



## NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2011

### WINE STUDENTS' VISIT May 7-18

This was the last trip of *Gérald Le Pioufle* who is retiring as a teacher but we may hear more of him, as he has business plans involving wine! It is expected that next year's visit will be organised by his colleague *Christine*. Once again, the success of the trip was largely due to the background work put in by *Viv Seward* and *Nicki Jeffries*. The Wine Tasting Evening at Wellsway School was a resounding success, raising £549 for our funds.

### VISITORS FROM LIBOURNE May 27-31

The visit got off to a good start with a welcome reception at the Key Centre. Councillors *Clive Fricker* (Vice Chair of Keynsham Town Council) & *Lisa O'Brien* (the Council's representative on our Committee) were present.

Guests & hosts enjoyed coach trips to Marlborough, Swindon, Ledbury & Chepstow Castle and a BBQ Chez Dando. In between the 'official visits' we enjoyed pancake making; tours of Bristol & area; visits to Chippenham Folk Festival, the American Museum, Lacock, 'open gardens' in Marshfield and much more.

The visit ended with an excellent meal at Cameley Lodge with rousing singing from the Keynsham Youth Theatre.

It was good to meet several new people from Libourne, as recruiting new members is the future of our twinning arrangement.

### AGM. 7 October. 7.30 at St Dunstan's Church Hall

Enclosed is the Agenda & Nomination Papers. Wine and refreshments will be provided, instead of the dinner, which members have enjoyed in recent years. We need sufficient time for 'business', without the pressure of having to halt proceedings at a specific time.

This year, several Committee Office Holders will be standing down: *Julie Stiddard* (President), *Joan Ellison* (Treasurer) and *Sue McCaig* (Secretary). *Margaret Stone* and *Rosemary Pountain* will not be standing for re-election. Consequently there will be many changes. In order to have a strong committee, we would welcome new recruits! Overleaf are some notes about the roles of those standing down:

**Treasurer.** Collects & banks subs and takings from events, pays bills etc; reports to Committee on the state of finances and makes recommendations, when applicable, on expenditure. Extra time, patience, and work involved during exchanges.

**Secretary.** Communicates with others on behalf of the Association. Minutes Committee Meetings & AGMs and sends Membership details of AGM.

**Newsletter Editor & Website Co-ordinator.** (role previously carried out by Secretary). Sue Hopkins is willing to remain on the Committee but would like to find a replacement for this role. It involves liaising with our web designer over web content and writing 3 or 4 Newsletters a year.

## **OTHER NEWS**

**Keynsham Rugby Club** plans to take a group of youngsters on tour in January/February next year. They may be able to arrange a game at Libourne and negotiations are under way.

**Keynsham Orchestra** (a corporate member) holds its next concert, with an American theme, on November 26. (7.30 at St John's Church).