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## Twinning News June 2019

Chairman: Pat Durrant

Vice Chairman: Sue Dawson

Hello Members,

The stall in Retford did very well again. Thank you to all who worked hard and got very cold.

We are all looking forward to the visitors from Germany. Thank you for all the hard work a small group did in planning a very good programme.

Then our next fundraising is the Strawberry Tea with a band. We always have some lovely cakes.

Best wishes,

*Pat*

## **Special Meeting - October 16<sup>th</sup> 2019**

You will remember that the committee were looking at the idea of charging an extra amount when we travel to our Twin Towns. This was to help with the costs when our Twin Towns visit us.

Traditionally we have used fund raising to help towards these costs but it is becoming more difficult to successfully fund raise. We are having a meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> at Langold Village Hall from 7.30 - 9.30pm for everyone to help us with the way forward.

Please ensure you attend - more details to follow.

## Calendar of Events (by Eric Lane)

### 2019

May 29 <sup>th</sup> -Jun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Visit to Bassetlaw from Pfungstadt
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Swaledale Marathon
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Meal at Venus Restaurant
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	42 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Twinning with Garbsen
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Strawberry Tea at Claborough Village Hall
Sep. 5 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	Visit to Pfungstadt from Bassetlaw
Sep 10 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup>	Visit to Garbsen from Bassetlaw
Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup>	39 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Twinning with Farmers Branch
Nov 29 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Concert Spectacular
Dec 7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Market

### 2020

Jan 20 <sup>th</sup> or 27 <sup>th</sup>	Annual General Meeting
Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Meal
Mar 7 <sup>th</sup>	41 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Twinning with Pfungstadt
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Twinning with Aurillac & Arpajon
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Retford Charter Day

Black - Confirmed

Red - Visit or date still to be confirmed

# Bassetlaw **Twining** Association

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# Membership Reminder

Thanks to all those who paid their subscriptions at the Annual General Meeting and since. **There are now only 18 member to pay. If those that still have to pay, paid their subscriptions it would reduce administration for those of the committee that take on responsibilities.**

Annual Membership	
£2.00	Full Time Student Member
£5.00	Individual Member
£15.00	Corporate Members

For further information ring Shirley Isard on 01777 872159/07908 814519 or fill in the slip below and send it to Water Meadows, Bevercotes Lane, Tuxford, NG22 0LQ.

I wish to continue as a member of the Bassetlaw Twinning Association, and I enclose the fee of:

£ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make cheques payable to: Bassetlaw Twinning Association

## **Summer Meal at the Venus Restaurant in Dinnington - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019 (by Eric Lane)**

The meal at the Venus restaurant last June was a tremendous success and an event that all those present have asked us to repeat. Two course meal £22.45, three course £27.45, coffee not included.

*We are now taking bookings contact Eric: Bookings close on 6<sup>th</sup> June!*

[ericr.lane@btinternet.com](mailto:ericr.lane@btinternet.com) or 01909 730652 or Text 07899 040860



*If you want a special night out, this is the one for you.*

## **Swaledale Marathon (by Eric Lane)**

This year's Swaledale Marathon will take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June and we again have a team of BTA members taking part. The team are Jean-Luc Chartron, Eric Lane, Frank Raspin, Jeanne Raspin, Gill Shephard, John Shephard, Rob Shephard and Paul Wood.

The route as usual starts and finishes in Reeth, has a total distance of 23.2 miles with total climbs of 4,128 feet.

The group and their supporters will be in Reeth from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

## Strawberry Tea (by Sue Dawson)

Summer time is nearly here, which means Strawberry Tea time. The BTA is very grateful to John and Kath Sutton for hosting this event in Clarborough. This is an extremely good event with an excellent tea, featuring this year the Worksop Welfare Brass Band.

If you have never been to the Strawberry Tea before I can strongly recommend it. Not only is it a good fundraiser for the BTA it is a good fun event **but only successful when we have participation from the membership.**

So Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2-5pm Clarborough Village Hall.

Tickets are reasonably priced at £7.00 from Sue Dawson 01909 486821 or Kath and John Sutton 01777 709034

Any donations of cakes would be appreciated - **but** please contact Sue Dawson if you are willing to bake for this event so we can keep a track of what has been offered.

We look forward to seeing as many as possible to support this event.

If you can advertise this event to your friends and family or within your local area that would really help us. I can send you extra copies of the poster.



Bassetlaw Twinning Association



# Strawberry Tea



## Worksop Welfare Brass Band

Clarborough Village Hall

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

2pm until 5pm

**Tickets £7**

Contact: John & Kath Sutton 01777 709034 or [jsutton@onetel.com](mailto:jsutton@onetel.com)

Sue Dawson 01909 486821 or [susan.dawson1933@gmail.com](mailto:susan.dawson1933@gmail.com)



# 40th Twinning Anniversary between Bassetlaw and Pfungstadt Twinning Associations

(by Linda Dore)

Barbara, Eric, Frank and myself began preparations in November 2018 for the Anniversary visit by Pfungstadt. You might think this was very early, but considering the twists and turns as we put the programme together, it is a good job we did not leave it until say March this year! The programme was thought to be finalised with visits to Welbeck, the Mining Museum, the Retford Heritage Trail and Sherwood Forest all planned, but sadly we have had to find an alternative venue for Welbeck; following the theft of a very valuable tiara in December last year, The Portland Collection, which was a key feature of the visit, has been closed to visitors for the foreseeable future. Instead, we are taking the visitors to Southwell Minster for the afternoon and are hoping for an equally fantastic visit around this fascinating historic building.

Most of our visitors will stay in The Lion Hotel with a few also booked in at The Lock Keeper. We do however, have some of the visiting group staying with hosts and while most will arrive by coach on 29th May, three will fly in to Manchester on Friday and a further three on Saturday. Unusually, another seven are calling in on motorbikes as they travel from Pfungstadt to Ireland! They are keen to be part of the celebrations and have asked to be included in the meal at the King William on Friday 31st May.

We had hoped to be able to invite BTA members to join in at the King William, but as the list including visitors, hosts and support hosts has reached the maximum permitted (almost 90!), we have been unable to do this. We can, however, still invite BTA members to the Celebration evening on Sunday 2nd June and if you are interested in coming along, please let me know no later than Tuesday 28th May. With such a large group coming we are restricted to how many people we can accommodate so seats will only

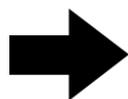
be available on a first come-first served basis. Please book - don't just turn up!!

Meanwhile, flights are booked for the twenty four BTA members travelling to Pfungstadt in September. The group will be part of celebrations which will also include visitors from Pfungstadt's French twin-town of Gradignan, up to thirty flagthrowers from their Italian twin-town Figline e Incisa Valdarno and possibly two people from their Hungarian twin-town Heviz - a truly international event! At the end of the visit, thirteen from Bassetlaw will continue by train to Garbsen for a five day visit while the others return home.

My thanks to Barbara, Eric and Frank for helping to put the programme together for our Pfungstadt visitors and also to members who came forward to host/support host. Hopefully the September and December BTA newsletters will be full of reports on both visits!

## Visit to Garbsen (by Eric Lane)

After the visit to Pfungstadt 13 of us will catch the train north to Hanover to stay 5 nights with our friends in Garbsen. This will be the first time that members of the BTA have taken the opportunity to visit both German Twin Towns in one visit.



## Christmas Concert Spectacular (by Eric Lane)

The concert is to be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The arrangements are progressing well. The venue has now been confirmed as The Assembly Room at Worksop Town Hall. Sheffield Folk Chorale have been booked as the main guests and will be supported by Peter Garratt, Ken Atkinson and Geoff Heppell - they played at Anne Fox's Memorial Variety Concert.

Sheffield Folk Chorale have entertained us on three previous occasions



## Christmas Market (by Gill Cowley)

Just a reminder for the annual Christmas Market trip on 7<sup>th</sup> December, I will soon need to book the coach so would like to know if you are interested in going and also if you have a preference for the venue. So far York has been mentioned.

Please contact me on

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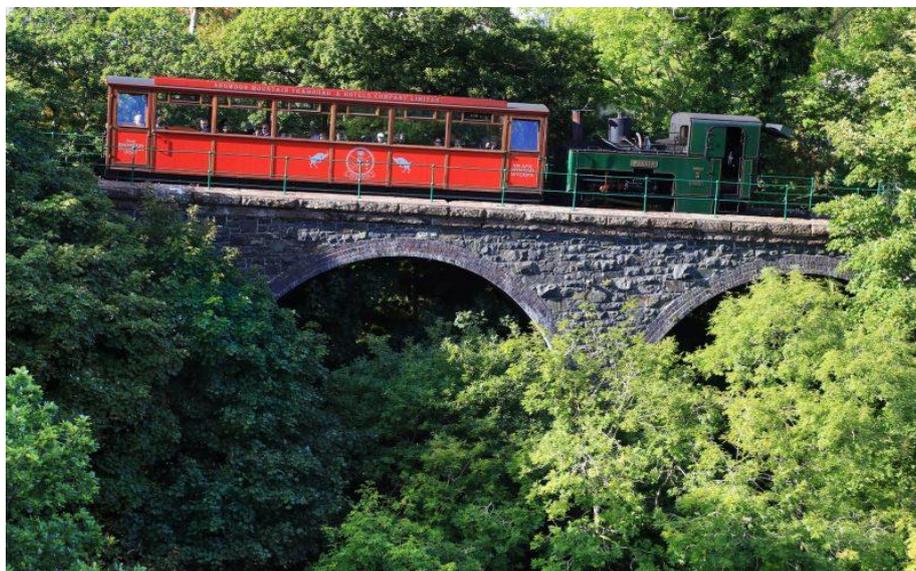
## Trip to Llanberis (by Gill Cowley)

Eric asked for articles for the Newsletter from individual BTA members, so here are a few lines about a trip we made to Llanberis in March.

The intrepid travellers were Eric, our driver, Frank, Cliff and me. Our hotel was the Royal Victoria, an ideal centre for walkers set in extensive grounds and a lovely hotel.

On our first evening we were entertained by a silver band, 'Llechen Las' and on the second evening by a Welsh male voice choir led by their musical director, a teenager who was a brilliant pianist. They sang to us, the concert ended with the Welsh National Anthem, we knew the tune but the words failed us!

Our trips included a ride around Llyn Padarn Lake, on a small train, a visit to Caernarfon, where we found a wonderful cake and coffee shop, and a visit to Aberystwyth. Another place we would highly recommend is the slate museum very close to our hotel and extremely interesting.



The highlight of our trip was going on the Snowdon Railway, we booked to go on the Friday but the weather was awful so we were allowed to change our tickets to Saturday when we had wonderful weather.

The train does not go to the summit until May but we were allowed to get off the train just below the top and the views were stunning you could see for miles. There were literally hundreds of people walking up but I for one was glad of the train!

The food at the hotel was good but better still we had tokens for free drinks, I think I can leave the rest to your imagination!!!

## Retford Charter Day (by Eric Lane)



Retford Charter Day was held on Bank Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May and Bassetlaw Twinning Association again had two stalls to raise money for our funds.

It was cold as the three of us arrived in Retford to set up our 'Pick-a-Pot' stall. It remained fairly cold throughout the day but at least it stayed dry and we had lots of people visiting our stall.

As normal our stall was the first to sell out thanks to the army of helpers who had turned up and worked so hard. Thanks to all of you that donated prizes and all the helpers who enabled us to make a profit of £294 which will go towards the cost of the visit from Pfungstadt which takes place from 29<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Retford Charter Day (by Gill Cowley)**

On Bank Holiday Monday several of us helped on the BTA tombola stall raising nearly £300.

I think we should thank Eric, Frank and Barbara for collecting, wrapping and numbering the prizes, without their efforts the event would have not taken place.

**Also well done to the helpers too!**

## **Weston Park Charity Concert (by Eric Lane)**

On March 30<sup>th</sup> The Beehive Folk Club organised a Charity Folk Concert in aid of Weston Park Hospital. During the last year several people at the club had undergone treatment for cancer, several at Weston Park. The artists performed free of charge, there was a silent auction and three spectacular raffles.

The concert was attended by 16 members of Bassetlaw Twinning Association and we all had an absolutely fabulous evening.

The evening raised a magnificent £3,350 for the hospital. Thank you to all those who attended and were so generous on the evening.

**Charity Folk Concert**  
**£3,350.00**

To all Friends, Performers & Supporters.

Together we can create a better life for local cancer patients.



**THANK YOU**

 **Weston Park Cancer Charity**  
Charity Registration No. 108803

Call: 0114 226 5370  
[westonpark.org.uk](http://westonpark.org.uk)

Ken Atkinson a performer and treasurer of the club presented the cheque to a representative from Weston Part.

**Ken, Peter and Geoff are the resident trio at the club and we will all be able to see them on November 29<sup>th</sup> when they are the support act for our concert with the Sheffield Folk Chorale.**

## **Newsletter Deadline (by Eric Lane)**

Please note the deadline for the September Newsletter is Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August. All items need to be sent to Eric electronically and I would ask that you use Comic Sans as my preferred font.

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