



St Jean Brévelay is a rural community in the heart of the beautiful countryside of southern Brittany, 23 miles north of Vannes.



If you would like further information about the Association and how to join, then please look at our website

www.botley.com/twinning

where there are more contact details and also a downloadable application form, should you wish to join immediately.



You can also email us on:
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LA CLAIE SANS FRONTIERES



Botley



St Jean Brévelay



The Association started in 1994 when golfers from Botley and St Jean Brévelay found themselves discussing the subject of twinning between the UK and France. From this, the links between the two villages were formed and in May 1997 the Twinning Charter was officially signed.



**The villages in
"La Claie Sans Frontières"**

**St Jean
Brévelay**



Billio



Plumelec



Buléon



Bignan



Guéhenno



**St
Allouestre**



Plaudren



St Jean Brévelay is the principal village. The whole area is mainly agricultural, with open countryside,

large forests and a picturesque landscape. The combined population of the 8 villages in the canton is about the same as Botley Parish.



The aims of the Association are to develop links between individuals, families and our young people, in order to promote an increased understanding of our respective cultures. While improving our language skills can be a bonus, being able to speak French is not a necessity.



We are a friendly Association and throughout each year we organise social events to have fun and to raise funds. Our Quiz Night, our Garden Party and various special event evenings are open to anyone but our members benefit from reduced ticket prices. We also run a monthly draw, the "Jumelage" (twinning in French!).



The Botley Twinning Association currently has about 70 members and although not all of those choose to take part in our exchange visits, for most this is the main reason for joining. Over the years links have been made between the Botley Firefighters and the 'Pompiers' from St Jean and with Botley School. Many families have made long-lasting friendships with their "Twin" family, visiting or hosting them independently from our annual trips. We have developed a real affection for "our" special corner of Brittany and look forward to each opportunity to enjoy their excellent hospitality, good food and of course, their cider!

