

POTTERS BAR TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Twinned with Viernheim & Franconville

NEWSLETTER - January 2007

Wishing Every Member a Happy New Year

Diary Dates

24 th January 2007	Petanque AGM – Lower Floor Wyllyotts
13 th March 2007	A.G.M. – Wyllyotts – Lower Floor Wyllyotts
25 th March 2007	At Home with the Gallop's
5 th – 6 th May 2007	Proposed Petanque Bipartite Match in Franconville
5 th – 7 th May 2007	Badminton Tournament in Viernheim
11 th -13 th May 2007	Town Twinning Weekend in Viernheim
1 st – 3 rd June 2007	Tourist Weekend in Franconville – Plus Activities for Senior Citizens
15 th – 17 June 2007	Visit to London's Murky Past, Franconville & Viernheim Invited
29 th June – 2 nd July 2007	Annual Trip to Viernheim
July 2007	Ploughman's Lunch at Elaine's
August 2007	Garden Party at the Dawes
31 st August – 2 nd Sept 2007	Innenstadfest
September 2007	Visit to Stockwood (Craft Exhibition)
12 th – 14 th October	Day in London, Franconville & Viernheim Invited
19 th – 21 st October 2007	New Wine in Pflaz – Viernheim
17 th – 18 th November 2007	Conference Weekend – Potters Bar
December 2007	Annual Christmas Warm UP

Annual General Meeting Tuesday 13th March 2007

To be held at the Lower Ground Floor Wyllyotts at 8:00pm sharp. Please return your nominations to Iris Ford.

At Home with the Gallop's 25th March 2007

John and Rene Gallop have offered to hold another lunch at their home. 12 Wood Close, Hatfield, Herts AL10 8TY. The cost will be £2.50 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 as enjoyable as the last time.

Twinning Celebrations in Viernheim 11th – 13th May 2007

Viernheim have invited 25 people plus 8 young people, 14-17 year old, with 2 chaperones. Does anyone know of any young organisations we may be able to approach? We will travel Friday and return Monday. We have 16 names at present to travel as a group. We have a price of a Luxury Coach which we will use but need more bottoms on seats to make it viable. We need to know as soon as possible the

people wishing to travel as we need names to enable us to book the coach, please contact Elaine on 01707 659871.

Innenstadfest 31st August 2007– 2nd September 2007

We have this year been invited to 1 trip to Franconville and 4 to Viernheim. To enable us to arrange the travel in the best and most economical method we need commitment as early as possible. Please contact David Collins, Tel: 020 8482 2534, as soon as possible as spaces are limited.

Please note that membership subscriptions are due on the 1st January 2007 and as agreed at the last A.G.M. 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 *Chris Morgan-Grey 50 Shillitoe Avenue, Potters Bar, Herts, EN6 3HG*.

Reports on Recent Events

Conference Weekend - 24th - 26th November 2006



In November 2006 as Mayor of Hertsmere I was very pleased to receive an invitation to visit Viernheim as part of the Twin Town Conference. My wife and I looking forward to our first visit. We stayed with our hosts in the town, the weekend was very busy with a full agenda. During the morning of the conference Jean and I had a very frank and interesting meeting with the Mayor exchanging knowledge and views in the way our different Councils function. The ideas and aspirations of Potters Bars Twin Towns, Viernheim and Franconville, were at the forefront of our meeting. Our Hosts took us on a tour of Viernheim and we sat talking about our Towns until the early hours of the morning. Plans have been made for the forth coming year to strengthen the links between our Towns. In March this year I have the honour of welcoming the Mayor of Viernheim and Deputy Mayor of Franconville to my Civic Dinner, and in May one of my last duties, is to return to Viernheim to their celebrations. It was a wonderful weekend and my thanks go to Potters Bar Town Twinning Association and everyone who organized this excellent weekend.

Martin Heywood, Mayor of Hertsmere.



Christmas Warm Up - 10th December 2006

Once again we held our annual Christmas Warm Up. 35 members attended to meet one another to exchange greetings and spread some Christmas cheer. We were treated to a light lunch of home made vegetable and minestrone soups followed by a cold buffet 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 into Elaine or David (david@davidcollins.co.uk) so that they can be included either on our web site or in future news letters.

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