

SWANLEY & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

[Inaugurated 1985]

President: The Mayor of Swanley



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2017

Chairman's Introduction

Since the July newsletter was published early, the Summer Barbecue in June was very well attended and a net profit on tickets and the raffle contributed towards Twinning funds.

Le Forum des Associations held in Verrières in September was attended by ten Twinning members – a record? – including John and Clare Barnes who are new members, Town Councillors and first timers in Verrières. It was a very busy and enjoyable weekend (apart from some heavy rain showers). John and Clare's short report on Le Forum and some (rain-soaked) pictures appear on page [].

Le Maire de Verrières has accepted an invitation from the Mayor of Swanley to make his first visit to Swanley in October. During his brief stay, he will attend the Mayor's Charity Ball on Saturday, 21st October. Twenty Swanley Twinning members will be present to support this event.

There will be another Twinning promotional event in the Clocktower Pavilion on Saturday, 4th November – all members are invited to share in what we hope will be a social couple of hours with lots to do as well as trying to attract new members to the Twinning fold.

The dates for the Annual Exchange weekend in 2018 have been agreed with our twin town – from Saturday, 5th to Monday, 7th May – please make a note in your diary/calendar.

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RAMBLES

The rambles continue on a regular monthly basis.

RAMBLES PAST:

25 June - Shoreham

Good weather for this walk and good food at the Olde George Inn.



30 July - Farningham

We did not do the usual walk because the wind had blown a big tree across the path. We turned back and walked around the village instead. We had lunch in the Pied Bull.



27 August - Cobham

This was an enjoyable walk through the apple orchards with the apples close to ready for picking. We noticed that some of the apple trees were being replaced with grape vines. We had lunch in the Darnley Arms.



24 September - Reculver

The walkers split into two groups on this walk! We had lunch in the King Ethelbert. The weather and the food were good.



RAMBLES AHEAD:

Normally on the last Sunday each month - all start at 10:30 (unless otherwise stated). Lunches (optional) are available afterwards at (approx.) 13:00, bookable in advance by contacting Jim Dunn on 01474 709610.



Sunday, 29th October – New Ash Green.

Start at 10:30 from the **North Square car park in New Ash Green.**

Lunch afterwards (optional) at **The Badger DA2 3BZ** at approx. 13:00.

Please contact Jim Dunn to book.



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Sunday, 26th November – Hampstead Hill.

Meet 10:30 at **Hampstead Underground station** for this walk of approx. 2 miles mainly hard pathways. A little hilly with a panoramic view from Parliament Hill.

The venue for Lunch has yet to be decided . . .



Tuesday, 26th December – The Boxing Day Walk.

Meet at 10:30 on the bridge in front of **The Lion, High Street, Farningham DA4 0DP.**

The Ramble along the Darent Valley Path is optional!
View the assembled motorbikes and perhaps a seasonal snifter in the pub!



Saturday, 9th September – Le Forum des Associations, Verrières-le-Buisson

On the weekend of the 9th September 2017, we were both very lucky to be invited to attend the yearly forum in Verrières-le-Buisson, Swanley's Twinning town. Our host family made us feel very welcome, and delighted in showing us around the lovely town of Verrières.

We proceeded to the venue where the forum was being held, and helped Swanley Twinning to set up the stall, providing information, along with tea, biscuits, Victoria sponge cake and teacake, which I might add was all homemade by the people of Swanley. The people of Verrières enjoyed the food and drink immensely and were very interested in what Swanley and the surrounding area has to offer. Apart from the rain (sometimes torrential), the people of Verrières turned out in force to enjoy the day's activities. See the photos on the next page.

In the evening, the peoples of Verrières Twinning Association, Swanley Twinning Association and Hövelhof Twinning Association (Verrières other twinned town located within Germany), all met up and enjoyed the food provided by the citizens of Verrières, to celebrate our connections and shared links. A good time was enjoyed by all.

The people of Verrières are very proud to be twinned with Swanley, and wish to keep the connections between us strong.

Cllr Clare Barnes and Cllr John Barnes

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Swanley Twinning Association

Established 1985

VIVE LE JUMELAGE!

DID YOU KNOW.....

that Swanley has a special relationship with a lovely "Twin Town" close to Paris in France?

DID YOU KNOW.....

that for many years now social, cultural, sporting and educational exchanges have taken place?

DID YOU KNOW.....

that here on the Kent side of this friendship we enjoy a regular and varied programme of activities throughout the year?

INTERESTED? WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Come and talk to our friendly team at a **SPECIAL EVENT** to be held on **SATURDAY 4th November 2:00pm - 4:00pm** in the Clocktower Pavilion, St.Mary's Road, Swanley.

We look forward to meeting you.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2017

6.30 FOR 7PM

FROGPOL MANOR

PERRY STREET CHISLEHURST BR7 6HA

BOOK YOUR SEATS NOW!

£10 DEPOSIT REQUIRED BY 28 OCTOBER 2017

PLEASE CHOOSE THE COURSES YOU WANT FROM THE

ATTACHED MENU AND PAY

THE BALANCE BY 7 NOVEMBER 2017

CHEQUES PAYABLE TO SWANLEY TWINNING PLEASE

TO AUDREY HAYNES

9 MAGDALEN GROVE ORPINGTON KENT BR6 9WE

New members are always welcome <http://www.swanleytwinning.org.uk>

The website of Verrières-le-Buisson is: www.mairie-verrieres-91.fr

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