

Rendez - Vous

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CALLINGTON & DISTRICT TWINNING
ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

*Twinned with Guipavas, Brittany (F) since 1982
and Barsbüttel, Schleswig-Holstein (D) since 2004*

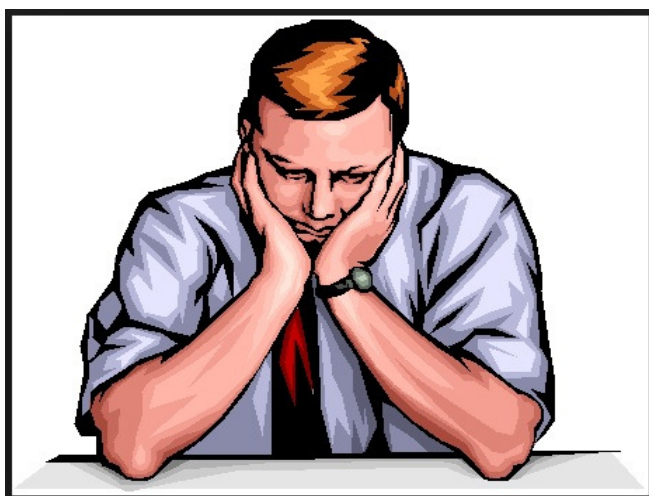
Non-stop events

When you hear people say that there's nothing to do in Callington, just give them a gentle nudge in the direction of our twinning activities.

It has certainly been a busy few months since the last edition of *Rendez-Vous* and there has been something for everyone in all age groups: Safari Supper, MayFest, the hosting of our twin towns, a family BBQ and our float entry for the Callington Carnival Phew! Maybe we ought to lie down in a dark place for a bit of a rest!

In fact, we will be taking a break over the summer, as that's the time when folks tend to be away. So we wish you many balmy days in sunny climes - and come back refreshed and full of energy for the *Oktoberfest* at the end of September. Yes, we know that sounds a bit odd, but we take our lead from the "big one" in Munich - and that's when they have it, so it must be right!

Coming up in October we have our annual "Plod & a Pint", a gentle stroll through local byways with a bite to eat at the end of it. To round off 2014 we have the Annual Dinner in November.



And there's more to come before the end of this twinning year with the excitement of the 2015 Burns Night Supper. Please check with the diary dates on page 4, pop them in your diary and get along to as many as you can. We need your support to make them successful.

And it is a shame there's not more to do in Callington!

It was an intrepid band of adventurers who braved the dangers of travel to the southernmost outer reaches of civilisation (aka Saltash) for the first two courses of the 2014 Safari Supper.

Hostess for the starters was Jill Craddick who set the standard with delicacies which tickled our palates and prepared us for the main course at

Carol and Graham Clark's jungle den where Spanish Chicken was lovingly served.

With travellers suitably replete, the journey continued in a northerly direction to David Graham's encampment for a selection of desserts, all mouth-wateringly tempting.

Eventually the oasis of Sue and Rick's was reached where cheese and biscuits and coffee were served. With the sun fully sunk in the west, and waistbands delicately stretched in all directions, our plucky adventurers set off into the night, muttering farewells of one accord: "What a great night; see you again next year!"



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Magnificent MayFest!

We were delighted to be involved in the second MayFest since May activities were reintroduced in Callington last year. After the successful visit by the Breton choir in 2013 it was an absolute pleasure this year to host dancers and musicians from Lanilis. Many thanks to the twinner who so readily offered to accommodate them.



The smiles on their faces gave away the absolute pleasure they so obviously felt at being here and there is no doubt that they would willingly get back on the ferry to make a return trip in the future. Having arrived on the Thursday evening, they were treated to a trip into Plymouth on Friday and in the evening they were taken off to the Church House Inn where the mysteries of Cornish skittles were revealed! They performed throughout the festivities on Saturday and then enjoyed the *Nos Lowen* in the town hall in the evening.

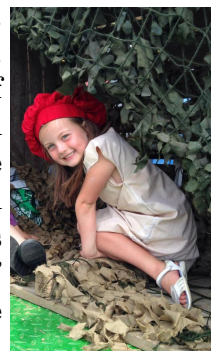
On Sunday we also managed to arrange for them to visit the *Lostfest* in Lostwithiel where they could imbibe even more local Cornish customs. After an evening meal in host families the time all too quickly arrived when they had to head off to Plymouth and the docks at Millbay. It was an amazing long weekend for all concerned and one that we hope to repeat in the future. We are already negotiating with a troupe from Le Faou to appear at the 2015 MayFest. Watch this space!

Rats! We came second!

Once again it was creative flair that was the name of the game as the date of the 2014 Callington Carnival approached. With thinking caps firmly in place, the committee hit upon the theme of the Piped Piper of Hamelin for this year's twinning float entry. Everyone set to and supplied rats galore to adorn the float, while yet another use was found for the dreaded potato box. What had once upon a time been a castle, a bed and the Moulin Rouge was now transformed into a

cave! What will it be next year? Rumours of a tea chest for the Boston Tea Party are totally unfounded!

With a painted backdrop, artistically created by Carol, and costumes conjured out of the Prim-Raf, all we needed were some children to complete the scene - and they appeared courtesy of various grandchildren and friends' families. Thank you for the cameo appearances!



Next year's carnival will be on Saturday 4th July. Please put the date in your diary now and think about offering to design, make or decorate our next entry. You are also invited to make a public appearance on it (Equity cards not required!). It really is fun, you know!



Tree of Friendship Cements Bonds

It's always a frenetic time when it is time to host our other two twin towns, but it can be guaranteed that everyone will pull out the stops and be supportive in helping to host visitors, plan events and generally roll up their sleeves to help.



The arrival of the Barsbüttel contingent on the Wednesday allowed for a group visit by hosts and guests to Mount Edgcombe on the Thursday. The guided tour, including the opportunity to don period costume, was enjoyed by all, as were the strolls through the grounds and the pub lunch at the Edgcombe Arms.

On the following day, with the *Guipavasiens* safely on Cornish soil, all three nations embarked on a coach trip to Totnes and onward by boat to Dartmouth. The weather was fine and the day enjoyed by one and all.

Saturday started with a civic reception in the Town Hall, with excellent fare prepared by the WI. After the (not too wordy) speeches the gathering adjourned to the Saltash Road car park, where a gingko tree, donated by our



Barsbüttel guests, was planted to mark the 10th anniversary of our twinning with them. The gingko is known as the “tree of friendship” and is, therefore a fitting commemorative memento.

The evening “bash” in the town hall was a complete success: with Jill Hill persuaded to come out of retirement for one last time, the food was, as ever, a big hit and the presence of Hevva, who provided enthralling music throughout the evening and vibrant dancers to



entice everyone on to the dance floor, completed an excellent night's entertainment.

A final day in families meant that friendships could be developed and the local Cornish countryside enjoyed at leisure.

Sadly, the weekend drew to a close, but the one redeeming thought was that a similar long weekend could be enjoyed in Guipavas next year, probably over the Easter period. Watch out for details as they emerge!

BBQ in the Sun!

After years of tending the barbeque in the drizzle (and sometimes in the pouring rain), watched through the windows by expectant guests drooling at the thought of a tender burger and a tasty chicken leg, Rick was delighted to see the clouds disappear and the sun come out in time for this year's annual barbie. The event was well attended and a very pleasant afternoon was spent enjoying the ample quantities of food and drink and chatting with friends.



Upcoming events

Pop these in your diaries now!

September	27	<i>Oktoberfest</i>
October	12	<i>Plod & a Pint</i>
November	01	<i>Annual Dinner</i>
January	24	<i>Burns Supper</i>
February	06	<i>AGM</i>
	28	<i>St Piran's Supper</i>

More than meets the eye

There are often more things related to twinning going on than you can imagine. Twinning members set off for France or Germany to stay with twinning contacts on an individual basis or to call in on them en route to different holiday destinations. Here are just a few of the things that have been happening recently.

The French exchange visits between Callington and Guipavas had a few fallow years, but we are delighted that they have been resurrected recently and are now enjoying a new lease of life. As part of the recent visit to Callington by students from the *Collège du Vizac* the students were hosted for a BBQ and disco in the town hall by Callington Town Council. The students had a great time and staff made valuable contacts with members of the twinning association and local councillors. Following this a group of Callington students will be going over to Guipavas in September as part of the celebrations to mark the anniversary of the liberation of Brest in 1944.



Through links in Guipavas Julien Kerjean, a resident of Brest and a student at the University of Le Havre, recently benefitted from a four-week period of work experience when he shadowed Andrew Long in his rôle as Cornwall Councillor for a couple of weeks before then working alongside officers in the Planning Department of Cornwall Council. So enthusiastic were his reports when he got home that his parents are now planning a holiday in Cornwall!

Last year the Callington Community Gospel Choir joined in with our delegation in the visit to Barsbüttel where they were received with tumultuous applause. The links made during that visit have now been further firmed up since the recent visit to Barsbüttel made by Gospel Choir members. They held a number of workshops with the gospel choir from Willinghusen (a village just outside Barsbüttel) and the weekend culminated in a joint concert. Try looking at this by clicking on the following YouTube link (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=usOlt3vJNk>). Needless to say, the choir received a warm welcome and there are plans afoot to have an even bigger reunion in 2015, hopefully engaging gospel singers from Brittany. As they say, from little acorns

