# Newsletter



October 2016

#### Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association – Your Link to Europe

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 2016-17			
<u>Chair</u>			
Martine Eni			
Secretary	<u>Vice Chair</u>		
Sophie Eni	Andrew Grady		
Treasurer	Membership Secretary		
Jill Haistead	Irmine Mason		
<u>Hertsmere</u> <u>Borough Council</u>	Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council		
<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representatives</u>		
Cllr. Farida Turner	Cllr. Pat Strack		
	Cllr. Clive Butchins		
Committee Members:			
Nick Male	Rob Traynor		
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eport on visit to Offenburg Wine Festival			

News of up and coming events and activities French language session dates

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# **Reports on Recent Activities**



### **BETTA visits Offenburg Wine Festival 2016**

In September, BETTA visited our German partner town Offenburg, at the Gateway to the Black Forest in South West Germany, to enjoy the annually held, colourful Wine Festival.

The group, consisting of eleven local residents, were welcomed to the town by the Lord Mayor of Offenburg Frau Edith Schreiner at the official opening ceremony held at the Vincentia Gardens in central Offenburg.

During the stay, the group also had a tour of the town and the surrounding area, as well as visiting a local picturesque town of Gengenbach. Other partner towns, from Austria and Italy, also visiting the Wine Festival joined the group on the tour of Offenburg

At a meeting of the partner towns Martine Eni, Chair of BETTA spoke to the group vowing 'That the friendship between our two communities would grow stronger because of the decision taken in June', she also added, 'Friendship between our two towns have existed long before we became part of the European Union, and will continue in the future'.



## 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 again also be playing the Last Post and Reveille as part of the service of Remembrance in Borehamwood.

Town Mayor Cllr. Clive Butchins and his wife Elaine will be visiting Fontenay Aux Roses on the 11th November to take part in Fontenay Aux Roses' Remembrance service on Armistice Day.

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#### **French Language Sessions**



#### Session Dates 2016 - 2017

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016

\*\*\*No Session in December\*\*\*

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017

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.



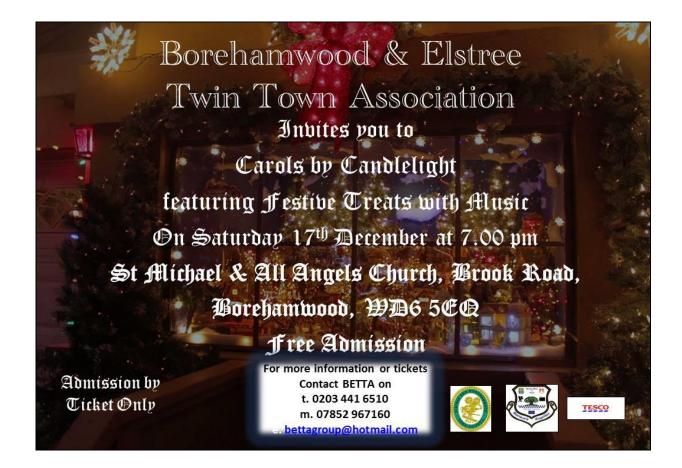


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		Forthcoming Activities	
BETTA Membership Not a member yet?		Diary Dates	
If you would like to become a mem Elstree Twin Town Association, plea send it to us.	2016		
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Title: Name:   Representing an Organisation? Yes    No   Name of Organisation:		Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	
Address:	Home Tel:		
	Mob:		
Postcode:	Email:		
Please indicate any particular skills or interests: (e.g. foreign language, sports, arts, international business etc.) Agreement:		Find us on: facebook.	
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:		Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association	
Please send form and fee to BETTA, Fairway Hertfordshire WD6 5BT or email enquiries to			

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# **Christmas Activities 2016**





Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association look forward to welcoming visitors

from Fontenay Aux Roses and Offenburg in the future.

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