

October 2014

Newsletter



Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association

BETTA

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.



Offenburg School Visit Elstree Studios

Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association Committee 2013-14

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(Vice-Chair)

George Macgregor

(Co-Opted)

In this Newsletter

- Report on recent visit of school from Offenburg
- Forthcoming Planned Events over the Festive period
- Recent Activities of the association
- Details about French Language Sessions
- School Links update

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Reports on Visits & Activities

Offenburg School Flash visit of Elstree Studios for the day



Ernst Kästner Real Schule



The Association hosted a group of 65 students from Ernst Kästner Real-Schule from Offenburg, the town's German Twin Town, when they dropped into Elstree Studios recently, whilst visiting London on a four day excursion.

Howard Berry, from The University of Hertfordshire gave a talk on the history of film making in Borehamwood. Within his short presentation he talked the group of 15/16 year olds through the life and history of the Film studios that existed in Borehamwood over the last 100 years.

The Managing Director of Elstree Studios Roger Morris, welcomed the group to the studios, and talked briefly of the current activity of productions being made at the studios.

John Schoonraad, from Life-cast gave a short presentation, which enthralled the group. Life-cast make plaster casts prosthetics for use in films made at Elstree Studios. Following his presentation a number of the group were invited to his workshops to see how the things are made. The association organised a healthy lunch at the studios with the support of the Town Council of Elstree & Borehamwood

BETTA's very own Ambassador – Nigel Clark

One of our members, Nigel Clark attended a service at St Martin in the Fields recently to celebrate the 300th Anniversary of the Hanoverian Succession and Coronation, Nigel commented about the service....

The German Ambassador gave a speech and during the service the Duke of Kent read the Lesson. This high profile event included some fantastic singing by the St Martins in the Field Choir and was quite moving

"For Nigel who is an ex Clermont Ferrand student, It was a pleasure to sit next to the Ex British Consulate General at Lyons It was a marvellous occasion"

BETTA EVENTS over the Festive Season

**Borehamwood & Elstree
Twin Town Association**
Invites you to a
**Christmas Miscellany Evening
of Festive Fayre with Music & Readings**
On Saturday 20th December at 6.30 pm
St Paul's Lutheran Church, Cranes Way,
Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, WD6 2DB
Tickets £7.00 for Non-Members £5.00 for Members

For more information or tickets
Contact BETTA on
t. 0203 441 6510
m. 0771 7176869




**Borehamwood &
Elstree Twin Town
Association's
'New Years Day Bash'
2015**
at
Fairway Hall,
Brook Close
Borehamwood
Hertfordshire
WD6 5BT
From 3pm

For further information contact
BETTA on:
Tel. 0203 441 6510
Mobile 07717 176869
Email: bettacroup@hotmail.com
Web: www.betta.org.uk

Afternoon Events Include **LIGHT REFRESHMENTS Raffle New Years Day Quiz**

Admission £10.00



BOOK!!! Come & enjoy Christmas this year the BETTA Way....

Club Escargot



It is with regret that the committee of the Association is suspending the Club Escargot, , but it is hoped that we may be able to re-start the lessons in early 2015.

Keep posted for further information.

If any member of the association is interested in assisting to run the Club Escargot, please contact BETTA on

Tel. 0203 441 6510 Mob: 0771 717 6869

Language Sessions



Session Dates 2014-15

Tuesday 28th October

Tuesday 25th November

(No Session in December)

Tuesday 27th January 2015

FREE FRENCH LESSON FOR GRAB!

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 2.30p.m. at the café area of 96 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, WD6 1EB

We 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.

BETTA Membership

Not a member yet?

If you would like to become a member of Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association & enjoy **discounts on our events prices**, please fill 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:

"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 Events

Diary Dates

2014 -15

Christmas Miscellany Evening

Saturday 20th December 2014
St Paul's Lutheran Church,
Cranes Way, Borehamwood,
Herts. WD6 2DB
6.30pm
Entrance

£7.00 Non Members
DISCOUNTS FOR MEMBERS

"BETTA's NEW YEARS DAY BASH 2015"

at
Fairway Hall,
Brook Close
Borehamwood
Herts. WD6 5BT
Thursday 1st January 2014
From 3pm

Admission £10.00



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Our exciting pen pal scheme is reaching more schools in Elstree and Borehamwood.

Many of our local schools are already exchanging letters with French schools in our twin town; Recently, Cowley Hill Primary School has been starting and is very excited to be linked with France & Fontenay-aux-Roses.

We attended the school assembly a couple of weeks ago on the theme “European Day of languages” and presented the pen pal project to the school. Mrs Day is very keen to involve all classes at Cowley Hill and three classes from l'Ecole Les Ormeaux will initially be linked.

Early November, I have also been invited to attend a multi schools meeting, in order to give a presentation about BETTA and the pen pal scheme.

We will update our members of further developments in a future newsletter.

Irmine Mason

Schools Links Coordinator for BETTA



Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day 2014

The Association, this year will, as usual, will lay poppy wreaths on behalf of both our European twin towns, at both Remembrance Services in Elstree and Borehamwood, on Sunday 9th November.
Vice Chair, Andrew Grady will also perform the Last Post & Reveille at the service held in Borehamwood



This Year, the Deputy Mayor of Elstree & Borehamwood, Cllr. Richard Butler, will go to FRANCE represent our town in Fontenay aux Roses on Armistice Day, Tuesday 11th November to take part in the annual FRENCH Remembrance Service. The town of Fontenay new mayor is also organising a reception for our deputy mayor. ENJOY RICHARD!

Elstree & Borehamwood Twin Town Association
is grateful for the ongoing support
we receive from our partners:

