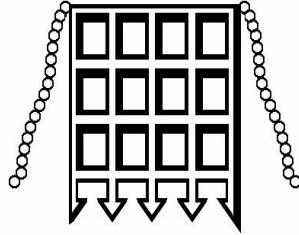


ROMSEY

TWINNING



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TWIN TOWN UPDATES

TREVIGLIO

Originally scheduled for September this year, the inaugural inbound visit has been postponed by mutual consent. Romsey Twinning now proposes either the weekend of the 14/15th or 21/22nd April 2007 and we await a response from Italy. Members who have a particular interest in Treviglio will be kept informed of developments separate to the newsletter.

Footnote: **Ariella Borghi** was newly elected mayor in June 2006

BATTENBERG

The inbound visit is now 27th –31st October 2006. Arriving at Bournemouth airport on Friday evening, Saturday morning sees a reception in the Town Hall with the rest of the day at leisure. There is a guided tour of Salisbury city and cathedral planned for Sunday as well as some evening entertainment and a buffet in Woodley Village Hall. A traditional English cream tea is planned for Monday before a proposed trip to Bath and a return flight on Tuesday.

Please could Franc have some photos for inclusion in the next newsletter. E-mail address is overleaf.

PAIMPOL

After our visit to Paimpol in May (see overleaf for more) we have invited the Pampolais to return either 19/20th or 26/27th May 2007. This visit will coincide with some of Romsey's Charter celebrations. It is also hoped that we can arrange for a joint Romsey and Paimpol school musical exchange to be part of the visit.



DIARY DATES

A CHRISTMAS WINE TASTING 7.30 pm, Age Concern Hall, Saturday 4th November 2006

Join us at for an evening of wine tasting, cheese and fun. Hosted by one of our members, John Compton has run many professional wine tastings and he makes tasting and learning about wines fun and enjoyable for all. We'll be sampling a variety of wines from our three twinned countries of France, Italy and Germany specifically chosen to match Christmas dishes giving you time to get stock in ahead of the crowds! There is also a special raffle and a fun wine-related quiz – individuals and couples can make a team up on the night or why not get a team of six friends together and take part. Return the slip below and support this pre-Christmas FUNdraiser.

Donations of additional raffle prizes would be appreciated

ANNUAL MEMBERS DINNER

31st January 2007, Keats Restaurant

Returning by popular demand! Applications and reservation forms in future newsletters.

ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW & QUIZ

with Michael Baker, Saturday 3rd March 2007 diary this new event now!! Details in future newsletters

CORPO MUSICALE

23rd June 2007, Romsey Abbey in conjunction with Romsey Male Voice Choir will take part in the Town Charter Celebrations.



CHRISTMAS WINE TASTING, 4th NOVEMBER 2006 7.30 pm at Age Concern Hall, Linden Road, Romsey (INCLUDING A BREAD & CHEESE SUPPER)

Please sendmembers tickets priced at £8.50
Please send.....guest tickets priced at £9.50



Cheque enclosed for £.....made payable to 'Romsey Twinning'

NAME ADDRESS



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PLEASE RETURN TO JANE BULL, 19 ASHLEY MEADOWS ROMSEY, SO51 7LT before 23rd October 2006

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If you have any questions, answers, even complaints about anything to do with Twinning, please contact any of the above.

Publicity, photographs or gossip to Franc

SITUATIONS VACANT - TREASURER

After many years of balancing books and looking after Romsey Twinning coffers, Paul Clayson announced at the AGM in June that he wishes to stand down. **We are therefore looking for a replacement.** Paul would like to point out that the task is not too onerous so don't let that put you off! If you can spare a little of your time please contact the Chairman.

On your behalf, Mike Bull and the committee wish to thank Paul for his past services.

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to Jill Baber.

REPORTS ON PAST EVENTS

PAIMPOL, MAY 2006

Arriving at Brest airport after a short and comfortable flight from Southampton, twinners visited St Thégonnec and Guingamp en route to meet our hosts in Paimpol. We visited the beautiful Ile de Bréhat (no cars allowed!) during our stay and were entertained by our hosts at the Mairie and in their homes. There was the usual evening soirée on the Sunday where we were surprised by the appearance of Flamenco dancers. All too quickly the weekend was over and travelling on a pretty rickety coach made our way back to the airport detouring to see Quimper and the Pointe du Raz which is the western most part of Brittany.



AGM, June 2006

Our Patron, Lady Brabourne, Town Mayor Mike Richardson and his wife, Chairman of Romsey Extra Parish Council Rod Simpson and his wife and 28 members attended the meeting in Romsey Town Hall. Full minutes will appear in the near future. The Chairman and Treasurer presented their reports which members accepted. Amendments to the constitution (the committee was increased in size to reflect our new links with Treviglio). were passed Updates were given on our links with our twin towns. Paul Clayson announced his intention to 'retire' from the post of Treasurer. He was thanked by the Chairman for his contribution.

BBQ and BOULES, June 2006



Kindly hosted by Mike and Lynn Hollingworth, several members enjoyed a barbeque in the sunshine before adjourning for a game of boules. The photo shows Mike Hollingworth making sure that Mavis Chapman followed the rules exactly.

ALSCACE JOINT WALKING WEEK

67 walkers from Romsey, Battenberg and S nonches (Battenberg's French twin town) were based at La Petite Pierre for a week of walking in July. Despite Temperatures approaching 40 C the week was a success. Another walking week is planned, either in England or Germany, for 2008.

