



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all members and friends

2013 was quite a busy year with various exchanges between our twin towns. In April we hosted 22 visitors from Ermont for our annual golf match, which resulted in the golfers from Banbury Twinning Association winning the cup – so congratulations to all our golfers. Still on the golfing theme, mid-September a few golfers, were invited to go and play at the Rhein-Sieg Golf Club in Hennef. They were joined on the trip by some other members of the Association, who went just for a general visit and everybody had a great time. The hospitality, as usual, was superb and included a trip down the River Rhine to Konigswinter.

The twinning representative from Hennef came to Banbury for the Canal Day festivities and again in November, along with a representative from the Hennef Mayor's office for the Remembrance Day Service.

Membership is very important to us and we hope that you will continue to support us in the coming year. Membership fees are due on the 1st January and the easiest way of paying is by standing order. If you are not a member or former member and are interested in joining or re-joining us, please do not hesitate to contact me for a form. We are also happy to accept a cheque payable to BDTA. Membership fees help with the continued success of the Association.

We have various events scheduled for 2014 – see over – and we would be happy to have your participation.

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Annual General Meeting

The Association's Annual General Meeting will be held on the **20th March 2104** in the Town Hall.

This is generally a short meeting and once the formalities are over there is time for socialising, a finger buffet, wine and soft drinks are provided.

The present officers and committee members are listed below. We have a vacancy for a committee member and would be pleased to welcome new faces and new ideas

Your participation in this meeting would

Officers:

Chairman Catherine Jenkinson
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COMMITTEE MEETING -AGM

Place: Town Hall

Date: Thursday 20th March 2014 @ 7.30pm

SOCIAL EVENT -

Evening Meal

Thursday 13th March 2014

Time: 7pm for 7.30 pm

Venue: The Red Lion,
Adderbury, Nr. Banbury

Cost £20.00 per person for
a three course meal, including
tea or coffee.

Please contact me if you would like
to join us for this event

FAREWELL

It was with much sadness that we said goodbye to Linda Tanner who died in October 2013. She was a great supporter of the Association and will be greatly missed.

GOLFING VISIT TO ERMONT

Our annual golf match with
Ermont is scheduled for

1st – 4th May 2014

Travel will be by coach leaving early on
Thursday 1st May and arrive back in
Banbury early evening on Sunday 4th May.

The cost will be £100 - £120 depending on
the number of people travelling.

*Non playing partners, members
of the Association and friends
are invited for a general visit,
which will include a tour on the
Friday on the non-golfers*

If you would like to be included in this visit,
either as a golfer OR just for a visit, please
contact me ASAP

European Week in Hennef

Each year, our twin town of Hennef holds a themed European week in their town square. This year from the 13th to 16th June 2014 (their 10th year), Hennef Twinning Association are hosting an International Choir meeting, with choirs coming from their twin towns of Le Pecq in France, Nowy Dwor Gdanski in Poland and Banbury, along with 5-6 choirs from Hennef.

I am pleased to say that Impromtu and a youth choir from Banbury Academy will be going.

Each choir will have a 20 minute performance of their own music at a public concert on the Saturday evening and then all the choirs will sing the European Hymn. They will all meet up again on the Sunday afternoon and perform together two songs they will have learnt in a workshop and once again the European Hymn

An invitation has also been extended for up to 10 non choir members to enjoy the weekend. If you are interested in going, please contact me asap.