



## PIDDLEHINTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION ..... 2011 – 2012

### *Twinned with Longueville*

Another good year for us, with the loss of some members through age or work commitments, but also the recruitment of a few more ! We now have some younger families interested in what we do, which is great news.

Last **Autumn** we fundraised and socialised.... with a **Skittles party** and our annual **Quiz** ....and then fundraised some more in February with our annual **Jumble Sale**.

In **May**, we put on : “ **Go Nuts In May with The Twinning !** ” .....a very successful Dinner and Cabaret Evening in the Memorial Hall, with an excellent 3-course French menu prepared by a team of members and a fabulous performance of French songs by Magdalena, another member, and Dave Bowen and Mike Bottrell on sax and guitar. This was advertised throughout the Piddle Valley and open to everyone. Hard work, but well worth it !

In **July**, we had our annual Barbecue in a beautiful garden belonging to members ( and also open 3 times a year for the National Gardens scheme). A lunchtime event this year, which worked well in the sunshine.

Our biennial visit to France was in **early September** this year, due to Longueville hosting their other twinned village ( Labergement Ste Marie ) from the Jura, in our usual month of May. As always, the hospitality was wonderful and day trips included the Marais de Carenton and l’Ile de Tatihou..... with some of our hosts dressing up as drum majorettes to entertain us at the evening dinner ! The Longuevillais will return to the Piddle Valley in 2012.

Our aim remains to attract younger members and to maintain both a full programme and enthusiasm for our links with Normandy. Our AGM and Dinner take place each March.



**\*\*** Our singer, Magdalena, would be very interested to hear from other Twinning Associations who would like to put on concerts, entertain guests etc. She speaks fluent French and her repertoire includes songs made famous by Françoise Hardy, Piaf, Aznavour, Trenet... in fact, any song that you love ! She is young, beautiful and enthusiastic and loves singing !

**If you would like further info. about Magdalena or Piddlehinton Twinning , please contact Jo Thornton ( Sec ) on 01300 348670 / thornton742@btinternet.com.**