

## **The Twin Towns of Witney and Le Touquet Paris Plage - 2016**

The past year was an interesting one with the Touquet celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> year of twinning with the town of Winterberg in Belgium.

The Witney delegation to these festivities included our Chairman Mike Breakell, myself, Tony and the then mayor Chris Holliday , his wife and their three girls.

As always we were received in Le Touquet with great warmth and generosity from the formal celebrations at the Mairie to the wonderful people who hosted us.

Remembrance Day weekend here in November was a success once again thanks to the co-operation of our committee and membership. Meals, concerts and a farewell reception were enjoyed by all.

These two events are documented in our Newsletter thanks to Jenny.

Last month we were advised of the death of Mr. Leonce Deprez from Le Touquet. Mr. Deprez helped create our twinning association with Le Touquet 35 years ago. He was Mayor of Le Touquet for a great many years and a great supporter of our twinning links. A letter of condolence was sent by our Town Hall and delivered to the Deprez family by Kate Madden-Landry for which we are very grateful.

Also in the 'works' is a proposed rally from Le Touquet to Witney scheduled for next year. I will keep the committee informed of any new developments regarding this proposal.

Mrs. Lilyane Lussignol has replaced Mr. Daniel Fesquelle as Mayor of Le Touquet. Mr. Fesquelle is Deputy of the Pas de Calais region in the French General Assembly and still very much involved as a Touquet Councillor but he could no longer hold both offices at the same as he has done in the past, hence the change in Mayors for Le Touquet.

I wish to take this opportunity to personally thank everyone who has made this past twinning year such a successful one.

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