

HAILSHAM TWINNING COMMITTEE MEETING

10/9/08

Present: Paula, Liz, Keith, Pauline, Paul, John W, John, Ian
Guests – Andy Joyes, Beth, Rhi ,Louise (Square Café) and Sharon Cottingham
(T/Council)

- 1 Charter Market – Stall at C/Market worked well and many names were taken people who have shown interest in the Twinning Assoc. It was decided that this will be repeated at the next C/Market. However, would be best if a covered stall could be used. Keith to look into this. It was decided that the profile of the Twinning Association should be raised and more promotion of the benefits of twinning should be carried out.
Pauline has sent out letters to all names inviting them to the Open Meeting on 24/9. Letters have also been sent out to general members to invite them to 24/9 too.
- 2 St Claire Visit - ^ people travelled to France this year and a float was provided. It is hoped that next year at least one coach can be hired and filled. The need to decide on a theme for costumes next year was discussed. It was decided that a sub committee be formed for making plans for this event. There is a possibility of up to 20 young people also travelling over next year. It was thought that they may stay in a youth hostel near Gournay and Andy Joyes will look into this. It is hoped that the Morris Men will also be included in the visit.
- 3 Tennis Club Exchange – taking place 12-14 Sept. Paul will be hosting a family. Twinning members are invited to the Tennis Club House for a welcome drink on the French guests arrival at 5.00 pm on Friday evening. Saturday they are holding a Barn Dance in the Community Hall and are hoping that some members may attend. This was discussed and unfortunately most members were unable to attend.
- 4 Historic Society Exchange Visit – It is planned that a 3 hour visit will take on 18/10 (at 4.30) and French guests (30) will visit the Town Council Offices. It was decided that an English Cream Tea will be provided for them. Paula will be organising this and requested that at least two helpers be at hand. Other members will also be available on the day. It was also decided that the offer from Ian Price would be taken up for him to bring along some historic weapons for display etc.
- 5 Open Evening 24/9 – as mentioned above, letters have already been posted to interested parties. Membership forms will be available on the evening. Membership Under 18's free, over 18's £5 each. Membership cards will be available in the near future. Agenda decided upon – Paul to welcome and introduce committee and give a short talk, Ian to give a talk on the history of the Association. John to provide a slide show of photographs. Paula to provide other photographs which will be displayed on notice boards. Two French guests will be in attendance and will also give a short talk. Wine, soft drinks and light refreshments will be provided. Time for people to mingle and meet each other will also be given. Names of people attending will be collected. Anyone who gave name at the Charter Market and does not attend will be sent a letter after the O/Eve to ask if they are interested in becoming members. John will try and collect membership fees during the evening.

Ian has also sent a press release to local newspapers which advertises the event. John W will e mail some photographs to the Sussex Express and Gazette.

- 6 Hailsham Bonfire Night – French guests will not be visiting after all.
- 7 Committee – Paul-Chair, Ian –Vice Chair, Liz-Treasurer, Pauline-Secretary, John W-PR, John- Membership Secretary, Paula-Social Secretary, and Keith.
- 8 Web site – John and Lorraine have been working on this and the site is now in operation with a front page.Picture of Hailsham Church and Gournay Church. John explained about further work under construction. It was decided that Terry from HTC will take on the extra work required to finish the site. The site is { [HYPERLINK "http://www.hailsham-gournay.org"](http://www.hailsham-gournay.org) }.
- 9 Twinning friendly pub or café – committee will look into identifying participating premises which will be available for visiting French guests to visit to find out more about the Hailsham Twinning Association. This will also be available for interested English visitors too. Suggestions made were the Homely Maid Café, Hailsham Club, Grenadier Pub.Paul confirmed that this suggested had also been made to Gournay and they have a premises available.
- 10 Constitution – this has been updated and Liz has and will repeat circulation of this to all committee members.

FUTURE DIARY DATES

24/9 Open Evening 7.30

29/10 H/T Committee Meeting 7.30

12/11 AGM