



## TANGMERE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Tangmere Twinning Association which dates back to 1992 aims to foster social, and cultural 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 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944, forming part of Sword Beach.

The original charter, which may be seen in the Village Centre, was signed in 1993 both in Tangmere and Hermanville. Events commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> and the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the D-Day landings, were very special occasions.

Every year we arrange trips where members stay in each other's homes, enjoy their hospitality and learn more about our respective cultures. An ability to speak French is not required as a little Franglais and some creative sign language goes a long way! Many of us have made lifelong friends through the Association and pay regular visits to see each other.

As you can see the Association has an active social programme, and we also have a French conversation group to improve our communication skills.

New members are welcome at any time. Annual subscriptions are £15 per family, £7.50 per individual. We keep members informed of our activities through a regular newsletter, and our events are also publicised in the Tangmere News.

More information is available from the chairman – Ian Martin 01243 532708

### **Committee**

Chair – Ian Martin  
Secretary – Matt Deeble  
Diane Deeble  
Treasurer – Brian French  
David Poulter  
Richard Smith

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

25 Sept Croquet Evening

13 Dec Progressive Supper

### **Other Links**

[www.hermanvillesurmer.fr](http://www.hermanvillesurmer.fr)  
website (French)