

Reigate & Banstead Twinning Association

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



Twinning News 2016/2



Important Dates for your 2016 Diary

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| ✚ Walk ----- 7 May | ✚ Visit by Brunoy ----- 16-18 September |
| ✚ Summer Lunch ----- 25 June | ✚ Visit by Eschweiler ----- 30 September- 3 October |

Brunoy Link

Dear Friends,

Summer is nearly upon us with various Twinning events for us to enjoy.

We are just fresh back from our trip to Brunoy - see the report on P3. This was great fun, including Monique and I being serenaded at the Friday evening meal each with a candle on a piece of cake! This was because our birthdays were on the Friday and Saturday- very kind of our French friends.

I hope to see many of you at the various events which have been arranged for the coming months. Don't forget to bring along any friends that you think may be interested in joining us – there's plenty of room for more members.

In September we will host the usual visit from Brunoy – we don't know how many are coming yet so we may need more hosts. Just let either Monique or me know if you can help in this way. It is not too taxing and a good way of getting to know more people. We are not sure yet where we shall take the French on the Saturday – we have a few ideas but more are welcome.

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Eschweiler Link

Following their trip to Germany in March, the Priory School in Reigate have just hosted children and teachers from the Barbaraschule Eschweiler for a week's stay together on their reciprocal visit. The children stayed at the Old Pheasantry at Mogador and arrived to a welcome meal provided by Twinning. The following day they met their friends at school at a special ceremony to mark the tenth anniversary, which is the youngest exchange in the UK. Our Mayor, Penelope and myself were there to offer congratulations to both sets of pupils and teachers and thanks to Hartmut Froehlich, Ute Peter and Ollie Moses Priory's Headteacher. The children spent the week together in school learning and working on joint projects, and then enjoyed a day together in Brighton and trip to Sea Life sponsored by Twinning. We believe these exchanges of young people are invaluable and hope they will continue the friendships made.



The next group visit by Eschweiler will be on the weekend of Friday 30 September. Some of the group will stay at the Reigate Manor Hotel but others will need hosting. If you have not already done so, please let me know if you are able to help with this or transport/guiding/catering etc. Provisional plans are for a reception at the Town Hall to mark the 30 years anniversary of our town twinning. Saturday there will be a visit to RHS Wisley by coach, although some of the young people would like to make a separate visit to London. The Redhill Corps of Drums have kindly offered a concert and there will be a meal together on Saturday evening. On Sunday a visit to Hampton Court is planned and then a special dinner together at Reigate College. Please do make a note of the date SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER and make an effort to come along and help us celebrate. Even if you are not directly involved in hosting this is a momentous occasion and it would be lovely if as many of you as possible came to meet and greet our visitors. Monday is a bank holiday in Germany so they will leave to go back after breakfast on the Monday morning.

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From the ex-Editor

In the last Newsletter, I said that I felt it was time for new ideas from a new Editor. I did enjoy producing the Newsletter for over eight years, but I am delighted to say that Ena Bishop has volunteered to take over ... so my thanks and best wishes go to Ena.

Elspeth Cawtheray

▪ New Editor

Some of you will have noticed a change of format in this newsletter. Ena Bishop has kindly agreed to take over the editorship from Elspeth Cawtheray who has been doing it for many years. We would like to thank Elspeth for her efforts and welcome Ena with our thanks. All our members and friends enjoy keeping up to date with Twinning happenings and if you come across anything you think of interest, please let Ena have the details.

Likewise, Graham Powell would be pleased to receive suitable good resolution photos for our website- please give him a call first about formats.

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