

A quick update on Twinning Activities – November

Members were notified of the death of long-standing member Gordon Halliwell recently. Given below is information about him that members may not have known. It makes fascinating reading. We will miss him, as will the many people who attended his funeral service.

Gordon Halliwell, lived for most of his 91 years on the Fylde Coast. He went to the Blackpool Grammar School from 1938 to 1947 before doing National Service in Vietnam and completing his education at Manchester University. He specialised in science subjects and qualified in electrical engineering. He first worked on the construction of diesel electric locomotives and, following redundancy, trained as a teacher. He taught Physics at the Grammar School and later the Blackpool Sixth Form.

His interests were numerous and he played a prominent part in all the various groups which he joined in his retirement. He was a member of Movie Makers, the Retired Teachers' Association, the Blackpool Travel Club and over the last twenty years our local U3A and was first a member and then the leader of the U3A Science and Technology Group. He was also a keen member of the Music Appreciation Group.

He retained a great interest in his former school and organised a monthly lunch for the Grammar School Old Boys. This he has done for over twenty years. His keen interest in every aspect of life led to him joining the Patient Participation Group at his medical practice. He joined the Lytham St Annes Twinning Association following the closure of the Blackpool Association and was an enthusiastic member in both of these groups, visiting our twin town Werne twice in the last four years.

Shared *'Deliverance'* photos from Caudry

I mentioned previously that Caudry pay considerable attention to commemorating **'Deliverance'** on 13th October. This is the date they were freed from Germany occupation. Unfortunately, no one from our committee could attend but please put the date in your diary for next year.

The Mayor's secretary has sent a link to their photographic record of this year's event.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/caudry/sets/72157701574337431/>

During the many Remembrance Day events that took place over the UK it was interesting that an image of Wilfred Owen, a Lancashire Regiment soldier who is honoured by a Museum and memorial a few kilometres outside Caudry, was carved into the sand on Folkestone Beach as part of the ***Pages of the Sea*** Armistice Project.



Glühwein evening on Sunday 9th Dec. 5pm - 7.30pm

Festive food including hot sausages, Lebkuchen and much more. Price just £5 a head.

(You are welcome to bring your own drink if you would prefer – we will have a non-alcoholic version on the go too!)

For catering purposes we need to know you are coming so please contact tonyford19@gmail.com 07831415482 **6 Dover Road, St Anne's FY8 3HN**



Cycling Delegation

Sixteen cyclists will be riding into Lytham St Anne's on Friday 5th July 2019 which coincides with the start of the town's CARNIVAL weekend. They have already arranged their accommodation and would be interested in going out for a cycle ride with a locally based cycling group whilst they are here. If you have any connections/contacts with any group(s) please let me know.



Visits to our Twin & Partner towns

Following on from discussions at the Afternoon Tea event, we have obtained quotations for a possible visit to Werne next year. (Approx £255pp). Although some have suggested visiting Werne earlier in the year, opinion seems to be that going for Sim-ju is better as there is more to do and be involved in.



We are awaiting a quote for a 4 night stay in Caudry sometime next year, hopefully to fit in with an event in their town.

WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR VIEWS ON THESE PROPOSALS

Future Events

At every Committee meeting we always discuss ideas for events and activities that the Association might undertake in the future. Here are suggestions recently discussed.

- a) **Quiz Evening – date to be announced but planned for early 2019**
- b) **Easter Bingo with Chocolate & Easter Eggs offered as prizes.**
- c) **Chocolate Fountain – date to be announced.**
- d) **Horse Racing Evening**
- e) **Werne 35 Year Anniversary in 2019**

Next year we celebrate 35 years of linking with Werne. I think this is worthy of celebration but I'm not sure how members would like to celebrate such an achievement. Do we arrange a trip over there or invite them here? Do we organise any reciprocal events/activities?

We would welcome ideas from our members... what events or activities would you suggest?