

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

Didcot-Meylan Twinning Association

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The twinning association is beginning to plan for the next visit to Meylan in September of this year. We are hoping that a large group will travel from Didcot to meet old and new friends in France. If you are interested in going, but it will be your first time, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the committee who will be happy to talk to you about travel arrangements, cost (see the item in this newsletter) and what to expect once you arrive.

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Testing times for the Twinning Association

BRING AND SHARE SUPPER A SUCCESS!

On Saturday 25th February a large group of members and friends of the Didcot-Meylan Twinning Association got together for supper in Brightwell Village Hall. This was a bit of a departure from the usual bowling evening, but the spirit of competition was not entirely absent. On arrival, everyone was handed a pencil and paper and invited to identify a number of well-known French people from their pictures. Although most people recognised the politicians and film stars, sportsmen and historical figures (Napoleon apart) presented more problems. The eventual winner was Geoff Oldham who displayed an impressively broad knowledge.

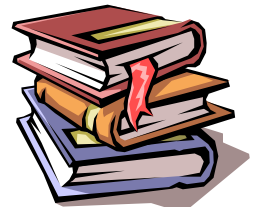
The invitation to bring and share supper resulted in a wonderful table full of food: the only question was whether you could actually eat a little taster of everything: and then the desserts were put out!

After supper there was another opportunity to display how much you know about France with a general knowledge quiz and once again, Geoff's table showed that when it comes to France they certainly know their stuff.

So, thanks to all the people who came and made the evening such a success and especially to Sheralyn Hares, who once again arranged the hall booking and was on hand to make sure that the evening went smoothly. Any suggestions for future events will be received with interest.



Mme Christine Tardy and Dr Nick Hards



ABOUT OUR ORGANISATION

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Forthcoming event!

PLANT, CAKE AND BOOK SALE

Time to pot on those spare plants, bake a few cakes, and sort out those books you have finished with.

Date: Saturday May 21st
Place: Fire Station, Didcot
Time: 10-12 noon

Please take contributions to any committee member

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Do you want to visit Meylan?



A previous twinning visit



View across Meylan

What to do next

- The preferred travel option is **Luton - Grenoble**
- The preferred dates are **Thurs 22 - Sun 25**
- Please contact Janet Cockburn (01235 850) by **June 7th** if you are interested in joining this visit or want to know more (this is not a commitment on your part)
- Please let her know if your preferred travel option is different from the one above
- Please let her know if you need help in booking your tickets

How to get there

Samples based on travelling out on Thursday 22 September and returning on Sunday 25th September

THESE INTERNET PRICES MAY CHANGE OVER TIME

The next AGM of the Twinning Association is at 7.30 pm on **TUESDAY 7TH JUNE** at the Civic Hall. Didcot

Grant finally arrives from the EU

The Twinning Association was very pleased finally to receive a grant from the EU to cover some of the costs incurred during the visit from Meylan last June. The money resulted from an application made at the start of 2004 under the 'meetings between citizens' scheme. Although notification of an award was received shortly afterwards, the ensuing delay and considerable bureaucracy, with short deadlines falling in the summer holidays, led to the belief that it might never arrive, leaving the Association in a difficult financial position. The lesson to be learnt is surely, with the EU, never give up.



Il pleut il mouille
C'est la fête à la grenouille
Il pleut il fait beau temps
C'est la fête au paysan

Une, deux, trois,
Nous irons au bois;
Quatre, cinq, six,
Cueillir des cerises;
Sept, huit, neuf;
Dans un panier neuf;
Dix, onze, douze,
Elles seront toutes rouges.

French Nursery Rhymes

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Luton to Grenoble

Easy Jet

OUT 1110 arrives 1350
RTN 1420 arrives 1500
Total price £33.74

Stansted to Lyon

Easy Jet

OUT 1320 arrives 1605
RTN 1630 arrives 1715
Total price £33.74

Heathrow to Lyon

British Airways

OUT 0845 arrive 1115
RTN 1920 arrive 1955
Total price £119

Waterloo to Grenoble

Eurostar/TGV

OUT 0909 arrive 1729
RTN 1414 arrive 2054
Total price £129
(£204 First Class)

The Association desperately needs a **CHAIRMAN**, particularly for this visit. Can you help? Please come to the AGM and get involved