Reigate & Banstead Twinning Association

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

Twinning News

2015/4

No prizes for guessing what this is! See item on page 4

The events in Paris this weekend have shocked us all. Nous vous communiquons la profonde tristesse et le choc ressentis, par tous nos membres.

Important Dates for your Diary

Christmas soirée – 4 December 2015
Subscriptions due – 01 January 2016
New Year Supper – 22 January 2016
Eschweiler Karneval – 05-09 Feb 2016
Quiz – 19 February 2016
AGM - 11 March 2016
Visit to Brunoy - 08-10 April 2016
Visit by Eschweiler – to be advised

Message from our President

Suddenly, we are in the last two months of the year! So, I take this opportunity to wish a happy Christmas to all our members, as well as our friends in Brunoy and Eschweiler, and we look forward to seeing them in 2016.

With my best wishes,

Penelope Horsfall

French Link

Greetings, Friends,

Autumn is here and winter will soon be upon us, but there is plenty to do within our Twinning Association.

A quick round-up of recent events first. Our French friends thoroughly enjoyed their visit here in September and as usual (!) we were blessed with good weather. There is a report on P3. The walk went well with a good lunch at the Skimmington Castle.

Exchanges are still needed – a School in Reigate is looking for a suitable School in Brunoy and first enquiries are encouraging.

The next thing for your 2016 diaries is our visit to France in April. We go on Friday April 8th and return on Sunday April 10th. Our French friends have suggested that we visit Meaux – this is a very interesting town which is famous for both its Brie, which we have sampled courtesy of Genevieve, and also mustard made to local recipes. There is a Museum of the Great War, the largest in the world, a Bishop's Palace and a Cathedral as well as the usual choice of restaurants so we should be well entertained.

In the meantime we hope to see many of you at the the Christmas Soirée – details elsewhere.

All good wishes for the forthcoming Season.

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Eschweiler Link

Hello everybody,

Unfortunately we have recently heard that our Mayor will now be unable to host the 30th Twinning Anniversary celebrations in May, when Eschweiler wanted to come for their reciprocal visit to us. As this is also a Civic celebration, it won't be possible to hold it without our Mayor's involvement, so I have requested an alternative date from Eschweiler. I haven't yet had their reply but as soon as I do, I will check with the Mayor's Office and let you know soonest possible. I am sorry about this, as I know many of you like to fix the date in next year's diaries to ensure your availability for hosting.

In the meantime, Graham and I will visit Eschweiler at the beginning of January for the Proklamation (inauguration) of the forthcoming year's Karneval Prince. Eschweiler Karneval itself begins on 5 February this year, and as usual we shall be going to participate in the processions and celebrations. We are delighted that the Redhill Corps of Drums will be supporting us as usual by taking a small band and marching in the processions, as well as playing at a couple of events during the festivities.
The participation of the Reigate & Banstead group is now an established part of their Karneval and is greatly appreciated by Eschweiler people as a sign of our commitment to town twinning. As you may know, the Eschweiler Karneval is now the third largest in Germany and the most important event in the town's calendar, with the tradition going back many years. There are 22 different Karneval groups in the area, each with their own band, dancers and musicians, so most of the town are involved in some way. It's a time for all the family to enjoy. If you are interested in finding out more or thinking of joining us, please let me know immediately as we are in the process of finalising travel arrangements.

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Forthcoming events

Christmas Soirée – 4 December – from 08.00 pm

A change this year .. The Christmas get-together will be in St. Joseph's Church Hall, (the small one) in Ladbroke Road, Redhill (lots of parking!). It will be on the same lines as the two previous years, with festive snacks and wine - so we are sure we will have a very pleasant evening. Do come along and get the Christmas period off to a good start!

We look forward to seeing you.

Janet Powell and Monique Pottage

Annual Dinner – Friday, 22 January 2016

Yet again, after the great success of our twinning dinner last year, we have decided to go back to Reigate College for our, now traditional, New Year Dinner. We will have a three-course dinner with table service – at a cost of £24 per person.