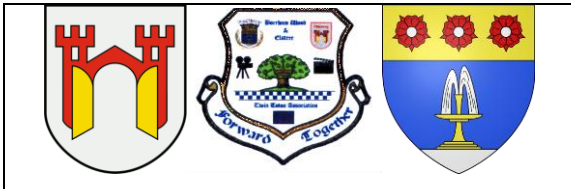




Welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter.

Keep on reading to see reports of recent events and exciting forthcoming activities.

About BETTA



BETTA is here to aid the local community in forming relationships with our twin towns of Offenburg in Germany and Fontenay-aux-Roses in France.

BETTA works hard to ensure individuals and groups have the opportunity to develop their cultural knowledge. We strive to produce opportunities for the community both here and in our twin towns. We will continue to make sure BETTA goes from strength to strength. All members of the committee have a wide and varied range of skills and abilities which contribute to the running of the association.

Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association Committee 2013-14

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Nigel Clark (Co-Opted)

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Event Report and Main Headlines

Christmas Miscellany Evening

Report by Nick Male

A rich mixture of carols and readings brought in Christmas for members and friends of BETTA. The town twinning association chose St Paul's Church as the venue for their Christmas Miscellany Evening. Town Mayor Clive Butchins and BETTA's Chair Martine Eni welcomed the audience. Councillor Charles Kelly and Rotary President Cynthia Barker were among the readers. Delicious refreshments were prepared by the organisers and an enjoyable evening was had by all. This was the first time that BETTA had tried the miscellany format, which included readers from their teens to their sixties. Music was provided by Andrew Grady on trumpet and Robin Benson on keyboards.



Fontenay aux Roses Fete de la Ville May 2014

A group of members from Borehamwood's twinning association, BETTA will be visiting our French partner town in mid-May to take part in their Fete de la Ville this year.

The visit, between the 16th and 18th May, will also include an official welcome to the town by the Mayor of Fontenay aux Roses, as they will also be welcoming other European guests to this year's Fete.

The association has planned to have a stall in the French town to the south west of Paris, at which we plan to promote Borehamwood to the French citizens.

We will be taking promotional literature along with details about the centenary of the film history in Elstree, and will be displaying other historical items about the town.



Rammersweier Musikverein to visit Borehamwood as part of Civic Festival 2014



A music group from one of Offenburg's associated villages, Rammersweier have been invited by Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council (EBTC) to perform at this year's Civic Festival.

Plans are being made to welcome the group to the town, in which BETTA is playing an important role, coordinating the visit with the EBTC and the Musikverein, by organizing visits and tours of the town's film history, together with a couple of social evenings.

Look out for more details in the EBTC Town Crier and our future Newsletters.

Club Escargot



Our aim is to introduce children to the fun of learning French as early as possible, as well as discovering the culture and customs. The general ages of those attending the club are between 6 and 12 years old but this is flexible. The classes are held every Saturday during term time at St Paul's Church Hall, St Paul's Close, (corner of Cranes Way and Furzehill Road) each one is 2 hours long (from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.). The classes cover the basics of the language (e.g. parts of the body, colours, numbers, positions, greetings, animals, clothes, transports, weather, etc.) through songs, rhymes, activities, cooking sessions, and traditional dances. The classes are run by qualified and fully trained teachers who have a lot of experience teaching children AND are all NATIVE FRENCH SPEAKERS. Children play, learn and are immersed in the French Language throughout the sessions. These activities actively help children with their communications skills and school progress. The adults who run the club are subjected to Enhanced C.R.B. checks, so you can drop the children off with the knowledge that they are in safe hands and go and have some much needed time alone!

We have a special offer for members of BETTA:

Pay for one of your children and another one can go for free!" Please contact us if you would like to know more and book a place for next term!

2014 Spring - Summer Term Dates:



Spring Term

Saturday 29th March 2014

Saturday 5th April 2014

Summer Term

Saturday 26th April 2014

Saturday 3rd May 2014

Saturday 10th May 2014

Saturday 17th May 2014

Saturday 24th May 2014

HALF TERM

Saturday 7th June 2014

Saturday 14th June 2014

Saturday 21st June 2014

Saturday 28th June 2014

Saturday 5th July 2014

Saturday 12th July 2014

Saturday 19th July 2014

Session Dates 2013

Tuesday 25th March 2014

Tuesday 29th April 2014

Tuesday 27th May 2014

Tuesday 24th June 2014

Tuesday 29th July 2014

Language Sessions

Due to the numbers attending our language sessions we have decided this year to run only the French language session.

This French session is held on the last Tuesday of each month. It is intended for adults and lasts approximately two hours. Attendance is free. The session starts at 2p.m. on and is held in the café area of 96 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, WD6 1EB

We will keep an open mind about the German session. If you would like to learn or practise your German, then please contact us at the address below, as we may reconsider starting these sessions again.

BETTA Membership

Not a member yet?

If you would like to become a member of Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association, please fill in the form below and send it to us.



BETTA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Borehamwood & Elstree
Twin Town Association (BETTA)

Twinned with Fontenay aux Roses (France)
and Offenburg (Germany)

Title: _____ Name: _____

Representing an Organisation? Yes No

Name of Organisation:

Address:

Postcode:

Home Tel:

Mob:

Email:

Please indicate any particular skills or interests:
(e.g. foreign language, sports, arts, international business etc.)

Agreement:

I support the broad aims of the association:

"The promotion, on a non-political basis, of close relationships between the United Kingdom and other nations."

"I also support the furtherance of international understanding."

"I agree to pay annually, by cash or cheque (made payable to BETTA), the membership fee (as agreed at our Annual General Meeting on 28 May 2008)."

Please tick one of the following:

- Individual Membership £10.00 Family/Household Membership £20.00 No of Occupants: _____
- Organisations £20.00

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Please send form and fee to BETTA, Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood Hertfordshire WD6 5BT or email enquiries to bettagroup@hotmail.com

Forthcoming Activities

Diary Dates

2014

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 14th May 2014

7.30pm Fairway Hall

16 - 18th May 2014

Visit to Fontenay Aux Roses

'Fete de la Ville'

26th – 29th June 2014

Visit to Borehamwood of
Rammersweier Musikverein
from Offenburg

28th June 2014

Families Day 2014

Meadow Park, Borehamwood



**Borehamwood
& Elstree
Twin Town
Association**



Other News and Information.....

School Links Activities



*The pen pal scheme between primary and secondary schools from our twinned towns is very active and proving beneficial to the pupils in Elstree & Borehamwood, as two teachers who are involved explain:
Sarah Strugnell from Monksmead School reports that "the exchange is going really well. The children love receiving mail, and so I'm really hoping to continue the scheme after September when Monksmead begins teaching Spanish in all year groups, via a French club across the age range".*

Cyrille Meunier, who is involving his year 7 in the project says: "We are going to send new letters to the school in France. The topic is school. My students are talking about the school routine, the lessons they have etc. They really enjoyed the project as they do work really hard and have fun at the same time".

We are continuing to encourage school exchange visits with our twin town in France and hope the teachers and pupils from both countries will take the opportunity to get to know two of the most popular capital cities in the world.

Irmine Mason

Schools Links Coordinator

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NEW LANGUAGE SESSION VENUE

As from March 2014, our French language sessions are moving to the high street's brand - new flagship building, Number 96, Shenley Road, in central Borehamwood.

The group has been meeting at the IBIS hotel for several years.

It will continue to convene on the last Tuesday of every month, from 2pm to 4pm.

All sessions are free.

Some basic knowledge of the language is required.

Families Day 2014

28th June 2014

As usual the association will be having a stall at the Families Day this year to mark the conclusion of the Civic Festival this year. We hope to welcome some of our German visitors to the event.

Elstree & Borehamwood Twin Town Association

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