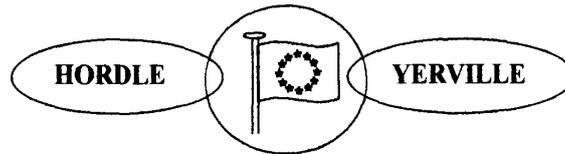


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Bastille Day celebration 18th July

Please put this in your diary. We are meeting together on the weekend to celebrate Bastille Day, which falls earlier in the week. Bob & Eunice will host this at Heatherleigh Nursery, Everton Road. **Please see over for more details.**

New Committee Members

At the Extraordinary Meeting on Friday 18 June there was a great turn out with around 40 members attending.

The meeting was called because the Association had a real need to fill all main officer posts following completion of full terms by the current incumbents.

The following officers required by the constitution were elected:

- ◆ **Chairman** (elect): Franco Casali
- ◆ **Vice-Chair:** Bob Norley
- ◆ **Secretary:** Ellen & Aileen Bompas
- ◆ **Treasurer:** Duncan Stocker

Dave Evans will remain as Chairman in the interim, handing over to Franco in the New Year.

There were other vacant posts that the Association had struggled to fill in the past; the following were elected in shared roles:

- ◆ **Press Secretary:** Melinda Casali & Julia Newman
- ◆ **Social Secretary:** Anita Colein & Jacqui Maguire

Our new Councillor Alex Pepper, also joins the Committee as the Association's Parish Council link. It will be extremely valuable to have the support of Alex on the Committee.

Judith Norley continues as Membership Secretary. The other members of the Committee are:

- ◆ Malcolm Battye
- ◆ Sue Evans
- ◆ Helen Harris
- ◆ Bob Hartstone
- ◆ Eunice Hartstone
- ◆ Bob Newel
- ◆ Jane Stocker
- ◆ Cllr. Andrew Tinsley
- ◆ Clive Williamson
- ◆ Paul Walsh

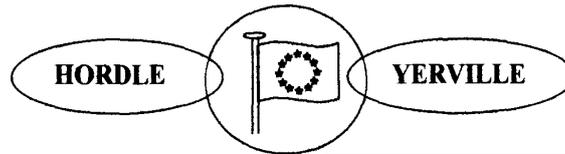
The large turnout on a night when England was playing Algeria in the World Cup is testament to the strength of support for the Association. We now have a new Committee with depth in numbers that can build upon the good work of previous committees.

Looking Ahead

At the Extraordinary Meeting everyone was asked for their views on how the Association should move forward. There were a lot of great ideas, together with some key messages or themes, which included:

- ◆ better communication and engagement of membership;
- ◆ strengthening the French Connection;

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- ◆ blowing our own trumpet more (publicity);
- ◆ revitalising social and group events;
- ◆ growing the membership;
- ◆ doing more through the wider membership.

These will be key objectives for the Committee in the forthcoming months, together with the support of everyone in the Association. Work will start when the new Committee meets on 16 July.

NEWS - WEB SITE ON ITS WAY!

Mark Runeckles has kindly offered to develop and host a web site for the Association. This will be a fantastic aid to improving communication between members, raising the profile of the Association, attracting new members and highlighting social events, etc.

Mark has hit the ground running, and hopes to have the web-site ready for this August.

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Bastille Day Celebrations, Noon, Sunday 18th July.

Once again, Bob & Eunice Hartstone have kindly offered to host the Association's Bastille Day celebrations. I'm sure most of you will know that this is a major celebration in France to commemorate the storming of the Bastille Prison, Paris on 14 July 1789, and still holds great symbolism for the French.

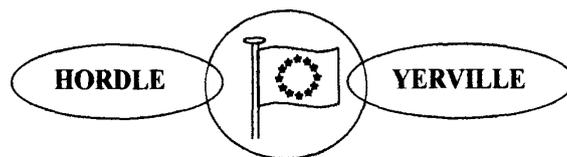
Our celebrations will be at Heatherleigh Nursery that can be accessed via the track off Everton Road opposite Cottagers Lane (by the building with the round brick wall corner). There is parking in the nursery field (through the gates and along the side of the glass houses).

You will need to bring everything you want for a barbeque picnic except the barbeque (Bob has one big enough to roast a hog); this means food, drink, chairs, picnic table, and picnic mat.

For entertainment we will have '**Hunt the Hordle Horde**', a **Grand Raffle** (please donate a prize), **French Cricket**, and much more.

For dessert we ask all budding Nigella Lawson's and Raymond Blanc's to make a quality dessert for sharing. These will be presented for self-service, and a donation sought for each dessert you consume – the more you like the dessert, the more we hope you donate.

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The dessert that attracts the most in donations will earn the maker the grand title of '**Bastille Day Chef du Cuisine**'. It is usually an afternoon of much fun and great company, so please come along.