

Faversham Town Twinning Association

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Dear FTTA friends.

14th July Bastille Day celebration at the Physic Garden

I think all who attended will agree that we had a very convivial and enjoyable afternoon on that day. The weather was definitely on our side, and that with good food, a few drinks and very pleasant company all contributed to making the event a success. Having been taught the first verse of the French National Anthem, "La Marseillaise", all sang it with great gusto. This attracted the attention of French visitors to Faversham who were passing by the Physic Garden. They came in and asked if they could join us. They were with us for about an hour and thanked us profusely for giving them such a warm welcome. Here are a few photos of the day and you will find more on our FTTA Facebook page.







Fête nationale 2024









Future events:

• Saturday 14th September Physic Garden at 2 pm

This is the date for our annual "Déjeuner sur l'herbe". Please bring your own picnic with a French touch, if possible, though not essential. We can probably accommodate 35 to 40 people so, depending on the number of FTTA members wishing to attend, we might be able to open this event to some of your friends and family. This is a free event but donations to support the excellent work of the Physic Garden will be gratefully received. Please contact Richard Shipman to secure a place for this event. (favershamtowntwinning@gmail.com)

- Saturday 12th October Wine tasting event at PurifierBuilding 6.30 pm
 - Clive Barlow of Press Wine Services located at The Goods Shed in Canterbury is one of only 400 or so people worldwide to have qualified as Master of Wine. He is a Faversham resident and has run several similar events for other local associations all of which have been very informative and entertaining. He will take us through some fun activities and a fair number of samples of very good and interesting wines to train our palates in recognising grape varieties and provenance. Precise details regarding costs, access to and parking near the Purifier Building will be circulated in the next couple of weeks.
- Early to mid-November: FTTA AGM at the Guildhall 6.30 for 7 pm (date to be published later)
- Wednesday 27th November 7 pm: End of year Get-together at Castella:

Relationship with Hazebrouck:

A twinning association was created in Hazebrouck in July 2023 but has taken some time to get off the ground. I am told that it is now finally operational and will meet in early September to decide on projects for the year ahead. I am preparing a list of projects which our committee believe would be mutually beneficial and easy to realise. I will send that list by the end of August to our Hazebrouck partners and will keep you informed of any developments.