

# LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

*August 2016 Newsletter*

## *Quiz Night* Saturday 1st 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.

**7.00pm for 7.30pm start.**

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.

**Price £8.50 including Ploughman's Supper (Veggie option if booked in advance).  
Bring own drinks and glasses.**

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

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

## Visit from Wissen

Another successful visit from our German twin town, Wissen, from the Westerwald, east of Cologne. Nearly a full bus load arrived rather late at Standalone Farm on the evening of Thursday 5 May—too late for a formal reception—and visitors and hosts travelled to Bury St Edmunds the next morning on the German coach, with some going independently in their own vehicles. Guided tours in German and English languages showed us the Cathedral and the charming town centre, helped by nice bright weather.

Saturday was the essential London visit, although the timing this year was different in comprising a late morning start and a mid evening return from the City, giving families the opportunity to spend a full afternoon in London and take a leisurely supper before the homeward journey.



A sunny Sunday morning was spent with host families, followed by a picnic at the Whitethorne Road sports ground, accompanied by lively music from the group Cloudburst.

## Boules



Our neighbour town twinning associations appear to be taking boules more seriously than Letchworth and this is not a situation that LGCTA should allow to continue.

We were well and truly thrashed at the match on 10 July and desperately need players to defend Letchworth's honour next year – particularly as it's **our turn** to host the event. Please volunteer.

## Visit to France—just back.

Letchworth Twinning went to Chagny in Burgundy last Thursday 18 August and we got back on Monday evening 22 August after a wonderful three days of entertainment by the host families and visits to the Jura region.



We had a tasting of the Jura wines—very different to the Burgundies of the host town—a visit to world famous caves, 2500m in length, situated in a fantastic dead end Jurassic valley of towering cliffs (Baume les Messieurs), a call at a Jura cheese maker—Comté and Morbier are the types—and substantial quantities were purchased by Letchworth visitors, probably confusing Calais sniffer dogs on the return journey. On a second day in the Jura there was a fascinating trip underground to a salt spring, exploited since the Middle Ages, and then to the Royal Saltworks, built between 1775 and 1779, 20km distant from the spring with the brine being carried there in wooden pipes, for Louis XV and the royal salt monopoly. This is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its splendid architecture and museum presenting the history of salt.

To complete the Jura theme there was a delicious meal for visitors and hosts together at the Maison du Peuple, comprising regional specialities such as Morteau sausage with melted Jura cheese poured over it.

Chagny itself offers splendid entertainment every Sunday morning of the year with its very large market of 140 stallholders selling every conceivable vegetable and fruit and general goods even extending to clock repairs and mattresses (free delivery to your home!). You meet nearly all the Letchworth visitors with their hosts on Sunday morning at the market.



Hard Cheese! Visit to the Jura cheesemaker

**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 to 2017

Quiz Night at St Michaels 1 Oct 2016

Burgundy Evening (probably) 4 March 2017

Visit from Chagny 25 to 29 May 2017

Visit to Wissen August 2017

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