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# The *LITA* Newsletter



Lymington



Mosbach



Vitré



Almansa

## Lymington & District International Twinning Association

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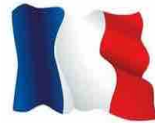
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### Conversation Groups

(details and reminders are usually sent by email soon before each meeting)



**French breakfasts** (French conversation group) are held **on the first Friday of the month**. The next dates are: **2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> July** and **4<sup>th</sup> August**. 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](mailto:dianahastie@btinternet.com) or 01590-622578)

### Forthcoming Social events:

#### LITA Diary Dates

**LITA AGM** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June (see page 2)

**Trip to: Mosbach** 31<sup>st</sup> Aug-4<sup>th</sup> September  
**Visit from: Vitré** 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> June  
**Trip to: Almansa** to be arranged for 2018  
**Summer Social** 20<sup>th</sup> August  
**Skittles & Supper** 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Details on later pages

**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: **16<sup>th</sup> May, 20<sup>th</sup> June** and **18<sup>th</sup> July**: For details, contact **Dave Miller** (01590-645823 or [DMille9226@aol.com](mailto:DMille9226@aol.com))



**Tertulia** meetings (Spanish conversation group). These take place on the **second Thursday** of the month. The next **Tertulia** dates are: **8<sup>th</sup> June, 13<sup>th</sup> July** and **10<sup>th</sup> 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.



## From the Chairman

Welcome to our latest *Newsletter*. Our plans for hosting of a party from Vitre in June are heading to completion and are covered in more detail elsewhere in the *Newsletter*, as is our visit to Mosbach later in the year.

In my last column, I mentioned that our Social Secretary, Lesley Pappini, will be standing down at our AGM in June. In the absence of any indications from members that anyone wishes to take on this

task, the Committee proposes that we convene a Social Committee of perhaps four people to undertake this role on a shared basis. If anyone wishes to learn more about what this might entail, please feel free to contact Lesley for a preliminary chat. Without either a single Social Secretary or a fully manned Social Committee we are unlikely to be able to continue to run our usual range of social events through the year.

Finally, my thanks go to all Committee members whose hard work means that LITA continues to function and thrive

David Beech *LITA Chairman*



## LITA AGM 26th June

**Our Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.30pm at Lylington Community Centre in the Robert Hole Room.**

Mayor Barry Dunning will chair the meeting in his role as Honorary President. Details for the process of nominations for office bearers and committee membership will be sent out nearer to the time of the meeting. The committee especially encourages nominations for the vacant Deputy Chair position. All the existing members of the committee will stand for re-election with two exceptions:

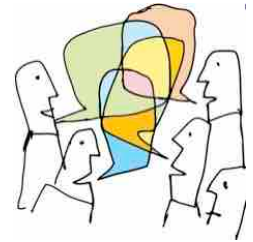
**Malcolm Eggleton** will resign from his role as Treasurer. After some ten years of invaluable service to LITA in that role, Malcolm will hand over the responsibilities. Rest assured, the Committee have someone ready and willing to be nominated to take over, subject to ratification by the AGM.

**Lesley Pappini** is also standing down after serving as Social Secretary. Nominations for that role will be very welcome. However, the Committee also encourage 'expressions of interest' from members to contribute to a small team who will coordinate LITA's social activities programme. That role will not require you to make a formal nomination for election as the team (acting as a sub-committee) will report to the Committee, as required.

We hope to see you at the AGM. Our membership numbers are as high as ever and our activities, especially trips and visits with our three Twin Towns, attract ever-growing numbers.

## Social News

Our annual lunch at Brockenhurst College in March was a success. The fine meal was enjoyed by 43 people. Those attending included Twinners from LITA, Brockenhurst, Totton and Lyndhurst. There was also a small contingent of 'serious' cyclists associated with John and Sheila Ward.



## LITA's forthcoming social events...

### Summer Social - Sunday 20th August

We hold our Summer Social at Hordle Recreation Ground. This will include a buffet lunch followed by mini games of boules and croquet. (This year, the date avoids a clash with a certain tennis tournament final. However, we do now clash with the *UK Monster Truck Nationals* at Santa Pod, Wellingborough - our apologies to any trucking fans).

### Friday 3rd November - Skittles & Supper

We have booked a Skittles & Supper evening at Pennington Sports and Social Club. Details will follow nearer the date.

**Lesley Pappini**

*Social Secretary*

**For details of social events and bookings,**

**please contact:** Lesley Pappini,

*yelsel33@hotmail.co.uk or 01590 672587*



## Almansa News

**Dilys MacKinnon**  
*Vice-Chair, Almansa*

## Our next visit to Almansa

will be in 2018.



*Desfile de Arcabuceria - part of the Almansa Festival*

After two unusually timed visits triggered by the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary timings, we have now reverted to the standard biennial exchange trips. So far we have no suggested dates for 2018 from the Spanish side, but we will keep members informed as we hear more.



*In the old town, Almansa*



*Tapas*

**facebook**

Shirley Hewitt has taken over the **LITA Facebook Page**. If you use Facebook, please search for the Group 'Lymington Twinning'. It would be great if you could 'Join' and 'Share' the page. Shirley will keep it up to date with news and images of twinning visits, and social events.



**Mosbach News**  
**Shirley Hewitt & Lesley Willstead**  
*Vice-Chairs Mosbach*

**Next trip to Mosbach 31st Aug-4th Sept**



*Mosbach's attractive Marktplatz on market day*

Plans are well in hand for the LITA visit to Mosbach Thursday 31 August to Monday 4th September. Numbers are being finalised, but we are expecting at least 41 on the visit, with some 26 of us flying to Frankfurt together.

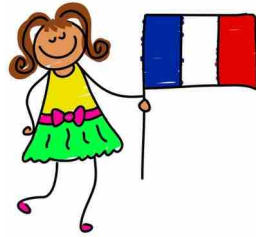


*Mosbach at Midday*

We are awaiting details of the hosts and the planned programme, but we are sure that as usual we will receive a warm welcome from our Mosbach hosts.

We will keep closely in touch with those members travelling; as soon as *we* know more – *you* will!

*For photos of LITA's summer 2015 visit to Mosbach, check the website*



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

### Vitré News

A large group of some 59 Twinners from Vitré will be visiting us from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>. For various logistical reasons the visit is rather more brief than usual. The programme planning is well advanced and is expected to include a visit to Arundel (in the hope that the weather will be as good as it was for the Mosbachers last summer!). As is customary, we will have a meal with the visitors and their hosts together. It is regretted that, with the group from Vitré in particular being so large, there is no opportunity for LITA members to take part in that event, other than those who are hosting. However, non-hosting members can often meet some of the visitors informally through friends who are hosting.



*Keep up to date via LITA's website*

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

**lymingtontwinning.weebly.com**

Website content can be suggested via:

**Dave Miller**, LITA webmaster at:

**litatwin@gmail.com**

### LITA events



Please make our lives simpler by paying in advance for social events and, wherever possible, **by cheque.**

*Merci, Danke, Gracias!*

### New LITA Brochure

The new LITA brochure provides basic information about LITA (front page shown below). Copies are freely available at the Lymington Community Centre main entrance stand as well as from the 'St Barbe's' room there (until mid July when St B's is scheduled to re-open), and also at Milford Community Centre. Application forms to join LITA are included. If you have friends or neighbours who might be interested in joining us, please do encourage them. They can also look at our website or pick up a leaflet for themselves.

### LYMINGTON & DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL TWINNING ASSOCIATION ('LITA')

**ALMANSA in SPAIN**



**MOSBACH in GERMANY**



**VITRÉ in FRANCE**



## 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*

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