



## Emsworth - Saint Aubin Twinning Association

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### Chairman's Letter

## Dear Members

### Exchange Visit to St Aubin 29 April to 2 May 2016

Our Exchange Visit to St Aubin to celebrate 30 years of our Twinning Associations, was another resounding success.

After our usual 'vin chaud' welcome – this time in the entrance hall of the Salle Aubert (obscured by a tent to hide the surprise decorations ready for the next day's celebrations) we spent that evening and the next day with our hosts.

Some of us visited Bayeux – the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Tapestry, with our hosts, whilst others were taken to Honfleur and some to places closer to St Aubin.



### Dates for your diary

2016

**July 12**  
Boules Match

**September 23**  
Chinese Workers' Auction

At 6.30 p.m. the Mayor and Corporation invited us all to a Reception in the Mayor's Parlour, where the President of the St Aubin Association, Alain Tranquart, made a welcoming speech and presented plaques to mark the thirtieth anniversary of our two Associations. The Chairman of the Emsworth Association presented a friendship rose, complete with pot and plaque to the St Aubin Jumelage, which we hope will be planted in the Mayor's garden to celebrate our thirty years of friendship.

Later, in the Salle Aubert, all the anniversary decorations were revealed. The hall looked splendid with a red white and blue theme. Every guest was presented with an engraved champagne glass in which we later drank a toast to the Associations.

A copy of Alain's speech was printed on the menu which outlined 30 years of the Twinning Association. Alain noted that although many

faces had changed since 1986, the values of friendship, tolerance, solidarity and faith in the future remained unchanged. The Emsworth Chairman replied in similar vein, thanking the St Aubin Jumelage for their wonderful welcome and hospitality and endorsing Alain's wishes for a better world.

The Emsworth guests especially enjoyed the descriptions of the meal on the menu..... 'Gallic cock with Burgundy Wine' followed by a 'mishmash of fresh fruits!'

The dinner was cooked and served by the St Aubin Committee and Members of the Jumelage, who worked very hard during the weekend to make every meal a success.

Two enormous pyramids of profiteroles were wheeled in with candles blazing accompanied by the singing of 'Bon Anniversaire' making a wonderful surprise. The Presidents were given the task of cutting the cakes, which was no mean feat! The evening finished with the usual round of songs, this time, performed at each table.

Sunday, was the day of the official outing to Barfleur for a picnic lunch (again provided by the St Aubin Committee and supported by all their Members) followed by a boat trip to the tiny island of Tatihou. The boat, which is an amphibious vehicle, operates by hydraulic propulsion (according to the brochure!) It has both propellers and wheels, which enable it to motor over the sea and roll up to the sandy beach on the island.



We walked around the island in the warm sunshine and admired the gardens and the Vauban tower, built in the XV111 century in order to defend the town of St Vaas. Some of the men enjoyed singing a verse of 'Wandering Star' in the little chapel to appreciate the echo!

Yet another lunch was provided in the Salle Aubert on Monday before we left for Portsmouth with 'l'année prochaine à Emsworth' ringing in our ears.





## Planning for the Exchange Visit to Emsworth 2017

On the return ferry, many Members commented on the wonderful weekend and the question on everyone's lips was: 'How are we going to match that?'

Several suggestions were made by members for visits and meals. The Emsworth Committee will have no problem with how to entertain our French visitors – the problem will be: 'How

will we raise the money for the events? And how many of you will be prepared to support us and bring along your friends and family?

The St Aubin' Jumelage have a Committee of sixteen compared to our seven. Also, all the St Aubin members helped with the cooking of the food, hall preparation and

clearing away – a superb team effort. Lastly, the French receive a grant from their local council, whereas we are totally self-funded. We really do need a lot more of you to not only to attend events, but to offer to organise them as well, especially since there is a general reluctance to serve on our Committee!

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

### Boules Match 12 July 2016

Our next event on July 12th 2016 is our Boules match against Denmead, which will be held on a Tuesday evening in the same Boules rink as last year – opposite 'Samuel's Rest' in Shedfield. We need a team of 20 players and someone to be umpire/scorer. The Committee have yet to decide on the venue for the food but it will probably be either 'Samuel's Rest' or the 'Black Dog' at Waltham. This is a non-profit making evening, but as Denmead won the trophy last summer, we need your support to win it back. This event is always great fun and so far, we have been very lucky with the weather. A Booking Form with all the details will be sent out closer to the date. There is no age limit or experience needed – just come along and have some fun!

### Chinese Workers' Auction September 23rd 2016

This event will be a new one for us and will involve you clearing out your lofts, garages etc and those of your family and friends, to provide our Association with some good quality objects – for instance, toys, bikes, skis, golf clubs, paintings, hard backed books etc.

We will appoint an 'Auctioneer' who will open the bidding, for example of the golf clubs at £50. He will then ask: 'Who will offer me £2 on top of the opening bid?' Nothing more than £2 needs to be offered to make a bid, but as bidding progresses it might drop to £1 or 50p or 20p. When no more people want to increase the bid,

the final bidder is given the object (he/she doesn't give the asking price) whilst the Association pockets the loose change on the tray! Are you with me so far? The aim of the 'auction' is to give your loose change to the Association whilst giving yourself an opportunity to gain a decent object without too much outlay. All information will be sent on a Booking Form at a later date.

### Suggestions for future fund-raising events

Suggestions for further fund raising events from Members are:

- Social evening with photographs and feedback from our latest Exchange visit to St Aubin
- Cake break – Members provide cakes to sell plus a raffle and Table Top sale in someone's house and/or garden

### Emsworth Show

A Member of our Committee has made an application to have a stall/display at the Emsworth Show in August. Has anyone got or knows of display boards we could use to publicise our events and display photographs etc?

Your Committee looks forward to welcoming you at our next events. Please invite your friends and family to join us. Don't forget to put July 12 and September 23 in your diaries.



**Norman Bartlett** – one of our hardworking Committee members, whom many of you will recognise as the MC at our last two Twinning Revues, has had to resign from the Committee due to ill health. I'm sure you will join with me in thanking him for his support of the Twinning Association and wishing him well.

Amicalement,  
**Hazel**



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