

# Twinning Newsletter May 2022

## Letter From the Chair

Hello Members,

What a strange time we live in right now - as Europe or parts of it open again.

The rules of travel seems to change daily, so our next planned trip to France for their Patrimoine Weekend (local heritage weekend) in September, is looking like a possibility! Hoorah!



It was a pleasure to have so many of our members join us at the New Year Meal at Calendars Restaurant and at the recent Quiz and Picnic event. It is wonderful to reactivate the social side of our organisation.

I am pleased to say we were recently able to send pieces off for the Quilting Exhibition in Gournay. We hope some of our French friends may join us in October for the Hailsham Bonfire weekend celebrations. We will know more details as the bonfire date approaches.

In the meantime, Pauline and I have been invited to Remshalden in Germany for their twinning celebrations (with Gournay en Bray) for their 30 years of Twinning. This had previously been cancelled in Covid lockdown. At the moment, the invite is just for us, but we will try to open this up to other Committee members if possible. We do know, however, that the current Mayor of Hailsham and long-standing member of the Twinning, Paul Holbrook, has also received an invitation to attend.

We also hope to revisit the plans for Hailsham and Remshalden's future Twinning.



That's all for now folks and I give a big thank you to the members on our committee for all they do.

Kind regards,

Keith Townsend

Chairman

## **AGM**

Many members attended the Annual General Meeting in November, while also booking in their places for our very popular New Year Meal. This year has shown us a change of Membership Secretary, with our gratitude to Pam Smith for her long service in this role. Katy Layer has now taken on this role, bringing Nick Barton onto our Committee.



It wouldn't be a Twinning AGM without the food and the social side! After the meeting, members enjoyed a buffet with many dishes donated by our members, as well as the chance to catch up with each other.

## **New Year Meal**

Our ever-popular New Year Meal gives our members the chance to share their stories from the festive season. As always, great thanks to Katy for organising this very enjoyable event. Always lovely to see so many smiles on our members' faces.



## **Quiz**

In March, we held our first quiz in two years! These events are always well attended, and provide several hours of hushed whispers and pen scribbles! A half time break allows us to have a natter (at a louder decibel!) and this year, our individual 'picnics' for a change. Many congratulations to the winners!



## **Cycling Meetups**



Our Twinning cyclists have kept active over the cold months. Photographed are a few of the memories from their monthly meet-ups.

Chillie Farm and a photographic opportunity at Pevensey Castle during November last year.



December's cold weather didn't stop our cyclists from their trips. Lots of smiley faces despite the overcast weather.



New Year's Day started off with a cycle for some of our Twinners! From Hailsham to Blackstock Farm, with a few people continuing to Pevensy Levels.

A quick pit stop at Tpodz Tea Room, Horam in February.



Easter Weekend gave our cyclists some lovely sunny weather for their trip out to Arlington Tea Gardens. Tim was hosting the order numbers so that the waitress knew where to deliver the chocolate supplies!



## Gournay Road – 10 Year Anniversary



On May 13<sup>th</sup> 2012, the Mayors of Hailsham and Gournay-en-Bray opened a new road off of Hempsted Lane, called Gournay Road.



Twinners from Gournay were hosted by our host families for the weekend. Also in attendance were many members from our side of the association, as well as Hailsham Army Cadets. Hailsham Mayor Councillor Jeff Bentley-Astor, and Gournay Mayor Jean-Lou Pain are photographed cutting the ribbon, a very patriotic one at that! 10 years later, we can look back on the photos from the memorable day.



## Upcoming events

July - Petanque Event - to be confirmed

11<sup>th</sup> September – Car Treasure Hunt and BBQ

17<sup>th</sup> September – trip to Gournay for Patrimoine (Heritage) weekend – to be confirmed

15<sup>th</sup> October – French visitors over for Hailsham Bonfire Weekend – Hosts required-please let us know if you can host!

**Have you joined our  
Facebook group?  
Don't miss out on any  
upcoming events!**



**Have you taken any photos that we could feature in the newsletter? If so, please email them to: [zoecornford@gmail.com](mailto:zoecornford@gmail.com)**

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