

# LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

*April 2016 Newsletter*

## **Twinning exchanges in 2016**



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 **5th to 9th May** and we're planning a programme of excursions and events, for an expected busload of visitors, including an afternoon and evening 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. 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. By the way, if you want to see pictures of our visit to Wissen in 2015, go to [www.ic-wissen.de](http://www.ic-wissen.de), then *Bilder/Fotos*, then *Partnerschaft Letchworth*.

Letchworth will be travelling to Chagny **Thursday 18th to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August** and the French committee have a great plan in place for us, including the Royal Salt Works at Arc-et-Senans, a World Heritage Site. We'll be going by luxury coach, as usual, and, although this takes most of the day, the journey is made enjoyable by a two hour Channel crossing with opportunity for a long breakfast and some "duty-free" shopping and an hour long lunch break near Reims. Also a further shorter break. These days we don't fill the bus so there's plenty of room for the passengers. The fare this year will be £150 for adults, £50 for children and £50 each for travellers using their own vehicle, which is to cover their share of use of the coach while in Chagny.

Anyone new, please contact Jon or Diana Marshall (01462 673956)

## **Burgundy Evening 2016**



On the last Saturday in February, as in many previous years around this time of year, Letchworth G C Twinning Association laid on Burgundy Evening—an evening of splendid dining and wining and the main fund-raising event of the year. All prepared by committee members and other friends of LGCTA, especially Diana & Jonathan Marshall and Julia Pollard. Well over one hundred diners enjoyed Charcuterie, Haricots verts, Boeuf bourguignon, Salade verte, Fromages - St Agur, Pié d'Anglois, Ossau Iraty, followed by Tarte aux Pommes.

As every year, the Association is very dependant on the voluntary help of friends. This year, in addition to the committee members who helped, many thanks are due to Mel Cherry, Peter Jackson, David & Sandra Wilkins, Bernard Bailey, John Baskerville, Mike Thomasson, Estelle Caux-Price, Jonathan Marshall, Alistair Pollard, who all turned up to help.

No reason to discontinue this highly enjoyable and successful event so we'll be doing it all over again in 2017. Look out for our announcement of the date then put it into your diaries.

## What is twinning?

You accommodate a family or an individual or a couple from our twin town for four nights, giving them breakfasts and some lunches and dinners. The Letchworth Town Twinning Association arranges trips, and some meals, for the visitors. The hosts can also take part in these events and combined meals. In return, your visitors will accommodate and entertain you the following year when Letchworth makes a return visit to Chagny or Wissen. The twinning associations of those towns will arrange events and trips and some meals just as Letchworth did for them.

## Don't let us deliver unwanted mail to you.

If you no longer want these newsletters call me, the Newsletter Editor, John Gregory, on 01462 674639. Tell me to STOP! Or send me an email on: [johngregory2@ntlworld.com](mailto:johngregory2@ntlworld.com)

### Quiz Night 1st Oct

On Sat 1 Oct LGCTA will once again be holding another of their highly popular Quiz Nights at St Michael's Church Hall, next to the Broadway Gardens. It will be, as always, conducted highly competently by LGCTA's Pauline and Mike Stilges, who have run several previous quiz events for the Association and for other organisations.

A delicious supper will be included in the price.

Look out for booking details. Sounds like it's a long way off but put the date in your diaries now.

### AGM Monday 7 March

The Association held a lively AGM in the Mrs. Howard Hall, where members of the Letchworth committee, and some neighbour associations presented their feelings about what international twinning means. There were some new faces in the audience and new interest expressed. Tasty snacks were provided, pictures of previous trips shown, and books and posters representing the two countries of Letchworth's twin towns were on display. A successful evening!

**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.

### LETCHWORTH EVENTS 2016

Wissen visits Letchworth 5 May—9 May 2016

Letchworth visits Chagny 18 Aug—22 Aug 2016

Quiz Night at St Michaels 1 Oct 2016

### NEIGHBOUR TWINNING EVENTS 2016

**Hitchin Link** Bingen Wine Evening, incl. 4 wines + German style meal at St Ippolyts Village Hall £17.50 to 2 Apr £20 after. Contact Derek Boothby 01462 640970 16 Apr 2016

**Welwyn.** Wine Tasting Evening at Welwyn Civic Centre. £8 members £9 non-members. Contact Graham Middleton 01707 326777 7.30pm 29 Apr 2016

**Baldock TTA** Murder Mystery Evening at St Mary's Church Hall, incl dinner £16 7.30pm Tickets—Baldock Community Centre 30 Apr 2016

**Buntingford.** Saturday Night Hop at Seth Ward Community Centre. Music from 50s, 60s, 70s incl. Fish & Chip supper. £10 contact Ann Brunt 01763 272961 7.30 for 8.00pm 14 May 2016

### GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2015-16

<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>NHDC</i>
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