

# POTTERS BAR TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Twinned with Viernheim & Franconville

## NEWSLETTER - September 2008

### Diary Dates

26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2008

3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October 2008

10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008

30<sup>th</sup> October 2008

21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2008

14<sup>th</sup> December 2008

**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**

### **Churchill Museum and Cabinet War Rooms - 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

Unfortunately due to the fire in the Channel Tunnel the visit by our friends from Franconville was cancelled..

### **Autumn Weekend in Franconville 3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

3 members from Potters Bar are travelling to Franconville for the weekend which will include a visit to Pontoise and Cergy.

### **New Wine in the Pfalz 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

We have been invited by Viernheim for the New Wine in the Pfalz. We have 5 travelling to date. Anyone interested in this trip please contact David, tel: 020 8482 2534 as soon as possible.

### **Gilbert and Sullivan Evening 30<sup>th</sup> 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 £5.00. Please contact Elaine, tel: 01707 659871 or Chris Morgan-Gray, tel 01707 850984, no later than 15<sup>th</sup> October to secure your place.

### **Conference in Franconville 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2008**

A delegation will be travelling to Franconville to attend the yearly conference where all the events from the 3 towns will be discussed and agreed for 2009.

### **Christmas Warm Up 14<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

The very popular annual Christmas get together will be held in the Lower floor Wylyotts, from 12:00 – 3:00pm, cost including lunch £5:00 per person. 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, by no later than 30/11/2008.

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

## Reports on Recent Events

### Summer Lunch at the Dawes – 10<sup>th</sup> August 2008

Once again Theresa and Chris Dawes opened up their home for our Annual Summer Lunch. 33 member and friends attended this popular function. A lunch of steak and ale pie plus vegetables was served by outside caterers and the deserts were made by committee members. This was a superb luncheon and our thank go to Theresa and Chris Dawes and to the ladies who made the deserts.

Editor

### Innenstadtfest 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September, Kate Iris and I set off for Stansted in John Munday's car heading for the Innerstadtfest in Viernheim, being my first trip there I was naturally very excited. Chris Dawes travelled by train via Paris, Elaine and David travelled by car.

Having negotiated the stringent security procedures in place at Stansted by carefully purchasing prescribed zipped see through bags, measuring out our toiletries into Mini containers, checking for the mirad of items forbidden in the cabin and weighing our hand luggage, we passed through security swiftly.



After an uneventful flight, except for the exorbitant price of in-flight refreshments which rather limited us, we arrived at Frankfurt Hahn, which as you all probably know, is nowhere near Frankfurt am Main. Our taxi awaited us and whisked us off to Viernheim carefully avoiding the worst of the Friday afternoon traffic on the autobahn.

After a welcomed glass of Sekt at Peter and Uta's house we were distributed amongst our hosts. The weather was kind to us allowing several barbecues to take place where we met some of the French contingent from Franconville, and exchanged stories until well into the night. However, we were all up bright and early on Saturday to help organisation of our stall, although we mostly just stood by offering moral support whilst old hands beavered away with "boys toys" ensuring electricity etc was on hand. At one point us ladies felt slightly superfluous so felt obliged to investigate the shops and returned laden with local produce!

After the formal opening of the Innerstadtfest, during which John gave a most impressive speech in German, resulting in him making almost front page news, the rain began to fall and things got off to a rather damp start. However, when I returned to our stall for the late shift things had really livened up with bands playing and people dancing in the streets, and we were busy serving Whisky and Guinness, with the very occasional soft drink, until the small hours.

On Sunday the sun was shining and we very quickly sold out of Guinness but business in sales of whisky was steady until we closed at 4.30. After dismantling the stall we were invited to an informal dinner by Wolfgang, Manager of the town street cleaning facility, at his depot. We all had a great time feasting on wurst, potato salad and roast pork cooked superbly by Hedy and of course drinking plenty of wine and beer. At the end of the evening we all said our Goodbyes and thank yous, and returned with our hosts to pack for our return to Potters Bar early on Monday morning after a most enjoyable and fun packed week end.



Lynda Armsby

**Don't forget to visit our web site for up-to-date news and photographs of latest trips [www.twinninginpottersbar.co.uk](http://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](mailto:david@davidcollins.co.uk)) so that they can be included either on our web site or in future newsletters.***

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***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 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

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

From .....

Signed .....