

NEWSLETTER



THETFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION

This is the first of a new style of short newsletter which we plan to produce on a regular basis. We will still be producing the Town Crier magazine, but this will come out less frequently – probably two or three times a year. This shorter newsletter will give you brief details of events coming up and other news items which we need to communicate to you quite quickly, whilst the magazine will have more detailed reports which are not so urgent.

But first we have some sad news. Paul Waghorn, our former Vice-Chairman, was taken into hospital on an emergency admission two weeks ago and has just been diagnosed as having leukaemia. We are sure you will join with us in wishing him a speedy recovery and with wishing him, and Susan and their family, all the best. For this reason Susan will not be producing the newsletters for a short while but will take over again as soon as she has the time.

THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME

Saturday 18th February, Swaffham Twinning Association's Curry Night

This will be held in Swaffham. There will be two curries, one lamb and one vegetable; both will be mild. Please contact Barrie if you would like to come along.

Tuesday 28th February: Mardi Gras Evening

This will be held at the Living Word Christian Fellowship, 115 Bury Road (the old Gas Board premises). There will be a Mardi Gras mask making competition and a taste of traditional Mardi Gras foods from various countries. Cost £5 (£6 non members).

Friday 31st March: Japanese Night

A talk by Ray Key on his recent visit to Japan, and sampling of Japanese foods, at the URC in Earls Street.

Sunday, 23rd April – NATC Sponsored Walk

See below for more information. Full Details on www.norfolknetwork.co.uk – click on Fund Raising.

28 – 30th April: Visit to Les Ulis, to celebrate 10 years of Twinning

There are ten places available in addition to those for officials. Please let Barrie know as

soon as possible if you would like to take part

A date in May – 3rd Annual Pique-Nique et Petanque, at Riversdale

Date to be confirmed. Midday start. Bring your own pique-nique, and boules if you have them.

16th-18th June – Hürth Twinning Jubilee

90 years of Twinning (40 years Hürth-Spijkenisse; 40 years Hürth-Thetford, 10 years Hürth-Skawina. Please let Barrie know if you would like to go, before arranging your transport.

16th July – Annual Summer Lunch, Mackenzie Road

More details soon.

11th to 16th August – Polish Visitors coming to Thetford

Host families will be needed for this visit, which is happening during the Carnival Week. We will also have our annual barbecue during the weekend, so there will be plenty going on to keep guests occupied.

First weekend in September – Trip to Lille

To include the Braderie; a huge open air collectors' market and festival.

A weekend in October

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MARDI GRAS EVENING

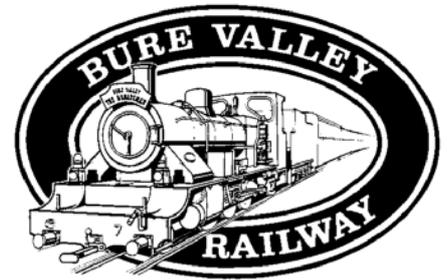
I/We (names) _____ would like _____ (no) tickets for the Mardi Gras Evening at the Living Word Christian Fellowship on Tuesday 28th February. I enclose a cheque for £ _____ (£5 each £6 non members). Tel: _____ . Send to Barrie & Sheila, 24 Mackenzie Road.

Reply by Friday 25th February



A reminder if you are travelling anywhere in the EU, with the Twinning Association or independently, that from 1st January the new European Health Insurance Card replaced the old E111. If you need medical treatment and don't have an EHIC you could end up with a large bill for treatment. This is not the same as travel insurance, which will also be needed as it provides cover for emergency transport home, legal costs, theft or delays. You can get your application form for the EHIC from the Post Office or apply online at www.dh.gov.uk/travellers, or phone 0845 606 2030. It will take up to 21 days to process your application.

NATC SPONSORED WALK



The chosen charity for the NATC us to support this year is the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and therefore as last year we will be asking walkers to raise sponsorship the of which 50% of the proceeds will go to the RNLI and the remainder to their designated twinning association. A minimum sponsorship level of £10 is required to enter.

Our walk this year will be based on the Bure Valley footpath beside the Bure Valley Railway, commencing at 9.45am at the Hoveton station (often mistakenly called Wroxham) and then the walk will take us alongside the railway line through, by Coltishall and Buxton to Aylsham. Please do not start early!!

Entry fee this year is £2.50 per person, including a return ticket to your starting point on the Bure Valley Railway and the walk, an estimated 9 miles or 14 kilometres, is expected to take just under 3 hours. (From Coltishall 2hours +, from Buxton 1 hour+).

Aylsham twinning is organising a barbecue from 1pm in the garden of Aylsham Manor, which is between the station and the town at Aylsham, only about 300 metres distant. Cost of the barbecue is £7.50 per person, payable by separate cheque to Aylsham Twinning.

Car parking is available at the station, or there is a Roys car park opposite which we have permission to use.

Alternative starting points are possible, at Coltishall (about 6.5 miles/10 kms to Aylsham) and Buxton (about 3.5 miles/5.5 kms to Aylsham). However, parking is severely restricted, particularly at Coltishall, and care must be taken to ensure that parking is appropriate if you are not able to park within the proper parking areas. This could involve parking some distance from the stations. There is also access to the footpath at various points along the route, e.g Hautbois and Brampton, but there are no parking areas.

Application and sponsorship forms available from Barrie, or <http://www.norfolknetwork.co.uk/>



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