

June 2015

# 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 Offenbourg 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.

## In this Newsletter

- News on Partnership links & Events / Activities
- School Links & Language Course update
- Bastille Day Event 2015
- Details of Trip to Offenbourg

## Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association Committee 2011-16

### Chair

Martine Eni

### Secretary

Rex Dunwoody

### Treasurer

TBA

### Schools Links Coordinator

Irmine Mason

### Membership Secretary

Sophie Eni

### Hertsmere Borough Council Representative

Cllr. Farida Turner

### Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council Representatives

Cllr. Pat Strack

Cllr. Clive Butchins

### General Committee Members:

Jane Strongman

Andrew Grady  
(Vice-Chair)

Nick Male

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## Offenburg Mayor Visits 'The Wood'



On Friday 5th June the Borehamwood and Elstree Twin Town Association (BETTA), welcomed Frau Edith Schreiner Mayor of the town's German partner, Offenburg.

Frau Schreiner was accompanied by her husband Dr. Bernhard Schreiner and by Klaus and Beate Teufel, representing BETTA's German sister organisation 'Die Brücke', which means 'The Bridge'.

The group had a tour around Elstree Studios with Cllr Pat Strack and Cllr Victor Eni, the day ended with an evening meal at the Battle Axes in Aldenham. Among the guests were Elstree & Borehamwood Town Mayor Cllr Richard Butler and his partner Barnet Cllr Rebecca Chalice.

Frau Schreiner thanked the town twinning association and Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council for welcoming both herself and her husband to the town commenting, "It was my first visit to England and finding out that our English partner town had such wealth of history in film making. Visiting the studios where so many famous films had been made was very special and one both my husband and I will cherish."

In response, Elstree and Borehamwood Town Mayor Councillor Richard Butler, in his speech hoped that the group had enjoyed their short visit to our town. He also commented, and praised the hard work of our partnership organisation BETTA, headed by Martine Eni, and the rest of the management team for maintaining the links with Offenburg.

In the autumn BETTA are organising a week end trip to visit the amazing Offenburg regions for all residents of Elstree & Borehamwood and we encourage all to come and share the benefits of this friendship.

## Other News and Language Sessions Dates

### **BETTA held a 'Rocking' Annual General Meeting**



On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May the association held its Annual General Meeting.

Following on from regular business of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) reporting the past years activities, plus electing a new committee for the forthcoming year, the audience were entertained by local music group 'The Richardson's'. The group provided a variety of different genres of music to cater for all tastes.

There was also a delicious buffet and refreshments and a joyful atmosphere.

### **French Language Sessions**



#### **Session Dates 2015**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2015

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015

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 2.30p.m. 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.

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# 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](mailto:bettagroup@hotmail.com)

## Forthcoming Activities

Diary Dates

2015

27<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Families Day 2015

Meadow Park, Borehamwood

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Bastille Day Event  
Fairway Hall

24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
Visit to Offenburg to savour  
the famous Wine Festival



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## Bastille Ball 2015 in July!

## & Town Twinning Visit in September 2015 to Offenburg & Strasbourg

**BASTILLE BALL IN THE WOOD**  
Presented by your Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association at Fairway Hall on the 10th of July 2015 7pm

**Come and join and dance on Live music, Traditional Accordion and show your skills on the dance floor....**  
**The best dancing couple competition...Best Bastille outfit competition.**  
**Entertainment, refreshments and drinks provided. Raffle and friendship included. A night not to be missed...**

*Let's Dance*  
**Swing** **Rumba** **Mambo** **Tango**  
Foxtrot ChaCha

**BETTA** Price for members: £10 & £12 non members

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*BETTA entertaining the Wood since 1982!*

BETTA are continuing to develop international relations between France, Germany, and the UK.

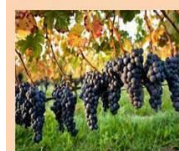
On the **10<sup>th</sup> July** we are organizing a Bastille Day evening, a celebration with refreshments, live music, and our ladies in traditional costumes.

Please contact us to wear one for fun!  
Tickets cost £12.00 for non-members, and £10.00 for members

Between the 24th and 27th of September we are offering you the amazing 'all-inclusive' trip to the fantastic regions of France and Germany.

Also participation in the annual wine festival celebrations.

Please contact BETTA for information on either activity by either Email [bettagroup@hotmail.com](mailto:bettagroup@hotmail.com) or telephone: 07717176869 or 0203 441 6510



### **Borehamwood & Elstree Town Twinning Association**

**Come with us to visit the French & German Wine Regions**  
Between the  
**24<sup>th</sup> September – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

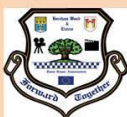
**Visit includes:**

Wine Festival in Offenburg  
The Visit of Strasbourg in France  
Two hotel nights in the centre of Offenburg  
All Travel via private coach.  
Sightseeing tour of the French & German century old wine regions  
Option of the river boat on the Rhine River Strasbourg.



*"The most enchanting Wine region is crossing borders and languages at our doorsteps, a few hours away."*

Open to all. For only £280.00 per person !!!  
For Non-Members  
£250.00 per person for BETTA Members



Booking form, please contact BETTA by:  
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# 2015 BETTA OFFENBURG TRIP APPLICATION FORM

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ BETTA member: YES / NO

Address: _____ _____ _____	Home Tel: _____ Mob: _____ Nationality: _____ Email: _____
Postcode: _____	

I would like to book \_\_\_\_\_ adult and \_\_\_\_\_ children places for the BETTA Trip to Offenburg between 24 – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

Please indicate:

+ the type of ROOM(s) you would prefer and how many:

(Please note that for individual bookings, only single rooms will be available).

\_\_\_\_\_ Single Room(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Double Room(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Twin Room(s)

+ if you have special needs \_\_\_\_\_

Please: - only carry one piece of hand luggage (Max.: 56cm x 41cm x 20cm/22"x 16" x 8" - 12kg/26lbs)

- note that you will need to bring your own towel(s)

- be advised that BETTA will not be responsible for any accident occurring during the trip, all participants are strongly advised to arrange their own travel insurance

- remember to bring your up-to-date TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, your EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE CARD (EHIC) and any necessary VISA if required. Thank you!

I enclose a cheque for \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to BETTA

If you wish to pay by cash, please contact BETTA on: 020 3441 6510 / 0771 717 6869  
or email [bettagroup@hotmail.com](mailto:bettagroup@hotmail.com)

Members: (£250.00 per person); Non-Members (280.00 per person)

I enclose a photocopy of the ID page of my passport and one of my European Health Insurance Card (EHIC): ☐

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

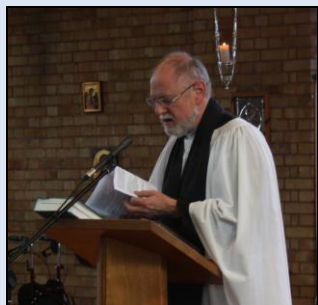
Please send form and cheque to  
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**NB ALL BOOKING NEED TO BE PAID FOR IN FULL BY 28<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2015**

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## Rev. Richard Leslie à bientôt!



Retirement of Rev. Richard Leslie – BETTA Committee Member for over 15 years.

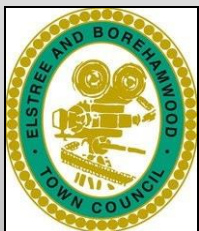
On the 24th May Rev. Richard Leslie, vicar of St Michael's & All Angels Church, Brook Road, Borehamwood retired.

At his final service Vice Chairman of BETTA Andrew Grady, along with Nick Male and Irmine Mason were in attendance, to pay tribute to the work Richard has given to the community within Elstree & Borehamwood.

Elstree & Borehamwood Mayor, Cllr. Richard Butler was also at this service, along with the Deputy Mayor of Hertsmere Cllr. Peter Rutledge.

### Elstree & Borehamwood Twin Town Association

is grateful for the assistance  
we receive from our partners:



### LANGUAGES IN THE COMMUNITY

Since September, primary schools are offering their pupils compulsory lessons to acquire the basics in a foreign language. In support, BETTA has, for several years, put in place a pen pal exchange with our French twin town, Fontenay-aux-Roses to provide pupils of Borehamwood and Elstree the invaluable opportunity to interact with French children. The pupils from both countries respond very positively to the scheme because it gives them a chance to use their increasing knowledge of the language in a real-life context.

"Usage is the best language teacher" as Marcus Fabius Quintilianus stated and this is why we run our popular French conversation classes on the last Tuesday afternoon of the month at 96 Shenley Road, the new Borehamwood community centre. For those with reasonably fluent level, we offer two hours worth of practising the language in a friendly and sociable environment with a native speaker. Just come along and find out about the latest news from France, share points of view on current events and familiarize yourselves with various aspects of French culture. To practise German speaking or if you just want to discover our twin town Offenburg in the late summer, we are looking forward to a trip there in September when we will have the pleasure of meeting our German friends again. Many of us will fondly remember the superb performance the fabulous "Musikverein Rammersweier" band gave at the Ark Theatre last year as well as the fun evening we had with them at our Barn Dance evening that weekend. We look forward to meeting you at any of our events or if you join us on our foreign trips.

**Irmine Mason**

*(School Links Coordinator and Volunteer for the French conversation classes)*