

Bonjour!

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Beaconsfield Twinning Association

Promoting educational, cultural, sporting and friendship connections with Langres in the Champagne-Ardennes region of France

 **Langres**
Ville d'Art et d'Histoire



AUTUMN 2012



Langres comes to Beaconsfield 2nd – 5th November 2012

Get ready for fireworks, friendship and fun!

Around 20 visitors from Langres arrive on Friday the 2nd November ready for a packed weekend of friendship and fun. Our sincere thanks to all those BTA members who are hosting our visitors. **But there's plenty of opportunities for all BTA members to get involved in the weekend programme of events.**

The November timing allows us to treat our visitors to the whiz-bang splendour of a real British Bonfire Night. There's never a language barrier with a spectacular fireworks display. *Il s'ont magnifiques!*

It's been such an amazing year for the UK. So, we've organised our own take on the highlights of the Queen's Jubilee and Olympic celebrations to entertain our guests and BTA members.

There's a coach trip to Windsor, a gala themed Queen's Jubilee Dinner on the Saturday night, and a professionally led guided tour to London on Sunday to see famous London landmarks and Olympic sites.

A great deal of hard work and planning has gone into making this a truly memorable weekend. Please get involved in all the activities you can.

The fun starts on Friday 2nd November at 5:30pm with a Champagne Reception at the Beaconsfield Town Hall.

There's a full summary of the programme of events overleaf. Please make your reservations for the events on the form provided with this newsletter. Places are limited. Book now!



DIARY DATES

October 25 – Twinners' Golf Society at Wycombe Heights.

Back after the summer break, Marlow, Bourne End and Beaconsfield Twinning Associations are back on the course for a great day's golf and friendly competition. **Contact Phillip Sheahan on 01494 673649 to play or for further details.**

October 27 – Café Langres Opens!

Our Saturday Farmers' Market Coffee mornings are back! Serving fabulous French coffee and patisseries in The Reading Room by St Mary's Church 10am - noon. Meet, chat, catch-up on BTA activities. **Do call in, we'd love to see you.**

November 2 – 5 Langres Visitors Weekend

Please join us for as many of the shared activities as you can. New BTA members are especially welcome. See the outline of activities in this newsletter and updates on the BTA website.

November 24 – Annual Dinner & AGM

Themed meal with special guest speaker Dr Claire Trevien. Claire will be entertaining us with her expert revelations on Langres' famous son, Denis Diderot - philosopher, art critic, and writer. Our customary short but important AGM will follow the dinner and talk.

November 11 – BTA at the Remembrance Day Service

BTA will lay a wreath at the War memorial in the Old Town and attend the service in St Mary's Church afterwards. Please feel free to join us for this occasion. Flowers from Langres Twinning will be on display in the Church and laid at the Free-French Memorial in Shepherd's Lane on the Monday.

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Book now to join in the weekend celebrations.

Friday 2 November 5:30pm: Official Welcome at the Town Hall. Champagne and canapés reception with Beaconsfield Mayor, Graham Corney, and the Mayor of Langres, Didier Loiseau. Meet and mingle with our visitors and their hosts. Free to BTA Members. **For catering, we need to know in advance if you're attending.**

Saturday 3 November 10am – 3pm: Coach Trip to Windsor and sight seeing. We'll take in the delights of Windsor by coach and on foot, have a bite of lunch and return mid-afternoon. The coach excursion is free to BTA members, you simply need to pay for your own lunch arrangements. **Seats on the coach are strictly limited, so if you want to join us, do let us know as soon as possible.**

Saturday Evening - Fireworks at Beaconsfield Cricket Club. The bonfire is lit at 7.10pm with fireworks scheduled to begin at 7.45pm. Beaconsfield Round Table run this hugely popular event, renowned for its excellent organisation and dazzling fireworks display. Tickets are available on the night but are best purchased in advance. For details of the fireworks and tickets, please see: <http://www.beaconsfieldfireworks.co.uk/where.htm>

Saturday Evening – Diamond Jubilee Themed Dinner at The Fitzwilliams Centre. Immediately after the Fireworks (9pm prompt) we'll sit down to our themed meal with wine. The price for BTA members is £18 (£20 for non-members and guests) to include wine or soft drink/fruit juice. **This really is an excellent menu!**



*Smoked Salmon or
Spring Vegetable Soup
Diamond Jubilee Chicken,
new potatoes & vegetables
Heston's Jubilee Trifle
(strawberries in lemon juice &
rosewater, crushed meringue, cream)
• Chocolate/lemon & Caraway Seed
Cupcakes • Tea or Coffee*

Sunday – London Coach Trip with Tour Guide.

Leaving Beaconsfield at 10am our Blue Badge guide with bi-lingual commentary will chart our journey through London taking in the iconic sites and landmarks of our famous capital. Our visitors have expressed a desire to see the Olympic Park. The Park itself will be closed but Stratford Westfield Mall provides a viewing platform and many venues for lunch. Return to Beaconsfield around 5pm. **Please join us – at only £16 it's a great day out.**

Places limited. Please use the form with this email to get your name on the list for all of the weekend events.

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Have you looked at our website lately?

Our secretary, Susan Jones, has been hard at work adding new content to the website. Log on regularly for new items and updates. And do let us have your feedback and comments.

Archive Action. Committee member, Marlen Lihou, has been busy updating the BTA Archive to create a well-ordered history of Beaconsfield Twinning activity. If you have photos (perhaps from a hosting or visit) or news clippings that might be of interest, do let us have a copy for the archives and website.

Golf day with The Twinners' Golf Society

Marlow twinning have invited Beaconsfield Twinners (and friends) to play at Wycombe Heights Golf Club on the 25th October. The cost for bacon roll, 18 holes, lunch and prizes is a mere £30 - a bargain! Contact Phillip Sheahan 01494 673649 for details.

BTA AGM & Dinner

Special Guest Speaker: Dr Claire Trevien

Saturday 24th November 2012, 7:30 for 8pm



Claire's a research editor at the Voltaire Foundation and has a PhD on the visual culture of the French Revolution. She's also an expert on Langres' most famous son, Diderot. Expect a lively, erudite and highly entertaining talk from our immensely talented speaker and published poet.

The Fitzwilliams Centre St Mary's Church, Beaconsfield

- An excellent 3-course meal (soft drinks available, bring your own wine)
- ALL WELCOME – BTA Members £18 non-members & guests £20
- Tickets contact Susan Jones 01494 671457 or Phillip Sheahan 01494 673649



Drop in to the coffee morning on the 27th October for the latest news on the Langres visit, and to collect your tickets for the weekend's events.

Twinning - the open door to friendship



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