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Saturday 24th October, 7 for 7.30pm
Annual Dinner at The Alresford Golf Club

**DIARY OF
EVENTS
2009**

OCTOBER

Monday, 12th & 26th
Conversation Group
Time: 7.30pm
Phone: Derrick on
01962 733131

Saturday, 24th
Annual Dinner
Alresford Golf Club
Time: 7.15 for 7.30pm
See menu and reply
slip inside.

NOVEMBER

Monday, 9th & 23rd
Conversation Group

Friday, 20th
AGM at St. Gregory's
Time: 7.15 for 7.30pm
Speaker: to be
confirmed

Dear Friends,

What was supposed to be a "BBQ Summer" has passed us by but I still trust you all had a good break through August.

It was a shame that we had to cancel our return visit to Briquebec in early September but we are all such busy people. In future, we will have to consider more carefully the dates for such visits and revert back to the once a year visit rotation.

Steve and Ali Love did manage to go over and stay with Chantal that weekend, so we are up to date with anything that is happening their side. We were hoping that the Badminton Club were going to visit at the end of October, but this is now looking less likely due to the change of the winter ferry schedule. This basically foreshortens the weekend or means looking at Poole and Caen as alternative departure /arrival ports.

I have now started my new assignment so am spending a lot of time in France and not as able to spend much time on Twinning matters. However, we have an able committee, who are managing quite well to keep the ball rolling as you can see from this newsletter and the details of our next event...the Annual Dinner. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Unfortunately due to swine flu scares "bisous" are out of favour, so I will finish off with

"Salutations et bonnes voeux " !!!

SUMMER WINE EVENING

Friday 10th July at Hinton Ampner House



With everyone expecting a fine evening, our hopes were dashed within thirty minutes as the evening drizzle arrived and we beat a hasty retreat to the comfort of the Tea Room area.



Despite the damp evening over 40 members turned out to enjoy a marvellous (not too soggy !!!) buffet and a few glasses of wine.

The highlight of the evening was a guided tour of the garden led by John the Head Gardener.....a fascinating insight into how the National Trust are trying to return the garden to its original layout.

Terry Foreman

REPORTS OF RECENT EVENTS



We welcome the following
new members'

Felicity and Mike Clayton and baby
from Pound Hill, Alresford

Petanque

Petanque at Tichborne on 19th June

Whilst only eight turned out to play, we had an enjoyable evening with some close games.

Jill Cope

Petanque in Alresford

Did you know that the Alresford Recreation Centre has a new Petanque pitch. Contact the ARC for more information about using it for private games/matches. Also there is a group who play on Tuesday afternoons 2–4pm, again contact ARC for details.

Why not pick up your boules and have a go!

TRIP TO BRICQUEBEC



When the trip to Bricquebec planned for 11th to 13th September got cancelled, Steve and myself were invited to come anyway by Chantal and Herve Greard. We went across as planned and had a very enjoyable and sunny weekend.

For Saturday morning Chantal had made contact with Guy Marriette who was one of the Bricquebec football team who used to come across some years ago to play football and golf in Alresford and she had organised a surprise game of golf with him for Steve at Barneville on the coast. Steve enjoyed this very much and Guy would be keen to organise a small party from Normandy to come and play golf in Alresford next Spring, if other twinning members would be interested.

On Saturday afternoon Herve took us on a visit to two local gardens. One was the Chateau Flamanville which had a startling dahlia exhibition (for gardening experts) and two large coarse fishing ponds where we saw a young lad land a huge perch (or similar). Then afterwards to le jardin botanique du chateau de Vauville (an amazing secret sub-tropical garden). Both of these are on the west coast of the peninsula.

On Sunday, after a traditional French Sunday lunch, we went on a walk round the old town of Cherbourg (some of it is older than it looks) before getting the fast boat back.

Chantal is really keen to keep the exchange visits going and is happy to organise one again soon.

Ali Love



chateau de Vauville

**FORTHCOMING
EVENTS**

**Annual Dinner at The Alresford Golf Club
on Saturday 24th October, 7.15 for 7.30pm
Members and Friends invited**

Menu choice:

- Starter: *Baked Camembert and Orange Segment Salad*
King Prawns in Garlic Butter
Cajun Chicken Caesar Salad
Butternut Squash Soup
- Main course: *Roast Leg of Lamb studded with Garlic and Dried Apricots*
Braised Steak Bordelaise
Coq au vin
Grilled Fillet of Salmon over Asparagus Risotto
Roast Mediterranean Vegetable Wellington
(all served with a selection of potatoes and vegetables)
- Desert: *Crème Caramel*
Banana and Kiwi Pavlova with Toffee Sauce
Chocolate Profiteroles
Cheese and Biscuits
- Filter Coffee with Mint*

Any special dietary requirements, please let us know.

Cost: £25 per head

Dress: Smart / casual



If you would like to attend, please complete the reply slip below and return it by **Friday 16th October** with a cheque for the full amount (made payable to Alresford Twinning Association) to:
 ATA, 2 Dover Close, Alresford, SO24 9PG



ALRESFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

Name:Number in party

We would like to attend the Annual Dinner on Saturday 24th October at the Alresford Golf Club.
 I enclose cheque, made payable to Alresford Twinning Association, @ £25 per person. Total enclosed £

Menu choice:

NAME	STARTER	MAIN	DESERT

**FORTHCOMING
EVENTS**

We hope to see you at some of the following!

French Conversation Group



Now that the holiday period is over the French Conversation Group is starting again on 12th October

All members are welcome

The Conversation Group will meet from 19:30 until 21:00 on the second and fourth Monday of the month.

Details please contact Derrick Hudson on 01962 733131

Saturday 24th October — 7.30pm

ANNUAL DINNER

The Alresford Golf Club
for Members and Friends

Menu — see overleaf and
please return reply slip
by 16th October

See you there!



Friday 20th November — 7.30pm

AGM

St Gregory's Church Hall

Annual Reports
Guest Speaker
Glass of Wine

Please put the date in your diaries!

JOINING THE TWINNING ASSOCIATION:

You can join the Twinning Association by completing the on-line form on the website and we will acknowledge receipt of your application by e-mail or you can write to Alresford Twinning Association, c/o 2 Dover Close, Alresford, SO24 9PG. The annual subscription is £5 per individual or £10 for a family. The subscription can be paid by internet banking direct to our bank account (details on the web site) or by cheque made payable to Alresford Twinning Association.

We welcome all new members just as members, but if you feel you can offer additional help please let us know.

Terry Foreman, the President, can be contacted by phone 01962 733769 or by email terry.foreman@fsmail.net

For information about the Twinning Association or its events please contact:
Terry Foreman 01962 733769 or email terry.foreman@fsmail.net or visit the web site.
Photos of events can be found in the gallery on the web site.