

### Durmersheim - 20th anniversary

The 20th anniversary visit from Durmersheim in July went well. Our friends arrived with typical German precision at the agreed time on the Thursday. A party of nine from Chennevières having arrived earlier in the day by Eurostar had been met at St Pancras by Tony and Wendy and accompanied down to Arundel station. After a short informal reception in the Manor House our guests went home with their hosts.

The Friday itinerary was a boat trip on Chichester Harbour, lunch in a pub and a visit to the Roman remains at Fishbourne Palace. Due to the size of the German party there were not many places on the coach or boat for Littlehampton members.

On the Friday evening, thanks to arrangements made by Shirley, many friends met up at a recently reopened harbour-side café for a traditional fish and chip supper.



Fish & Chips - Friday Evening

The official Anniversary dinner was held at Ham Manor Golf Club on the Saturday. The food was delicious and the company excellent. After the meal there were the usual round of speeches, most translated into two further languages. We were honoured to have the presence of all three town Mayors as well as that of our Member of Parliament, Nick Gibb.

Early on Sunday morning everyone was back at the Manor House car park to wish the Durmersheimers a safe journey. Two hours later the contingent from Chennevières were taken to Arundel station to catch a train to London where they did some sightseeing before catching the Eurostar home.



A visit to the 'Look & Sea' Centre Tower

The second celebratory weekend will be our visit to Durmersheim in October. We will leave by coach on Thursday 2nd and return on Sunday 5th October. There is room on the coach for any members who have not already booked their place.

### subscription reminder

Late in the year as it is, there are still some members who have not renewed their subscriptions. We feel our membership rates are very reasonable and would remind everyone that it costs us in the region of £115 a year for insurance for our various events throughout the year. A membership form is included with this newsletter - even if you have paid perhaps you could persuade friends or family to join and swell our membership!

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.





20th Anniversary Group Photo on the steps of Ham Manor Golf Club



Three Mayors



Mayor, Alan Gammon, receives a gift from  
Bürgermeister Andreas Augustin

## visit to chennevières in october

We have the dates for this year's visit to Chennevières. We will leave Littlehampton on the morning of Friday 7th November and return on Sunday 9th. We are sorry that we have not been able to give a lot of advance notice about this visit. There was a bit of confusion as the new committee in France, having hosted us in 2007, during our 25th Anniversary year, were not aware that 2008 would be a 'normal' visit from Littlehampton again to Chennevières.

We had suggested dates in both June and September but these gave little time for a programme to be arranged. There is space on the coach and, as usual, we have kept the cost to £100. If you would like to go on this visit, which will have none of the 'formalities' of last year, then please contact Susan as soon as possible.



The 20th Anniversary Dinner at Ham Manor

The French delegation waiting for the train at Arundel

## **chairman's wine & cheese**



Once again we were blessed with fine weather for the Chairman's Wine and Cheese Lunch. Those who weren't there will see from the pictures above that, having recently moved, James and Malcolm warmly welcomed us to their new house and garden.

---

## wurmshheim band visit in july



In July there was a joint concert in Rustington by The Littlehampton Concert Band and their friends from the band in Würmersheim

Barbara Simpson - It is with great sadness that we inform members that Barbara Simpson died in July. Several Twinning members attended her funeral at Findon Crematorium.

---

## coming events

**20th Anniversary Visit to Durmersheim — Thursday 2nd - Sunday 5th October**

**Visit to Chennevières - Friday 7th - Sunday 9th November**

**Christmas Party - Sunday 14th December @ 6pm - Courtesy of Val**

---