



Emsworth - Saint Aubin Twinning Association

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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear Member

It was voted 'best visit ever' by both French and English Twinners! I refer, of course, to our recent visit by the St Aubin Jumelage on the weekend of 3, 4 and 5 May 2013.

Fifty three English hosts and their French guests set off for Arundel Castle on a cold, showery Saturday morning. Bill, the English guide was able to answer all our questions as he took us round this lovely stately home founded by the Earl of Arundel, one of William the Conqueror's most loyal barons.

The house was almost completely rebuilt in the nineteenth century and is considered to be one of the 'great works of Victorian England.'

We were most appreciative of the beautifully preserved interior with furniture, tapestries and paintings by Van Dyck, Gainsborough and Canaletto.

The private chapel was especially impressive as a monument to the 19th century Catholic revival in England. The guide provided all the gossip about the castle's various inhabitants who seemed to enjoy a very opulent life style.

Some of our party, visited the gardens – a new formal garden, domed pergola and fountains and a rockwork 'mountain' planted with palms and unusual ferns supposed to have represented 'Oberon's Palace' for a Masque in 1611. Others wandered down the High Street and sampled beer and lunch in one of the many hostelries in Arundel.

Later, we all met up at St James' Parish Hall for the big evening event – a buffet dinner with entertainment. It was good to see so many non-hosting Members joining in the fun and a special welcome was extended to the Mayor and Mayoress of Havant, who presented the Mayor's representative from St Aubin (Sylvie Rosse) with an exquisite clock set in glass, which Sylvie said she would display in their 'local!' (I think she meant to say the 'Mayor's Parlour!')

The buffet dinner was delicious, provided by Allison and Jane from 'Fresh Catering.' Special thanks go to Member Alan Borrow who organised the plentiful wine and to all the Committee who worked so hard, organising the event and setting up the hall beforehand with the help of some Members who were not hosting.

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We were well entertained by clog dancing Morris men and women from 'Fishbourne Mill,' followed by songs from both the Emsworth and St Aubin Choirs. Thanks to Member, John Auric for organising the Emsworth Choir and to Helen Roper for leading it.



Dates for your diary

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

13 July

Return Boules Match against Denmead Twinning Association (Details on the enclosed Booking Form).

8 September

Walk and lunch on Hayling Island (Details later).

On Sunday, the Emsworth Art Trail proved popular, as did a local National Trust house, lunch at Emsworth Sailing Club, a walk along Chichester Harbour followed by a pub lunch and even a car boot sale!

At the Ferry Port, both guests and hosts said they were 'très content.'

Previous events in 2013: Our Annual Dinner was held at Emsworth Sailing Club in January and as usual, Chef Ollie provided a delicious meal which all Members attending enjoyed.

The AGM in April was followed by a Jazz evening organised by the Emsworth Community Association, again enjoyed by those who attended and who gave generously to the raffle.

Well done to Member Dev Gadgil who successfully completed the London Marathon and who wishes to extend his thanks to all who supported him in raising funds for Cancer Research.

Finally, the Committee and Members would like to give their condolences to Member Yvonne Watkins, whose husband, Paul, sadly passed away earlier this year.

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**EMSWORTH - ST AUBIN TWINNING ASSOCIATION
BOULES MATCH
13TH JULY, 2013.**

BOOKING FORM

Outline of Evening: The evening will start at 6.30 p.m.

Teams of four will play boules matches until about 8.30 p.m.

(20 players per team + 2 helpers)

A buffet meal will be served at 'Samuel's Rest,' Upper Church Rd, Shedfield SO32 2JB.

If wet, we will have buffet meal at 8 p.m in pub.

Only 22 Emsworth Members for the meal, due to catering limitations. This means that places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis, so please send your booking form to Martin a.s.a.p. Booking will close as soon as 22 people have booked, so your cheque maybe returned to you.



PLEASE RESERVE ____ PLACES FOR THE EMSWORTH - DENMEAD BOULES MATCH AND SUPPER AT £8 PER HEAD.

TOTAL SUBMITTED: £ ____

SIGNED: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

Please detach and return this slip, together with your remittance at the latest, by **JULY 1st**.

Please make cheques payable to St Aubin - Emsworth Twinning Association and send to:
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Please do not send coins through the post. If you have any queries, telephone Hazel Willard:
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