



### Visit to Oignies May 27th to

**31st** Preparations for the visit are well in hand now for 'Le Grand Depart' from Buxton to Oignies. As it stands, there are 32 people booked onto the coach and 14 going by car.

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Like to learn a little French? Come and find out how we can help at a 'Speak French Open Evening'

Wed 20th April at 8 in 'The Cheese' for anyone interested in French conversation, all levels welcome

Watch your emails for more details

**Beetles in Burbage** A hugely successful Beetle Drive took place in February in the Burbage Institute Hall. Following a ticket selling frenzy, nearly 100 beetlers sat down to an excellent meal prepared and served by Derek and members of the committee. Malcolm Bradbury then took to the floor, as beetles do, and conducted events brilliantly. An amazing £714 was raised.

*Frances helps Treasurer Ann to fold hundreds of raffle tickets*



*Chairman Derek dons marigolds for the evening*

*The Beetlemaster, Malcolm explains the rules*



*Participants get down to the serious business of beetle driving.....*



*...and Paul makes sure they keep to time!*

And champion beetlers were ..... Ian and Sue Morris

### High Peak Mayor all set to travel to Oignies

Councillor George Wharmby, already waiting at Buxton Station, will be travelling to France with the Twinning Association in May. He will be accompanied by his wife.



### Help!

If you have any ideas for future events or know anyone who would be interested in joining, please get in touch with any of the committee members (see page 2).

### Welcome to new members

We are very happy to welcome Catrin Davies and Chris Clegg to Friends of Oignies.

# Annual Twinning Association Dinner Dance

April the 9th at Burbage Institute Hall

7.30pm Carriages at 11pm

Dress - strongly recommended

Tickets £15 - selling fast - contact Jane on 01298 24779 or Sue, 01298 22792

## What the Dickens?



Friends of Oignies once again set their stall out on November the 7th for Buxton's Dickensian market. Fortunately the rain held off while helpers trundled dozens of boxes of goods for sale from Jane's cellar to The Dome. The general public very kindly parted with over £200 at the stall.

## October AGM and the new committee.

Many thanks to Jim and Viv who organised a quiz on the evening of the AGM and to Derek who provided an excellent beef stew to keep everyone's energy up. £53 was added to the association's coffers. A new committee was formed and a bouquet and vote of thanks was given to Jane McGrother as outgoing chair.

Chair - Derek Thomas  
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Secretary - Sue Quas-Cohen  
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Treasurer - Anne Johnson

Committee - Ian Calvert, Karen Done, Ian Hamilton, Jane McGrother, Sue Hodgkinson and Jim Marriott.

## Twinnners search for treasure in Buxton

On a fine day in July, with not a cloud or a snowflake to be seen, a convoy of cars set off from Burlington Road. Passengers were given a list of clues and answers could only be found in exact locations. Drivers soon became suitably lost, confused and bewildered but thanks to the map reading skills and intelligence of their passengers, everyone found their way back to The Duke pub



for a well-earned meal and a pint or two. Many thanks to Ted Fell for organising the event - great fun and £25 added to the funds.

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The fancy dress theme for Saturday night in Oignies is "Tenue Chic, Détail choc". This roughly translates as 'dress smart but include a shocking detail'. Try 'googling' *images for tenue chic detail choc* to see a picture gallery of ideas. If you are on the visit, come to Jane's at 10, Burlington Road on Friday May 20th (7pm to 9pm) for up-to-date info about the trip. It's also a chance for new and nearly members to ask questions about what, how and where.



**Buxton Spring Fair** Come and visit the Association's stall. More details coming soon.