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Newsletter December 2013

We will start 2014 with a full programme of social events.

Website

Our website is an important way of keeping people up-to-date with our activities. Here are some facts from 'Google analytics' about how it was 'visited' during the year between our last two AGMs: 144 'hits' came from the UK (55 from Bristol & 6 from Bath) and 28 'hits' from France (11 from Bordeaux & 7 from Libourne).

The site is updated by Sebastian Webb (yes, really!) but he relies on the information **we** send him. In order to ring the changes, we need YOUR photos of Twinning events, especially group photos from exchanges and photos of recent Wine student events.

Publicity

Recent articles in the local press are helping to keep our profile high:

Keynsham Voice: November page 12. See:

<http://issuu.com/keynshamvoice/docs/kvnovember2013>

Keynsham Matters: December page 18. For one month only at:

<http://emagazines.hibu.com/keynshamuk>

Please let us know if you see opportunities for publicising our Twinning – even better if you would like to take on that role!

Committee

We meet several times a year at St John's Church '@one'. Three committee members stood down at the AGM: Joan Ellison, Julie Stiddard and Sue McCaig. We are particularly grateful to Joan and Julie, after so many years' involvement and we look forward to seeing them all at our social events. Vivien Seward has taken on the role of Vice President.

At the AGM it was agreed to co-opt 2 members of TimeOut youth club. They have attended their first meeting and come up with several suggestions and offers of help. Well done Phoebe and Dean!

Christmas Tree Festival at St John's Church Dec 6-8

The theme for our decorations this year will be 'French Food'. This is a colourful community event to attend with refreshments and musical interludes. It concludes with a service on 8 December at 10.30 a.m.

Wine students

There will be no visit in 2014 because there is no acceptable additional teacher to accompany the group. They have found an alternative project but we hope they will be able to visit again in 2015.

Visit by friends from Libourne September 11-16, 2014

We have agreed on this date proposed by Michel Vigier and look forward to visiting our friends. More news about the visit next year! Please let us know if you would be able to host.

Social Events for 2014

Annual Twinning Dinner Friday February 7 @Grasmere Court. 7 for 7.30

Again we have chosen a local hotel, to support a local business and reduce the time and cost of travel. We have chosen a menu to suit all and managed to keep the price at a very reasonable £22 per head. Please look at the attached details and sign up while you have the paperwork in front of you.

Quiz Friday March 21. 7.30 @St Dunstan's Church Hall

We shall send out more information nearer the time.

'Cocktail of Dances' with buffet in April or May

Julie Stiddard is organising an event which we hope will attract interest from a wide range of ages. There will be 'demonstrations' of at least 3 very different dance types with the chance for everyone to try them out. We hope people will come dressed for the occasion!

Cheese & Wine event. Saturday June 21 Venue to be decided

'Cheese & Wine' evenings have always been popular and we have held wine tastings in the past. We plan to hold an event which has a new twist on 'Cheese & Wine'!

Trip to France with Newmarket travel

At the AGM, 2 members showed an interest in a 4 day coach trip to Monet's garden.

This will be a busy year for Committee Members and we have decided that we do not have the time to run a large group trip. However, if members are interested, they could make a booking directly with Newmarket travel. Brief details are:

- Newmarket Holidays <http://www.newmarketholidays.co.uk/> 0843 316 1129 or 0844 472 465
- Cost of 179.50 includes:
 - Return coach travel & cross Channel crossings
 - 3 nights B&B in hotel on outskirts of Paris
 - Visit to Giverny, including House & Gardens
 - Visit to Paris
 - Services of a Newmarket Tour Manager
 - Government taxes & service charges
- Departure dates from Bristol or Bath are 13 June, 1 August, 5 September, 10 October

TimeOut French Evening

Carole has made several visits to the Club to cook with the youngsters and talk about France. Co-opted members of the youth club have suggested a social evening to include food, music and possibly games. We hope this will encourage them to bring their friends along for a bit of fun and to learn more about the attractions of France.

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