

POTTERS BAR TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Twinned with Viernheim & Franconville

NEWSLETTER - March 2011

There are some members who have not yet paid their subscription, please can they forward to the Treasurer Elaine at 112 Park Avenue. P.Bar. EN6 5EL. As soon as possible.

Diary Dates 2011

15 th – 17 th April 2011	Cultural Visit to Franconville
15 th - May 2011	Minibus Outing to Southend
20 th – 23 rd May 2011	Annual Excursion to Englischer Club in Viernheim – 10 members invited
10 th – 12 th June 2011	Tripartite Twinning Ceremony In Potters Bar - 10 V & 10F Invited
24 th - July 2011	Cream Tea on the River Lee
8 th – 10 th July 2011	Barbeque in Viernheim – 6 members invited
7 th August 2011	Lunch at Lynda's
September 2011	Outing to Houghton Hall and Ely(Date to be advised)
25 th September 2011	The Great Wall of China.
30 th Sept – 3 rd Oct 2011	Trip to the Pfalz, Viernheim – 8 members invited
October 2011	Outing to Bletchley House (Date to be advised)
1 st – 2 nd October 2011	Invited to take part in "3F" Fair in Franconville - 6 invited
18 th -20 th November 2011	Conference in Franconville
4 th -5 th December 2011	Invitation to Franconville for Christmas Fair.
11 th December 2011	Christmas Warm Up.

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

13th February 2011

The Great Wall of China

Unfortunately the event has been postponed until 25th September 2011 and will be combined with the Ploughman's Lunch. Venue and price can be obtained from Elaine on 01707 659871

15th -17th April 2011

Cultural Visit to Franconville

6 members will be travelling to Franconville for this cultural event.

25th May 2011

Minibus Outing.

We are organising an enjoyable day trip to Southend. Costs to be advised. Please contact David on 020 8482 2534 as the places will be limited.

20th May 2011

Annual Englischer Club Excursion.

10 Members have been invited to visit Viernheim for this Excursion. Please contract Lynda on 01707 644805.

10th -12th June 2011

Twinning Weekend in Potters Bar.

Please keep these dates free and meet with our visitors. If you are unable to host and would like to join us on Saturday's visit to Hever Castle please contact Elaine 01707 659871 for price and details as places will be limited.

Sunday July 24th 2011

Cream Tea on the River Lee.

This is a 2 hour cruise along the River Lee.
£11.00 per person and leaves at 3.00p.m. from
Broxbourne. Anyone interested please contact

Elaine on 01707 659871. Only 12 places booked
as it will be first come first served basis.

Reports on Recent Events

Sunday Pub Lunch – 16th January 2011

Elaine organised a Sunday Pub Lunch at the Builders Arms 13 member attended. We all enjoyed good food and good company.

Annual General Meeting – 7th March 2011

We held our Annual General meeting on 7th March 2011, chaired by Mayor Cllr Linda Silver.

Elections were held and the following members were re-elected.

Chairperson	Lynda Armsby
Vice Chairman	Elaine Marsh
Treasurer/Membership Secretary	Elaine Marsh
Secretary	David Collins
Accommodation Officer	Iris Ford
Election of Committee Members	Keith Dyall, Renee Gallop, John Gallop, Alex Bedwell, Chris Morgan-Gray & Kate Ringham.

Chairman's Report.

Good Evening, Madam Mayor, ladies and gentlemen and thank you all for attending our AGM and also thanks to our Mayor, Linda Silver for agreeing to chair our meeting.

We have had a busy and enjoyable year, starting with a hectic Twinning ceremony in Viernheim attended by several of our members, thanks to David, who drove us there in the minibus. In November, the annual tripartite conference was held in the Council offices in Borehamwood, and I should like to thank our delegates who, through their hard work and attention to details, managed to create a relaxed and friendly atmosphere which stimulated many interesting discussions. We had a most enjoyable and lively post conference dinner in the Old Manor, organised by Elaine and attended by all the conference delegates including our Mayor Linda Silver and her husband. A big thank you to Elaine for a wonderful evening.

There have been many school and scout exchanges during the year, in fact a party of school children are due to come over from the Jean Monnet Lycee in Franconville to Dame Alice Owens later this month. I know Alex Bedwell, one of our committee members and a scout leader has several international camps planned this year, one of which will take place at Tolmers at Easter. Thank you to Alex for the sterling work he does to promote Town Twinning amongst the younger generation, which of course is vital to the future of our association. Looking to the future, we are hoping to extend school exchanges to other educational establishments in Potters Bar and Franconville which will be discussed at a meeting to be held later this month between members of our association, Mount Grace School, and Maud Cattan, school liaison Officer of Rencontres in Franconville.

Finally I should like to thank, on behalf of us all, our officers and committee members who have worked so hard for Town Twinning throughout the year.

If you are able to host for the events in Potters Bar, please contact Iris Ford on 01707 650105

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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