

Friends of Chaville Newsletter

May 2012

Visit of Chavillois to Barnet, April 2012

As most of you are aware we recently welcomed the Chavillois again for their spring visit to Barnet. The 10 French led by Marie-Alice made up a delightful group. It was good to meet up with Marie Jo & Annie Sachet again and to meet several new faces, including two young members of the group.

Our thanks go to the F.O.C. committee in general and to Irene Nichols and Lorely for organising the trips for the French party-in particular London walks, the trips to Waddesdon and the Olympic Park. Thanks to Penny and Keith for the meal arrangements. It was gratifying to see new hosts and long-standing members able to enjoy the activities together with new members of the FoC.

We were plagued with rainy weather which meant several visitors opted for the Turner art exhibition instead of the walk in London on the day they arrived. However, there were brief breaks in the downpour!



Trafalgar Square in some rare sunshine



Greenwich, by the Cutty Sark

The **Olympic Stadium** was also viewed under the protection of umbrellas.



Anish Kapoor structure



Stadium



Olympic torch

Waddesdon Manor, the magnificent Rothschild house near Aylesbury, provided shelter as we viewed the treasures inside. However, intrepid picnic fanatics as we were, the best we could do was take advantage of the canopy outside the restaurant and watch the incessant rain just beyond us,





The heavy rain meant that unfortunately the proposed petanque match had to be cancelled; the conditions were just too bad. However several members and all hosts and guests were able to enjoy a farewell meal together at Piazza Metro.



Real 'entente cordiale' with John and Marie-Alice!

Future Activities

Petanque

Our next session for this year will be on Sunday 27th May, 10am for 10.30 start at Copthall. Please contact Chelle so that we can make the arrangements. There will be a charge of £3.

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.

Membership

Thank you to everyone who has paid their membership, which was due by 31st March. We would still welcome the renewals from anyone who has forgotten to do so as yet!

New members

We are pleased to welcome Heidi Scholtz as a new member.

AGM

The AGM will be held on **Wednesday 13th June, 5pm, at Keith Martin's (note change of venue). 148 Friern Park. N12 9LU**

After some 10 years as our Chairman, John Hart has decided to step down, although he is happy to stay on the committee. Irene Nichols is willing to stand but we will need to hold an election. If you would like to stand or propose someone as Chairman, or join the committee, please let me know.

Please remember that we appreciate your comments and suggestions about the activities we arrange.

Please see the attached flyer for John Hart's book Mammoth Boy