

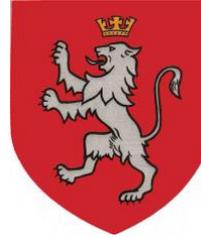
The LITA Newsletter



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Conversation Groups



French breakfasts (French conversation group) are held **on the first Friday of the month**. The next dates are: **6th July, 3rd August and 7th September**. These take place at

Le Blaireau in Brockenhurst from 10.30am for those who wish to practise their French conversation in a suitably French atmosphere. Coffee & croissant £4. For details, contact **Diana** (dianahastie@btinternet.com or 01590-622578)

Stammtisch meetings (German conversation group) are generally on the **third Tuesday** of the month at **The Mayflower**, King's Saltern Road, Lymington from 7.30pm. The next



Stammtisch dates are: **19th June, 17th July and 21st August**: For details, contact **Dave Miller** (01590-645823 or DMille9226@aol.com)

Tertulia meetings (Spanish conversation group). These **now** take place on the **second Wednesday** of the month. The next **Tertulia** dates are: **13th June, 11th July and 8th August**: Contact Diana Hastie [see above] for further details Meetings are held at **The White Hart**, 17 Milford Road, Lymington from 7.45pm for those who wish to practise their



Spanish conversation.

Forthcoming Events:

LITA Diary Dates

LITA AGM Thursday 28th June 7.30pm

LITA Summer Social Sunday 22nd July

Visit from Mosbach 30th Aug-3rd September

Trip to Almansa 10th-14th October

Visit from Vitré May 30th- June 2nd 2019

Details on later pages

From the Chairman

I write this column hot on the heels of an April visit to Vitre, more details of which are given elsewhere in the *Newsletter*, along with information about a late August visit by a party from Mosbach and an October trip to Almansa.

Our Social Sub-Committee is providing an interesting and varied programme of events, and again more details of upcoming events will be found in the *Newsletter*.

An ongoing theme of my past columns has been finding a replacement Chair when I stand down at June's AGM. I am delighted to tell you that Vanessa Ainsworth has agreed to put her name forward for

election. Lesley Pappini has offered to stand as a Vitre Vice Chair to replace Vanessa. I hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend the AGM, notwithstanding yet another clash with England's World Cup football schedule. You can always record the football, LITA's AGM is only available live.

Finally, may I thank all members of the Committee for their tireless efforts in support of LITA.

David Beech *LITA Chairman*



Friday 23rd March - LITA Skittles Evening

The evening was a great success, attended by 33 members and, because of the feedback received, we will be having another one in the Autumn



Philip Paddy gets the ball rolling ...

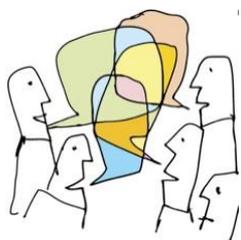


Simon Hacking and Doris Webb with their prize bottles for winning the men's and ladies competitions

Social News

Lesley Pappini will finish her term as Social Secretary at the AGM.

The Social Events Team comprises: **Jean Paddy, Christine Gillett, Ann Hacking & Val Brace.**



LITA's forthcoming social events...

We hope to see lots of you at our events, to meet friends and to raise much-needed funds for LITA.

For details of social events and bookings, please contact: *Jean Paddy*

01590 672164 or paddy@starpad.plus.com
(unless listed otherwise)

Summer Social Sunday 22nd July

Hordle Pavilion, Vaggs Lane, Hordle, SO41 0FP

£12 per person. Friends & Family welcome. (Please bring your own plates, bowl, cutlery & glass, as well as your preferred drinks.)

Please complete and return the booking form sent out by email (or post).



*A rapt group of spectators
(Photos: Jean Paddy)*



Almansa News

Dilys MacKinnon-Rich
Vice-Chair, Almansa

Almansa — next trip

Wed 10th to Sun 14th October

(Members should all have recently received details - either by email or post - of our forthcoming trip. Please let Dilys know if those messages didn't reach you.)

We have been invited to visit Almansa from 10 to 14 October 2018. The Friday is a Public holiday in Spain which gives our hosts, most of whom work, an extra long weekend. It is Hispanic (Columbus) Day, so no doubt we will be celebrating late into the night!



Almansa's Castillo

(Almansa Photos: Dave Miller)



Almansa's 'Christians & Moors' festival parade:
the "Desfile de Arcabucerta"

Please would you let me know whether you are interested in taking part. We plan to use the following flights from Southampton Airport to Alicante, *but please contact me before you book* so that we can keep tabs on numbers.

Flights Southampton Airport to Alicante:

10 October: **Flybe flight no. BE1715** dep.
15.15 arr. Alicante 18.40.

14 October: **Flybe flight no. BE1716** dep.
12.40 arr. Southampton 14.10

Transport from Alicante to Almansa will be arranged by the Almansa team.

Dilys

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Mosbach News

Shirley Hewitt & Lesley Willsted
Vice-Chairs Mosbach

Next LITA visit from Mosbach
30th Aug-3rd Sept 2018

We are expecting 43 guests with 39 LITA hosts. Our guests will arrive on Thursday evening by coach, having travelled via the Dunkirk-Dover ferry. The Friday afternoon visit to Hurst Castle (via the large ferry) will be available to hosts as well, subject to space on the boat. We will be in touch soon with information on the prices. (Hurst Castle was recently awarded a 'Certificate of Excellence' by TripAdvisor). There will be a Mayor's reception at the Town Hall in the early evening. After a free day during Saturday, a dinner/ceilidh evening is planned at Milford Community Centre. Details of the menu will be forwarded to hosts soon.

On Sunday, our guests will visit Oxford, sadly with no room for our hosts. However, we hope that with a guided walking-tour, a picnic on the 45 minute boat trip, and a visit to Christchurch College, our guests will find the day very full and interesting.

The Mosbachers leave at a very early hour on Monday morning, in order to catch their mid-morning ferry from Dover. They expect to arrive in Mosbach late that evening.

Shirley H and Lesley W
Vice-Chairs Mosbach



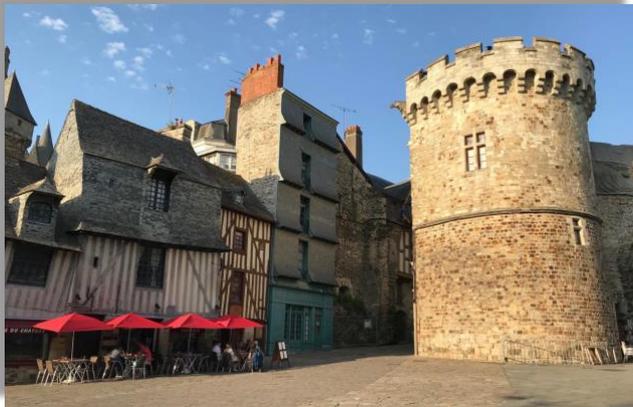
*Judy Uren, Sinead Joyce & Vanessa Ainsworth
Vice-Chairs for Vitré
Vitré News*



There was also a museum showing an enormous array of beautiful shells.

After our picnic, the coach took us on into Cancale, a beautiful port with amazing views. It was possible to see Mont St Michel in the far distance on the other side of a vast bay. There were some lovely walks along the cliff tops and many of us patronised the little shops and cafés.

On returning to Vitré we had an evening buffet at La Grenouillère. We were entertained in the garden by a choir who are keen to form a link with a Lymington or New Forest Choir. We had a lively evening, with French and English being spoken in equal measure.



Visit to Vitré - April 2018

For the first time, the majority of us decided to travel by air from Southampton to Rennes. We had hired a coach from the firm Le Pape for the transfer to and from Vitré and for the day out. We arrived by 4 pm to be greeted by our hosts and whisked off for the evening.

That weekend was a special one for the town with organised events in the town, mostly active, and there was a general air of festivity.

Sunday was spent with our hosts. Many of the group ate in the restaurants in Vitré or were taken out for the day. There was also an option to run (or to walk) 12, 8 or 4 kms. A few of us decided to take the shorter walks and it was a chance to see the surrounding countryside on foot. The guided walk was extremely well organised.



A brief 45 minute flight brought us home on Tuesday the 24th, managing the return without any problem from threatened strikes.

A short, but very entertaining weekend. The weather was unseasonably warm and dry so we were very lucky. Our grateful thanks are due to our hosts for such a pleasurable and well organised trip.

Anne Rupin and Valérie Souvestre (left) accompanied us for the day-trip to Cancale, with all the LITA members joining in. Most opted to visit the oyster farm, La Ferme Marine. There we discovered just how complicated and what hard work it is to produce these

delicious molluscs. The oyster tasting was fun and very attractively presented.



Report and Vitré photos, **Nessa Ainsworth**

Next Vitré visit announced

The French have accepted our invitation to Lymington next year for the dates May 30th to June 2nd 2019.

Lymington Choral Society Visit to Vitre

A group of 48 members and guests from the Lymington Choral Society (LCS) visited Vitré 18th to 21st May. Led by Michael Goldthorpe, Musical Director LCS (and LITA member) and Véronique Macé, for the joint choirs of Vitré, a very well-attended joint concert was performed on the Saturday night at Eglise Notre Dame, and the LCS choir sang at the Pentecostal Mass at Eglise de St M'Hervé.

We were warmly welcomed by the local choir members whose hospitality was overwhelming as they hosted two lunches in communal halls, a dinner evening in families' homes and they



provided a sumptuous picnic for us to eat on our way home (we stopped at the Château de Ravalet gardens near Cherbourg). Twenty-four guests were hosted in choir members' homes and the remaining 24 stayed in two small central hotels.

The LCS group also made a Sunday afternoon visit to gardens with displays of sculptures made from recycled materials, including a giant sized bed made from empty plastic bottles and metal birds with old fire

extinguishers for bodies! We hope the Vitré choir will make a return visit to Lymington to perform in our Spring Concert in late May 2020.

Shirley Hewitt



LCS group outside St M'Hervé (Photos: Shirley Hewitt)

[The LCS connection to Vitré goes back over 30 years, as do those for LITA -Ed.]



Keep up to date via LITA's website

New information, booking forms *etc.* are often available *first* on the website - check it.

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Website content can be suggested via:

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litatwin@gmail.com

LITA events



Please make our lives simpler by paying in advance for social events and, wherever possible, **by cheque** payable to 'LITA'

Merci, Danke, Gracias!

Lymington & District International Twinning Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 28th June 2018 at 7-30pm

Fuller Room, Lymington Community Centre

**Chairperson: Cllr Anne Corbridge,
Mayor Lymington & Pennington Town Council**



Who's Who on LITA's Committee?



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A description of Committee members' roles and other details of the Committee's work were included in the Newsletter for June 2012 – still available to download from the LITA website (as are all previous Newsletters)

Feedback about the Newsletter and suggested news items from members always welcome:

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Concale Oyster Eaters (Photo: Nessa Ainsworth)

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