



NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL EDITION - TRIPS FOR 2010

THETFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The following trips have already been advertised in previous newsletters. The Committee is aware that many people do not now like to drive abroad, and would also prefer to travel in a group. In the past we were able to hire a minibus and use our own driver, but the laws have now changed and this is no longer possible. We have therefore investigated some alternatives for the following trips:

Visits to Les Ulis to include the Fête des Plantes Vivaces at St Jean de Beauregard, Friday 9th to Monday 11th April, **AND Les Danses du Monde event, Les Ulis** - 3rd and 4th July. Morris Dancers from Bury St Edmunds will be taking part. This is not specifically a twinning event but Twinning Association members have been invited.

Suggestions are:

- Here the only suitable option is travel by Eurostar as detailed in the last newsletter - 2newhorizons on the Market Place can book this or it can be booked independently (but let Janet know so your accommodation, and transport from Paris, can be arranged.
- It is possible to travel by plane from Stansted or Luton to Paris CDG airport but it will then be necessary to make your own way to Les Ulis by RER.



Spijkenisse International Event, 1st - 5th July. To include Thetford and Hürth with officials and twinning members from each town invited. Activities around the weekend of the visit of the Tour de France.

Suggestions are:

- Travel to Harwich by taxi/minibus, crossing as a foot passenger to be met at the Hook of Holland and taken to Spijkenisse by VICS.
- Taking the 'boat train' - the Dutch Flyer: travel to Bury St Edmunds railway station by taxi/minibus, rail to Harwich, crossing as a foot passenger and then the train to Rotterdam and then the metro to Spijkenisse.



Any of these trips can be booked independently, or through a travel agent. If you have other ideas, please let us know.

LES ULIS & ST JEAN DE BEAUREGARD: For the Les Ulis trip in April, we have been asked to let the organisers know very soon how many people will be going, so they can make arrangements. I would be grateful if you could let a committee member know asap if you are interested in going.

GERMAN VISIT, MAY: As mentioned in the Annual Report, Marianne & Claudia are bringing a party of 33 people here for a short stay, having spent some days in Sussex. They will arrive on Monday 17th May and leave early on Thursday 20th May. Most of the guests will stay in the Premier Inn but we have been asked to host 10 people. Hosts have been found for 4 people so that leaves 6. There are two ladies, who Gerald has met; they are charming and speak excellent English. Aged 60 & 48, they can be hosted either together or separately. A couple aged about 45 English not too good (but probably adequate) who have been here before, and two ladies about 60, well educated. Volunteers to host please speak to Gerald after the meeting.



TWINNING ANNIVERSARY

In 2012, Thetford and Spijkenisse will have been twinned for 50 years. Both Spijkenisse and Thetford would like to celebrate this anniversary. How do you think we should celebrate it? Where should we celebrate it?

Following the successful visit by a choir from the Spijkenisse area in October 2008, another Dutch choir has asked to visit, also in 2012. Should this be a separate event or should we combine the two? Your thoughts, please!

