

LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

April 2018 Newsletter



Visit from Wissen May 2018

Family exchanges are what town twinning is all about and Letchworth has very long standing connections with Wissen in the Westerwald, an hour east of Cologne, Germany, and Chagny in Burgundy, south of Dijon, France.

Wissen will be coming to us from **Thu 10th to Mon 14th May** and we're planning a programme of excursions and events, for an expected busload of visitors, including a day in London, for visitors and hosts. However, as always, the important element in town twinning is the family or individual who hosts the incoming visitors and makes them feel thoroughly at home.

We need hosts for a single lady who speaks good English and for a mother with two boys aged about 12.

Please would our Letchworth hosts tell Jon or Diana Marshall on 01462 673956 soon if they're expecting their usual visitors from Wissen and Jon & Diana would also very much like to hear from anyone ready to host for the first time.



Burgundy Evening 2018

on 24 Feb was once again a resounding success with more than a hundred diners sitting down in the main hall of Knights Templar School, Baldock, for five courses in the French style, coq au vin as the main dish and each course accompanied by a matching Burgundy wine.

There's a tremendous amount of work entailed in setting up tables and in cooking preparation in the well-equipped school kitchen and many thanks are due, as every year, to Diana & Jonathan Marshall and Julia Pollard for master-minding the gastronomic side, to most of the Twinning committee and also to non-committee friends Alistair Pollard, Pat & John Baskerville, Ann Kirby, Bernard Bailey, Otilia Leitao, and Katie & Tony Maynard-Smith for turning up on Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday mornings, to help prepare vegetables, lay tables, wash dishes and pack away place settings for our hundred and more guests.

LGCTA visit to Chagny in August

The visit to Chagny will be from 16—20 Aug and will celebrate the 40th anniversary of our partnership. Our friends from Chagny have arranged a great programme for us including visits to Roman Autun and to Tournus with its Greuze Museum—a bit like the Hostice de Beaune; possibly a wine tasting and a supermarket visit. Sunday morning will be free to do Chagny's market properly. There will be a meal arranged by the town of Chagny.

The management committee has decided that the visit must be self-financing. Last year we incurred a huge loss on our visit to Wissen. The price will depend on the numbers travelling—£250 per adult if only 18 travel with a sliding scale down to £200 for 22 and possibly further reductions. Anyone under 25 in full time education will pay £50; for those making their own way there the charge is £65.

This may seem a little bit of a jump, but it is hoped that in highlighting the following it will be appreciated just exactly what good value for money we all get:

Door to door transport i.e., LGC – Chagny
Ferry costs included
No worries about handling luggage
No waiting in long security/check in queues
No parking costs
4 nights' accommodation
All meals included (and drink)
All excursions included

Please contact Jon and Diana Marshall, 01462 673956, re booking your place for the above trip as soon as is convenient. Finally, if you know of anyone else who may be interested, let Jon and Diana know.

LETCWORTH 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, and there is an email version. 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 is Suzanne Cartledge and the Newsletter Editor is John Gregory (01462 674639).

Wanted—hosts for French students

Elaine Pitt contacted us to ask if we'd publicise the fact that 30 French language students, aged 12-17yrs., are visiting Letchworth on 11th-24th July 2018. They are not specifically from our twin town of Chagny, but from all over France and this could be a wonderful opportunity for us to raise the profile of Letchworth Garden City.

Host families are needed, and possibly the Letchworth Town Twinning community would love to be involved. The students will be out all day at classes and activities. Good rates of pay are offered to host families.

For more information telephone Elaine Pitt on 07790 402 535 or mail at nitsa.pitt@gmail.com

LETCWORTH EVENTS 2018

Wissen visit LGC	10-14 May 2018
LGC visit Chagny	16-20 Aug 2018
Quiz at St Michaels	10 Nov 2018

NEIGHBOUR TWINNING EVENTS

Baldock Murder Mystery Evening 5 May 2018
in St Mary's Church Hall at 7.30 pm tickets £17
from Baldock Community Centre, or contact
Humphrey Pickering 01462 639259

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