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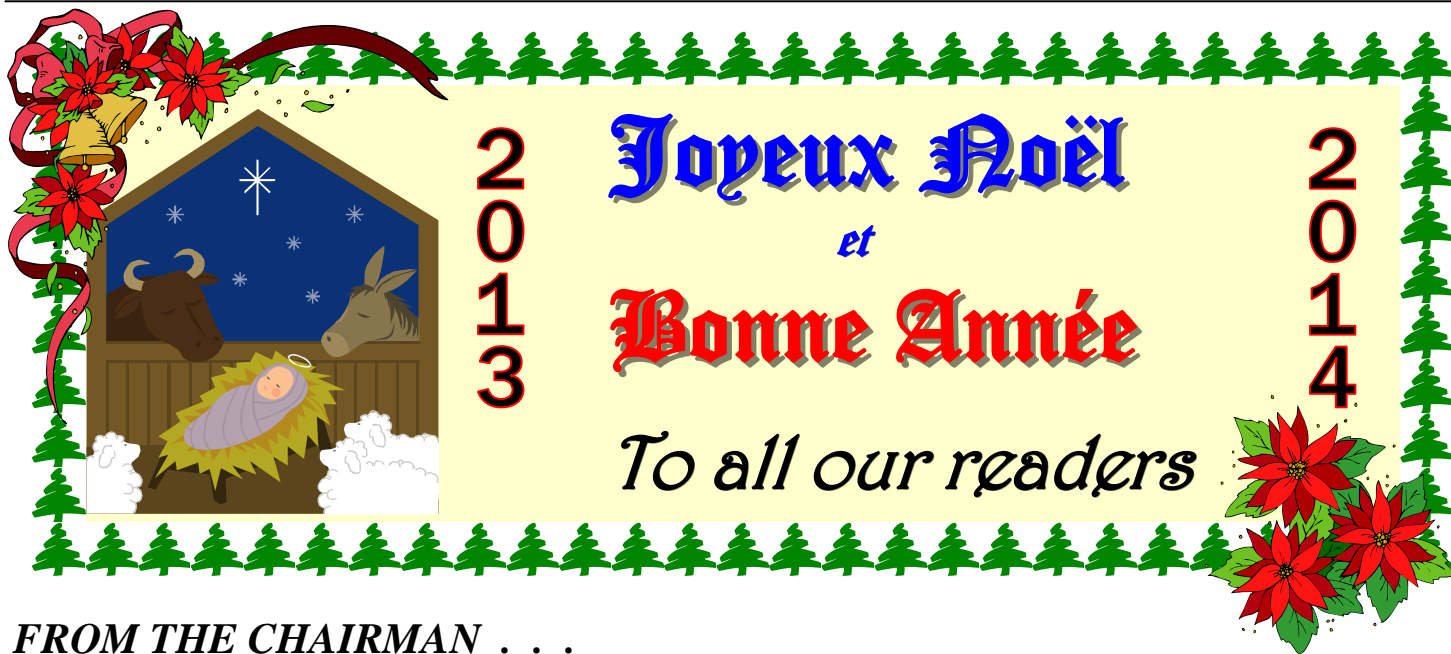
## NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF CHARTRES

Chichester's French Twinning Association

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### FROM THE CHAIRMAN . . .

This will be my last 'From the Chairman . . .' as, in line with the Constitution, I have to stand down when I complete three year's continuous service as Chairman next March.

I would like to thank everybody who has supported and encouraged me since I joined the FoC Committee in mid-2008 and particularly during my time as Chairman. It would be wrong to single out any individuals within FoC but a special thanks to the Officers and members of the Executive Committee itself.

A special thanks also to our opposite numbers in Chartres who I will single out - Jean-Pierre Gorges, Mayor of Chartres, Patrick Géroudet and Clare Crézé, her family and her Committee.

Amongst the membership of 'Les Amis de Chichester' I would also like to thank Sylvie & Philippe Rabartin and Gérard & Genéviève Dufresne-the Exchange partners of Hen and Den Napier-for the tremendous help they have given me

when, 'Sur les Pas de Jean Moulin', researching the 'Maquis de Plainville' and working on other projects concerning the French Resistance in the Chartres Area.

My latest FoC talk at Chichester University on 'Resistance of the Spirit' was very well attended as of course was the Jean Moulin Commemoration Event in February this year. Again these activities would have not been successful without the help and encouragement of FoC members.

Particularly encouraging was the cooperation this summer with the Friends of Ravenna and Friends of Valletta. Plans are already being laid for joint participation in the 'Festival of Chichester' in July 2014.

I look forward to meeting many of you again at the Annual FoC Dinner in February at Chichester College and in the meantime wish you and your families a Very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

MARTYN BELL



**PRESIDENT**

**The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Chichester**  
Councillor Alan Chaplin

**OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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Tony Harrison ( <i>Chichester Lions Club</i> ).....			532893
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**CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES  
(July 2013 - June 2014)**

Cllr Barbara Rees.....779343      Cllr Anne Scicluna.....789065

# Exchange to Chartres

**Thursday 1st - Monday 5th May 2014**

Please complete the enclosed form if you wish to take part in this Exchange visit to Chartres. Travelling with Brittany Ferries via Portsmouth - Caen we expect the journey will cost about £90 per head but much of the cost is fixed, so the more who travel, the cheaper it will work out!

We are sure that those of you who have been involved before will be looking forward to visiting your friends again. If you have not twinned before, please consider taking part - it is an excellent way of finding out more about life in France and making new and often life-long friends.

If you have any queries about the Exchange please call the **Exchange Organiser, Julia Sander**, on **01243 527435**, or send an email to: [Julia@sander.plus.com](mailto:Julia@sander.plus.com)

**Please note** that from January 24-31, Julia can only be contacted by email but

**John Wilton (Treasurer)**

can be contacted during this period on **01243 788833** or email: [johnwilton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:johnwilton@yahoo.co.uk)

**Please return the completed form together with your deposit cheque made payable to 'Friends of Chartres' to our Treasurer**

**John Wilton**  
**1A York Road, Chichester, PO19 7TJ**

**To be received by 31st January 2014**

## ANNUAL DINNER

will be held in the  
**Goodwood Training  
Restaurant**

Chichester College, Westgate Fields

**Tuesday 11th February 2014**

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

£19.50 pp Members & £20.50 pp Non-members

with a choice 4 dishes for each of the  
3 courses

**Guests and non-members  
are welcome to join in**

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

**Ray Brown**

*(Membership Secretary / Vice-Chairman)*

'Rock Cottage', 121 Bognor Road,  
Chichester, PO19 7TH

**by Tuesday 21st January, 2014**

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 Membership Renewals

gentle reminder that renewals are due on 1st January 2014

**£10.00 single**

**£15.00 joint/family**

**£20 corporate**

**Membership Enquiries & further information  
contact**

Membership Secretary

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

Please return your completed Renewal Slip (*enclosed*) together with your cheque made payable to 'Friends of Chartres' and include a stamped addressed envelope for your membership card to be returned to you.

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 12th March 2014**  
commencing at  
**7.00pm**

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

**Following the business meeting and refreshments**

**Clare Apel**  
will present an illustrated talk entitled

**'Bikinis on the beach,  
Prosthetics on the shore'**

**Relating her experiences as a Languages  
Games Maker at the 2012 Olympics**

Clare will talk about her experience of being a language volunteer at the beach volleyball in Horse Guards Parade as well as her experience of being at Portland for the Paralympic sailing.

Accompanying slides will illustrate what it was like and what was expected, the other volunteers she met, the athletes, the guests, the presidents of various countries as well as the Olympic people, and will conclude with slides of the final procession in the Mall from where the volunteers were allowed to be.

**FRIENDS OF CHARTRES**  
**Programme of Events**  
**2014**

**February 11<sup>th</sup>** **ANNUAL DINNER (6.15 for 6.45pm Dinner)**  
*(Tuesday)* **Goodwood Restaurant, Chichester College.**

**March 12<sup>th</sup>** **AGM (7.00pm)** followed with an  
*(Wednesday)* **IllustratedTalk by Clare Apel - (see details left)**  
St George's Centenary Centre, Whyke

**April 10<sup>th</sup>** **EUROPEAN QUIZ EVENING (7.30pm)**  
*(Thursday)* The Bell PH, Broyle Road, Chichester

**May 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> (Thurs - Mon)** **THE EXCHANGE TO CHARTRES**  
[Exchange events organised by Chartres Cttee]

**June 3rd - 29th** **SCHOOLS ART COMPETITION**  
**Exhibition of children's Artwork in PHG**  
[Free entry to The Studio - ground floor in PHG]

**June 11<sup>th</sup>** **VISIT TO SOUTHWICK PARK**  
*(Wednesday)* **D-Day Map Room, RMP Museum & Chapel**  
Details of times, transport arrangements and possible inclusion of Lunch, are to be advised.

**The following Autumn events**  
**are being investigated by your committee**

September/ **Illustrated Talk /**  
October **Film Event**

Nov/Dec **Christmas Cheese & Wine**  
*(to possibly include 'le Beaujolais Nouveau')*

**The France Show 17-19 Jan 2014**

**17 - 19 January 2014 at Earls Court, London**  
(Fri 10am - 5pm; Sat 10am - 6pm; Sun 10am - 5pm)  
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More information is available on their website  
[www.thefranceshow.com](http://www.thefranceshow.com)

FRIENDS OF CHARTRES  
**EUROPEAN QUIZ EVENING**

**The Bell P.H. - Broyle Road**

*Led by Quiz- Master*  
**Clare Apel**

**Thursday 10th April - 7.30pm**

to which  
**Friends of Ravenna & Friends of Valetta**  
are also being invited to take part

**Further details will be emailed to members in  
the New Year**

**STOP PRESS . . . Pallant House Gallery:**

Congratulations to Marc Steene - the new Executive Director of PHG and also to Simon Martin as Artistic Director. Having achieved the implementation of the change programme he was hired to effect, Greg Perry has now stepped down as Director but will be consulting on on-going matters over the next 3 months to ensure the smooth transition in leadership.

**EDITORIAL**

Thank you to all who have contributed to this edition which we hope you will enjoy reading. Do please continue to send me your articles - my contact details are on the back page - and I now take this opportunity to send you Seasons Greetings and to wish you Good Health and Happiness in the New year.

We look forward to seeing you at our first event of the year, the Annual Dinner at Chichester College on the 11th February and, as it is our turn to take the Exchange across to Chartres, we hope you will complete and send in your forms early.

**MARGARET BROWN**

## TASTY WINE TASTING

Just eight of the expected fourteen members attended the Wine Tasting at Hennings Wine Merchants in North Street on the 9th October. Absent Friends missed a treat!



Karl Walton, manager of the Chichester branch of this family firm, conducted an interesting and entertaining tasting of seven wines from the Loire Valley – one sparkling, three whites, two red and one sweet white “pudding” wine. He also gave a brief description of the area and wine production processes and as the tasting progressed, retained gentle control of the increasingly relaxed tasters. He dealt fully

with the many questions and comments, and everyone left better informed on the subject than before.



Personal favourites were the White Cheverny of Pascal Bellier (£9.99) and the sweet Coteaux Layon of Langlois Chateau (£9.99 per half), but

all the offerings were much appreciated. Hubert Brochard’s Sancerre (£14.99) was sublime.

Over 500 million bottles of wine are produced in this beautiful part of France, the nearest major wine area to Chartres. It is well worth a visit for its chateaux, glorious food and some œnological exploration.

Karl deserves grateful thanks for a, literally, jolly good evening.

**EDDIE SAUNDERS**

## FRIENDS OF CHARTRES AWARD

### Chichester Ronin Judo Club Championships

The Friends of Chartres Award, purchased with money left to our Association in the Will of former Mayor of Chichester, Colin Tupper, is presented in his memory and also in memory of Guy Bisson, a prominent person in Chartres’ judo club with whom the Chichester Ronin Judo Club was twinned.

At the Annual Championships held in New Park Centre’s Dojo on 15th November our Vice-Chairman, Ray Brown, presented the award to Nathaniel Spreckley with the following citation:

*“This year’s award goes to a person who has been a member of this club for many years, starting at the age of 6. He always puts a lot of effort into his judo and this has continued as he has progressed through the grades.*

*“He is a very competitive player and has the drive and ambition to do well. He has dealt with many changes in Judo, especially in regards to changes within the rules meaning he was unable to use some of his favourite techniques. This did put him off for a while, but he coped with this and continued as a member of the club. Over the years he has entered many competition, making the coaches very proud of him.*



*“Until recently he helped out and participated in all classes, including seniors, but then unfortunately fractured his back during exercise activity at home. This did not, however, stop him from attending the club and helping out where he could. He is now back on the mat, which he has been determined to do since his accident. He is currently taking GCSE (P.E.) and as part of this there are elements that he has chosen to do within his judo.*

*“The club hopes that he will continue with his drive and ambition to do well”.*

Following the presentation Ray commented on the fact that he and Margaret had, in various roles, been involved with the award presentation since 2005. He then said that he was astounded by the commitment and devotion to duty over this period by the Judo coaches and helpers, and the fact that some were still there from those earlier days - and before! Some were now getting ‘quite old’ and could be at home with their feet up in front of the fire and watching TV. But they were here - and he felt that they deserved a round of applause as thanks for their support of the young members. Margaret was then presented with a bouquet of flowers and all then enjoyed a Buffet in the adjoining Hall.



## ***'RESISTANCE OF THE SPIRIT'*** **an illustrated talk by MARTYN BELL**



*'The Two Martyns'*

*Martyn Bell accompanied by documentary-maker Martyn Cox*

On Thursday 7th November 2013, at the Mitre Theatre, University of Chichester, our Chairman, Martyn Bell, accompanied by documentary-maker Martyn Cox, gave a fascinating and moving talk entitled "Resistance of the Spirit".

Martyn explained how as a student in 1964 he had stayed in the village of St Julien-Molin-Molette in the Massif Central south-west of Lyon and developed a strong affection for the area, which was part of 'Vichy France' during WWII.

In 2009 Martyn returned to the area, visiting Lyon, St. Julien and Le Chambon-sur-Lignon and various other locations, and meeting Gabriel Eyraud, the last surviving member of the Resistance Group 'Yssingeu Parachutages' (YP) who were based in the Chambon area.



He heard about the famous American SOE/OSS Agent Virginia Hall who was the leader of YP.

In 2011 Martyn again returned, this time with Martyn Cox



plus a film crew, to the village of Le Chambon to film an interview with Gabriel Eyraud. This 'Groupe YP' was the 'Reception Committee' for 'Jedburgh' team 'Jeremy', a 3-man team including Geoffrey Hallows which was dropped by parachute close to Le Chambon on 24th August 1944. Hallows was a Gordon Highlander and famously made the drop in a kilt - an event Gabriel clearly remembers!

While filming in the area the two Martyns came across the story of the thousands of Jewish and other refugee children who were hidden during WWII by organisations and families in and around Le Chambon. To avoid Vichy/German attention, the Resistance agreed not to carry out any sabotage activity in the area and local German troops turned 'a blind eye' to the presence of the large numbers of children. That so many children were protected is held up as a triumph of 'Resistance of the Spirit' as opposed to armed resistance.

Martyn showed some film footage and slides about YP's heroic activities featuring Gabriel Eyraud and then introduced Martyn Cox who showed the 30 minute film he and his crew had made, in which local French Historian Gerard Bollon describes the story of the 'hidden children' of Le Chambon.

In June this year a new museum was opened in Le Chambon and the Martyns were privileged to attend the opening ceremony privately as guests of local Mayor Eliane Wauquiez-Motte, and met a number of the surviving 'children'. Slides were shown of the Ceremony, which was also filmed by the BBC.

Protestant Pastor of Le Chambon, André Trocmé, lead the organisation to shelter the Jews and was later honoured, together with his wife Magda and cousin Daniel, by the Yad Vashem foundation in Israel for their contribution to saving the lives of so many Jewish children. After the war ended the children dispersed, most to Israel or the USA.

Our Vice-Chairman, Ray Brown, thanked Martyn for his wonderful presentation. Those of us who were privileged to hear it will long remember the "Resistance of the Spirit" of the people of Le Chambon and the surrounding area.

**JOHN WILTON**

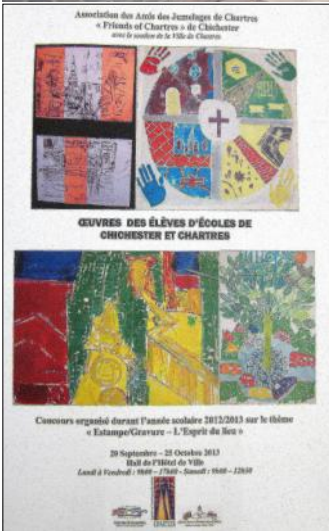


# SCHOOLS ART EXHIBITION IN CHARTRES' MAIRIE - AND -

September 20<sup>th</sup> to November 4<sup>th</sup>



Chichester Lion - Ray Brown with Claire Crézé and Friends of Chichester helpers: Jean-Claude Grouteau, Yves Bastide, Gilbert Gommier, Gérard Dufresne & Alain Crézé.



Once again the Chichester Lions Club van was used to transport the Exhibition of schools artworks to Chartres to be hung in the Mairie. With thanks to Patrick Geroudet we were able to park the van safely in his drive, stay in his lovely home in the centre of town, and also meet up with our 'twin family' Jean-Michel & Françoise Provot.

Claire Crézé had arranged for a group of volunteers from our French counterparts, Les Amis de Chichester, to help with the task of hanging these artworks.

After negotiating the security bollards and receiving special parking permission, we met up with the 'Hanging Group' in front of the Mairie (see photo above). Their help was invaluable and with Claire's guidance all the artworks were able to be hung in the foyer. The venue is ideal for drawing attention to our Association, Pallant House Gallery and to Chichester as the large entrance hall exposes the work to a vast audience with approximately 1,000 visitors each day. 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.

As people arrived for the official 'unveiling' that evening they were delighted to see all the Chartres' entries displayed together



with those from all the Chichester schools. The children were pleased to see their work on display and thrilled by the knowledge that it had been on show in Chichester's Prestigious Pallant House Gallery and Chichester Cathedral. Their parents, teachers, representatives from Chartres' Inspection Académique and other councillors had also been invited to attend and it was lovely to see these familiar faces. Cllr Janine Milon, who came to Pallant House Gallery in May, deputising for Chartres Mayor at our Awards

C e r e m o n y ,  
joined Patrick Geroudet (Deputy Mayor) in congratulating all who had taken part and details of the new competition were given.



It is hoped that a 'spin off' from our Schools Arts Competition will be a link between PHG and Chartres' Musée des Beaux Arts, which we have been trying to establish for a number of years, as it is felt this will in turn be of benefit to Chichester and Chartres schools. A new Director had just been appointed to the Musée and our visit presented us with the opportunity to act as 'postmen' and deliver a letter of introduction to her from Pallant House Gallery. In return we were asked to deliver a book to the Director of Pallant House Gallery and it is hoped that this will be the first step to a mutually beneficial link.



MARGARET BROWN

# LAUNCHING 2014's SCHOOLS ART COMPETITION

*'A Tale of Twinned Cities': Chapter 4  
'Illuminated Texts - Ancient & Modern'*

Celebrating the Competition's  
5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
&  
55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Twinning



Our fifth Schools Art Competition was 'launched' on Thursday 17th October in Room 11 (upstairs) at Pallant House Gallery and the subject/theme for this year is Illuminated Texts - Ancient & Modern, using mixed media. Working with Pallant House Gallery's Deputy Director, Marc Steene, and Learning Programme Co-ordinator, Natalie Franklin, the rooms were booked after establishing the timeline for this year's competition. An Exhibition of the children's work will be hung in The Studio (on the ground floor) and open to public viewing from Tuesday 3rd through to Sunday 29th June 2014 (work not being hung will be seen on a browser within this room). Entry to The Studio is free, but as this is a working studio it is advisable to check with the Front Desk on its availability. There will also be 'Prizewinners Workshops' for the children, these to be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and/or Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June.



The Launch was well attended and included PHG Director Greg Perry, the Deputy Mayor of Chichester Cllr John Hughes (the Mayor was visiting Ravenna), Chichester Lions Club and other Sponsors, Teachers and Headteachers, as well as members of the FoC Executive Committee. Because our Chairman had to attend a meeting of 'All Parishes' at the District Council I was asked to welcome those present before explaining the background to our competition and twinning, which included a presentation of photos showing the 2013 Exhibition on display in Chartres' Mairie.



Lin Chaplin (former Headteacher) then explained how we plan a new theme and how this year, with Claire Crézé's help, we were also able to involve Chartres' teachers, Inspection Académique and the French curriculum. Natalie drew on the theme of story-telling using illuminated decoration in mixed media which could be linked to ancient manuscripts - examples of which were shown in her powerpoint presentation - or 20th Century artworks such as those held in Pallant House Gallery eg Peter Blake and Graham Sutherland. She included examples of work produced by Artist/Educator Dinah Kelly, of Phoenix Arts Association, Brighton. Dinah then explained her use of mixed media and led a practical mini-workshop, encouraging and guiding those who wished to take part. This 'hands-on' session, which was much appreciated, was a result of feedback received from last year's practical presentation. We now look forward to receiving the pupils' work.

MARGARET BROWN



**The Fulbert Prize 2013**

**LE PETIT CERCLE FRANÇAIS (Afternoons)**

These are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at various homes of our members. We concentrate on conversation and might include a crossword puzzle or translation for homework. It is very informal and relaxed. The standard is variable and the more able help the less able. We start at 2.30pm and have tea between 4 and 4.30pm. Do contact any one of us to have a chat if you are interested. Spring venues are as follows:

**JANUARY**

9<sup>th</sup> WENDY & PAUL DEVONSHIRE  
 in Sidlesham.....641457

**FEBRUARY**

13<sup>th</sup> MARGARET BROWN  
 in Chichester.....783776

**MARCH**

13<sup>th</sup> DIANE CURRIE  
 in Chichester.....789663

**APRIL**

10<sup>th</sup> DAPHNE BOWLING  
 in Sidlesham.....641660

Will you please confirm your attendance in advance to enable the host to provide sufficient cups for tea.

WENDY DEVONSHIRE : (01243) 641457

**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

**ANAGRAMS** (supplied by Daphne Bowling)

**Answer to the Anagrams in the September edition**

1. Nice; 2. Marseille; 3. Boulogne; 4. Caen; 5. Reims; 6. Nancy; 7. Orange; 8. Perpignan; 9. Nîmes; 10. Grenoble

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Chichester College (Westgate Fields, Chichester)  
[www.chichester.ac.uk](http://www.chichester.ac.uk) - Tel: (01243) 786321  
 (course enquiry: [info@chichester.ac.uk](mailto:info@chichester.ac.uk))

EMMA HEAVER: (01243) 778568



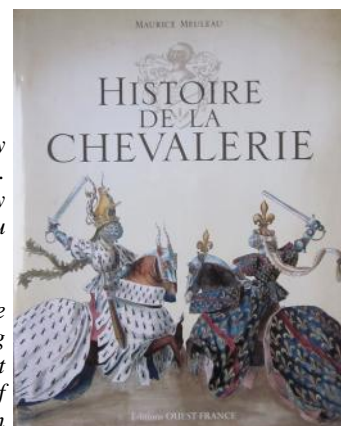
Their Association Chairman, François Habert, joined Patrick Geroudet in presenting this year's prize-winner to our Vice-Chairman, Ray Brown.

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Chartres' Fulbert Prize for literature first came into being in 2006, during the Millenium Celebrations for Saint Fulbert. Saint Fulbert was Bishop of Chartres in 1007AD having first been appointed as Chancellor of the Cathedral school. He went on to establish the most vigorous school in Europe. Among his many writings, which included poems and hymns, was the universally known Hymn 'Ye choirs of New Jerusalem'.

**CYCLE CHARTRES 2013**

The Chichester Park Hotel was the venue where a Reunion was held for those who took part in the Charity Cycle Ride to Chartres in May. This annual event, organised by the Harbour Rotary Club, had raised a total of £17,000. A



cheque for £8,500 was presented to St Wilfrid's Hospice, their main charity for this year and the other monies would go to their other charities.

The 2014 Charity Cycle Ride to Chartres will leave Chichester on Friday 2nd May and arrive in Chartres on Sunday 4th May (which is during the time our Exchange will be in Chartres). They are now recruiting cyclists to take part in this charitable event raising money for 'Canine Partners' - see their website for more details. Friends of Chartres were thanked for their support over the last six years that they've been holding this event.