

NEWSLETTER

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**Merry Christmas
to all members
and friends**

TWINNING WITH PLANEGG

A date has been set for our visit to Planegg to complete the formal twinning agreement with the town. If you think you would like to come on this trip, put **Saturday 27-Tuesday 30 September, 2014** in your diary now. The weekend will include the formal signing by the mayors of both towns.

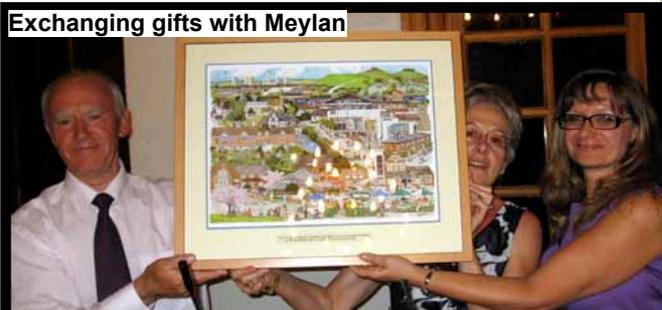
SOCIAL EVENING AT CORNERSTONE

The informal get-together at Cornerstone, arranged in November, proved a popular event. Around 15 people came along for a chat, including several of our newer members. The 'theme' for the event was trying to come up with some new fundraising ideas: several were proposed, which the committee will explore over the next few months.

All in all the event was considered a success and more such evenings are planned.

THANKS

Twinning relies on the support of a small number of enthusiasts living in an around Didcot. We are very grateful for their continued efforts during 2013. We are always looking to recruit more members to the association so if you know someone who might like to get involved, please ask them to get in touch.



Exchanging gifts with Meylan



Exchanging gifts with Planegg



A SAD LOSS TO TWINNING

The Twinning Association is sad to note the death of one of its most loyal members, Terry Joslin. Terry was closely involved in the initial setting up of the twinning with Meylan and later played a key early role in establishing links with Planegg. He served for many years as Chair of the committee. As a town council member he regularly reminded fellow councillors of the

importance of twinning and was proud to show off his home town to our regular visitors from France and Germany.

His role in publicising twinning within the local business community and gathering support was invaluable and he was keen to see exchanges between young people of the twinned towns. He was particularly proud of the fact that our most recent visit to Meylan included a group of children from Ladygrove Park Primary school.

This year also saw the first step in the formalisation of our twinning arrangements with Planegg. In preparing the charter for the two mayors to sign, we were also reminded of why twinning started and how it can work to bring together. Didcot's friendship with the people of Meylan and Planegg will be a fitting memorial to Terry's efforts.

Our thoughts are with his wife, Joan, and her family.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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To read a tribute from Meylan, go to the twinning web site:

www.didcotwinning.org.uk

