

August 2010

Letter from the Chairman

We are looking forward to visiting St Benoit this year. We are going at a slightly different time from normal. It will be the beginning of half term from Friday 21 October— Monday 24 October 2011.

As we are going earlier there is the possibility of going by air from Stanstead to Poitiers. If we can share transport there it should reduce the costs. There is also the option of going by car or rail as well of course.

There should be no other costs apart from the cost of transport, apart from a present for your hosts and any extra you want for souvenirs.

THE PLANNED ST BENOIT VISIT ITINERARY

Friday 21 October -	arrival with a reception at the town hall and then dinner with the hosts .
Saturday 22 October -	a visit in Cognac , visit to a distillery (possibly Rémi Martin), lunch at a restaurant, visit to the city during the afternoon with a guide .
	20.00 h, Concert at the church of Saint-Benoit with Genevieve Usher from Cookham and friends
Sunday 23 October -	Day with the hosts
	Evening, a dinner will be organized together with everyone.

If you would like to visit St Benoit or know anyone else who also might like to come, do let them know and contact **Liz on 01628 525130 liz@cookham.com**. We would love for you to be involved in what should be a really fun weekend.

FRENCH CONVERSATION CLASSES

We usually meet on a Wednesday evening about once a month at 8.00pm and finish around 9.30pm. We try to choose an evening that suits most of us, so the evening can change depending on our commitments. We each pay $\pounds 3.00$ for a class. So far we have raised over $\pounds 200.00$ towards the French visit in October. If you would like to join us please ring Pat on 01628 523067.

Over the three years we have welcomed many new people to our Conversation Class. Thanks go to Pat for being an excellent and most patient teacher. Our French conversation skills are improving and we are having a lot of fun and laughter as well. We are now looking forward to putting these skills into practice when we visit France in October!

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We are looking for new committee members, we do not meet too often and it is very sociable. Twinning is for everyone and is a great opportunity for children and young people to get to know how the French really live.

If you would like to be involved or find out more call Liz on 01628 525130 or e-mail liz@cookham. com.