



Storrington & District Twinning Association Autumn Newsletter

September 2016



Outside Parham House

Dates for your Diary

16th September Dinner at Chez Joel
21st October French Film night
26th November 'Christmas comes early'

2017

15th January Nouvel An
10th February European Repas
24th March French Film night

Events between May and July

The Queen's Birthday Celebrations

Alan Hughes

In May we celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday with a cream tea; but it was not just tea and cake though, as sparkling wine from a local vineyard close to Villerest, was served. This went down a treat and was greatly appreciated.

Sadly we lost Alan Hughes very recently. He was our co-founder and ex- chairman of the STDA giving many years of his time to the association. He will be missed by us all.



The AGM

Our last event from the Spring Newsletter ended with our yearly AGM/BBQ. This is always a nice relaxing afternoon in lovely surroundings with good wine, food and pleasant company.

Villerest Visit in Mid July

The exchange visit planned for May, was postponed until July when we warmly greeted our friends from Villerest who thoroughly enjoyed their time with us.

We were extremely lucky with the weather on our visits to Parham House and Church on Friday. The next day saw us having lunch at Ditchling before a look at their museum, which followed an interesting tour and wine tasting at one of the local vineyards.

We ended Saturday by relaxing at a lovely BBQ at Sue and Stephen's during a warm evening and on Sunday another good meal at Jennie and John's.



Waiting to learn about the wines at Ditchling



Jennie and John's Sunday evening meal.



Now the best bit – tasting!

The weekend finished with a trip to the RNLI at Shoreham Harbour, the final day being spent at the beach, along with picnic hampers, beach chairs, sun hats and sun cream. (Photos courtesy of David Smithson)

Forthcoming events

Chez Joel

Friday 16th September at 7.30pm

Our Autumn season of events starts with a meal at Chez Joel. Sarah and her husband offer French homemade food and a choice of starter, main & dessert. Included in the price is wine with your meal and coffee. All cheques must be paid in advance and sent no later than 12th September.

Venue: Chez Joel, High Street, Steyning

Price: £35 pp.

French Films for the Autumn and Winter

Quai d'Orsay

21st October 2016 at 7.30pm

Doors slam and papers fly in this off-the-wall comedy about French Politics. This film is a hilarious send up of diplomacy about a new speech writer who must run the gauntlet of internal politics while trying to compose an important address for his boss.

Starring Thierry Lhermitte, Raphael Personnaz and Jane Birkin

Director - Bertrand Tavernier

Venue: Trinity Methodist Main Hall

Price: Members £3, non-members £3.50

Orchestra Seats

24th March 2017 at 7.30pm

This is a light hearted, charming, romantic comedy concerning Jessica, played by Cécile de France, a beautiful young woman from the provinces who comes to Paris and lands a job waiting at a chic bistro on the fabled Avenue Montaigne, the city's nexus for art, music, theatre and fashion.

Precisely because Jessica does not know the celebrated people who come to this place, her guileless and completely un-intimidated engagement in their lives has a transforming effect on them – and ultimately on her.

Director – Danièle Thompson

Venue: Trinity Methodist Main Hall

Price: Members £3, non-members £3.50

Christmas comes early



December can be a busy month so why not join us for mulled wine, turkey sandwiches, mince pies and anything Christmassy, before the rush really begins. This is similar to the cream tea event and the theme is "Sparkles".

Venue: 'Hareta', Nightingale Lane, Storrington'

Price: £ 7.50 members £9.50 non-member

Date: Saturday 26th November

Time: 1pm

Nouvel An 2017

Our Nouvel An is always popular in the New Year so come and celebrate it with us, you will not be disappointed. The price includes a buffet lunch, and a glass of wine on arrival. Any additional wine thereafter, will be £1 per glass.

Venue: 'Martlets', Hurston Lane, Storrington

Price: £ 10 members £12 non-member

Date: Sunday 15th January 2017

Time: 1pm

European Repas



Both our 'Repas de Trois Pays' and 'Repas de Quatre Pays' have been well attended, so to continue with this theme we thought we would tempt you with our European Repas.

There will be a 'welcome' drink on arrival but any extra glass thereafter, will be charged at £1.

Venue: 'Oakdell, Fryern Road, Storrington

Date: Friday 10th February

Price: £ 10 members £12 non-members

Time: 7.30 pm

Celebrating 20 years of Twinning with Villerest, France

20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We will be celebrating our 20th Twinning Anniversary with Villerest, France on Thursday, 25th to Sunday, 28th May 2017. We are planning lots of events during this weekend and hope that our past and present Members will join us for this special occasion. We also look forward to greeting a group from Cerrione, Italy.

Please mark this date in your 2017 calendar. Details of the itinerary will be published in our Spring Newsletter, in 2017.

We will be looking for host families and/or help with transport. If you are interested please go to our website:

www.storringtontwinning.co.uk

or contact the Secretary at: secretary@storringtontwinning.co.uk

[A bit of news from the Villerest web site](#)

To bring to the fore environmental issues, 3 large birds have been spray-cleaned onto the dry side of the barrage holding back the reservoir water. By leaving the dark mosses and lichens etc. these birds really stand out and make an eye-catching attraction. An imaginative idea!

Why not visit their web-site at

www.villerest.fr

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Name: _____

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French Film – Orchestra Seats

Friday 24th March

Venue: Trinity Methodist Main Hall

Time: 7.30pm

Price: Members £3, non-members £3.50

Number of tickets: _____ Amount Paid £ _____

Name: _____

**Please make cheques payable to STDA and send the payment to:-
Sue Kibblewhite, 'Martlets', Hurston Lane, Storrington, RH20 4HH**