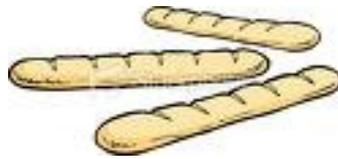


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## Anne Gallois recovering from accident

We were all devastated to hear our dear friend and Yerville Vice Chair Anne Gallois suffered a serious head injury after being hit by a car in Yerville. (She was a pedestrian at the time).



Happily, she is now home and making a good recovery from an operation to remove a clot. She is expected to be off work for around three months. She was really pleased to get our card and we are grateful to Catherine Brossay for helping organise a special bouquet to cheer her up.



Here she is in her Easter Bonnet as we saw her last at the American Supper on Easter Sunday. We are all keeping our fingers crossed for a full recovery.

Hey, hope you all saw fellow twinner Margaret Tinsley on the BBC local news? She braved the crowds a 3rd time, camping out on The Mall for the Royal Wedding! Any pictures Margaret??

## Diary Dates

**Sun 19 June 3pm (to beat the midges!)**

### Duck Dash

Puttles Bridge, Rhinefield Rd.  
Bring 50ps to bet + your own refreshments



**Thurs 14 July 7pm**

Hordle Rec. Bring a picnic & support your committee at the New Forest Twinners Boules Contest.

**Sun 17 July 12.00**

**Bastille Day BBQ. All welcome**  
Heatherfields Nursery, Everton Road. Bring own food to BBQ, cutlery, plates & drinks. Also, salad to share & raffle prize. Ice creams available.



## SCARECROW TRAIL

following 2010's resounding success! Forms available in July. Details TBA.



## Festival Week

Twinning Boules Contest. Details TBA.

**Sept. Family Treasure Trail (date TBC)**



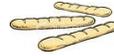
See over for more news & pics of the American Supper if you missed it in the Village newsletter. Unfortunately, the Royal Wedding pics took priority over our exchange news in the New Milton Advertiser but we did try!

A current glitch on the website means we weren't able to upload all the pics just yet. We are pulling out all the stops to sort it out asap.





## French Exchange 2011



18 member families had a busy Easter. We brushed up our French & Franglais prevailed to host 45 French exchange visitors from pensioners to just 3 years old. French Chair Alain presented the committee with a goody basket & it was good to see new families on both sides taking part this year for the first time.

Highlights were Portsmouth's Historic Naval Dockyard for a boat trip & to see the 'Warrior' & 'Victory' warships & an American Supper on Easter Sunday with an Easter Bonnet



contest. Brightly decorated tables with yellow & white cloths & greenery really set the scene as families tucked into tasty home cooked dishes while French & English alike paraded in a dazzling array of Easter headwear. This very English tradition had really fired French imaginations.

Homemade hats of all shapes & sizes appeared, lovingly prepared & carefully brought across the Channel for the occasion. English families, determined not to be outdone, also sported some highly original designs.

French chair Alain Gee had us all in stitches as showing off his English pronunciation with well-known tongue-twisters & leading his committee in a rousing version of 'Money Money Money'. Alain & Anne then presented Hordle Chair Franco with a vase from one of the few remaining Normandy glass factories—especially significant as we had a glass blowing demo there last year.



We waved our French friends off on Easter Monday but long after the coach departed we stayed, planning our return visit next year. Many of us had found new English friends & first time hosts confessed they'd been a bit apprehensive beforehand but had loved every minute & were looking forward to going to France in 2012.

Twinning is hard to describe. The mutual affection & friendship that develops over just a weekend is quite amazing & it was fabulous to see so many French kids really enjoying their first visit to England & being

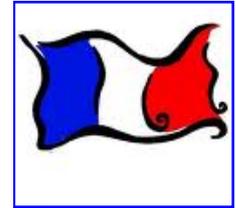
**Yerville's Newest & Youngest Members!**  
Clémence 7, Gabriel 6 & Anatole 3



motivated to pick up a few words of English.



Smiley faces hard at work in the WI Hall kitchen on Easter Sunday ( American Supper)



THIS YEAR WE DIDN'T HAVE TO SAY NO TO ANY FRENCH FAMILY, HEARTFELT THANKS TO LAST MINUTE, NON MEMBER HOSTS PHIL & DEBBIE FAIRFAX & LINDSEY, PETER & CHLOE DARKING. THANKS ALSO TO THESE NON HOSTING MEMBERS WHO WORKED LIKE TROJANS SETTING UP & CLEARING UP THE AMERICAN SUPPER: BERT & PAT HASETT, JOHN & GILL WISEMAN, MALCOLM & PAM BATTYE & DAVE NEWELL. SPECIAL THANKS TO VICTORIA HARRIS, MARIE & FREYA NORLEY & CATHRYN STOCKER FOR RUNNING THE RAFFLE.

**New social groups:**

**French conversation,  
Bee keeping, Beach Sea  
Fishing, Golf.**

Interested ? Ideas for others (antiques has been suggested)

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