

Reigate & Banstead Twinning Association

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Twinning News 2019/4



Important Dates for your 2019/2020 Diary

2019

- ✚ Skittles evening-----18 October
- ✚ Winter Walk-----9 November

2020

- ✚ January Dinner-----TBA
- ✚ Quiz-----28 February
- ✚ AGM-----20 March

Brunoy Link

Dear Friends,

Whatever happens politically, our link with Brunoy is going from strength to strength. We had a successful exchange visit thanks to many of you who welcomed our Brunoyens friends in your own homes. Many thanks to you all. Walking along the beach, in Littlehampton, on Saturday afternoon "felt like summer" one of our French guests said. Thanks too to the team who organised, hosted and guided in London, the 4 runners from Brunoy. One of whom came first in her category in the Reigate run: Bravo Agnès. Thanks also to our Mayor who welcomed everyone warmly in English and in French.

The novelty this year is the new link, which we facilitated, between Brunoy photo club and Reigate Photographic Society. Photographers from Brunoy have been invited to participate in the Reigate photo exhibition on the 26 October. If you go there, you'll meet some Brunoyens again.

As you will see in a later article, our links with Brunoy are varied and evolving. So please let's support our association! We hope to see many of you soon, playing skittles or walking or preferably doing both. And please bring your friends.

Monique and Anne

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Eschweiler Link

Dear Friends

Nothing to report this time.

However Eckhard Pelky, our photographer friend from Eschweiler, has made a film about their last visit to us in June. Go to the link <https://www.youtube.com/user/macrophot>

Janet Powell

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Recent Events:

▪ Visit from Brunoy

On a beautifully warm sunny day we went to the Amberley working museum with our Brunoy twinning friends. This is set in an old chalk mine in West Sussex. This is a fascinating museum, accessible by main line trains as well as by road. We took their open carriage train to the end of the museum site and

gradually walked back through well laid out exhibits about the early days of electricity, working trains, road transport, communications to the skilled crafts of wheelwrights, woodworkers etc of bygone years.

Whilst at this museum there was an added bonus of many small steam traction engines which were puffing their way along the pathways, there were barrel organs playing traditional fairground tunes.

This was such an amazing place to visit that we wished we had longer, we will certainly return for a more leisurely day visit.

After 2½ hours we had to get on the coach to go to Littlehampton to find some lunch. I think most of us had fish and chips, well what else would you choose to have on a warm day by the seaside, so British! We enjoyed a couple of hours wandering along the river and harbour watching fishing and sailing boats alike struggling to return to port against a very fast ebbing tide.

We returned back home for a quick cup of tea before a change of attire for the evening. We met up again at Reigate College for a splendid 3 course dinner in the evening

Sue Wylie



BRUNOY AND REIGATE RUNNERS

Forthcoming Events

◆ Skittles evening 18 October

By popular demand we are again organising a skittles evening using the skittles alley from the Redstone Rotary Club. So please do bring your friends along for a good social evening. It will be held at St Joseph's Centre, Ladbroke Road, Redhill RH1 1JT

Tickets will be £12 and this year there will be a choice of fish or chicken and chips, together with a glass of wine, beer or soft drink. A veggie option is available if required.

Please bring your own glasses, and any cutlery etc you may need.

Please remember to fill in the attached form and let me have it by 11 October at the latest.

Rosemary Jones

◆ Winter Walk 9 November

People are invited on a 4 mile walk on Saturday 9 November. We are meeting at Denbies and leaving at 10am.

The plan is to walk up the north downs way to the Ranmore viewpoint. The route starts in the vineyard and has views across the vines with their golden hues. Arriving on Ranmore Common we will pass the church and head to the viewpoint. I hope that we will still be treated to the mix of bronze, yellow, green and russet colours that this view of the Surrey hills provides. We will then descend and join a path along the back of Dorking that eventually enters the back of Denbies vineyard following the track back to the priory and car park.

I have chosen this walk largely for the colours and because from memory although some parts may be muddy, most of the area is fairly well drained.

For those that wish to adjourn to a pub for lunch at the end of the walk I will book a table at the stepping stones pub in west humble. This is a short drive up the A24 from Denbies.

Please could those wishing to eat at the stepping stones let me know by Monday 14th October so that I can reserve enough places.

E-mail happy808@yahoo.com or drop a note to Natasha, Flat 1, 72 Reigate Hill, Reigate, Surrey, RH29PB

Natasha Allan

Treasurer

The recent successful visit by Brunoy showed a net cost as budgeted subject to final confirmation of the invoice from Reigate College.

There is therefore a decrease in funds for the year to date which was expected considering the visits here by both Brunoy and Eschweiler during the year.

Fund raising events during the next year should ensure that the Association is able to cover all expected outgoings.

Robert Bogin

Heritage Weekend

The Twinning Association were delighted to be invited to set up a display in the Old Council Chamber when the Town Hall was open to the public as part of the Heritage Weekend activities.

The Town Hall car park was turned into a classic car exhibition with sport cars, military vehicles and lots of child friendly activities. This proved to be successful in attracting visitors into the Town Hall where they could enjoy refreshments in the Old Council Chamber.

As a result Monique and Sally had a busy day, handing out leaflets and answering questions about Brunoy and Eschweiler. Janet and Graham provided an attractive and informative display with photos, maps and information detailing all our social activities.

Some had heard of the Twinning. We spoke to parents of children who had visited Barbarschule with Reigate Priory School. But the majority of enquiries came from people who knew very little about Twinning.

The day was very successful and it is to be hoped that new members will join as a result.

Volunteering-at the YMCA

Elliott Duchet is the grandson of Danielle Redstone. He worked for 2 weeks, in August, as a volunteer for a YMCA play scheme for children with special needs in Redhill and stayed with members of our Twinning Association.

When Monique wrote a thank you e-mail to the YMCA, she was told "He was such a star!"

Here is Elliott's account of his visit:

When I arrived in London with the Eurostar, I was lost in the subway, but finally I found the right direction to Victoria station, then the right train to Three Bridges where the Jones family picked me up. They live

there and they looked after me. Hilary has been very kind with me and I enjoyed her food. I gained two kilos, which was marvellous because I am thin. The first day in the centre, I was a little bit stressed, some people explained to me what to do, as I did not know really how to manage with the children but after a few days, it was better and better and a great experience, I think I had a good relationship with the children, they were great. And the team was also great and always there when necessary. I learnt a lot with the children and would be able to do it again. I really like England, I feel people are more polite and respectful than in France. Many thanks to all the people who made that happen.

Elliott