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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 . . .

I can hardly believe it is a year since I was elected Chairman of the Friends of Chartres. A lot has happened during that time, including a visit from our friends in Chartres last April and many other enjoyable events. In response to the views expressed by members at the 2017 AGM, a busy programme of events and social occasions has been organised for 2018. We do urge you to give these events your support.

Our exchange visit leaves on April 26, and this year 39 of us will travel to Chartres. We have several new participants on both sides of the Channel, which is most encouraging. Back at home, members of the Association have been keen to keep up their French, with 26 people attending a monthly conversation circle. It is always important for twinning associations to find 'new blood', and we have been pleased to welcome a number of new members to the Association this year.

Highlights of the year so far have been a wide-ranging and well-researched talk on Morocco given by Margaret Devitt, who has a long association with the Friends of Chartres, and our excellent Annual Dinner at Chichester College. We look forward to a lecture recital in March on French music, the Schools Art Challenge in June and a Bastille Day celebration in July. This year's Three Cities event will give us the opportunity to hear the well-known sculptor, Philip Jackson, in conversation with John Coldstream - an exciting contribution to the Festival of Chichester. Full details of these future events are given in this edition of Citylink.

I would like to draw your attention to a very special excursion we are organising for the Friends of Chartres on May 19. This replaces our proposed visit to Lewes and will



include a visit to Dennis Severs House in Spitalfields, London - a recreation of an 18th century Huguenot weavers' house. For those who have the stamina, there will be an opportunity to go on to the Monet and Architecture Exhibition at the National Gallery.

A lot of work has been done on our new website, which should go 'live' very soon, and will make it easier for members to access information about our activities, as well as attracting new members to the association.

And as a postscript, I would like to express appreciation for the new French president Emmanuel Macron who during his recent brief visit to our country stunned us with his clarity of thought and excellent command of English. During his visit, Theresa May highlighted the importance of twinning for promoting international understanding and praised the work done at grassroots level by the many twinning associations. Music to the ears!

I wish you a happy Easter and look forward to seeing you at our events during the year.

Vive le Jumelage !

JULIA SANDER

CHICHESTER

Twinning

59 YEARS
1959 - 2018

CHARTRES

Jumelage

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

Friends of Chartres

Visit to London
Saturday May 19th

This is to replace the proposed visit to Lewes.

Visit to Dennis Severs House
(12.00 pm)

18, Folgate Street, London, E1 6BX



Dennis Severs House is a breath-taking and intimate portrait of the lives of a family of Huguenot silk-weavers from 1724 to the dawn of the 20th century. As you follow their fortunes through the generations, the sights, smells and sounds of the house take you into their lives. It was Dennis Severs intention that as you enter his house, it is as if you have passed through the surface of a painting, exploring with your senses and imagination a meticulously crafted 18th century world.

The visit lasts around 45 minutes and costs

£12 per head

(for a minimum group size of 10 people)

Optional visit to the

Credit Suisse Exhibition - National Gallery:

Monet and Architecture

16.00 (depending on availability)

For those who wish to make a day of it, there will be an opportunity to see the Monet exhibition at the National



Gallery. This is the first single exhibition looking at Monet's career through the buildings he painted: in Normandy, in Rouen, in Paris, London, and Venice. From buildings in villages and by the coast, to some of Europe's most famous monuments, Monet painted the architecture of his time – modern, historic, simple and grand. This exhibition, which comprises more than 75 paintings by Monet is a new way of looking at his work. It shows how he used architecture to create his compositions, both in his most famous paintings and lesser-known works.

Ticket Price: £22

(reduction for Art Fund Members)

Independent travel to London, but let us know if you would like to travel together by train.

Use the reply slip provided with this edition of Citylink to book places for this trip.

PRESIDENT

The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Chichester
Councillor Peter Evans

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CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES
(July 2017 to June 2018)

Cllr Clare Apel.....783738	Cllr Anne Scicluna..789065
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Friends of Chartres

Invite you to

***Social Afternoon with Music
and Boules to celebrate***

Bastille Day, 2018

Saturday, July 14th

2.00 - 4.00 pm

At The

Tangmere Village Centre

Malcolm Road, Tangmere, PO20 2HS

Cost £5.00 per head

(to cover hire of the venue)

***We'll supply the tea, but please bring
refreshments to share***

***The FISHBOURNE and
the TANGMERE Twinning Groups have
been invited to attend.***

*If you would like to take part, please return the attached
booking form together with your cheque made out to the
Friends of Chartres
by June 30*

Friends of Chartres Members

**** SPECIAL INVITATION ****

Friday 15th June

PRIVATE VIEW

(voting for 'People's Choice' award)

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Friends of Chartres & University of Chichester

'SCHOOLS ART CHALLENGE'

EXHIBITION

of the children's artwork entries

to be held in the

Department of Fine Arts' Foyer Gallery

'artOne' building - College Lane, Chichester

(Friday 15th June 2018)

6.00pm - 8.00pm

NO CHARGE

**BUT NUMBERS ARE REQUIRED IN
ADVANCE FOR CATERING PURPOSES**

Please contact : Margaret Brown

Tel: (01243) 783776

FRIENDS OF CHARTRES

Programme of Events

2018

April 26th - 30th 'ANNUAL EXCHANGE'
(Thurs - Mon) **WE GO TO CHARTRES**

May 19th DAY OUT IN LONDON
(Saturday) (See details on page 2 - l.h. column)

'SCHOOLS ART CHALLENGE'

June 15th PRIVATE VIEW
(Friday) 6.00-8.00pm 'art~One' Gallery,
University of Chichester, College Lane
(Invitation & details in left hand column)

June 16th AWARDS CEREMONY (for Schools)
(Saturday) 11.00am University Chapel

FESTIVAL OF CHICHESTER 'THREE CITIES EVENT'

With Friends of Ravenna & Valletta

June 25th 7.30pm - The Assembly Room North Street
(Monday) **Sculptor PHILIP JACKSON**
'In Conversation' with John Coldstream
(See details in left hand column)

July 14th SOCIAL EVENT - BASTILLE DAY
(Saturday) 2.00 - 4.00pm Tangmere Village Centre
(See details on Page 2, r.h. column)

SUMMER BREAK

*The following events
are in the process of being organised*

September 8th 'FRENCH CUISINE'
(Saturday) at the Newell Centre - with
(times awaited) Instructions and Guidance from
Paul Everett

October FILM about NAPOLEON
(date & venue followed with a
to be confirmed) **TALK by Barry Shears**

November 9th 'WORLD WAR I from FRENCH
(Friday) **PERSPECTIVE'**
(Provisional date) 7.30pm 'The Studio at New Park'
Talk by Paul Devonshire

November 29th CHRISTMAS SOCIAL
(Thursday) **WINE & CHEESE EVENING**
7.30pm in the Sherbourne Room
at the Bishop's 'Palace'

FESTIVAL OF CHICHESTER EVENT *Working with Friends of Ravenna & Friends of Valletta*

*The Assembly Room,
North Street, Chichester*

25th June - 7.30pm

The highly renowned sculptor

PHILIP JACKSON

'In Conversation'

with John Coldstream

£10.00 p.p.

Please book through John Wilton, Treasurer:

Tel: 788833 or email:

johnwilton@yahoo.co.uk

[Flyer will be emailed in due course]

'LYAUTEY TO SAINT LAURENT: 'The Impact of the French Protectorate on Morocco'

An Illustrated Talk by Margaret Devitt - (Monday February 5)

Morocco is a land of mystery and exoticism, which attracts visitors from around the world. Many countries, including England, have tried to forge links with Morocco, but only the French succeeded in forming close ties with this country. For them, these ties were a matter of national pride and colonial ambition. It was on this aspect that Margaret focused in her wide-ranging talk.

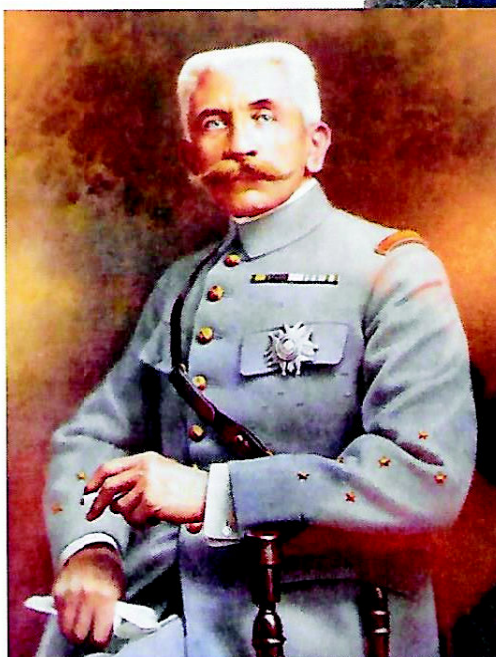
The talk was accompanied by fabulous photographs of Morocco, both past and present, which brought this fabulous country to life. These included scenes from everyday life, such as the preparation of the national beverage, mint tea, and Moroccan arts and crafts - carpets, tiles and leather work. We had a birds-eye view of some of the natural features of the country from the soaring Atlas mountains to the desert regions of the south - not forgetting Marrakech's extraordinary market place, Jemma-el-Fnaa with its snake charmers, Berber dancers and colourful food stalls.



economic traditions of Morocco, while seeking to bring the benefits of European civilisation to the country such as medicine, education and public works.

Many famous 'names' are associated with Morocco. Winston Churchill travelled there in the winter to paint, staying at the famous La Mamounia

in Marrakech. For Yves St Laurent, Morocco became a home from home; his designs were influenced by Berber traditional jewellery and crafts. With his partner, Pierre Bergé he bought and restored the gardens created by painter Jacques Majorelle, famous for his



Morocco is a country with a long history as evidenced by its many fine palaces displaying exquisite tile and stucco work. It was not until 1912 that Morocco became a French Protectorate, regaining its independence 44 years later in 1956. Maréchal Lyautey, a firm believer in the civilising effect of colonisation, was appointed as Morocco's first resident general and high commissioner. He was a fortunate choice as he showed respect for the political, social and

use of cobalt blue paint. These gardens are now one of the most visited places in Morocco. A museum dedicated to Yves St Laurent was opened in Marrakech last year.

Margaret shared a wealth of information about Morocco with us and her deep love of the country was evident. There was talk of a Friends of Chartres visit - certainly an idea worth pursuing.

JULIA SANDER

ANNUAL DINNER 2018 - 22nd February 2018



Once again the venue for our Annual Dinner was the Catering Department's Restaurant and Bar 64 at Chichester College where the catering students are able to put into practise the skills they are learning on their hospitality courses.

Starting with a Sherry Reception in the Bar section (*photos at the bottom of the page*) enabled those attending to purchase their wine selection to accompany their choice of meal before being directed to the restaurant area. This popular 'ice-breaker' enables members to be re-acquainted and new members and guests to feel more relaxed before being directed to the Restaurant Area where the tables were already prepared as shown on the seating plan prepared by Ray.

Following tradition, The Mayor & Mayoress of Chichester, Cllrs. Peter & Margaret Evans, were our Honoured Guests and, after an appropriate Blessing in French from Canon David Nason, the students began to serve the delicious meal which, like last year, had a choice of three dishes for each of the three courses. This year the most popular dishes chosen for each course were:

Starter: Carpaccio de thon (*Herbed tuna Carpaccio served on a citrus salad*) - (by just one serving)

Main: Escolope de porc cordon bleu Fondant potatoes (*Pan-fried slice of pork filled with ham and cheese and served with a nut brown butter*)

Dessert: Poire Condé (*Fresh pears poached in red wine with an apricot glaze on a creamy rice mousse*)

Followed by **Café et Chocolate**

At this point, having been invited to 'say a few words', the Mayor spoke about his visit to Chartres during their 'Fête de la Lumière' in September. Having been invited by the Mayor, Jean-Pierre Gorges, he had been well looked after by Patrick Geroudet (Deputy Mayor) who escorted him around the city, showing him the many beautiful buildings during the daytime and their Illuminations in the evening.

Recently I received a call from Elizabeth Stuart- Lee who told me she thought Ray was 'very brave' to attend the dinner, as he had just been discharged from hospital the evening before and I was able to explain that it was the medication he'd been given that enabled him to do so. Unfortunately, I was not able to be there because I had gone down with the 'flu' followed by a very nasty chest infection. I feel so 'cheated' at missing this year's event, especially when I see

Rob Campling's photos, but my absence did enable Tony French to 'take my place'.

The feedback from the evening was, as usual, 'Really Good' and this time it was Sue Saunders who said to Ray

"It was The Best Meal Ever."

I must admit that this sentiment does seem to be reflected in the photos.

MARGARET BROWN

JUDO CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS - 2018



On 26th January the Chichester Ronin Judo Club held their Annual Championships in the Dojo at New Park Centre, and were honoured to have British Judo Association vice-president Mick Leigh (8th Dan) presenting medals for which the children had competed during the evening. All the coaches were keen to congratulate the youngsters on their progress and look forward to them achieving their next belts and grades.

The prestigious 'Friends of Chartres' - 'Colin Tupper/Guy Bisson' Trophy was presented by Chairman, Julia Sander, to the Alford family for their excellent service to the club throughout the year after she read the following citation:

"We have taken the unusual decision to present this year's trophy to the whole of the Alford family. Jon attends virtually every judo session,

He unlocks, collects monies, chases memberships, answers queries and provides feedback and advice to coaches - always with a smile! Despite running his own business, Jon always finds time to support the club as Treasurer and certainly goes above and beyond.

Toby and Jude are some of our higher graded young players, but are always happy to help and train with our young, less experienced members. Both of them show maturity when required. The award cannot be presented without mentioning Trudie. It is Trudie who does the running around delivering the boys and putting up with all the demands that the family's involvement in the club involves. The club simply wouldn't be able to function without this family's support. Thank you from all at Chichester Ronin Judo Club."

FRIENDS OF CHARTRES AGM - 14th March 2018



As our President, The Mayor of Chichester, Cllr Peter Evans, Chaired the meeting held at Saint George's Centre after welcoming the 32 members and guests attending. The Minutes of the last AGM had been sent to all members and, as there were no Matters Arising, it was agreed that he sign these as a true record. He then handed over to the Chairman for her report.

Julia Sander explained that 2 main points emerged from last year's questionnaire and the discussions which took place after the AGM (a) a wider range of events and (b) aim to expand our membership to include families and young people, hence a busy programme schedule for 2018 had been planned and we are seeking to set up a Junior Twinning Club. She then went through, in some detail, last year's events including Social (*Boules & Croquet, Do-it-yourself Dinner, Wine & Cheese Soirée, Annual Dinner and a Coffee Morning*) and Cultural (*Visits, Illustrated talks and Cine Club*) plus 'sell-out' Festival of Chichester Event with Patricia Routledge 'In Conversation' (*working with our sister associations*).

We had hosted the Exchange enjoyed by 36 participating Chartrains with a busy programme and we have 3 new family exchanges going to Chartres this year. The Schools Art Challenge Private View & Awards Ceremony were again held at the University and the Art Exhibition was later transported for public display in Chartres. Our conversation circles had expanded with new members joining the Association and, with a grant from the City Council, a new website to replace the current one was being developed to attract new members. We are also working on preparing a programme for 2019 to celebrate the two Cities' 60 years of Twinning. Julia ended by thanking her fellow officers and committee for their support throughout the year and with their support is sure we will continue to thrive.

John Wilton then presented his Treasurer's Report referring to the accounts which had been approved by the Examiner of Accounts and previously sent to all members. These included the following two proposals:

- (a) Increase in Membership Fees, and
- (b) A change to the means of distribution for the Citylink newsletter, AGM papers and other communications to members.

Following discussions it was agreed that:

- (a) From January 2019 subscriptions would be: Single £12.00; Joint Family £15.00; Corporate (£20.00)
- (b) As an initial trial for 2018 the Citylink newsletters etc would also be sent to members by email. Members to then be given a choice of which way they preferred to receive these communications.

The accounts were then unanimously agreed to be adopted by all present. John was congratulated and a vote of thanks also recorded for Michael Merritt, 'Examiner' of accounts who was re-appointed to continue in this role.

The Mayor then conducted the elections to the Executive. The following had agreed to serve and, having been proposed and seconded, were elected 'en bloc' by those members present.

Officers:

- Chairman - Julia Sander Vice-Chair - Anne Scicluna
- Hon. Sec. - Margaret Brown Hon. Treas. - John Wilton

Committee Members:

- Anne-Louise Briggs Ray Brown,
 - David Nason Jim Payne
- (Leaving 2 Vacancies)

It was then Proposed, Seconded & Agreed by those present that these vacancies be filled by Paul Everett and Paul Devonshire (*who were in attendance - and agreed to serve*)

As no matters had been received for Any Other Business the Mayor closed the meeting and, together with Julia, thanked members for attending.

Following refreshments Barry Shears then presented an amusing talk "*An Innocent in France*" which recalled memories of his 'adventurous' time and experiences during the 1960s. He was accompanied by Julia who, 'on cue' (most of the time!) pressed the button to progress the slideshow.

MARGARET BROWN
Honorary Secretary

RESISTANCE BY MOONLIGHT - Moulin to Melay: 19th March 2018

Commemorating the 75th Anniversary on 19th March 2018

The University of Chichester in partnership with Tangmere Aviation Museum & The Secret WW2 Learning Network

The University of Chichester in partnership with Tangmere Aviation Museum & The Secret WW2 Learning Network had prepared the following programme of lectures and film. Starting at 4.00pm through to 7.00pm it had attracted a fully packed audience in Room 1.01 (first floor) at the Chichester Campus, College Lane.

After a welcome by Professor Hugo Frey and introduction by Dr Andrew Smith (both University Lecturers), Dudley Hooley (Tangmere Military Aviation Museum) described details of the RAF Special Duties flights including one singularly important flight in the history of France and Britain. This took place on the night of March 19th 1943, only a month before the first meeting of the council that would knit together the strands of resistance in France. A clandestine night flight from Britain, Codename SIRÈNE II, delivered the personnel who would realise that promise.

As one of scores of daring moonlight operations from RAF Tangmere, this flight by F/Lt John Bridger, 161 Squadron Lysander, enabled Jean Moulin, Christian Pineau and General Delestraint to return to central France.

RAF Tangmere was the forward operating base for RAF Tempsford's 'Special Duties' Lysander aircraft, and from 1944 a building on what is now the University's campus had served as the Operations Room for RAF Tangmere.

Martyn Bell (*The Secret WW2 Learning Network*) talked about Jean Moulin, his importance to the Resistance and his links to Chartres, then Dr Andrew W.M. Smith (*University of Chichester, Society for the Study of French History*) spoke about the CNR, and described its Legacy.

This was followed by a screening of interviews recorded by Martyn Cox (*The Secret WW2 Learning Network*) of pilots and veterans.



This Free Event recognised the continuing importance of Franco-British bonds and the wartime bravery of all those who helped liberate France from Nazi Occupation. It was held in Room 1.01 (first floor) at the University, College Lane, on the 75th Anniversary of Jean Moulin's departure from RAF Tangmere.

WHAT MAKES FRENCH MUSIC FRENCH ?

The Chapel, University of Chichester - 20th March 2018 - Photos by John Wilton.

A challenge ably taken on board by the Chichester University Vocal Tutor Susan Yarnell who related her extensive personal French experiences.

Her introduction to the question "What makes French Music French?" was begun by relating her personal experiences in France starting with work experience at a Hat factory in Southern France and an un-nerving hitch hike car ride to Paris, a city she fell in love with.

She spoke of the wide range of French music from folk troubadours to the opera and the café accordion culture of Montmartre. From the French impressionist painters who explored new avenues of colour, she linked the exploration of sound and French impressionists' paintings and suggested they painted 'with the colour of sound'.

Her enthusiasm was certainly reflected by the 20 vocal students who sang for us. We were rewarded by a wonderful range of French songs and not only did they sing for us but, as Paul



Devonshire said in his thank you address, we were also treated to fully professional classical attire, evening dresses and dinner suits.



A very enjoyable evening and certainly for me an educational one as, though I am a Chichester Graduate, I had no idea of this fantastic Degree Course. Congratulations to all of them and certainly, I am sure, all who were lucky enough to attend the performance would join me in wishing everyone of them much success in the future.

JIM PAYNE, B.Ed (Hons)

FRENCH Conversation Groups
LE PETIT CERCLE (Morning meetings)

Groups meet 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 and venues for April to July are shown below.

PETIT CERCLE du mardi:

10.30 am to Noon

Tuesday April 5th -

Pamela Kemp, 1 Eastgate House,
The Hornet, Chichester.....Tel: 01243 533768
(Phone for directions about parking)

Tuesday May 1st

Sheila Jaworski, 9, Frampton Close,
Fishbourne PO19 3DFTel: 07824 708068

Tuesday June 5th -

Julia Sander, 9 Jubilee Road,
Chichester PO19 7XBTel: 01243 527435

Tuesday July 3rd -

Cilla Johnson, 'Richmond Close', 27, Hunters Way,
Chichester PO19 5RB.....Tel: 07796264748

PETIT CERCLE du jeudi:

10.30 am to Noon

Thursday April 19th -

Diane Currie: 3 Wyberton House,
Chestnut Ave Chichester PO19 5US..Tel: 01243 789663

Thursday May 10th -

Daphne Bowling: 'Sandpipers', Mill Lane,
Sidlesham PO20 7LX.....Tel: 01243 641660

Thursday June 14th -

Julia Sander: 9, Jubilee Road,
Chichester, PO19 7XBTel: 01243 527435

Thursday July 19th -

Paul Everett, 24, Robins Close,
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**SOME POPULAR
 FESTIVALS & EVENTS
 IN CHARTRES DURING 2018**

More information can be seen on the website

discover-chartres.com

Fête du Parfum - Discover world of perfumes & cosmetics. Diverse exhibitions & children's activities in May

Chartres en Lumières - Lights Show illuminations on historic buildings from Spring to the end of Summer.

Fête de L'Eau - Celebrating the Eure River. Attractive activities along the river for children & adults in June.

Soirées Estivals de Chartres - Free Musical & theatre Shows and Organ Concerts in the city centre June and August.

Fêtes de la Lumières - Closing the Lights Show, Mid September. Street Carnivals, Music & Free Entertainment

Fêtes des Vendanges - Grape Harvest Festival. discover Ttraditional and Modern agriculture with local products, Farm Animals, and Entertainment for children in September.

Animations de Noel -Christmas Market and attractions in Chartres centre with music & children activities in December

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.

If you have anything you think will be of interest to our members, perhaps a recipe, a crossword or a wordsearch (with the answers please), then do please contact me directly either by email at :

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22nd May 2018.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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