



Editorial

It seems like yesterday that the last bulletin was compiled but in fact it was in November 2011. All your committee are busy people but I have found that when you retire from work there seems even less time to do everything! However from speaking with you I know that many of you enjoy browsing through the bulletin and looking at the photographs that record our various events during the year.

If anyone would like to help plan these activities, either by being on the committee or on an ad hoc basis (perhaps for a single event) please let me know. You do not have to wait until the AGM to volunteer.

Best wishes from your committee:

Jean Hudson – President, Penny McClelland – Treasurer, Barry Cope, Margaret Lumb, Ali Love, Tony Nowak, Barbara Redman-White

Other Dates for your Diary

Annual Dinner

Saturday 6 October 2012 – venue to be confirmed

AGM

Friday 16 November 2012 – St Gregory's Parish Hall

Petersfield Twinning Association Quiz

Wednesday 21st November 2012

Peterfield Twinning Association has invited us to their Winter Quiz at the Half Moon Public House. If you enjoy quizzing and would like to make up a table please contact Jean Hudson (733131) for more details.

President's Soiree

Saturday 12 January 2013 – St Gregory's Parish Hall

Forthcoming Events

Summer Wine Evening

Friday, July 13th commencing at 7.00 p.m.

At Secundus:

Venue courtesy of Jill and Barry Cope, on Bishop Sutton Road, opposite the Long Barn

Price: £7.50 per person (children no charge) includes finger buffet and two glasses of wine (Suggested donation of £1 per glass afterwards)

Please let Jean Hudson know before July 7th (one week in advance) if you would like to attend, and send payment of £7.50 per person (cheques to 'Alresford Twinning Association' please) to the following address: Jean Hudson, 2 Dover Close, Alresford SO24 9PG Tel 01962 733131, e-mail: jahalresfordtwinning@yahoo.co.uk

While it will be possible to pay on the door, advance booking will greatly assist the committee in ordering sufficient food and drink.

Petanque Evening and Picnic

Friday 3rd August 2012 6pm at Arlebury Park

Having had to cancel this event in June due to torrential rain we have rearranged (with fingers crossed) the Petanque Evening and Picnic. The Petanque Ground is near the play area at Arlebury Park. Please bring along boules if you have them but if not don't worry as there will be spares. No experience is necessary. There is no need to book - just turn up from 6:00pm - either to join in a game or just to watch. Bring your own picnic if you want. Barry Cope is kindly organising this for us so any queries please ring him on 01962 733451.





Visit to Bricquebec

25 – 27 May 2012

20 members visited our twin town of Bricquebec, and once again we were overwhelmed by the hospitality shown by our French hosts. We were met at Cherbourg from the ferry in the early evening and taken to Bricquebec by our French friends to enjoy an evening meal at their homes.

For Saturday, Chantal had arranged a trip to Tatihou Island, just off the coast of the Cotentin Peninsula. It is only an island at high tide and we crowded onto an amphibian craft to make our way across a causeway. The island has a very interesting history. Over the centuries it has been used to quarantine sailors returning from colonies during outbreaks of 'yellow fever', a prison, a place for refugees from the Spanish Civil War and more recently to house young offenders. It is now a nature reserve. The island also has a Vauban fort. The sun shone, and with the stiff breeze we all had a healthy glow when we met up again in the evening for an excellent meal.

Sunday was spent out and about with our hosts before returning to Cherbourg to catch the ferry.

Thanks go to Chantal for organising such a good weekend and we look forward to welcoming our Bricquebec friends to Alresford next year.

Spring Walk

Sunday 6 May 2012

Starting at The Hinton Arms, Jim Thompson supported by Anna led 16 members on a circular walk taking in some lovely views. The wild spring flowers had us scratching our heads trying to remember their names and it was lovely to see the lambs running in the fields. The weather was kind to us (although chilly and overcast it did not rain during the walk) and at the end a number of members had lunch and warmed up in the pub. Thanks to Jim and Anna for a very enjoyable walk.



Skittles Evening

Friday 9 March 2012

Due to alterations and renovations our usual venue The Swan Hotel was no longer available for this event so this year we met at The Northbrook Arms. It was a very successful evening which was once again kindly organised by Alison Love. We played skittles before the food and a round of killer after wards. The hot buffet made a pleasant change and enabled people to chat informally over the meal. Once again thanks to Alison for collecting the food orders and payments.