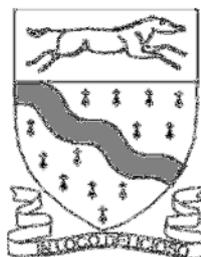


# CRICKLADE TWINNING NEWS & EVENTS

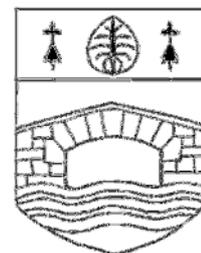
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## CRICKLADE AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Cricklade



Sucé-sur-Erdre

### **Pétanque at the Bowles Club Saturday 18 June**

Another new venue this year for the competition, it will be at the Cricklade Bowles Club, just along from the Church and Fire Station. Previously known as the Boules Competition, but due to your editor's infallible ability to muddle Bowles and Boules, now the Pétanque competition.

Please come to play or just to chat, the competition will run from 2pm to 5pm. There will be a bar, and entrance will be £1 on the day. If you have your own round things please bring them. If you don't we will have some you can use.

### **Bottle Stall at Cricklade Festival Sunday 19 June**

We didn't do a stall last year because the French were in town, so we are back to having a presence at the Festival. It is a good chance to promote Twinning

Please drop your bottles with John Petrie, which can be anything from Champagne to Piccalilli.

If you can help out with manning the stall please contact Yvonne Keeble 22 Pauls Croft - tel 751963 – email keeblepc@talktalk.net

### **Summer BBQ Saturday 9 July**

Our summer BBQ will be held on a Saturday 9th July starting at 5pm at Chris & Cathy Atkins house 45 High Street, Cricklade. The event is open to members and non-members and is an excellent chance not only to have a pleasurable evening, but also to find out more about the Twinning Association and meet other members.

Tickets are £8.50 a head. Bring own chairs, drinks and glasses. We need volunteers for Salads, Desserts and Raffle Prizes. Please let Celia Binfield, 98 Deansfield know whether you will be attending or providing food or prizes. Tel 01793 751137 or email celia.binfield@btopenworld.com

### **Wine tasting 1 October**

A wine tasting event is being planned for the beginning of October – more details to follow.

### **Safari Supper 26<sup>th</sup> November**

The social event for the end of the year will be a Safari Supper, lots of fun and a good way of getting to know other members. More later.

### **Twinning Visit 2011 The Return**

So we left Cricklade on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May and proceeded to our ferry. We crossed the mill pond overnight and arrived at St Malo showered and breakfasted.

Whilst everyone else was watching the Royal Wedding we were on a magnificent guided tour of Mont St Michel followed by a brief visit to Rennes.

Arrival at Sucé and a mayoral reception and thence back to our hosts and food, drink and bed.

Saturday day with families and then in the evening Western Country dancing and meal.

Sunday we visited a winery situated in lovely countryside not far from Angers, a former monastery and now a producer of excellent white wines. Then on to Serrant a glorious chateau which survived the Revolution with its contents intact.

Back to Sucé for departure on Monday to Cherbourg. We stopped at Sainte-Mère-Église and Auchan (the hyper market near Cherbourg) before joining our boat for the cruise back to Portsmouth.

Except the cruise was a bit of a wild ride, they even strapped the cash registers down (in response to the weather not our party). But we all survived, despite some braving out a rather tough time.

### **Escargot Racing 16<sup>th</sup> April**

For an event which brought new meaning to making things up as you go along, the event was quite successful. We did finally manage to complete 6 races and some people even understood what was going on.

Perhaps the highlight of the evening was finding that the prize for the winner had somehow got into the already distributed raffle prizes.

Thanks to Celia Binfield for the basic concept, to Cathy Atkins for making the snails and organising the food, to John Petrie for organising the event and to David Wheeler for compering the event. Feedback to Celia please.

### **2012 Visit Bastille Day**

We have suggested the weekend of July 14th 2012 for the French to come and visit us. Yes, that means it will be Bastille Day.