

## Lytham St Annes Twinning Association Newsletter September 2012

### Sim-Ju trip

Members of the Twinning Association will travel to Werne in October to celebrate a special Sim-Ju



Town Hall, Werne

event. This year, the end of October marks the 650<sup>th</sup>

anniversary of when Werne received its market charter.

Twenty-nine people will leave on 25 October for a five-day visit, 25 travelling by coach and four by plane. Included in the group will be Town Mayor Cllr Angela Jacques and deputy Town Mayor Cllr Vivienne Willder. They will present a gift from Fylde Borough Council.

Chair of the Twinning Association, Barbara Mackenzie, who will also be travelling with the group, said, "We are pleased to be

able to go to Werne to celebrate this special anniversary with our good friends."

The group will take a 'taste of Lancashire' with them in the form of jams and chutneys made with local produce, and freshly-brewed beer from Lytham Brewery.

There will be a social evening on 12 October at the St Anne's cricket club for all those going on the trip.

### School Visit

Twenty-one students from St Christophorus School, Werne, visited Lytham St Annes for eight days from 8 to 16 June this year. They were hosted by families and members of the Twinning Association.

Their itinerary included trips to Liverpool, Chester, Blackpool, and the Lake District, and they spent some time in school with the English students.

The students began their week's stay by meeting

Fylde Mayor Cllr Heather Speak and Town Mayor Cllr Angela Jacques at the Town Hall. This was followed by a guided tour of St Annes with Cllr Tony Ford and several twinning association members who bought ice creams all round at the end of the walk.

A quiz was arranged, as last year, for the Thursday evening before the visitors were to return to Werne.

The school provided the venue and refreshments and the association once



again provided a trophy for the winning team.

Teacher Horst Zuehlke said, "We thank the English host families very much for their hospitality and support and hope they have had a pleasant time with their guests."

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Chairman:** Barbara Mackenzie; 01253 711584

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## Date for your diary:

Friday 9 November – Quiz at St Anne’s cricket club with supper and a raffle.

## Future Events being considered:

- ◆ Wine tasting
- ◆ Music night
- ◆ Treasure Hunt
- ◆ Bingo

If anyone has any ideas for a social/fundraising event, please contact a committee member or email [lsatwinning@googlemail.com](mailto:lsatwinning@googlemail.com)

In July we raised some funds by selling strawberries and cream on a stall in Ashton Gardens on carnival day. Our scrap books were on display and sparked some interest in the association. We intend to do something similar next year.

Vice-chairman of the association Ralph Hepworth has been speaking to a number of community groups in the area with the aim of raising awareness of what we do. His first presentation was

to St Anne’s Rotary club in April and since then he has been to Lytham Rotary club in May, U3A in June, and Lytham Forum this month.

Two of our members attended the annual general meeting of the North West Twinning Federation in May at Brockholes Nature Reserve, Preston. Many twinning associations, some local, some from as far away as Wales, were represented and it was both interesting and useful to meet and talk to like-minded people.

It seems we all have similar experiences: dwindling numbers, problems attracting new members, particularly young people, and raising sufficient funds in the current economic climate. But we also believe in what we are doing.

The Wrea Green Twinning Association, which runs the refreshment tent on the village field day, invited our committee members to visit this year. About eight of us went along and sampled tea and home-made cakes.



Selling Strawberries and Cream, Carnival Day 2012



St Christophorus School Students on St Anne’s Sea Front