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THE ANNUAL EXCHANGE CAME TO CHICHESTER



From the Chairman . . .

I was very fortunate to take over as Chairman earlier this year with all the hard work involved in setting up the Second Schools Arts Competition and the Annual Exchange already completed. So a special thanks to the Committee and particularly Margaret & Ray Brown, and Julia Sander, for what have been two very successful events.

More from Margaret inside on the results of this year's Arts Awards. We have already taken action to try and ensure more Chartres schools participate next year. This includes exhibiting this year's marvellous entries in Chartres this Autumn (awaiting dates from Chartres) and the facilitating of more direct contact with schools through our website.

The feed-back on this year's Exchange visit to Chichester by 48 'Chartrains' has been very welcome and encouraging. Some members of the Committee were slightly apprehensive about the visit to Hove Dog Racing but this insight into a not so well known aspect of English culture turned out to be great fun! Some participants have suggested that perhaps a little more free time should be built into the programme and many 'Chartrains' were keen to have a full day set aside for a visit to Arundel Castle next time. The Committee will certainly take these points on board.

The timing for the Annual Exchange visit next year has been agreed with 'Des Amis' and will be from Friday 27th April to Tuesday 1st May 2012 inclusive. This is earlier than usual but later dates clash with French National and Local Elections.

As new Chairman, I have the following personal objectives in the role:

- To involve the wider Chichester Community in our Twinning Activities, particularly the younger age groups. Margaret has already established excellent links with Pallant House Gallery, The University, Chichester College, Schools and other local organisations. Working closely with her, I intend to build on these.
- To encourage the more 'formal' relationships between our City Council, the Chartres' Municipality and the Chichester Commission of Des Amis des Jumelages de Chartres. FoC member Cllr. Michael Woolley has been very successful on this front as Mayor of Chichester over the last two years and we have a great opportunity to continue with supporters Cllrs. Tony French and Anne Scicluna as new Mayor and Deputy Mayor respectively.
- To ensure every future Exchange visit is as successful as this year's.
- To encourage and support our French Language Circles

As the new Chairman I would also like to acknowledge the work of John Wilton our Hon. Treasurer. Though the sums we are dealing with are not large, the nature of our activities means our accounting is quite complex and John's efforts have ensured the Association continues on a sound financial footing and your Committee has always known where we have stood.


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WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRESIDENT



The new Mayor of Chichester is Tony French, who takes on this role for a second time (he was previously Mayor in 1986-87). He is a long-standing City and District Councillor who has been a member of our Association for many years.

His chosen charity for the year is New Park Community & Arts Association and we look forward to meeting him & Rachel at our French Film Evening.

PRESIDENT
The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Chichester
Councillor Tony French

VICE PRESIDENT
Diana Taylor

OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Margaret Brown

(co-opted)

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 Alan Thurlow (*D.E.E.C.*).....533092

CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES (July 2010 - June 2011)

Cllr Nick Roberts.....788619 Cllr Michael Woolley.....789539

TWINNING CONFERENCE

Twinning Associations from across West Sussex were invited to this event, hosted by the City Council and held in the Assembly Room on 9th April. Because of the very short notice, high work load and previous commitments, the Officers were not able to attend so Diana Taylor went as Friends of Chartres' delegate. Extra copies of our last 2 Citylinks were produced by the Editor for Diana to give to those present (around 50 people from 20 organisations) and Margaret also prepared and delivered our display boards which publicised our activities.

The speakers gave information about applying for funding from EU sources and about commercial ties with Ravenna. Delegates exchanged views on a range of topics in the afternoon group sessions. Diana said that she had taken a workshop and reported that it was a very good event.

Annual Membership Fees

£10.00 single £15.00 joint/family

 £20 corporate

For further information please contact:
Membership Secretary - Mr Ray Brown
Tel: (01243) 783776

SKITTLES MATCH

+ BANGERS & MASH SUPPER

We were all delighted that Martyn Bell, our new Chairman, was able to come to the Four Chesnuts Public House in the Hornet on the 7th April. Being the reigning Champion, he brought the coveted 'Ozzie Titfer' in readiness for the new Champion to be duly 'crowned' at the end of the match. He was not able to play and had to leave before the end of the evening, leaving his Vice-Chairman (and organiser of this event), Ray Brown, in charge.

Many of our noted competitors were on holiday which meant numbers were low, however, it was refreshing to see some of our new members in attendance. The regular game of Skittles began



New Champion Navine with his crowning glory - The Hat.

with each participant having his/her go with three balls. There were some very high scores due to additional throws by those who had scored a 'strike' (ie all skittles knocked down with the first/second ball). A second round took place at the end of which our newest member, Navine Gunganah was declared to be the winner. As he was duly 'crowned' by Ray he said that he had never played the game before. A case of beginner's luck ?

A delicious meal of bangers and mash was served and a request made for the now usual 'knock out' game to follow. The procedure and rules were explained to the 'novices'. Each player contributed 20p and in turn had to knock down at least one skittle from those remaining, with just one ball, to attain survival. Once players had missed the target three times they were out.

A platter of fresh fruit was served during this very lively and exciting game. One by one the players were eliminated and attention was finally drawn to the last two remaining players. Again they were relatively new members, mother and daughter 'team' (until that time!) Jenny Surridge and Emma Raynsford.

After a very keenly fought contest with both players showing great determination - and stamina - Jenny succumbed and Emma was presented with her bounty which ended a very pleasant, social evening. Ray thanked all attendees, saying he looked forward to the next contest when he hoped they would all take part again. (MB)



Emma Raynsford receiving her winnings

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

Installation of Canons of Honour

Alongside the civic twinning between Chichester and Chartres there has always been a less official element of twinning between the two cathedrals. This has been brought into an active exchange on intermittent occasions over the years, with Diocesan Pilgrimages taking place in both directions led by senior figures from the clergy and usually involving the respective Bishops as well. On some occasions the Chichester Cathedral Choir has also taken part in the pilgrimages, singing services and giving concerts in towns near Chartres, such as in the magnificent church in Dreux, as well of course as in Chartres Cathedral itself. Chartres also hosts one of the two great Organ Competitions in the world (alternating year by year with the other, which is the St Alban's Organ Festival in this country), and - when the competition is held in Chartres - one of the prizes given to the winner is an organ recital in Chichester Cathedral during the following year.

The idea of twinning was extended in the 1980s when Bishop Kemp, as a tribute to the great role in international ecumenical friendship played by his predecessor Bishop Bell, was responsible for founding the links between the Chichester Diocese and the Cathedral with the Protestant Church in the Lutheran region of Bayreuth and the Roman Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Bamberg. These links have flourished in the intervening years, with direct twinings taking place between some individual parish churches, exchanges between theological students and musical links at parish as well as cathedral levels.

In the 1990s, as a further development of these twinings, the cathedral statutes were extended to make it possible for the Bishop and Chapter to appoint, in addition to the statutory Canons from our own Diocese, a number of Canons of Honour to represent the international foundations with which the Cathedral has links. Those appointed hold the title for as long as they remain in post in their own churches. In Chichester Cathedral on Trinity Sunday (19th June - its Feast of Title) and following the retirement of their predecessors, Chanoine Dominique Aubert (Dean of Chartres) and Bishop



Chichester Dean + Bishop Dorothea

Dorothea Greiner (Lutheran Regional Bishop of Bayreuth) were appointed by Bishop John Hind as new Canons of Honour, and were then Installed by the Dean. The third Canon of Honour, Canon Professor Wolfgang Klausnitzer (Canon of Bamberg Cathedral), who was one of the first to be appointed to this new office and who remains in post, was also present for the occasion. In church terms this was a very significant occasion, with a Lutheran woman Bishop being Installed in an Anglican Cathedral at the same time as the Dean of a Roman Catholic Cathedral.

The Mayor and Council attended the Cathedral for the occasion and we were delighted that the Committee of the Friends of



Friends of Chartres Committee with Canons Dominique Aubert and Wolfgang Klausnitzer

Programme of Events 2011

July 5th (Tuesday) **FRENCH FILM EVENING** (from 7.30pm)



French Film Event to be held in Chichester Cinema at New Park. **Including pre-film glass of wine and canapés**

'NOTHING TO DECLARE'

(in French with English subtitles, 108mins, 2011)

Sept. 14th (Wednesday) **"Following the Stevenson Trail in Cévenne"**

Illustrated talk by Julia Sander
7.30pm St George's Parish Centre,
Cleveland Road, Whyke.

(Please see enclosed flyer - return slip to Ray Brown)

October 5th (Wednesday) **Ivor Novello - 'Man of the Theatre'**

'A Evening with David Nason at the piano'
7.30pm in the Chapel of the Ascension,
University of Chichester, College Lane

(Please see enclosed flyer - return slip to Ray Brown)

November 11th **"French Indo China"**

(Friday) Illustrated Talk by Martyn Bell
7.30pm at Shippam Centre, Tozer Way

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The following are in the process of being organised

February	Annual Dinner
March	Annual General Meeting
April	ANNUAL EXCHANGE - TO CHARTRES Friday 27th to Tuesday 1st May

Chartres were also invited by the Dean to be present and were given seats at the front of the nave where they could witness the ceremony at close range. It is the custom of the Cathedral to invite the Canons of Honour to attend each year on Trinity Sunday.

ALAN THURLOW

STOP PRESS . . .

A note for your diary: On Tuesday 20th September at 1.00pm there will be an Organ Recital in Chichester Cathedral by the Winner of Chartres' Organ Competition.

This is part of the Cathedral's FREE Tuesday lunch-time concert series.



Gosh – 35 years ago, what can I remember? I was offered the chance to go on the Chichester/Chartres Exchange through school in 1976 and eagerly took up the offer with my friends Heather and Tracey. Having signed up I was slightly un-nerved as it would not only be my first overseas trip but the first time I'd been away from home and my family.

The English Organiser if I remember rightly, was Mona Dunkley, an enthusiastic blonde lady. The French group came to us first and Veronique was very pleasant and she fitted into our family life very easily. She slept in my sister Jane's bedroom - Veronique would refer to Jane as 'her baby'. As I was to find out, their meals were very different to what I was used to, but she tucked in to our roast dinners and seemed to enjoy them very much. There were a number of organised activities including a competition at the 'old' swimming pool at the end of East Street, although I can't remember who won.

All the families were taken on a trip by coach to London on the Saturday of their visit. I remember visiting Trafalgar Square and walking along the Strand. We lived on a farm and so went armed with a large bag of corn for the pigeon's inhabiting the Square. Having five star top quality corn from the countryside the pigeons thought they'd died and gone to pigeon heaven and we were in-undated. Veronique showed me pictures of her with the pigeons and I think she was overwhelmed by their enthusiasm. I remember we all stopped for a fish and chip supper on the return journey. I also remember a chorus of 'we want a wee wee' from the back of the coach from the French lads needing to relieve themselves, which caused much laughter.

We, of course, had to 'faire les achats' and Veronique had very specific things to buy, including a blue and white striped sailing jumper for her father, which we found in a Chichester yacht chandlers. Photos she brought with her on this trip reminded me that she met many of our friends, family and neighbours. Thank goodness for photos because I didn't remember this.

A week later we went back for our stay in France and I must admit I did feel homesick. Veronique's home was very comfortable and her parents made me very welcome. She has two sisters, Natalie and Edith and I think Natalie kindly gave up her room for me. The house had three floors, the bedrooms being on the top floor. I did find it somewhat strange that not all the rooms on that floor were finished and decorated. Veronique's grandparents lived nearby and often had meals with us.

Breakfast consisted of bowls of chocolate or coffee flavoured milk with something to dunk, possibly croissants, though I'm not sure about this. Our evening meals were a number of courses and if I remember correctly, we often had a starter. One was globe artichokes. I was somewhat non-plussed by what to do with this but soon got the hang of pulling off the 'petals' and dipping them into some sauce and then using my teeth to scoop out the fleshy bit at the base of the petal. We always had a green dressing. Following some post dining translation I think I ate

salad after the meat and vegetables and I was given lemon as a dressing. I wasn't used to what I now love, being French sheep's brains, which at the time I found a bit scary, but it didn't do me any harm and was another culinary experience that made me into the 'foodie' I am today. I'm very driven by my stomach and any destination has to have good food as a pre-requisite for the trip.

We went to Paris twice during our stay, visiting the Sacre Coeur, Monmartre, L'arc de Triomphe and the beautiful Gallery Lafayette with its stunning stained glass roof and atrium of shops. On the coach there was much counting up of the spending money to check it would last the trip. I was a few centimes down and then recalled being bumped into by a man along a wide Paris street which I thought was strange as there was plenty of room for him to walk round me. The few centimes in my pocket had now gone, so that was my first and only, I think, experience of a pick pocket. On the coach I also learnt how to convert miles into kilometres. I'm sure it wasn't that far to Paris but it seemed to take ages and converting back to miles made it feel shorter.

During the afternoon of one of the Paris trips it was very wet and so we left early and stopped at the Palace of Versailles en route to Chartres. With hindsight I probably didn't appreciate what a beautiful place it was, so definitely need a return visit now there are more years under the belt. I do remember the wonderful formal gardens in front of the palace and gardening has since become a passion.

Boys! None of us had much experience of boys in the UK, let alone boyfriends, and now there they were, French boys! We all became friends quickly and one particular lad called Jean-Michel took a shine to me. Bless him, he was quite attached to his black and orange striped jumper so became known as the 'wasp'. There were parties and we partied and had fun! At that age one often dreamt of one's first proper kiss, which wasn't just a peck. And it happened and it was tongues! – which was a bit of a shock! Jean-Michel and I stayed in touch by way of letter for a while but then it petered out. I found one of his letters recently: he was so sweet because he warned me to be careful of men because 'they are not always what they seem.' I wonder what he's doing now?

Veronique's sister, Edith, was a collector of soft toys as a child and their Dad, Guy, bought me a beautiful toy dog, just like 'Lady' in the 'Lady and the Tramp'. I'm a teddy bear collector and Lady lives with the bears. When Veronique and Michel stayed with us I put Lady on their bed and explained her relevance when they arrived – there were hugs and tears and a bewildered Steve and Michel.

We had such a fun weekend with Veronique and Michel, language or lack of it wasn't a barrier and I feel we've really



cemented our friendship. It was as if we'd only seen one another yesterday, not 35 years ago. As she so aptly said, 'it was delicious!' We're looking forward to many more exchange trips in the coming years.

JULIE AALEN



l-r: Meeting for Joint Committees, children from Parklands School, Mayor of Chichester, Cllr Michael Woolley,

As usual, the programme sprang into action on Friday morning when our President, the Mayor, chaired a joint meeting of Chichester and Chartres Twinning committees in the Council Chamber. At the Mayor's Reception, which was held in the adjacent Assembly Room, pupils from Parklands Primary School entertained our French guests and their hosts by singing English & French songs.

Tangmere Aviation Museum was the port of call in the afternoon. During research for his talks our Chairman, Martyn Bell, unearthed evidence that Jean Moulin, the Chartres' Prefect during WW II and leader of the French Resistance, landed here during one of his visits to General de Gaul.

That evening Chichester Yacht Club was the venue for our Dinner with a glass of Pimms on arrival. From the balcony many admired the beautiful view of the South Downs, the Cathedral Spire and part of Chichester Harbour. Roast Beef and Trifle gave a distinctly English 'flavour' to this 3-course meal. Speeches were made and gifts exchanged then a game of 'Whose head is this?', prepared by our guests caused much laughter. As Patrick was still in Chartres, his gift of goods from Shippams Foods was presented to him in PHG the next day.

A leisurely start to Saturday and our Schools Arts Awards Ceremony, held in Pallant House Gallery, is reported on page 7. With the children's best interest in mind (hot weather and lots of people in the room) it was decided not to make the ceremony too long with translations - although Emma Heaver was there, ready and waiting. Claire Crézé brought Chartres' keyrings from their Twinning Office and gave these to the pupils who were there - others will be delivered to the schools. Tours of the Gallery and House were arranged for our French guests and we thank Anne Shiel and Julia Cooper who were the Guides for these two groups.

A member suggested we go to Hove Greyhound Stadium which he thought would be fun. He had

been before and tested the restaurant so we agreed to this as an 'OPTIONAL EXTRA' extra event. Surprised at the number of hosts who signed up to this during what was originally programmed as 'Free time with Hosts', we arranged for the French coach to transport us. This enabled all hosts to partake of an alcoholic beverage with their meal if they wished (ie no driving home !)

All opted to have restaurant meals where we had superb views of the track. Each race was also transmitted onto large monitors together with betting forecasts and results. It appeared that all who went enjoyed the evening and inevitably some were unfortunate and lost their money whilst others were very successful winners. We and the Provôts worked in pairs deciding on which dogs to place our bets. Overall, Ray and Françoise lost whilst Jean-Michel and I made quite a good profit. As a souvenir of a very relaxed and fun evening our friends were given the 'winnings'.

Sunday was our day trip to Amberley Working Museum where countryside skills were being demonstrated - from woodturning to horses being shod. The weather was glorious enticing many to enjoy their picnics in traditional style. Horse-drawn cart rides around the site brought to life the realities of transport in a by-gone era as did the ride on an open-top bus, complete with 'clippie' - and Bus Depot, whilst the train ride gave glimpses of 'Bodgers' Camp' but a much clearer view of a horse and man sculpted from the chalk. Returning to Chichester the stop at Arundel gave a brief view of the Castle and the opportunity to enjoy an English Cream Tea. And finally - an evening of 'Free Time' for that quiet family meal at home!

By 6.15am on Monday we met again at North Gate car park where we said 'au revoir' as this Exchange came to an end. Next year we go to Chartres on Friday 27th April.

MARGARET BROWN.



Patrick & Martyn



Claire Crézé at Pallant House



Anti-clockwise from below: Dinner in the Chichester Yacht Club; Amberley Museum; Hove Greyhound Racing.



EUROSPORT 2011

Chichester College



The annual sports competition was held at Chichester College on 11 – 16 April. This year's visiting teams came from Ravenna, Speyer and Chartres. Evora, from Portugal, were due to participate but withdrew due to financial constraints from their council.

After the official welcome by College Principal Shelagh Legrave, on Tuesday morning, the competition started with 5-aside men's football and then the spectator event of Tug of War. During the afternoon there was a tour of Chichester, finishing off with a reception with the [then] Mayor, Cllr Michael Woolley.

Wednesday events were a morning of mixed volleyball, followed by the fun Swedish Longball in the afternoon. Thursday saw us take a coach trip to London, where the teams were given a sightseeing tour followed by a river boat cruise on the Thames. The teams then had time for a bit of retail therapy.

The final day of events included a well contested Rugby 7's competition, followed by the last event which was Ladies 5-aside football. Going into the final event the pressure was on for Chichester. If we won this event and Ravenna came third we would win the competition outright but it was not to be, we lost on goal difference. The results were:

5-aside Football – Men	Speyer	<u>Overall positions</u>
Tug of war	Ravenna	1 st Ravenna 23 pts
Volleyball	Ravenna	2 nd Chichester 19 pts
Swedish Longball	Chichester	3 rd Speyer 15 pts
Rugby 7's	Chichester	4 th Chartres 9 pts
5 Aside Football – Female	Ravenna	
Outstanding team contribution	Speyer	

The Competition programme finished with a sit down meal and presentations by the Principal. The Friends of Chartres' 'Overall



Winners' Trophy this year went to the Ravenna team whilst the Friends of Ravenna's Trophy for 'Outstanding team contribution' went to Speyer. Guests included the [then] Mayor, Michael Woolley, Friends of Chichester Vice Chairman, Ray Brown, and Friends of Ravenna Chairman, Jennifer Bottomley.

The atmosphere throughout the event was excellent and new friends have now been established. Overall the competition was a resounding success.

TONY QUINN
Lecturer, Chichester College

A BIG 'THANKS' TO CHICHESTER HARBOUR ROTARY

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Charity Cycle Ride to Chartres



Harbour Rotary Club cyclists with Deputy Mayor, Cllr Ray Webb, and Friends of Chartres' Vice-Chairman, Ray Brown,

Long before the announcement of a Royal Wedding, Friday 29th April was a date already set in the diaries of these Rotarians. It was the day for the start of their Charity Cycle Ride to Chartres which, as usual, left from outside the Council House in North Street. As both the Mayor and our new Chairman had other engagements, the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Ray Webb, took on this duty for the City Council and our new Vice-Chairman, Ray Brown, was there for the Friends of Chartres.

This year we were more involved because when I contacted their organiser, Stephanie Crowther, asking if they could help us by bringing back an entry to our Arts Competition, they asked if we could help them to secure a meeting with the Deputy Maire. We both sprang into action and whilst Stephanie contacted Rotarians I contacted Chartres. Several emails and phone calls later all was in place for them to meet Patrick Geroudet in the Mairie on Sunday 1st May. Claire Crézé collects the entry from Grand Jardin (just 2 days after my contacting her) - this was the last day of term!

Traditionally in France one gives Lily of the Valley on 1st May as a sign of friendship and I noticed the Muguet in my garden (a gift from our twin family) was in flower for the first time - this was the eve of the Rotarian's departure. I took a photo and made Greetings Cards which Stephanie delivered to Patrick, Claire and the new Chairman of 'Des Amis', Yves Bastide, at the Reception in the Mairie. The competition entry was quite heavy and fragile, being



L-r: Rotarians, Stephanie Crowther + President, Patrick Geroudet, Mme Bonnin, Claire Crézé and Yves Bastide at Reception in the Mairie

made of acetate and 2 sheets of glass. The Rotarians took custody of the school's artwork and early next morning began their journey home. With great care they delivered this to PHG on the Tuesday - the deadline date for entries! What a relief. Thank you to Harbour Rotarians for your help - it was truly appreciated.

MARGARET BROWN

SCHOOLS ARTS AWARD 2011

A Tale of Twin Cities: Chapter 1 - Stained Glass

At the Launch Reception in Pallant House Gallery last October, eight local schools entered the competition and one school from Chartres. I am pleased to report that all 9 schools stood the test of time and their artwork was received by the Gallery in time for the Exhibition which opened on 3rd May.

The timing of the Awards Ceremony held in PHG on the 14th May was a little later than originally planned to ensure the arrival of the Deputy Maire of Chartres, Patrick Geroudet, who was collected from Southampton airport by Chichester's Mayor, Michael Woolley. The room was packed to capacity with pupils, their teachers, parents, and our English hosts and their French guests, here on the Annual 'Exchange'.

Stefan welcomed everybody and thanked the sponsors for their support. Marc and I explained how the first competition had started during the 50th Anniversary of our Twinning and gave details of this year's subject. Then Stefan announced 'The Winner' and Parklands School was presented with the Trophy and Certificate by Chichester's Mayor and the Deputy Maire of Chartres, amidst much cheering and applause,



Winners: Parklands Community Primary School (above) and (below) 'Highly Commended' Bishop Luffa C of E Secondary School



The Judges' decision had been so challenging that they decided to award a 'Highly Commended' Certificate to Bishop Luffa school plus book tokens from Pallant House Gallery.

Each school was then presented with their Certificate for taking part in the competition and a book about Chartres brought over by the Deputy Maire. The children's prizes were 32 places at two workshops to be held at the Gallery and led by Glass Artist Gill Brown; 16 places to Parklands, Bishop Luffa 4 and 2 places to each of the other schools taking part in the competition.

The children felt very special that their artwork was on display in this very prestigious location for the month of May. There was even more excitement when the Deputy Maire said that he hoped this Exhibition might also be displayed in Chartres Town Hall.



The Judging Panel: Ray Brown, Lin Chaplin, Marc Steene, Stefan van Raay (all shown above) plus the Mayor of Chichester.

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The Judges were amazed at the variety and activities which schools used to create their works. Director of Pallant House Gallery, Stefan Van Raay, said "We were very privileged to see such an amazing sense of creativity in this year's competition."

To ensure the original mosaic Trophy stays in Chichester, Friends of Chartres commissioned John Barrett (a local wood-turner) to produce a Trophy just for the French side of the competition. It will be held by the winning school for one year,



until the next competition. I had great pleasure in passing this to Claire Crézé and Patrick Geroudet for them to present it to Mme Bonnin and the pupils at l'école Grand Jardin.

MARGARET BROWN

AND IN CHARTRES . . .

On June 17th City Councillor Isabelle Vincent (standing in for Adjoint Patrick Geroudet who was in Japan), President of "Des Amis", Yves Bastide, and I had the great honour to present the Friends of Chartres' Trophy for the Schools Arts Competition to Mme Bonnin and her pupils in School Grand Jardin. It was the School's annual celebration and parents were also there.



Mme Bonnin and the children prepared documents in the English language explaining their work through the year and about how they prepared and produced their work for the Arts Competition. A reporter from L'Echo newspaper was there and a City photographer took many photos (see above).

Mrs Bonnin and her pupils were also very interested in the slide-show of the Exhibition in Pallant House Gallery, showing all the entries to the Schools Arts Competition. They thought that all the works are superb and so different and they are all waiting for the subject for next Competition.

They hope more classes from Chartres will enter, but they are very determined to do their best to keep the Trophy!

CLAIRE CRÉZÉ



FRENCH Language Circle

The purpose of the Circle is to read and speak French, therefore helping members to become more fluent and confident in the language. We meet at 2.30pm in members' homes, where the hostess provides tea and biscuits around 4.00pm. We then relax our conversation somewhat and either continue in French to those nearest to us, or else chat back in our native tongue. People go home between 4.30 & 5.00pm depending on commitments.

AFTERNOON CIRCLE

I hope you will all enjoy the good summer being forecast whatever you plan to do, but don't get too sunburnt! I know I will see some of you for French charades at my home in Sidlesham on 14th July before the August break. Thus we begin our Autumn season in September when our Editor, Margaret Brown has most kindly offered to host us:

SEPTEMBER (Thursday)

8th MARGARET BROWN
'Rock Cottage', 121 Bognor Road Chichester.....783776

OCTOBER (Thursday)

13th JOYCE MITTON
38 St Leodegar's Way, Hunston.....779558

NOVEMBER (Thursday)

10th WENDY & PAUL DEVONSHIRE
Lane End, Sidlesham.....641457

DECEMBER (Thursday)

8th DAPHNE BOWLING
'Sandpipers', Mill Lane, Sidlesham.....641660

Don't forget to phone the relevant hostess to let her know you will be going along which will help her to arrange her 'salon' and to know how many cups and saucers, etc. will be needed.

We are always pleased to welcome new members who may feel a little hesitant about joining us, but we really are a small, informal group just wanting to practise the French language and stretch those little grey cells. I look forward to seeing you all again in September.

DAPHNE BOWLING
(01243) 641660

MORNING CIRCLE

Recent meetings have covered an in-depth account and study of a trip around Western Australia to a good old fashioned and very relaxed 'chin-wag' over coffee + croissants at 'Amelia & Friends' in North Street. For the latest details contact:

EMMA HEAVER (01243) 778568

EVENING CIRCLE ('Twilight hours')

Maximum of ten (a comfortable number) capable of facilitating a conversation in French and speaking with authority on very varied subjects. When numbers exceed 10 fresh groups will be formed. For up-to-date information please contact either:

HENRIETTA NAPIER (01243) 528238
JULIA SANDER (01243) 541488

LES RENDEZ-VOUS DE
LA MAISON DU SAUMON

Exposition
1^{er} juillet au 27 août 2011

**LES VILLES JUMELLES
DE CHARTRES :**
CHICHESTER, SPIRE, RAVENNE, LEON, EVORA, BETHLEEM
ET SAKURAI (PACTE D'AMITIE)

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Dr Cooper, Joanne Juniper, Jake Woodhouse,
Ray Brown, Martyn Bell & John Wilton

Early May, Martyn, Ray, Margaret and myself attended Chichester University's Bognor campus again to see the presentation of 'The Friends' website by the students who had been developing it. This was the final stage of their project, and this presentation was to be marked by Dr David Cooper, Principal Lecturer, School of Enterprise, Management and Leadership, who sat in on the presentation.

When the project started in late January this year, three 2nd year students were involved, but one had to pull out, Weiyi Wang from Shanghai, so it had been carried on by Joanne Juniper from Guildford and Jake Woodhouse from Essex. For the presentation Joanne and Jake used a swish (to us at least!) wall mounted electric screen/whiteboard. Understandably they were somewhat nervous to start with but soon got into their stride and took us through their work.

Since our last meeting, they had made a lot of progress and the website now looked much more professional and complete. It has lots of photos and also back copies of Citylink in pdf format. They showed us various 'pages' of the website, explained how it was created and how we will be able to update it ourselves in due course. We were handed a manual detailing each section of the website and showing which parts could be updated or amended and which parts should be left untouched! It went very well, and both we, the students and Dr Cooper were pleased with the result.

The story does not end there, however. At present it is sitting on the University's servers and is not publicly accessible. We are in the process of taking out a hosting & domain name subscription, the website then needs to be migrated across to this by the students before we can 'go live'. As it is now the summer vacation, this is taking some time - watch this space! Needless to say we will advise members once we are live.

JOHN WILTON

EDITORIAL

Thank you to all who have contributed to this edition with your articles and/or photographs. It's good to be able to report about other organisations' links with Chartres and I'm sure you agree that the variety of activities makes for very interesting reading.

After the Skittles evening, our activities have been dominated by our Second Schools Arts Awards (further news in next edition) and the Annual Exchange. Julie Aalen's reunion with Veronique is a lovely story, thank you Julie for sharing your memories.

If you have something for the next Citylink I need to receive this by Friday 12th August please, my contact details are below, and I look forward to hearing from you.

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