



Twining in Haslemere



Bernay 1985



Haslemere



Horb 1991

NEWSLETTER November 2019

Dear Friend,

Memories of the summer break seem to be receding fast as we hurtle towards Christmas. Two major events have taken place in the last month or so which both required weeks of preparation. All the effort and time expended on these was amply rewarded judging by the feedback we have received from many quarters.

Autumn Dinner Parties

We are extremely grateful to all those who signed up to an evening savouring culinary delights around a raclette. Three of the four dinners arranged have already taken place. If there are any reading this who 'missed the boat' this time, keep an eye open for others in the pipeline for the spring of 2020.

Bernay came to Haslemere

Wednesday 30th October – Sunday 3rd November

This was the big event of the autumn which occupied the minds of the committee for many, many months! It was quite a job lining up the necessary hosts for the many new participants wishing to come from Bernay for the first time. We are always looking for a few extra hosts when friends come from Bernay or Horb. So, if you are interested in hosting PLEASE get in touch. In the event, all went well and the three-day programme passed off smoothly and was much appreciated.

30 th October	Wednesday
Coach arrived	17.00 at The Georgian Hotel
31 st October	Thursday
	12.30 onwards at Sylvia/Christopher's for a game of 'Hunt the Phantom'! Entertainment and lunch, finishing with an English tea at about 16.30
1 st November	Friday
	Day out in the coach to DENBIES , Dorking then on to WIMBLEDON LTA
2 nd November	Saturday
	GALA DINNER: Haslewey at which we welcomed as our special guests the Mayor, John Robini, and his wife, Jacquie Keen.
3 rd November	Sunday
Coach departed	10.30 from the Georgian Hotel



Sunday morning just before the coach left for the Channel Tunnel and then on to Bernay. By this time, two families had already left in their own cars to catch an early ferry from Newhaven to Dieppe.

'Quiz Night'

Church Hall, Our Lady of Lourdes, Weydown Road, Haslemere, Friday 22nd Nov



About 100 people came together to help raise funds for the Association. The evening comprised eight rounds of questions with a hot meal at half-time and a raffle.

New Year 'Drinks and Nibbles'

Sunday 12th Jan 2020, Town Hall, 12.00-14.00, £5

As always, this two-hour time together is a fabulous way of kicking off the New Year. Just come along on the day ready to have a drink and enjoy the many, varied home-made 'amuses bouches' all prepared by willing volunteers.

AGM

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

Tuesday 10th March at 7.15pm

This is the time when we have a chance to reflect on the events of the last twelve months and anticipate those of the next twelve months. The all-important discussion at the end of the meeting precedes a (yet another) superb spread!

THE FRENCH VISIT – a change of dates

Our friends in Bernay have been 'hankering' for a change of dates of our annual visit from the autumn to the spring in the hope of longer days and warmer weather. We are in the process of considering this request in the spirit of 'coopération cordial'. In a nutshell, we have to stick to school/college holidays if we are to include any who are involved in teaching whether as a pupil or teacher. With the added complication that French and English holidays don't always completely overlap it means that if we were to implement the new arrangement in 2020, the visit of Haslemere to Bernay would take place from Tuesday (14th) /Wednesday (15th) to Sunday (19th) April. **WE NEED TO KNOW YOUR VIEWS** on this proposal of change **ASAP**. Please text/email/phone your views as soon as you can so that we can build up a picture of pros and cons.

THE GERMAN VISIT

The next German visit when Horb comes to Haslemere will take place between **Friday 22nd** and **Wednesday 27th May**. Plans are already underway as to how we will use our time together as well as ensuring hosts have plenty of time to spend with their guests.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The cost of joining the Association is just £9 per adult (over 18) payable on January 1st each year. We would be really grateful if you could make sure that you have set up a **STANDING PAYMENT** from your bank account to that of the Twinning Association. If you need any help in doing this, please speak to a neighbour, friend etc. This is by far and away our preferred way of collecting your subscription. Our sort code is **30-93-94** and the account number is **00433354**. In the reference box put **SUB** followed by **SURNAME**. We are offering an amnesty for the few of you that didn't pay your subscription for 2019!!!

We look forward to seeing you at one or more of the above, and

Our very best wishes to you all for

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Michael, Ann, Beryl, Brigitte, Dorothea, Rosemary, Sheila and Simon