

Friends & Family BBQ September 2021

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They say that time passes that little bit quicker as one matures, but for members of the Goustevin a three year Covid induced wait for the annual Friends & Family BBQ did seem like a long time. It was indeed 2018 when we last congregated for the yearly informal event, so hopes were high for a spell of “agreeable” weather on Sunday September 26th; the get together being hosted by James and Heather Sheerin in their spacious garden.



With several members still wary of mingling, it was encouraging to have an attendance of over thirty members and guests, including Alan and Anne Hood on holiday from Maidstone in very pleasant weather; warm and sunny - although the sparse cloud cover gave rise to the possibility of light precipitation . . . no, surely not . . . the weather forecast didn't predict any “dampness”.

With the tables and chairs spaciouly placed on the lawn, the assembly were welcomed with a glass of rosé, duly dispensed from a jeraboam by host James. Thereafter various bottles were opened and appreciated prior to the barbecue being fired up ready for the culinary expertise of budding chefs.



Soon the air was filled with the sounds of happy diners as their repasts were duly enjoyed, accompanied naturally by a wee glass (or two) of different wines as members intermingled with their preferences.

A most pleasant social afternoon ensued until the emergence of a dark cloud heralded the oncome of slight drizzle, whereby the assembly decamped to the shelter of the carport, but thankfully the rain shower passed over quickly.

All too soon it seemed, the time inexorably reached late afternoon and thankfully, with each participant providing their own culinary and cutlery requirements, there was little needed to “clear up” and taxis were summoned for homeward journeys

Many thanks to James and Heather for hosting the informal get-together which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.