

STOP PRESS: NEXT VISIT TO MEYLAN WILL BE 24/25th SEPTEMBER 2005

Didcot-Meylan Twinning Association

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Reflections on 2004
Another year gone by full of activities to sustain our links with Meylan. The now traditional bowling evening was a success and the cake and plant stall at Harwell Feast, a new enterprise for the association, contributed much needed funds. The highlight for most of us, however, has to be the visit from our Meylan friends in June. This was followed by a first ever Youth Visit when a group of young people from Meylan came to Didcot in the autumn half term (for more information see the full report).

Winter is a time for reflection and resolutions. Ours should be to increase the profile of twinning in the Didcot area and find a new chair for the association

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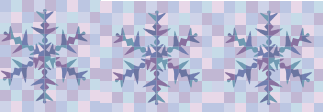
Bonne Année to all our members & friends



VISIT BY THE MAYOR TO MEYLAN'S FETE DES ASSOCIATIONS

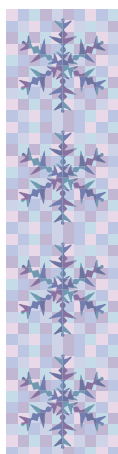
In September, Nick and Eleanor Hards (Mayor and Mayoress of Didcot) spent a long weekend in Meylan as guests of Meylan Town Council. One reason for the visit was to see their annual "Forum des Associations". Over 80 voluntary organisations take over Meylan's large sports hall for a day, and huge crowds come along to find out about the many activities on offer in the town. Demonstrations of martial arts, dancing and drama were rounded off with an open air concert given by two groups of local musicians.

As well as meeting many of the groups active in Meylan, Nick and Eleanor visited two of Meylan's libraries, the Music School, some of the town's parks, and the Field Studies Centre. All these are paid for and run locally – and they aren't cheap! It was a very enjoyable visit, and Nick and Eleanor enjoyed the hospitality, making new friends and meeting old friends.



ABOUT OUR ORGANISATION

Chair	vacant
Secretary	Janet Cockburn
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Treasurer	Erin Goff
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Forthcoming event!

Bring your friends & family **SPRING BRING & SHARE SUPPER**

While away the cold dark nights with a French theme evening, with music and entertainment.

Date: Saturday February 26th

Place: Village Hall, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell

Time: 7.30 until 10.00pm

Bring along a contribution to the supper and whatever you would like to drink for the evening. Please also bring plates, cutlery and glasses for yourselves.

Find out more about the forthcoming trip to Meylan
TICKETS £2.50 PER ADULT AT THE DOOR

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Young people get to know each other...



Leaving very early from France the youth group from Meylan arrived by train in Didcot where they soon got to know their hosts



A trip to Oxford started with a tour on the open-top bus. After a break for some essential shopping the group met up again for ice skating. Did the Meylannais have an advantage coming from a mountainous region? Nobody is saying.



Music of all types provided an interaction that crossed language barriers as the visitors and hosts settled into the weekend



A civic reception hosted by the Mayor of Didcot, Nick Hards



TIME TO GO HOME. THE PARTY LEAVES DIDCOT STATION