

LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

September 2017 Newsletter

Letchworth Garden City Twinning Association

Quiz Night

Saturday 14th October 2017

St. Michael's Church Hall,
Broadway Roundabout, Letchworth

7pm for 7:30 start

Price £9 including Ploughman's Supper (Veggie option if booked in advance). Bring own drinks & glasses.

Ticket sales from Letchworth Tourist Information Centre,
Station Road, 01462 487868



One of the big guns guarding the Rhine seen on our visit to Marksburg Castle during the recent trip to Wissen.

Letchworth Twinning had another wonderful trip to Wissen, our twin town in the Westerwald. An easy coach trip on Thursday 17 Aug got us there around 7.00 pm. The visit to Marksburg Castle in Braubach on the Rhine on Friday was followed by a friendly get-together and BBQ on Saturday and a most enjoyable visit to the ancient town of Marburg on Sunday. Home on Monday with a nice ferry crossing to break the journey.

LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY is twinned with Kristiansand in Norway, Chagny in France and Wissen in Germany. The Newsletter appears about every three months and is free to anyone who wants to receive it. Membership is free, and is open to all who are in sympathy with the aims of the Association. The Chairman is Jon Marshall at 6 Ennismore Close, Letchworth, Herts. SG6 2SU (01462 673956), Secretary (post vacant) and the Newsletter Editor is John Gregory, 37 Kristiansand Way, Letchworth SG6 1TX (01462 674639) LGCHF & NHDC support the Association.

Don't let us deliver unwanted mail to you.

We sometimes carry on delivering the Newsletter to houses from where the original occupier, who was interested in twinning, has long departed.

If that is YOUR case then please let us know, so that we don't plague you with unwanted material. Please don't hesitate to call me, the Newsletter Editor, John Gregory, on 01462 674639. Tell me to STOP!

Or, if you're in to the internet, then send me an email on: johngregory2@ntlworld.com

Unfortunately Letchworth Town Twinning Association lost two good friends from the International Club of Wissen (ICW) in recent weeks. Both will be greatly missed by their many friends, not only in Wissen but also in Letchworth and Chagny. Jon Marshall writes -

Inge-Marie Geimer 29 January 1938 – 17 May 2017



Inge-Marie was a member of the ICW for more than forty years. She was a member of their committee, serving as deputy Secretary and Press contact and archivist. She first came to Letchworth in Autumn 1982 as part of the group from Wissen which came to look us over and decide if they wished to twin with us. She was the first twinning guest we had stay with us. I had been a bit doubtful about inviting a total stranger into our home but she soon dispelled any worries I had. She was charming and great fun to be with. She stopped coming for a while due to ill-health and by the time she resumed we had another partner family. She was always immaculately dressed, very often in red and black, a striking combination which suited her. She leaves behind two sons – Christoph, an Electronics Engineer and Peter, a Professor of History of Art at Berlin University.

Martina Becher 12 January 1958 – 30 June 2017



Martina was a member of the ICW for about thirty years and President for twenty. Following a serious illness about six years ago she stood down and became Vice-President. It was Inge-Marie who introduced Diana and me to Martina and Wolfgang in their early days in the ICW.

Martina was passionate about Twinning, worked hard to promote it and was instrumental in shaping Wissen's relationship with Letchworth and Chagny.

She is survived by Wolfgang her husband, who had been the ICW's Treasurer and by two daughters – Caroline and Cathrin.

LETCWORTH EVENTS 2017 to 2018

LGCTA Quiz	14 Oct 2017
Burgundy Evening	24 Feb 2018
Wissen visit LGC	10-14 May 2018
LGC visit Chagny	16-20 Aug 2018

NEIGHBOUR TWINNING EVENTS 2017

Knebworth KTA Quiz	28 Oct 2017
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STOP PRESS – we are working on a new website which will be ready soon.

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