



NEW YEAR NEWSLETTER

Visit to Werne—Sim-ju

THIS WAS FABULOUS !

We were looked after so well. Nothing was too much trouble. We were entertained, taken round the town (and beyond) to events and we couldn't have been looked after any better. The hospitality of the townspeople, the Burgermeister and the International Club was second to none.



We manned a stall for the Saturday afternoon, handing out cheese and selling some of our chocolate. The Garstang Blue cheese proved to be extremely popular and we could have sold kilos of it if we had gone with that intention.



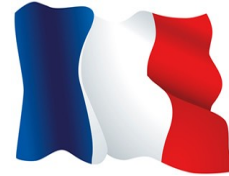
We have to thank **Pickles** the cheese shop on Garden Street for their very generous donation of two types of Lancashire cheeses!

We handed out Lytham St. Anne's Holiday brochures from the stall too.

A full gallery of photographs are displayed on our website.

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Links with France



Apparently Voiron have been in discussion with several towns with a view to establishing twinning links.

At a meeting a couple of weeks ago they reviewed the contacts they have had and we are in the last two !! All very exciting!

They did however comment on the adverse publicity that twinning has attracted in our area following on from that **unfortunate** newspaper article! (see over)

We have also been in touch with Bailleul (the French town twinned with Werne), with a view to setting up a school-to-school link.

'Art Across Europe'

St Anne's College Grammar School have come up trumps and provided us with some art work for the **Art Across Europe** project. The pupils were already involved in a **Peace Poster** competition organised by Lytham St. Anne's Lions Club and kindly passed on some of their entries for use as part of the twinning project.



Links with Hayashima

Our 'exploratory' contacts with Hayashima have generated quite a considerable amount of controversy. Personally I find it very disappointing that a certain councillor had to express her views through the newspaper rather than raising them with the Twinning Association itself. Her comments have generated a lot of adverse publicity and could well jeopardise our future links Voiron. Whilst I don't condone what has happened, no one can be in any doubt at all that there is a thriving and active, albeit 'controversial'

**Lytham St. Anne's Twinning Association
in existence**

Forthcoming Events

A German Sausage Night (Feb)

A Cheese and Wine Evening

A Cookery Demonstration

Further information to follow

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the committee will be early in **January 2010**.

If you wish to raise any matters or make suggestions to the committee please feel free to do so.

Graham Fallows

Despite advancing years and ill-health, Graham continues to take an interest in the Association's activities.

He is now living at the Moorings Rest Home on North Promenade. He would welcome visitors and letters from some of the members who were involved in the early days of Twinning! Please pop in to see him or drop him a line or if you have the chance.

**The Moorings
58 North Promenade
St Annes on Sea FY8 2NH**

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Website Updated

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. It also contains a gallery of photographs which is being added to all the time.

Please log on to find out more:-

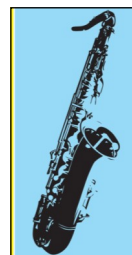
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Jazz Night – Sat. 28th Nov.

Despite reduced numbers, this event was a big success and has raised £80 for club funds.

Harry Colledge and his 7-piece Jazz Band really are good. Many thanks to everyone who supported this event. Marion Stott put in a great deal of work for this event and it is thanks to her efforts that the Association now has a little more money at its disposal.


Thank you Marion



Werne's other twin Towns :

 [Bailleul](#), France, since 1968

 [Lytham St. Annes](#), United Kingdom, since 1984

 [Kyritz](#), Germany, since 1990

 [Walcz](#), Poland, since 1992

 [Poggibonsi](#), Italy, since 2000

Werne is also developing links with a town in Turkey.

New Members

We need more members. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining our group then please pass on a copy of this Newsletter to them and pass their details onto any of the committee members.