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**Sandgate- Sangatte Twinning Group**

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Notes on meeting of the Sandgate- Sangatte Twinning Group  
held at 1030 on Saturday January 17<sup>th</sup> 2004 in the Heritage Room the Old Fire Station.

Present Mrs Ann Nevill (Chairman), Mrs Margaret Turnill, Mrs Valory Chambers, Mrs June Lowrie, Ms Janet Holben, Mrs Jane McClean, Mr Roger Joyce, Mr John Nevill, Mr Richard Grundy, Lt Comdr Richard Colville  
Apologies for absence Mr John Cutmore, Mr Turnill

1 Mrs Nevill accepted the position of Chairman of the Twinning Group. Ms Holben accepted the position of Public Relations Officer. She has already initiated a web site as part of the Sandgate Website, run by the Sandgate Society.

2 Richard Colville reported that the 12 person delegation to Sangatte on the 9<sup>th</sup> January on the occasion of the Voeux had been well received and he had a letter from Mr Ansell expressing the mayor's appreciation.

3 Mrs Nevill pointed out that a meeting not included in the list of Events as the Brocante on May 8<sup>th</sup> which had appeared on the les Voeux presentation. She thought this might be a good opportunity for traders to show their wares. It appeared to be open air event. More details are required from Sangatte. RFC to follow up.

4 After much discussion it was agreed that we should consider forming a Sandgate-Sangatte twinning Association independent of the Sandgate Society which should allow for both individual and corporate membership, and where applicable we should charge £5 per person for membership. It was suggested that Corporate membership should be available for £20. Where possible the mailing of the Association should double up with that of the Sandgate Society. If there were members of the Twinning association who were not members of the Sandgate Society, the Association should cover the cost of their mailing. It was agreed that mailing details, but not the subject matter, should be handled by Ms Holben. Mailing would also be published on the Sandgate website, which would be available for both Sandgate Society, Sandgate-Sangatte Twinning Association and possibly when formed the Sandgate Parish Council, It was agreed that we should launch the Twinning Association on

5 It was agreed that the June picnic should follow the lines of that held in 2003. Sangatte would be bringing their band. it was suggested that the Girls School orchestra should also be asked to perform. Clearance is needed with SAGA. Fine and hot weather plans are needed

6 The twinning of association of clubs, schools, and similar activities was discussed. Mrs McLean agreed to approach the schools concerning the part they could play (not forgetting Seabrook).

Note Sangatte school contacts M Noel Ecole Jules Ferry, 62231 Bleriot Plage  
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## **Sandgate/Sangatte/Bleriot-PlageTwinning**

The Sandgate Society has encouraged the formation of an independent Committee to represent the Residents and Traders of Sandgate in connection with the ultimate formal Twinning (Jumelage) of Sandgate with Sangatte/Bleriot-Plage.

Formal Twinning, in the truly constitutional sense, cannot happen until we have a Parish Council. (You will know by now that the people of Sandgate voted for a Parish Council in a recent Poll). Until such time that we can pursue these aims, representatives on both sides of the Channel, have been fostering relations on an informal level. Exchanges have taken place over the past year or two, mainly with attendance at the Sangatte "Brocante", but also significantly on the occasion of this year's Armistice Day Commemorative Service and Celebration. The Mayor of Sangatte was received in an official capacity here on 11.11.02, along with other members of the "Conseil d'Administration" (the Council). On the occasion of the French Celebration, an official party was put in the place of honour at the head of an impressive parade, complete with Town Band, and wreaths were placed on the memorials in the British Cemetery. **This was apparently a first.**

Now, the Twinning Committee are taking this initiative on to the next stage. The Conseil d'Administration have been invited to a **Family Picnic** in the **Saga Grounds** on **Sunday 22 June**. We are assured that they will bring a Coach with around 50 people, councillors, Traders, some children including a gifted young musician who will entertain during the afternoon.... The Committee and the Sandgate Society are hoping to ensure that at least the same number of folk from Sandgate are there to share in the day. After a welcome drink at the Pavilion at around 10.30am, we will encourage visitors to explore the delights of Sandgate, in the company of local hosts. This may involve a stroll, a visit to the Tea shop, to The Pub, the shops, or even Gardens since they will be at their best..

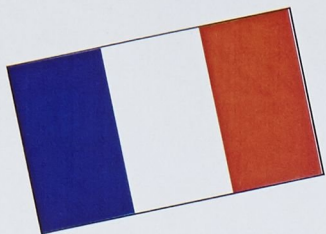
What can the Traders do ? Assuming that you feel there will be a mutual benefit from such an exchange, we would like to suggest the following:

- 1) be open on the day (you may be anyway), and we will supply you with a poster for your window announcing the fact, inviting visitors to browse. A leaflet containing details of all participating Traders will be made available on the day.
- 2) for the eating establishments (all 11 of you), **use the day as a marketplace**. Whilst the picnickers will be lunching together in Saga's grounds, and the French will return to Sangatte at the end of the afternoon, it occurred to us that a small sample of your goods, offered as part of the picnic fare, would achieve several things.. it would be a hospitable gesture, it would introduce your establishment to a potential market, and it engender a good deal of goodwill among your established market.

If you are interested in helping in this way, (some already have), please let the organisers know. (for information, the "eateries" are, in East to West order, La Bougie, The Thai, Gate 28, The Providence, Tastebuddies, The Tea Shop, The Tapas Bar The Ship, The Gurkha Palace, The Sandgate Hotel, and Bar Vasa) Cards would of course be on display.....

- 3) Take advantage of the publicity on the day, as the press will be informed of the programme, dignitaries will be invited, and so will representatives of local organisations. We aim to match interested parties wherever possible in order to grow these relationships.

**For further information, or to make an offer of help, please contact the Twinning Office at**  
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SANDGATE / SANGATTE



11<sup>th</sup> *Twin Fair*  
*Antiques and Bric à Brac*



*Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2012*



Village Hall, Sangatte  
Rue de l'Eglise - Route de Coquelles  
10:00 am - 6:00pm



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