

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2013

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Twinning Association AGM Didcot Civic Hall 19h30 - 20h30 Please join us

Ceremony to mark the twinning of
Didcot, Oxfordshire and Planegg, Bavaria

SATURDAY 6 JULY

2.30 pm Didcot Civic Hall

Signing of the twinning
agreement

followed by a reception

We hope that all our members and
friends will join us

RSVP to totterdells@btinternet.com

Links with schools - update

The committee and in particular Marilynne Marchal continue to encourage contacts between schools in Didcot and their counterparts in Meylan and Planegg. We are hoping that a few children from Year 5 of Ladygrove Park School will join us on our trip to Meylan in September. They would be hosted (in pairs) by families with similar-aged children and would have the chance on Friday to attend a day at a French school.

Contacts between other schools are less advanced but will hopefully lead to further interactions between the young people of the three towns.



A group of children from Planegg who were involved with a shared art project with children from Meylan



COFFEE MORNING & PLANT SALE

Lime Tree House

High Street

Harwell

Saturday June 8th

10.30. - noon

Entrance £2 to include coffee/tea





THE COMMITTEE

Chair: Phil Hayward

Vice Chair: Terry Joslin

Secretary: Geoff Oldham

Treasurer: Keith Beswick

Town Council Rep: Peter Read

Communications: Sue Totterdell

Webmaster: Keith Beswick

Schools: Marilyne Marchal

Members: Nick Hards &

Janet Cockburn

Find us on line

www.didcottwinning.org.uk

A big thank you to those who supported the recent Race Night, organised by Phil Hayward. The event raised over £200 pounds for our funds. This money will help towards the cost of our twinning ceremony with Planegg this summer. Please also support the forthcoming Coffee morning and Plant sale.

We also thank in advance those people who have volunteered to act as hosts.

In addition to the formal signing of the twinning charter on the Saturday afternoon, there will be a Gala Dinner in Harwell Village Hall on Saturday evening to which members and friends are invited, on a first come, first served basis. The cost of the meal and wine will be £30 per person (tbc). Please get in touch with Sue Totterdell if you would like to attend.



CONCERT IN READING

On Saturday 27th April joint choirs from South Oxfordshire and from Meylan performed Haydn's Creation in the Concert Hall in Reading. Under the guidance of their conductor, Gwyn Arch, the South Chiltern Choral Society welcomed fifty singers from the Ensemble Vocal de Meylan to this shared event. In this their fourth joint venture they were joined by professional soloists, Helen Winter (Soprano), Ian Massa-Harris (Tenor), and Stephen Svanholm (Bass).

Members of Didcot Twinning Association attended the concert.

NEXT VISIT TO MEYLAN

A group of us will travel to Meylan for the weekend of 19-22nd September 2013. The programme includes a visit to the village of Beaufort where we will taste the local cheese and have spectacular views to the mountains. Our counterparts on the Meylan twinning committee would obviously like to know approximate numbers as soon as possible so if you think you would like to join this trip, please let Sue Totterdell know as soon as possible.

We now have people booked on the following flights:

British Airways

LHR to Lyon departing Thursday 11.35 arriving 14.10

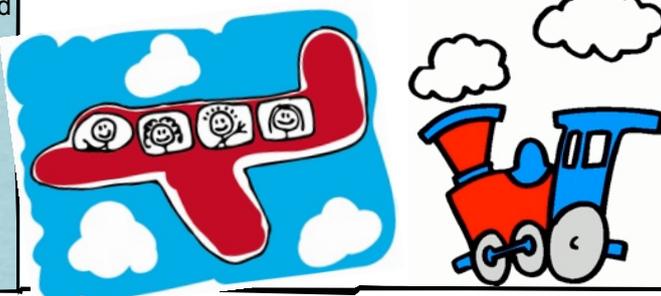
Return departing Sunday 19h20 arriving 19h55

EasyJet

LGW to Lyon departing Thursday 0815 EJ8415

Return departing Sunday 1450 EJ8418

If you would like to discuss travel arrangements or need some help deciding the best way to travel, please get in touch as soon as possible.



SAMPLE FARES

BA Heathrow to Lyon

£132.60

EasyJet Gatwick to Lyon

£83.19

Train

Bookable 3 - 4 months before travel

London to Grenoble

£179

All prices approximate