

East Grinstead Twinning

NEWSLINE APRIL 2018

SPRING HAS ARRIVED!

Two weeks ago a party of eleven members went to see what goes on at **Highways England Motorway Control Centre at Godstone**. It was all quite fascinating to see the room of screens showing all the activity, forever changing, on our motorways in the South-East. We learned of the routine surveillance, action involved from the initial report to their attending a variety of call-outs by the police or from members of the public. You contact them from the roadside telephones for help in case of breakdown, you report a tree branch or something from off the back of a lorry, and after a road accident there is a lot of clearing up to do. We inspected one of their vehicles which was most interesting, and then because of their close workings with the police, and the police station was next door, we went there to hear from a nice young officer how he is involved. It was a very interesting and informative visit and we thank Valerie Hewett's son-in-law Nigel for organising it.

Ten members enjoyed a visit to **Brighton for lunch and dog racing**. The lunch was exceptionally good, but if you ask Sheila she would say that the afternoon was a dead loss - she was the only one not to back one winner! Jim did a lot better but after a lot of complicated wins, lost an equal number of races but I think that Bill Pearman was still smiling! It was a good day out, if not a bit too long.

St George's Day Lunch is being held on Sunday, the 22nd April, and 40 tickets have been sold. There is still time to book yourself in if you have not already done so. Please telephone 315375. Tickets £15 or £16. There will also be some entertainment.

A reminder that we are still needing **chocolate tombola prizes** for the **May Fair**. Please bring these along to the Coffee Morning, or bring them to the **St. George's Day Lunch**. There are still a few places empty for manning the stalls:

9 - 10 a.m. 1 person, 10-11 a.m. 1 person

11-12 p.m. 1 person 2 - 3 p.m. 3 persons

Wanted - A reminder for you going on your hols.! We need more packets of sugar for the Coffee Mornings.

As you probably know, the Rugby Club of Bourg-de-Peage has been twinned with that of East Grinstead since the first match in 1968 and alternating years visiting each town since then. This year they will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in East Grinstead 5-8th May, with a big match on May 6th. Please come and support this event at the Rugby Club.

We are expecting a one-day visit from **Schwaz Twinners** on May 17th. Please feel free to come and meet them at 5 p.m. at East Court where they will be welcomed by the Town Mayor, or, as they will be staying at the Felbridge Hotel (Plaza Felbridge) meet them there at 8 p.m. for a social evening.

For those of you who have booked in for the **London Walk** on 29th April, Sue & Pete Young will be leading the group, meeting at 9 a.m. at East Grinstead Station, and meeting Charles at Victoria Station.

Wanted Accommodation for Florence, a teacher from Bourg de Peage coming to East Grinstead on an inter-school training. She will arrive on 1st July and depart on the 13th, she is quite happy to stay with two families during this period and transport would be arranged by Sackville School. You may like to invite her to an evening meal.

Millennium Garden - There will be a working party on May 16th at 2.30 p.m., planting and painting - can you help?

Quiz Night - September details to follow.

Reminiscences afternoon - November details to follow.

Skittles at Pub in Henfield, on a Sunday, with lunch. Details to follow - Would you be interested.

Membership - welcome to our new members Elizabeth and Mike. We have 3 or 4 more members in the pipeline

100 Club - More members would be great - have you joined?

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