

Reigate & Banstead Twinning Association

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Important Dates for your 2024 Diary

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| ❖ New Year Meal ----- 26 January | ❖ Visit by Brunoy ----- 25 – 28 April |
| ❖ Eschweiler Karneval ----- 8 – 12 February | ❖ AGM ----- 7 June |
| ❖ Quiz ----- 1 March | ❖ Summer meal (to be confirmed) ----- 7 July |

Message from our President

Greetings to all our Newsletter readers.

Memories mean so much to us all. With first visitors from Eschweiler here back in the summer and a visit by us to Brunoy in the Spring we have started linking up following Covid. It has been more than cheering for us and, I hope, all of you! New memories to celebrate. We are truly grateful to all who work so hard to ensure these trips are successful.

In our rather topsy turvy world "normality" may be near again.

I send all friends in our Twinning Circle best wishes for Christmas and a happy New Year for 2024. See many of you then.

As always ever - Penelope

Brunoy Link

Dear friends,

First I would like to give a warm welcome to all our "associate members" who have generously agreed to host some of our French visitors for our festive weekend in April 2024, and secondly, a big thank you to all our members who offered to host our French friends. I now only need one more host family, so if you have escaped my attention so far and are willing to host someone from the 25 to the 28 of April, do contact me please. The preparations are gathering pace and we hope that you will all be involved in the festivities..

As we did in 2018 for our 25th anniversary, we will have a slide show so, if you have any digital photos relating to our French exchange taken from 2018 onwards, please send them to me at Mpottage@hotmail.co.uk. Our newsletter editor, Ena, has also kindly agreed to put together a "paper display" of old photos, newspapers articles etc going back 30 years. We will have the opportunity to look at this while sipping our welcoming drink at the official dinner on Saturday night. I will gather all the material and return it to you as long as you write your name clearly on the back of the photos etc. Please send it or drop it at my home address : 108 Croydon Road, Reigate, RH2 0NQ

We now have a little sub-committee team helping to organise the anniversary weekend and we need more suggestions of FREE things to do in London on the Friday, and places to visit on the Saturday. Again e-mail me your ideas please. We are now in the process of finalising the programme of our festive weekend. It will be published in a newsletter later next year

I hope to see many of you for the January meal. Joyeux Noël et bonne année à tous

Monique and Anne

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First of all we would like to thank you for your invitation. 36 people are registered. We are very happy that our friendship between Reigate and Brunoy is still strong after 30 years.

We look forward to being with you again in April.

BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS

Dominique Ryan

Eschweiler Link

Dear friends

I heard only recently that in Germany one shouldn't wish people "Happy Christmas" until the day before Christmas Eve, so I will wish you all "Happy Advent" instead, for the time being. We were thinking of the famous German Christmas Markets as we enjoyed Reigate's own version, with cold weather to match. That meant we had to sample the excellent Glüwein on offer, just to keep warm!

Just after Christmas we will be going to Eschweiler for the Proklamation of the new Prinz Kevin as he prepares for Karneval on 8-12 February. If anyone wants to join the Karneval Group visit, please let me know as soon as possible so we can arrange transport.

At our last Committee Meeting, we arranged dates for members to meet up during the first half of next year, and we look forward to seeing you for as many of these as you can manage. Everyone remarks on how friendly our group is, and of course you are always welcome to bring along any others who might enjoy it too.

In the meantime, have a good Christmas and a happy New Year.

Janet Powell

Joint Chairman & Eschweiler Link

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Dear friends in Reigate & Banstead,

We would like to send you warm greetings from Eschweiler for Christmas. We hope you are all well and you are going to celebrate with your families.

At the same time, we would like to wish you all the best for the New Year 2024. The last few years have brought many worries. Let's hope that things will change for the better in the new year.

We are already thinking about our big anniversary in 2025 and are really, really looking forward to seeing you again in Eschweiler - after such a long time.

May you be blessed this Christmas. We greet you all in this spirit and in friendship

the Eschweiler Partnership Association.

Treasurer and Membership

We would like to thank all our loyal members whose subscriptions cover all the administration costs enabling the Association to continue its essential function of maintaining links with our European neighbours and friends

Robert Bogin

Treasurer & Membership Secretary