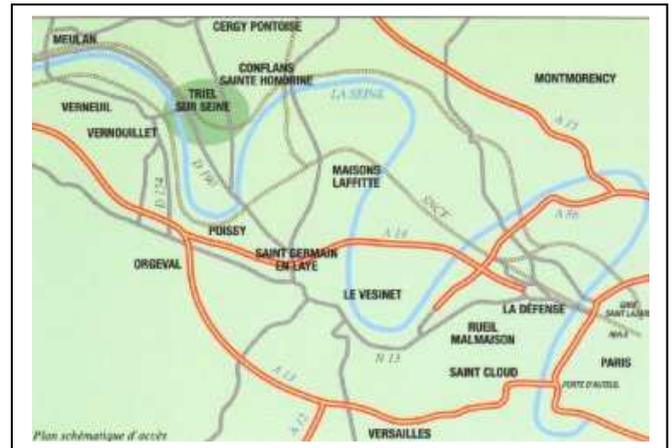
Triel-sur-Seine is a small town of 11000 inhabitants situated approximately 30 kilometres north-west of Paris on the banks of the River Seine.



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 Chateau 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/> ■