

POTTERS BAR TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Twinned with Viernheim & Franconville

NEWSLETTER - December 2007/January 2008

***Wishing all our Members and Friends
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year***

Diary Dates

16 th February 2008	Themed Party
10 th March 2008	Annual General Meeting
16 th March 2008	European Picnic
6 th April 2008	Sunday Lunch at The Old Guinea, Ridge
11 th – 14 th April 2008	Spring Weekend of Rencontres – 10 Invited
30 th May – 2 nd June 2008	Annual Trip to Viernheim 10 Invited
27 th – 29 th June 2008	Twinning Weekend in Potters Bar - 15F & 15V
July 2008	Hatfield Open Air Concert
August 2008	Summer Lunch at the Dawes
5 th – 8 th September 2008	Innenstadtfest – 10 Invited
26 th – 28 th September 2008	Day in Cambridge or St Albans Beer Festival 6F & 6V
3 rd – 6 th October 2008	Autumn's Weekend in Franconville – 10 Invited
10 th – 13 th October 2008	New Wine in the Pfalz – 6-8 Invited
30 th October 2008	Gilbert & Sullivan Evening
November 2008	Joint Function with Petanque Club
21 st – 23 rd November 2008	Conference in Franconville
14 th December 2008	Annual Christmas Warm Up

Please note that membership subscriptions are due on the 1st 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 Twinning Association* to the Treasurer, ***Elaine Marsh, 112 Park Avenue, Potters Bar, EN6 5EL***

Themed Party 16th February 2008

The themed party will be based on travel, don't forget to bring your passport, there may be duty free, travel snacks provided. Fare £5.00. Take off 7:30pm from runway 19, Trewenna Drive Potters Bar, To obtain your travel tickets, phone Air Stewardess Iris, tel: 01707 650105.

Annual General Meeting Tuesday 10th March 2007

To be held at the Lower Ground Floor Wylyotts at 7:30 for 8:00pm start. We would be pleased to see as many members as possible.

European Picnic 16th March 2008

Elaine Marsh has offered to hold a European Picnic at her home. The cost will be £5.00 per person at 12:30pm. As numbers are limited it will be on a first come first served basis so please book early so as not to be disappointed. Please send cheques made payable to "Potters Bar Town Twinning Association" to Elaine Marsh, 112 Park Avenue, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5EL, tel: 01707 659871. We are sure it will be a very enjoyable event.

Twinning Weekend Potters Bar 27th – 29th June 2008

The Plans for the Town Twinning weekend are now well advanced with plans for the whole weekend, with the usual Sunday ceremonies followed by 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. There will be a charge 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.***

Any members wishing to attend any event must book and pay before attending the event.

The Life of Reg Parker 17th August 1929 – 22nd November 2007

Sadly we have to report the loss of one of our members, Reg Parker, who passed away on the 22nd November 2007. He had been very unwell and suffered for the last couple of years.

The funeral took place on Tuesday 4th December at Enfield Crematorium, where many of his family and friends gathered to pay their last respects including two members of the Town Twinning Association Committee. It was a very warm and touching service.

Reg and his wife Dot have been members of the Twinning Association for many years. Often he would provide the Music and Dancing at our various functions. His "touch of humour" travelling on the coach journeys to Franconville and Viernheim with his music and Tin Whistle always kept us happy with laughter.

For many years Reg had been organising and enjoying classes for both Line and Ballroom Dancing at the Hatfield Leisure Centre. He was a member of the Welwyn / Hatfield U.3.A, where again he took an active part for several years. He had arranged an annual holiday at the Pontins Holiday Camp for the U.3.A members and their families. Reg and Dot took pride in taking their grandchildren also.

A wonderful life for his family's memories.

Reg will be missed by so many. Our thoughts go out to Dot and her family with the hope that she will continue to join us in the Town Twinning Association very soon.

Honey Lockwood

Reports on Recent Events

Conference Weekend - 17th – 18th November 2007



Threats of rail strikes thought German and France gave the committee grave concerns that the conference would be carried out without the German delegation. Lucky both the French and German delegation arrived together on time via the new Eurostar terminal at St Pancras Station.

The conference was held on the Saturday Morning chaired by the Mayor of Hertsmere Martin Saunders. All three towns discussed partnerships in Education, Youth, Culture,

Sport and social diary events for the coming year. The discussions were all interesting and informative with a full programme arranged for the next year.

This was followed by a luncheon where we continued to exchange views.

Chairman



Christmas Warm Up – 16th December 2007.

Once again we held our annual Christmas Warm Up. 33 members attended to meet one another to exchange greetings and spread some Christmas cheer. We were greeted with a warm glass of Mulled Wine and then treated to a light lunch of baked potatoes with various toppings, mince pies and cream excellently provided by Kate and her team.

Don't forget to visit our web site for up-to-date news and photographs of latest trips 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) 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)

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