

POTTERS BAR TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Twinned with Viernheim & Franconville

NEWSLETTER - March 2010

Please note that membership subscriptions were due on the 1st January 2009. Single membership is £6.00 and for a family £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**

Diary Dates

9 th -12 th April 2010	Visit to Franconville
23 rd – 25 th April 2010	Audley End & Saffron Walden
7 th – 10 th May 2010	Twinning Weekend in Viernheim
12 th June 2010	Picnic in Viernheim
4 th July 2010	Sunday Lunch on the River Lee
9 th – 12 th July 2010	Barbecue Weekend in Viernheim
25 th July 2010	Summer Lunch @ Lynda's Home
22 nd August 2010	Afternoon Tea @ Elaine's
3 rd – 6 th September 2010	Innenstadtfest
25 th September 2010	Themed Evening
8 th – 11 th October 2010	Trip to the Pfalz in Viernheim
15 th -17 th October 2010	Trip to Franconville
19 th -21st November 2010	Conference in Potters Bar
5 th December 2010	Early Christmas Warm Up

8th March 2010

Annual General Meeting

The result of the election at the AGM are-

Chairperson	Lynda Armsby
Deputy Chairperson	Elaine Marsh
Secretary	David Collins
Treasurer	Elaine Marsh
Deputy Social	Kate Ringham
Publicity	Honey Lockwood

Accommodation Iris Ford

Committee, Renee and John Gallop, Chris Morgan-Gray, Keith Dyall, Alex Bedwell.

8th – 10th April

Visit to Franconville

Franconville has invited 6-8 people to join them for the weekend. No details have as yet been advised. If you are interested in this weekend please contact David, tel: 020 8482 2534,

23rd – 25th April 2010

Audley End & Saffron Walden

We are expecting 6 visitors from Franconville during this week end and are planning to take them to visit the house and gardens at Audley End and then on to look round the delightful old market town of Saffron Walden. If anyone is interested in joining the trip, please contact Lynda on 01707 644805.

7th – 10th May 2010

Twinning In Viernheim

David has arranged for a mini bus to travel to Viernheim for the Twinning Weekend. There are some places available please contact David (tel: 020 8482 2534) no later than 31st March 2010 to make arrangements, there will be a £50 deposit required and cheque should be made payable to D.Collins and sent to David.

4th July 2010

Sunday Lunch on the River Lee

Anyone interested in this event please contact Elaine a.s.a.p.on 01707 659871 so as a booking can be made. It will be on the same boat as last year. It is a 3 hour cruise along the River Lee with Sunday lunch at a cost of £23.00.

3rd – 6th September 2010

Innenstadtfest –Viernheim

We are again this year selling our wares and need some more helpers to join John Munday. Please can you let David know if you are interested on 0208 482 2534. Your club needs you.

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

Reports on Recent Events

Martin's climb up Kilimanjaro.

On the afternoon of Sunday 7th February 2010 Martin Wiley presented an interesting and fascinating talk on his walk up Kilimanjaro.

The talk was attended by 31 members and guests who enjoyed the slides and description of the group that did this walk and those like Martin who made it to the top. It was not a foregone conclusion Martin said that being young meant that they would make it to the top. Some of the younger members of the group had to go back but Martin being one of the more mature walkers carried on regardless to the top. After the walk was done and they were back on level ground the group went on to enjoy a few days Safari and we were shown photographs of the animals that they saw on their travels. It all looked very exciting and several people asked questions about the clothing they wore, the weather, what they ate, where they slept and much more.

We concluded with afternoon tea which was well accepted and enjoyed by everyone. Martin did this in aid of charity for the Children's Society and did not want payment so the Association gave a donation to the Children's Society as a thank you to Martin for such an interesting afternoon. Thank you Martin and well done from us all.

By Elaine Marsh

Message from our new Chairperson Lynda Armsby

Dear Friends,

To those of you who do not know me, my name is Lynda Armsby and I was delighted to have been appointed as your Chairperson at our A.G.M. on Monday 8th March. I am comparatively new to Town Twinning but have been aware of its existence since the first day I entered my present house, to view it, prior to buying it from Mike Watts, our founder. Instead of the usual information one is given on these visits about the central heating etc, I was told about all the furniture in the house which he had bought in Viernheim, which of course lead on to Town Twinning. Having German in-laws and having attended schools in both Germany and France, I was very interested and made a mental note to get involved in Town Twinning when time permitted. So here I am, having discharged my family duties and recently becoming semi-retired, as a fully-fledged member of the Potters Bar Town Twinning Association. Together, I very much hope, we can extend our membership and share our enthusiasm for the joy and open mindedness close friendships with the people of our twin towns can give.

Lynda Armsby,
Potters Bar
12th March 2010

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

Report of Petanque Clubs Severance

It is with regret that I have to report that after the Petanque Clubs AGM in January they decided to sever their affiliation to our association and go their own way. We are taking advice regarding this severance and will report the outcome in future newsletters.

David Collins

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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)

All reports from members are entered on our newsletters as reported in their own words.

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