



### ISSUE THREE

With our AGM behind us and our committee re-elected for another year, we look forward to a busy year of social events and visits to and from our Twinned town Gournay-en-Bray. We welcome the addition of Pam Smith to our Committee.

It costs very little for four people in one car to travel to Gournay, being fed and watered by host families makes a visit an inexpensive treat. Do contact us if you wish to make a trip any time, but certainly there will be folk going over for the Arts Festival, with hopefully three Hailsham Artists participating and the music festival, always good fun but be prepared for a late meal while the music goes on around you. Our proposed cycle trip promises to be a light-hearted adventure with five days of easy cycling and site-seeing on route as well as the odd stop at a Café or two! A coach will probably be hired to take us again to the spectacular St. Clare Festival and Procession in which we take part, attempting to make some sort of spectacle of ourselves.

Please try to attend our social and fund-raising events, and what about joining our French speaking clubs, where to try to improve our often very poor linguistic

abilities?

Attempts are being made to form links with other local Twinning Associations i.e. Heathfield, Uckfield, Herstmonceux, Polegate etc. This not only means we could support one another but we could also join some of the activities both here and abroad.

The Tenth Anniversary celebrations of the signing of the Twinning Charter will take place over the weekend of the 29 October. The Lord Lieutenant of Sussex, Peter Field and dignitaries from Gournay will be attending. Celebrations will take place in Gournay the following year

Our first social event will be the Quiz Evening and Supper on February 26, so try and come and kick start our New Year.

*Paul Simmons – Chair*

#### **FRENCH SPEAKING CLUBS**

Last autumn the Twinning Association held a meeting at the Council Offices for those who wished to learn or improve their French. They were divided into two groups, beginners and those who are able to converse in French.

We now meet as often as possible on a Tuesday evening. The beginners come to my house and we work from a book, *10 Minute French*. We listen to a cassette of French speakers to improve our accents, at the moments are about eight participants.

The second group meet at Keith Townsend's house where they practice conversational French. I visit this group from time to time and have loaned them some light text books

to work through.

We are all enjoying this and if any other members would like to join it costs £2.00 per session and you can contact me on 01323 442151. *Pam Smith*

#### **DIARY OF EVENTS**

**February 26** Quiz Evening and Supper (Town Council Offices) £5.00, bring your own drinks.

**March 13** Tombola at Quintins Shopping Centre (prizes needed, can be taken to Town Council Offices).

**April 17** Twinning Associations *Link* evening. Cheese, Wine and Discussions at the Town Council Offices.

**May 16** BBQ at Chairman's house, £5.00 and bring your own drinks.

**May 22-24** Gournay Arts Festival visit.

**May 29- 3 June** Bike ride, Camping trip to Gournay. Contact Paul or John Puttick.

**June 6** Stall at Lions Country Fayre.

**June 21** Gournay Music Festival

**July 11** Boot Sale ??

**July 17** Weekend visit to Gournay for St. Clare Festival.

**October 29** 10th Anniversary Celebrations.  
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