



Banbury and District Twinning Association Newsletter

November 2012

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

We have had numerous successful exchange visits this year between our twin towns of Hennef and Ermont.

Our first excursion was in February when the Mayor and Mayoress Alastair and Gillian Milne Home and I went to Hennef to join visitors from their French twin town of Le Pecq for their Carnival. This is a fun time and on the Sunday evening we all dressed up carnival style and travelled to Cologne for a wonderful evening of entertainment at a packed sports arena. Monday we watched the carnival parade through Hennef, where not only the participants, but also locals dress for the occasion.

In May 19 golfers and 4 non-golfers headed to Ermont for our annual match held at Gadancourt Golf Club on a beautiful summer's day. Unfortunately we did not manage to hold on to the cup that we won last year, but several of our group, both men and ladies managed to win prizes, including a former mayor - John Donaldson – who won the men's first prize. The golf match was followed by an excellent buffet lunch at the golf club and the prize presentation and dinner was held at a restaurant in the beautiful town of Auvers-sur-Oise. **Golfers please note date on page 2 for next year.**

In June we were back in Hennef for 'Europawocke', the theme this year was England and it was decided that the two twinning associations would have a stand for the weekend to sell cream teas, so scones, clotted cream and English teabags were transported from Banbury and we had a successful weekend in raising funds. Also appreciated were Banbury's Spank the Monkey, who played in the main square on Saturday evening, and one of the highlights for the local people of Hennef was Terry Andrews and Jenny Tustian performing 'Dinner for One' (very popular in Germany) on the main stage on both Saturday and Sunday.

In October, we were fortunate in having visitors from both twin towns arrive for Canal Day weekend, please see page 2 for more details, plus photos of the various events.

I would personally like to thank all members and friends who kindly hosted our visitors throughout the year. The feedback I receive is very positive from both hosts and guests.

Catherine Jenkinson

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Association's Annual General Meeting was held on 8 March in the Town Hall, with our President, the Town Mayor of Banbury, Councillor Alistair Milne Home in the Chair.

The meeting received reports from the Chairman, our Ermont coordinator, Verna Wass, and our Hennef coordinator, Lloyd Taylor, outlining the very successful year that had taken place and looking forward to an equally, if not better, year to come, as well as a report from the Treasurer detailing the Association's income and expenditure over the last financial year.

At the end of the meeting a finger buffet and wine was available, courtesy of the Mayor

Your officers and committee members elected at the meeting for the current year are as follows: We have a vacancy for a committee member and would be pleased to welcome a new face.

Officers

Chairman	Catherine Jenkinson
Vice Chairman:	Verna Wass (01295 758222)
Secretary:	Peter Davis (01295 259671)
Treasurer:	Gareth Jeremy (01295 266404)
Membership Secretary:	Jenny Tustian (01295 254461)

Committee Members:

John Donaldson	(01295 271712)
Philip Aris	(01295 712464)
Martin Green	
Roger Solesbury	(01295 710316)
Kim Taylor	(01295 252766)
Lloyd Taylor	(01295 252766)

Calendar of Events

Association Committee Meetings

Place: **Town Hall** Time: **6.30 p.m.**
Date: **8 November 2012; 7 February 2013**

Annual General Meeting

Place: **Town Hall** Time: **7.30 p.m.**
Date: **14 March 2013**

This is your opportunity to contribute to the future success of the Association. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the meeting. Please contact a committee member if you are unable to come and have something that you wish to be discussed

Remembrance Sunday

Place: **Banbury**
Date: **11 November 2012**

This year Ermont has been invited to join us for the Annual Service of Remembrance

A Date for your Diary Annual Golf Match v Ermont

Place: **Tadmarton Heath Golf Club, Banbury**
Date: **Monday 29th April 2013**



Banbury Canal Day 2012

Banbury welcomed guests from both our twin towns Hennef and Ermont, for the Canal Day weekend, including the Mayor of Hennef, Klaus Pipke and the big band 'Heavy Tunes' from Hennef comprehensive school under the leadership of Astrid Kroeger Schoenbach. The band members are 12 to 16 years old and did a fantastic job of entertaining people at the Town Hall on Saturday evening at Mayor Tony Ilott's reception, when 120 hosts and guests enjoyed a wonderful buffet supper. They also played at the opening ceremony of Canal Day, outside The Mill and at Sovereign Wharf. Among the rousing tunes were the James Bond theme, Hawaii Five-O and many other favourites. A lot of the youngsters had not been to England before so it was a great experience for them. They also visited Canterbury and the 'Harry Potter Walk' in Oxford as part of a very busy weekend. Our French visitors enjoyed a guided tour of Bletchley Park as part of their weekend.

Banbury Twinning Association had a stand at Canal Day with information and wonderful food from Germany and France to sample, enthusiastically served by our visitors.

Thanks go to the generous hosts who looked after our guests.

Lloyd and Kim Taylor

New Initiatives

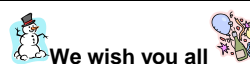
We are in the process of setting up links between both Ermont and Hennef junior schools with junior schools around Banbury.

Farewell Dear Friends

It is with much sadness that I have to report the recent sad death of Lyn Woodruff, who was a great supporter of our Association. Our deepest sympathy goes to her husband Eric.

Subscriptions

Membership subscriptions are due on the 1st January each year. Enclosed (except for those who pay by direct debit) is a membership Renewal/Application form. If you could complete and return this to Gareth as soon as possible this will ensure that you are kept up to date with our activities and also help with the continued success of the Association. **Your membership is very important to us and helps to keep the Association going.**



We wish you all

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Un Joyeux Noel et une Bonne Annee

Ein Frohlicke Weihnachten und ein Frohes Neues Jahr