



Haslemere Twinning



Bernay 1985



Haslemere



Horb 1991

Newsletter, July 2021

Dear Twinning Friend,

I'm writing this just one day after 'lift-off' day (July 19th) when the Covid restrictions were 'removed' and when we all moved into self-restraint mode, which is clearly going to mean different things to different people! What a year it's been. Nevertheless, things are looking up and, however slowly, we are trying to look on the bright side and make plans for our annual events even if some modification is required in the event.

New Year 'Drinks and Nibbles'

January in the Town Hall

This was the first casualty of the year, but we are hopeful that this event will happen on schedule in January 2022.

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March at St Bart's Church Hall

And this was the second casualty, depriving us of the annual catch-up and some excellent refreshments.

30th Anniversary of being twinned with Horb

After a massive amount of organisation on the part of the Town Hall in Horb am Neckar, a four-way link was established via ZOOM at 12.30 on Sunday 18th July, just one day before (Covid) restrictions were lifted. Accordingly, our numbers were limited to the committee and partners. During the hour that all of Horb's twinned towns were linked together (Haslemere (UK), Salins-les-Bains (France) and Sant Just Desvern (Spain)), the mayors of each town gave a short 'speech' and various musical items were performed in three of the four countries. The main instigator of this event, [Peter Rosenberger](#) (Oberbürgermeister of Horb) presented the opening speech and, after the mayors of the French and Spanish towns had delivered theirs, our own [Mayor, Simon Dear](#), delivered his.



The Summer Social BBQ

Saturday 7th August, 12.00 at 'Bunchfield', Penwith Drive, GU27 3PP

One of the unquestioned highlights of the year is our BBQ social chez Sylvia and Christopher. If there is a question mark on earlier events, we all hope that this one goes ahead.

The Quiz Night

This is the 'fun evening out' of the year! We will be making every effort to ensure that this goes ahead. Because of the vagaries imposed by the Covid pandemic, we decided to bring our traditional November date forward and make this Quiz Night a self-catering one. This year for the very first time, teams will be competing for a trophy! The name of the winning team will be engraved each year.

Details are as follows:

Date: Friday 24th September

Venue: The Hall of Our Lady of Lourdes, Derby Road, Haslemere, GU27 1BS

Time: 7.00pm

Cost: £10 (cash on the door)

Food: Please bring any food/drink that you want to nibble/sip through the quiz.

Raffle: Yes!

We would love to see you there. Please get in touch if you'd like more information that will help you make up your mind.

The visit of HASLEMERE to BERNAY: a change of dates

The dates that have been set aside for this are Wednesday 6th to Sunday 10th April 2022. Bernay has yet to confirm these.

The visit of HORB to HASLEMERE

Our next visit has been suggested (to Horb) as Thursday 2nd to Tuesday 7th June, 2022. This proposal has been accepted by the Town Hall in Horb and looks to be going ahead (Covid restrictions permitting). The committee will be working hard to make this visit (which coincides with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee) a memorable one.

Subscriptions

The cost of being part of the Association is just £9 per adult (over 18) payable on January 1st each year. Our thanks to all those (the overwhelming majority) who have set up this regular payment. Our sort code is **30-93-94** and the account number is **00433354**. In the reference box put **SUB** followed by **SURNAME**.

If you have any questions about any aspect of this update in our activities, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Our very best wishes to you all in these difficult times,

from

Michael, Ann, Beryl, Brigitte, Dorothea, Rosemary, Sheila, Simon, Sylvia, Ann and Clint Raine