



# **BRIDPORT – St. VAAST LA HOUGUE TWINNING ASSOCIATION**



NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2017

Dear members,

There is a great deal to mention in this newsletter, so lets kick off with the **fortnightly** conversation at the West Dorset Club, next door to Wild and Homeless books in South Street starting **at 7.30pm Tomorrow Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**. Thanks as ever, to Micheline who continues to make this fun, whatever your level of French.

Next weekend, the **Onion Johnnies** will be arriving by boat at West Bay on Friday where they will be based for the most part at the Salt House and Fishermans Green. There will be Breton produce, live music and entertainment for all the family. See the Town Council website for further details, there are also posters around the town.

**Skittles** – We have been challenged to a skittles match against Beaminster Twinners – who can rise to the occasion? **Date – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November**, at the social club in Fleet Street, Beaminster, 7.30 for 8.00. I can vouch for a fun evening with extremely welcoming hosts, but we don't usually manage to raise a large team! Please contact Mike if you would like to go, so we can arrange lifts if anyone does not want to drive. The more the merrier.

We hope to have a tree in the **Christmas tree festival** – to be confirmed. I don't have the dates for this as yet, but it is always a spectacle, especially for the grandchildren.

Speaking of Christmas, we will be having a **party at Balaclava House on the evening of Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**. Invitations will follow nearer the time.

**Jumble Sale** – we thought we would do something a little different for fundraising. **The morning of Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup> 2018** is the date for a big jumble sale at Bridport United Church Hall. Please start putting aside anything you would not like to wear any more, bric-a-brac and other unwanted items. It will, of course, be a fabulous way of disposing of unwanted Christmas presents! More information will appear nearer the time, but stall include refreshments, cakes, books.

We have an advance date, tentative, but looking quite likely, for us to **visit St Vaast in 2018**. The weekend to circle on your calendar is the one covering **14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> of September**.

Finally, great news on the **Marie-Madeleine** – she has been rescued! A buyer was found and she was recently craned into the Atelier Bernard boatyard where repairs will commence shortly. We have been told there may even be the chance of an excursion on her next time we are over.

I know it's a busy time of year, but we hope to see you at one or more of these events in the forthcoming months.

With best wishes,  
Rachel

PS There is a French Film coming up, info has been sent in from Transition Town Bridport. Details on the PDF attached.

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