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Newsletter



Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association – Your Link to Europe

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 2017-18

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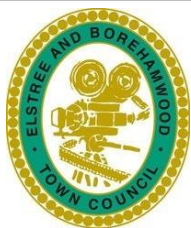
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Reports on Recent Activities



BETTA Offenburg Visit September 2017

In September, a group of members visited the town's German partner town in the Black Forest. The visit organised by the association, to experience the annual wine festival and county show in Offenburg, the gateway city to the Black Forest.

This is the 3rd year that the association has visited this annual event in Offenburg, which is one of highlight's in the region, with a wide range of music & entertainment.

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 from 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.

35th Anniversary Event – June 2017



The Association hosted top-level guests from France and Germany who congratulated them on 35 years of working for international co - operation.

The Deputy Mayor of Fontenay Aux Roses, near Paris, is Monsieur Dominique Lafon.

He is a leading engineer in France and was recently called in to advise the country's dynamic new President Emmanuel Macron. BETTA activists were fascinated to hear about this encounter.

A lifelong interest for Deputy Mayor Lafon has been the code-breaking operation at Bletchley Park during the Second World War.

His particular hero is Alan Turing, portrayed so memorably by Benedict Cumberbatch in the recent film.

An outing to the museum now on the site was arranged for our guest and he was presented with a book about his hero.

From Offenburg - we welcomed Alfred Braun. Herr Braun is an active member Of ' Die Brücke ' which means ' The Bridge ', the sister organisation in Germany.

Both guests spoke at a sell - out party held in St. Teresa's Parish Centre, who dined on delicious Boeuf Bourguignon, prepared by the association, while Heidi, Gary, and Paul entertained them.

Later in the evening, the ukulele band 'Kate's Jumping Fleas ' brought everyone to their feet and kept them there.

Stall - holders at 'Families ' Day' in Meadow Park were delighted to be visited by the representatives of our partner towns.

Martine Eni - Chairman of BETTA - summed up the weekend :-

"We provided all our guests a great time and local people too. 35 years of friendship is something to celebrate and things can only get BETTA."

French Language Sessions



Session Dates 2017 - 2018

Tuesday 28th November 2017

No Session in December

Tuesday 30th January 2018

Tuesday 27th February 2018

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

2017

Carols by
Candlelight

at

St Michaels Church

Saturday

9th December 2017

7.30pm



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Christmas Activities 2017

Borehamwood & Elstree
Twin Town Association
Invites you to
Carols by Candlelight
featuring Festive Treats with Music
On Saturday 9th December at 7.30 pm
St Michael & All Angels Church, Brook Road,
Borehamwood, WD6 5EQ
Free Admission

Admission by
Ticket Only

For more information or tickets
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Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association look forward to welcoming visitors
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