

# St Aubin-Emsworth Twinning Association Newsletter

February 2012

## Letter from the Chairman

Dear Members,

Welcome to the February issue of our Newsletter.

Now that 2012 has well and truly started the months to come will bring much of interest to our members. Our last event, the Annual Dinner held once again at the Emsworth Sailing Club, went very well and was enjoyed by all who attended. The evening was remarkable for the excellent menu and was enlivened by a raffle extremely well populated with prizes many of which were donated by members whose generosity we thank sincerely. Several scenes of the evening are reproduced here but many more can be found on the website for which we thank Graham Maxwell-Cox. Also our thanks are undoubtedly due to those members of the committee (Anne, Evelyn and Hazel) who organised the menu, decorated the room and table and generally helped the event run smoothly - many thanks to all.

As mentioned the images from the Annual Dinner are now visible to all who access the website, including this newsletter, together with the latest information on up-coming events. Although the technology of the internet offers an undoubted advantage to those familiar with its access some of you may not have such access. To ensure those without internet are not neglected a hardcopy version of the newsletter will still be delivered to all members. There is therefore a discussion to be had regarding the format that this will take especially around the costs of the options. It is hoped that this matter could be raised at the next AGM.

The next and most important event is our Annual General Meeting. This takes place on **Friday 9th March at 7:15 pm in the Emsworth Community Association's Mountford Room PO10 7DP**. The usual Booking Form is attached to this newsletter from which you will see that this year we have included a **fish & chip supper**. Don't forget that as well as being the occasion for examining our activities over the previous year and performing any association administration changes this is your opportunity to raise any questions and make suggestions for the future of the association.

Preparations are now well in hand for the Emsworth-St Aubin Players version of '**Allo-Allo**'. This 'play' has a very French flavour being set during WWII in the fictitious (but also the very real Somme town in northwest France) of Nouvion. It houses a typical cafe frequented in equal amounts by the locals, escaping English airmen, French resistance members and German army. Tickets have all now been

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booked but cancellations may be available so should you still wish to attend please let Martin de Laporte, Hazel Willard or myself know. However, those members who have booked tickets for guests and not yet paid are requested to pay by submitting their cheque for the balance to Martin as soon as possible or at the latest by 13th February.

As announced previously the visit to St Aubin sur Mer is in May this year, the actual dates being Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Preliminary bookings have been made which indicate that the fares for members will be just £54 each or with reclining seats in the reserved seating area, just £64 each. So there is attached to this newsletter a Booking Form. Would intending travellers please complete this and forward to our treasurer as usual. We will have to complete arrangements with Brittany Ferries by early March so would you please ensure that all bookings are made by the date of the AGM, 9th March. This will then give us sufficient time to make St Aubin aware of who will be travelling and for us to advise you with whom each of you will stay. The final visit arrangements will be promulgated at a travel briefing meeting on Wednesday 25th April at 7:00pm at the Crown Hotel, for which a further announcement will be made closer to the date.

Lastly, may I encourage you all to come along to the Annual General Meeting if at all possible as it is there we perform an important part of the association activities and allows us to re-establish our contacts and aims. Forms for nominations to membership of the committee or to suggest a motion for discussion are attached to this newsletter.

Amicalement,

Keith

### **Annual Subscriptions**

Members are reminded that their Annual Subscriptions for the year 2012 are due by the end of February. If you have yet to renew your Membership please send your cheque to Martin de Laporte, address below, as soon as possible. The fees for Family Membership are £25.00 per annum and Single Membership of £15.00 per annum.

### **Forthcoming Events Announcement**

Annual General Meeting	Friday 9th March 2012 at 7:15 pm	ECA, Mountford Rooms
'Allo-Allo' Farce-Play	Saturday 31st March 2012 at 7:30 pm	St James Parish Hall
Visit to St Aubin sur Mer	Friday 4th May to Monday 6th May	Details to be advised



**Scenes from the Annual Dinner, Saturday 21st January 2012**

Current Committee until 9th March 2012

Chairman	Keith Richardson	01243 430737	Pam Burns	01243 373673
Secretary	Hazel Willard	01243 379877	Anne Gains	01243 372373
Treasurer	Martin Delaporte	01243 373618	Evelyn Lister	01243 573452
	Brian Cope	01243 776558	Rodney Arnold	01243 378810
			Diana Cogswell	01243 430384

**Availability of Membership Data**

Following a decision taken by a majority of the membership attending our last AGM in 2011 to allow members to have a list of members and visitors/members from the St Aubin association a motion was carried requesting members to define whether they were willing for their information to be made available and to define which information they would NOT want displayed. Therefore an information form is included with this newsletter which enables members to make any corrections to their present information and to define any items that should be withheld. Please be aware that if you do not identify those items of information that you do NOT want disclosed then the full list of items on this form will become available to other members. It is emphasised that this information will only go to other members of the association and not to any other outside person, body or organisation. Please indicate your items that are NOT to be disclosed by scoring out the equivalent sections on the enclosed form and hand it to the Secretary or any committee member at the AGM.

**ST AUBIN-EMSWORTH TWINNING ASSOCIATION - BOOKING FORM**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (with Fish & Chip Supper)**

**Friday 9th March 2012 at 7.15 pm at the Emsworth Community Association, Mountford Room, Church Path, EMSWORTH, PO10 7DP.**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_ places for the AGM with Fish & Chips @ £7.50 per person.

Please indicate whether the sausage alternative is required \_\_\_\_\_ and if so quantity  
Please indicate whether the vegetarian option is required \_\_\_\_\_ and if so quantity.

I enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_ made payable to St Aubin-Emsworth Twinning Association.

Note: The alternative choices to Fish & Chips are Sausage & Chips or Vegetarian Fritter & Chips both of which are at the same price as detailed above.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach and return this slip with your cheque by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012 to:

**Martin de Laporte, Lane Ends, 54 Hollybank Lane, Emsworth, PO10 7UE**

Please do not send coins through the post. If you have any queries please telephone Keith Richardson on 01243 430737 or any Committee Member.

# St Aubin – Emsworth Twinning Association

*Advance Booking Form for the Visit to St Aubin,*

From: Friday 4th May to Monday 7th May, 2012

Depart: 2:45pm ferry from Portsmouth (arrive approximately 9:30pm at CAEN-Oustriham).

Return: 08:45 ferry from CAEN-Oustriham (arrive approximately 1:15pm at Portsmouth).

I wish to reserve ..... Adult places for the Visit to St Aubin (approximate cost of £54.00 each)

I wish to reserve ..... reclining seats in the ferry at a cost of £5:00 each for the ***Outward*** journey.

I wish to reserve ..... reclining seats in the ferry at a cost of £5:00 each for the ***Inward*** journey.

(See Note 1 below about transfers to/from the ferry port)

Deposit for bookings of £10.00 (balance payable 3 weeks before departure).

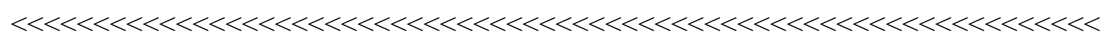
Total enclosed £.....

Name ..... Signed.....

Please return to: The Treasurer, Mr M de Laporte, Lane Ends, 54 Hollybank Lane, EMSWORTH, PO10 7UE

Please make cheques payable to: St Aubin-Emsworth Twinning Association.

Bookings should be received ***at the absolute latest*** by Friday 9th March 2012.



Notes:

1. Our experience in the past is that the most cost effective way to travel to/from the ferry port is by use of shared taxis. We recommend that travellers near to one-another arrange taxis mutually and share costs. By this means and with the almost universal availability of mobile phones transfers to and from our area and the ferry port can be arranged for both the ***Outward and Inward*** journeys. Some members may still prefer the option of placing their car in the long-term car park for the duration of the trip.
2. Travellers will need to have a valid ***Passport*** and bring it with them.
3. Travellers will need to arrange their own ***Travel/Medical Insurance***.
4. Travellers will need to bring a current ***EHIC*** (European Health Insurance Card), giving eligibility for reimbursement of medical treatment in France from the NHS. Application forms for this are obtainable from a UK Post Office or via the website at <[www.dh.gov.uk/travellers](http://www.dh.gov.uk/travellers)>.
5. Adult fare is payable for all persons aged 16 years and above.

