

LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

January 2020 Newsletter



MAKE IT A HAPPY 2020

Book Now for Saturday 7 March
Burgundy Evening 2020

Don't delay—cut out and send off the form below to reserve your places for a splendid dinner of five courses in the French style, each course accompanied by a matching Burgundy wine, included in the price, the whole delightful evening stretching from 7.30 p.m. to about 11.30 p.m.

Extra wine and soft drinks can be purchased at a bar.

Special dietary needs can be met. There's space on the form below to order those.

We **desperately need help** in setting up on Saturday and clearing up on Sunday, from 10.00 am on both days. On Sunday enter kitchen round the back to avoid disturbing the church service in the hall.

Burgundy Evening 2020

Sat 7th March at Knights Templar School, Baldock

Please reserve for me... .. tickets @ **£28.50**

I enclose cheque for £... .. in total, (cheques payable to "LGC Twinning Association")
and a SAE for my tickets.

Please return to: Alan Byrne, 74 Strathmore Avenue, HITCHIN, SG5 1ST

or contact Alan for how to pay ONLINE

ajbyrne55@gmail.com 01462 459144

*Tickets are also on sale at Discover Letchworth, One Garden City (next to Morrisons)
who will accept payment in CASH or by CHEQUE (payable to "LGC Twinning Association")*

We can accommodate special dietary requests, e.g. vegetarian. Please state when booking.

Name... ..

I/we wish to sit with... ..

Chairman to step down after Twenty Years

I was elected Chairman of the Association at the AGM in the year 2000 – nearly twenty years ago. I think the time has come for me to step down and make way for someone new, someone younger, with fresh ideas and energy.

Diana and I joined the Association in Autumn 1982 when a party from Wissen came to Letchworth to look at the town and decide if they would like to twin with us. (A group from Letchworth had visited Wissen a few months earlier). Hosts for the visitors were needed.

We hosted Inge-Marie Geimer (who, sadly, died nearly three years ago) and had a wonderful weekend with her, the others in the group from Wissen and Letchworth's committee and so we joined the Association.

We became involved with the Association's activities; we helped with the Burgundy Evening and started the Oktoberfest. We also took part in the visits. In those days contact with the rest of Europe was less frequent and seats on the coach sold rapidly. One year we even took two full coaches to Wissen. Sadly interest in twinning has decreased over recent years. I believe there are several factors behind this, including the advent of budget airlines making visits to Europe much more affordable.

Diana and I have lots of wonderful memories of our twinning experiences and plan to carry on the visits as long as we are able to. We hope the new Chairman enjoys the challenge and I wish him or her every success

If anyone has any thoughts about becoming Chairman I shall be happy to discuss what the post involves. Jon Marshall.

Wissen to Letchworth

We're expecting the usual busload of visitors from our twin town Wissen, Germany, so please put the dates 21-25 May 2020 in your diary and let the Committee know if you'll be hosting. And we're always looking for NEW hosts.

LETCHWORTH 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).

LGC Twinning Association will hold its

Annual General Meeting

on 16 March 2020 at The Third Place from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. The Third Place is situated in Letchworth Garden City town centre above the Garden Square Shopping Centre in Central Approach, off Eastcheap. The entrance is just on the right as you pass between Wildwood restaurant and Superdrug - please press the button on the entry system, wait for the door to be released, and then come up to the first floor.

As always we very much welcome as many friends of the Association as possible to come and hear about plans for the coming year and to contribute their own ideas for events.

We're looking for new members to join the Committee, and, as reported above, our Chairman of twenty years, Jon Marshall, will be stepping down so we hope to have his successor at the AGM.

LETCHWORTH EVENTS 2020

Burgundy Evening	7 Mar 2020
AGM	16 Mar 2020
Wissen to Letchworth	21-25 May 2020
Letchworth to Chagny	20-24 Aug 2020

NEIGHBOUR EVENTS 2020

Knebworth Twinning email:
knebworthtwinning@gmail.com
AGM 8 Mar 2020
Talk by Henry Cobbold 26 Mar 2020
'Knebworth House in the Movies'.

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2019-20

<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>NHDC</i>
Jon Marshall	Michael Stilges	Cllr. Ian Mantle

Minutes Secretary
Suzanne Cartledge

Members

Diana Marshall	Julia Pollard
Roger Comley	Pauline Stilges
John Gregory (<i>Newsletter</i>)	John Booth
Pat Bailey	

Honorary Vice-presidents Malcolm Lee, Harry Shipley, Cliff Marshall
Honorary President Chairman NHDC