



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### WINE TASTING AND SUPPER

Friday, 20 February at Alton Maltings,  
6.30pm for 7pm, £20.

To book: please contact Sarah at  
[sarahandpatric@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarahandpatric@yahoo.co.uk)  
Friends are welcome.

#### QUIZ

Wednesday, 25 March at Alton Maltings.

Friends are welcome. More details to follow.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 27 April at Alton Maltings.

More details to follow.

#### VISIT FROM PERTUIS

Thursday, 21 – Monday, 25 May

Programme:

Friday Morning - Mayor's Reception

Evening - Bring & Share supper at Beech  
Village Hall

Saturday – Group excursion

Sunday Daytime – With hosts

Evening - Dinner at the Rose & Crown



#### FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP

The French conversation group restarted in October last year. There are 11 participants and we are meeting monthly in different homes.

The topics of conversation so far have been:

- Visits around Pertuis and other places at home or abroad.
- Hobbies past and present.
- Christmas in days gone by.

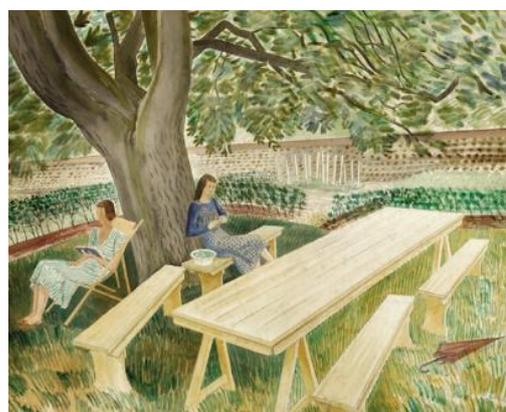
It's been interesting to get to know our fellow twinningers better.

#### WINE, CHEESE .... AND ART

Talk by Rob Smith: The story of the Great  
Bardfield artists



Around 30 members gathered at Alton Maltings on Friday 21st November to hear ATTA member Rob Smith give a very interesting talk about the wide range of highly talented artists and creative people who made the small Essex village of Great Bardfield their home from the 1930s to the 1970s. Eric Ravilious and Edward Bawden and their talented wives were the first to arrive and during the 1950s, visitors came from far and wide to several 'Open Days' to see the various artists' work in their own homes. These proved almost too popular!



1932 painting by Eric Ravilious

After the talk, members enjoyed a convivial evening together, over cheese and wine. It was very cold outside, but there was a very warm welcome inside.

## NEW YEAR LUNCH

On Sunday, 4 January, for our first social event of 2026, we returned to the White Hart in Holybourne for our annual New Year Lunch. After a welcoming drink of prosecco, we sat down to lunch and, once again, the meal and service were excellent – as was the company!



Between courses, Merula spoke about our upcoming events.

We look forward to seeing you at our gatherings in the coming months.

With our very best wishes for 2026, the ATTA Committee