



Beaminster and District Twinning Association

Twinned with Saint-James, Normandy, France

President: Margaret Greenham

Vice-President: Colin Barrett



Report for Dorset Twinning Association AGM

Membership

We now have 61 adult members and 3 children.

Visit by group from St James

A group of 32 visited from St James in June this year on a lovely sunny weekend. We entertained them with a trip to the Willows & Wetlands Centre and Wells, including lunch at the Bishop's Palace. The visit ended with a meal and barn dance to a ceilidh band for the whole group of 82.

Links with Local School

During the year, we re-established links with the local secondary school in Beaminster. The French Teacher was very keen to promote twinning to his students. With his support, we invited families of all pupils in years 7 and 8 to join us for a social evening of a French meal and slide show of last year's visit to St James. Only 3 families responded but, of these, 2 are now members and all 3 families participated in hosting our visitors from St James.

The teacher also led a group of 11 of us in a series of French Conversation sessions.

The school now has a new French Teacher, but we hope to build upon the links by inviting this year's new intake to a 'French Christmas' evening in December.

Social Events

January:	AGM
March:	French Evening with a meal and slide show
June:	Meal and Barn Dance to ceilidh band for our visitors from St James
July:	Barbecue
December:	French Christmas Evening

Typical number attending social events is 45.

Promotion and Fund-Raising

The association now has a web site and 4 newsletters have been issued to members so far this year.

At the local fete, members ran a stall featuring a 'treasure hunt' using a map of Normandy.

A market stall selling cakes, garden produce, and bric-a-brac was set up in Beaminster Square one Saturday during August.

We have made a submission to Beaminster Council requesting assistance with funding.

Maureen Wootton
Secretary