

Keeping in touch with our members

*North Baddesley Twinning Association*

**Le Bulletin**



## September 2015

Bonjour tout le monde

A few months have passed since we last produced Le Bulletin so we would like to update you on the events which have taken place since the last publication and also future events which you can find at the end.

The first event we had in 2015 was our Valentines dinner unfortunately this was poorly attended due to a number of reasons. But for the ones who went it was a very enjoyable evening where the company was good the wine was flowing and the food was excellent (in fact too much food). What a truly brilliant evening it was.



**TABLES SET READY FOR US TO EAT**



**THE TADBURN TIPLERS**

This was closely followed up by our yearly quiz which once again was expertly run by Judith Williams. The event was well attended as usual and the questions were interesting (not too many Scottish ones) and a good night was had by all. The winners of this year's quiz were "The Tadburn Tiplers" (Les & Julie Braybrook, Dave & Lesley Martin and Steve & Paultyne Whitworth) well done to you all.

In April the AGM was held and thankfully all committee members were voted back on. We are looking for a new Treasurer as Tony would like to retire from this position as soon as we can find someone else to take over the roll.

On Friday 1st May, 44 members of the NBTA left for the visit to our French friends in the villages of Carpiquet and Authie near Caen in Normandy. It was a very early start being collected at 5.30am. We took the Brittany Fast Cat from Portsmouth to Cherbourg. Stopping for either a picnic lunch or Cafe meal in Sainte-Mère-Église. Some of the group visited the airborne museum, others enjoyed the delights of French cafe culture in an attempt to keep out of the cold wind. After this we went on

to Authie for welcome drinks and collection by our hosts. Those in Authie had meals with their host families while those in Carpiquet had a meal in the hall.

Saturday was another early start and we travelled off in three coaches for Marais du Cotentin (near Caretan) for a boat trip through the marshes on the River Douve. Some of us saw a film first in the Maison du Park explaining the work of the nature reserve and the marshes while others went on the boat then this was reversed.



### **BOARDING THE BOAT**

Afterwards we all had a picnic lunch provided by our hosts (huddled together under a very small shelter as it had started to rain). We then drove to Carteret (a coastal town in Normandy) where we had free time to explore before heading to Sortosville-en-Beaumont where we visited a Maison du Biscuit which had been established since early in the 20th century. The inside of the building was set out to look like a number of old fashioned shops (which sold a huge variety of fancy and not so fancy food products as well as biscuits). Then we travelled back to the respective villages. In the evening Authie families went to a lovely restaurant called Poivre Rouge while the families in Carpiquet had a buffet in the main hall. The wine as usual was free flowing.



### **EVERYONE ENJOYING THEMSELVES**

Sunday morning was spent with our hosts and we all met up at lunchtime in Carpiquet hall where we had a lunch of paella and were entertained by singer Celine Castel. Andy our chairman gave a speech thanking both committees and our host families for their hospitality. After several hours eating, drinking and dancing we returned to our host families for the remainder of the day, yet more food, wine etc.

Monday morning we said goodbye to our families, those in Carpiquet had breakfast in the hall and were entertained by the local school children who sang an old Barry White song in English, they then ate with us and chatted in English. The usual trip to the local supermarket Cora followed to stock up on wine, cheese etc. etc. We then drove into Caen, then onto Pegasus Bridge where we had a stop for lunch and time to explore before heading to the ferry at Ouistreham late afternoon.

It was a long weekend but most enjoyable catching up with old friends and making new ones. We look forward to their visit next year.

On Sunday 16th August we held our annual Walking Quiz which was held this year in Botley, there were 42 people, making 9 teams and the winners with 49 points were team number 7, well done to them and thank you to all who took part.

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## THIS ISSUES JOKE



On their way to get married, a young Catholic couple are involved in a fatal car accident. The couple found themselves sitting outside the Pearly Gates waiting for St. Peter to process them into Heaven. While waiting, they began to wonder: Could they possibly get married in Heaven? When St. Peter showed up, they asked him. St. Peter said, "I don't know. This is the first time anyone has asked. Let me go find out," and he left.

The couple sat and waited, and waited. Two months passed and the couple were still waiting. While waiting, they began to wonder what would happen if it didn't work out; could you get a divorce in heaven?

After yet another month, St. Peter finally returned, looking somewhat bedraggled. "Yes," he informed the couple, "You can get married in Heaven." "Great!" said the couple, "But we were just wondering, what if things don't work out? Could we also get a divorce in Heaven?" St. Peter, red-faced with anger, slammed his clipboard onto the ground. "What's wrong?" asked the frightened couple. "OH, COME ON," St. Peter shouted, "It took me three months to find a priest up here! Do you have any idea how long it'll take me to find a lawyer?"

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## RECIPES FROM NORMANDY

### NORMANDY PORK CASSEROLE



Serves 6  
Prep time 40 mins  
Cooking time 2 hrs  
Total time 2 hrs 40 mins

Skill level Easy  
Calories 454 per serving  
Freeze yes  
Prepare ahead yes

### Ingredients

- 50g (2oz) butter
- 1kg (2lb 4oz) shoulder of free-range British pork, cubed
- 200g (7oz) lardons or chunky streaky bacon, chopped
- 16 shallots, peeled and left whole
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 celery sticks, chopped
- 300ml (½pt) dry cider
- 300ml (½pt) chicken stock
- 6tbsp half-fat crème fraîche
- 2tbsp corn flour mixed with 2tbsp water
- 2tbsp Dijon mustard
- 2tbsp fresh tarragon leaves, finely chopped

#### you will need:

- large, flameproof casserole dish

## Tip

Put the shallots into a bowl, pour over boiling water and leave for a few minutes. This will help to make peeling them much easier

## Preparation

1. Heat the oven to 170 C, 150 C fan, 325 F, gas 3. Heat half the butter in the casserole dish, add half the pork, season and fry for about 10 minutes until thoroughly browned. Remove the meat from the casserole with a slotted spoon and reserve. Add the rest of the butter to the casserole and fry the rest of the pork for 10 minutes until evenly browned.
2. Meanwhile, in another pan, dry-fry the lardons until crispy. Remove, set aside, then fry the shallots, onion and celery for a few minutes, to soften slightly.
3. Combine all the pork, the lardons, shallots, onion and celery in the casserole. Pour over the cider and chicken stock to cover. Cover the dish and cook in the oven for 2 hours until the pork is tender.
4. Add the crème fraîche, cornflour mix, mustard and tarragon to the casserole. Heat on the hob and stir until the sauce has thickened slightly.

Bon appetit!

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If you have any interesting snippets/stories, photos or anything else of interest could you please forward them to myself (Lesley Martin) at [les.f.mar@btinternet.com](mailto:les.f.mar@btinternet.com) I would be very grateful.

Thank you

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**Forthcoming Events**

Skittles Evening - Friday 9th October 2015 @ 7.00 pm –Wellow Golf Club

Information for next year's visit: - Please make a note in your diaries our French Guests are due to be visiting on Fri 6th, Sat 7th and Sun 8th May 2016.

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