

# Reigate & Banstead Twinning Association

(covering the areas of Reigate, Redhill, Banstead and Horley)



## Twinning News 2018/1



**Bonne et heureuse année**



**Frohes Neues Jahr**



**Belated Happy New Year**

### Important Dates for your 2018 Diary

✚ Burns Night -----	26 January
✚ Karneval -----	8-13 February
✚ Twinning Quiz -----	23 February
✚ AGM -----	9 March
✚ 25th anniversary of Twinning festivities in Brunoy -----	13-15 April
✚ Annual Visit to Priory Junior School Reigate by Barbaraschule Eschweiler -----	23-27 April
✚ Visit to Eschweiler -----	6-9 July
✚ Visit by Brunoy -----	21-23 September

### Message from our President

To our members in the UK and friends in both Eschweiler and Brunoy a very happy New Year.

The past one has not altogether been a happy one or easy. Whatever awaits us in the next two years we must resolve to maintain, and indeed strengthen, our warm ties with our twinning friends.

I will be visiting Brunoy in April and Eschweiler during July. I sincerely hope that as many members as are able will be coming to one or both countries.

Twinning is about friendship and understanding. We must resolve to do our modest best to keep alive all the positive elements that our founders envisaged many decades ago in starting our Association.

Hopefully we will meet at the forthcoming Burns Night Dinner. Haggis and whisky are a good and cheery tonic!

As ever - **Penelope**

### Brunoy Link

Happy New Year to all of you, may 2018 bring many opportunities to consolidate our friendships here and abroad as well as chances to appreciate the wealth and the depth of each other's culture.

2018 is a special year for French Twinning as we are going to celebrate 25 years of Twinning with Brunoy. The celebration will start in April in Brunoy and will continue here in September, during our exchange visits. As you can see, in the flyer attached to the newsletter, the French have prepared an interesting programme for our visit in April. We have been promised some musical entertainment during

the now famous "repas partage", no further details as yet, but we can look forward to a special anniversary evening.

**We will very soon need to confirm the list of participants so please send your £50 deposit cheques to Anne or me, unless you prefer to pay directly into the Twinning account in the usual way. Please be sure to let our Treasurer Robert Bogin and one of us know that you have done so. The deadline, as mentioned in the flyer, is January 26th, the date of the Burns Supper where I hope to see many of you. Please feel free to publicise our trip to any of your friends who may be interested. Contact me if you have any questions.**

Best wishes for a happy Twinning year to you all

*Anne and Monique*

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## Eschweiler Link

Happy New Year to you all from our Eschweiler Friends! We visited last week for the Proklamation of this year's Karneval Prinz Patrick and his Zeremoniemeister Michael from the Narrengarde group in Duerwiss. The Narrengarde are one of the larger Karneval groups of the 24 in the Eschweiler area. They have about 800 members including their own musicians, dance group and the youth section, some of whom visited our YMCA last summer. They were our first contact and remain the most important so it is particularly exciting when the Prinz is chosen from their membership. We have known Patrick since he has been Narrengarde President for 16 years and wish him well for the forthcoming Karneval season. As usual we were given a warm welcome to this very important event in the Eschweiler calendar, which was completely sold out. Nearly all the evening's entertainment was provided by the Narrengarde group themselves, who must be very proud of their "home grown talent". If anyone is on Facebook, you can see some videos under the Eischwiele Alaaf page. Our next visit will be next month for the Karneval itself, and as usual our friends from Redhill Corps of Drums will be joining us to play on the marches through the streets.



Eschweiler have invited us to visit them on Friday 6 July, returning on the following Monday this year, with provisional plans for day visits to Dusseldorf in groups and another to the Eifel area. We hope to go by coach, depending on numbers. As July is high season, the coach and crossing are more expensive this year, but we aim to make the visit as affordable as possible. If you do not have a family contact for

accommodation and would like one, I can try to arrange it. Otherwise we have been given a special discounted rate for rooms at the Park Hotel in Eschweiler, where we stayed before. Prices per room, including breakfast, are: double/twin room €89; single €50. Eschweiler have said that they need our numbers by the end of February, so please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and let me have it before then. Do please call me if you have any questions.

**Janet Powell** Eschweiler Link Chairman  
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## Recent Events:

### ▪ Skittles Night 18 November

An evening of fun, food and friendship

On Saturday 18 November 26 twinning members gathered at the Colman Redland Community Centre in Reigate for a lovely pre-Christmas get-together including a convivial game of skittles and an array of delicious food contributed by those who attended.

It was a great opportunity for members to spend time together, to catch up with friends, meet new friends and to chat about the forthcoming twinning visits to Brunoy and Eschweiler planned for 2018.

The winners of the skittles games were presented with a nice prize (a bottle of wine each) and we all congratulated the champion of the match, Reg, who achieved an impressive score.

Huge thanks to everyone for organising this most enjoyable event and making it such a success!

**Angie Potter**

## Forthcoming Events:

### ❖ Burns' Supper - 26 January

By popular request, we are repeating the very successful Burns' Night evening we held a couple of years ago. For economies of scale, it will be a joint event with our friends of Redhill Redstone Rotary Club at the Redhill & Reigate Golf Club in Pendleton Road, Redhill.

There will be a traditional meal with entertainment by a piper and singer of Scottish songs.

Please do let us know if you would like to come as we still have some places available.

Please bring friends and relatives for a very enjoyable evening.

Further details available on the Twinning website, [www.reigatebansteadtwinning.co.uk](http://www.reigatebansteadtwinning.co.uk).

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### ❖ Quiz – 23 February

This year once again you are invited to take part in our exciting Twinning Quiz. The quiz is our main fundraising event, last year we raised £600 which helped us entertain our French friends in September. We hope that many of you will come with friends, not only to test your general knowledge but also to try to out-guess our famous quizmaster, Helier Dreux who often leaves clues in the questions. Come individually or with a group to form a team of 6 to 8, and have fun in a friendly competitive atmosphere. We will provide the traditional fish and chips, so please fill in the form attached to this newsletter to reserve a place for this great evening.

**Monique**

## ❖ AGM – 9 March

The AGM will be held in the United Reformed Church, Shaw's Corner, Redhill on 9 March commencing 7.30 PM. It will follow the usual format – Twinning business and then a light supper. The Agenda, Minutes of last year's meeting and Financial report, as well as details about the supper, will be sent out at the beginning of February.

In the meantime, if there is anything that you would like to raise at the AGM, please let me know and I will add it to the Agenda.

We ask every year - if you are interested in joining the Committee, we would be very happy to hear from you.

Many thanks,

**Elspeth Cawtheray** – Hon. Secretary - [rande.cawtheray@gmail.com](mailto:rande.cawtheray@gmail.com)

## New Members:

A warm welcome to:

😊 Peter Luxton

and

😊 Mary and Michael Scoltock

## 2018 Subscription Renewal

Dear Twinners,

**A reminder that membership subscriptions fall due at the start of this month, January 2018.**

An exception to this is that if you have joined Twinning for the first time recently and we have agreed to waive the subscription for the coming year in view of the short benefit you will have had from your 2017 membership.

Otherwise please send me a cheque and the membership form, for the amounts indicated on it, £7.50 or £15. Cheques should be made out to Reigate & Banstead Twinning Association, (and not to me!).

**If you pay by direct bank transfer, please do not forget to e-mail myself and Robert Bogin, our treasurer, to let us know that you have re-joined. Our e-mails are included on the membership forms.**

Please note that if you will be participating in the Twinning visits to Brunoy or Eschweiler, you need to be paid up members in order for the Association to obtain the travel insurance cover it needs.

*David Wylie - Membership Secretary*

## Treasurer's Report

2017 finished with the Association's funds standing at a healthy level despite a small decrease during the year.

There were good fund raising events such as the Quiz and Summer Lunch with the major cost of the year being for the visit here of the Brunoyens.

Subscriptions for the year were slightly higher than the previous year and administration expenses were almost the same as 2016.

The accounts have not yet been audited.

**Robert Bogin** - Treasurer