

Yate & District Twinning Association - Newsletter

December
2012

Report from Planning Meeting for 2013

Special points of interest:

- Enjoy Kaffee und Kuchen in members' houses
- Plan to come to the annual bar-b-que
- Think about joining us when we go to the Christmas Markets in December 2013
- Join us on visits to heritage railways, boat trips and other places of interest
- Our Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday 26th January at Poole Court.

As usual the Planning Meeting took place on the day after the AGM in October. All members are invited to attend or put forward ideas for events during the next year. This year the meeting was very well attended and came up with some new ideas.

The Programme of events for the coming year was drawn up and approved by the Committee Meeting in November.

The Annual Dinner will take place at Poole Court on January 26th. There will also be a Bar B Que on Saturday July 6th at the usual address in Station Road—weather permitting!

It was decided to try some events with a German theme in members' homes. There will be Coffee and Mince pies

on December 12th, Kaffee Und Kuchen on February 12th and a summer 'garden party' in June. We are also planning to use the Library for Kaffee und Kuchen and a display in April. Keep an eye out for further details of all these events. You will be sent more precise information nearer each date.

More information about the possible visit to Christmas Markets will be available soon—this time we are thinking of visiting Northern France and maybe some WWI sites.

Please try to support as many events as possible. We are not expecting a big group from Germany this year—but we will still need to increase funds to entertain our guests.



Seasons Greetings from Bad Salzdettfurth

We hope you like our biscuits.

We wish you all a wonderful

*Advent and a peaceful and
relaxing Christmas time.*

The members of the Twinning

Association from Bad

Salzdettfurth.

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Seasonal Greetings from Martin Monk

Mayor of Yate

Vice Chairman of the Yate & District Twinning Association

Christmas is a time for families to be together and I see the twinning association as a big family. Like all families it has highs and lows. One of the lows this year has been the demise of the Frampton Cotterell Twinning Association. However, some new members from Frampton have been welcomed to the Yate & District Association. This means that new associations have been formed with Yate and Kelbra in time we may see the rebirth of Frampton Cotterell Twinning Association. A high this year was the trip to Bad Salzdetfurth – this was described in the previous edition of the newsletter.

There has been a change from the Ger-

man side, not appreciated by all, but hopefully a change which may attract new members to come to England on the 2013 trip. The party will be stopping in the Yate area for a couple of nights, and then going on to St Ives on a Rosamund Pilcher 'sights and sound discovery'.

Back home, it is perhaps a time to forget past differences. On that theme don't forget mince pies and coffee at 191 Celestine Road on the 12th December from 2pm till you want to go home – cost £2.50 to include a raffle – have a chat and wish each other a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year as well as helping to add to the Association's funds.

Best wishes for 2013

Martin



*We hope that
you enjoy trying
out these recipes
which have been
sent to us by
Waltraud
Ottleben*

Cornflake biscuits

200 grams dark chocolate and 100 grams full cream chocolate melted,
Mix with 90 grams of grated coconut and 100 grams of cornflakes.
Put little parts on a baking sheet, put it at a cold place and let it get solid.

Cinnamon Biscuits

Stir 200 gr. butter, 100 gr. sugar, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 260 gr. flour and 100 gr. ground nuts (almonds?).

Put it a little time at a cold place and then shape it like half moons.

Put it on a baking sheet and bake for about 10 – 12 minutes – until it is light brown.

Mix cinnamon and a little sugar and turn the warm biscuits in that mixture.



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From our friends in Bad Salzdetfurth

Bad Salzdetfurth in Germany is near to Hannover and is surrounded with little wooded hills. Friends ask us why we are going on holiday when we have such a wonderful landscape around.

Many people from Yate, who have visited us for a long time, know that all. They can tell you about their trips close to our town and the landscapes nearby.

People from Bad Salzdetfurth have made many friendships with people from Yate and we are always looking forward to coming over to Yate. We also love your countryside with the hedges, old trees and wonderful gardens.

Christmas Traditions in Germany

Now we want tell you something about Christmas time in Germany. It is in some ways a little bit different to yours in Great Britain. When Advent time is coming we decorate our rooms with Christmas facilities, Christmas tree branches in vases – sometimes with electric lights on – everybody has one or more Advent wreaths on their tables or window sills decorated with candles and other things. Every evening we light the candles – one during the first week, two the second week and so on.....

And many women are baking special biscuits.

For Christmas Eve we have a Christmas tree, decorated with coloured bowls, angels, Christmas figures and candles, of course. For the little children their parents put the presents around the Christmas tree and it is forbidden to the children to enter that room before their parents allow it. So is the surprise big for them.

Most families are going to a church service and after the service they have the distribution of gifts. Then all the families have their special Christmas meal. That is quite different – some have turkey, some have trout or some have just a potato salad with special sausages.

The next two Christmas days relations and friends are coming for a visit or you visit friends or relations.

It is forbidden for children to enter the room before parents allow it.....



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Report from the Annual General Meeting Held in Poole Court on Friday October 12th 2012

The meeting took the usual format. Officers from 2012 gave verbal and written reports of the year. Ruth, as Chairman, thanked everyone for all the work they had done during the year. Alan, as secretary, gave a detailed list of the events that had taken place during the year. Unfortunately a couple of things had had to be cancelled because of the poor summer weather.

The Treasurer's report showed that we continue to have sufficient funds to cover expenses and it has not been necessary to increase membership fees. Ian has had to find an alternative person to audit the accounts because Vic Heathfield who has carried out this service for a number of years has moved to Manchester. Thanks were expressed for all the good work carried out by Vic over the years. Ian reported that

internet banking is now possible.

The nominations for officers for 2013 were accepted by those present, as were the nominations for committee members. There is now a full committee of 12 members. Nigel Ellis has joined the Committee for the first time in 2013.

The 2013 Committee is:

Mike Pearce, Rick Boulton, Gill Latham, Rafael Pepiol, Kath Williams, Sue Walker, Gordon Williams, Wulstan Perks, Lesley Killock, Pam Pearce, Nigel Ellis, David Hardill

Mick Robbins and Cleone Trotter continue to represent the Town Council on the Committee.

The date was set for the 2013 AGM: October 18th with the 2014 Planning Meeting on the next day.