



# CITYLINK

(THE CITY OF CHICHESTER twinned SINCE 1959 with THE CITY OF CHARTRES)

## NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF CHARTRES Chichester's French Twinning Association

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### FROM THE CHAIRMAN . . .

By the time you receive this Citylink I hope you and your families have had a very enjoyable Christmas and are looking forward to the New Year. Sadly many of us will of course shortly meet at the Cathedral Thanksgiving Service for our late Vice-President Diana Taylor on 28th January at 2.00pm to which all members are invited.

We have our Annual Dinner on 5th February shortly followed by our AGM on 13th March.

The first of our special events will take place on Sunday 24th February when, together with Les Amis des Jumelages de Chartres and Tangmere Military Aviation Museum, we will be commemorating Jean Moulin's famous flight from RAF Tangmere to

France with 161 'Special Duties' Squadron exactly 70 years previously. As many of you know, key French Resistance Leader Jean Moulin was also Prefect of Chartres in 1940.

The Event is being supported by the University of Chichester, Ville de Chartres and Chichester City Council. More details of the day's programme are inside this issue. Please note: Invitations, Booking Forms and Tickets will be issued by email in January. If you are interested in attending but are not on email or we do not have your email address, please telephone me asap on: 01243 839704.'

MARTYN BELL  
CHAIRMAN

**53**  
years

1959  
**CHICHESTER**  
Twinning



2012  
**CHARTRES**  
Jumelage

**53**  
years

**PRESIDENT**

**The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Chichester**  
Councillor Anne Scicluna

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**CHAIRMAN** Cllr Martyn Bell.....839704  
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 (& 2 VACANCIES)

(Co-opted)

Tony Harrison (Chichester Lions Club).....785737  
 Iain Shepherd (Chichester Chamber of Commerce).....787427  
 Alan Thurlow (D.E.E.C.).....533092

**CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

(July 2012 - June 2013)

Cllr Barbara Rees..... 779343 Cllr Michael Woolley.....789539

**Annual Membership Fees**

**Due on 1st January 2013**

**£10.00 single \* £15.00 joint/family \* £20 corporate**

*Please complete and return the enclosed renewal slips to our Membership Secretary*

**New Membership Enquiries  
and for any further information please contact**

**Membership Secretary**

**Mr Ray Brown - (01243) 783776**

**EDITORIAL**

My thanks go to all who have contributed to this edition which makes for interesting reading and shows how busy we've been during the last few months. I've not received any photos or 'write-up' about the Beaujolais Nouveau event but have been informed it was a well-attended and enjoyable occasion. (Ray and I missed this as we were in Madeira at that time.)

**STOP PRESS . . . Eurosport 2013:** Speyer have confirmed they will host the competition 20th-25th May and Tony Quinn is preparing to take a team from Chichester College. Following last year's cancellation by Portugal this is really good news. As the saying goes "Watch this space . . ."

At the last Executive meeting it was proposed, seconded and agreed that Clare Apel be appointed to the committee - welcome on board Clare.

I now take this opportunity to send you Seasons Greetings and wish you "Health and Happiness in the New Year" and I look forward to seeing you at our first event of the year, our Annual Dinner at Chichester College on the 5th February.

A bientot.

**MARGARET BROWN**  
Editor

**On Sunday 24th February 2013**

at

**former RAF Tangmere, Chichester**

and then at

**The University of Chichester,**  
(Bishop Otter Campus)

**The Friends of Chartres,  
Les Amis des Jumelages de Chartres  
and Tangmere Museum**

**Will commemorate  
the 70th Anniversary of**

**JEAN MOULIN'S SECRET FLIGHTS  
TO AND FROM RAF TANGMERE**

On 14th February 1943, a Lysander from '161' Special Duties Squadron landed key French Resistance Leader JEAN MOULIN at RAF Tangmere. Following crucial meetings between this former Prefect of Chartres and De Gaulle in London, two unsuccessful attempts were made to return Moulin to France from Tangmere. The first attempt, with Sqn Ldr HUGH VERITY, was on 24th February - exactly 70 years ago to the day of this Commemoration.

VERITY, encountering 'Fog over Target' returned to Tangmere, now also fog-bound and was forced to famously 'CRASH-LAND'. Moulin and Verity were both unhurt.

Following the second attempt on 26th February, Moulin was finally set-down near Roanne by Flt Lt Bridger on 20th March. Within weeks, Moulin established the 'Conseil National de la Resistance' (CNR).

**Programme Outline:**

- 10.30 Remembrance Service in the Museum Memorial Garden
- 10.45 Coffee and visit Museum SOE Section
- 12.00 Travel to University of Chichester
- 12.30 Welcome by the Mayor of Chichester and Lunch
- 14.00 RAF Operations Room Re-enactment
- 14.30 Guest Speakers and Open Forum on Jean to Moulin, the Resistance and the role and risks for 161 Squadron.
- 18.00
- 20.00 Special showing of Resistance Film at The New Park Cinema

**Special Guests, Guest Speakers,  
Ticket Price etc to be announced shortly**

**Event Supported by:  
Chichester City Council, Ville de Chartres,  
The University of Chichester  
The Secret War Museum and Learning Network**

**FRIENDS OF CHARTRES**  
*Programme of Events*

**2013**

- February 5th** **ANNUAL DINNER** 6.15 for 6.45pm  
(Tuesday) The Goodwood Restaurant, Chichester College  
Westgate Fields, Chichester  
*(Please see flyer for further details )*
- February 24th** **70th Anniversary of Jean Moulin's flight from**  
(Sunday) **Tangmere Airfield**  
*(Members will be contacted by email)*
- March 13th** **A.G.M.** 7.00pm  
(Wednesday) St George's Parish Centre, Cleveland Road  
Followed by slideshow memories of the 2012  
Exchange in Chartres
- April 10th** **'Gabriel Loire's Stained Glass Windows'**  
(Wednesday) **2.30pm** 'on-site' Tour St Richard's Church,  
Market Avenue, Chichester with commentary  
by Majella Taylor
- May 3rd - 7th** **EXCHANGE comes to CHICHESTER**  
(Friday to Tuesday)  
A separate programme will be organised for this.
- June** **FILM EVENT** at New Park Cinema  
(Date and details tba)
- July 11th** **PETANQUE MATCH** to celebrate Bastille Day  
(Thursday) to be held at Chichester Canal Basin  
(Details to follow)

*Other events for later in the year are in the process of  
being organised by the committee.*



**ANNUAL DINNER**

will be held in the

**Goodwood Training Restaurant**

*Chichester College, Westgate Fields*

**Tuesday 5th February 2013**

**6.15pm Cocktail Reception**  
**for 6.45 pm Dinner**

*Cost: £19.50 pp Members & £20.50 pp Non-members*  
***(Guests and non-members are welcome to join in )***

Please complete the return slip on the flyer  
indicating your choice of dish for each course  
and return to

**Ray Brown** (*Membership Secretary*),  
'Rock Cottage, 121 Bognor Road.,  
Chichester, PO19 7TH

**by Tuesday 15th January, 2013**

together with your cheque made payable to  
'The Friends of Chartres'  
(and enclose SAE if you require a receipt)

**IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL**  
**DIETARY REQUIREMENT**  
(ie allergies etc) then please speak with Ray on

**Chichester 783776**

**ANNUAL EXCHANGE**

**FROM CHARTRES TO CHICHESTER**

**Friday 3rd - Tuesday 7th May 2013**

Enclosed with this copy of Citylink you will find a form to  
complete if you wish to take part in the exchange as hosts  
next May, when our friends from Chartres visit Chichester.

We are sure that those of you who have been involved  
before will be looking forward to receiving your friends  
again. We warmly welcome new participants. If you have  
not taken part before, you will find it is an excellent way of  
finding out more about life in France and making new and  
often life-long friends.

If you wish to take part, please complete and return the  
form to

**The exchange organiser, Julia Sander**  
by January 31<sup>st</sup> 2013.

For any queries about the exchange, please call Julia on

**01243 527435**

or send her an email at:

**julia@sander.plus.com**

The Committee of Friends of Chartres  
invites you to attend the

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

to be held in  
St George's Parish Centre, Cleveland Rd, Whyke  
on

**Wednesday 13th March 2013**

Commencing at

**7.00 pm**

*(Gentle reminder that only paid up members are able to vote)*

Following the business meeting and refreshments  
there will be a slideshow of photos including

the 2012 Exchange to Chartres  
and Competitions

## PILGRIMAGE ROUTES ACROSS FRANCE

Following last year's account of the Stevenson trail in the Cevennes, for our September meeting Julia took us on some more extensive and historically much older paths – the Pilgrimage routes through France.



Julia set out to answer some questions including When? Where? and Why? Pilgrimage was chiefly to the great sites: Jerusalem (whose pilgrims were known as Palmers), Rome, & Compostela ( Jacquistes, who would carry a scallop shell to show their destination), and also Conques, one of the main stopover points for the Camino to the shrine and cathedral of St James at Santiago de Compostela.

Legends about the Apostle include the recovery of his remains which were miraculously transported to Santiago in a stone boat and re-discovered by a hermit in the 9th century.

Pilgrimage is an ancient custom, and the regular routes began to be trodden in the 10th century. Starting points in France included Paris, Le Puy en Velay and Vezelay, and Conques in the south, itself a local place of pilgrimage.

Some journeys would last for months, especially those which began as far east as Russia; a pilgrim might expect to spend four to six months to get to his destination, and would have the same journey to make in order to reach home; unlike today's pilgrim who, even if walking the route in traditional fashion, has the option of train or air to return.

The motivation could be penance for sins committed, or to gain merit, or indeed on behalf of a benefactor or family member who could not make the journey themselves. The hardships of the route would add to the spiritual reward of the pilgrim. But perhaps the English picture of pilgrimage is coloured by Chaucer, and there may have been enjoyment in the sharing of such a journey too.



This time, Julia and Jan were unable to walk any of the trails themselves, but visited many of the places concerned.

Some lovely pictures, and a huge map showing the ancient routes, illustrated the account, and some contemporary music on tape added to the atmosphere of pilgrimage in medieval France.

**PENELOPE JOHNSTONE**

## CHICHESTER JUDO CLUB

### 'Friends of Chartres' Award

The new Dojo at New Park Centre was the venue for this year's Awards where our Vice-Chairman, Ray Brown, made the presentation to Toni and Cody Burgess with the following citation:



*"They have both been consistent in their training since they joined the club many years ago. They both attend sessions on Monday and Friday and have been assisting with the coaching of our Kano class on a regular basis for at least 3 years.*

*"With Toni's aspirations to become a coach she has on occasion taken a further role and developed her Judo by taking a couple of classes during a difficult period at the club. Toni can apply technique very well and this shows in the way she portrays it through to the other children.*

*"Cody has recently come a long way in his judo. Starting at a young age he has progressed faster than most children would. He applies technique well and shows this through his competitive judo. He has recently taken away a bronze medal in a weight banded competition. He was complemented in his Judo and to quote from another coach 'you have excellent judo, keep it up'.*

*During the year we have taken part in a couple of events. Oaklands park family fun day and also a taster day with a school. Both Toni and Cody were available and helped out without hesitation. "Both children are committed to the club and we can rely on them and their parents to help us where necessary. They are an asset to the club and we hope they both go further and develop further in their judo".*

"CONGRATULATIONS" go to Toni and Cody - and also to Ilona Guy (*extreme left in the photo below*) whose dedication has helped the club to continue throughout some difficult times. Well done Ilona - we look forward to next year's presentations.

This shield was Purchased by The Friends of Chartres with money left by the late Colin Tupper and was presented to the Judo Club in 2005. It is their most prestigious award and has been presented annually to those having shown 'excellence in judo - which encompasses not only judo skills but friendship, maturity and service to the Club'. The shield now also serves to remember Guy Bisson who was instrumental in the organisation of their 'twin' Judo Club in Chartres.



## LYCÉE SILVIA MONFORT VISITS CHICHESTER COLLEGE

On Thursday November 15, the long-awaited visit from students of the Lycée Silvia Monfort in Chartres to Chichester College took place. Students from the Lycée have been corresponding by e-mail with students from the College and were keen to meet their e-pals for the first time.

As the French students are following a Business Studies programme, the College arranged for them to attend a combination of French language and business classes in the morning, some of them in the new Peter Jones Enterprise Academy. They were hosted by the Student Executive Committee over the lunch break and after a sandwich lunch provided by the College, were taken on tour of the campus. Most were very impressed by the facilities, and there were several enquiries about courses for international students.



The students have been comparing the British and French administration systems, and have also been learning about how both countries deal with unemployment issues. Our Chairman, Martyn Bell, wearing his District Councillor's hat, took the students on a whistle-stop tour of the British system of County, District and City Councils – so very different from the French system. Then Sylvie Johnston Chief Executive of Chichester based charity, Stonepillow, explained how the organisation helps the homeless in this area.

The day finished with a visit to Restore, a warehouse on Terminus Road, where Stonepillow service users renovate donated furniture to make it saleable and learn useful skills in the process. Shepherding 30 French students across the Avenue de Chartres during the rush hour could have been hazardous, but all crossed safely, thanks to Martyn, who donned a high-visibility jacket and strode out to stop the cars.

A very successful day – the French students were delightful and most appreciative of the programme organised for them. We hope that some long-term friendships with College students will develop as a result. Our thanks go to the Principal and staff of Chichester College for hosting the students and putting on such an interesting programme.

**JULIA SANDER**

## UNIVERSITY OF CHICHESTER GRADUATION CEREMONIES 2012



Friday October 5th was a very special day for Joanne Juniper and Jake Woodhouse as it was the day when they were presented with their certificates in the Festival Theatre, having successfully completed their degree course at the University of Chichester.

Members will remember that, as second-year students [2010] they were selected by Principal Lecturer, Dr David Cooper (School of Enterprise Management and Leadership), to produce a website for our Association. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Behagg, had agreed to help us set up this joint project working with their students, which was an integral part of their course as we were providing them with work experience.

When Ray and I met them at the Theatre, together with Jake's parents who had travelled from Essex, we learned that both Joanne and Jake had successfully attained full-time employment. Congratulations to both - and we're pleased we were able to



*First meeting to discuss the Friends of Chartres Website project held at Chichester University in February 2011*



*College Principal, Shelagh Legrave, receiving a gift from Marie-Annick Martin, French group leader.*

## CHICHESTER LIONS

### Travel to Chartres (Fête de la Lumière 2012)

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September three members of the Chichester Lions Club and their partners set off early to drive to Newhaven for a crossing to France and then a drive to Chartres, our Twin Town. Lion Ray Brown and his wife Margaret were travelling in the Lions' new van transporting the artwork created by the schools for the "Schools Art Competition." Lion Sue Boucher and husband Ray, who have frequently visited Chartres, and Lion President Brian Attfield and his wife Gabrielle travelled by car and our main concern was not to lose sight of each other.

On the Friday we visited the Town Hall where Lion Ray and Margaret were busy with the French setting up the artwork. After a day of sightseeing and enjoying the food and wine we returned to the Town Hall for the official launch of the artwork exhibition. The evening was hosted by the Deputy Mayor Patrick Geroudet and the French Twinning Group and there we were also joined by children and their parents and the evening was rounded off with drinks of orange squash and biscuits.

Saturday gave us time to take in some retail therapy before we all met with the Chichester Lions' Twin Club the Vallée de l'Eure of Chartres. The meeting was in the Grand Monarque Hotel close to the Cathedral. Lion President Alain Vassey and five members from the Chartres Club enjoyed aperitifs and pickups and discussed the friendship between the two Clubs and ways of continuing our relationship.



Presidents Alain Vassey & Brian Attfield reminisce with their Twinning Charter.

In the evening the Chichester Lions group were invited to attend the Mayors Reception at the Collegiale St André prior to the Fête de La Lumière. Unfortunately we had a few problems understanding the speeches but no problem with the extensive buffet



At the Reception in Collegiale St André - l-r: Claire Crézé with Sue Boucher and Patrick Geroudet with Gabrielle & Brian Attfield.

and wine. Many of the buildings in Chartres were beautifully illuminated and this made for a pleasant evening stroll around the City. The highlight for me was the light show on the Cathedral with a high wire act with two ladies performing a routine above the main doors to the building.

What a shame that Sunday came so quickly and we had to leave the lovely City of Chartres and return to our equally lovely City of Chichester. My wife and I, along with the other members of the Lions group, had a most enjoyable stay in Chartres and I cannot wait to visit again.

**BRIAN ATTFIELD**  
**PRESIDENT, CHICHESTER LIONS CLUB**

## ART EXHIBITION IN CHARTRES

### Delivery & Collection

At the suggestion of our French counterparts, we took the opportunity of delivering the children's artwork at the same time as the Lions' visit. I was honoured to be the first to drive the new van abroad and pleased to have the reassurance of an 'escort', with other help on hand if needed.



On arrival at the Mairie we were greeted by Patrick, Claire and Yves Bastide, together with other members of 'des Amis' who helped to hang the Exhibition. That evening, children of l'école du Grand-Jardin, accompanied by their teachers and parents were delighted to see their work displayed in the foyer of the Town Hall plus those entries from the 11 Chichester schools. It was an added bonus for the English schools to have their work taken to Chartres in addition to being displayed in our prestigious Pallant House.

At the invitation of Chartres' Mayor, Jean-Pierre Gorges, representatives from their Inspection Académique also joined Patrick Geroudet and other city councillors for the unveiling of the Exhibition, which was much admired and reported in Chartres' "Echo".

The venue certainly exposes the children's work to a vast audience - with approx 1,000 visitors each day - and draws attention to our Association, Pallant House Gallery and also to Chichester. This is great publicity towards our goal of keeping our twinning 'alive' whilst enabling the 'next generations' to learn more about each other's communities.

The number of French schools participating has not yet caught up with the English, but we have had a year's start. However, the interest shown in Chartres by children, parents, Councillors, Lions and, of course, our twinning friends is very encouraging. Other areas of support are being actively pursued to complement those existing. In this respect I would like to say a special 'thank you' to Chichester Lions, Richardsons Travel and LA Fish for supporting my additional fund-raising efforts for this important 'other side of the channel' aspect of our Art Competition.

**RAY BROWN**

Association des Amis des Jumelages de Chartres  
« Friends of Chartres » de Chichester  
avec le soutien de la Ville de Chartres

ŒUVRES DES ÉLÈVES D'ÉCOLES DE  
CHICHESTER ET CHARTRES

Commissariat général de l'équipement et de la culture  
15 Septembre - 10 Octobre 2012  
Hall de l'Hôtel de Ville  
Lundi à Vendredi : 9h00 - 17h00 - Samedi : 9h00 - 12h30

# SCHOOLS ART COMPETITION 2013

Launch Reception in Pallant House Gallery



Schools Art Award



Marc Steene, Head of Learning and currently Acting Director of Pallant House Gallery, welcomed everyone, including teachers, sponsors, and representatives from West Sussex County Council, Chichester City Council and Chichester District Council and thanked them for their support.

I then explained the background of the competition which actually began in Chartres during a visit there in September 2007. This then built up to the first competition (for Chichester schools only) taking place during our 50th Twinning Anniversary. I was then able to play a short video showing the French school children and guests, which the Lions had taken at the 'inauguration' of this year's Exhibition in Chartres' Mairie, then followed this with commentary on my Slideshow Presentation of photos showing each schools' artwork on display within the Exhibition in Chartres. This concluded with 'behind the scenes' photos of us working together with our French counterparts to achieve this task.

Marc then explained that the focus for this year's competition is printmaking and 'a sense of place' inspired by urban and cityscape scenes depicted through paintings and prints in Pallant House Gallery. The subject for the designs is the surrounding environment (Chichester / Chartres) captured from an unusual perspective and schools were asked to encourage their Year 4 to Year 8 pupils (ages 8 to 12 years old) to take part. He had asked Natalie Franklin (Learning Programme Co-ordinator at PHG) to invite printmakers to attend and give further information about the various printing methods available.

Helen Brown and Cath Bristow from Brighton based 'bip-Art' ([www.bip-art.co.uk](http://www.bip-art.co.uk)) then explained in more details the different methods of printmaking available including Screen, Block, Mono and other print based methods. They had brought examples of their work to support their presentation, which was then followed by a demonstration and question and answer session. Teachers received packets of information explaining bip-Art's Outreach and Workshop Programme for Schools which include a variety of Printmaking techniques on both paper and textiles. After thanking them for this presentation Marc and I then thanked everyone for coming along to what had been a very interesting evening.

Natalie collected the completed registration forms from those teachers who wished to take part - 12 registered that evening and we now have a total of 14 local schools and 2 class entries from Chartres. We look forward to visiting the schools, if invited, to speak about Chartres and our Twinning and we look forward to receiving their completed work.

MARGARET BROWN



# 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 and 5.00pm.

## LE PETIT CERCLE FRANÇAIS (Afternoons)

May I wish everyone a very HAPPY NEW YEAR, though I fear this will not be the case for ourselves personally due to John's progressive cancer in the back. They have not been successful in halting the spread, so can only keep him as comfortable as possible - ie out of pain with pain patches and pills. We have the support of the St. Wilfrid's Palliative Care Team and so are carrying on as well as we can in as normal a fashion as possible for as long as we can.

We hope to be able to continue with our small circle of loyal supporters who come along to the monthly Afternoon Tea Parties to keep up our spoken French with *devoir* provided by Joyce. However, Joyce also has plans for a big change in that she is selling her house in Hunston to move to Worthing to live near her daughter. No one knows just how long this will take of course.

Thus we have worked out a programme for the first 3 months of 2013 and hope to be able to adhere to it. In the meantime if there is anyone out there who would be willing to take on the organization of 'Le Petit Cercle Français' we would be delighted to hear from you.

Daphne Bowling.

### JANUARY (Thursday)

10th JOYCE MITTON  
38 St Leodegar's Way, Hunston.....779558

### FEBRUARY (Thursday)

14th MARJORIE WINN  
"Northways", 10a Lavant Road, Chichester .....527376

### MARCH (Thursday)

14th DIANE CURRIE  
3 Wyberton House, Chestnut Ave, Chichester.....789663

This brings us to the Easter break when we will have to see what the future holds.

New members please do come along and join us for an informal couple of hours of French conversation avec une tasse de thé, quelques biscuits, et un petit *devoir*, mais je vous en supplie de téléphoner à la hôteesse en avance s'il vous plait !!

DAPHNE BOWLING : (01243) 641660

### MORNING CIRCLE

Please contact me for further details - merci.

EMMA HEAVER : (01243) 778568

### LE CERCLE FRANÇAIS AVANCÉ

('Twilight' meetings)

Up-to-date information from:

HENRIETTA NAPIER (01243) 528238



### DIANA TAYLOR

Very sadly we learned of the untimely death on 26th November of our Vice-President, Diana Taylor and the Committee has expressed sincere condolences to Diana's family on behalf of all our members. Diana has done so much for the Friends of Chartres over so many years and she will be missed by everyone in our organisation.

She has personally given me tremendous support and encouragement since I became Chairman. We have also received condolences from Patrick GerouDET on behalf of Ville de Chartres in a very personal message for Diana's family and The Friends of Chartres and a separate message also from Claire Crézé and Les Amis des Jumelages. Diana will be sadly missed not only by The Friends of Chartres but the many other organisations she has been involved with in and outside Chichester.

There is to be a Thanksgiving Service in Chichester Cathedral on 28th January 2013 at 2.00pm to which everyone is invited.

MARTYN BELL, Chairman

### BRYAN RICE

Bryan was a very long-standing member of our Association who, together with his wife Linda, was a regular 'Exchanger' with the Bersanetti family in Chartres until 2 years ago when ill-health prevented them travelling.

He was a great support to Linda during her time as Chairman of Friends of Chartres and when she took on the role of Secretary. Bryan had worked for the NHS in Chichester and the church was crowded at his funeral in early November.

### EILEEN EGLES (formerly Holroyd)

was Headmistress of Rumboldswyke Infants School 1969-83. She later married Dudley Egles who was in the RAF during the war. As secretary of Friends of Chartres (late 80s through to the 90s) her signature can be seen on the 'Reaffirmation' document produced for the 30th Anniversary of our City's twinning with Chartres (see sections of this shown below) which is displayed in the Council House.

Eileen died on 24th November in Taunton, having moved there in recent years to be near her daughter.

