

March 2016

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.

Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association Committee 2015-16

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Martine Eni

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Irmine Mason

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Cllr. Pat Strack

Cllr. Clive Butchins

Hertsmere Borough Council Representative

Cllr. Farida Turner

Committee Members:

Jane Strongman

Nick Male

Rob Traynor (Co-Opt)

In this Newsletter

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



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Reports on Recent Events

Carols by Candlelight – 19th December 2015

On the 19th December BETTA held its annual Christmas event of seasonal readings and carols.

The Mayor of Elstree & Borehamwood Cllr Richard Butler and his fiancée Cllr Rebecca Challice were in attendance.

During the evening people from within the community of Elstree & Borehamwood read some interesting stories about Christmastime in different parts of the globe.

Readers included, Pastor Didzis Stilve from St Paul's Lutheran Church, and local residents, Cllr David Burcombe, Cllr Victor Eni, Nigel Clark, Nick Male, Ogetchi Eni, Ikenna Eni, Roswitha Lamb, and Erika Grady.

The Festive Carols sung were ably accompanied by Roswitha Lamb, on accordion, and Andrew Grady, on cornet.

Afterwards, there was a buffet of seasonal offerings for all to enjoy



Other News and Language Sessions Dates

Borehamwood Brass – Reconnecting Twinning Link



The management committee of the association is pleased to announce that Rob Traynor, a member of Borehamwood Brass has been Co-opted on to the committee.

Following recent discussions it is hoped that a musical twinning link can be re-established with Offenburg. Rob is working with the band to ensure full consultation and clarity to re-establish this link.

French Language Sessions



Session Dates 2016

Tuesday 29th March 2016

Tuesday 26th April 2016

Tuesday 31st May 2016

Tuesday 28th June 2016

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 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: _____

Home Tel: _____

Mob: _____

Postcode: _____

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

2016

3-5th June 2016

Visit to Fontenay aux Roses

Saturday 2nd July 2016

**Elstree & Borehamwood
Town Council
Families Day**

23rd – 26th September 2016

Town Twinning Visit to
Offenburg Wine Festival 2016



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Twin Town Visits - 2016

Borehamwood & Elstree Town Twinning Association are this year continuing to develop international relations between France, Germany, and the UK.

This year we are offering two visits:

Visit One

Between the 3rd & 5th June 2016, we are organising a trip to our French Twin Town.

Cost for the visit is £280.00 for Non Members and £260.00 for Members.

The Cost Includes:

- All travel costs to Fontenay aux Roses
- Two Nights Bed & Breakfast Accommodation
- An evening meal on 4th June 2016

Visit Two

Between the 23rd & 26th September 2016, we are organising a trip to our German Twin Town to experience the popular Wine Festival

Cost for the visit is £330.00 for Non Members and £310.00 for Members.

The Cost Includes:

- All travel costs to Offenburg from Stanstead Airport
- Three Nights' Bed & Breakfast Accommodation

Special Offer.....

**BOOK FOR BOTH VISITS AND
SAVE...**

An Association Member - £550.00

Normal Price £570.00

For Non Association Members £570.00

Normal Price £610.00

Payments can be made in instalments, but a 25% deposit is required with every reservation.

Please contact BETTA for information on either activity by either

Email bettagroup@hotmail.com

Telephone: 07717176869

or 0203 441 6510

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Borehamwood & Elstree Twin-Town Association Fontenay Trip



3rd – 5th June 2016

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FONTENAY

Price Includes:

- Return travel via Eurostar and transfers to Fontenay
- Hotel Accommodation for 2 nights



Cost
£280.00 for Non
Members
£260.00 for
Members

For more information or to obtain a booking form contact B.E.T.T.A. on:
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Borehamwood & Elstree Town Twinning Association

Invite you to visit the Offenburg Wine Festival
between
23rd September – 26th September 2016

Price of visit includes:

- Three nights accommodation in Offenburg
- All travel costs to Offenburg
- Sight seeing tour of the local area



*"Come and savour the music, wine and food at this popular
annual event held in the centre of our German twin town."*

**All for only £330.00 per person
For Non-Members**

£310.00 per person for Members

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Recent Visits from our Twin Towns



Elstree & Borehamwood Twin Town Association

With the support of:



LANGUAGES IN THE COMMUNITY

At BETTA, we believe in encouraging exposure to foreign languages (French and German at the moment) and this is reflected through the help we provide in the local schools, the events we run in Borehamwood and Elstree and the trips we organise to our twin towns in France and Germany.

Since September 2014, primary schools are required to offer 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 from 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. We look forward to meeting you at any of our events or if you join us on our foreign trips.

Irmine Mason