



NEWSLETTER

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Bonjour et Willkommen

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Dates for your Diary

Sunday, 3 August

Table Top Sale at The John Bentley School

**Friday, 5 September
Friday, 31 October**

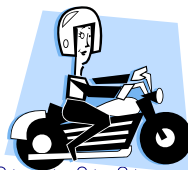
**Quiz Night—Marden House
Halloween Party**



We have been invited, along with Corsham, to join Chippenham Twinners for a Skittles Evening on Monday, 23 June (start time—7.30pm) at the Constitutional Club in Chippenham. The cost (to include a buffet supper) will be

£5 per person. If you are interested would you please let Malcolm know before 20 May as we will need to inform Chippenham of the numbers so they can plan ahead and organise refreshments, etc.

We will also be making our presence felt at the Motor Cycle Meet, on Saturday, 19 July, We are having a stall and it is hoped we will be selling lots of balloons that will travel great distances for a prize to the winner! More details nearer the time.



Mardi Gras



This year the Mardi Gras took the form of a Quiz Evening, which was held at Marden House. The occasion was opened by the Mayor, Cllr Roy Golding, who was heralded in very ably, loudly and effectively by the Town Crier, Mark Wylie. I'd like to express our sincere thanks, on behalf of us all, to Roy and Mark for supporting us in such a positive way—their presence helped to make the evening such a great success.

Barry did a magnificent job in compiling the questions—thank you Barry. Jenny and Christine had a well-organised system going with the pancakes—thank you to you both. The food, which members brought to the evening, was nothing short of truly wonderful. So a big thank you to all our members who contributed food and to those of you who attended and made the evening such a happy and successful event.

The winning teams were :

- 1st Team "Dull"**
- 2nd Hope Springs Eternal**
- 3rd Me, Him and the Mayor + 1**

The Quiz was such a success that we hope to provide a similar programme again next year—with a special request to make the questions easier!!!



Eningen Visit 1—5 May 2006

Malcolm has been working hard for the forthcoming visit and plans are progressing well.

There are 24 members travelling from Calne. This year will be the first of the new tripartite arrangement, so when we arrive in Eningen, we will also be joined by Charlieu.

Also this year the visit will be an historic occasion as Calne and Eningen will be celebrating 20 years of partnership. The occasion will be marked by the renewing the original Twinning commitments and promises. Our Mayor, Cllr Roy Golding will be in attendance to sign the document on behalf of Calne Town Council. The Mayor of Eningen, Alexander Schweizer, and Malcolm, as Chair of Calne Twinning, will also be signing the document. There will be MEPs attending to witness the event. As part of this special occasion, Calne will present a rose tree to Eningen and in return, Eningen will present Calne with an apple tree. We are in talks with the Town Council as to where the tree will be planted. There will be a plaque made to commemorate our 20 years of twinning partnership with Eningen, and it will be placed wherever the tree is planted.

Our programme for Eningen looks like this:

- 1 May** Evening arrival.
- 2 May** A loan of 20 BMWs for us to be driven around in (unfortunately for some of our party, this will not be a test drive!). In the evening there will be a meal and the formal signing of the Twinning Promises (as above)
- 3 May** 10am-4.00pm -The Market, which is being sited around the Town Hall - Charlieu, Calne and Eningen will have stalls so it should be a colourful occasion. In the evening there will be a tri-national boules competition.
- 4 May** Free day with our hosts. There will be a walk around Eningen for those who wish to partake.
- 5 May** Return home.

We have decided to call our market stall **A Taste of Wiltshire.**

We will be taking locally produced goods, such as pickles and mustards from Traclements, a Wiltshire specialist; local wine (although not strictly made in Wiltshire but nearby Batheaston) and the students at The John Bentley School have produced a recipe book of English dishes, written in German, for us to take out, plus other items and souvenirs from Calne. Members and their families have very kindly contributed some home made products. We will hope to bring back many happy memories and photos, which we will share with you in the next Newsletter.

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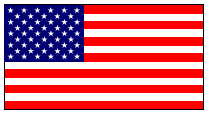
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Caln Visit 16—22 June

It is certainly a busy year for us as we prepare for our visit to Caln to celebrate 40 years of Association (it took another 15 years to become official twinning partners). John and Margaret have been working hard to organise this trip and have been liaising with our hosts to provide accommodation and an interesting programme. There will be 14 Twinning members on this visit, and they can look forward to a programme brimming full of events.

- 16 June** Arrive (late in the day)
- 17 June** A visit to Lancaster:, tour of Amish Village, Kitchen Kettle Village and some shopping at the Village of Intercourse. Dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord.
- 18 June** Township Day
- 19 June** Southern Chester County Day. Tour of mushroom farm and potato chip factory. Picnic and guided tour of Longwood Gardens
- 20 June** Philadelphia by train
- 21 June** Open Day (free day with host)
- 22 June** Depart Caln

This is just a 'bare bones' programme. On our return I will provide you with information and some photos of our visit—it really does look to be a very full and interesting visit.

Into the Community

We are actively and continually seeking to present ourselves to the wider community of Calne. We have been in contact with all our Primary and Secondary Schools, who now receive copies of our Newsletters. We have been invited by two Primary Schools to talk to pupils about our twinning partners. I'll keep you informed of how we progress. We are also hoping to sponsor a linguist prize at The John Bentley School. This will be £30 for three months. £5 will go to the best two linguist students each month. We will be reporting on this as and when it happens.

There have also been two events in the town that we have attended in order to promote our Association:



Calne Community Showcase

This was held at the Town Hall over two days—Friday, 18 and Saturday, 19 April. We had a very colourful and impressive stand on which we displayed our leaflets, Newsletters, application forms and had some photos of past visits to give a flavour of what we do in Calne Twinning. Christine and Barry, and Margaret and John were on hand at varying times over the two days, to give out information and explain our Twinning aims to people — there was plenty of interest in us! It was a very interesting event as other organisations in the town also had stands and it was good to share information, meet people and to chat about things relating to Calne.

There is a lot going on in Calne and our Twinning Association is very much an active part of the Calne Community and it is hoped we can become more so in the future. We're certainly working hard towards that goal.

Breakfast Meeting Friday, 18 April



Christine attended a breakfast meeting, on behalf of the Calne & District Twinning Association, at the Lansdowne Strand on Friday, 18 April. As a person now retired it was hard to be up and be having breakfast at 8.00am (over and above the call of duty I would say!). However, it was an interesting occasion with many comments on the routing of traffic both through Calne and round the outskirts. Some big decisions have still to be made! Again it was good to meet different people from the different organisations in Calne and an opportunity for me to introduce our Association to the wider business community.

Liquid Refreshments



It is with a great deal of reluctance the committee has decided that in future we will no longer be providing alcoholic drinks at any of our social events. This is because of the very restrictive and complicated new licensing laws relating to what we can and cannot provide in the way of alcoholic drinks. We will provide non-alcoholic drinks and you will all be very welcome to bring along your own liquid refreshments to all of our future social occasions and we will be very happy to provide the drinking glasses!



Please let Malcolm know if you wish to join Chippenham at Skittles. It would be nice for us to be represented as they have been kind enough to invite us.



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It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Denton French.

Denton was a very supportive member of Calne Twinning and very much enjoyed visiting Charliou. Our condolences go to his family.

Next Edition of the Newsletter will be July 2008. If you would like to send any interesting articles relating to your Twinning experiences, please do so. You can e-mail or telephone Christine, contact details on page 1.