

POTTERS BAR TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Twinned with Viernheim & Franconville

NEWSLETTER - July 2008

Diary Dates

10th August 2008

5th – 8th September 2008

26th – 28th September 2008

3rd – 6th October 2008

10th – 13th October 2008

30th October 2008

21st – 23rd November 2008

14th December 2008

Summer Lunch at the Dawes

Innenstadtfest – 10 Invited

Churchill Museum

Autumn Weekend in Franconville – 10 Invited

New Wine in the Pfalz – 6-8 Invited

Gilbert & Sullivan Evening

Conference in Franconville

Annual Christmas Warm Up

Summer Lunch at the Dawes 10th 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.

Innenstadtfest 5th -8th 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 and we now have team of 7 who look forward to taking part in this busy but very enjoyable weekend.

Churchill Museum and Cabinet War Rooms - 26th – 28th September

We have 7 friends from Franconville visiting us for

this weekend. If anyone would like to host please contact Iris Ford 01707 650105.

If any member would like to join us for the visit please contact David. Tel: 020 8482 2534
Please note this a change of venue.

Autumn Weekend in Franconville 3rd -6th October 2008

10 members from Potters Bar have been invited for a visit to Pontoise and Cergy. Anyone interested in this trip please contact David, tel: 020 8482 2534 as soon as possible.

New Wine in the Pfalz 10th – 13th October 2008

We have been invited by Viernheim for the New Wine in the Pfalz. Anyone interested in this trip please contact David, tel: 020 8482 2534 as soon as possible.

Gilbert and Sullivan Evening 30th October 2008

We have arranged for a Gilbert and Sullivan appreciation evening starting at 7:30pm in the Lower Hall The Wylyotts Centre. Cost per person including refreshments £5.50. Please contact

Elaine, tel: 01707 659871, no later than 15th October to secure your place.

Members wishing to attend any event must book and pay beforehand.

Reports on Recent Events

Annual Trip to Viernheim 30th May – 2nd June 2008

Elaine and I set out at the unearthly time of 3:30am to catch a 6:00am ferry to drive down to Viernheim. The journey seemed to go on and on but we arrived in good time to have our usual warm and friendly welcome by our hosts.



We all meet with our friends from Franconville outside the Bürgerhaus for a coach trip to Würzburg. It was lunchtime when we arrived on the outskirts of the town and we stopped for a typical Viernheim picnic lunch which was held in a sports club. After lunch we went on a tram ride through the town where a guide gave a lot of information about the history of the town. Unfortunately this was all in German but

luckily was translated by Lisa Mandel. After the tram ride we were free to see the town on our own. One the way back we stopped at the Adler Brauereigasthof hotel for an evening meal and then back to Viernheim

Sunday was spent relaxing with our hosts ending up in the evening in the Italian restaurant with members of the Englisher Club.

David

Twinning Weekend 27th – 30th June

The weekend began, as usual, with a Welcome Drink at the Wylyotts Centre and after a few words of welcome from David, we all took our guests home for a rest, a meal and the chance to make new friendships or resume established ones. Gill and I have shared our home with the Hofmanns (and they have shared theirs with us too) for nearly twenty years and, I know that many others in Potters Bar, Franconville and Viernheim have shared their homes for even longer. Isn't this the true purpose of Twinning?

On Saturday, we travelled to The Tower of London and the journey included a ride along The Embankment which enabled our guests to see The London Eye as well as some of the more familiar sights. The Eye was of great interest and, perhaps, a ride on it should feature in a future programme. It doesn't seem to matter how many times one goes to London; the views of the Parliament buildings, Westminster Abbey, Tower Bridge, The Tower of London and, in the background, the city skyline are all so evocative; and they all looked wonderful in the sunshine.

In The Tower, we used the Audio Guides which were informative and so well presented and, of course, spoken in the appropriate language. The Beefeaters and the characters in period costume provided extra interest. The highlight, as ever, was The Crown Jewels.



In the evening, we all enjoyed a meal with musical accompaniment at Northaw Village Hall.

On Sunday, the Service at St. Mary's included Lessons read by Jean-Pierre Clavier and Wolfgang Hofmann and afterwards, the Twinning Ceremony was held in the church. Speeches were made by the Mayor of Hertsmere, Councillor Sandra Parnell, and by Alda Bauge and Hedi Fraas. (I heard talk of International Girl Power!) We were treated to some fine solo musical performances and also entertained by the excellent Capital Arts Choir. After a buffet lunch in St. Mary's church hall, it was time for the French guests to leave and we bade them a fond farewell.

Those of us with German guests began to notice a degree of anxiety creeping incould it be something to do with a certain football match that evening? We had a relaxing afternoon in the garden, then a barbecue whilst keeping half an eye on the television. All to no avail, as far as the German football team was concerned (but at least they were in it!)

All too soon the Monday morning alarm was ringing and our German guests departed from Wyllyotts. Another Twinning Weekend was over and our thanks go to David and Elaine and the rest of the committee for a great weekend.

Martin Wiley

OBITUARY

Eileen Hearnshaw 12th June 1929 – 12th May 2008

Eileen and her husband John moved into a new house in Potters Bar in 1957. Unfortunately John died in 1973 leaving four young children.

Eileen worked in a nursery school run by her friend, and then, when the children were older, joined the Legal & General Company as an Actuary.

Eileen was very energetic, and she joined the Petanque Club who played at that time at Northaw, which was part of the Town Twinning Association. She participated in the social side of the Town Twinning Association and hosted visitors from Franconville and Viernheim for many years.

She also belonged to The Ramblers, Pegasus and played bridge. Eileen was a staunch member of the Women's Institute and was elected president several times. She was also member of the Causeway Chapel and was a member of a local gym where she did aqua aerobics.

Eileen and her children were a happy family and were very close to her sister and family who lived on the Isle of Wight where many happy holidays were spent.

Eileen will be sadly missed by her family and many friends.

Myra Robinson

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