



BRIDPORT – St. VAAST LA HOUGUE TWINNING ASSOCIATION



November Newsletter 2021

It was good to see so many members in August and September at our AGM and Bastille events, both previously postponed due to the pandemic. A warm welcome to new members.

It is a bumper newsletter here, covering a number of matters.

Cuttings – Are you a keen gardener? Can you help this month? On July 2nd 2022 (note date in your diary) the twinning association will be taking over Bucky Doo Square for the day. Amongst many things happening there while promoting the association and community awareness that Bridport has a twin town, we would like to sell plants, hence the questions that began this item. If you are taking cuttings now and will have surplus when you eventually plant out, please can you earmark them for sale next July? Thank you.

December 17th - Is this date in your diary? Can you bake? Our annual Seasonal Celebration, will take place on December 17th 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. in the WI Hall, North Street, Bridport. Musicians will entertain us and we will sing along to well known classic songs and the usual (now traditional!) mix of French and English carols. There will be a small but quality Raffle. Games. The £10 per person ticket covers the cost of a glass of seasonal punch/soft drink, and the first course of our supper and venue hire. In France in the colder winter months, a staple hot supper dish is tartiflette – so this year we have decided to enjoy this tasty supper too. Tartiflettes will be provided. Potatoes and cheese are the main ingredients, with lardons, (bacon) and onions. Please advise of any dietary variations needed. Cont.

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The dessert course of the evening will be tarts. We hope that we have some keen cooks amongst our members, who will enjoy baking a tart and bringing it along to share. Alternative sourcing is allowed!

Please do not worry if you cannot provide a tart.

Seasonal fresh fruits will be provided as a dietary alternative.

So we have a Tartiflette and Tart food theme for the evening.

To ease the practical organisation of the evening, on this occasion you must bring your own wine/soft drinks to accompany your meal. You also must bring your glass, knife, fork, dessert spoon and fork, dinner plate, dessert plate. (You may/may not wish to have a hot drink during/to end the evening, if so, you need to bring it in a flask with cup.)

Space – Can you provide a dry storage space till September 1st 2022? The association has two gazebos, display boards, boxes. They have been safely stored together for many years with easy access but now have to be moved as soon as possible, as their current holder is moving house and has no space for them. The Secretary will be able to permanently store all the association's belongings in a safe dry garage next September, meanwhile, has anyone safe dry space to offer? Garage, shed, spare room..... We earnestly hope that someone can provide a temporary home to help resolve the pressing dilemma.

Benediction de la Mer – Blessing of the Sea

Will you be travelling on July 15th 2022 for our biennial weekend visit to St Vaast? It coincides with this special, unique, spectacular event, which happens every ten years, this time being delayed two years, like our visit, because of the pandemic.

Thank you to those that responded, expressing interest from the request in the previous newsletter.

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Arrangements have moved on apace for our visit. We sail out of Poole about 8 a.m. on Friday 15 July bound for Cherbourg and we leave Cherbourg early evening on Monday 18th to return to Poole.

We will be sailing on Barfleur.

To cover ferry and coach, £30 deposit is now required with the balance (to be advised) needing to follow, if you want to join the trip.

We applied to have a tree at this year's Tree Festival in the United Church. Our application was successful – our theme being Blessing of The Sea. Please visit during the festival to see our tree.

March 1st 2022 - Shrove Tuesday and also St David's Day!

The association has long celebrated Mardi Gras with a meal.

The committee is presently discussing the viability of a fully catered meal from one of our previous providers. It would be a topical/french mix menu. Outside full catering provision would allow everyone to enjoy the conviviality of the evening in relaxed fashion.

Our Conversation Group continues fortnightly, if you would like to attend contact Mike Farmer on 01308 423400. All welcome.

We continue to be aware of the pandemic, matters of safety and monitor any possible implications for the association's events.

We look forward to seeing many of you on December 17th also at our events in 2022.

Now, importantly, please see the following sheet, complete and return as applicable as soon as possible. Thank you.

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Please tick and complete as relevant
December 17th 2021

- 1 /We will be attending the Seasonal Celebration.
- Enclosed a cheque for £..... (£10 per person)
Payable to Bridport – St Vaast La Hougue Twinning Association
- Payment has been made by BACS
Reference - Twinning & Your surname
- I/We can provide a tart and await Linda’s call to discuss

July 15th 2022

- I/We wish to take part in the twinning weekend in St Vaast
- Please can Linda call me/us to discuss
- I/We were on the 2020 list and are liaising with Linda.
- Enclosed a deposit cheque for £..... (£30 per person)
Payable to Bridport – St Vaast La Hougue Twinning Association
- Payment has been made by BACS
- I/We confirm our personal responsibility for: Travel
Insurance, Covid vaccination documentation as may be needed.
Valid Passport, GHIC card (supersedes EHIC card)

Print Name(s).....

e-mail this completed form if paying by BACS or return form and
cheques/ BACS acknowledgement by post/ delivery to Linda



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