

POTTERS BAR TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Twinned with Viernheim & Franconville

NEWSLETTER - August 2006

Diary Dates

1st - 3rd September 2006

6th - 8th October 2006

24th - 26th November 2006

10th December 2006

13th March 2007

11th -13th May 2007

Innestadfest Viernheim

Visit to Leeds Castle

Conference in Viernheim

Christmas Warm Up

A.G.M. – Wylliotts

Town Twinning Weekend in Viernheim

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

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

Approximately 20 persons from 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). The cost for travel and full entrance to the castle will be £19.50 per person, please can you contact Elaine as soon as possible on

01707 659871 if you are interested and also if you can host please contact Iris Ford 01707 650105.

Innestadfest 1st – 3rd September 2005

We will be running our usual pub on the Saturday and Sunday.

Reports on Recent Events

Bar B Q Weekend in Viernheim 30th June - 3 July 2006

On Friday the 30th of June nine of us set off from Potters Bar to go to Viernheim via Stanstead – Baden Baden. The journey was fine helped by an excellent drive to the Airport.

After a very hot drive from the Airport we arrived in Viernheim. What a welcome awaited us, Germany had just won their match in the world cup. As we waited for our hosts outside the Bergerhaus – the noise of hooters, music, and shouting was amazing.

Off for an evening with our hosts, we were all prepared for our trip to the vineyards the next day. We certainly had our fill



of train rides – none less than three to get to the village of MussBach. After eight tastes of the local wine and a hot dog we went for a gentle walk through the village passing the vineyards on the way (my was it hot!!!)

We arrived at the Gimmeldingen restaurant for coffee and the local rhubarb crumble cake (by the time we got ours – rhubarb had changed to apple!)



By this time England were playing Portugal in the World Cup. People kept coming and saying nil nil!! Then we heard Rooney was sent off and Beckham injured – our hopes were dashed.

We had supper at the restaurant and then returned to Viernheim via three more trains!

Sunday was spent in Viernheim's museum to take part in the festival to celebrate 40 years of Franconville and 35 years of Potters Bar twinning with Viernheim. It was lovely to look at lots of pictures of times gone by – happy memories. We met old friends - not the least was Edward Hanff. (Yorkshire Ted) who despite having lots of health problems remembered me and my Eddie!

The weather was gorgeous, the people lovely, and it was just great to be in Viernheim again.

We finally arrived back early evening where I had a great time with Brigitta's daughter and son Yannick (I am now an adopted 'Omar Ann' to Yannick!)

Monday saw us returning home. It was once again a great weekend and many thanks are due to Elaine for the phone calls and hours spent on the Internet

Ann Daniell

Garden Party at Chris & Theresa Dawes – 13th August 2006

I woke up early on Sunday morning and went round to Elaine's to help prepare the food. During the morning it rained heavily, there was some sunshine and some more heavy rain. About 11:00am we loaded the car and went around to the Dawes residence. Whilst laying out the food guess what it rained again and again and again. Luckily the Dawes had a very large gazebo which seated all 29 people who attended. We caught up on the latest news and tucked into a wonderful buffet lunch which consisted of cold meats, salads and some wonderful desserts followed by tea or coffee. Despite the bad weather it was a very successful event and everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves.

It was a pleasure to have Marjorie Watson come to this garden party, all the way from Flitwick, accompanied by her daughter and granddaughter, nice to see you.

Thank to Chris & Theresa Dawes for there hospitality.

David Collins

Obituary's

THE LATE GEORGE EDWARD HAIG 11TH AUGUST 1920 - 8TH JUNE 2006



We are sad to have to announce the death of George Haig.

George became a member of the town twinning many years ago at the time when small groups travelled to Germany and France in small buses etc, etc. and the stories they had to relate on their return, breakdowns, you name it, and George always happened to be there, but what lovely memories they had to treasure. George was quite a character and wherever he went there was always laughter. Always telling his jokes that we had all heard many times, but nevertheless still enjoyed. He loved the twinning and both George and his late wife Florence were nearly always passengers on the coach to Franconville and Viernheim. Sadly the last few months of George's life were very difficult for him, he was not able to drive but as always his lovely family came to the rescue reassuring him of their help. George was a lovely man, a friend to everybody and so very loyal.

God bless you George, you will be very sadly missed by us all.

Barbara Tester

The Late Monsieur M Ouvard.

It was with regret that Laure Torremocha had to report the sad loss of Monsieur M. Ouvrard who died at the end of July 2006. He was the first President of Recontres.

Don't forget to visit our web site www.twinninginpottersbar.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 either on our web site or in future news letters.

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