

St Aubin-Emsworth Twinning Association

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Chairman's Letter

Dear Members

Thanks to both the good early spring weather and the generosity of all our hosts we had a wonderful weekend for the group visit from St Aubin-sur-Mer. All our guests seemed to enjoy their stay and have expressed their gratitude for the warmth and sincerity of the welcome that they received in our homes.

On this occasion, the opportunity to experience our English culture in that unique mix of stately home, ruined monastic abbey and rows of boys' toys that is Beaulieu was greatly enjoyed. The Sunday evening meal at the Brookfield Hotel was our chance to entertain the French with home-grown and traditional songs and surprise them with our modestly exhibited expertise. All-in-all a weekend that will be remembered for a long time to come.

Regrettably, and despite my exhortation at the Jubilee Dinner, only two members submitted photographs that they had taken during the visit and the Committee has decided that the 32 selected photographs which had been formatted to fit into a July Newsletter were not sufficiently representative of the weekend to warrant publication. Instead it has been decided to respond to members' requests to hold an informal meeting to allow all who took part to reminisce on their highlights of the visit and view a wider collection of members' photographs while enjoying a cold supper prepared by our experienced Catering Committee. The date and venue for this event is Friday 30th September in the Assembly Room of Emsworth Community Association but you are requested to send your photographs to our newly appointed Webmaster in advance.

Before this we have another event in store. This is a Treasure Hunt and Sausage Supper at the Sussex Brewery on Thursday 4th August. Our Treasure Hunts have in the past proved most entertaining and I am assured that this is no exception. What is more, an excellent bottle of wine awaits the competition winner. Fuller information and Booking Forms for these two events are attached for you to print and post to Martin de Laporte by the relevant closing dates.

The first event in 2012 will be the Annual Dinner on Saturday 21st January and an "Allo-Allo" Fantasy Night is being arranged for a later date from the team that has brought us two Murder Mysteries.

I look forward to meeting with you all again on all these occasions.

Amicalement,

Keith

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