

TWINNING ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

September 2017

Dear Friend,

As many of you will know we have just concluded a highly successful visit from Bernay to Haslemere. You may even have seen the French Tricolor flying in front of the Haslemere Town Hall for the duration of their visit. Here is a very quick summary ...

On **THURSDAY 14th**, our guests chose between going to the **Town Hall** to be greeted by our Deputy Mayor, David ROUND, or having a tour of **St. Bartholomew's School** (which is twinned with Ecole Primaire Jean Moulin in Bernay). Both were much appreciated.

On **THURSDAY 14th** all our guests were entertained to a fabulous **BBQ** at Sylvia McCALLUM and Christopher TIBB'S place. It was there that our teams beat the Bernay teams at **Pétanque** and therefore hold the Shoebox Trophy for the year 2017/18.

On **FRIDAY 15th** we all went off to **Brooklands Museum** (History of Transport) and the **Mercedes-Benz World** in Weybridge. We should have had twice the time there to do it justice. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

On **SATURDAY 16th** we held our **Gala Dinner** at Haslewey which was a huge success. The management there had lived up to their promise of putting on a first-class show. The decor, ambience and food were all excellent. In the end we had to ask people to leave so that the staff could clear up!

On **SUNDAY** our friends left after lunch to return home via Newhaven and Dieppe.

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The other purpose for writing is to give you **a summary of the dates in our Association's diary** for the next twelve months so that you, in turn, can put them in yours.

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 3rd November 2017

Includes a very good meal; a really enjoyable evening out; **BOOK NOW** to reserve your place(s)

£12.50 pp payable by cheque to Ann FITCHETT by Friday 27th October.

NEW YEAR DRINKS & NIBBLES

Sunday 14th January 2018

Town Hall 12.00 to 14.00

£5 pp, cash on arrival

AGM

Tuesday 13th March 2018

The Link, St Bart's Church Hall, Derby Road, Haslemere

VISIT: HORB am NECKAR to HASLEMERE

Wednesday 30th May to Sunday 3rd June 2018

We would like to know whether you are able to host by the end of January please.

SUMMER SOCIAL - BASTILLE DAY

Saturday 14th July 2018

At Sylvia and Christopher's place

A great opportunity to bring friends and introduce them to the Association.

VISIT: HASLEMERE to BERNAY

Wednesday 24th to Sunday 28th OCTOBER

We will need to know whether you want to be part of this trip by **the middle of June**, please.

There are no surprises in any of these dates EXCEPT perhaps for the last event - the next get-together between Haslemere and Bernay. This later-than-usual date has been chosen to coincide with half-term in BOTH Bernay and Haslemere. The committees in Bernay and Haslemere have agreed to give each other the list of intending visitors FOUR months before the visit starts. The reason for this period of notice has been brought about by the lateness of our being given a definitive list early enough for the visit just passed and the consequent difficulties that ensued in linking up guests with hosts.

If there are any changes to the above, you will hear about it as soon as possible.

We look forward very much to seeing you at (m)any or all of the above,

Michael

(on behalf of the committee)

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