

EPTA Newsletter

August 2009

What's been happening

If you were supposed to be hosting guests from Brou this last weekend, then you will know the visit was cancelled. I expect all other twinning members will know by now through the grapevine. However, it is only polite to explain that because of the swine flu pandemic, our visitors were very nervous and we were heavily financially exposed. I think we all know someone affected, who works with someone or in the same class at school or friends cousin's next door neighbour etc.

Thankfully, I think to date we EPTA members have stayed clear. Lessons have been learned the hard way. When spending large sums of money on an event, we will cover ourselves by insurance.

Next time.....

Brou is also twinned with Frankenberg in Germany. Their visits alternate each year as does their hosting. They will visit Frankenberg in 2010 and therefore want to visit East Preston in 2011 in order not to break their pattern.

We will discuss the dates with Michèle and the Brou committee. Looking ahead it will be:-

2010 East Preston to Brou (dates unknown)

2011 Brou to East Preston (maybe August 19th – 22nd but this is nowhere near written in stone!!!)

2012 East Preston to Brou (we may consider trying to avoid the London Olympic dates). Your thoughts on that will be considered.

BBQ in July

I promised you sunshine and the sun did shine, but oh boy, did the wind blow!!!

The consensus was to eat indoors, so we did..... 40 of us. Gathering all the necessary tables and chairs was down to you, they came in car loads and after a few days they disappeared in the same manner. It's so easy when lots of you muck in.....thank you. Thank you to all those who prepared salads and desserts, they were delicious. The bar staff were in great demand and the chefs cooked all the meat to perfection, even if they did set off the smoke alarms. Mu did a magnificent job with the raffle, thank you to her and to all of you who donated prizes.

Sadly, I didn't take a single photo, but all of you who came I'm sure you remember it well.

I've gained some cutlery – 2 knives, 2 forks, 2 spoons and 2 plastic spoons (all left behind at the BBQ). Please contact Linda if it belongs to you.

BBQ 2010

If you would like to hold a Twinning BBQ in your garden next year – please speak to any committee member. As you can see from this year's BBQ, don't worry about tables and chairs, they appear and disappear as if by magic.

An all time first.

We all like a "thank you". The committee often get a verbal thank you after a function. Occasionally there's a phone call, an email or a note through the letter box. However, after the BBQ, Dave and I had a lovely hand written letter of thanks, entirely 'en français'. Wow, that certainly got the brain cells working overtime!

Je vous remercie Vivien.

Coming soon

**Skittles at the
Maypole, Yapton.
Friday Nov 6th
7.00 pm £10.00
(see below)**



President's Boules

26th September 2009 at The Fox, Patching
Sign in by 10.30 am latest, lasts till about 3
Free to play, it's OK to come on your own.
You will be sorted into teams on arrival.
Bring boules if you have them.
Play will be weather permitting.
Lunch at the Fox, whatever the weather.



Christmas Dinner

Friday 11th December at The Fox, Patching
7.30 for 8.00
This popular event is always a sell-out.
Keep the date free and there will be a
booking form, menu and
price in the next newsletter.

Ladies and gentlemen of East Preston, do you have new neighbours? Do you think they might like to join the Twinning? I am happy for you to pass on my phone number or email address, if friends or neighbours would like more details of the East Preston Twinning Association.
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**Skittles at the Maypole Inn. Maypole Lane, Yapton BN18 0DP
Tel: 01243 551 417
Date: Friday 6th November @ 7pm
Cost £10 for several games and a two course buffet supper
(includes gratuity for the ball girls)**

Whether you play just for fun or you are seriously competitive, it's a good laugh.

Name(s).....

I enclose cash or cheque (payable to EPTA) at £10.00pp.....

Numbers and payment to **Colin Boarer**, 37 The Martlets, Rustington, BN16 2UB
TEL: 774097

No raffle, just fun.

Deadline for payment is Friday 30th October