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DIARY DATES

28 Feb 7-10pm

Hordle Pavillion

AGM Quiz Cheese n Biscuits
(Membership
Renewals too)



2-5 May 2014

**French
Exchange**

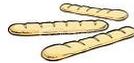


Yerville visit (see right)

June

Duck Dash, Bastille BBQ

Barn Dance? TBC



Summer

Scarecrow Festival

Theme: Famous/Infamous
people

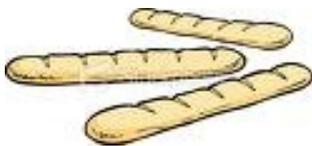
**White Barn Challenge Picnic
& Festival Boules**

Sunday 9 Nov 10.30am

Remembrance Day

Hordle War Memorial

Mon in Nov



Theatre, Drinks & Nibbles.

Date & name of play TBA.



Jan 2015 12-3pm

Fête des Rois



Still trying to sort a curry
night or potato supper get
together in someone's house
so we will keep you posted.

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Hordle & District
Twinning Association

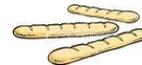
www.hordle-twinning.co.uk

February AGM with Quiz, Cheese & Biscuits.

A chance to thank your committee for all they do and elect the team to take us forward. **Followed by free quiz (prize for winning team, cheese n bickies!** We supply the eats. You bring plates, glasses and drinks. Please come. Your committee really do need and appreciate your support. We'll be electing a new member as Malcolm Battye retires after many years of service. Malcolm and Pam have been twinning members virtually since the start and we are most grateful for their help in organising and running many twinning activities. **Membership renewal also on the night so please bring some cash.**
Family £10, Individual £5.

Come with us to Yerville on the 2014 French Exchange

Friday 2 May



11.00 Coach departs Hordle Church

14.45 Depart Portsmouth (Brittany Ferries Normandie)

21.30 (French time) Arrive Caen

23.30 Approximate time of arrival in Yerville.



Our French friends will welcome us in the town hall for a very quick welcome drink and cake. We will then be whisked away by our host families. (Warning - the French are very hospitable. Some families may even have a late night welcome meal waiting for you at home!)

A programme of outings and entertainment is usual on Saturday. Sunday is generally for relaxing, eating and drinking with your host family. An evening party and supper is usual on Saturday or Sunday. As it's our 25th anniversary visit, the French have something special planned but are keeping it a secret!

Monday 5 May



Depart Yerville (usually after French breakfast in the town hall).

(stopping en route in lovely Honfleur and later for shopping en route to the ferry port). Please note these depend on traffic on the day.

17.00 Depart Cherbourg (Brittany Ferries Normandie Express)

19.00 Arrive Portsmouth and head for Hordle.



Cost (same as last year despite higher coach & ferry charge!)

Adults £80 each. Children 15 and under £30 each.

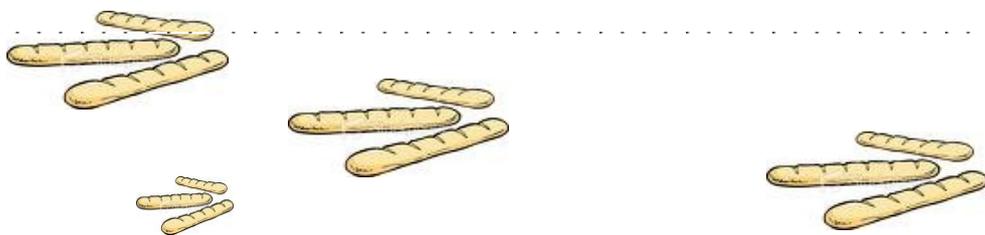
Deposit needed NOW! £50 per adult. Booking forms will be available very soon. This is for members only so renew your membership at the AGM (see above). The more the merrier so get your friends and neighbours to join too.

NO NEED TO SPEAK FRENCH!

Catchup

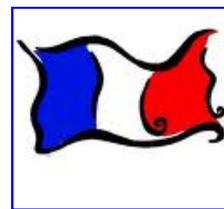
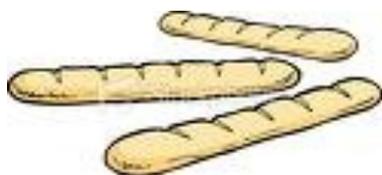
Those who attended will know we hosted another brilliant theatre drinks and nibbles night. The play was Lymington Players' Hobson's Choice and many agreed it was the best so far. Set in the north of England, three under the thumb daughters rebel and marry men of their choice against their father's wishes. Maggie is the most feisty and was excellently played by Dawn Creswell. So, a huge thank you to everyone who came and brought along their family, friends and neighbours. We are so lucky to have such fantastic talent to entertain us on our doorstep,

The food was again superb and the whole evening raised valuable funds to help us with our exchange programme. Without this, families would pay more to travel to France and we might struggle when it comes to entertaining our Yerville friends.



Then, we held our Fête des Rois New Year Party. As before, Bob Hartstone treated us to his delectable Vin Chaud with a fruity version for non drinkers. The tables were heaving with goodies and we sang French songs and exchanged news. Bob Norley tested our memories with his games and there were very few straight faces after we finished playing his Eskimo game. We also raffled off our unwanted Xmas pressies and enjoyed Melinda's almond Galette des Rois. Thank you so much to everyone who came and those who also stayed to help us clear up and leave the WI hall looking as if we had never been there.

Please volunteer... As you can imagine, it takes time and care to produce newsletters for our members and we also have to ensure our non email members are kept abreast of things. Do YOU have a hidden talent for producing leaflets, posters etc? Or can you keep the content on our website up to date? Please will you help me with these tasks so valued by our members? At present the newsletter is produced with MS Publisher but you can use any package you may have and I can guide you at the start....



Member News

We are delighted to welcome two new families to our association. Ann and Robin Butterfield joined us in October and Kevin and Maggie Balchin became members in November (Franco went to clean their carpets, told them all about us & they signed up straightaway!)

We look forward to seeing them at our events and very much hope they are able to come with us to France in May.

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