

PETERSFIELD TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Barentin

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NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2016

The Warendorf visit

Our big event this summer has been the visit of the Warendorfers in mid-July to celebrate the 10th anniversary of our twinning. For those of you who were not involved, here is a brief account of our activities:

With Brexit uppermost in everyone's minds, it was probably inevitable that the Germans asked about our future allegiances (!), but they were assured that Twinning was alive and well and would continue for many years to come.



Highlights of this year's exchange were a full day trip to Oxford, a visit to Butser Ancient Farm, and a (much-appreciated) guided tour of Loseley House near Guildford. In Oxford, each of the twinningers and their continental partners shared the experience of visiting a college, exploring the Ashmolean Museum or simply drifting down the river on a punt. The fact that some Petersfielders had not had such experiences before made the joint discoveries all the more exciting.

[the photo shows, l. to r., Petersfield Mayor James Deane, Warendorf Chairman Ulrike Jäger, Axel Linke, Mayor of Warendorf, and David Jeffery cutting the "Jubiläumstorte"]

But the proper celebration of the 10th anniversary between the two towns came on the last evening when over 90 multi-lingual friends gathered at the Half Moon in Sheet to dine, chat and exchange presents. The Mayors of both towns were present to give speeches on the success of the 10 past years, and they exchanged appropriately-worded plaques to stand with a tree or a plant in their respective gardens *[photos by courtesy of Juergen Fieber of Warendorf]*



The Twinning Garden

The Association is in the throes of acquiring the loan of a plot of land between the Festival Hall and the open air swimming pool where we can develop a Twinning Garden dedicated to the community. As the years go by, new horticultural gifts will fill it to capacity and will enhance our town and stand as a testament to the peaceful social, cultural and historical interchange between France, Germany and Britain.

The first planting will occur this autumn, when some *escallonia*, a gift from the Warendorf Mayor will be used to create a back border to the plot.

The Warendorf *Freundeskreis* has also given us money to plant a rosebush in the plot. We already have a small bush from Barentin from last year's visit and we are transplanting a rose previously received that is currently in the Festival Hall Rose Room Garden.

We would appreciate it very much if some members could volunteer to maintain the plot over the autumn and winter months – and, at the same time, suggest a plan for its development.



Please make a note in your diaries of next year's Warendorf visit dates: 23rd -29th August.

During the Warendorf visit, there were brief discussions with several sets of people who may be participating in the tenth anniversary celebrations next year: Petersfield Scouts, Petersfield Golf Club and, hopefully, both Herne Junior School and The Petersfield School. In addition, we are thinking of sending over a choir to join in the fun! Let's hope that some of these groups will bring their discussions to fruition...

Finally, we again hosted a German-speaking work experience student for three weeks this summer: this was Lisa Lechleitner who worked at *The Petersfield Post* and was kindly hosted by Bob and Dinah Duffy and Jean Jeffery.

David Jeffery

Dates for your diary (see also attached slips for bookings)

3rd October:

A **DINNER** in the United Reformed Church (URC) to mark German Unity Day (Einheitstag). A typical German menu is being compiled, to be prepared by our willing volunteers. A vegetarian option will be available. **All at £10 per head! [NB: please bring your own drinks]** Entertainment to include music, a quiz (relating to knowledge of Warendorf), and a raffle.

28th October :

BEETLE DRIVE at the Half Moon; Baked Potato with various fillings **Cost : £13 per head**

23rd November :

A **GRAND QUIZ** at the Half Moon. (Tables of 6 persons required). As in the past, we will accommodate singletons by making up table numbers to 6 where possible. Baked potato with various fillings, **at a cost per head of £13.**

GERMAN UNITY DAY BUFFET – MONDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2016
United Reformed Church Hall, College Street, Petersfield

On 3rd October 1990 the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic were officially unified. Having celebrated Bastille Day for our French twinneders we thought it would be an idea to give our German friends a chance! Please note that your application and payment should reach the Treasurer **at the latest on 10th September 2016**. Individual tickets will be issued. The reason for this is to be able to estimate the amount of food which will have to be bought and prepared. The venue is the United Reformed Church Hall in College Street, Petersfield on Monday, the 3rd of October 2016 at 19:00 for 19:30. We will have a buffet starting with a hot soup. There will be musical entertainment and a short quiz. A raffle will be held. If you wish to donate a raffle prize, this will be very welcome and it would be very helpful if you would inform a member of the committee beforehand. The cost of the buffet is £10 per person.

Name(s)

No of participants

Remittance (£10 per person)
£..... **NB: please bring your own drinks**

Please return this slip with your remittance at the latest by 10th September 2016

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BEETLE DRIVE – FRIDAY 28th OCTOBER 2016
Half Moon Pub, Sheet

A number of members who could not attend the previous beetle drive in February asked for the date to be altered towards the end of the year. The Beetle Drive will take place at the Half Moon Pub in Sheet on Friday 28th October at 19:00 for 19:30. The cost is £13 per person and includes a baked potato meal. No raffle this time.

Name(s)

No of participants

Remittance (£13 per person)
£.....

Please return this slip with your remittance by 18th October 2016

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ANNUAL QUIZ – WEDNESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2016
Half Moon Pub, Sheet

The annual quiz will take place at the Half Moon Pub in Sheet on Wednesday 23th November at 19:00 for 19:30. The cost is £13 per person and includes a baked potato meal. As usual there are tables of six but individuals or couples who come along can be allocated to a group of six.

Name(s)

No of participants

Remittance (£13 per person)
£.....

Please return this slip with your remittance by 14th November 2016

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Peter Lesniak, Hon. Treasurer, Kingswood House, Ramshill, Petersfield, GU31 4BA