

Reigate & Banstead Twinning Association

(covering the areas of Reigate, Redhill, Banstead and Horley)



Twinning News 2018/3



Important Dates for your 2018/2019 Diary

- ↓ Visit by Brunoy ----- 21-23 September
- ↓ Skittles Evening ----- 20 October
- ↓ Visit from Eschweiler to Reigate ----- 30 May- 2 June 2019

Brunoy Link

Dear friends

Well! What a Summer this is – and it shows no sign of changing. While we all swelter and the poor gardens suffer we must turn our thoughts to the Autumn and think about the second part of the celebrations for our 25th Anniversary. We just hope there will be a small amount of decent weather left particularly for the visit to Kew on the Saturday. Our Brunoy friends arrive on Friday 21 September when Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin, will welcome our visitors in the Town Hall. Then on the Saturday Evening she will join us again for the Dinner at Reigate College. This is open to all members, not just hosts, so we hope that many of you will join us for this occasion. In honour of the Anniversary there will be music, too. Full details are elsewhere in this Newsletter, together with a form to fill in if you want to come. Hosts will of course get all necessary details early in September when we have the final Timetable from France.

As usual there are more events later in the Autumn so we hope to see you at these as well. In the meantime we can all pray that any rain comes during the night so that our enjoyment of the sunshine is not disturbed – unlikely as this most probably is!

By the way – please note my new email address – it's easy to change in your records.

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Un repas en musique

After the brilliant way we were entertained in Brunoy to mark 25 years of Twinning, we decided that it was our turn to pull out all the stops to celebrate 25 years of friendship. Monsieur Bruno Gallier, the Mayor of Brunoy, will be coming to join us in the celebrations.

We are providing the Anniversary cake for the Mayor's reception on the Friday but we hope that the Saturday evening will also be quite special this year. There cannot be a party without music, so Richard Cawtheray has kindly agreed to organise this: we will be entertained by David Skinner's "Quintet Plus Big Band", I am told they also play some French numbers.

We will be giving you a chance to reminisce with a display of twinning photos on paper and on screen... You can do so with a glass in hand as we are planning to greet you with a jug of Pimms, so English, n'est-ce pas! You can expect the meal to be to the very high standard we've been used to from Gavin, the Chef in Reigate College.

Do come all of you, hosts or not, and maybe bring some friends to show off Twinning. It should be a really good evening and thanks to the careful budgeting of the Brunoy trip and our very successful fundraising

Quiz in February, we are able to keep the meal at the same price as last year. Please fill in the relevant attached form.

I hope to see you all.

Monique

Eschweiler Link

Dear Friends

It was good to hear that you enjoyed our visit to Eschweiler. Many thanks to all our Eschweiler friends for hosting and helping us. We were very pleased that our Mayor Cllr Dorothy Ross-Tomlin and her husband Jim were able to join us, and that a youth group from the YMCA came on a return visit to the Narrengarde Youth Group. In addition, we welcomed several new members to the Association on their first visit to Eschweiler and we hope to see you all at some of our future social and fundraising events before Eschweiler's next group visit to us next May.

In the meantime, have a wonderful summer holiday!

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Recent Events:

▪ Spring Walk – 26 May

Saturday 26 May was a bright warm morning with promise of a settled day ahead. Ten of us led by Judy Bromley or rather Rufus and Charlie, our four legged guides, crossed the A25 from The Pheasant and disappeared into the lane. Rufus and Charlie were eager and checked the hedgerows regularly to make sure we were on the right route.

It was like a scene from a 'Famous Five' adventure. Left at the walnut tree and before long we reached the shade of part of the North Downs way as it nestles in the lea of the Hills. The more knowledgeable amongst our band pointed out the wild flowers whilst others discussed difficulties of car maintenance in the 60s. Along the wooded paths we avoided 'off road' cyclists and watched in amazement as runners sped past, turned left and climbed the almost vertical face of the Downs. Not being a 'doggie' person I asked the naive question, just how far does a dog walk? Rufus looked at Charlie, shrugged and off we went back towards the A25 and the Black Horse. By this time a thirst was building under the cloudless sky. Onward we went across the Heath, our band rather more strung out but still determined. It's moments like this we begin to remember the famous scene from the film 'Ice Cold in Alex'. We finally reached our goal, The Pheasant, after 2 hours and about 11,000 steps. Rufus and Charlie seemed ready to go round again! We were joined for lunch by other members perhaps envious of our morning in our beautiful Surrey countryside.

And there on the bar in a row were four glasses of cold Orchard Cider. Roll the cameras!, Thank you Judy.

Brian Cowle

▪ Afternoon Tea - 24 June

On Sunday 24 June our Chairman, Penelope Horsfall, once again kindly hosted the Twinning Association's annual Tea Party. It was another lovely, hot day allowing us to relax and enjoy her sunny garden sitting at shady tables.