

October 2018

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 2018-19

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Reports on Recent Activities

BETTA Offenburg Visit September 2018



This year's visit saw ten association members visit Offenburg for their annual wine Festival. Joining the group this year was Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council Mayor, Cllr Victor Eni, along with some new association members.

Most didn't speak German or French, this was absolutely fine, as we have leaders who do, and our hosts love to practice their English.

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.

Also, our Treasurer, Andrew Grady will again be playing the Last Post and Reveille as part of the service of Remembrance in Borehamwood.

A Member's View of the recent trip to Offenburg



Some of BETTA's leaders have been going to our French and German twin towns for many years and each time, they report back.

Now, a new member has come to centre stage.

Name: Chenxin Duan (Chen)

Occupation: Experienced nurse

Origin: China



Chen came on the Offenburg Wine Festival trip this year, she knew nobody in the ten - strong group beforehand and this was her first time in Germany.



"Everyone was so friendly" said Chen. "I never felt that I was an outsider or being left out of anything.

All the visits were interesting, and the social occasions were full of fun and laughter. I even got to demonstrate how Chinese people tell whether a piece of Jade is genuine or not!

Our German friends did so much for us and I loved the festival atmosphere.

Our hotel had everything that we needed. I would definitely visit again and would recommend the trip to anyone.

"Thank you BETTA "

French Language Sessions



Session Dates 2018 - 2019

Tuesday 27th November 2017

No Session in December

Tuesday 29th January 2018

Tuesday 26th 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

2018

Carols by
Candlelight

at

All Saints Church

Saturday

8th December 2018

7.00pm



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First Borehamwood Diversity Festival Success



A festival which celebrated the diverse cultures in Elstree and Borehamwood has been acclaimed a success by the event organisers.

The event organised by Cllr Victor Eni (Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood) and his wife, BETTA Chair Martine Eni, brought together different cultural events over the weekend of the 20th and 21st October.



Martine Eni, commenting on the weekends events said, 'It was such a great weekend where people from all parts of the community came together showing off Elstree and Borehamwood cultural talent'



Other members of the association also assisted in the running of this weekend event, with Nick Male acting as compere for the fashion show and other additional activities that were included in the weekend festival.

BETTA host “Volksholschule” at a Folk Evening at The Fishery, Elstree



On Sunday 2nd September BETTA entertained some visitors from Volksholschule (VHS) in Offenburg.

The group, who were welcomed by Cllr. Victor Eni, Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood, and led by Ralph Brunner from Die Brücke in Offenburg really enjoyed the evening of folk music, performed from around the globe.

They were in London for a few days sightseeing, and BETTA invited the group to spend an evening in the town.



Mr Brunner, originally from Canada, made a solo contribution to the evening, performing a rendition of Molly Malone.

Robert Nutley from Hertsmere Acoustic Music Club hosted the evening.

Other musicians that entertained the group included accordionist Roswitha Lamb, and the ‘Strummers in the Wood’ ukulele group.

The association organised a buffet for the visitors, which enhanced the evening visit by our guests from Offenburg.



Martine Eni, Chair of BETTA, commented about the evening: “We were again privileged to welcome this group from VHS Offenburg, and to entertain them, showing off some of our local acoustic talent within the town”, adding “it was just a great town twinning / partnership evening”.



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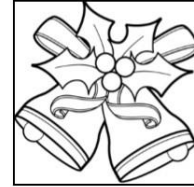
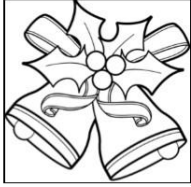
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Christmas Activities 2018

Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association present:



'AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS SPIRIT'



Saturday 8th December 2018
at 7PM



Featuring Festive Carols
and Seasonal Readings



Followed by
an offering of
'Festive'
refreshments

FREE ADMISSION

Supported by



Venue: All Saints Church, 94 Shenley Road,

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