



SPRING NEWSLETTER

Sausage Sizzle

This proved to be a very successful event despite some last-minute apologies which reduced our numbers.

Guests were provided with a range of salads, a variety of cooked sausages and German wine.



Everyone was also treated to a rolling presentation of photographs from the visit to Sim-ju in October 2009. This gave everyone a 'taste' of what went on (but unfortunately we had no photos showing Ralph's escapades !)

The event made more than £110 for the Association and, with membership renewals due in a few months, we will now have some funds to support future activities.

Many thanks to all those who supported the event. It was a very pleasant afternoon which gave members a chance to catch up with old friends, news and the latest gossip.

Links with France



Voiron have been in discussion with several towns with a view to establishing twinning links. I have sent them a Lytham St. Anne's Holiday Brochure and they now receive copies of this Newsletter.

We have also been in touch with **Bailleul** (the French town twinned with Werne), and we have developed a schools' link through **Laurence** who we met at the **Sim-ju** festival in October.

We'd like to go over to visit Voiron to see what the town has to offer but it is becoming very difficult to find the time as everyone seems to be so very busy.

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Cooking with Katie

St. Anne's based Cordon bleu chef **Katie Fieldhouse** has kindly offered to put on a cookery demonstration for the Twinning Association on Wednesday 28th April. The event will be held at the United Reformed Church beginning at 7.30pm Katie will be producing four full meals for the assembled company.



Guests will be offered a glass of fruit punch during the interval and they will have the chance to win the meals that Katie cooks in our raffle.

Although we have no idea as yet what she will be cooking for us, members and their guests can learn the secrets of the chef by turning up to watch – and can then take part in a raffle to take her dishes home.

Tickets for 'Katie Cooks for Europe' cost £6 and include a fruit punch.

All members are being asked to buy tickets for the event and to sell them to their family, friends and neighbours.

Tickets available from Tony Ford (tony.ford@virgin.net) 713885

New Members

We are very pleased to welcome two new members, **Sylvia and Colin Davies**. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining our group then please pass on a copy of this Newsletter and forward their details to any of the committee.

Links with Schools

Barbara and I met with two staff from the High School. We talked about potential visits by Japanese students and whether the school would be willing to host them.

I went into the high school a week later to talk to a group of students who were about to leave for a brief visit to Werne. I showed them a series of slides taken at the Sim-ju festival and shared with them my impressions of the town, as well as giving them a chance to look at some of the memorabilia from Werne and to ask questions.

I also passed out information about the Twinning Association with a request that they get in touch with us on their return by sending photos of their visit and telling us about their experiences.

I also mentioned the Photographic Project that the Twinning Association are organising as part of our link with Werne.



At the recent Extraordinary General Meeting minor amendments to the constitution were agreed and the Association is now attempting to register with Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs for charitable status.

Links with Hayashima (Japan)

Despite a certain local councillor expressing her 'anti-Japan' views through the '*local rag*' rather than raising them with the Twinning Association itself, we continue to explore opportunities to develop cultural links with Hayashima. Barbara Mackenzie our Chairman, has held exploratory talks with the High School about developing some student interaction and possible exchanges in the future. **The response was very positive.**

Links with Indian Schools

We have been given a list of schools in Karnataka State in India that would like to be linked to schools in Lytham St. Anne's. I am trying to get further details about each school so that we can match them to one here with similar age ranges.



If any member has strong connections with a local school and could assist with this I would love to hear from you. The contacts in India are very keen to progress some form of cultural exchanges, email contacts etc.

'Art Across Europe'

We continue to be involved in this project and the High school have agreed to complete the remaining canvasses.

Our Website

The Twinning Association's website is regularly up-dated and provides information about forthcoming events, links with Werne and the latest news about the Association's activities.

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