

St Aubin-Emsworth Twinning Association

Newsletter

September 2010

Chairman's letter

Dear Members

I very much hope that you have all enjoyed a good summer. From my viewpoint it has been a time of much diverse activity and it is now time to get into the groove again. Unfortunately I was away in France absorbing warm sunshine and good food whilst the Bastille Day Pétanque Match against the Chichester Friends of Chartres was fought out at the Canal Basin. Our team enjoyed a small measure of success and our thanks are due to our Chichester hosts for organising the event and the Ploughman's Supper. My congratulations to all who took part.

On a very different note I must mention the sad news of the recent deaths of two of our members, Rupert Watts and David Daykin. They will both be sorely missed from our association and short obituaries for each can be found later in this newsletter.

Our next event on Friday 22nd October will comprise "The Champagne Murder Mystery" accompanied by a three-course meal, all of which is created and organised by our members. Fuller details and a Booking Form, which must be returned by 11th October, are enclosed and you are invited to dress in 1960's clothes and oin the illustrious guests listed on Page 3. I am sure this event will be an enormous success and prove very popular with all our members. At only £15 per person it represents fantastic value for money and will help our fundraising actions. If all that is not enough inducement to encourage you further, there will be four valuable raffle prizes to be won.

Speaking of newsletters I am sure that you have appreciated our new-look newsletter. I am grateful for the assistance of our new editor, Brian Cope, for its styling and layout.

Lastly comes our future programme. The first event in 2011 will be our Annual Dinner on Saturday 15th January so please make space in your diary for this most popular event.

Our other events in 2011 will be given in the next Newsletter. Meanwhile I wish you all the best for the Autumn and look forward to seeing you on 22nd October.

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Obituaries

The following letters commemorate the sad deaths of two longstanding members:

Rupert Watts

Sadly we lost one of our members, Rupert Watts, on 14th June 2010. He and Christine moved to Emsworth from Dorking four years ago and embraced the life that is Emsworth. They joined many organisations and associations, the Twinning Association being one of them. Rupert's most cherished achievement was to gain a degree from the University of Chichester in Journalism.

The Celebration for his life was held at a packed Chichester Crematorium on 28th June when moving tributes were given by his brothers. We learnt that 'Rupe' was the eldest son and full of fun, good humour and love. He had many talents, writing being one of them. The Twinning Association was represented by Committee members and spouses and a donation has been made to Rupert's favourite charity on our behalf.

Many of you will remember Rupert as the 'mad scientist' in our Murder Mystery evening not long ago. Not many guessed that he was also 'the murderer'. Fewer still that he was in real life battling with a chronic illness. This prevented him joining our visit to St Aubin in May this year. He was a real trouper and will be missed.

David Daykin DSc, FIMA

David Daykin, who died on 6 August 2010, will be sorely missed by all who knew him in our association and amongst our friends from St Aubin sur Mer. Originating from Newcastle upon Tyne he had become a world class mathematician and a leading figure in his field of specialist mathematics. In an academic career, which was by no means over at the time of his death, his latest paper having been published earlier this year, he had travelled to many parts of the world, including Malaysia, Vietnam and Canada, to lecture in mathematics and eventually became Reader of Mathematics at his old University of Reading. But despite these intellectual achievements David remained a modest man who joined enthusiastically in association events with a sense of fun and concern for others, especially young visitors. Members will no doubt remember his model of a slide rule which he brought to one of our Gadget evenings and reflects a great character who has been described by one of his St Aubin friends as a man who breathed *joie de vivre*.

And from St Aubin

Chers Nicole et Keith,

Nous souhaitons vous faire part, ainsi qu'à tous nos amis d'Emsworth, de notre grande tristesse en apprenant le décès de Rupert WATTS et de David DAYKIN. Nous gardons le souvenir de personnes particulièrement aimables et intéressées par les différents contacts et échanges que nous avons ou avoir lors de nos rencontres.

Pour ma part, ayant mieux connu David DAYKIN, pour l'avoir reçu chez moi avec son épouse Gloria, et avoir passé quelques instants chez eux dans leur maison très proche de la nature, je garde le souvenir d'un homme gai, accueillant, et je me les rappelle tous les deux arrivant au Food Festival sur leur bicyclette, coiffés de leur casque, et toujours souriants.

Au nom de notre Comité, je te prie de bien vouloir transmettre à leurs familles nos plus sincères condoléances et notre meilleur souvenir. 2010 aura été une année bien dure pour nos deux comités, avec les disparitions de ces amis bien chers.

Nos amitiés à tous nos amis d'Emsworth et à bientôt

Alain Tranquart

Programme of Association Events

Friday 22nd October

Murder Mystery with Three Course Supper 7.00 pm at St James' Parish Hall

Saturday 15th January 2011

Annual Dinner

7.30 pm at Emsworth Sailing Club

“The Champagne Murder Mystery”



The Emsworth St Aubyn Players are presenting an exciting and hilarious play entitled 'The Champagne Murder Mystery' with a three course supper at St James's Parish Hall on Friday 22nd October from 7pm. Once again Twinning Association Members and guests are required to sort out the evidence and decide 'whodunnit.'

You are invited to dinner on an evening in 1967 at the Chelsea home of **Lord Michael Jagged**. Amongst the guests are a host of celebrities including, the world famous model, **Wiggy**, popular singer **Mary Jane Faithless**, actor **Oliver Steed**, photographer **Terence Shrimp**, wine critic **Brian Sewer**, the well known American, **Martin X**, journalist **Kitty Killer** and **Tamara-Fara Bucktooth**, famous for just being famous! Also included in the guest list are some rather shady characters, **Champagne Charlie Bunsen** and girlfriend **Babs Crayfish**. Ensuring that none of the guests get away with murder is the incomparable **Commander Annie Questions** - looking not a day older than when you last saw her solving a 'Vintage Murder' in 1937!

If you can, do come dressed in 1960's clothes and bring your own drink and glasses to participate fully in, what we hope, will be a most enjoyable evening. A Booking Form is enclosed which should be completed and returned to Martin Delaporte by 11th October.

Hazel Willard

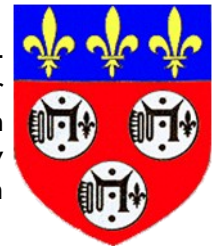
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Petanque Match against the Chichester Friends of Chartres



The Chichester Friends of Chartres challenged the Saint Aubin-Emsworth Twinning Association to a Pétanque match in return for one played a few years ago. This was fought on Bastille Day – 14th July 2010 – at Chichester Canal Basin when a team of 20 players duly arrived from Emsworth. Unfortunately one pitch was lost to an unknown parked car and each team had to be limited to 12 players.



The game of Pétanque is governed by the 39 Articles in the rules of no less a body than the “International Congress of the Fédération Internationale de Pétanque et Jeu Provençal ” (FIPP). To the uninitiated, scoring is complex with up to four points awarded depending on the proximity of boules to the jack. A game is won by the players first scoring eleven points. Chichester had two experienced scorers who recorded that by the end of the evening each team had won the same number of games, in which case the winner is the team with the most points. Fortunately this proved to be Emsworth, with Tony and Evelyn Lister also being presented with first prize of a set of boules for the players with the highest individual points score by Margaret Brown, Chairman of the Friends of Chartres She and her husband Ray had prepared the Ploughman’s Supper and are keen to make up for their team’s narrow defeat in a future contest.

Brian Cope

