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Twinning with Planegg

The weekend of **Saturday 27-Tuesday 30 September, 2014** has been selected for the final stage in the formal twinning agreement between Didcot and Planegg. All members and friends of the Association are invited to attend the ceremony in Planegg.

If you are planning to join in this event, please let a member of the committee know as soon as possible. Flights to Munich from London are operated by BA, Lufthansa and EasyJet. Some people have booked Lufthansa out at 11h05 and return at 19h15.

Social evening at Cornerstone

The next informal get together in Cornerstone Cafe is planned for **Tuesday 13 May**. If you want to find out more about twinning, or just have a sociable drink with fellow-twinners, just come along between 19h30 and 21h00.

You might like to use this as an opportunity to try out some of your language skills. Try speaking to your neighbour in French or German.

More information

Annual Twinning membership is £10 per household.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of Didcot Twinning Association will take place on

Tuesday 3rd June

at 19h30

in the Civic Hall.

Phil Hawyard, retiring chairman



This will be the opportunity to elect a new committee and anyone prepared to stand for the new committee should contact the Association's secretary, Geoff Oldham (geoff.oldham@talktalk.net).

The committee will be looking for a new chair to replace Phil Hawyard, who is moving away from the Didcot area. Phil is pictured above with Mireille Adji, the president of Meylan's Twinning Association during our visit last year. The Association and Phil's fellow committee members would like to thank him for his leadership and hard work over the past couple of years. His commitment to twinning and to raising Didcot's profile at home and abroad have been enormous.

If you would like to get more involved, come along to the AGM and make yourself known to one of the existing committee.

FUTURE EVENTS -

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS

Didcot summer fair - Edmunds Park

Sat July 19th

**Favours auction - with Rotary Club
(Autumn)**

For more information go to our website
www.didcottwinning.org.uk



SCHOOLS LINKS AND ACTIVITIES

In June a group of children from Ecole des Béalières in Meylan will come to Didcot to pay a return visit to Ladygrove Park school. The visitors and their teachers will be hosted by families in the area and there is a full programme of activities planned, including a trip to London.



A sign of the times

Following the signing of the twinning treaty last summer, Planegg were quick to acknowledge their newest partner town on this road sign.

South Oxfordshire District Council is responsible for signs in the Didcot area and we hope that similar additions to our local signs will be made in the very near future.

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Nominations for the John Eldridge Service Awards

Twinning was well represented in the list of nominees for these annual awards at the recent ceremony in Didcot Civic Hall with both the Association and committee member Marilyn Marchal receiving nominations. The John Eldridge Award is presented annually and recognises the efforts of those who have given their time and effort for the benefit of others in Didcot, whether it is charity work or volunteering for a local club or society.

The award was donated by Mrs Jean Eldridge, following her husband's death whilst serving as Deputy Mayor of Didcot in 1992. It was felt appropriate that an award be founded in his name to recognise the voluntary work done in Didcot.

Although the title deservedly went to 15-year-old Courtney Hughes, it was an excellent opportunity to show-case the work of the Twinning Association.

TWINNING AT HARWELL FEAST

Bank Holiday Monday

May 26th 11 am - 4 pm

Harwell Village Hall

WINE BAR, SNACKS, CAKES