YATE AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

Dear Members

The Committee for 2015/2016 are as follows:

Chairman	Mr Martin Monk	Vice Chairman	Mr David Hardill
Treasurer	Mrs Penny Spiller	Secretary	Mrs Ruth Boulton

Committee:Mrs Lesley KillockMrs Sue WalkerMr Ian BlairMrs Gill LathamMrs Kath WilliamsMr Rick BoultonMr Mike RobbinsMrs Pam PearceMrs Alison HardillMr Neil GordonMr SearceMr Searce

The Yate Town Council Reps are: Mr Wully Perks, Mrs Margaret Marshall and Mr. Karl Tomasin

The Committee meetings are usually held the 3rd Friday in the month and all are welcome to attend.

Our first fund raising event of this year will be a coffee morning at Yate Library on Saturday 5th December 10.00 to 12.00. Poster can be downloaded from the website, please advertise wherever you can. We plan to have a Christmas theme with Christmas type cakes, Mince pies, Stollen etc. We will be having a raffle of a Christmas Hamper so any contributions you can make for this would be much appreciated, if you could let Ruth or Kath have the items by the 20th November that will then give us time to make up the hamper. Also would be great to have your support on the day.

As discussed at the Planning meeting we plan to go to Worcester Christmas Markets on Thursday 26th November travelling by train. If interested please contact Ruth or Martin to discuss further arrangements once these have been finalised. The date for the Annual Twinning Dinner is Saturday 30th January 2016 at Poole Court please put this date in your Diary.

I have also been asked to pass this message on to you for your interest.

The U3A German group which has been running for just under a year started as a beginners' group so is now post beginners/ improvers level. Not for anyone who has a more advanced knowledge of German. The group meets on Mondays from 4pm - 6pm - this is in two parts. Most of the group members meet from 4-5pm to practise amongst themselves. Mary Littler then arrives at 5pm to teach the class. It's up to individual members whether they come for 2 hours or just for the 5pm - 6pm slot. This all takes place at Brimsham Green School, Yate.

If there is sufficient interest it's hoped to start a beginners' group which will run on Tuesdays from 2.30 - 3.30pm somewhere in Yate/Chipping Sodbury - venue to be arranged.

Several people whose German is more advanced have come along to the Monday group but have not stayed as it is not a high enough level. If there were more people at this level interested it may be possible to start a new more advanced / intermediate conversation group to suit them.

If anyone is interested in German at any level please contact Mary Littler (07946058390) <u>maryelittler@yahoo.co.uk</u> or Fiona Blair can give individual or group tuition (tel. 07968291882) <u>fionablair@tesco.net</u>.

And Finally...... please can we have your application forms and deposits for the trip to Bad Salzdetfurth (31st May to 8th June) by 19th November so the numbers going can be established. It promises to be a good trip with new places to explore, so please do your best to join us.