

Bonne Année à Tous

## Didcot-Meylan Twinning Association

### Newsletter

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#### Notes from the Chair:

This is the first newsletter of 2004 and the committee anticipates that this will be a very busy time for the association. As in previous year, we will be holding a Bowling Evening in the Power Station Social Club (see elsewhere for details). As usual, there will be a bar and crisps/dips will be provided. Previous winners will be handicapped as required.

We are also planning for the next visit in June from Meylan when we will be celebrating the fifth anniversary of the signing of the act of Twinning between our two communities.



## Chansons with Anne-Marie

A taste of French Café life came to Brightwell-cum-Sotwell at the end of November when members of the Association and their friends were treated to an evening of songs by local chanteuse, Anne Marie Heslop. In her debut solo concert, she regaled us with favourites such as La Vie en Rose, and No regrets, and one of her signature songs from the repertoire of Jacques Brel, 'Amsterdam'. The brief introduction in English to each song was invaluable.

The evening also included a shared supper and fortunately groups had provided adequate liquid refreshment, essential to loosen the vocal cords for those songs with audience participation.

The Twinning Association would like to thank everyone who came along and contributed to the evening. We especially recognise the contribution of Sheralyn Hares in making this another successful event.

## Forthcoming events

### Spring Bowling Evening

Didcot Power Station Social Club  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm

Bar available

Admission £3 in advance or on the door

*Come and join in a lively social event.*

*Bowling skills definitely not essential.*

### Meylan visit to Didcot

Thursday 10 June - Sunday 13 June

Activities planned include visits to

Didcot Railway centre, Didcot Power Station,

Wittenham Clumps and Dorchester Abbey

Civic Welcome & Barbecue evening

*Can you offer accommodation?*

## Didcot-Meylan Twinning Association

Have you got any ideas for fundraising or social events?

Would you like to get more involved with the association?

Do you have any photos from past events that we could use on the Association web site?

We are always interested to hear from you.

Watch the web site to keep up to date with planned events



Website

[www.didcottonnwing.org.uk](http://www.didcottonnwing.org.uk)

## Didcot Christmas Street Fair

For the first time, the Twinning Association took a stall at this hugely popular pre-Christmas event. The decision was made to provide hot soup and bread and in the event, this was a good choice, given the cold weather. The decision to take a stall had two goals. Firstly, we wanted to use this as a fundraising opportunity. Secondly, we hoped to raise the profile of the Twinning Association within the community. The first was definitely successful, but we may have to think again about the second.

The stall was manned by a rota of members, who sold Pumpkin or French Onion soup along with generous slices of French bread. Our thanks go to Cheng Lee for the gas stove Nick for making the soup Tesco supermarket for donating the bread (and to Gareth for arranging this) and to Everyone who took a turn at selling the soup and those who helped clear up at the end of the evening. The raffle was won by Cheng.

## Provisional plans for the June visit

Thursday evening: Arrival, welcome at Civic Hall, evening with hosts  
Friday morning: visit to JET, Culham, lunch  
Friday afternoon: visit Power station or Didcot Railway centre  
Saturday morning: Groups to visit various environmental projects in Didcot and surrounding areas,  
Saturday lunch: picnic at Wittenham clumps plus guided visit to the Northmoor Trust followed by a walk to Dorchester Abbey  
Saturday evening: Barbecue and entertainment at Didcot Civic Hall  
Sunday morning: Feedback groups, workshops  
Sunday afternoon: departure

## About Our Organization...

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