

POTTERS BAR TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Twinned with Viernheim & Franconville

NEWSLETTER - September / October 2007

Diary Dates

19th – 21st October 2007

17th – 18th November 2007

16th December 2007

New Wine in the Pfalz – Viernheim

Conference Weekend – Potters Bar

Annual Christmas Warm Up

New Wine in the Pfalz - Viernheim 19th -21st October 2007

2 members will be visiting Viernheim to take part in the trip to the Pfalz

Conference Weekend 17th – 18th November 2007

It is our turn this year to hold the Conference in Potters Bar. We have invited 6 member from both Franconville and Viernheim to attend to discuss our partnership for 2008.

Annual Christmas Warm Up 16th December 2007

Once again we meet for our annual Christmas

get together in the Lower floor Wyllyotts, from 12:00 – 3:00pm, cost including light lunch £3.50. Please fill in the attached tear off strip and send, with a cheque made payable to “Potters Bar Town Twinning Association” to Elaine Marsh 112, Park Avenue, Potters Bar, EN6 5EL .

January 2008

We are considering taking a party to see the Big Dick Whittington at the Brick Lane Music Hall, Silvertown. This pantomime is suitable for all ages and is a good night out. Cost will be in approx £35.00 per head, not including travel, but includes Dinner, the show and dancing. Anyone interested please contact David tel: 020 8482 2534 by 10th November so bookings can be made.

Any members wishing to attend any event must book and pay before attending the event.

Reports on Recent Events

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH – SATURDAY 30TH JUNE 2007

On what turned out to be one of the wettest days this summer 27 people including the Mayor and Mayoress of Hertsmere gathered at my home for a Ploughman's Lunch.

27 pairs of shoes were left lined up in the conservatory as it was not possible to use the garden due to the incessant rain so the lunch was held indoors. As the guests arrived they were greeted with some Sangria and then they moved into my lounge and dining room making it a very cozy gathering.



The lunch appeared to be a great success with folks coming back for seconds especially for the strawberries and cream and I sensed a nice and happy atmosphere. The entertainment began, including a showing by David Collins of some DVD's about past Town Twinning events and a fun game of Spanish Bingo that Eileen Hearnshaw and I came across whilst in Spain earlier in the year. Tea and coffee was served and as everyone left they claimed their own shoes

on the way out. I think a pleasant time was had by all and thanks to you all for bringing your slippers with you. It was nice to see Meryl Clifton again and we hope to see more of her in the future. Many thanks to all those who helped me with this event.

Elaine

Garden Party 12th August 2007

Once again Chris and Theresa Dawes welcomed members to their home for the annual August Garden Party Lunch.

Luckily, apart from some spots, the rain held off although it threatened us at intervals, but we were able to move the sides of the Gazebo to counteract the changing weather conditions.

Over 30 people enjoyed the buffet lunch prepared by various committee members and the bowl of punch concocted by Chris and Theresa was a great success.

Thanks to our hosts for their continued hospitality with all the work it entailed.

Iris Ford

Innenstadtfest Viernheim Sept '07

The weather prospects for the weekend were not particularly good, but in the event it stayed dry with a good deal of sunshine on Sunday afternoon. The site of our stall is right in the heart of things next to the main marquee with its stage used for the ceremonial opening and a variety of entertainments. The whole town centre is a myriad

of stalls ranging from shooting gallery to face painting to souvenirs etc...but mainly regional and speciality food and drink from the four participating countries.

As with last year we had a very slow start, possibly due to the dull weather. Things improved later on the Saturday evening and by midnight the joint was jumping!! This included Iris with Paul Montagut (Franconville) on the dance floor. The excellent rock group covering the late slot played two encore sessions and we pulled the plug around 2.00am. Not opening until 11.00am Sunday gave everyone a little lie-in. Activity recommenced almost as soon as the shutters were removed, about 10.30am, and the last items went shortly before closing at 16.00hrs

Six members; myself, David Collins, Keith Dyall, Iris and Janice Ford and Len Harvey manned the stall, the rota giving everyone free time for socializing, shopping etc... and our Mayor Martin Saunders and wife Jane were vigorously hosted by Wolfgang and Elke Hofmann. As ever the organisation, hospitality and friendly help from the Englischer Club "greased the wheels". Meeting with our German and French friends whilst being part of Viernheim's excellent and lively two-day festival is a pleasure not to be missed each first weekend of September. See you there next year.



John Munday

**Potters Bar (T.T.A) Petanque Club.
Aldersgate Ward Clup Petanque Melee.
Sunday August the 26th 2007.**

The Club were very pleased for the tenth year running to welcome once again Chris Morgan-Gray's Ward Club from The City of London to an annual Petanque Melee, at the Clubs Piste in Oakmere Park.

This is a friendly day when the members of the Petanque Club meet members of the Ward Club, who do not know how to play Petanque, and teach them in a number of friendly games which are played in gently competitive manner.

The day started at 10.00 a.m. with coffee under blue skies, and the organisation of mixed teams for the day, some in doubles and some in triples, so that each team had one or two members of each club.

Play started at 10.30, and each team played two games in a two league format until 12.30, when play stopped for lunch which was a cold buffet supplied by Elaine Marsh and David Collins. In this connection the Committee had been very pleased to accept a donation of six bottles of red French wine from Robert Cushion a member of the Committee who was not able to be present on the day

Play started again at 1.30, with all teams playing a further two games to decide the winner of each league, and a final game was held at approximately 4.00 o'clock between the winners of each league to decide the Champions for the day who turned out to be Sylvia Forge (Past Chair of the Petanque Club) and Tony Croot, (Past Master of Aldersgate), who after ten years has his own boules).

At about 5.00 o'clock, all who took part were presented with a small plaque presented by Margaret Chatfield on behalf of the Chairman of the Petanque Club (Mr Arris Savvides) who was also unable to be present on the day. Chris Gray has received a number of e-mails from members of the Ward Club saying how much they had enjoyed the day, and how nice it was to receive the little plaque as a memento of it.

Chris Morgan Gray

A Day in London

A travel report written by Lisa & Gudrun Mandel

"A day in London" that was the theme for six members of the "English Club Viernheim". They visited England on invitation off the Town Twinning Association of Potters Bar on the weekend from October 11th to October 14th.

After coming to Potters Bar with a minibus on Thursday the members of the Group spent the evenings with their hosts.

On Friday the group and their Hosts took the underground to London, where they were joined by a Group from Franconville. After meeting the French the now 20 People of the Group went to visit the "Jewel Tower" near "Houses of Parliament" which was the next goal of the Tour. At "Houses of Parliament" they met their guide for a Tour through it. The Tour itself was definitely the best part of the Weekend. The Guide spoke very



clearly so that the guests from France and Germany had no difficulties to understand her. In about 90 Minutes she told them some very interesting facts about the History of the "Houses of Parliament" which is very closely linked to the History of the United Kingdom itself. During the Tour the guests and hosts had the Chance to visit the "House of Lords" and the "House of Commons", where they learned why the Queen or the King isn't allowed inside the "House of Commons". After returning from London the Guests again spent the evenings with their hosts.

On Saturday Morning the Group visited the Roman baths in Welwyn, afterwards they ate lunch in the "North Star", where the Staff had prepared a lunch buffet. During lunch at



the "North Star" the group of guests and hosts was joined by the Mayor of Potters Bar, Martin Saunders and his wife Jane. After having lunch and some tea and coffee afterwards, they left for the "Mill Green Museum". After that the group parted and everyone had time for doing the things they wanted to do.

Early Sunday Morning the Group from Viernheim met to start their journey home.

At this point we would like to say a huge Thank you to those, who made room in their homes for us and welcomed us so warm hearted that we immediately felt home!!

We hope to see you soon in Viernheim or Potters Bar.

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 news letters.

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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I/We will be attending the Christmas Warm on 16th December 2007.

Please find attached my cheque for the sum of £.....

From

Signed

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I/We are interested in going to the Pantomime in January 2008

No People

From

Signed