



Calne & District Twinning Association

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Happy New Year

Le Bonne Année Frohes Neues Jahr

We wish you all a very Happy New Year

Welcome to 2008 and it is going to be another exciting and busy year for us.

First and foremost is the

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 * **MARDI GRAS** *
 * **TUESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2008** *
 * **7.30pm** *
 * **MARDEN HOUSE** *
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This is our main annual event and one in which we can all join in and enjoy the occasion and each other's company. Please make a date in your diary. If you will be attending it would be very much appreciated if you could bring some food. Please let either Jenny Gull or Christine Cooper know what food you will be providing, **by Monday, 4 February** at the latest. This helps to take the guesswork out of how many we are catering for and the amount of food needed.

Usually this night is also the night membership is renewed (please see over for further information on membership payments).

The cost for the evening will be £2.50 per person. There will be a light-hearted quiz, a raffle, and a supper with pancakes and liquid refreshments (donations required to cover costs. We hope to make teams of four and a prize and certificate will be presented to the winning team. So get your friends to join you and make it a really good evening.



Do come along and support the Association at this evening. We look forward to seeing you.



Visits to to both Eningen and to Caln are also planned.

But first you need to know some changes that are taking place with respect to the way future visits will take place.

In September 2007 a meeting was held at the Calne Town Hall between Calne, Charlieu and Eningen and it was agreed that tri-nation visits were the way forward for all our Twinning Associations. The idea is that we each host two countries once every three years, so this year Eningen will be hosting both Charlieu and Calne; in 2009 Charlieu will host Calne and Eningen and in 2010 Calne will host both Charlieu and Eningen. We will, therefore, visit one country for two years, meeting up with both our Twinning partners from Charlieu and Eningen and then the third year we will host our two partners. We're very keen to keep the visits going, but to host our visitors is becoming more and more expensive—our Twinning partners are also finding this too. Another factor was that this tri-nation venture would enable us to attract potential EU funding that would enable us to provide more extensive involvement not only of our members but also the wider Community of Calne.

To keep our Association vibrant we will not only be planning our visits, but we will also be

introducing extra activities at home during the year. These activities will include both cultural and more light-hearted entertainment. We are in the process of arranging the activities and will certainly let you know in the very near future what these are—so have your diaries at the ready!

Eningen: 1—5 May 2008



This is an important visit as it will be the first of the tri-nation visits. This occasion will celebrate 40 years of Twinning between Eningen and Charlieu and 20 years with Calne. It promises to be an action-packed and interesting visit.

If you wish to join the party, please contact Malcolm as soon as possible, and definitely **before 15 February**, so that he can negotiate the cheapest air fares and start making the necessary arrangements. Rupert Klos also needs to know fairly early on as this will be the first of the tri-nation visits with both partner countries attending. We have been informed that we will have 20 new BMWs available for the day, either to drive or be driven, from the BMW car manufacturer—which sounds great!

If you are proposing to travel by other means, please let Malcolm know of your interest in joining the visit and means of travel. He will need to know who is travelling and how!

There will be a limit to the numbers able to attend, so get in contact with Malcolm asap!

Caln — 16– 22/23 June



2008 celebrates a 40 year link with Caln and it is intended to be celebrated in style. It is well documented that our Caln visitors enjoyed themselves enormously last year and wish to return the hospitality. If you are interested in joining the party, please contact our Caln visit Co-

ordinators, Margaret and John Lambe (john@lambe.plus.com) or 01249 815860, as soon as possible, and again, **before 15 February**, for further information.

There will be a limit to the numbers able to visit Caln, so please let Margaret and John know quickly if you are interested in participating in the visit.

Both the Eningen and Caln visits have a limit to the number of people who can be entertained, so if the numbers interested exceed the numbers able to attend, names will be drawn out of a hat—partners will be included under one name, ie ‘Fred & Mabel’ and counted as two people (obvious I know, but I thought I’d explain it anyway!)

It is the way of the world these days that the sooner we can book the airfares the cheaper they will be.



At the AGM in November, it was put to the membership present that it is proposed to run a new system of collecting membership fees for all new members who join during the year. The monies will be collected on a 12 monthly basis on the anniversary of the member joining. So membership fees will not now be exclusively collected in February. It has been agreed to give this a year’s trial to see how it works from the administrative point of view. The new system will be reassessed at the next AGM.

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