

### a new chairman takes the reins

Dr James Walsh, who has been Littlehampton Twinning Association's Chairman since its inception stood down at the AGM on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February. David Twinn was voted in as the Chairman. Unfortunately nobody came forward to take-over David's previous role as Treasurer so, for the mean time, he is doing both jobs.

If anyone feels competent to join the Committee as our Treasurer, please make yourself known!

As a token of gratitude to James for his 26 years as Chairman, David Twinn present him with an engraved glass bowl. The meeting then approved his nomination as our first Honorary President.

James will continue as a member of your committee.



### quiz - just the answer

A very successful quiz was held in the 5<sup>th</sup> Littlehampton Scout HQ on the last day of January. Everyone who attended seems to have enjoyed themselves. The evening generated over £200 for Association funds. We are planning to hold another quiz night in November.

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### April visit from chennevières

There is not long to the visit from Chennevières. They plan to arrive at about 6.30 pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April. There will be short reception at the Manor House before our guests retire home with their host families.

On Saturday we will be taking our friends to Petworth for the day, this will include a visit to the Petworth House and Gardens. Every visitor from Chennevières will be given a photocopied



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'guide' written in French, however French Audio Guides are available for hire. Everyone is free to visit the house at their own pace but we will all meet up for lunch at 1.30pm in a room that will be opened for us in the Servants Quarter.

Members can visit the town, if they wish, and the coach will pick us up at Church Lodge. We should arrive back in Littlehampton, hopefully, while the sun is still shining! The late afternoon and evening are free.

There will be a brunch available on Sunday morning at The Vardar, 9.45 for 10am. This is free for our guest but £8 for hosts; Susan needs to know the numbers in advance. Our visitors will leave from Banjo Road at midday.

## visit to durmersheim in may

The visit to Durmersheim takes place this spring. Travelling with us will be a contingent of the Edwin James Choir. The extra days on this visit will enable the choir to take part in a few activities with their local counterparts.

Hopefully we will arrive in good time but this will depend, to a large part, on motorway conditions and the need, or not, to make unplanned detours!

Our hosts plan to take us to Durlach, which was the seat of the Margraves (military governors) of the region. It was only incorporated in to the city of Karlsruhe in 1938 and is now a historical suburb. After lunch we will visit the Turmberg (Tower Hill), 241 metres above sea level, on the peak of which sits a tower with a viewing platform. The tower offers excellent views over Karlsruhe, the Rhine valley, the Black Forest and, if visibility is very good, the Vosges in France. Running up the hill is the Turmbergbahn funicular railway. Opened in 1888, and originally water powered, it was rebuilt as single track with electric cars in 1966.

There should be free time available for visiting Karlsruhe for a bit of sightseeing or shopping.

On Saturday afternoon there will be a concert and any 'official' part of the visit. Other than that, there should be ample free time for those not involved in any choir exchange. Sunday will be a free day with host families. There is a possibility that the choir will be able to sing at a Sunday morning Mass. We believe that they will also be entertained in the Bäretriewerhütte in the Hardwald woods. Let's hope for good weather.

We leave on Monday morning for the journey back. Let's hope that the traffic on the M25 won't be too bad. Either way, we are likely to be back home fairly late!



The tower at Turmberg

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## coming events

**Visit from Chennevières — Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May — Pasta Evening with the Hon. President - 7.30pm - £7.50**

**Visit to Durmersheim — May (contact the Secretary for details)**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June — President's Wine & Cheese - 12.30pm - £7.50**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July — German Lunch - courtesy of Val - 12.30pm - £7.50**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August — Spanish Lunch - courtesy of David & Nina - 12pm - £7.50**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October — Horse Race Evening - 5<sup>th</sup> Littlehampton Scout HQ**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November — Quiz Night - 5<sup>th</sup> Littlehampton Scout HQ**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December — Christmas Party**