



FAVERSHAM TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Dear Member

Welcome to the second FTTA newsletter. We've had a busy summer, as this newsletter shows, and we have two events coming up in the coming months: our wine tasting evening at the Alexander Centre on 7th October and our second day trip to Hazebrouck on Friday 24th November. See page 2 for more on these.

But we're now throwing open the floor to members to suggest other activities. To get you thinking, here are a few ideas we've come up with to engage more people in FTTA.

- Faversham junior football teams to compete at Hazebrouck's annual international tournament
- A pétanque tournament
- A French v. English beer challenge

Do you have other suggestions? If so, please let us know by completing our members and supporters questionnaire, email us at favershamtownwinning@gmail.com to get a copy if you haven't received one already.

Amicalement
Sheila Maister, Secretary

Hazebrouck comes to the Hop Festival



Hazebrouck town councillors Christine Raynaert (left) and Martine Dauchez (right) present Faversham mayor Shiel Campbell with a gift at the opening of the Hop Festival.

At the beginning of the year during our visit to Hazebrouck the Association invited representatives from Hazebrouck Town Council to visit this year's Hop Festival.

Councillors Martine Dauchez and Christine Rayneart and their partners attended Mayor Shiel Campbell's reception for local mayors and the opening of the Kent Archives exhibition on the history of hopping at 12 Market Place, took a tour of Shepherd Neame Brewery with Director Jonathan Neame and enjoyed a buffet lunch at the brewery before a more informal walk about with some of our committee members.

Interpreting during the day was provided by Catherine Bessières-Craddock. Everyone had a good time and we hope the success of the visit will encourage more people from Hazebrouck to visit in coming years.

Wine tasting evening

Make sure you don't miss our French wine tasting event at the Alexander Centre on Saturday 7th October.

Will Parker, our tutor for the evening, will be giving attendees the chance to compare a range of white and red wines.

The emphasis will be on wines less commonly found on supermarket shelves but easily picked up on a day trip to France or from a specialist wine merchant. Thanks to Hercules Wine Warehouse at Macknades who have offered us a discount on some of the wines we will taste.

Will is a very experienced wine tasting tutor International Wine Challenge judge and Wine specialist at the John Lewis Foodhall on Oxford Street and we expect this to be a convivial evening, from which you come away

Faversham Town Twinning Association
FRENCH WINE TASTING
Led by Will Parker, John Lewis wine specialist and International Wine Challenge judge
Try a range of French wines
Learn more about what you like and why
No previous knowledge required
Saturday 7 October
7.30pm at the Alexander Centre, Faversham
£12 members, £15 others. Admission by ticket only.
Tickets available from Alexander Centre or from:
favershamtownwinning@gmail.com
Tel. 07854 649776

from more knowledgeable than before.

Ticket prices include all wine costs and are only £12 for members, £15 for non-members. If you haven't booked yet, contact our Treasurer Julian Saunders at favershamtownwinning@gmail.com or on 07854 649 776 as soon as possible.

Hazebrouck quiz competition winner

Congratulations to Robert Lamoon, the winner of our market stall quiz on 23 October. His prize is a £10 voucher to spend at Le Berger French food market stall. There were 45 entries, of which three were correct, and the winning entry was drawn by FTTA Chair Nigel Kay. The correct answers were:

1. Hazebrouck became part of France in 1678.
2. Flemish was the language spoken by most Hazebrouck inhabitants in the 19th century.
3. A trick question! There is a rue de Faversham in Hazebrouck but not a Boulevard de Faversham.
4. It is 83 miles by road from Faversham to Hazebrouck. We gave you the option of 75 and 90 miles so we counted either of these two answers as being correct.
5. The journey by fast train from Hazebrouck to Paris to the nearest half hour is 2 hours.

November day trip to Hazebrouck

We are planning another trip to Hazebrouck on Friday 24th November. There will be a chance to:

- have lunch in La Taverne, one of Hazebrouck's nicest restaurants, on the town square
- walk around the town or visit the local art gallery
- visit a local hypermarket for Christmas goodies.

Hazebrouck is only an hour's drive from Eurotunnel terminal at Calais, so is very manageable for a day trip.

We want to give as many members as possible the opportunity to visit, so if you are a car driver and would be happy to take your car with passengers to Hazebrouck for the day, please get in touch with us as soon as possible at favershamtownwinning@gmail.com.

Les 400 coups - a box office hit

More than 70 people packed into the West Faversham Community Centre on 23 June for our first Pop-up cinema evening. Despite being over 50 years old, Francois Truffaut's new wave classic *Les 400 Coups* (The 400 Blows) still entranced the audience, whether they were seeing it for the first time or had seen it several times before.

Particular thanks go to those who filled out feedback forms and said how much they enjoyed the film and would like to have further screenings and to Faversham Film Society who gave us a lot of help in publicising the event. We plan to have a further film night in the spring. Which film should we show? Send us your ideas.