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AGM

The AGM of the Didcot Twinning Association will take place on June 9th 2015 at Didcot Civic Hall 19h30-20h30. All friends and members are invited to attend.

Future twinning exchanges

The next visit to Meylan will take place over the weekend of 17th - 20th September 2015. Plans are being made for a visit to the town of Vienne. There will also be plenty of time to get to know your hosts. For travel details see the separate panel.

Social evening at Cornerstone

The next get together in Cornerstone Cafe is planned for **Tuesday May 12th**. If you want to find out more about twinning, or just have a sociable drink come along between 19h30 and 21h00.

Plant sale

A sale of interesting and unusual plants will take place on Saturday 16th May at Lime Tree House, High Street, Harwell by kind invitation of Keith and Kate Beswick. The event runs between 2 pm and 4 pm and your £2.50 entrance fee includes coffee/tea and cake.

Plants and cakes welcome.

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TWINNING TREATY WITH PLANEGG SIGNED

March saw a delegation of nine people travel from Didcot to Planegg for the final signing of the twinning agreement between the two towns.



Friday March 27th 2015 saw the final stage in the twinning of Didcot and Planegg, when the twinning document was signed by the Mayor of Planegg, Heinrich Hoffman, and Didcot Town Councillor, and previous mayor, Axel Macdonald. Axel is also Chair of Didcot Twinning Association. Following the formal part of the ceremony, the nine visitors from Didcot and their German hosts were entertained with traditional Bavarian folk music and then served with a delicious meal of local specialities. There was also an opportunity to try the 'strong beer' that, in this area, was drunk during Lent so that the monks who brewed it could sustain their fast without going hungry.





Sightseers



Au pair offer

A young girl from Planegg would like to come to England for three or four weeks in this summer. She would like it to stay in a family and help them, like an au pair, and improve her English. Can you help? Get in touch with Sue Totterdell for more details.

Chilton festival

The Twinning Association will be manning their stall at the Chilton Festival on Saturday June 6th from 1-5 pm. Please come along to meet us and support our efforts to highlight twinning in the local community.

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The following day we assembled in Marienplatz, in Munich, in front of the impressive Gothic Rathaus, arriving just in time for the full performance from the mechanical clock. In the ensuing guided walk around Munich's historic centre we learnt of the rivalry between the city's two main football clubs, the unreliability of some myths, the importance of siting your city on an important trade crossroads and how beer funds charitable works in the city. It was impossible to ignore that flags were flying at half-mast following the tragic loss of life in the Germanwings air accident.

The tour ended at the Oktoberfest and Beer museum with lunch, a beer tasting and a tour of the museum. The rest of the visit followed our usual pattern of unscheduled activities, leaving time to be spent with hosts. On Sunday, some ventured into the mountains whilst others explored more cultural venues. Perhaps most surprising were the surfers on the Eisbach, a side arm of the river Isar, where an artificial wave provides hours of fun for surfers and spectators alike.

All too soon the visit was over the Didcot group was on their way back to the airport and home. More interesting experiences enjoyed and more friendships formed and strengthened. Pretty much a normal twinning visit, then.



Delegates and hosts pose in front of the Munich Opera building

Travel to Meylan
 Suggested BA flights
 BA 0360 LHR to LYS depart 07h00 Thu 17 Sept
 BA 0363 LYS to LHR depart 19h15 Sun 20 Sept
 This journey can also be done on Eurostar/SNCF
 travelling via Paris