

POTTERS BAR TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Twinned with Viernheim & Franconville

NEWSLETTER - MAY 2006

Diary Dates

12th - 14th May 2006

26th - 28th May 2006

3rd June 2006

11th June 2005

18th June 2006

30th June – 3rd July 2006

9th July 2006

7th - 9th July 2006

30th July 2006

13th August 2006

1st - 3rd September 2006

6th - 8th October 2006

24th - 26th November 2006

10th December 2006

Twining Weekend in Franconville

Viernheim – Baden Baden Trip

Bipartite Pétanque Match

Potters Bar Carnival

Strawberry Tea Party

Viernheim's Bar B Q Weekend

Sunday Lunch

Hidden Hertfordshire

Pétanque Mêlée & B B Q

Garden Party

Innestadfest Viernheim

Leeds Castle

Conference in Viernheim

Christmas Warm Up

Hidden London

A trip to the Docklands Museum.

Unfortunately due to lack of support this event had to be cancelled.

12th – 14th May 2006

Town Twining Celebrations in Franconville

Recontre have invited 30 adults and 5 teenagers to celebrate there Town Twining Celebrations. There will be 23 people travelling.

26th - 28th May 2006

Viernheim are planning a day's outing to Baden Baden on Saturday 27th May 2006, anyone interested please contact Elaine (01707 659871)

11th June 2006

Potters Bar Carnival

We intend to hold a stall at this years carnival in Elm Court to raise funds and awareness of our Town Twining Association, anyone interested in helping please contact Elaine (01707 659871). We really need your help.

3rd June 2006

Bipartite Pétanque Match

The Pétanque club has invited Franconville to take part in a bipartite match.

18th June 2006

Strawberry Tea Party

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

The strawberry tea party will be held again this year at the home of Chris and Joan Morgan-Gray. Cost will be £4.00 per person, Please book early by contacting Chris (01707 850984)

30th June - 3rd July 2006

Viernheim's Bar B Q Weekend

Viernheim will also be celebrating the 40th anniversary of Twining with Franconville and the 35th anniversary of Twining with Potters Bar. This will be marked with a special ceremony on the Sunday afternoon and the Bar B Q will be held on the Saturday. This event has been well supported and is fully booked.

9th July 2006 Sunday Lunch

By popular demand we have arranged a 3 course Sunday Lunch at £7.00 per head at the Lower Ground Floor Wylliotts. To ensure your place is booked please contact Iris (01707 650105). Please bring your own drinks.

30th July 2006 Pétanque Mêlée & B B Q

The Pétanque club is holding its yearly mêlée & BBQ in Oakmere Park for further details please contact Chris Morgan-Gray (01707 850984)

13th August 2006 Garden Party at Chris & Theresa's Dawes Home

The Garden Party is to be held at the home of Theresa's and Chris Dawes 1a Mount Grove Road, Potters Bar. From 12:30 to 3:00 pm at a cost of £5.50 per person (bring your own drinks). Please

contact Elaine (01707 659871) for tickets, early booking recommended as this is a very popular event.

6th-8th October 2006 Visit to Leeds Castle.

Viernheim and Franconville have shown an interest for this weekend. We would like to hear from any member who wishes to visit the castle (which is in Kent). Please can you contact Elaine on 01707 659871 if you are interested and also if you can host please contact Iris Ford 01707 650105.

Innestadtfest 1st – 3rd September 2005

We will be running our usual pub on the Saturday and Sunday, for those interested in attending the Innestadtfest please contact John and Marcia Munday tel: 01707 658887 as soon as possible to arrange the best travel deal.

REMINDER

**Subscriptions are now due. Anyone who has not paid this years subscriptions please contact Chris Morgan-Gray (01707 850984) 50 Shillitoe Avenue, Potters Bar, EN6 3HG
£5.00 Single £8.00 Family**

Reports on Recent Events

Fontainebleau 31st March – 2nd April 2006

This was a super weekend organised by Rencontres, the highlight being the tour of the famous and amazing chateau, the site of many dramatic events in French history. We met the coach at the swimming pool for the 90 minute trip across Paris, for large parts underground, and arrived in Fontainebleau in the spring sunshine. The



chateau is stunning from every angle, but the main courtyard with the famous horseshoe staircase leading up to the main entrance is breathtaking, as are the extensive formal gardens, Diana's garden, to the Goddess Diana, the English garden and the grand parterre.

Although much of the furniture and furnishings were lost in the revolution (probably to end up in England) much remains having survived the subsequent upheavals. Our fascinating audio guide

led us through the sumptuous royal chambers and apartments leaving us wishing we had taken more notice of

French history at school as reference was made to events and lives of French kings down the ages and to Napoleon himself.

We were treated to lunch in a delightful restaurant near to the chateau and then taken to a chocolate factory which also produced a syrup and a cordial from poppies. This poppy flavour also appeared in sweets and makes a refreshing kir. Needless to say, everyone was carrying a bag of goodies when we rejoined the coach.

In the evening a formal dinner was served in member's homes, ours with Laure and Sauver Torremocha. We were glad of the walk across Franconville for the exercise, before eating again.

Our thanks go to Laure and Monique for arranging a super visit and for looking after us so well.

By Chris & Theresa Dawes

Meeting with Hertsmere Borough Council – 3rd April 2006

A meeting took place in the Council Offices between the three towns. Present was the Mayor of Viernheim Herr Baass, Rudolph Haas, Wolfgang Hoffman from Viernheim and Alda Bauge from Franconville. I attended as requested by Viernheim on behalf of Potters Bar and the council officials present were the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council. Cllr. John Donne was also present at the meeting. Viernheim did a presentation on how their Town Hall operates and this was followed by a general discussion regarding Town Twinning and possible ways forward. Idea's were exchanged and bearing in mind there is no funding available for the association from Hertsmere it was put to the Leader of the Council that support (not necessarily financial) from Hertsmere would be invaluable. I would like to think something positive was achieved. One thing that was of concern was the Leader of the Council commented that it was seen that the Association was a closed shop and people had been refused membership. This was confirmed by the Councilor present of his own experience. I strongly refuted this and requested that the council dispel these allegations. After discussing this with long standing members of the Association and our Committee, it was confirmed to me that in the past the only people that were denied membership were people who lived outside Potters Bar which of course has not applied for a long time. The Associations thanks were sent to Viernheim and Franconville for requesting and traveling to the meeting with Hertsmere Borough Council.

Elaine

We are pleased to announce that Potters Bar Town Twinning Association now has its own web site www.twinninginpottersbar.co.uk We welcome any comments and articles regarding any twinning activities you may be involved in, all correspondence to David at david@davidcollins.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 in future news letters.

Also if you can receive our Newsletters by e-mail please send your e-mail address to (david@davidcollins.co.uk)