



NEWSLETTER Summer 2025



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I write this message having recently returned from a very successful Youth in Europe event in Verbania, great memories of a fabulous weekend in Verbania, it is such a lovely place, and we had such a warm welcome (In every sense!) Roll on San Felui 2026. Our Italian friends really pulled out the stops. As you will read, we took 6 students from Sackville who were a credit to their School, the Town and our

Association and made memories that will last a lifetime. We must give thanks to the **East Grinstead Memorial Estate**, who gave us a grant which greatly contributed to the costs of the flights for the students and teacher. As always, my immense thanks to all the Contributors, AND Committee Members, for what they do to put these events on, and to the Committee for all the organising that they readily undertake on your behalf. As you will see in this newsletter, we do need to continue to raise funds to enable us to host the Youth event in 2027 and we are also asking for a new Treasurer.

We need as much help with this as possible, by attending and coming up with ideas for future events, joining the 100-club or even putting us in touch with potential sponsors.

I wish you all well and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our next events in 2025. Without you, we are not an Association.

Nick.

Vacancy for a New Treasurer

Due to Jennifer Barnes standing down after many years of diligent commitment, the Association needs a new Treasurer. Please can you forward this to anyone or any company you feel would suit the role and become part of our East Grinstead Town Twinning Family.

Treasurer – Requirements:

1. Looking after the Association's finances
2. Collecting subscriptions and all money due to the Association
3. Paying the bills and recording the information
4. Keeping up-to-date records of all the financial transactions
5. Ensuring that all funds are spent properly
6. Issuing receipts for all money received and recording this information
7. Reporting regularly to the Committee on the Association's financial status
8. Preparing year-end statements of accounts



**We're due to host the Youth Event in 2027.
Let us get ready to host in 2027. Highlight it in your diaries.**

**We need to raise funds for the youth event in 2027:
any ideas, please let us know. Thank you in anticipation.**

2nd Saturday of every month	Coffee Morning 10 - 12	Chequer Mead
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**Coffee Morning at
The Chequer Mead every second
Saturday of the month.
from 10.00am to 12.00 noon.**



Obituaries

It is with great sadness that we mourn the loss of two characters of twinning.

BILL PEARMAN

&

JIM JOYCE-NELSON

They will be sorely missed, as they both were active members of the association

Over many years



5th May 2025.... Lions Club Mayfair Stall



We sold plants, had a European game & also raffle prizes kindly donated by our members & made £115.75



Verbania 26th to 29th June 2025.



The annual Twinning Youth Event took place this year at Verbania on the splendid Lago Maggiore. Six students from each twin town: EG, Mindelheim, Schwaz, Sant Feliu de Guixols, Verbania, Tramin (a friendship town) and Crikvenica, Croatia (a twin of Verbania) took part in the games. Bourg de Peage sent a delegation, but could not bring a team because of exams at their school

There were 2 mornings of very competitive games (agility, basketball, boules/bocce, beach volleyball, relay race, sack race and more) on the beach at the lake and on the town square, in the intense heat. Sackville's super team did us proud but did not manage to win this year. Our Chairman, Nick did well in the 'Mayor's' rowing competition.



The delegates visited the incredible Teatro il Maggiore and the Museo del Paesaggio. Everyone had the chance to visit the beautiful botanical gardens of Villa Taranto (designed and created by a Scotsman, Neal McEacharn).



We sampled lots of typical Italian dishes and enjoyed a local festival at Suna, along the lakeside. On the final afternoon the students of each town gave a presentation about their town using videos or slides. They could all set up their own tourist offices! This was followed by an 'ideation' session, when the students were able to network and give ideas on intercultural exchange activities for the future.

The evening ended with a lovely meal, and a party with dancing to a folk group from Spinazzola and a DJ. It was good to see students and delegates strutting their stuff! The groups from EG and Sant Feliu were lucky enough to have a boat trip on the lake on Sunday morning to Stresa and back, as our flights were in the evening. The students had a wonderful experience, mixed really well with all nationalities, learned about their cultures, and have made some great new friends. We were looked after very well and made so welcome in the town.

Finally, the Mayor of Tramin in his speech gave a lovely saying in German: Fremde sind Freunde, die wir noch nicht kennen – Strangers are friends that we have not made yet. Something worth thinking about.

Anna Morris

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The Twinning Shed

Contents of the twinning shed have now been removed. Quite a lot of the items and paperwork have been chewed by certain animals and insects. Also, books have been sent to members that have requested them. The gifts that have been given to the association are in the pictures below. Members might be interested in them, if you are please let us know. There are a couple of files relating to the original set up. Please let us know if you want these, as we cannot store them.





NEWS FROM THE TWIN TOWNS

MINDELHEIM



October, Mindelheim is going to have a special exhibition in our red telephone kiosk, which is now used as a mini art gallery, and is situated outside the Town Hall. They call it Art in a Box. A local artist, Frank Grabowski invites children aged 8 to 16 from all our Twin Towns to enter a piece of art for the exhibition "Europe, Peace and Community". We hope that our schools will participate in this as it gives them a chance to celebrate diversity and cohesion within Europe and will encourage visitors there to think and exchange ideas. More details can be viewed on the website art-in-the-box.de

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EGTTA Committee 2024/2025

**Chair... Nick Hodges
Vice Chair...Julie Fleming.
Secretary... Ed Drury
Hon. Treasurer... Jennifer Barnes
Membership Secretary... Chris Young
Members:**

**Vicky Jackson, Frank Osborne, Julie Mockford, Jill Matson, Anna Morris,
Monika Mann and Mary Pearman.**

Please let us know your news and any special events that you think we could support, or our members would be interested in.

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