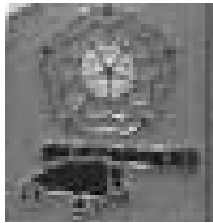


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## ANNUAL BARBECUE

The annual barbecue at Helen and Pete's (19 Aldermoor Road) will be on Saturday 21st June from 6pm (serving from 7pm). The full menu has still to be decided but I am sure it will be up to our normal standard and will include wine. Tickets are priced at £10 each and can be booked with Colin. Please let Colin know by 7th June how many tickets you would like—an ideal opportunity to bring along some friends. If you can not attend could you e-mail Colin so that we do not chase you up—thanks.

## 2009 TWINNING WEEKEND

No, I haven't made a mistake with the year. This is to let you know that we have been invited to visit Maurepas for the weekend of 1st May 2009 to 4th May 2009. This is the first bank holiday weekend in May. Book the date in your diary now. Your Committee will be looking at ways of travelling and we will give you more information in a few months.

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## 2008 TWINNING WEEKEND

Well, in modern speak, HOW GOOD WAS THAT? A wonderful weekend with good friends, excellent weather and activities that seem to have met with everyone's approval. I think it is going to be difficult to top that in two years time!



Special thanks need to be extended to Glynnis & Bob, Tony & Jane, Lorraine and Norman and Colin & Rosemary who all took in additional guests as we were very short on hosts. Without their help we would have either had to place people in bed and breakfast accommodation or informed Maurepas that we could not host everybody. Also thanks to Ian and Bidy for allowing Bob and Glynnis to use their house while they were away. As we sadly are all getting older we need to try and boost our membership numbers. If each member could introduce one new family we would have ample capacity. Please try and talk to people about WATA and why not bring someone along to the barbecue so they can see what we are about.

A warm welcome also to Sue Cornell, and Will Waddell and also Gail Lindsay who joined us in hosting this year. We hope that you enjoyed the weekend and will be back for more.

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Bernard enjoys a long drink after trying to keep up with Audrey and Mary!

Petersfield Golf Club—well, is there a better place out there? Superb venue, excellent food, very pleasant service and wonderful weather to go with it. Many thanks to John for doing all the hard research before the evening (how many pounds did you put on sampling the food and drink at various establishments on our behalf?). Also thanks to Lorraine for arranging for the quar-

ter from the Havant Saxophone and Clarinet Choir to play for us. They were a joy to listen to and were definitely a hit with our French friends. So much so that Philippe has asked if we could invite them to accompany us to Maurepas next year.

It was very good to hear from Stephane Jourdain (the newly elected councillor for Maurepas) that as a teacher she is looking forward to forging links with the young people of Waterlooville. With Sue Cornell (Cowplain School's International Development Officer) acting as her host I am sure that links and friendships will soon be formed.



Stephane Jourdain

### SATURDAY OUTINGS

Each year it becomes more difficult to know where to take our guests during Saturday. One of our members suggested that we compile a list and issue it in a newsletter. Could you therefore send me your favourite visits and I will publish them. Could you also give us feedback on the weekend—what you liked or disliked and any improvements we could make.



The outing to the Weald and Downland Museum proved to be a big hit with our visitors despite the fact that it was extremely hot and some of them had out of date £20 notes—we must get them to spend more next time to help our economy! Those who took picnics were very pleased to find areas of shade at lunchtime.

Sunday evening found members getting together in groups to entertain our visitors. All groups seem to have had a great time.

There were 19 of us at Tony and Jane's and I took the opportunity of presenting Jean-Luc and Philippe with gold pennies as fair reimbursement for their gift of a euro—we can only hope that the exchange rate moves in that direction.

Many thanks to all those who hosted the evening.



## TWINNING WITH HENSTEDT-ULZBURG

Following the YES vote at the AGM to move forward to a formal German twinning much has happened. A party of German teachers will be visiting Crookhorn School from 22nd May to observe their teaching methods. On 28th May a small group of our members will be flying to Germany to sign the formal twinning charter. Following that they will accompany people from Henstedt-Ulzburg on a visit to Usedom (H-U's former East German twin town) where they will be joined by a party from Maurepas for the Europe Day celebrations. It is hoped that a party from H-U may visit us later in the year for a second signing of the charter in this country.