



STATES OF ALDERNEY

Press Release

Alderney-Beaumont Hague Twinning Event 13 & 14 September 2014

The island of Alderney will be the venue this coming weekend for the Twinning event between Alderney and the Normandy town of Beaumont-Hague. The Twinning event was started some 25 years ago by the President of the time, Mr Jon Kay-Mouat, and ever since then, weather and adverse events allowing, a Twinning event has taken place almost every year, either in Alderney or in Beaumont-Hague.

The Twinning event is organised and co-ordinated by the office of the President of the States of Alderney along with the office of the Mayor of Beaumont Hague and this year around 35 French visitors will arrive in Alderney on Saturday morning on a boat especially organised by Manche Iles Express for this twinning weekend.

Most of the “Twinners” have been to Alderney before and already have long established friendships with island people. The French visitors will stay in private homes here on the island and this is generously reciprocated by the French hosts when the Twinning is held in Beaumont Hague. The weekend’s entertainment will include a Hog-Roast dinner with live music on Saturday night.

Also joining us in Alderney for this year’s twinning, is the Mayor of Bayeux, Monsieur Patrick Gomont and his wife Martine. Alderney and Bayeux now have a strong association due to the fact that Alderney’s Tapestry has been on display in Bayeux alongside the original Bayeux Tapestry for the past few months. Alderney’s Tapestry is returning to the island this week and will be on display in the Island Hall for the twinning weekend.

More information on the history of the twinning event is attached.

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