

# POTTERS BAR TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Twinned with Viernheim & Franconville

## NEWSLETTER - April 2008

### Diary Dates

30<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008

27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2008

25<sup>th</sup> July 2008

10<sup>th</sup> August 2008

5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008

26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2008

3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October 2008

10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008

30<sup>th</sup> October 2008

November 2008

21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2008

14<sup>th</sup> December 2008

Annual Trip to Viernheim 10 Invited

Twining Weekend in Potters Bar - 15F & 15V

Hatfield Open Air Concert

Summer Lunch at the Dawes

Innenstadtfest – 10 Invited

Day in Cambridge 6F & 6V

Autumn Weekend in Franconville – 10 Invited

New Wine in the Pfalz – 6-8 Invited

Gilbert & Sullivan Evening

Joint Function with Petanque Club

Conference in Franconville

Annual Christmas Warm Up

Please note that membership subscriptions were due on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008 single membership is **£6.00** per person and for families is **£10.00**. Please forward your cheques made payable to *Potters Bar Town Twining Association* to the Treasurer, ***Elaine Marsh, 112 Park Avenue, Potters Bar, EN6 5EL***

### Twining Weekend

#### Potters Bar 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2008

The Plans for the Town Twining weekend are now well advanced. Saturday we have arranged for a trip by coach from Potters Bar to The Tower of London, and an evening dinner dance at the Northaw Village Hall at 8:00pm. The usual Sunday Twining Ceremonies will follow the Church Service, to which we welcome all members, will be held at 10:00am at St. Marys Church in the Walk, Potters Bar, followed by a buffet lunch. There may be a possibility of some spare seats for the Saturday trip, likewise for the evening supper, for anyone who is not hosting, but there will be a

charge for these which you will be advised of in due course. ***Do not forget to put this date in your diary and if you can host please contact Iris.*** If you would like to attend any of the weekend's activities please contact Elaine 01707 659871 for details.

### Annual Trip to Viernheim

#### 30<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008

10 Members have been invited to Viernheim for their annual May/June weekend. Anyone interested in the weekend please contact David Collins, tel: 020 8482 2534 so that hosting arrangements can be made.

## **Hatfield Open Air Concert Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

The Hatfield Open Air Concert will include a Napoleonic Cavalry Charge and Infantry displays followed by a Gun Salute with a music programme of moving classic Military Music, if interested please contact Renee Gallop telephone number 01707 264338 **urgently**, as we have to make a group booking as soon as possible. Tickets are £25.00 per person.

## **Summer Lunch at the Dawes 10<sup>th</sup> August 2008**

Once again Theresa and Chris Dawes are holding the Summer Lunch at their home, 1a Mount Grace Road, Potters Bar from 12:30 to 3:30pm. (Bring your own drinks). Please contact Elaine (01707 659871) to secure your place for this very popular event. Cost £7.00 per person.

## **Innenstadfest 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

Marcia and John Munday have again agreed to organize this. The successful running of our stall depends partly on the number of members who participate. We could do with another four people. Please contact the Mundays as soon as possible on 01707 658887 if you can give your support and would like to take part in this busy but very enjoyable weekend.

## **Day In Cambridge 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September**

We have invited 6 from Franconville and 6 From Vienheim to join us for a day in Cambridge, details of the trip to be announced in the next Newsletter.

**Members wishing to attend any event must book and pay before attending the event.**

## **Reports on Recent Events**

### **Annual General Meeting 10th March 2008**

The meeting was attended by approx 40 members of the association and it was held at the Lower Floor, The Wylyotts Centre. Potters Bar at 8.00 p.m. in the presence of The Mayoress Jane Saunders.

It was a very good meeting and please find listed the Officers and Committee members elected at the meeting.

Chairman	David Collins
Vice Chairman/Treasurer	Elaine Marsh
Membership Secretary	Elaine Marsh
Minutes Secretary/Accommodation	Iris Ford
Admin Secretary	Myra Robinson
Deputy Social	Kate Ringham
Press/Publicity	Honey Lockwood
Committee Members	

Chris Dawes, Keith Dyall, Renee & John Gallop, Chris Morgan-Gray, Rev. Peter Bevan

The committee's thanks to all who attended the meeting which ended with a social gathering.

Unfortunately due to lack of response we had to cancel the Themed Party and European Picnic.

### **Sunday Lunch – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2008.**

Due to unforeseen problems we had to rearrange at the last minute to the Builders Arms. 13 members attended, including a new member, all who attended had an excellent meal with good conversation.

### **Spring Weekend in Franconville – 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008.**

9 members journeyed by Eurostar or car to Franconville for their annual spring weekend. On arrival we were warmly greeted by our hosts, the new President of Rencontres, Jean Pierre Clavier, and other members at the home of Jean Louis and Annette Depeinte. Friday evening was then spent with our hosts. Meeting early at Franconville station on Saturday morning, we travelled into Paris by train and metro and at Parc de la Villette we embarked 'en bateau' for a fascinating trip down the Canal Saint-Martin. This



leisurely cruise of over two hours took us through 4 sets of locks, 2 turn bridges and an extremely long tunnel under the streets of Paris (shades of 'Les Mis' !) and the site of the Bastille. We emerged into daylight at the Port de Plaisance, Paris Arsenal.

After a short metro ride we were treated to lunch at Les Noces de Jeanette and then walked to the Opera Garnier (of 'Phantom of the Opera' fame). Here we had a guided tour of

this opulent building, but sadly were not able to see the auditorium with the Chigale ceiling, as there was a rehearsal in progress.

In the evening many of the group met at the Italian restaurant by the sports centre. Others enjoyed a dinner party at the home of one of the hosts. Sunday morning was spent en famille before most of the party had to say au revoir to Franconville mid afternoon. Our thanks to Rencontres for a very interesting weekend.



Marcia Munday

## OBITUARY

### **Stan Watts 12-5-1920 to 6-3-2008**

Stan went to school in Totteridge and on leaving school at the age of 14 began work as an apprentice engineer with the GPO telephones.

Stan loved music and learned to play the Mandolin and the Banjo and at 18 he acquired his first accordion and started his jam sessions and going on to form a dance band. During the war he served with the Royal Signals. He met Pearl in 1942 and was married in September 1944. After being demobbed in 1946 and went back to the GPO where he continued to his retirement in 1980 where he became an executive engineer after 40 years of service.

Stan joined the Potters Bar Town Twinning Association in the late 70's and took an active part with Pearl in many events until his stroke in April 1994. This did not stop him and he made trips abroad with the Association in spite of his disability. Stan played in the orchestra with George Miles who was with him when he had his first stroke. Stan also composed a piece of music called Riverside Idle, which was played as mourners left the church.

Stan enjoyed a long and happy life with Pearl and they had their Diamond wedding anniversary in September 2004. He will be much missed by his many friends.

Len Harvey

**Don't forget to visit our web site for up-to-date news and photographs of latest trips [www.twinninginpottersbar.co.uk](http://www.twinninginpottersbar.co.uk)**

***If any member has any articles relating to Town Twinning please send them to Elaine or David ([david@davidcollins.co.uk](mailto:david@davidcollins.co.uk)) so that they can be included either on our web site or in future newsletters.***

***Also if you can receive our Newsletters by e-mail please send your e-mail address to ([david@davidcollins.co.uk](mailto:david@davidcollins.co.uk))***

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