

Newsletter, Monday 20th May 2022

Chers amis de Compiègne,

I hope that you are keeping as well as possible.

With snowdrops (*les perce-neige* !) everywhere, spring is around the corner.

And... our 26th-29th May trip to Compiègne is on the horizon.

The coach is booked. We are waiting for the ferry timetables to be confirmed - Eurotunnel not accepting coaches anymore, apparently. We shall soon let you know times and costs when we have finalised how many of us will be on that coach.

At present, the numbers are not as high as we were hoping for with, unfortunately, a few health issues or some moving away from the region.

Just a thought: if those planning to travel independently felt like 'reconsidering', there still are several seats available on the coach. It would be a cheaper (and greener!) option for them and it would help bringing down the individual cost for the rest of the group. And, of course, the more on the coach the merrier.

On the return journey from Compiègne, we are planning to stop at the Parc of Samara, 15km from Amiens, for a couple of hours.

It is a "*gallo-romain*" site with a beautiful arboretum. They have arranged a guided visit for us - for those who wish - and picnic baskets can be purchased. Entry fee 10 Euros each. All marvellous, of course, if the sun is shining.

Before all of this, do not forget our next Francophile evening on Tuesday 7th March, 7h30pm, at the Oakes Barn.

Also add to your diary: our 'Conversation Morning' with coffee and croissants, on Saturday 25th March, 10h30am-12h, at the Risbygate Sports Club.

Do not hesitate to get back to me if you have any questions.

Take care.

Bien amicalement.

Françoise