

Twining Association

Spring News

Friday 2nd May - Sunday 4th May

Our annual twinning weekend in Thame is now less than 3 weeks away. Our planning is entering its final stages as we prepare to receive the 15 guests who have so far signed up to the trip. We would like to thank all those of you who are hosting, in advance of what we hope will be another convivial and successful weekend.

Whether or not you're hosting, all members are cordially invited to join with us for the gatherings that are planned. It would be lovely to give our friends a huge, friendly welcome when they arrive on the **2nd May**, so please do come along to the **Town Hall at 6pm** for a drink and to say Bonjour!

The current plan is for our guests to spend Saturday in London with a visit to the British Museum and free time, while we prepare for the evening party at Towersey Manor Barn. Once again, we are very grateful to Marie-Jane and her husband for their generosity and support in letting us use the barn and being so helpful in all respects.

We would like to invite you all to the party, whether you are hosting or not. The current plan is to start at 7.30pm with a welcome drink, followed by supper and entertainment provided by Andy Gilbert's band, Je T'hame and a table top quiz provided by Sue and Phil Boyle. The event is free, but if you would like to make a small donation in aid of Andy's charities, as his term as mayor comes to a close, it would be most gratefully received. Linda and Sue will be doing the catering as in previous years, but if you could supply a dessert for 6 -8 people, that would be wonderful!

We don't know yet what time the French have to leave but I suspect it will be between 1.30 and 2pm. There is nothing officially planned for the morning, but last year a number of us enjoyed the May Day activities on Towersey Village Green.

That's for you to decide with your guests.

If you have any questions please ask. Otherwise, please RSVP to the party invitation and let me know if you'll be bringing a dessert. Merci en avance!



Other events to look forward to and to get involved with!



Saturday 24th May - A Taste of Thame

We are hoping to boost our funds by selling Crêpes at this event in the Town Centre, but we need your help. We will be making the crêpes on Friday, using 2 electric crêpe machines, ready to reheat as required on Saturday. If you could spare a couple of hours to help prepare on Friday or sell on the day, please let us know.

Otherwise please come and support us by buying a few crêpes on the day 😊



Saturday 14th June, 1pm - Thame Carnival

We are hoping to have our usual fundraising stalls at this very popular event, but neither Linda or Sue M are free, so we will need help!

Can you spare a couple of hours to help man the stall? We will have:

A tombola

Champagne Hunt

Book / Jigsaw sale

Biscuit decorating for children

Last year we raised over £250 at this event, so it is a good opportunity to boost our funds.

Please let me know if you can help at all, even if only for an hour.

Or perhaps you could make some small shortbread biscuits, suitable for decoration. We'll need about 50.



Weekend in Montesson – 19th – 21st September 2025

We are still hoping to that we will have enough people to make a coach viable this year. A few of you have got back to me but we are still under the necessary 20 and as time goes on suitable ferry times are disappearing. We appreciate that no-one likes to commit this far ahead, but equally we can't leave booking a coach until the last minute. The alternative is a self-drive minibus, but then we have the problem of finding 2 volunteers to drive it. A coach is far more comfortable and much less stressful!! The Twinning Association will subsidise the coach cost and our aim is for the cost to be £150 or less. Please think seriously about it and let me know your thoughts asap.



Quiz Night – Friday 21st November

The Town Hall and our fabulous quiz masters are already booked, so please save the date and get your team together. This is always a really enjoyable evening and our main fundraising event of the year. It is thanks to such events that we are able to subsidise the coach in September and invite everyone to the party in May, so please do support us if you can.



Looking even further ahead we will be setting up our gazebo at the Christmas Lights Switch On on Friday, 28th November, but let's not talk about Christmas just yet! 😊

21st Century Thame

You may have noticed the 21st Century Thame logo at the top of this newsletter and be wondering why it is there. There is a very good reason! As a not-for-profit organisation which works to serve the community promoting friendship and cultural links, we are proud to be part of 21st Century Thame. This gives us links to other things happening in Thame and also means that we are covered by their insurance. This saves us a huge amount of money each year, so, as you can imagine, we are very happy to be included and to promote them.

