



Emsworth - Saint Aubin Twinning Association

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NEXT EVENTS:

8 February 2014 Annual Dinner

21 March 2014 AGM

June 2014
Exchange Visit
to St Aubin

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear Member

'Rain spoiled play,' was the verdict on the first of two Twinning events since the last Newsletter. Our September walk, planned on a glorious sunny day, on Hayling Island in August, had to be abandoned half way through due to lashing rain. A wartime spirit prevailed at the Meadow Farm Nursery afterwards, as we sat in our wet clothes and enjoyed a cream tea with Members and friends.





The 'Fun and Games' evening at St James Parish Hall on a cold November evening, was a great success. Forty five appreciative

Members joined in the fun, organised by Iain and Celia Lynch, two past members of the Association. One of the participants told me he had never been at an evening where 4 quizzes



ran simultaneously whilst we ate a hot supper! The gadget quiz was as popular as ever and caused hilarity when two members said they weren't sure what their gadgets actually were!

We are extremely grateful to Iain and Celia who worked hard in preparing and delivering the quizzes. Harry Drew's team who called themselves, 'Mornington Crescent,' sped into the lead early on when they scored nearly full marks in the sixties music quiz. Surely nothing to do with the fact that one of the team members plays in a fifties and sixties group?

Thanks to the Committee who organised the food – made by Wright Caterers and Evelyn Lister- and the raffle, which raised

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over £100 for our funds. Thanks as usual to all those who helped in setting up before and clearing up after the event.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Graham Maxwell-Cox for his support as our Webmaster. The website will be 'down' until the New Year when Geoff Wiggins will take over as our new Webmaster.

Our next event is the Annual Dinner, to be held at Emsworth Sailing Club on 8 February 2014. Details of the menu including cost, which we hope will be the same as last year, will be sent out on a Booking Form nearer the event.
On 21 March we will be holding the Annual General Meeting at the Emsworth Community Centre, with entertainment provided by one of our Members, Owen Collett of 'The Rockin' Eddies'. They will be playing a selection of fifties and sixties music for our enjoyment, after a hot supper.

Forty two members have indicated that they would like to take part in the exchange visit to St Aubin – please see the enclosed details and booking form from Keith Richardson. The French say they are expecting us and their Canadian Twinners' to join in the 70th D Day celebrations.

I would like to pay tribute to one of our oldest and long standing members, Monica Lyle; a charming and gracious lady who has supported our Twinning Association for many years. Monica has now moved away from Emsworth to live nearer her daughter in Southampton. We shall miss her.

Our annual subscription of £25 for two or more members in the same household or £15 for singles is due in January— unless you joined the Association after March 31 2013. I will be sending out a reminder and subscription form after Christmas. By the time you read this, Gary and I will be on our way to California to spend Christmas with our daughter (who designs the Newsletter) and hoping for a bit of sunshine!

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

8 February

Annual Dinner at Emsworth Sailing Club

21 March

Annual General Meeting with hot supper and entertainment

5-8 June

Exchange visit to St Aubin for D Day Celebrations

Interim details for Travellers on the June 2014 Visit to St Aubin sur Mer

I am pleased to advise in this letter some details of our planned visit in June next year.

Due to the popularity of ferry places at this time (they say it is their busiest weekend) we have had to reserve a number of places already. Consequently we now need to know definitely how many of you would like to make the trip and ask you to make a deposit of £25.00 in order to show your commitment and to cover our costs so far. We have included a booking form with these details. The total return cost (including reclining seats) will be approximately £66.00 per person. The balance of the fare will be payable in early April, 2014.

As noted in the booking form would you please send completed forms with your deposit to Martin de Laporte as soon as possible but by latest on 10th January 2014. Any queries regarding hosting, prior to departure, please advise Diana Cogswell on 01243 430384.

Please note that all travellers should arrange their own travel/health insurance. The National Health Service allows equivalent cover in European countries on production of confirmation that one is entitled to such cover in the UK. This used to be called Form E111 but this has been replaced now by the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). Those travellers not already in possession of the EHIC should obtain one either by applying at the Post Office or on the internet at www.dh.gov.uk/travellers.

Outward Journey from PORTSMOUTH, Thursday 5th June 2014.

This will be by the ferry to CAEN departing at 2:45pm. We will be required to make our own arrangements for getting to Portsmouth Ferry terminal. Passports will be collected at the ferry terminal where we collect the group ticket.

The arrival time of the ferry in CAEN/OUISTREHAM is 9:30pm (local time). Our hosts will be waiting for us there and you will be introduced to your hosts (if you don't already know them).

Inward Journey from CAEN/OUISTREHAM to Portsmouth, Sunday 8th June 2014.

This will be by the ferry from Caen-Ouistreham to Portsmouth at 4:30pm (local time). The arrival time in Portsmouth is 9:15pm and again we will be required to make our own arrangements for leaving the terminal.

And Finally

We hope to have a great weekend as it is the 70th anniversary of D-Day. All necessary further information will be made available closer to the departure date.

All the best, Keith

BOOKING FORM FOR THE VISIT TO ST AUBIN SUR MER, 2014

From: Thursday 5th June to Sunday 8th June. 2014

PLEASE NOTE:

- Travellers must bring their Passport.
- Travellers will need to arrange their own Travel/Medical Insurance.
- Travellers will need to bring a current EHIC (Card showing eligibility for reimbursement of Medical treatment in France from the NHS). This is obtainable from a UK Post Office (see above).
- Local time is one hour in advance of British Summer Time.