Message from the Chairman - Peter Townend

Christmas Lunch
Thursday 8th December
at
The Red Rose Restaurant
12.30 for 1 pm

REPLY BY 05 DECEMBER.
(menu and reply details enclosed)
Second French student helps JTFL on a placement

For the second consecutive year we were able to host a student from the La Rochelle Business School in France. The students studying on the business course are obliged to undertake a 3 month ‘humacité’ placement in an English speaking country; they must work on tasks which are environmental or humanitarian. Clement, this year’s student chose to come to Jersey as his parents live just across the water in Barneville-Carteret and therefore he was actually working closer to home. He managed to get back across to the Cotentin peninsula for a few weekends during his time in Jersey, and his parents popped across in their boat a couple of times too. Once again we were grateful to JTFL member Enid Gautier for meeting all the accommodation requirements; staying just beside Adelina Wood solved all the transport issues too as this was the location where Clement started and ended work each day!

The partnership with the La Rochelle Business School works well for Jersey Trees for Life as Conrad explained, “It’s useful to have an additional team member during our busy summer months, particularly now that we have so much more hedgerow to maintain following the success of the Jersey Hedgerow Campaign. The business school in La Rochell seems to appreciate the quality of the placement which is offered too.

Clement had to complete a report at the conclusion of his placement, and there are several revealing reflections:

“I am now aware that if everybody was involved in a small way in sustainable development in order to fight against pollution, it is the planet that wins and it is future generations that we help” and in conclusion he states, “The past twelve weeks working for Jersey Trees for Life were extremely constructive. In fact, I did not expect that the humacité experience could have such an important impact on my personal and professional development.”

Jersey Trees for Life certainly hopes that entente cordiale continues into 2012!
It was very pleasing to be invited back into Bel Royal school to see how some of the acorns planted by the pupils the previous year had germinated and grown. During the sowing activity they had planted a variety of seeds, mainly acorns, sweet chestnuts and horse chestnuts. It was interesting that despite the speedier germination of the horse chestnuts, as Frances Le Sueur is quoted as finding, they didn’t readily survive to become the size of saplings here in Jersey.

The school will keep the oaks and hopefully in a couple of years time donate them to plant in our Jersey Hedgerow Campaign.
We are delighted to announce that many people have purchased tickets for the quilt produced by those crafty ladies at Caesarea Quilter’s which was photographed in the previous issue. There isn’t much longer to wait as the draw will be made at Trinity Parish Hall on Monday November 21st. Good luck to all who have purchased tickets.

**Dates for the Diary!**

**November**
- 19th & 20th November
- DSI Investigation at Adelina Wood
- 26th November - 4th December
  - National Tree Week

**December**
- Thursday 8th December
  - CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
  - @ The Red Rose Restaurant
  - At 12.30pm

**2012 (75th Anniversary Year)**
- AGM: Thursday July 26th
- Christmas Luncheon: Thursday 6th December

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We would respectfully like to remind our members that on 1st January 2012 membership renewal is due. Consequently we request all members who pay by cheque to send us their payment of £25, made payable to Jersey Trees for Life.

Standing order subscribers should also check that the correct payment of £25 is scheduled to be made in the New Year. Please contact 857611 if a new standing order form is required.

**Deeds of Covenant:**
Do you have a Deed of Covenant in force?
You can help us even more by signing a Deed of Covenant which will enable us to benefit from a tax refund of 20%.

**Members pay nothing extra.**

Donations:
We are extremely grateful to the following people who have given additional financial support since the publication of our last newsletter: A big thank you to all.

DSI Investigation comes to Adelina Wood

Don’t forget your 10% discount on labour when employing our services; if you’ve been a member for 2 years!

Your committee:
- Chairman: Peter Townend
- Vice-Chairman: Peter Norman
- Secretary: Anne Haden
- Treasurer: Peter Beamish

Other members: Jon Dyson, Sally Fillieul, Jonathan Le Maistre, Mike Felton, Conrad Evans (Ex-Officio) Michel Morel (Ex-Officio)

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