



March Newsletter

Dear Members,

Our 2nd Newsletter of 2020. Keeping you up to date with recent events and giving information and details of forthcoming events. **PLEASE NOTE CANCELLATIONS ON REVERSE SIDE OF THIS NEWSLETTER.**

Mindelheim Group Visit Feb 27th – March 1st - 8 young people aged between 16 and 19, accompanied by leaders Alexandra Konig and Florian Kastenmeier stayed at the Travelodge in town. They were treated to an excellent cooked breakfast Friday morning at Sackville School and then a School tour where they were able to meet up with students they had previously got to know in Mindelheim last year.



A rather wet and chilly town tour followed with lots of dashing into the Church, Museum and Chequer Mead to try and warm up. Saturday saw better weather and the group spent a long day in London visiting a long list of places from Camden Town, Piccadilly Circus and Platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ at Kings Cross. They expressed their grateful thanks to all those members who helped with sorting out Transport to and from Gatwick, Rail Fares and accommodation. Special thanks to Nick, Andy, Ken, Pete, Sue, Anna and Vicky. For all the young people this was their first visit to England, and they told us they'd had a great time.

Leap Year Lunch Sunday March 1st – 50 members and guests enjoyed an excellent 3 course meal at Peredur expertly cooked by Margaret Dale and Jackie Chambers.



Members provided a vast array of delicious puddings which went down very well, so much so that Daniel Sabas in France has requested a delivery to his address in Corsica. Thank You to our chefs and to all those who helped with serving, clearing up, and washing up. Your help is greatly appreciated. Please continue to support these events which contribute greatly to our Fund Raising.

Sheila Averill - Over 130 people, including many present and past Twinning members celebrated Sheila's life on Friday March 6th. A poignant and touching part of the service in St Richards Chapel was those attending placing fresh spring flowers on the casket. Afterwards at Peredur some wonderful tributes were paid to her by representatives from The Queen Victoria Hospital, Lions Club, WI and Twinning. Ken, Sara and Katherine expressed their thanks to all those Twinning members who sent cards and messages of sympathy. Sheila was a remarkable lady and a real support to Ken during his many years as Twinning Chairman. She will be greatly missed, and we plan to plant a Red Rose in her memory in the Town Twinning Millennium garden in West Street

U3A German Group – Vicky Jackson reports on a group she runs on Beginners' German. The group have established a link with a group in Mindelheim who are learning English. They have shared class profiles and photos and intend to keep each other informed on seasonal activities and local events. The local group writes in English and the other Mindelheim one in English

If you are interested in joining Vicky's group do so by joining U3a via their website

u3asites.org.uk/east-grinstead/home

Following the closure of all Libraries until further notice, Coffee Mornings will not take place until they reopen.

* The Quiz Night on April 24th has been postponed until later this year.

* The Lions have cancelled the May Fair and regrettably will not be holding it this year. Instead they will focus on the Donkey Derby which they hope will be held in July.

* The June East Court Live is cancelled.

* The Town VE Day celebrations due to be held on June 8th will now take place on September 20th - the first weekend after the anniversary of the Treaty Signing.

Youth Event- Schwaz – This has been cancelled due to the Virus restrictions

Bourg De Peage Rugby Club visit – This is during the weekend of May 7th – 10th with the annual match taking place on Saturday May 9th. Twinning have been approached for sponsorship and have agreed to fund £200 towards the event. A suggestion has been made that our Chairman presents a Man of the Match bottle of local sparkling wine. Further details when we have them.

FUTURE EVENTS:

The committee are currently exploring several suggestions for outings and events, including a possible community BBQ on Lingfield Recreation ground, Nick is in discussion with MSDC.

We plan to invite Turners Hill TTA to join us at any future outing to help with numbers for transport.

URGENT REMINDER – ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

We hesitate to call this a final reminder, but Membership Secretary Alex has pointed out that there are still several members needing to pay this year's subscription, £10 per person. Why not join the 100 Club for an additional £12 each at the same time? Please send your cheque to Alex Dale "Lamlash" Lewes Road East Grinstead RH19 3UD.

Thank You.