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# 2016 AGM

All members and friends of the Didcot Twinning Association are invited to the AGM to be held on Tuesday 21 June in the Civic Hall, starting at 19h3o.

Please come along to share your ideas of how to make Twinning more relevant to Didcot and surrounding area.

We shall also be discussing the proposal to increase membership fees.

# **PLANT SALE**

Are you looking to refresh the planting in your garden? Come along to the Plant Sale on the morning of Saturday May 7th. Our selection of interesting bedding and perennial plants as well as some shrubs will be on sale in Orchard Street, near Sainsbury's supermarket. Bring your friends and neighbours along and support this fundraising event.

### **Contact information**

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# Party from Meylan arriving in September

Between 22 and 25 September we look forward to welcoming a group from Meylan to Didcot.

A programme of events is being arranged, including hopefully a reception by Didcot Town Council. On Friday 23rd visitors will have a chance to learn about an important aspect of the town's history, at the Railway Centre and to appreciate the



area's role in current scientific progress with a visit the world leading Diamond Light Source on the Harwell Site. As usual, visitors will spend time with their hosts on Saturday. In the past



this opportunity has been used to make trips to destinations such as Bath, London or Oxford as well as to the Cotswolds and the New Forest.

On the evening of Saturday 24 there will be a Gala dinner at Drayton Golf Club.

Anyone interested in getting involved with this visit should contact Sue Totterdell on 01235850080. If you can offer accommodation we would be delighted to hear from you.





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# WELCOME TO DIDCOT HISTORIC RAILWAY TOWN TWIN TOWNS FEASONS New town sign



# OKTOBERFEST DIDCOT 2016

After the positive response to the staging of Didcot's own Oktoberfest in 2015, there will be another event this autumn. Put Saturday October 15th in your diaries.

The Oktoberfest will run between 1 pm and 11 pm at the Civic Hall.



# **New town signs**

As part of the re-branding of Didcot, one of the fastest growing communities in Oxfordshire, new signs have been erected at the principal entrances to the town. These signs celebrate Didcot's history as an important railway town and mark our twinning with both Meylan and Planegg.

The Twinning Association has obtained two of the old signs and hopes to make use of them in the future.

# Plans for 2017

For those of you interested in the links with our twin town in Germany, we are already beginning to prepare to welcome a party from Planegg some time in 2017. It is anticipated that the visit will take a similar form to that established with Meylan. We hope that the visitors will spend a long weekend with us so that we can have one day devoted to a group activity and one day which guests and hosts can spend together. If you would like to know more about this visit, please contact Sue Totterdell on 01235850080

# Schools links

The Twinning Association is very keen to promote links between local schools and those in our twin towns. To this end we have two committee members who share the remit of providing essential information to interested schools and encouraging communication. Do you know a school that might be interested in links with Planegg or Meylan?

# Previous school exchange



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