



# Hythe Twinning Association

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## Spring 2022 Newsletter

Welcome to the first of our Newsletters for 2022, we hope it finds you well and returning to some sort of normality! Unfortunately, we have to start with the sad news that our Chairman of 3 years, Fred Kirkby, passed away just before Christmas. The funeral was a family affair but there is a memorial service planned later in the year at which you will be able pay your respects. The Association's thoughts are with Hilary and the family, and we have made a donation to the charity nominated by Fred & Hilary, Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis. Taking over from Fred as Chairperson is Shirley Moberly. Shirley has been involved with Twinning for a number of years now and her enthusiasm and fresh ideas will serve the Association well. Kevin Howell, having recently re-joined the committee, will be taking on the role of Vice-Chairman

So, what's the plan for the coming year, our 40th!? Well, the Winter Warmer has just taken place and we have a quiz night with fish & chip supper coming up on March 19th. Travel regulations permitting, we plan to visit Berck in April for the world-renowned Kite Festival. Diary date is April 24th, look out for the booking form. The plan is for all to enjoy some free time among the kites and displays on the seafront, with a meal arranged in Wimereaux on the way back in the evening.

However, the main news is that we celebrate 40 years of Twinning this year! The original Twinning Charters (currently hanging in the Town Hall) were signed in 1980 in Hythe, '81 in Berck and '82 in Poperinge. We went with the last of these when we marked our 20th Anniversary so that set the pattern. There will be a publicity day on July 9th under the Town Hall and an event for members in September/October, type/venue to be decided. We would also like to put together an archive of your memories of Twinning events and trips that you've taken part in over the last 40 years. These would be added to our website and, if we get enough, we may be able to produce a booklet form as well. Do we have any social historians out there willing to get this project rolling? If so, contact Secretary Pat Bell via email:

[bellevue45@gmail.com](mailto:bellevue45@gmail.com). As an additional note on this theme, would anyone like to



volunteer to take photos of our events to help keep a record of what we do and publicise Twinning as we move into our fifth decade of friendship?

Also looming large is the Venetian Fete. Planning has started, so if you want to get involved with creating our entry, contact Kevin on 07552 386039 or [kevin.hythe@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.hythe@gmail.com) . Can you help us achieve a prize again this year? We are looking to induct a couple of new rowers to take the pressure off Mandy & Jude, please form an orderly queue!

There are plans for a boules event, and we have been allocated a boot fair on the Green on July 17th. So, plenty to look forward to. As always, come along to whatever takes your fancy, though we'll always ask for volunteers when we need them!

Salut  
Kevin