



Lewes Twinning Association

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2015

Dear Twinning Member

It is already September, but there is still a lot to tell you about, including a report on our trip to Waldshut-Tiengen in August for Chilbi and the Summit in Blois in October.

So, let's get started.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It has been a busy time since the last newsletter.

Sadly, the Skittles Evening in July had to be cancelled through lack of support, we will look to arrange another social evening soon, but if anyone has ideas on what we could put on that will attract more members then please do let Ashley know (ashley.price@sky.com or phone 01273 962895).

As you will see in the Newsletter we had a fantastic time in Waldshut-Tiengen with Chilbi and Lewes's Mayor probably had the fastest time ever for tapping the barrel. We also said farewell to Martin Albers who was retiring from his role of Oberbürgermeister having been in the post since 1991. While in Waldshut, I was fortunate enough to meet with his proposed successor, Philipp Frank, and his wife, Tanja. Philipp asked me a lot about twinning and seemed very keen that the link should continue.

Last weekend the election was held and Philipp won. Congratulations to him and we look forward to seeing Philipp and Tanja again soon.

There is the Summit next month which, for new members, is where the twinning associations from the three towns get together to discuss events and visits in the coming year. This year it is in Blois and Ashley and I, along with committee members, Mike and Anne Turner, will be attending. There will also be a meeting to discuss the issues and problems the three associations have, not least the steady decline in membership.

So I hope this meeting will prove profitable and perhaps give all three associations ideas on how we can reverse this trend.

So, as we move towards the end of the year, I know we have some challenges to face but I also know I will have the help and support of both the Committee and members to see that the Association grows once again.

*Jackie Price
Chairman*

CHILBI 2015

The Mayor of Lewes and Honorary President of Lewes Twinning Association, Susan Murray, was in the twin town of Waldshut-Tiengen from Thursday 13th August to open the 547th Chilbi Festival on the Friday. She travelled by train (she did not "fly" as was initially reported in the Sussex Express)



Chairman of Lewes Twinning Association, Jackie Price, and her husband, Ashley also arrived on the Thursday evening and all were met by Waldshut-Tiengen Twinning Association President, Elvira Hansmann, and Tourist Information Manager, Simone Heß then taken for a drink and a bite to eat.

As has become the custom, The Mayor of Lewes was asked to open Chilbi on the Friday afternoon by "tapping the barrel". Susan Murray did this in probably the shortest time seen, taking just 44 seconds from her first tap to the beer starting to flow.



This year's event was somewhat poignant as Waldshut's Oberbürgermeister (Mayor of Mayors), Martin Albers had decided to retire after 25 years in the role.

On the Sunday evening, Jackie Price presented Martin with a special present, a Harveys Brewery china tankard as a thank you for all he has done to help promote Twinning, as well as his friendship in general.



The trip also gave Jackie the chance to meet up with members of Waldshut-Tiengen's Twinning Association, to discuss visits in 2016, plus other matters ahead of the Three Town Summit in October, which this year will be held in Blois.

Despite some very wet weather at times, the weekend was a great success and Jackie and Ashley have already booked for Chilbi 2016.

VISIT FROM BÜRGERZUNFT FOR BONFIRE NIGHT

In November, 12 people from the Bürgerzunft of Tiengen will be visiting from Wednesday 4th. They are a historical society who arrange Fasnacht and Schwyzertag in Tiengen and this year want to experience Bonfire in Lewes. They will be leaving again on Sunday 8th (giving them plenty of time to recover from the 5th).

THREE TOWN SUMMIT IN OCTOBER

This year's summit is in our twin town of Blois, over the weekend of 16-18th October. There will be meetings to discuss upcoming visits and events.

Chairman Jackie, and Ashley, will be going out on Thursday 15th and returning on Monday 19th. Mike and Anne Turner will also be there.

ARE THERE EVENTS WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?

If any individuals or groups know of trips going to, or visits from, our twin towns, please do let the Association know. You can contact Jackie direct at: jackie@apasecretarial.co.uk or telephone 01273 962895.
