

THE NEWSLETTER

Summer
2017

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 1 August

Swim and Tea

Jackie and Graham Baskerville

'Heatherly' Parkers Lane, Kington Langley, SN15 5PL

from 2.15pm £10 per person, plus RAFFLE.

Please ring Jackie on 01249 750706 or email jackiebaskerville1@gmail.com

Monies to Elizabeth via BACS Sort code 20-84-58 Account number 00260428

Saturday 30 September

Bangers & Mash for Cash

6 John Aubrey Close, Yatton Keynell

7pm for 7.30pm on Friday 30th September

£15 per person (extra £2 for non-members) to include:

An aperitif with nibbles, the main sausage event, puddings, cheese and biscuits and wine

Numbers are restricted due to space so please **BOOK NOW** to ensure your seat

Please call Margaret Dyke on 782692 or email @ p.dyke48@btinternet.com

Payments direct to treasurer please.

November

Trip to Marshfield Bakery

No charge as visitors will be asked to make their own way there. Just opposite is a pub which could be a lovely way to finish. Names to Sylvia at sylvia.gibson@hotmail.com

December

Christmas lunch

From the Chair

It isn't long since I wrote a report for Chippenham Twinning Association Newsletter but we are now back on track to make this the summer edition.

Chris worked hard on the last edition (her first) and accommodated everyone sending in articles well past the cut off date. But not so this time, so if this newsletter proves to be small it is due to our members not submitting material on time. If you have missed this edition get your material to Chris Crosby - chris Crosby24@mac.com by **1 OCTOBER 2017**.

I mentioned Summer - what is that? Although it is June the weather has not been kind. We did have some glorious days in May so leading us to believe summer had arrived but nothing since. I am of the opinion that we only have x amount of sunny days a year and feel cross when they are spoilt by wind which keeps the temperature down and stops us lazing around in the sun shine, this means our quota of sunny days is wasted.

Paul has been busy organising our visit to Friedberg so ensure you know about the timings and travel arrangements. Please see his report.

Our Mayor in Chippenham changed in May and hence our President; 'thank you' to Terry Gibson for all that he did in endeavouring to raise our profile and give a big welcome to Cllr Mary Norton.

Chippenham, along with the rest of the country, has been in turmoil with the various elections and the terrorist atrocities. This caused us to reflect on life and stand tall with a determination to uphold the values of being a British citizen and all that that means to us. These are now behind us, we will never forget, but what doesn't break us will make us stronger, we can now move forward.

The committee is still struggling due to the lack of members on it and people willing to organise an event. We are endeavouring to organise something most months so please look out for the information and come along and support us.

The cost of membership of the association rose in January, however there are still members that have not made up the difference. It is sad to say that as the subscription rates rose the contributions to the 100 club declined consequently we are still having a large short fall in our budget. If you would like another 100 club number so raising your chances of winning, please contact Elizabeth - elizabeth@stonehayes.com

Enjoy your summer when it does finally arrive.

Sylvia Gibson

Lazing on a Sunday Afternoon

11 members of the association and one friend enjoyed playing croquet at Kington Langley on a Sunday afternoon in May, watched over by the Mayor.

We had two instructors who helped us throughout the afternoon and made us a much needed cup of tea half way through. This tea was accompanied by cake made by Elizabeth - thank you. Two members also joined us for tea and cake, an option that was available to all who could not or didn't want to play the game.

The day started sunny and we managed 2 games before the storm hit, but despite the weather, win or loose, everyone enjoyed themselves and became more proficient. Players got to the stage of playing tactically with their partner.

It was hoped to have another game before the winter but the greens are being re-seeded, so unfortunately we have to wait until next year.

(sorry no photographs)

Sylvia Gibson

A Big Thank you



In March several members welcomed by Mary and Bryant at their home for a coffee morning. Mary must have been up all night making various cakes, (including lardy cake, scrummy) and sandwiches. There was plenty for all as it was hoped more members would join us (leftovers shown above!). It was a cold day so Bryant's garden could only be admired through the window but it was still beautiful and the sight of the spring blooms made everyone feel better.

A raffle was held; the day raised £80 for association funds; thanks to all for your generosity. A thank you to Geoff for showing us the new website and how to use it. I hope many of you have been on it and shared it with your friends. Everyone was well fed and enjoyed sharing in friendship. Thank you Mary and Bryant. **Sylvia Gibson**

100 Club Draw

The draw was made at the committee meeting on Wed 7 June 2017

1st	Joanna Claridge	£20
2nd	Jim Hall	£15
3rd	Gill Minter	£10
4th	John Scragg	£8
5th	Roy & Wendy Brookes	£6

The next draw is due to take place at the swim and tea on Tuesday 1 August.

Adieu CHRISTIAN TOURNEUR

It is with great sadness that we have learnt of the recent death of Christian Tourneur in the home at La Fleche where he had lived for his last years as a sufferer from Parkinson's Disease. Christian was a supporter of our twinning with La Fleche from the start, and a dear friend particularly of our founder, Reg Coates and his family. A fanatical photographer, he produced many beautiful images of La Fleche and area, as well as of Twinning events. It caused him grief that his illness prevented him taking photos. Christian was a simple man without academic pretensions but was wholly committed to the friendship between our two towns. He will be much missed. **Gill Minter**

Twenty Five Years Of Twinning With Friedberg

Chippenham and Friedberg will be celebrating 25 years of twinning when we visit Friedberg in August 2017.

Twinning between Friedberg and Chippenham has its origins in the 1980's. Elke Klein, a teacher at the High School in Friedberg spent three weeks on secondment to Grittleton House School near Chippenham. Elke raised the possibility of twinning with the Mayors of Friedberg and Chippenham,

Bürgermeister
Albert Kling and
Mayor of
Chippenham, Ray
Anscombe



respectively. Chippenham had been twinned with La Flèche in France for nearly ten years and this was considered a good time for further twinning. Friedberg was considered along with two other German towns: Obernkirchen in Lower Saxony (already twinned with La Flèche), and Neustadt am Rubenberge near Hannover (after some

exchanges between schools). Exchanges took place between Chippenham and Friedberg schools, notably a visit to Germany by 30 pupils from Sheldon School. A decision to twin with Friedberg was made after an exploratory visit by a delegation from Friedberg in April 1991, followed by a return visit by Chippenham twinning members to Friedberg in September of the same year.



Friedberg proposed the twinning be formalised during a visit from Chippenham to Friedberg on a date coinciding with Friedberg's Altstadtfest (old town festival), otherwise known as

Friedberger Zeit, a festival held every four years.

Thus, on 5 July 1992, formal twinning documents were signed at a ceremony in Friedberg by the mayors of the two towns, Albert Kling and John Scragg, and the chairpersons of the twinning associations, Elke Klein and Reg Coates. Members of the Chippenham party had the honour of joining Friedberg townspeople in the festival procession. An equivalent signing ceremony took place in Chippenham on 4 September 1993, when the Mayor of Chippenham, Councillor James Gore, along with Elke Klein, Albert Kling and Reg Coates, signed a further twinning document.

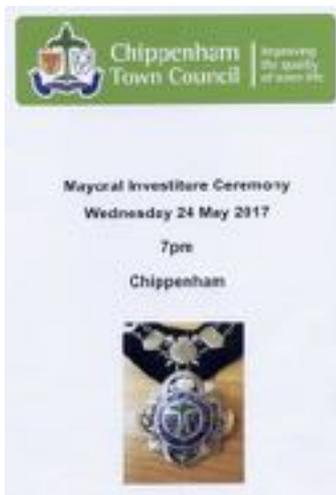


Chippenham and Friedberg have hosted twinning visits in alternate years since 1995. Both towns are attractive and historic and each has many fine towns and cities and beautiful countryside within easy reach for day trips. Bavaria is full of castles and spectacular mountain and lakeland scenery. Our day trips from Friedberg have over the years covered pretty well all of the castles and extravagant stately homes built by Ludwig II, the eccentric former King of Bavaria. We have made many friends in Friedberg and have always received excellent hospitality, not least in the form of the finest Bavarian beer!



Photos show: Chippenham Station 1991 during Friedberg's exploratory visit to Chippenham. The press report and other photo show the twinning ceremony in Friedberg in 1992. The Moonrakers one shows some of our members participating in the festival procession in 1992. The Linderhof is one of King Ludwig's more modest palaces

John Scragg



Mayoral Investiture

Geoff and I attended the Mayoral Investiture on 24 May as representatives of the Twinning Association. Not something either of us had been to before, so it was very helpful to have a very attractively printed Order of Ceremony.

Margaret Barrett

How I Became Involved with BBC1's Street Auction

It started in February when I received a round robin from the Town Council informing me that the BBC was going to produce a second series of Street Auction; this programme asks for nominations of either individuals or a cause that would benefit from a much needed 'gift'. I had someone in mind and sent off what I knew about this person not knowing if this was what they wanted. Julia Foot came back saying this person fitted the bill and would I send further information and names of others in support; I found and contacted such a person. A meeting was held with Julia Foot and Amy Ford of the BBC, my informant and myself, in which we discussed the recipient and the process of making a programme in Chippenham. A site to hold a 'pop up' auction with various stalls was identified. A local school became involved and on the day had several stalls, activities, dancers and a choir. The BBC would be responsible for publicity and collecting donations of 'bric a brac' either to be sold or auctioned.

At the beginning of May I had a phone call asking if I had anything to donate so Terry and myself had a rummage in the attic. The BBC were coming to collect but wanted to film Daniel Sebastian in action. After a couple of 'takes' on the door step he followed me up to the attic. We found several items; the cameraman followed us up the ladder, we then had to come back down and wait for it to be moved to the top to film our entry into it. Items were filmed as we 'discovered' them. The camera was then taken down to film as items were lowered - I lost count of the number of times I walked that ladder!

Finally everything was down and was filmed being put into the 'Street Auction' van - this was when I realised there were 10 staff on site.

Daniel and myself went through for a cup of coffee - again filmed. I also had to stand, not say anything, but make various facial expressions for the camera.

Filming moved outside looking at my items.

D Day was to be Saturday 20th May outside of Redlands School.

Just a week before this date I was invited to attend an auction where the records I had contributed were to be sold. I was wired for sound (this took several attempts and over half an hour to get right) and along with my informant and Terry we had to give our 'oohs' and 'aahs' as these came under the hammer.



D Day - supported by Roger Greenslade, Terry and myself helped to set up and manned a toy stall. In between heavy downpours we were interviewed several times by Daniel Sebastian and Paul



Martin (photo above).

The recipient of the day's action was present manning a 'bric a brac' stall but still unaware of what it was in aid of.

The day ended with Paul Martin conducting an auction of 15 lots.

The aim of the day was to raise £1200; the total raised was over £1300.

The camera moved across the green with Paul Martin extolling what the recipient had and still does for the community - it was an endless list covering 60 years of voluntary work in Chippenham.

Well deserved, Maureen Lloyd was both surprised and embarrassed.

It was good to see a community coming together to help someone not yet named. As the town's motto says, it was 'unity and loyalty'.

This should be screened in the Autumn.

Sylvia Gibson (with Paul Martin, above)

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Next Newsletter

Please forward this Newsletter to others you feel might be interested in the Chippenham Twinning Association.

We'd be delighted for them to take part in our social activities and to welcome them as individual or family members of the CTA. For further information, please contact Elizabeth Kennedy (details in the panel on the left).

The **DEADLINE** for articles for the Autumn Newsletter is **STRICTLY 1 OCTOBER 2017**; items received after this date will unfortunately not be included, but may be held over until the Winter edition.

Please email copy to:

chriscrosby24@mac.com, in Word format, with the Subject 'CTA Newsletter'.

Please send related text and photographs in the same email.

PLEASE DO NOT send text in text boxes.

Many thanks

Chris (Ed.)

