

Sturminster Newton Twinning Association October, 2009 – October , 2010

In **October** we held a very successful boules tournament at the Plough at Manston.

November was the month of our annual quiz, held in the Exchange at Sturminster. It was very well attended and the profits from the raffle went to providing education for 25 orphans in Toussiana – a project we support jointly with our twin town.

January is the time of the Chandeleur – a huge Candlemas fair in Montebourg. We take marmalade, local cheeses etc. As usual a good group travelled over, worked very hard but had a great time.

In **February** we held our Annual General meeting.

In an effort to attract new members we had a drop-in coffee morning at the Exchange in **March**. We also won the D.T.A. quiz at Piddlehinton.

In **April** we entered a twinning team for the prestigious Sturminster town quiz, which we also won.

May was the month of the visit from our friends in Montebourg. It was a very busy weekend which included a trip to Brownsea Island and a visit to the greyhound racing at Poole. In May we also had a social evening at a local pub.

In **July** we paid our annual visit to France. We visited the Festival of the Sea at St. Vaast. This is a wonderful event, which happens every 10 years.

Our boules team won the Dorset Shield in **August**.

September was very busy as we held another boules tournament at Manston.

11 of our friends from Montebourg came over for the Sturminster Newton Cheese Festival. We spent 2 days selling Camembert in glorious sunshine. We also ran a treasure hunt to raise funds for Toussiana.

Shortly after the Cheese Festival we had a visit from a group of French singers and musicians – Ars Nova. They gave a concert in our Parish Church, which was enjoyed by all.