

Littlehampton Twinning Association Newsletter visit from chennevières

The visit from Chennevières in April was a resounding success. Our friends arrived at the Manor House on Friday in excellent time after having visited Dover Castle on the way to Littlehampton from the Shuttle terminal.

Their visit to Dover Castle was made under a veil of grey mist and waterproofs and umbrellas were needed to keep off the heavy rain. Fortunately the weather was kinder to us here in Littlehampton and clear skies and sunshine prevailed for the whole weekend.

There was a short welcome with drinks and 'nibbles' in the Millennium Chamber before our guests went home to their host families.

On Saturday morning we all met up at Banjo Road for the short coach ride to Petworth. There we visited the magnificent house and grounds. Everyone was free to tour the magnificent house at their own pace and French language audio guides were available for hire. Our French friends were intrigued to see the several portraits of Napoleon and the Turner paintings, Grinling Gibbons carvings and the ancient Molyneux Globe were also greatly appreciated.



A wet stop at Dover Castle



The Molyneux Globe

rhododendrons offered superb backdrops to many souvenir photographs.

Saturday evening was free for guests and hosts to spend as they wished with most choosing from the many local pubs, restaurants and fish and chip shops.

We had asked the National Trust to supply us with a sandwich lunch which was laid out for us in the area of the old kitchens. After this everyone was free to do as they pleased including going round the house again if they so wished. Many chose to walk round the lovely old town of Petworth, before walking through the grounds to the car park. On the way to the coach the magnolias, azaleas and



Part of the Old Kitchens in Petworth House



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Originally a get-together had been planned for Saturday evening but this had been replaced by a communal brunch at the Vardar Restaurant on Sunday morning prior to the French departing. Here are guests willingly submitted to the gastronomic rigours of a full English breakfast. New words had been written to an old song recently discovered by a member of the Jumelage and an impromptu choir of visitors gave us a rendering of a couple of verses of the new version of 'A Chennevières'.

After the mandatory Auld Lang Syne in the Banjo Road car park our friends left in their coach for a short coastal drive to Brighton before taking the motorway to Dover. They arrived safely back in Chennevières shortly after 9pm.

Left and below - Petworth gardens



Happy Brunchers



A hearty rendering of 'A Chennevières!'

Not long to the joint Twinning - Edwin James Festival Choir visit to Durmersheim. Let's hope the weather is kind to us!

other news

Malcolm cooked three wonderful choices of hot pasta for the President's Pasta evening. The event was most enjoyable and raised £234.

At the last committee meeting Dorothy Clevett, a founder of the Twinning, was awarded life membership.

coming events

Visit to Durmersheim — May

Sunday 14th June — Wine & Cheese - Tithe Barn, Rustington - 12.30pm - £7.50

Sunday 5th July — German Lunch - courtesy of Val Kennedy - 12.30pm - £7.50

Sunday 23rd August — Spanish Lunch - courtesy of David & Nina Twinn - 12pm - £7.50

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

Saturday 3rd November — Quiz Night - 5th Littlehampton Scout HQ

Sunday 13th December — Christmas Party