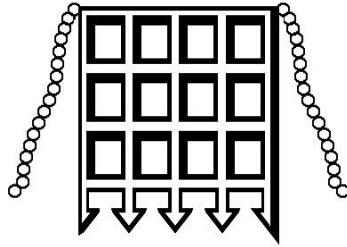


# ROMSEY TWINNING



## NEWSLETTER JULY 2008

### ITALIAN TWIN TOWN UPDATE

After the failure of linking with Treviglio and Chiari, we now have TWO further possibilities which we are actively pursuing. Our first choice is Caravaggio, the town virtually next door to Treviglio.

Earlier in the year member Karen Bolton was in Treviglio, polishing her Italian before sitting her 'A' level exam, when she happened to be introduced to the Mayor of Caravaggio who was running a market stall! He, personally, seemed very keen on the idea of forging a link with us but, as throughout Italy, the matter needs to be debated by the Town Council and we have approached the appropriate Councillor as well as sending an official invitation through the Mayor's office. Unfortunately we are still awaiting the outcome of their deliberations and do not even know when the Council is (or was) meeting. We are keeping our fingers crossed.

The second possibility is the Comune di Trezzo Sull'Adda which is situated immediately adjacent to the Milan-Bergamo motorway. We received their details through the Local Government Association and have actually received an official enquiry from the Mayor's office (addressed to our Mayor in both Italian and English) inviting us to make contact and share our thoughts about twinning. We are in the process of replying but have stalled in the hope that we would hear something positive from Caravaggio.

The two websites worth visiting are: <http://www.trezzoturismo.it/eng/Home.aspx> (in English) and [www.comune.caravaggio.bg.it](http://www.comune.caravaggio.bg.it)

Those who are interested in us forming an Italian link please let one of the officers know your thoughts about either or both possibilities.



## SUMMER BARBEQUE and PETANQUE

12.30pm onwards, Saturday 30th August 2008

Mike and Lynne Hollingworth are again kindly hosting this event. Please book through Jane using the form below. As before can you bring a salad and a dessert.

Please book me ..... members spaces priced at £5.00  
Please book me ..... guest spaces priced at £6.00

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

NAME ..... ADDRESS .....



..... E-MAIL .....

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(IF YOU HAVE A PORTABLE BARBEQUE, PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN BRING IT ALONG)

## VISIT TO PAIMPOL - JUNE 2008

A party of 31 Romsonians travelled overnight to St Malo and after exploring the old town took the leisurely coastal route visiting the rugged promontory at Cap Fréhel, the resort of Erquy and the picturesque harbour-town of Binic before arriving in Paimpol in the early evening. Old friends were reunited and several new visitors were linked with their French hosts on the harbour side. The group were joined there by two others who were already in France.

On the Saturday morning two Romsey policemen, who were exchanging with their Pampolais counterparts, patrolled the harbour area. There were several 'double takes' at the sight of simultaneous English and French law enforcement! Later in the morning, The Mayor of Paimpol, Jean-Yves de Chaisemartin, held a civic reception to welcome our Mayor, Karen Dunleavy, and the rest of the twinneders. The usual warm speeches were made and gifts exchanged. M. de Chaisemartin presented Mrs Dunleavy with a Paimpol medallion and a lapel badge. In return, Mrs Dunleavy presented M. de Chaisemartin with one of Romsey's new eco-bags. Our visiting police officers exchanged headgear and even presented the French Mayor with a traditional bobbies' helmet. The rest of Saturday and the Sunday were spent with hosts although some were taken on a very interesting guided tour of old Paimpol. On the Sunday evening we were all welcomed to the Salle des Fêtes for a wonderful soirée where we were wined and dined in style and entertained by a local singer and his barbary organ, and by members of the local choir.

Monday morning arrived too quickly and as everyone gathered at the port to board the coach home (via Mont St Michel and Caen), twinneders old and new, hugged, kissed and shook hands in farewell, all promising to meet again next year when the Pampolais visit Romsey to celebrate the 50th anniversary of establishing the Romsey-Paimpol twinning link.



OUR TWO MAYORS ON THE STEPS OF PAIMPOL TOWN HALL



AN EXCHANGE OF POLICE HEADGEAR!



PLAY IT AGAIN SAM !



GRAHAM PRATT DOES THE HONOURS



BONJOUR, BONJOUR, BONJOUR

## **BATTENBERG NEWS**

The inbound visit from Battenberg is still set for 3 - 6th October 2008. At the moment numbers are not very high but hopefully the final list of visitors, expected very soon, will be longer. The group intends travelling with Flybe from Frankfurt to Southampton - Air Berlin having withdrawn the route from Paderborn to Bournemouth. There are plans for a possible visit to Hampton Court Palace or Breamore House (near Fordingbridge) depending on the size of the group. More news as soon as we have it.

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## **SKITTLES BONANZA**

The skittles evening held last March raised £127.00 for Twinning funds. Thank you to all who contributed with the organisation, by donating raffle prizes or just by paying to come.

Funds need to be bolstered to see us through our 50th Anniversary year.

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## **EVENTS DIARY**

**Saturday 30th August 2008**

**BBQ and Petanque  
Chez Hollingworth**

**3rd – 6th October**

**Inbound visit from Battenberg**

**22nd November 2008**

**Wine Tasting with John Compton  
Age Concern Hall**

## **TWINNING'S 50th BIRTHDAY**

In 1959 a party led by Paul LeGuillon flew in to Eastleigh Airport (now Southampton International) and established a link with Romsey's Mayor and Town Council. Their proposal was to formally twin the two towns of Romsey and Paimpol. That proposal was accepted and in 2010 a party of Romsey civic dignitaries went to Paimpol for the formal signing of the Twinning Charter between our two towns. Since then that twinning relationship has blossomed with annual exchanges between the two towns. Another twinning link was established with Battenberg in Germany in 1987 and we are desperately trying to find an Italian twin town at the moment. Our aims are to encourage and foster links across like minded groups of people in Romsey.

In 2009 and 2010 we intend to celebrate the formation of that first twinning link. In 2009 the Pampolais will visit us and we will return to France in 2010. We hope that the Pampolais will visit and participate in the Beggar's Fair 2009 and we, as your committee, want to commemorate this anniversary in a befitting manner. Please support all forthcoming events as funding will be particularly important. We will try to involve everyone who has already participated in twinning events as much as possible. This will include the local police, schools, dancers, singers and musicians.

A special sub committee chaired by Denise Amery has been formed to co-ordinate a series of special events for 2009/10 - both here and in Paimpol. Good suggestions were made at the AGM in June (a Hog Roast perhaps) but please pass others to Denise or any other committee member.

## **COMMITTEE 2008 / 2009**

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