

SHERBORNE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER AUG '10

Sherborne
Granville



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LA HULPE—SIGNING OF THE CHARTER

Over the weekend of the 5th and 6th of June, Scilla and Tony, Monica and David, John Snell, Peter and I travelled to La Hulpe by various ways and means, yet amazingly arrived at the same time!

After a reception at the Town Hall, with drinks and nibbles, we were treated to dinner in a lakeside restaurant. On Saturday we were taken to the site of the Battle of Waterloo. After a guided tour we enjoyed an extremely interesting and amusing talk on the historical links between Belgium and England by Robert Stanbury, an Englishman living in La Hulpe. (John is going to repeat a version of this at the next AGM).

After lunch we went into Brussels and had a tour of the city by open-topped bus. We were lucky to have good weather most of the weekend and on Saturday evening there was a barbecue supper party in the garden of one of our hosts.



On Sunday morning we met representatives of various clubs and associations at the Château and exchanged leaflets and addresses. This was followed by a ceremony where the official twinning Charter was signed by me and their Mayor, Christophe Dister. Unfortunately, our Mayor, Jane Smith, was unable to be with us due to a previous commitment. However, she has since added her signature to the Charter.

Gifts were exchanged and our delegation was presented with a young Mongolian Lime tree. We hope **cont. page 2**

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that this will find a home in the Pageant Gardens. We presented them with a book and CD Rom on the famous and historic Sherborne Missal. After this, some of our group went to have a Boules match with a local team. They won!

It was most encouraging to see how much enthusiasm there was in La Hulpe, to set up links between clubs and organisations with their opposite numbers in Sherborne. We have already been instrumental in putting scouts, rugby and football clubs and boules players in touch. In fact, a rugby club visit is being planned for next spring.

A banner presented to us by the La Hulpe Lions club has been handed over to our Lions and they kindly offered us a stall at their Summer Fete on 24th July in the Pageant Gardens. There we gave out leaflets and information on La Hulpe and, hopefully, will gain some new supporters for our Association.

We had a marvellous weekend with our generous and friendly hosts. We will be inviting a party from La Hulpe over here next summer and we hope to take a larger group of Sherborne Twinners over to this charming little town the following year.

Penny Stewart



THE GAGGLE OF GEESE.

On a fine spring evening, around 30 Twinners converged on the Gaggle of Geese, Buckland Newton, for the first social event of 2010 - the Epiphany Party having been cancelled due to the snow.

The lively pre-dinner conversations continued as we took our places at the long table set for us in a quite private section of the pub. We'd chosen our menus in advance so it was too late to change our minds!

Much of the food was locally sourced and dishes such as pheasant and lemon posset had a wonderfully traditional ring to them. I don't think anyone was disappointed. All in all, a most convivial evening and thanks must go to those who

had the hard task of trying out a number of possible venues!

Have YOU any suggestions as to where to go for our next dinner venue?

There are many good pubs around, which offer excellent meals at reasonable prices.

All you need is a room for at least 30 people and reasonable access for us to bring some of our frailer members.

Contact John Snell on 01935 813171 with your ideas.

Angela Walmsley



2010 AGM — A LOOK BACK

The Association's Annual General meeting on the 22nd March attracted nearly 40 people. This was considerably more than in recent years and to see some new faces was very encouraging. Welcoming supporters and the Association's President, Sherborne Town Mayor Cllr. Malcolm Boustead, our Chairman, Penny Stewart, opened proceedings by reminding us of the negotiations that had been taking place with La Hulpe. It was pleasing to be able to report that both the Sherborne and La Hulpe Town Councils were in agreement for a Twinning Charter to be signed and this took place in the Belgian town this June.

Penny then reviewed the past year's activities, which included a Spring lunch in Trent followed by a visit to Sherborne by a small party from La Hulpe, which coincided with the Castle Country Fair when our town was "en fête". In June we welcomed our Granville friends and with them shared a most enjoyable boat trip to Dartmouth, lunching together on a floating restaurant. The return to our coach in Totnes was by steam train and open-topped bus and with non-stop sunshine it was a day to remember.

Our annual trip to Granville was in September when we also visited several châteaux, the Bayeux tap-

estry and the Normandy D day landing beaches and museum. Penny thanked Pepys & Pat Lordon for their excellent arrangements. Our boules team finished about halfway in the Twinning league, which was helped by the new double pitch at Sherborne Hotel and the ability to practice more. Our quiz in October attracted teams from several other Twinning Associations. With a fish and chip supper and arrangements by Peter Rhodes it was enjoyed by all – especially as our Twinning teams took first 3 places!

Moving on to this year's programme Penny said how sad it was that the Epiphany Party had to be cancelled in January due to the bad weather, but it was the only sensible decision. She then told us of the events in the earlier part of this year that are described elsewhere in the Newsletter.



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Our visit to Granville in 2010 is on the 17th September and details were given by the organiser Pepys Lordon. The French will be coming the weekend of 9th October to enjoy the delights of Pack Monday.

In finishing her report Penny thanked both Les Derrick who is leaving the Committee after 20 years with the last ten as Treasurer and also the Committee as a whole for their support.

She added that we would welcome some fresh faces on the Committee and this was reiterated by ex Chairmen Pepys Lordon and Monica Havard .

Hon Treasurer, Les Derrick, then presented his report which was duly approved and ended by saying how much he had enjoyed his service on the Committee for the past 20 years.

The election followed and full details of the Committee for 2010/2011 are shown on page 8.

The evening concluded with an interesting illustrated talk by Gerald Howell on his visit to Athens.

John Snell

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A few places are still available
for our visit to Granville

from **Friday 17th to Monday
20th September**

Cost by coach from
Sherborne

£ 90 to £ 130 per person
dependent on final numbers.

Contact Pepys or Pat Lordon

**2, Eastbury Cottages, Long St,
Sherborne DT9 3DU**



CAROL KENNY—A TRIBUTE

Carol's many friends in the Twinning Association were saddened by her sudden death. She had devotedly nursed Bill during his long fight against Cancer and it is a great regret that she only outlived him by 17 months.

She came on the trip on the River Dart when the French were here last year.

Carol had an interesting life. She was born in what was then Southern Rhodesia. All first sons in her family were named Adam. This accounts for her father giving his first born child the second name Mada! Carol and her younger sister Margot went to boarding school in South Africa, necessitating three day journeys to and from home, passing Victoria Falls on the way.

The family were very keen on Amateur Dramatics and Carol's first thought was of coming to RADA as a drama student. This did not come about and so she instead trained as a nurse at St Thomas's.

Carol met Bill, who was then in the Colonial Service, and they eventually came back to England and to Sherborne, where Bill had been educated. Here he qualified as a Solicitor at the age of 50.

They became involved in many local

groups including the Historical Society and the Abbey. There Carol was very involved with the Mothers Union and was founding organiser of the Churches Together Toddler Group.

They first joined Twinning on the inaugural visit to San Gimignano in 1992, which we accomplished by coach.

Seven members of the Association attended her funeral in Sherborne Abbey on 22nd February, which was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Eric Woods. We extend our sympathy to her sons Frank and Brian and the rest of the family.

Pat Lordon



A SUMMER PARTY IN THE COUNTRY

Beautiful weather and the warmest of welcomes are always guaranteed, when we plan a summer party at the Morrells and this year was no exception.

About 30 Twinners arrived in Leigh on a glorious summer's day to enjoy an afternoon in Michael and Pat's fantastic garden. We were also delighted that the Mayor of Sherborne, Jane Smith, and Mary Brodie were able to join us. Soon umbrellas were being put up to shield everyone from the bright sunshine and suncreams and sunhats were the order of the day. Food and drink was brought to share with fellow friends and the dining table looked tempting and abundant with tasty home-made fare. It was a perfect afternoon and no one wanted to be anywhere else.

A tour of the garden was a must and



it looked colourful and spectacular - Michael's vegetable garden especially never ceases to amaze and I was particularly taken this year by the fruits he is growing in the greenhouse, including the fig tree which is already promising a good crop.

We had a raffle which helped raise some money for our administrative costs and Pat was presented with a white orchid by Penny Stewart, our Chairman, who also said a few words about future events. Pepys Lordon updated everyone about the forthcoming French trip and stressed the need for Twinners to support this event.

Thank you, Mike and Pat, for letting us take over your house and garden for the afternoon. We all had a lovely time.

Monica Havard



FUTURE EVENTS

17th to 20th September - **Visit to Granville
Villedieu-les-Poêles
Abbaye de Hambye
Hypermarket**

9th to 12th October - **Les Granvillais come to Sherborne**

YOUR COMMITTEE FOR 2010/11

Chairman	<i>Penny Stewart</i>	Vice Chairman	<i>Scilla Copper</i>
Secretary	<i>John Snell</i>	Treasurer	<i>Gerald Howell</i>
Douzelage Rep	<i>Jeremy Barker</i>		

Committee: *Pat Anglin, Monica Havard, Pat and Pepys Lordon, Michael Morrell, Pam Taylor, Claire Thompson*

NEWS FROM THE DOUZELAGE

At a very wide ranging Conference from 29th April to 2nd May in Sušice in the Czech Republic, Cezary Salamonczyk, who is well known in Sherborne, succeeded Ed Weber as President with our very own Mike Balfour and the Mario Calleja, the Mayor of Marsaskala in Malta, chosen as Vice-Presidents. We look forward to hearing and fulfilling their new ideas.

In July there was a very enjoyable Global Environment Youth visit to Judenburg.

And on 13th August Sarah and John Whittick are holding a Barbecue Party to which Twinners have been invited. There will be many other guests including some from Poland and Italy.