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*Ealing's official French town-twinning organisation*

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**FUTURE EVENTS** (See Calendar below for details)

**Cultural Weekend, November 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>**

Twenty of our Marcq friends are coming over for this weekend, which will include visits to the BBC Studios in White City; a tour of the Olympic Village and a stroll around Canary Wharf. In addition, there will be two especially arranged events for which a *limited* number of tickets for Ealing members will be available - a **concert at St Mary's, Perivale** and a showing of *Kind Hearts and Coronets* (the brilliant Ealing comedy with Alec Guinness) at the new Ealing cinema club. *(Prior booking essential for both events.)*

The **concert** in the delightful little 12th century church in Perivale will be given by the Ibuki trio (piano, violin and cello). This most attractive programme includes pieces by Beethoven, Fauré and Elgar - and a glass of wine/juice in the interval.

**AGM and dinner, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

The 'Amis' will join us for the **AGM**, if they wish, and the customary **dinner** at the YMCA afterwards, along with a civic delegation from the Town Halls of both Ealing and Marcq. This will mean that there are fewer places than usual for Ealing members for the dinner so, to avoid disappointment, please **book ASAP**. (See Calendar).

**French Intensive weekend, February 2012**

If you haven't tried it yet, this is an excellent weekend which includes 10 hours of tuition, staying with a French host, all meals except for lunch on the day of arrival, and is a most enjoyable way of making friends (of both nationalities) and improving your French. To secure a group rate on Eurostar, your cheques need to be in by November 29<sup>th</sup>. (See Calendar)

## NEWS

### Walking Weekend

We had a brilliant walking weekend which included boules on the beach, a wander through the attractive little town of St Valery-sur-Somme, armed with quiz questions; a guided tour (in French, bien sûr) of the nature reserve at Le Crotoy in the Baie de Somme, and another of the Parc de Marquenterre, a bird sanctuary/nature reserve. All this punctuated by 3-course meals and conversation in a mixture of French and English with our French friends. The quiz seems to have become a staple of these weekends, and is a pleasant and light-hearted way of mixing with different members, French and English, and forcing some communication as we are united by a common

goal - hoping to win or at least not to lose too ignominiously!

### Wine tasting evening

Sandy Leckie, from the Wine Education Service, presented us with seven different Bordeaux wines to prove the point that good Bordeaux doesn't have to be expensive. We learned that Bordeaux wines are typically a blend of grape varieties - unlike those of the New World. We also had a few of our British assumptions challenged - that sometimes a white (rather than a red) wine can go better with cheese and that, for instance, a sweet white, Château La Caussade, is excellent with foie gras and Roquefort. A most enjoyable evening.

### Calendar of events for 2011/12 Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Venue	Contact (for further details)
Saturday, October 15 <sup>th</sup>  1.00  2.30	French Impressions  Talk by Jon Davies  Showing of <i>L'Année Dernière à Marienbad</i>	Watermans' Cinema	8232 1010
Thursday, November 10 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday, November 13 <sup>th</sup>  November 10 <sup>th</sup> , 7.30  November 11 <sup>th</sup> , 7.30	Cultural Weekend in Ealing for the Amis <i>D'Ealing</i>  <i>Kind Hearts and Coronets</i> (£8 pp)  Concert + glass of wine/juice & nibbles (£12 pp)	Ealing  OPEN EALING, 113 Uxbridge Rd (Opp. the fire station)  St Mary's Church, Perivale Lane. (Opp. The Myllet Arms)	Hosts have already been allocated  Jane Cocking: 8568 6159, jane75cocking@hotmail.co.uk <b>Places limited.</b> (Priority given to hosts)  Jane Cocking: 8568 6159, jane75cocking@hotmail.co.uk <b>Places limited</b>
Saturday, November 12 <sup>th</sup> 6.30  8.00	AGM  Annual Dinner (£18.50pp)	YMCA, St Mary's Rd, Ealing W5	Please support the AGM. Just come along!  Cheques* for dinner to Jane Cocking ASAP and <b>by Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> at the latest.</b> (14 Convent Gardens, W5 3JU) <b>Places limited.</b>
November 24 <sup>th</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup>	Trip to Paris		Fiona Cant, 8567 0566 or fionacant@btinternet.com (Waiting list only)
February 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> 2012  March 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> 2012	Intensive French (£185)  Intensive English	Marcq  Ealing	Yvonne Little. Email/ring to book a place, yvonne.little5@ntlworld.com or 8567 2955. Cheques* must be in by <b>November 29<sup>th</sup> at latest.</b> <b>Note dates. Hosts will be needed</b>

*\*All cheques payable to "Friends of Marcq-en-Baroeul".*