

# Friends of Chaville Newsletter

## Spring, Summer 2017

Having just returned from our visit to Chaville, there's lots of news to share. Those of us who were fortunate enough to be part of the group, had a really interesting few days, exploring parts of Paris new to us all. And, of course, we shared many very convivial moments over various meals, spending time with old friends and making new ones. It seemed only fair that our hosts, who fielded a really strong petanque team, narrowly beat us at the Sunday match. New rules were learnt by many of us! So a huge thank you to our friends in Chaville for making us so welcome and for putting together such a varied programme. Here are a few pictures as a reminder for those of us who went on the visit, and to whet the appetite for those of you who didn't!

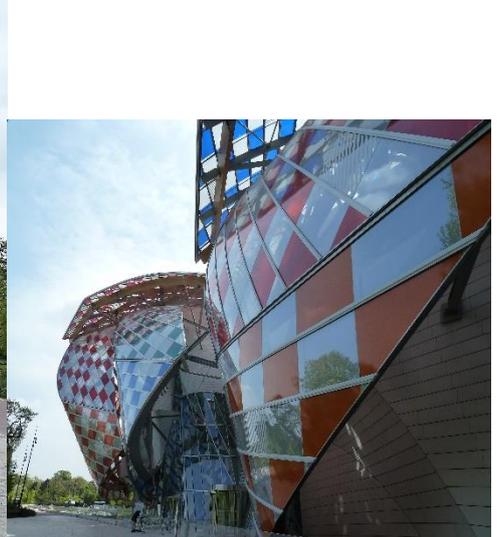
*The Group in Bercy*



*Musee des Arts Forains*



*Fondation Vuitton* -the newest and architecturally most dramatic museum in Paris!





*Looking towards La Defence, Jardin D'Acclimatation – for children and adults alike*



*Les Serres D'Auteuil – a mini Kew Gardens*



*Chaville – the new Town Centre, and La Coupe Sportive*





*The Chavillois victorious at Petanque, and of course, the shared meals*



**Report from Hugh Weldon about his stay in Chaville, working in their Library**

I became involved with the Friends of Chaville completely by chance last year when they held a meeting at Friern Barnet Library where I am a volunteer and trustee. I found myself slipping into French when talking to Marie Alice, and was pleasantly surprised when she contacted me shortly afterwards with the offer of a week's work experience at Chaville's library. The dates were finally agreed to tie in with the Town Twinning visit. This proved to be a great idea, as not only was I able to spend a very interesting week in the rather different surroundings of the Bibliothèque, but was also able to join the group for various activities over the weekend. Chaville has a really splendid library service for a relatively small population, and the provision is so much more generous than what we now have in Barnet unfortunately. The staff of 10 were welcoming and helpful throughout, and Aurore Savoin made sure that I had a full programme which enabled me to see the library at work in all its aspects. Highlights included helping out with the children's games and reading sessions, and assisting one of the staff with home book visits which are provided for the elderly and housebound.

Marie Alice ensured my evenings were occupied as well; a lovely walk through the woods to see the lakes that Corot painted, and a meal with her friends Philippe and Marie-Annick were included. My hosts Josiane and Michel were hospitable and helpful throughout my stay, which included my first trip to Versailles since a school trip when I was 12!

It was great to meet up with the others when they arrived for the weekend. The visit to the Fondation Louis Vuitton and the meal at the tennis club allowed me to get to know the group a lot better, and then on Sunday I joined Keith Martin for an afternoon with his hosts Edmond and Catherine who kindly took us on an afternoon out in Paris with visits to the Parc Buttes Chaumont and the Menilmontant district, followed by a wonderful meal with Manu that evening.

All in all, a splendid week – what a great enterprise which I do hope continues to flourish.

## Future Programme

- **Petanque** –Current planned dates, at Potters Bar Petanque Club, are 9 July (10.30am) and 20 August. There are likely to be more sessions, including some at Copthall/Allianz Park. Watch this space!
- **\*\*\*Tea and Cake –Friends of Chaville/ Friends of Siegerland\*\*\***  
We are holding a joint event, coming up **very soon**, at Irene and Wilf Nichols' house, 18 Salisbury Rd, Barnet, EN5 4JP, on **Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**.  
Come along to meet members of both twinings, share experiences and enjoy some refreshments. There's no charge but offers of cake would be welcome. We will also have a raffle as a fundraiser for Friends of Siegerland on this occasion. (Raffle prizes are also welcome!) **Please call Irene** if you are coming – 020 8440 1366 so that she knows numbers for catering.
- **AGM Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm.** Venue The Red Lion Pub, Barnet. This would facilitate us having a meal together after the meeting.
- **Dinner Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm, at Melange**, in Barnet High Street. Please let Rosemary know if you would like to join in. Email her at [andrewsr699@aol.com](mailto:andrewsr699@aol.com)
- **Anglo-French Club –**  
**mai 2 – Musique, votre choix**  
**16 – Quiz**  
**30 – un Peu D'Histoire**  
**juin 13 - Soirée Magazine**  
**27 – Jeu de Piste\***  
**juillet 16 – Fêtons le 14 juillet\***

\*Détails à suivre – renseignez-vous auprès du comité. Le club reprend ses activités le 12 septembre 2017

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**The Friends Of Chaville - Home - [friendsofchaville.weebly.com](http://friendsofchaville.weebly.com)**

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**No claim or responsibility for injury, damage, or loss of goods will be accepted by the society.**