

# 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*

## A belated Happy New Twinning Year

It seems like ages since the AGM when, as expected, we saw the previous team swept back into power with an overwhelming show of hands. We unfortunately said a sad farewell to Carol Clark who had decided to stand down from the committee. Our thanks go to her for all her hard work over the years. But who is going to be the driving force behind our carnival entry this year?



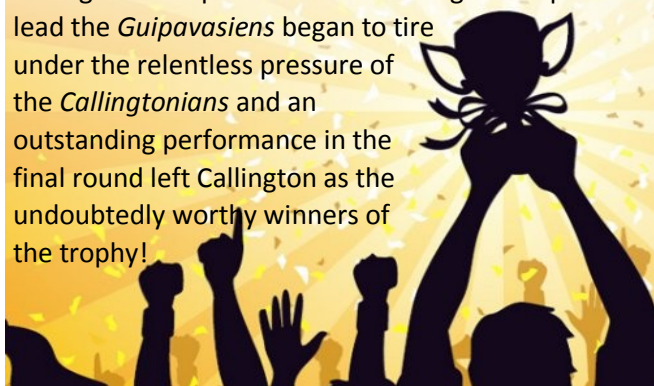
Burns Night was celebrated with the usual finesse and enjoyed by over 70 twidders, their guests and also members of the general public (some now being regulars at this event). All the ingredients were there from the sound of the pipes to an entertaining Immortal Memory given by Ken Aspinall, all rounded off by Scottish dancing, courtesy of Diane Gdanitz-Allen and husband Steve. To be sure of not missing next year's Burns Supper, make sure you put Saturday 23 January 2016 into your diary now!



The twinning year has got off to a cracking start with three events already arranged. A very successful St Piran's Supper was held in the Town Hall with very buoyant numbers who enjoyed the entertainment provided by Scoot Lyskerris. Ken worked hard to produce yet again an excellent quiz and his efforts were well rewarded by an excellent turn-out by local groups.

The highlight so far this year has undoubtedly been the visit to Guipavas over the Easter weekend. Some adventurous types set forth in their own cars while the majority travelled as foot passengers in a group. Everyone met up at the Roscoff ferry terminal and then proceeded to Guipavas in a convoy (bar one unnamed party which decided to include a sightseeing tour of Brest instead of keeping within the tightly formed vehicular formation which otherwise resembled a Red Arrows display!!). A short welcome drink with some Breton *patisserie* was gratefully received before the group went off into the darkest depths of the Guipavas hinterland.

Saturday was largely filled with official twinning business: a visit to an exhibition in the *Chapelle de Notre-Dame-du-Reun* was followed by a short and simple civic reception (yes, speeches were kept to a minimum!) and after that the combined group met up for a lunch-time meal, complete with musical entertainment, Breton dancing (my goodness, how light-footed some of our members are!) and the not-to-be-forgotten John Farrant Trophy. With only a small delegation from Barsbüttel present the contest became a clash of the titans between Guipavas and Callington. In spite of their building an impressive lead the *Guipavasiens* began to tire under the relentless pressure of the *Callingtonians* and an outstanding performance in the final round left Callington as the undoubtedly worthy winners of the trophy!



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### ***Guipavas visit cont'd***

On the Sunday a full-day trip was organised which saw the group heading for the Crozon Peninsula. Visits to the recently built *Pont de Térénez* and to the museum at the Landévennec monastery filled the morning as we headed under blue skies towards Camaret where groups headed off for a variety of restaurants for lunch.

The journey continued through the beautiful countryside to the Pointe de Penhir and then to the giddy heights of the Menez Hom before we finished our tour with a visit to the new barrage and lock installation on the Nantes-Brest canal at Port Launay. All in all, a lovely day out for new twinnings and old hands alike.

The final morning was spent visiting a *cactuseraie* just outside Guipavas where a former tomato greenhouse has been transformed into a home for around 2500 varieties of cactus. A final meal with hosts and it was time to return to Roscoff for the homeward-bound leg of the journey to round off a thoroughly enjoyable weekend with our Breton friends, new and old.

Many thanks to the new twinning committee in Guipavas who obviously put in a tremendous effort to make the visit so successful!

## **Visit to Barsbüttel, November 2015**



As a lot of members are aware, following the recent enjoyable visit to Guipavas, we are invited to Barsbüttel for the weekend 27-28 November to share the German Advent / Christmas market experience. The visit includes the Advent Market in Barsbüttel on the Saturday, a visit to a Christmas Market on the Sunday and a social evening.

As always, accommodation is in host families. Some members already have friends in Barsbüttel and are in contact. However if you have not been before, or if you know your previous hosts cannot receive you this time – this is not an obstacle: our German friends will arrange accommodation.

Some members may want to travel independently, maybe staying longer in Barsbüttel (do check with your hosts!) or combining the visit with a more extended holiday. We encourage this but obviously will need to know who will be in Barsbüttel for the weekend.

We intend to organise group travel for everybody else. Identifying the best flight deal is especially tricky when booking for a large group: at the moment Heathrow – Hamburg travelling out Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November and back Monday 30<sup>th</sup> seems the best option but this could change before we are in a position to make a firm booking. We hope to keep the cost below £150 per person.

We want to make bookings soon, so we can hopefully get the best prices and before people start to go away for the summer. We realise that some members who want to take part may feel unable or unwilling to make a commitment this early. You could, of course, join the group later – but it is likely that the air fare will have gone up by then; you may even have to use a different flight.



To help us plan, please complete the attached form and return it to David Graham by Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May. On the basis of these replies we shall then make a concrete proposal and ask for your money, with a view to booking flights by the end of May.

## Visit to Barsbüttel, November 2015: Survey for Everyone

To help us plan the visit to Barsbüttel please give full answers to the following (you are not committing yourself, this is simply to give us an idea of likely numbers and preferences). Please complete and return to David Graham by 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Address 184 Launceston Road, Kelly Bray, Callington PL17 8DT  
Email [davidgrahamdg@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:davidgrahamdg@yahoo.co.uk)  
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***Please return by  
Friday 1st May  
at the latest!***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to take part in the visit? (Yes / No ) \_\_\_\_\_

*If no, ignore the other questions! But we'd rather know you are not interested than hear nothing and wonder if we should check with you!*

Do you probably want to take part but feel you cannot commit just yet? Please give names.

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Do you want to travel independently, making your own arrangements? Please give names.

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Do you want to travel as part of the group organised by the Twinning Committee? Please give names.

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Any other thoughts / comments?

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### Carnival: 4th July

Carol's absence from the committee has not caused panic to break out amongst the ranks and, with Carnival falling on 4th July, an American theme has been chosen. Anyone who has even the slightest creative streak hiding beneath their bushel is asked (*Wouldn't "begged" be more appropriate? Ed*) to stand up and place their proverbial thumb firmly in the proverbial dyke. Application forms and interviews will be issued if needs must — but one short telephone call to Sue from one individual to offer your services will probably suffice! So if you have any ideas for costumes, would like to help to build the float (usually the Friday before the event) or would simply like to be on the float, do get in touch. It's a good laugh!



### Upcoming events

**Pop these in your diaries now!**

May	23	<i>French Soirée</i>
June	06	<i>BBQ</i>
	14	<i>TCC Boules at Truro</i>
July	04	<i>Callington Carnival</i>
	10-12	<i>Kelliwik Festival</i>
September	26	<i>Oktoberfest</i>
October	18	<i>Plod 'n' a Pint</i>
November	14	<i>Annual Dinner</i>
	15	<i>TCC AGM</i>
	<i>tbc</i>	<i>Trip to Barsbüttel</i>
January 2016	23	<i>Burns Night Supper</i>
February	05	<i>AGM</i>
March	05	<i>St Piran's Supper</i>