

chairman's chat

To quote from some recent first time visitors to Germany following our last visit to Durmersheim; "We were a little apprehensive going for the first time and staying with a German family we did not know, but they were so friendly and hospitable and even though communication was sometimes difficult, we had a great time and will go again".

It is already 6 months since I became Chairman of the Littlehampton Twinning Association and I have had a great start, a visit from Chennevières and a visit to Durmersheim, both very enjoyable and successful, plus three great fundraising events.

I have always enjoyed travelling in Europe and, with my family, I have lived and worked in France and Germany, and I feel I have benefited from it.

What especially interests me about Twinning is that we have an opportunity to offer a different experience to our community. In the Littlehampton Twinning Association, we can help to create friendships and links between families and groups of all ages, or even businesses in our three countries, and help to provide opportunities for travel, understanding and a little learning, plus having a lot of fun doing it.

Some questions I have asked myself:

Can we get more and younger members in the Twinning Association?

Can we introduce different Schools and Clubs to each other in the three countries?

Can we work with other Twinning Associations for mutual benefit?

Who do we need to work with in our community to promote Twinning?

Local Newspaper, Local MP, Mayor, Church

Finally for anyone who sees this Newsletter and is thinking about joining the Twinning Association, I would add that it's a great group of people involved in Littlehampton – so do please.

David Twinn

horse race evening

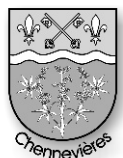
Saturday 3rd October - 7.00 pm
5th Littlehampton Sea Scout HQ,
Lineside Way, Littlehampton

Sausage 'n' Mash
(or Veggie Alternative)
Plus dessert

£5.00 per person (£2.50 per child)
Bring your own Drink

For further information contact
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If you can't make the evening then
become a Race Horse Owner -
Win a bottle of Wine



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Littlehampton Twinning is a self financing Association independent of the local Town Council. New members are most welcome. If you would like more information, or are interested in joining, please contact the secretary.

spanish lunch

The Spanish Lunch, hosted by Nina and David Twinn, on 23rd August was a great success. There were several delicious hot and cold dishes, more than plenty to tempt even the most figure conscious member to return for seconds.

We were blessed with brilliant sunshine forcing many of the forty one people who attended to seek shade under the parasols. Thanks to the hard work of Nina and David the event raised £371 for Association funds.



future events

The next social event is the Horse Racing Evening on Saturday 3rd October. See the advertisement on page 1 for full details. These evenings are always great fun with a generous tote betting system and winning horse 'owners' walking off with a bottle of bubbly.

The Quiz night that was programmed for November has now been rescheduled. The new, provisional, date of the Quiz is now Saturday 30th January. This is because it was clashing with the Edwin James Choir Remembrance Concert on 7th November featuring 'Eternal Light' by Howard Gooda. Tickets for that, in aid of both St Barnabas House and The Littlehampton Royal British Legion are available for £7.00 from 01243 582330.

We are still awaiting confirmation of next year's dates for the visit to Chennevières and the visit from Durmersheim.

Plans for the visit to France are further complicated as 2010 is the 35th Anniversary year of the signing of the Twinning Charter between our French and German friends' towns.

We are hoping to take members of the Edwin James Choir with us to perform in France so we feel that a solely Chennevières-Littlehampton weekend would be preferable. We will let you know as soon as we have firm details.

We hope to repeat the great success of last year's Christmas Party, a very festive occasion complete with old favourites like 'Pass the Parcel' and Carol Singing, once again this December 13th. Please mark the date on your calendar and also put a raffle prize to one side.

get well june!

We were saddened to hear that June Piper the choir member who came to Durmersheim with us in May and who wrote a short piece for the July 'Info', had suffered a stroke. We understand that June is making steady progress and would like to take this opportunity to wish her a speedy recovery.



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coming events

Saturday 3rd October — Horse Race Evening - 5th Littlehampton Scout HQ

Sunday 13th December — Christmas Party - courtesy of James Walsh

Saturday 30th January 2010 — Quiz Night - 5th Littlehampton Scout HQ - *provisional date*