



Lewes Twinning Association

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Dear Member

Welcome to a packed newsletter, with lots to tell you about, so let's get straight on.

Chairman's report

It has been a very good year with lots happening in the Association. As you will read below, we recently had a visit from Blois Twinning Association, with their new President, Maryse Fontaine. It was great to see both familiar faces and to meet some new people.

For those who couldn't make the AGM, we have had two Committee members deciding to stand down from their roles, and I would therefore like to thank Past Vice-Chairman, Sylvia Hall who, amongst other things, dealt with finding accommodation whenever there was a visit from a twin town – not always an easy task. I also thank Peter Harper, for his years as Membership Secretary. The Committee, and I am sure all members, would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication.

One other piece of news which, while not directly related to Twinning, I want to mention. This will be the last year for Waldshut-Tiengen's Oberbürgermeister, Martin Albers, who is retiring. Martin has always been a big supporter of the twin towns and a great friend to our members, so we will, of course, be sorry to see him leave. However, we wish him well in his retirement.

But we now look forward, and you will see later in the newsletter about a Skittles Evening coming up in July. This is a social event for all members, and as well as Skittles there will, of course be food.

In November, Lewes will also have a visit from the *Burgerzunft Tiengen* who will be coming to observe the bonfire celebrations, with a view to possibly taking part in a future year.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Jackie Price
Chairman

Visit from Blois

In the evening of Wednesday 29th April, Lewes was visited by members of the Blois Twinning Association plus employees of Blois Council interested in creating links with the young people's organisations. They were keen to see if work experience, exchange visits, etc. could be made between the two towns. Many of the visitors stayed with host families in the town.

On the Friday evening, a reception was held at the Town Hall which included wine and a light buffet. After brief speeches from the Mayor, the President of the Blois Twinning Association, Maryse Fontaine, and Lewes's Chairman, Jackie Price, the entertainment started.



Maryse Fontaine thanking Lewes Twinning Association and Mayor of Lewes

The Mayor had arranged for Pam Hewitt, from Lewes, to entertain our French guests, with songs famous in both France and England, including those made famous by Edith Piaf – and the obligatory *Sussex by the Sea* (we cannot confirm Edith Piaf ever sang this song, however). Everyone absolutely loved the singing and soon several couples, including the Mayor and Mayoress, were dancing round the room.



Both the French and English enjoyed Pam Hewitt's songs

On Saturday evening there was a dinner held at the John Harvey Tavern, and as well as the guests, those hosting families were also invited. The evening had a lovely, friendly atmosphere, with people making new friendships.

The pair from Blois with the remit for youth had also had a good time, meeting with a local youth hostel, Lewes's Starfish organisation and the All Saints Centre. Lewes Twinning Association also arranged for a visit to University of Brighton.

On the Sunday morning and, as is typical for a Bank Holiday weekend, it was raining. It was also time for the French to leave and, at just after 11am, they boarded their coach to start the long journey home. Everyone agreed it had been a very successful trip and we look forward to seeing our friends again in the near future.

COMMITTEE NEWS

At our AGM, some Committee members stepped down, or announced their intention to do so in the next year.

Membership Secretary

Firstly, after many years serving as Membership Secretary, Peter Harper has passed the reins onto Judith Alderton. So if you have any queries regarding membership you can email her at: alderton@btinternet.com.

Treasurer

Staying with the Harpers, Rita has said this will be her last year as Treasurer. Therefore, we are now looking for someone to fill this important, but not too arduous role. If you would like more information you can contact Jackie at jackie@apasecretarial.co.uk.

Sylvia Hall has decided to step down from the Committee. She is also slowly moving away from arranging accommodation for our visitors. A role that is now being shared between Vice Chairman, Liz Allsobrook, and Secretary, Cate Stocken.

We would obviously like to give our sincere thanks to Peter and Sylvia for their many years of service on the Committee.

If you would like to be on the Committee then do not hesitate to contact Jackie Price at jackie@apasecretarial.co.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS

Skittles Night

On 17th July we have a Skittles Night, up at St Mary's Supporter's Club (Christie Road).

As well as Skittles, there will be food and, of course, there is the bar.

This event is open to **all members**, so if you would like to show everyone your prowess at Skittles, or just have a meet up with others in the Association then do book.

The evening will be just £10.00 per head for the Skittles and food.

If you would like to come, then fill in the form below.

Chilbi

Just a quick reminder that this year's Chilbi in our twin town of Waldshut-Tiengen will be taking place during the weekend of 14-17 August.

This is a fun annual festival in our twin town. If you have not been before and want to know more see the Chilbi page on our website:

<http://lewestwinning.weebly.com/chilbi.html>

SKITTLES NIGHT – 17 JULY, St Mary's Supporter's Club

I/We would like to attend the Skittles Night. Please find enclosed a cheque for £10.00.

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Telephone: _____

Please send form to Sylvia Hall, 33 Cross Way, Lewes, BN7 1NE by Tuesday 14th July