

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

STORRINGTON & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Welcome to our latest Newsletter. Since our AGM/BBQ in June we have a new Chairman, Jennifer Goddard, previously the Treasurer, who has taken over from Alan Brien. Alan continues to support the Twinning Association and remains on the Committee.

On behalf of the Committee and all its Members, we would like to thank him and Judith for all their hard work over the past 9 years.



In June, 11 Members from Storrington visited Villerest. After nearly 16 years of exchange visits we are still amazed at how much there is yet to be discovered of the region. Of course, it goes without saying, that we visited a local vineyard for a wine tasting. This always appeals to us Brits! We visited the picturesque Chateau de la Roche, that sits at the bottom of the Loire, which is well worth a visit should you be passing through the Rhone Alps.

Diary of events :-

- September 02-04th Italian visit
- October 14th French Film Night
- November 18th Wine Tasting
- January 15th 2012 Nouvel An
- February 17th French Film Night
- March Spring Newsletter

Charlieu, a pretty town close by has a lovely working Silk Museum that for the past two centuries has made exceptional silk fabric for many Chateaux around France. The Abbaye bénédictine and the Convent des Cordeliers with its gothic architecture is a must too. Many concerts are held here because of the beautiful surroundings, wonderful atmosphere and acoustics. At the end of our stay we were all invited to a Reception held at the 'Mairie' where Mr. Court, the Mayor of Villerest welcomed us along with Mr. & Mrs. R Dawe.

8 Committee Members have just returned from Pielenhofen, in Bavaria. We visited Regensburg, a very pretty town with its many beautiful churches, plus the magnificent Princely House of Thurn & Taxis Castle Museum that was involved in setting up the postal service across Europe. Originally from Italy, the family built up this postal service in the 15th Century. Due to its huge success, some 350 years later it was taken over by the Imperial Commissioner and as recompense the family was given the Castle & Benedictine Monastery. Parts of the building are still lived in today. We took a boat trip along the gorge of the Danube ending up at the Weltenburg Abbey which was spectacular. St. Peter's Cathedral is famous for its medieval stained glass windows. In fact, everything was perfect, also the weather. Our visit was not complete without a visit to a local brewery, as you would expect in Germany. We will host a small group from Pielenhofen next year. Date to be confirmed.

Between 2nd & 4th September we shall be hosting a small group of 10 from Cerrione. A proposed itinerary has been sent out to those

Members who have shown an interest in taking part. We look forward to showing our new friends around our local area. We would like to thank Storrington Museum and Rev. Malcolm Acheson.

French Film Night—Friday, 14th October

“Séraphine” (2010)

Based on a true story, it won 7 French Academy Awards & Best picture. Séraphine De Senlis lived a meager life as a maid in a small town north of Paris in 1912. Her modest life and hidden talent are changed forever when she is discovered by a German art critic who is mesmerized by her paintings. But the more she paints the more her reputation soars to startling heights, and her life begins to spiral out of control.

Venue: Trinity Methodist, Main Hall at 7.30pm
French with English subtitles. Members: £3
Non Members £3.50. Duration: 2hrs

Wine Tasting—Friday, 18th November

Due to popular demand we shall be running another wine tasting event where you can sample good wines from various regions of France. To include paté, and different cheeses.

Venue: The Martlets, Hurston Lane, Storrington
Members: £8, Non Members: £9. Starts at 8pm.

Nouvel An—Sunday, 15th January

Another chance to meet and greet our Members in the New Year. French cheese and wine make up this Sunday lunch party to include a light hearted quiz. Why not come along and join us for a relaxing lunch. Starts at 1pm.

Venue: Corsley, Melton Drive, Storrington

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Film Night—Friday, 17th February

“Pôtiche” (2011)

starring Catherine Deneuve. This is a new comedy film. Deneuve plays a submissive housebound, trophy housewife but when her husband is taken hostage by his striking employees, she takes the reins of the family umbrella business. Much to everyone’s surprise she proves to be a very competent boss. But when her husband returns, what happens next! To find out, come and see the film.

Venue: Trinity Methodist, Main Hall at 7.30pm

Members: £3 Non Members £3.50

French with English subtitles



We hope you will like some of our events and look forward to seeing all our members, guests etc. to another full Autumn programme.

Please fill in the usual attendance slip attached and if you should need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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***On behalf of the Committee we thank you
for your continued support.***