

October 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 help 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 awareness. 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 of Christmas event.
- News on Partnership links & Events / Activities
- School Links & Language Course update
- Report on Trip to Offenburg

Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association Committee 2015-16

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BETTA hits the Weinfest in Offenburg



A group from the association including Town Mayor Cllr. Richard Butler visited Offenburg for an annual festival held every year between the 25th and 27th September 2015.



The Wine festival was full of music and entertainment, and the group visiting witnessed at first hand the welcoming nature of the Offenburg community.

Our hosts, Die Brücke (the German equivalent of BETTA) arranged a visit to a local Vineyard and other places of interest. The group were also guests at the opening ceremony of the festival, which, was opened by the Lord Mayor of Offenburg, Frau Edith Schreiner.

We will remember them.....



This year, again, the association will be laying wreaths of remembrance in Borehamwood and Elstree. A special wreath will also be laid in Borehamwood by Cllr Victor Eni on behalf of our French partners in Fontenay Aux Roses.

Our Vice Chair, Andrew Grady will also be playing the Last Post and Reveille as part of the service of Remembrance in Borehamwood.

Town Mayor Cllr. Richard Butler and his partner Cllr. Rebecca Chalice will be visiting Fontenay Aux Roses on the 11th November to take part in Fontenay's Remembrance service on Armistice Day.

Other News and Language Sessions Dates

Association host's the local Secondary School, Erich-Kästner-Realschule from Offenburg

On the 28th October, with support from the Borehamwood & Elstree Museum, the association hosted a visit of around 70 students from Erich Kästner Realschule, in Offenburg.

The group were visiting the London area for a week taking in other attractions such as Madam Tussauds, and a tour of Wembley Stadium.



During the visit to Borehamwood, the group had a short tour of the town taking in some of the historical studio sites.

Following the tour they then had a presentation about the town's history, given by Dave Armitage, Museum Manager of Borehamwood & Elstree Museum, at St Michael's and All Angels Church Hall.

The day was rounded off with a Fish & Chip lunch, which was greatly appreciated by our visitors.

Some great fully received snacks were provided by Tesco's

French Language Sessions



Session Dates 2015-2016

Tuesday 23rd November 2015

+++No Session in December+++

Tuesday 26th January 2016

Tuesday 23rd February 2016

All at 96 Shenley Road

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 consider starting these sessions.

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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

Forthcoming Activities

Diary Dates

2015

Sunday 8th November 2015

Remembrance Sunday

Thursday 12th November
Hertsmere Mayor's Annual
Charity Quiz
Participation of BETTA Team

Saturday 19th December

Carols by Candlelight
& Christmas Fayre
St Paul's Lutheran Church
Cranes Way
7.30pm



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Carols by Candlelight Saturday 19th December 2015 7.30pm



Borehamwood & Elstree
Twin Town Association
Invites you to
Carols by Candlelight
featuring Festive Treats with Music
On Saturday 19th December at 7.30 pm
St Paul's Lutheran Church, Cranes Way,
Borehamwood, WD6 2DB
Tickets £1.00
For more information or
tickets
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Admission by
Ticket Only



BETTA are developing international relations between France, Germany, and the UK.

On the 19th December we are organising a Festive Carols by candlelight event, at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Cranes Way, Borehamwood.

Tickets are just £1.00 per person

Please contact BETTA for information on either activity by either Email

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More News....

BETTA' New Treasurer

The management committee of the association is pleased to announce the appointment of our new Treasurer, Jill Haistead, who has joined the committee in October 2015.

Jill is very well known locally, Volunteering for 96 Shenley Road 'Drop In' Centre, as well as other community groups within the town.

Elstree & Borehamwood Twin Town Association

With the support of:



LANGUAGES IN THE COMMUNITY

Since last Year, primary schools are giving their pupils compulsory lessons to acquire the basics of a foreign language. In support, BETTA has, put in place a pen pal exchange with our French twin town, Fontenay-aux-Roses to provide pupils of Borehamwood and Elstree with 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.

Over the last month, now that the new school academic year is well underway, we have renewed our school links programme.

We have contacted all our school members to restart the pen pal scheme for this year. It has been met with great enthusiasm and the teachers and children are looking forward to building some new friendships with our French twin town, Fontenay-aux-Roses.

We have also approached Summerswood School, who are a new addition to our programme and they have responded with keen interest.

We look forward to meeting you at one of our events or if you join us on our foreign trips.

If you are working for a school not yet involved with our pen pal scheme, please contact BETTA at bettagroup@hotmail.com for further information about how to proceed.

Our School Links Co-ordinator Volunteer, Irmine Mason will then be in contact with you.

Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year to you
all!



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