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Twinning News December 2018

Chairman: Maddy Richardson

Vice Chairman: Sue Dawson



Hello Everyone,

As Chairman of BTA this year, I have had an amazing time attending fundraising and social events. The visit from Garbsen was a thoroughly enjoyable few days which included visits to local places of interest and outings including Welbeck and the Mining Museum and for the first time for BTA, a fantastic visit to the Dukeries Academy for Gymnastics. I know the young gymnasts enjoyed talking to all the visitors.

All through the year, Committee Members have excelled themselves not only organising all the events but ensuring the smooth running of BTA as a whole. The work everyone puts in is tremendous.

I joined in the visit to Leeds Christmas market on 1st December and it was a really enjoyable day - a great start to the Christmas and New Year period and a great opportunity for some Christmas shopping!!!

I want to wish everyone the most wonderful Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year.



Best wishes,

Madeline



Calendar of Events

2019

Jan 21 st	Annual General Meeting (Worksop Town Hall)
Feb 13 th	Annual Meal
Mar 6 th	Executive Committee Meeting (Langold VH)
March 7 th	40 th Anniversary of Twinning with Pfungstadt
April 10 th	39 th Anniversary of Twinning with Aurillac & Arpajon
May 6 th	Retford Charter Day
May 22 nd	Executive Committee Meeting (Town Hall)
May 29 th to June 3 rd	Visit to Bassetlaw from Pfungstadt
June 5 th	Summer Meal at Venus Restaurant
June 8 th	Swaledale Marathon
June 12 th	42 nd Anniversary of Twinning with Garbsen
Sep. 4 th - 9 th	Visit to Pfungstadt from Bassetlaw
Oct. 27 th	39 th Anniversary of Twinning with Farmers Branch
Nov 29 th	Christmas Concert Spectacular

Black - Confirmed

Red - Visit or date still to be confirmed

Bassetlaw Twinning Association

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Bassetlaw Twinning Association A.G.M.

21st January 2019 7pm - 9pm by Sue Dawson

Worksop Town Hall Ceres Suite 7pm-9pm - Glass of wine and nibbles

The AGM is fast approaching and we look forward to seeing BTA members at this event. We have enjoyed some very interesting speakers previously and this year is no exception. Our guest speaker will be Sandra Withington. She has been invited to talk about the Mayflower Pilgrims and the plans to celebrate the 400th Anniversary in 2020. I am aware that as we approach this date, there are, and will be events happening to raise awareness of the role our Bassetlaw ancestors played when they settled in America. Sandra is a very interesting speaker who will share with us some of the events that are planned and that we, as a Twinning Association may get involved in.

Please come and support the Executive Committee who have been working very hard on your behalf, promoting the BTA as well as organising fundraising and social events and exchange visits.



Annual Meal by Eric Lane

The B.T.A. Annual Meal will be held at the King William IV at Oldcotes on Wednesday 13th February.

This year the event is being organised jointly between Barbara Jameson and Frank Jackson.

Can you please let either Barbara or Frank know if you want to reserve a place? It will help very much if you book your place now rather than us having to contact members by telephone in the New Year.

To Contact Barbara

barbara.jameson@btinternet.com or 01909 472785

To Contact Frank

ericr.lane@btinternet.com or 01909 730652



Last year was a great evening, well attended with good food at a good price.

We are hoping once again to get a special price menu. We regret that you will be unable to use Brewers Fayre vouchers when booking this event.

Retford Charter Day by Eric Lane



After last year's great success we have decided to go ahead once more and hire stalls at Retford Charter Day market.

We will, of course, need to collect about 300 prizes so after Christmas it would be great if you find you have any new items that you don't want and wish to give to us.

We also need volunteers to help set up and run the stall.

If you have any gifts or you are able to help on the day please let us know.

Frank will be in charge of collecting the prizes, so if you have any please contact him on:

01909 730652 or Text to 07899 040860
or email: ericr.lane@btinternet.com



Retford Charter Day will be held on Monday 6th May 2019.

Why not come along and join in the fun and of course visit the B.T.A. stall and say 'Hello'!

Visit to the Christmas Market at Leeds

We all met at Worksop Railway Station on 1st December. The weather was not very kind to us as it varied from raining to an equally wet drizzle. The situation was not helped by the fact that the coach was late, or at least we thought it was, but after a phone call or two we realised the driver was parked up at the other side of the station to us! However, we were soon united and on our way. We had all the usual refreshments starting with bucks fizz, then mince pies, German biscuits and small pieces of stollen.

It's not a long journey to Leeds but we just had time for two games of card bingo, one won by Elizabeth Waller and one by Eric Lane.

We decided to do the Christmas Market first but by this time it was definitely raining so it wasn't long before we headed for the shops where we had a great time on retail therapy.

The coach arrived on time at 6.30p.m. to take us home and on the way we drew the raffle. Thanks are due to all those who helped in many ways to make another successful Christmas trip.

Several people were sadly too ill to travel on Saturday and we would like to send all of them "Get Well Soon" wishes.



Chris with her giant Bratwurst



Christmas Market 2019!

It's not too early to be thinking of next year's trip, so if anyone has any ideas of where to go please let me know.

So far we have visited Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds and York so you can either state your preference from the above or suggest somewhere else.

The Committee can then look at all the ideas and if necessary take a vote from the membership to get next year's destination.

Please send your proposal/suggestion to: Gill Cowley:

gillianmcowley@btinternet.com or 01909 473687.

Date for Your Diary by Eric Lane

The Executive Committee has started to look at fund raising events and has come up with some great ideas, not only to raise money but also to enhance our social activities together.

Ideas that we have talked about are:

- Twinning Association bake off and sale
- Frog race afternoon at Harworth
- Chinese Auction
- Strawberry Tea
- Christmas Concert

We have started to make plans for the **Christmas Concert** and have already sorted out some of the arrangements.

- We have now booked **Worksop Town Hall** on Friday 29th November 2019
- We have had discussions with Graham Pratt of **Sheffield Folk Chorus** and have now booked them as the main guests.
- **Beehive Folk Club's resident trio** have formally agreed to be the support act. Those of you who attended the variety concert to celebrate the life of **Anne Fox** may remember the great performance that **Peter, Ken and Geoff** gave.



Please make sure you put Friday 29th November 2019 in your diaries!

Sad News

It is with much sadness and regret that I have to inform you of the passing away of three of our former members of the Twinning Association:

Joan Lee

Joan passed away on Wednesday 3rd October after a long illness. She was a member of our Twinning Association for several years. Joan supported many of the events that we organised including the Strawberry Tea and various concerts and with her friend Barbara was a regular on our Christmas Market trips. We will miss her very much and sent our condolences to Tony, Philip and family.

Peggy Colman

Peggy passed away on Wednesday 31st October after a short illness. Peggy was a long-standing member of the Twinning Association and was Membership Secretary for many years until she retired after her 90th birthday. Throughout the years Peggy with her husband Malcolm, who was a former Chairman, worked tirelessly for the Association. She took part in many visits to twin towns and joined most of the social activities that were organised. Peggy's funeral was attended by several members of the BTA. She will be missed very much and we send our condolences to her daughters and their families.

Sonia Butlin

Sonia passed away on Friday 9th November after a short illness. Sonia and her partner Tony were members of the Twinning Association for many years. Sonia served on the Executive Committee and took on the role of Membership Secretary until

recently. She took part in visits to our Twin Towns and helped with many fund raising activities. In particular, Sonia and Tony worked very hard getting all the prizes sorted for the Retford Charter Day when we first hired stalls there. I also remember how she often joined a team of 'sandwich makers' for several fund raising activities. Sonia's funeral took place on November 27th and was also attended by several members of the Association. Sonia will be missed very much and we send our condolences to Tony, daughter Janette and their families.

Happy News

Barbara Ellerby



The Bassetlaw Twinning Association wish to send Barbara our warm congratulation for her 90th Birthday which took place in August. We look forward to seeing her once again at the Annual Meal.

Newsletter Deadline

Please note the deadline for the March Newsletter is Thursday 28th February. All items need to be sent to Eric electronically and I would ask that you use Comic Sans as my preferred font.

Send to Eric: ericr.lane@btinternet.com

It would be great to receive any comments or stories that you might have.

Finally

Maddy and the committee wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year in 2019.



Snowball by Shel Silverstein

*I made myself a snowball,
As perfect as could be,
I thought I'd keep it as a pet,
And let it sleep with me.*

*I made it some pyjamas,
And a pillow for its head,
Then last night it ran away,
But first, it wet the bed.*