

# St Aubin-Emsworth Twinning Association

## Newsletter

June 2010

### Chairman's letter

Dear Members

It is with great pleasure that I report on a most successful visit to St Aubin from 28th to 31st May. Our party from Emsworth was met with the usual joie de vivre of the Aubinnais and the cup of hot spiced wine in the car park at Ouistreham. The weekend was packed with activities which included a visit to one of the most important points of defence on the coast of Normandy that was the scene of extremely conspicuous bravery immediately prior to the WWII debarquement, an al fresco lunch and a reception plus evening meal at the well known Salle Aubert. The latter of course included good food and wines plus excellent speeches but above all a splendid session of singing from our Emsworth group, led very professionally by John Auric. The programme comprised a selection of traditional English country songs and sea shanties. In response the St Aubin group, which had been practising weekly for some time before, provided some excellent French songs and ballades. So was created an evening of unforgettable atmosphere and jollity. The Sunday was a free day spent en famille with aperitifs served in the evening by the St Aubin Comite de Jumelage at their base in the town. The following morning at a time which seemed all too soon it was off again to the ferry terminal for our return to Portsmouth at the culmination of a visit full of cultural and empathetic exchange. And I am sure that the seven members who accompanied us on this trip for the first time would agree with that.

Following our AGM in March we have gained three new Committee members so may I offer a warm welcome to Pam Burns, Evelyn Lister and Brian Cope. At the same time we must say goodbye to Alison Maxwell-Cox and Jean Morrin with many thanks for their past service. The updated list of Committee members can be found elsewhere in the Newsletter.

We have been working on the future programme of events and the next ones are listed overleaf. The first has been organised in conjunction with the Friends of Chartres (Chichester) Twinning and will be a Bastille Day Pétanque Match with Ploughman's Supper starting at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 14th July at Chichester Canal Basin . Full details and a Booking Form are enclosed for return by 5th July. Then on Friday 22nd October there will be a themed hot supper and entertainment. Full details in the next Newsletter.

Just remains for me to wish you all the very best for the summer holidays andj looking forward to meeting you all at the next event.

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Keith

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### Programme of Association Events

**Pétanque Match and Ploughman's Supper**      **Wednesday 14th July, 7.00 pm**

**Murder Mystery with Hot Supper**                      **Friday 22nd October, 7.30 pm**

**Annual Dinner at Emsworth Sailing Club**      **Saturday 15th January 2011**

### Editor's introduction

As a newly appointed Committee member with special responsibility for publicity and PR, I have been charged with updating the Association's newsletter and website and promoting more news of our activities in the local press and on notice boards in Emsworth and surrounding areas.

My first task has been to produce a newsletter recording last month's visit to St Aubin and to distil the many photographs that I have received into a memorable and representative selection. The next two pages show my choice and if you feel that these concentrate on wining and dining you are correct! Saturday was given over to visiting the new War Museum followed by lunch and dinner in seemingly close succession and in inimitable French style.

Time has been limited in producing a totally new publication but I believe that the newsletter should be produced in colour to do justice to the excellent photographs that are usually taken by Graham Maxwell-Cox with contributions by other members. This will obviously be more expensive, but in future we may be able to reduce cost and display more photographs and reports on the Association's website after each event.

I am sure that many members are regular Internet browsers and would enjoy seeing the Association's activities on their computers. This goal will take more time to implement but the aim is to show more pictures of St Aubin and the Pétanque match plus a foretaste of future events in the Autumn. Meanwhile, I should be grateful for feedback on your preferences by either completing and posting the enclosed survey form or e-mailing your answers to me. You may be assured that members' e-mail addresses will be used only by the Committee for communication of the Association's activities and NOT revealed to third parties.

If anybody has ideas on how the Association might project itself more effectively, please e-mail or telephone me at any time.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Chichester in Bastille Day.

Brian Cope

### 2010 Committee Members

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Scenes from our last visit to St Aubin from 28 to 31 May



Further scenes from our last visit to St Aubin

