

Burgundy Friends

This is another edition of **KEEPING IN TOUCH** from your committee members.

The Committee, Jane, Kate, Cheryl, Mark, Jacqueline and Norman (me) met last week to discuss the way forward for the Association next year 2022. Meeting in this electronic age is called 'ZOOM'. Yes we zoomed together!

We discussed the events we were able to have since Covid restrictions eased and the weather improved. The events were not as numerous as our busiest years, but the events have been.

2021 :

- Two Petanque matches with Amanda winning the first and, purely by sheer skill (sic), her husband Jim (see the pictures on our website) the second.
- Four Bookswaps and Chats.
- A trip on the Velorail which was met by mixed feelings. There was no clear instructions and some carts proceeded without electric assistance. Tough for the pedallers! Also, trees obscured the views and the manager was very grumpy.
- Quite a large group met for a picnic at the Maison du Morvan and went around the illuminating Musee de Resistance. A good day out!

Other issues discussed/confirmed were:

- The website had been expanded with some interesting photos provided by members.
- The Facebook site and the registering with the Connexion has elicited enquiries but not yet new Association members.
- We are still looking for a replacement for Gary, the Treasurer. Financially, we still have money in the bank and the fee for next year will remain at 5 euros. I will be emailing you separately to ask for your fees. Next year the outgoing expenses will be covered.

Future events will be planned :

- On **Sunday, 28th November 2021**, Jane and Norman will hold the final Bookswap and Chat of the year from 14.30. Please let them know if you are coming by emailing Jane or Norman.

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- There will be a **Christmas ZOOM Quiz** on **16th December 2021** commencing at 18.00 French time. You will be sent a separate email and ZOOM link nearer the time.

- On 30th January 2022 at 18.00 French time there will be the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** on ZOOM, so non-residents can attend. It is essential that you attend and offer commitments to host events. **Without hosts it will be difficult to offer all the events we would like to, through the next year.**

- In **2022**, there will be an Autun Treasure Hunt, more Petanque, the Bookswaps and Chats; potentially, strolls, picnics, museum visits, Ten pin bowling, and restarting lunches. **Of course, all planned events are dependant on Covid restrictions and weather.**

Norman