

## PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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*Flashback to the Fun Day in May 2004.*

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**NEWSLETTER**  
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*The new sign at the western end of Presteigne, advertising our twinning connection.*

*We hope new signs will also be erected at the eastern end soon.*

Dear Members and Friends

Welcome to Newsletter 10, and to the new Presteigne town sign displaying our link with Ligné. We hope that the equivalent signs on the opposite side of the town will be in place by the time our friends from Ligné arrive in July.

The third Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on 18 January. The Chairman reported a successful year of which the highlight was the formal twinning ceremony in Presteigne on 1 May. The Treasurer reported that the year had also been successful financially, largely due to generous donations from local organisations and several fundraising events, notably the Three Peaks Walk in April. Membership was healthy with 53 paid-up members at the end of 2004. John Kendall and Elwyn Powell were re-elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. Andrew Duguid was appointed to the new post of Assistant Treasurer.

The next big event will be the Fun Day on Sunday 1 May (not Monday 2 May as reported in the last newsletter). The Chamber of Trade and the PNTA will be organising a wide range of activities for all the family. PNTA members will be providing refreshments in the Scout Hut. Donations of cakes will be welcome; please leave them at Jean's Bakery in Presteigne, or with Ruth Kirkby at Stapleton House, the day beforehand.

The number of visitors arriving on 22 July has now been confirmed at 42, including 12 young people. For most of the visitors it will be their first trip to Presteigne. The programme for the weekend is being finalised and will include: a visit to one or two of the local factories; a working sheepdog display; a discussion morning in the Assembly Rooms; a Saturday night ceilidh; a Food and Plant Fair to include local and French produce; a tour of the Judge's Lodging (a French commentary is now available). Special activities, including sports and music, are being organised for the young people. If you can help with accommodation for one or two French adults or teenagers for three nights from 22 July, please contact Llinos Griffin or Pope on 01544 267437 or 01544 260087 respectively.

The Young Footballers weekend will take place on 23-25 April. 17 young people and 9 adults are coming from France and a full programme has been arranged for them, including a visit to Cardiff to

watch a match and a Sunday night barbecue. Our local rambles are joining Ligné Rando for an outdoor weekend on 5-8 May.

Gardens are in the spotlight this month. Philippe Lepage, the photographer for the Ligné twinning group, is organising an exhibition of garden photographs and invites people in the Presteigne area to send in pictures. Please contact Stephen Wilson on 01544 267428 if you have any photographs you would like to have displayed in the exhibition. The Ligné gardening group are keen to establish contacts and exchanges with their counterparts in Presteigne; please contact PNTA secretary Liz Boyles on 01544 260076 if you are interested. Regular working parties are held to keep the Ligné Garden in Wentes Meadow tidy and helpers are welcome; please look out for appeals in the local press and the newsletter.

We have established a Cercle Français (Beginners and Advanced groups) for PNTA members who would like to improve their French. Please contact Liz Boyles for details. Liz also runs a Club Français for primary schoolchildren in Presteigne.

We have had an appeal from the Liégeard family (two grandparents, two parents and three children) for a house exchange holiday. They have a three-bedroomed house with a large garden, and would like to visit Presteigne in July or August. If you would like to offer your home in exchange for a holiday in Ligné, please contact Liz. We would like to encourage exchanges of all kinds between Presteigne and Ligné, between both individuals and groups.

Finally, the annual Fête du Mouton takes place in Ligné on 10 July, and visitors from Presteigne will be very welcome. According to John and Jenny Kendall, who were there last year, it is a very lively affair. Contact Liz for more details.

For those of you who have not yet received your membership cards for 2005, these are enclosed with this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you at our events during the year.

*Meilleurs amitiés*/best wishes

**Patricia Wilson**