



Emsworth - Saint Aubin Twinning Association

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Chairman's Letter

Dear Members

What a busy summer for our Twinning Association!

The boules match against Denmead was great fun, even though we were well and truly thrashed! Our numbers were down because some of our members were convinced the weather would let us down and decided not to join us. Actually, it was dry at the boules venue in Shedfield. Many of the Emsworth players had to double up and some of us played the same Denmead team three times and each time they beat us! Alan Borrow is researching a venue for some extra boules practice next year, so that we can get in shape for our return match.

August 13 was the date chosen for our Garden Party held in Brian and Lois Cope's beautiful garden in Chichester. Jacky de Laporte and her hard working team organised a delicious afternoon tea, of sandwiches, scones with jam and cream and a variety of homemade cakes, as well as big pots of tea. Garden games were played in a shady part of the garden. Prizes were awarded for the best table decoration and we all dressed in our best clothes to do the afternoon justice. 'Lady Lois' looked especially fetching as she opened the event from her balcony with the help of her butler (Brian) suitably attired in morning dress for the occasion!

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Dates for
your diary

2016
2017

November 12, 2016 (provisional)
French Evening

Late Jan/early Feb 2017
Annual Dinner

April/May 2017
Exchange Visit





There was even a car park attendant (Martin) on duty in the road outside – although he did rather give the game away when he was spotted welcoming one of the guests with a kiss!

The Emsworth Show was held on gloriously sunny Bank Holiday Monday and the good weather attracted huge crowds. Kate and Geoff were at the site by 8.30 a.m. followed soon after by Gary and me with the gazebo and Keith with posters for the stand. Evelyn and Norman (thanks to his friend) supplied the display boards and many of you lent photographs, books and objects from St Aubin celebrations which amounted to an impressive display.

We had a lot of interest from the public, some of whom did not even realise that Emsworth was twinned with St Aubin (despite the signs on the A259) and several children completed the word search (compiled by Norman) and won the prize of a notebook and pen. Our keen helpers on 'duty' did their best to persuade adults to join the Association and all the application forms were given out – who knows one or two might even fill them in!

Thanks to Kate for organising our Stand and for

remaining on duty all day. Also thanks to those of you who gave up your time to help man the stand and support your Association. Many members stopped by for a chat and it was lovely to see you all.



Our stand was also visited by the Mayor of Havant – Faith Ponsonby and her Consort and was persuaded to pose for a photograph! Our stand was so well admired that a member of the Emsworth Museum team approached us to ask if we would present a display in April 2017 to celebrate 30 years of Twinning in Emsworth. Member Peter Walters has kindly agreed to lead a team and would welcome some volunteers to support him. Please contact

me if you would like to help and I'll pass your names on to Peter.

Autumn Event on 23 September 2016 at St James' Hall

The Chinese Workers' Auction was devised by troops based in Malaya where poor Chinese peasants made up some of the work force. They didn't have much money, but were always able to find a couple of cents in their pockets, so the soldiers supplemented their 'cents' with items to make an 'auction' where everyone could afford to buy something.

Please search your lofts and garages and donate your 'auction' items in advance of our Chinese Workers' Auction on September 23. You do not have to pay the actual amount the item the Auctioneer will suggest, but you will need to come armed with lots of loose change and £1 and £2 pound coins, as well as £5 notes.

The bidding will go something like this:
'I have here a very special child's bike which belonged to none other than Prince William of Wales! I am opening the bidding

at £20..... 'Who will bid £22 for this item?' (This is £2 on top of the opening bid so £2 will be placed on the plate.)

The Auctioneer will continue.....
'Who will bid £24?'

(This is another £2 increase, so another £2 will be placed on the plate). The Auctioneer will sense the enthusiasm for the item and may decide to reduce the bidding to £1 increases

or even less – only the increased amount will be put on the plate. When no more people want to increase the bid, the item will be 'sold'

to the final bidder, who may only have to put 50p on the plate to get the item. The Twinning Association, meanwhile, pockets all the cash and for the child's bike we may have made perhaps £8 to £10, whilst the final bidder has got a child's bike for maybe as little as 50p!

The more items we have, the more profit we will make, especially if you bring along your friends and relatives and encourage them to bring a load of loose change!

There will be a ploughman's supper included in the price and please bring your own wine and glasses. A Booking Form with further details will be sent out to you after our Committee Meeting on September 8.

FUTURE EVENTS FOR 2016/2017:

We have a provisional date of 12 November 2016 for a 'French Evening' – a supper of bread, with French cheeses and wine.

Emsworth Sailing Club will be approached with a view to holding an Annual Dinner there in late January/early February 2017. This will depend on take up, as for the last two years we have had to cancel due to low numbers.

Exchange visit 2017

No definite date, but we are aiming for the end of April/beginning of May, which seems to suit both us and our French friends.

Judi Milburn is updating our membership list. Please send any updates to her.

Your Committee looks forward to welcoming you to all our events.

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