
The LITA Newsletter



Lymington



Mosbach



Vitré



Almansa

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LITA Diary Dates

Visits from: Vitre 8-11 May 2013

Trip to: Mosbach 28 May-2 June 2013

LITA AGM Wednesday **12 June 2013**
7.30pm (Robert Hole Room, Lymington
Community Centre)

Forthcoming Social events:

Birdwatching Walk	17 May	(p3)
Bastille Day Event	14 July	(p3)
Summer Social	11 August	(p4)

See inside for details

Conversation Groups



French breakfasts are held **on the first Friday of the month**. The next dates are: **3 May, 7 June and 5 July**.

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 £3.75 For details, contact **Diana** (dianahastie@btinternet.com or 01590-622578).

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



dates are: **21 May, 18 June and 16 July**. Contact **Joan Wray** 01590-682385 for details.

Tertulia meetings (Spanish conversation group). These now take place on the **third Monday** of the month. The next dates are



20 May, 17 June & 15 July at Cheryl Blamey's (15 Oakenbrow, Sway SO41 6DY). Please let her know whether you are coming. *Hasta la vista!* Contact **Cheryl** cblamey@lineone.net or 01590 681746 for details

LITA Chairman's Report



It is important that I start another *Newsletter* article by stating my appreciation for the efforts of the Management Committee and individual members and for the work that goes on often behind the scenes

to keep LITA active, informative, solvent and an enjoyable association to belong to.

Since the last *Newsletter*, we have enjoyed a Fish & Chip Supper Quiz (thanks to John and Sheila Ward), a successful 20 year anniversary visit from Almansa (thanks to Dilys MacKinnon) which included a Reception and signing ceremony in the Town Council Chamber (thanks to Mayor Jacqui England) and recently a preview and drinks with the Lymington Players cast of 'Arsenic and Old Lace' (thanks to Diana Hastie).

Plans and programmes for the visit of over 50 guests from Vitré are now well advanced and I would particularly invite all members to the activities of the **Thursday afternoon, 9th May** when our guests and their hosts meet at Bolderwood (OS Map Ref. 238088) to see the deer, do a forest quiz, and use the green as a base for picnic and games *e.g.* rounders, cricket or whatever outdoor games people bring along. There is no formal reception for their visit but this is an opportunity for any LITA member to meet up informally with our French guests and chat over an American style shared picnic. Please come along if you can, bringing light snacks and drinks for sharing in between games on the green. We meet from about 2.30pm.

I am pleased to report a small but steady increase in membership and another New Members' Welcome Event was held on Sunday 28th April. One new member remarked "I feel more confident about attending more LITA functions now that I have met a few more members".

Elsewhere in this Newsletter you will see reports and notice of forthcoming events, which I encourage you to support if you can. I particularly look forward to seeing you at our **AGM on Wednesday 12th June**, starting at **7.30pm** in the **Robert Hole room, Lymington Community Centre**.

**Peter Richardson
Chairman**

Gill Faulkner (1938-2013)

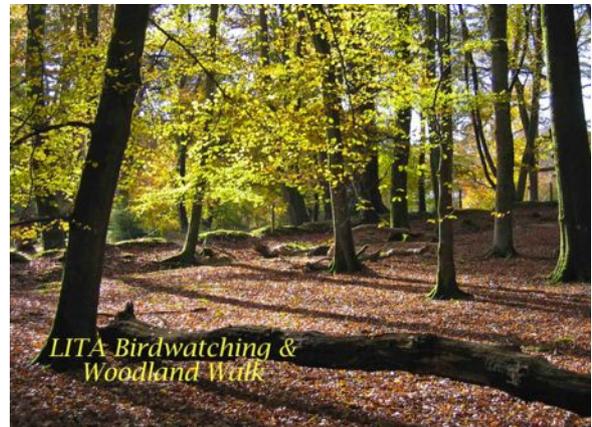
It is with great sadness that we have to record the death of Gill Faulkner on the 21st of February. We extend our condolences and sympathies to Bill, his family and their close friends on their loss.

LITA Social News

From Diana Hastie



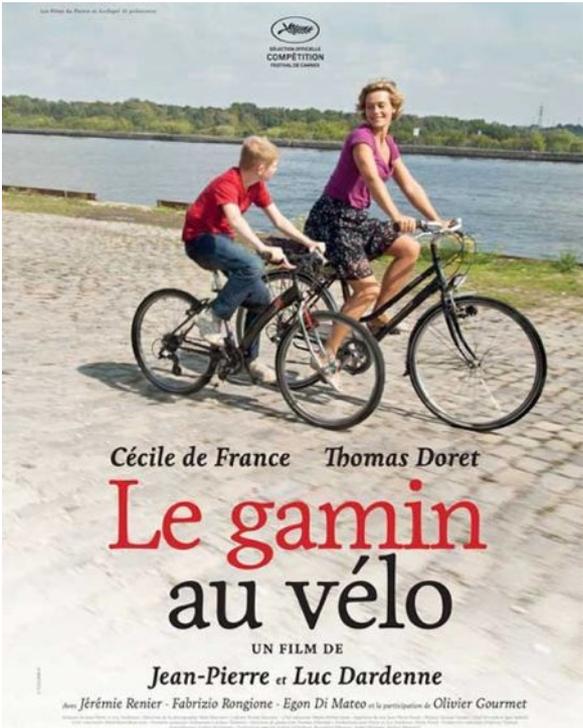
Polish up your French in anticipation of the visit of our friends from Vitré by coming to *Le Blaireau* in Brockenhurst on **Friday 3rd May** from 10.30 am for our usual 'café, croissant et causette' (cost £3.75). Please let me know if you'd like to attend.



After our fun play evening, the next event to look forward to is our **bird-watching walk** in beautiful woodland in Bolderwood, north of Brockenhurst, led by our own expert Douglas Marcuse, on **Friday 17th May**. We're going for the lie-in chorus rather than the dawn chorus and meeting at 8.45am for a 9 o'clock set off. After a walk of about one and a half to two hours, we'll meet up in a member's house in Brockenhurst to swap notes, chat, enjoy cakes and coffee (or tea of course). £10 for walk and refreshments. Contact me, Diana, to book your place (see foot of page 4)

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Fancy a French film on **Sunday 19th May**? See details below.



Cécile de France Thomas Doret
Le gamin au vélo
UN FILM DE
Jean-Pierre et Luc Dardenne
Avec Jérémie Renier - Fabrizio Rongione - Egon Di Mateo et la participation de Olivier Gourmet

Lymington Film Society will be showing a French language film on **Sunday 19th May** at 8pm in the Community Centre (doors open from 7.30pm for tea/coffee/wine). This is the Dardennes brothers' *Le Gamin au Vélo* ('The Kid with the Bike') that won the Grand Jury prize in Cannes in 2011.

Advance notice of our celebration of *la Fête Nationale* when we dine in a suitably decorated *Le Blaireau* in Brockenhurst on **Sunday 14th July**. More info to follow nearer the time, but send me your name if you'd like to book a place provisionally (see foot of page 4).



LITA's Bastille Day Party

Flags, Marianne, sans culottes ...
LITA is Revolting!
Join us for a Bastille Day Celebratory dinner at Le Blaireau, Brockenhurst, **Sunday July 14th**
Enjoy a 3-course meal, wine & raffle ticket and be entertained by a great jazz trio - all for £30
(joint event with Brockenhurst Twinning Association)
Contact Diana for further details
(see foot of page 4)

Paying for LITA events



A polite reminder from the Social Secretary and the Treasurer – please make our lives simpler by paying in advance for social events and, wherever possible, **by cheque**.

Merci, Danke, Graças!

Diana

Arsenic & Old Lace

Our thanks go to all who supported another excellent play evening, put on jointly with Brockenhurst Twinners, on the 22nd April when we saw a great performance by the Lymington Players. Many members helped by providing plates of nibbles, so the after-show party with the cast in attendance was most enjoyable. We made a profit of over £230 for LITA's funds. Now, we offer advance notice that we've offered a good play for next year '**Allo, Allo**', so brush off those dodgy French accents and wartime outfits to get in the mood.



LITA Social News

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**Summer Social, Sunday 11th August
LITA Croquet Tea**

We are breaking with our recent barbecue tradition this summer as this event will be held in **Woodside Park**. (We are assured the playing conditions will be better than those illustrated!). More details will be circulated soon, but do make a diary date and organise some perfect summer weather please!

LITA Membership 2013-14

Subscriptions will be due at the end of June. For the first time Membership Renewal Forms are being sent out by email rather than by post. (The renewal message will be sent out in two weeks time – but posted to those few members not using email). Although you can fill in the Form and send it back electronically, **we still rely on you physically posting or handing over a cheque**. By far the easiest way to renew your subscription is to come to the AGM (June 12th) and pay Malcolm directly. Membership subscriptions for 2013-14 will remain at £15 single and £25 family. (See form later for details)

Carolyn Miller, Membership Secretary
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For further details and bookings on all LITA social events, please contact me, Diana, at:

dianahastie@btinternet.com

or telephone: **01590 622578**

I look forward to seeing you at some of our events soon.

Diana Hastie,
Social Secretary



Almansa



The document recording 20 years of Twinning



The document signing

A 17-strong group of guests from Almansa enjoyed a fine visit to Lymington from 29 March to 1 April. The first event was a Town Hall reception to witness the signing of a document recording the 20th anniversary of Lymington's Twinning with Almansa. It was a special pleasure that, amongst those signing in 2013, were Gabriel Navarro Martinez and Cllr Michael White (now Deputy Mayor) both original signatories in 1993. We are grateful for the generous hospitality provided by Mayor Jacqui England and her colleagues at the Town Hall. The display of Lymington's ancient silverware, Mayoral maces *etc* as well as the impressive panel listing the town's Mayors back to William Lytleayne in 1319 was all much admired by our guests.



On Saturday, together with some hosts, the group visited Beaulieu Motor Museum, the Domus, the Palace and gardens. The weather could have been warmer, but the location is always impressive. A 1912 Hispano-Suiza, just like one owned by King Alphonso XIII, stands right at the entrance, as if pre-arranged!



Elena and Angeles try out the 1904 Pope-Tribune

Saturday evening saw all our guests and hosts at Walhampton Arms for an excellent carvery meal and entertainment with Scottish Country Dancing. After a display by the adepts, the rest of us joined in with various degrees of success masked by gusto and enthusiasm. However, Gabriel Navarro Martinez took to this new-to-him art form like a native and drew sustained applause for his brilliant execution of reels and willow-stripping!



The group had a free day with their hosts on Sunday before leaving us on Monday, by minibus, to enjoy the day in Bath prior to catching their flight home from Bristol airport.

The feedback confirms that our guests enjoyed another very successful trip. Thanks are due to the many committee members and hosts who ensured the organisation and programme all went successfully for our guests.

More photos of the visit will soon be available on the LITA website:

<http://lymingtontwinning.weebly.com>

Dave Miller (for **Dilys MacKinnon**
Vice-Chair, *Almansa*)



Mosbach News

Next trip to Mosbach

28 May-2 June 2013

Our forthcoming trip is fully planned. The travelling group from LITA will be over 30 strong. As always, an interesting and varied programme has been arranged for the Twinners. This year, this includes a river trip (from Neckarelz to Bad Wimpfen) and, on another day, an outing to Ludwigsburg. Yes, it's tough being a Twinner, but somebody has to do it

Dave Miller (for **Sheila & John Ward**
Vice-Chairs, *Mosbach*)



Vitré News

2013 visit from Vitré

A group of well over 50 visitors from our French Twin will arrive in the early evening on 8th May. The Vitréans will be spending the day in London before coming to us in their coach. As usual, we have a full programme for our guests. Assembling this large visiting group together with their hosts means that we cannot open an invitation to all LITA members for the communal evening meal. However, **as detailed in the Chairman's letter above**, all members are invited to join the visitors at Bolderwood on Thursday May 9th from 2.30pm.

Dave Miller (for **Jackie Mann & Val Wright**,
Vice-Chairs, *Vitré*)

Who is Who on LITA's Committee?



Chairman: Peter Richardson
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Deputy Chairman & Hon Secretary: Simon Hacking

Hon Treasurer: Malcolm Eggleton

Vice-Chairs, Vitré: Jackie Mann & Val Wright

Vice-Chairs, Mosbach: John & Sheila Ward

Vice-Chair, Almansa: Dilys MacKinnon

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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

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

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The LITA Website



Our website

<http://lymingtontwinning.weebly.com/> allows information and photos to be shared. Website content can be suggested via John Ward, the LITA webmaster at litatwin@gmail.com



more dancing ...



more Almansa paperwork ...

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