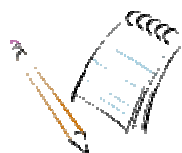


LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

September 2018 Newsletter

Letchworth Garden City Twinning Association

Quiz Night



Saturday 10th November 2018

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

7pm for 7:30 start

**Price £10 including Ploughman's Supper
(Veggie option if booked in advance).
Bring own drinks & glasses. Raffle.**

For more information contact Pauline Stilges on 01462 675911

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



Letchworth visitors with their Chagny hosts 20 Aug 2018. See full report on next page. Photo thanks to David Levett.

Wissen to have two 50 year anniversaries in 2019.

10—12 May 2019 our partner twin town Wissen will be celebrating two 50th anniversaries—of its twinning with Chagny and of Wissen being granted full town rights—*Stadtrecht*—and will be welcoming visitors from both Letchworth and Chagny. Since some Wissen hosts have partner families in BOTH the twin towns it's clearly important to know first that they have room for you. Transport will be up to the individual.

40th Anniversary of Chagny-Letchworth Link

Letchworth travelled to Chagny in Burgundy on Thu 16 Aug., by coach and car, to be magnificently received by the Chagny Comité de Jumelage and the host families, who, as well as looking after and feeding the visitors in their own homes, laid on a superb buffet lunch on the Sunday in the Maison du Peuple, the very impressive, modern, town meeting hall. The celebratory lunch comprised an abundance of very typical Burgundy dishes like jambon persillé, roast beef, wonderful salads, Brie and Comté cheeses, delicious dessert, all, of course, accompanied by plenty of Cassis, red and white Burgundies, and the sparkling Crémant, Burgundy's 'champagne'.

Short speeches about the abiding value of these town twinning contacts were made by Letchworth's Cllr. David Levett, representing NHDC, Mayor Michel Picard, for the Chagny Council, Jon Marshall, Chairman of Letchworth Twinning and Marie-Jo Poitout President of Chagny Twinning, and a reaffirmation of the Twinning Contract was formally signed.

On Friday our hosts had arranged an excursion to

Autun, only three-quarters of an hour away, with a guided tour of its ancient sites—the three out of four remaining Roman gates into the city, the 2nd or 3rd century traditional Celtic temple, said to have been for the worship of the god Janus, and the impressive Cathedral Saint-Lazare, started in the 12th Century. A very clear English-speaking guide accompanied the Letchworth visitors.

The next day we all went to nearby Tournus, old frontier town on the Saône, and had a guided tour of the Abbey of St Philibert, the some free time to explore the town and riverside, before a ride through narrow lanes and picturesque villages to the traffic-free hamlet, castle and Romanesque church of Brancion, where we spent an hour or so in brilliant sunshine looking at the medieval Church of St Pierre and enjoying the superb views over the Grosne valley.

To save costs the English coach was used for hosts and visitors on both the excursions in Burgundy, enjoying the services of our excellent and steady driver, Steve, who has driven us several times to both Chagny and Wissen.

LETCWORTH GARDEN

CITY is twinned with Kristiansand in Norway, Chagny in France and Wissen in Germany. The Newsletter appears about every three months, is free 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), Newsletter Editor is John Gregory (01462 674639).

(from l to r)

Michel Picard, Marie-Jo Poitou, Jon Marshall and David Levett reaffirm the Chagny-Letchworth link in the Maison du Peuple, Chagny, on 19 Aug 2018.

(picture by Mike Stilges)



LETCWORTH EVENTS 2018-9

Quiz at St Michaels	10 Nov 2018
Burgundy Evening 2019	2 Mar 2019
Chagny visit Letchworth	25—29 Apr 2019
Wissen Two Anniversaries Celebration	10—12 May 2019
Letchworth main visit to Wissen	Aug 2019

NEIGHBOUR EVENTS 2018-9

Knebworth Quiz 27 Oct 2018
Contact carole.woodman@gmail.com

Hitchin Link Soiree Nuitonne 27 Oct 2018

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