

Press Release:
Gournay Representatives Visiting Hailsham

Members of Hailsham and District Twinning Association are preparing for the arrival of up to 30 representatives from Hailsham's twin town, Gournay-en-Bray, on Saturday 18th October.

The visitors, including members of the Gournay-en-Bray Historical Society, will be touring the south east, visiting appropriate historical monuments and heritage sites in the region.

Towards the end of their tour, the Gournay representatives will be attending a special reception at the town council offices from 3.30pm. Members attending the reception will include Twinning Association Chairman, Paul Simmons and Vice Chairman and Mayor of Hailsham, Cllr Dr Ian Haffenden.

On the strengthening relationship between the two towns, Cllr Ian Haffenden said: "Hailsham has strong links with the town of Gournay-en-Bray in France. This relationship provides many reciprocal benefits, not least a greater understanding and appreciation of the different culture, heritage and language of the town with whom we are twinned."

Town Clerk Liz Jones said: "We are delighted to be hosting the reception here, which will not only give us the opportunity to meet the French visitors in person, but offer an opportunity to plan community events and trips to Gournay-en-Bray in the foreseeable future."

She added: "I am also grateful in advance to all Association members who are making every effort to get things organised for the both the tour and the ensuing reception."

Hailsham & District Twinning Association is an independent, self-financing organisation, which operates separately from the civic links between Hailsham and its twin town, Gournay-en-Bray. Membership of the association is open to individuals, families and organisations in Hailsham and its environs.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Hailsham & District Twinning Association or would like more information on its fundraising activities, please telephone John Puttick on 01323 441787 or Terry Hall on 01323 841702.

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