

Haslemere & District Twinning Association



Bernay



Haslemere



Horb

NEWSLETTER, December 2015

Dear Friend of the Association,

After a period of relative quiet and tranquillity much seems to have happened in the last few weeks.

The much prepared for and anticipated fund-raising **QUIZ NIGHT** took place last Friday 13th November at the hall of Our Lady of Lourdes church. Thanks are due to all who supported this event which, judging by the emails that came in over the following weekend, was appreciated as much for the quiz as for the food that our catering team put together – Ann Fitchett, Rosemary Foster, Faith Reynolds and Lucina who (knowing the kitchen there) was the backbone of the clearing up operation. Many others lent an invaluable hand and together we raised £1,081 towards the Association's funds which will largely go towards the expenses of hosting our German friends from Horb next September. Believe or not, plans are already well underway for that visit!

Tragically, while we were enjoying ourselves immersed in the quiz, the shocking events in Paris were taking place. On Saturday morning (14th) I wrote to my counterpart in Bernay (Jean Paul Cuny-Duvergé) on behalf of 'all friends of the Twinning Association' including the following paragraph ...

«Tout d'abord, je voudrais dire que nous étions totalement choqué d'apprendre les nouvelles concernant les événements atroces qui avaient lieu vendredi soir. Le drapeau d'UK, devant notre mairie, était immédiatement mis en berne pour démontrer que nous sommes absolument solidaires avec vous. Nous ressentons la douleur immense de nos chers amis les français.»



“I would like to say that we were all totally shocked to learn of the news concerning the atrocious events which unfolded last Friday evening. The Union flag in front of our Town Hall was immediately lowered to half-mast to demonstrate that we are solidly with you. We feel the immense pain of our dear friends, the French.”

A few days later I received thanks from Bernay for our expression of solidarity. Apparently, a number of people in Bernay had relatives caught up in the affair at the Bataclan Theatre.

“Merci à nos amis Anglais pour leur soutien, face aux évènements; plusieurs de nos amis avaient des proches au Bataclan et sont en deuil aujourd’hui.

Mes amitiés, Jean Paul CUNY-DUVERGE”

PETERSFIELD TWINNING ASSOCIATION QUIZ NIGHT, Wednesday 25th November

A few days after our own Quiz Night a team of eight went down to Petersfield to take part in theirs. Last year, the team that went actually won the whole quiz! This year the team representing Haslemere (Robin and Jane JONES, Sarah and Paul CHALMERS, Ann FITCHETT, James MACKIE, Rosemary FOSTER and Sheila NICHOLAS) came second. Congratulations to them.

AGM of the ASSOCIATION

This will take place on Tuesday 15th March 2016 at 19:30 and will be held this year at The Link, St Bartholomew’s Church, Derby Road, Haslemere.

HASLEMERE GOES TO BERNAY

Thursday evening (2nd June) to Sunday evening (5th June)

We have, at last, finalised the dates of our next trip to Bernay which deliberately coincides with the half-term holiday.

In outline, the trip will look like this:

Thursday	2 nd June	1900 Depart Haslemere in the coach to catch the 2200 ferry
Friday	3 rd June	0915 Arrive in Bernay, met by hosts and taken home Day to be organised by our French hosts
Saturday	4 th June	Day to be organised by our French hosts
Sunday	5 th June	1300 Depart Bernay to catch the 1630 ferry from Caen Arrive Sunday evening back in Haslemere

The committee in Bernay will be working on a programme to make the trip a happy and interesting occasion as they always do. It is likely that you will want to be making contact with your friends in Bernay to let them know of the dates of this trip.

HORB comes to HASLEMERE, 2016

Many of you are already looking forward to events in 2016 and, at present, all that we have done is propose to our German friends the dates of their visit to us; Thursday 15th to Sunday 18th September. They will either be landing at London HEATHROW or London GATWICK. We generally take them somewhere on the way home from the airport to Haslemere. Where we take them this time depends on which airport they land at. But if any of you reading this letter would like to make a suggestion as to what the committee could throw into the melting pot, please get in touch.

New Year's 'DRINKS & NIBBLES Party'

We usher in the year 2016 with our customary get-together at the Town Hall between 12 noon and 2pm on **Sunday the 17th January**. As always this will give us a chance to come up to date with each other's news over a glass of something and a few homemade nibbles. Yes, there will be a small raffle and an opportunity to share the latest news about forthcoming events - notably our trip to Bernay over the first weekend of June which coincides with the end of the schools' half-term holiday.



Pictures taken at the New Year's Party in January 2015

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE AT THIS EVENT ...

- 1) If at all possible, **EMAIL** Ann at ann2fitchett3@gmail.com and let her know how many tickets you need, or
- 2) Leave a message on her **answer phone** 01428 653487

PAYMENT of £5 can be made on the day at the Town Hall. As there is a limit of FORTY people for this event PLEASE do not leave your booking to the last minute and chance!

All that remains for me to say, on behalf of the Committee, is a very **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** to you all and an equally **HAPPY NEW YEAR**. We do hope to see many of you at the Town Hall on Sunday, 17th.

Yours most sincerely,

Michael Bawtree