

# CITYLINK

**THE CITY OF CHICHESTER** twinned SINCE 1959 with **THE CITY OF CHARTRES**

## NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF CHARTRES

Chichester's French Twinning Association

[www.friendsofchartres.org.uk](http://www.friendsofchartres.org.uk)

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### **SEASONS GREETINGS**

**TO ALL OUR READERS**



#### **FROM THE CHAIRMAN . . .**

Events which have taken place since the last edition of Citylink are given in more detail later. They include a very interesting talk by David Nason and a Cheese and Wine Soirée in the Council Chamber in which our President and Mayor, Cllr Peter Budge, was a prime mover.

In 2017 I look forward to meeting you at the 'Wine Event' on 18th January and at our Annual Dinner on 16th February at Chichester College. Our Dinner at the College earlier this year was one of the last to be held in the old 'Goodwood Restaurant', prior to a massive refurbishment of Kitchen and Dining Areas. This has been completed and we will now be welcomed to the new 'Restaurant & Bar 64'. This is a new name but I am sure the same excellent service will be served up by the young catering students.

In May 2017 the Chartrains are travelling to Chichester and I look forward to seeing the renewal of long-time friendships and the birth of new ones.

I should mention here the help and encouragement given by those in office in Chartres, especially Deputy Mayor Patrick Geroudet who, with the backing of Mayor, Jean-Pierre Gorges, has supported all facets of the twinning. This has involved hosting receptions when we arrive in Chartres, travelling to Chichester to present Art Challenge Awards, receiving visitors from Chichester such as Lions and Rotary clubs and even personally hosting. These are all things we tend to take for granted from someone who also has many other commitments including duties for other cities with which Chartres is twinned. Thank you Patrick.

At the time of our AGM in March I will have completed three continuous years as Chairman and the Constitution calls for me to stand down. This will therefore be my last report 'From the Chairman'. Looking back over these 3 years I am encouraged that the 'Schools Art Challenge' has grown and is now entering its 8th year, very satisfying considering that just over two years ago our artistic support moved from Pallant House Gallery to the University. My thanks go to both Marc Steene, who has been involved from the very start, and Steve McDade for an almost seamless transfer and their continued support is much appreciated. The 'Challenge' is growing and a great deal of the credit in Chichester must go to Margaret & Lin Chaplin and in Chartres to Claire Crézé. It is almost never ending as one year's artwork is transferred to France in September/October with the next year's launch in November. Hopefully we will be able to progress to the next level by encouraging University students to work with the participating schools, therefore involving more young people in our Association.

Our membership has increased and this has reflected in the continuous support of our annual exchanges with about 40 crossing the Channel each year, both to and from France. This family to family exchange is the life blood of our twinning and sets us apart from Chichester's other twinings, long may it continue.

Thank you for all your support over the last 3 years and on behalf of myself and the Committee I wish you and your families a Happy Christmas and Fulfilling New Year.

**RAY BROWN**  
**CHAIRMAN**

**CHICHESTER**

**Twinning**

**57 YEARS**  
**1959 - 2016**

**CHARTRES**

**Jumelage**

**VISIT TO THE  
COURTAULD GALLERY**

**Saturday March 25, 2017**



Following last year's enjoyable visit to the Wallace Collection, the Friends of Chartres are organising a visit to the Courtauld Gallery, which houses a fine collection of French Impressionist paintings. The gallery is situated in the magnificent Somerset House buildings.

**The visit will include:**

- Entry to the Courtauld Gallery with a guided tour of the Impressionist paintings.
- A one hour guided tour of Somerset House.

The Courtauld Gallery Café provides light meals for a reasonable cost (£10).

Participants can arrange their own transport, but it is likely that a group will travel to London together by train – Southern Railways permitting!

**Cost of visit: £10.00 pp**  
excluding transport and meals

Further information  
about this visit is available from

**Jim Payne, - (01243) 372900**

The attached form should be returned to Julia Sander

**PRESIDENT**

The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Chichester  
Councillor Peter Budge

**OFFICERS & COMMITTEE**

CHAIRMAN	Ray Brown.....	783776
VICE-CHAIRMAN	Julia Sander.....	527435
HON. SECRETARY	Margaret Brown.....	783776
HON. TREASURER	John Wilton.....	788833
Martyn Bell .....	539806	Penelope Johnston...771881
Anne-Louise Briggs...	784346	David Nason.....573716
Paul Devonshire.....	641457	Jim Payne.....372900

Co-opted)  
Rob Campling (Photographer).....532910  
(Chi Lions)...532893 (Chi Cathedral/DEEC).....784244

**CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**  
(July 2016 to June 2017)

Cllr Clare Apel....783738 Cllr Anne Scicluna.....789065

**EXCHANGE FROM CHARTRES  
TO CHICHESTER**

**Friday 28th April to Tuesday 2nd May 2017**

Enclosed with this copy of Citylink you will find a form to complete if you wish to take part in the exchange as hosts when our friends from Chartres visit Chichester in 2017.

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

**Julia Sander (Exchange Organiser)**  
19 Jubilee Road, Chichester, PO19 7XB

**by January 31st 2017**

If you have any queries about the exchange please call

Julia on **(01243) 527435**

or email: [julia@sander.plus.com](mailto:julia@sander.plus.com)



**FRIENDS OF CHARTRES**

Chichester's French Twinning Association

**Invites you to a Wine Tasting Soirée**

To be held at

**St George's Parish Centre**

on

**Wednesday 18th January 2017**

at

**7.30pm**



A relaxed social evening where Members of the Association will present their favourite French wines for you to try. Show off your knowledge of wines and engage in some friendly banter

If you have a favourite wine you'd like to bring along, give Julia Sander a call on 01243 527435. If you just want to come along and taste, you'll be very welcome.

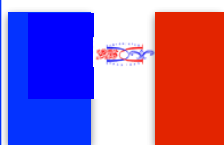
As this is an in-house event, entry will be by **donation**.  
**Suggested minimum donation: £5.00 per head** to cover refreshments and overheads.

If you wish to attend, please inform Julia Sander

**by Monday January 9**

by email at [julia@sander.plus.com](mailto:julia@sander.plus.com)

or by phone: **01243 527435**



## ANNUAL DINNER

will be held in the new

### **RESTAURANT & BAR 64**

Chichester College, Westgate Fields

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**6.15 pm - Sherry Reception  
for 6.45pm - Dinner**

£21.00 pp Members : £23.00 pp Non-members

**with a choice of 3 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 dishes for each course  
and return to:**

**Ray Brown** (Organiser)

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

**by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

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 NEEDS**

(ie allergies etc) then please speak with Ray on

**Chichester - (01243) 783776**

## **FRIENDS OF CHARTRES**

*Programme of Events  
2017*

**January 18<sup>th</sup> IN-HOUSE WINE TASTING**  
(Wednesday) 7.30pm - St George's Parish Centre  
(See Julia's advert p.2 for more details)

**February 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DINNER**  
(Thursday) 6.15 for 6.45pm - Chichester College  
(See left hand column & return form)

**March 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
(Thursday) **7.00pm** - St George's Parish Centre.  
(See more information below)

**March 25<sup>th</sup> VISIT TO COURTAULD GALLERY**  
(Saturday) (See page 2 and return form)

**April 28<sup>th</sup> - May 2nd 'THE ANNUAL EXCHANGE'**  
(Fri - Tues) A separate programme is being organised  
**THE FRENCH COME TO CHICHESTER**  
(See p.2 and Julia's return form)

**'SCHOOLS ART CHALLENGE'**  
**June 16<sup>th</sup> PRIVATE VIEW**  
(Friday) 6.00-8.00pm 'art-One' Gallery,  
University of Chichester, College Lane

**June 17<sup>th</sup> AWARDS CEREMONY (for Schools)**  
(Saturday) 11.00am University Chapel,

*The Committee is in the process of organising the  
following events (dates and venues are to be confirmed)*

July (date tba) Picnic / BBQ

September (tba) Cookery Evening

October 12<sup>th</sup> Illustrated Talk

November 23<sup>rd</sup> Festive Soiree

The Committee of Friends of Chartres  
invites you to attend the

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

commencing at 7.00pm  
**(Gentle reminder that only paid up members are able to vote)**

Following the business meeting refreshments will be  
served 'bistro-style'  
to enable group discussions to explore  
*'Future events for the Friends of Chartres'*

## **Annual Membership Renewals**

Subscription renewals are due on  
1st January 2017

**(Renewal Slip is enclosed)**

Please complete and return this to our Membership  
Secretary together with your cheque payable to  
'Friends of Chartres'

£10.00 single

£15.00 joint/family

£20.00 corporate

Membership Enquiries  
& for further information contact

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

## FISHBOURNE TWINNING'S DARTS 'CHALLENGE'



*Chi's Teams: 'Sussex Slingers' - Margaret, John, Cherry & Ray ; and 'Chichester Stars' - Julia, Diana, Jan & Jim*

On Friday 23rd September we were invited to the Woolpack Inn to a darts match organised by the Fishbourne 'Winners'. We, the 'Friends of Chartres' were represented by two teams. John and I were teamed with Margaret and Ray Brown and chose the name 'Sussex Slingers' (which was very appropriate in my case). Our other team, comprising Julia & Jan Sander and Jim & Diana Payne, decided on the name 'Chichester Stars'! There were eight teams altogether, some with very odd names. We were then split into 2 groups - each group with a separate dartboard.

We played against the "Woollies", the "Apple Pickers" and the "Darters" at 30! The 'Chichester Stars' played the remaining 3 teams on the other dart board. The winning team from each group then played each other for the Trophy. The 'Chichester Stars' lived up to their name by winning their group! But sadly lost the final game against the "Dream Team".

What about the 'Sussex Slingers' I hear your cry ! Well, we came bottom of our group and played off against the bottom team of the other group - with one dart nearest the Bullseye! We were, however, consistent in losing the play off too - but we didn't come away empty-handed having won the coveted wooden spoon!



## INNER WHEEL QUIZ

Once again the Friends of Chartres entered a team (Anne-Louise Briggs, David Nason, Jan Sander and myself) in this year's Inner Wheel Quiz. We performed well on literature, history and geography and at one point in the evening were in first place. It all came to nothing in the end, however, when we were floored by popular music questions in the music section. Had it been classical music, the result might have been different. At the end of the evening, we had to settle for second place, some way behind the winning team, 'The Clangers'.

This was the tenth quiz organised by Sue and Eddie Saunders, and sadly they announced their forthcoming 'retirement as quiz masters. We congratulate them on organising this enjoyable event over such a long period of time. We will miss their efficient and good-humoured organisation. The mouth-watering puddings prepared by the ladies of the Inner Wheel will also be much missed.

**JULIA SANDER**



We were supplied with massive bowls of curly chips, sausage rolls and garlic bread. (just to keep our strength up you understand).

John almost won the highest score with 3 darts, with a score of 90, but was beaten at the last minute by another John with a score of 116.

What a great evening we had, I think we laughed all night. Thank you 'Friends of Langrune sur Mer' for inviting us and we look forward to whatever comes next !

**CHERRY HUGHES**



## FESTIVE CHEESE & WINE SOIRÉE



With special permission from the Mayor and the City Council, this year we were allowed to hold this event in the Council Chamber, which is a very significant venue for our Twinning Association. It was in this room on 28th February 1959 that the (then) Mayors of Chichester and Chartres signed the 'Deed of Jumelage' thus drawing together our two communities. Two further re-affirmation documents (signed 29th April 1990 & 6th June 2009) also included the signatures of both Twinning Associations' Chairmen and all are displayed in the ground floor corridor of the Council House.



\*Other 'French Connections' in the City's long history include the first 'recorded' Mayor being Emery de Rouen in 1239.

\*Mayor 1763 & 1772, Charles Duke of Richmond (a descendent of Charles II and his French mistress, Louise de Kérouaille) was also Duc d'Aubigny - and the current Duke still holds this French title.

\*A bust of Lord Nelson, carved in timber from HMS Victory, sits in a niche on the west wall.



Members and guests enjoyed a good selection of French cheeses and wine whilst soaking up the atmosphere of this prestigious Chamber within such an historic building. As a very special treat the Mayor invited those present to view the Mayor's Parlour if they wished to and he then acted as a 'Tour Guide' to accompany these groups to his 'inner sanctum'.



The Chairman thanked Anne-Louise for organising the evening's food and refreshments and also Julia and Jan for helping her with this task. He also thanked the Mayor, Peter Budge, for his continued support throughout his term of office - which is now in its second continuous year. **(MAB)**



## "19th CENTURY OPERA IN PARIS"

Held in the Mitre Theatre at the University of Chichester on 11th October, Canon David Nason transported us back to 19th century Paris. His illustrated lecture explained how, with Napoleon III's influence the Opera House came into being (1861 to 1875). Originally called the Salle des Capucines, because of its location, it soon became known as the Palais Garnier, recognising its opulence and its architect, Charles Garnier. David then spoke about the history of French Opera including the development of new genres and composers of the time.



Following a session of questions and answers the evening concluded with a variety of musical excerpts put together by David - and accompanied by a glass of wine. Attendance figures were rather low, however, those who did attend have said how much they had enjoyed the evening - and praised David's presentation.

As can be seen in the photo above right, our Chairman, Ray, presented David with a special 'Thank You' gift. **(MAB)**

**SCHOOLS ART EXHIBITION - TRANSPORTED TO CHARTRES**



The new Mairie starts to take shape : Maison du Saumon - (Tourist Info centre) : Vice-Chair, Jean-Claude & Ray



As can be seen above, Chartres' new Mairie is progressing well and it is anticipated that next year's exhibition will be hung there, whilst this year's will go on display at the Tourist Information Centre 'Maison du Saumon' in the centre of Chartres for viewing by the general public after being hung in both participating French schools.



Ray drove the Chichester Lions van, as usual, but with the addition of Lions Vince and Brenda Foote who came to help us. Although Patrick Geroudet was fully occupied with a delegation from Sakurai, Ray and I were able to stay at his home and we were all invited to the opening of the Exhibition 'Autor du Kimono' in the Collegiale Saint André. Here we met many of our twinning friends including Jean-Claude Grouteau, Vice-Chairman of their Chichester twinning. This prestigious event had been organised by Claire Crézé and the twinning association as part of a year of events entitled '2016 Année Japon' which celebrated their twinning with Sakurai.



Chartres' Mayor, Jean-Pierre Gorges, had recently announced that he would stand in the forthcoming Presidential elections and had published a book 'LA FRANCE C'EST VOUS!' Having purchased a copy earlier in the day I was delighted that he signed this copy for us. In addition to Sakurai's Mayor we met the Premier Secrétaire, Ambassador du Japon en France, Tsuyoshi Taki, who had travelled down from Paris. The Ambassador's 'English' was impeccable (so there were no language problems) as together we admired the work by Artist Christine Vandecasteele. Her book 'Histoire de Kimonos' which records her research into this subject was also available and before leaving to meet up with the Provôts (our French twinning 'family') we were really pleased to be included in the group photo - shown on the left.

MAB

**CHICHESTER RONIN JUDO CLUB - CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016**  
**FRIENDS OF CHARTRES/COLIN TUPPER AWARD**

Held in the New Park Centre Dojo on Friday 18th November our Chairman, Ray Brown, presented this prestigious award to EMOGEN SPRECKLEY - with the following citation prepared by the Judo Coaches:

*"Emogen has been a member of Chichester Ronin Judo Club for many years with her brother, Nathaniel. However, for the past two years her commitment and enthusiasm seem to have reached*

*another level. This change started last year - when we awarded her most improved girl - and this year she has gone on to compete in local competitions, qualified for the Sussex Squad and competed on behalf of the county. She regularly trains with the Sussex Squad and*



*is always keen to bring their ideas back into the club and demonstrate them to the classes. She has also gained a new enthusiasm for the technical side of Judo and has steadily climbed through the grades. She also picks probably the largest person on the mat to practise with most of the time and when we grade her she seems able to throw the most unlikely of opponents, be they short, tall, heavy or light. The only person she struggles to throw is her brother! She is a great ambassador for the club and, we hope, an inspiration to the younger members."*



**‘SCHOOLS ART CHALLENGE 2017’ - ‘Launched’ on 3rd November**  
 Working with the University of Chichester - Fine Art Department  
**‘A Tale of Twinned Cities’: Chapter 7: ‘Interwoven’**



In the Foyer of the University’s Art Department a packed audience of teachers and other guests had gathered for the launch of the new ‘Art Challenge’. Our Chairman, Ray Brown, opened the evening by welcoming all in attendance including the Mayor, Peter Budge, and the Deputy Mayor, Peter Evans. Thanks were extended to our sponsors and grant providers and he gave an ‘update’ on the progress of last year’s artworks, which had successfully been transported to Chartres.



He explained that Marc Steene, Executive Director at Pallant House Gallery, continued to support the project by agreeing to be on the Judging Panel and had hoped to be able to attend the launch. Ray also thanked Friends of Chartres member and former Headteacher, Lin Chaplin, for her continued input and then introduced Steve McDade, Head of the Fine Arts Department at the University.



Steve began his presentation with an explanation of how the title ‘Interwoven’ had been chosen for this year’s ‘Exhibition’ and how this could be interpreted, through a variety of techniques and materials, to encompass the essence of ‘Twinning’. Another consideration was the cost of materials, therefore re-cycling was to be encouraged and examples of such works, prepared by the Department’s students and staff, were displayed within the Foyer.



These artworks were based on the work of modern textile artist Michael Brennand-Wood, who had been chosen as the source of reference as he is internationally regarded as one of the most innovative and inspiring artists working in textiles. It was interesting to learn that a lot of the work displayed in the Foyer contained re-used balloons - which had been deflated and ‘recycled’ from a previous installation. Continuing his illustrated presentation and by accessing Michael’s website, Steve was able to show examples of Michael’s work within the areas of textile practice, embroidery, pattern, lace and floral imagery.

Within the question and answer session it was explained that whilst no specific sizes had been given teachers should remember to consider the size of the Lions van in transporting the Exhibition across to Chartres. Steve also confirmed that, if requested, his students would be able go into schools during the 2nd Semester.

Ray concluded the evening by thanking Steve, his staff and students for their inputs in preparing for the evening’s Launch, which also involved making a video recording of the evening, and also the 15 schools which had shown their intention to take part - eleven of which were able to attend the Launch. Rob Campling had been taking photos of the evening and these, together with a copy of Steve’s presentation and the video, would be sent to France.

**MARGARET BROWN**



**FRENCH Conversation Groups**  
**LE PETIT CERCLE (Morning meetings)**

Group meets monthly for lively, informed conversation in French. Le Petit Cercle du mardi usually meets on the first Tuesday of the month, and Le Petit Cercle du jeudi meets on the second Thursday of the month. Sessions are held in members' houses and the dates for January to April are shown below whilst the venues will be decided at the first meetings in January.

**Petit Cercle du mardi:** from 10.30 am to Mid-day  
**JANUARY 10** (Tuesday)  
 Julia Sander,  
 19, Jubilee Road, Chi, PO19 7XB.....Tel: 01243 527435

FEBRUARY 7 (Tuesday) to be decided at above meeting.  
 MARCH 7 (Tuesday) “  
 APRIL 4 (Tuesday) “

**Petit Cercle du jeudi:** from 10.30 am to Mid-day  
**JANUARY 12** (Thursday)  
 Jacqueline Combes,  
 6 Winchester Drive, Chi, PO19 5DE...Tel: 01243 783136

FEBRUARY 9 (Thursday) to be decided at above meeting.  
 MARCH 9 (Thursday) “  
 APRIL 13 (Thursday) “

**For further information contact**  
**Julia Sander on (01243) 527435**

**WHILST IN CHARTRES . . .**



With Patrick's help we had unpacked the Lions van in readiness for our return to Chichester. After Ray had carefully reversed the van through the very narrow gate-way we

took a moment to reflect the weekend events. Then, out of the blue came a 'blast from the past' for our companions, Vince & Brenda Foote. Michel Brise approached us and began to reminisce over his visits to Chichester some 25 years ago. Vince & Brenda immediately recognised him as they had also taken part in these 'Exchanges' organised by the two Lions Clubs. Now 'retired' this former dentist and Chartres Lion, Michel, has become an 'author' and is in the process of recording the history of Chartres. Needless to say it was a while before we did eventually leave Chartres - with lovely memories. These also included meeting up on the Friday evening with (our 'French family') Jean-Michel & Françoise Provôt.



We're now looking forward to hosting them again when the 'Exchange' comes to Chichester in April.

(MAB)

**Friends of Chartres Cine Club**  
**2017**

There was a mix-up with our last showing in the Picture Palace. The proposed film, La Famille Béliier was lost in the post, so the showing was cancelled. We now have the film, so can go ahead and show it in January. The new date for this film will be:

**Sunday January 22 at 5.00 pm.**

**'La Famille Béliier'**

A recent comedy drama about the Béliier family. Sixteen-year-old Paula is an indispensable interpreter for her deaf parents and brother, especially in the running of the family farm. One day, a music teacher discovers Paula's gift for singing and encourages her to participate in a prestigious singing contest. However, this decision means leaving her family and taking her first steps towards adulthood.

This will be a private showing in the Picture Palace at the New Park Centre. We share costs which are £7.50 per head. All films have sub-titles. Book early to be sure of a place.

Contact Julia Sander for further information and to book a place: [julia@sander.plus.com](mailto:julia@sander.plus.com). Tel: 01243 527435

**EDITORIAL**

Thank you to all who have contributed to this edition of Citylink, by either sending in your 'copy' or by giving me the information to report. Good news from Vince Foote who has agreed to send me his memories of the Lions Club Exchanges - which we thought we might include with the title of 'Foote Notes'.

'Cycle Chartres 2017' was launched by Harbour Rotary Club and will be reported in our next edition. I'm also looking forward to receiving an article from Michael Bevis (remember his photo in the last edition?) and hope I might receive this in time for the next edition.

Do please remember to renew your membership (a full programme will be returned with your new membership card) and we look forward to seeing you at the many events which are being organised for the coming months.

If you have anything which you think will be of interest to our members then do please contact me directly either by email: [mbrown121@fsmail.net](mailto:mbrown121@fsmail.net) or by telephone (01243) 783776 and the deadline for my receiving copy for the next edition is 28th February.

My sincere best wishes and Seasons Greeting to you all.

**MARGARET BROWN**