



Tangmere Twinning Association



The Tangmere Twinning Association dates back to 1992 and aims to foster social, cultural and educational links with Hermanville-sur-Mer, a village on the Normandy coast close to Ouistreham where the Portsmouth/Caen ferry docks.

The two villages have much in common, in particular their connections with the Second World War. The magnificent expanses of sandy beach and sea front at Hermanville-la-Brèche played a vital part in the D-Day landings on 6th June 1944, forming part of Sword Beach.

In 1993 charter signing ceremonies were held in Tangmere and Hermanville, and our charter may be seen in the Village Centre. Special events were held in 1994 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the D-Day landings, and in 2004 a group went over for the 60th anniversary, which was also a very special occasion.

We arrange trips where members can stay in each other's homes and enjoy hospitality and learn more about our respective cultures. These trips are great fun, and do not depend on being able to speak French fluently-a little Franglais and some creative sign language go a long way! Many of us have made close friends through the Association and pay regular visits to see each other.

The Association has an active social programme, and this has enabled local people with a French interest to get to know each other. Recently we have held events such as an American Supper, visit to the Planetarium, skittles evening, bowls and croquet.

We welcome new members at any time. Annual subscriptions are £7.50 per person.

13th - 15th May : Visit to Hermanville, in conjunction with visitors from Quebec.

Saturday 30th July : Croquet at Rother Valley Croquet Club, followed by picnic supper.

Saturday 24th September : Games evening and supper

Saturday 10th December : Christmas meal at a member's home

Friday 20th January 2012 : A.G.M., followed by Bring & Share supper

More information is available from our chairman – Phil Nemorin-Noël - 01243 771938.