



## Chair's letter June 2023

### Dear Members,

I must begin by apologising for the long delay in producing this newsletter. I hope it finds every one of you in good health.

Sadly, over the past months some of our members have died, Peter Walters at the end of 2022, Harry Drew and Pam Burns in 2023. I'm sure you all join me in sending best wishes to their families.

Last year we held a Garden Party in the grounds of the old Emsworth Hospital. I think we choose one of the hottest days of the year!



Carol and James Mant did a sterling job manning the bottle stall. Anne Gains and her band of helpers did a great job serving tea and refreshments. Many thanks to everyone for making the event such a success. This year we are planning a "Harvest Supper".

Christmas saw us enjoying Coffee and Mince Pies in the comfort of Jean Morins home, thank you Jean.

We held a Call my Wine Bluff evening which I'm sure those of you who attended would agree was a fun evening. I have to thank Alan Borrow and his team of "experts" for their input.



In March we held our AGM at Emsworth Sailing Club. As usual Ollie and his team did us proud. Numbers attending remain at a constant level.





Several committee members had reached their maximum time to serve on the committee but have been re-elected for a further term. This is a situation that should not continue and so I am asking each of you to consider if you could join the committee in the future.

This year we had hoped to revive our Boules match with Denmead, however this has not proved possible.

We have ideas in the pipeline for future fund-raising events, one of which is an auction of promises so please put your thinking caps on as to what you may be able to offer.

This year we hosted our French friends during the first weekend in June, thankfully we were able to treat them to some excellent British weather. Saturday involved a trip to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard with our guests to visit the excellent Mary Rose Museum.



The Museum included a new 4D experience of the dive onto the wreck of the Mary Rose when underwater.



Following the Museum visit we were well catered with traditional Fish and Chip lunch in Boathouse No. 7. It's fair to say that the Mushy Peas had a mixed reception!



On the Sunday we gathered for meal in St James Parish Hall. The weather had held up and shirtsleeves were definitely in order!



This was followed by our traditional singing session, with both British and French classics.



On Monday it was time to make our goodbyes to our French guests, having renewed friendships and with promises of visiting St Aubin next year.

**Judi**

### Obituary for Pamela Burns

The funeral of Pamela Burns, (Pam), the former and highly regarded secretary of the Emsworth Twinning Association, took place at the Havant Crematorium on 20th April 2023

Warm and glowing tributes were paid by close family and friends and former colleagues.

The Twinning Association was represented by past and present Committee members.

*Jacky de Laporte, current committee member and friend and  
Martin de Laporte, former treasurer and committee member with Pam.*

### FUTURE EVENTS

<i>Harvest Supper</i>	September	Details TBC
<i>Guess the Cheese</i>	November	Details TBC
<i>Coffee &amp; Mince Pies</i>	December	Details TBC

### Members of the Committee 2023-2024

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Judi Milburn</b>	<b>Events:</b>	<b>Jacky DeLaPorte</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Pam Kilbey</b>	<b>Travel:</b>	<b>Keith Richardson</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Terri Collett</b>	<b>Media:</b>	<b>Colin Eldridge</b>
<b>Exchange:</b>	<b>Carol Sheppard</b>	<b>Catering:</b>	<b>Anne Gains</b>
<b>Membership:</b>	<b>John Auric</b>		<b>Devendra Gadgil</b>
<b>Events:</b>	<b>Jean Morrin</b>		