

# Newsletter

February 2019

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## Forthcoming Events

Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Evening Meeting: <b>Fasching / Carnival</b>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Evening Meeting: <b>French Evening</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Joint Film Show</b>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Evening Meeting: <b>Colmar</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Europe Day Meal</b>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Evening Meeting: <b>Léger</b>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Evening Drinks Party</b>

*Evening meetings are held at Preston Road Community Centre – 7.30 for **7.45 pm***

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Evening Meeting: Fasching/Carnival

*7.30 for 7.45pm at Preston Road Community Centre*

Fasching is the Shrovetide carnival which is celebrated in German-speaking countries. The festival is known as Fasching in Bavaria and Austria, Fosnat in Franconia, Fasnet in Swabia, Fastnacht in Mainz and its environs, and Karneval in Cologne and the Rhineland.

It involves merrymaking, street parades and parties and dressing up. It usually reaches its high point during the three days preceding Ash Wednesday, culminating on Shrove Tuesday.

Members will see and hear about these various festivities, including of course those in Schongau. Join us for what promises to be a very enjoyable and entertaining evening! **Bring some friends!**

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Evening Meeting: French Party Evening

*7.30 for 7.45pm at Preston Road Community Centre*

An evening devoted to fun with a distinctly French flavour. There will be French food, including French cheeses and pastries, accompanied by French wine.

Also on offer is French music, a quiz, and, for the brave, Karaoke (in French, of course).

**Bring some friends** along to join us in celebrating in French style!

## Thursday 4th April - Joint Film Show

*From 7pm at the Community Support Centre, Audlett Drive*

This is our annual joint meeting with ABCD, the local film society. Always a popular event in the programme, it gives members the opportunity for an enjoyable social evening watching an interesting film that reflects European culture (not Hollywood!).

**IN THE FADE (*Aus dem Nichts*)**, the latest film to arrive in the UK from German director, Fatih Akin, is a very contemporary story - racism, neo-Nazis in Germany, courtroom drama, revenge. It was shown at the 2017 Cannes Film Festival.

Enjoy cheese and wine before, during and after the film.

## Twining Weekend in Colmar

**Thursday 16th May – Monday 20th May 2019**

This is advance notice of a twinning weekend to be hosted in Colmar for their twin towns. Four participants are invited from Abingdon for what is always an enjoyable and rewarding visit. More details are promised soon!

## Canoe Camping in Oxfordshire 2019

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019** (See Dec. 2018 Newsletter)

## Bastille Day 2019 – Trip to Argentan

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019** (See Dec. 2018 Newsletter)

## Recent Events

### Evening Meeting: Twin Towns Quiz Night

On January 17th the ADTTS held a highly entertaining Quiz Night at the Preston Road Community Centre.

This excellent quiz was organised by Brian Read and Peter Dodds, who also acted as Quizmasters.

There were several rounds, each with a specific theme. These included a Geography round to test the participants' knowledge of flags and countries, and an Acronym round with such favourites as DVLA, HTTP, and NORWICH.

Culinary knowledge was also tested in a round where the quizzers had to guess the name of a world-renowned sauce from its list of ingredients – these well-known and delicious sauces included pesto, sweet and sour, guacamole and, of course, Britain's own great contribution to the world of international haute cuisine, "white sauce" (butter, milk, cornflour, salt, pepper), which a surprising number of tables failed to identify correctly. Continuing with the foodie theme, another outstanding round was the Bread and Cheese round, where the participants had to taste four different breads and cheeses and identify the countries of origin.

At the end of the quiz points were counted, and a winning team was declared, but the main thing was that everyone enjoyed this excellent and entertaining quiz. Many thanks to Brian and Peter!

*Nick Marsh*

## Annual Membership -- 2018/2019

Thank you to everyone who has already paid their annual membership for 2018/2019, either by direct debit or at a meeting. The subscription is £7.50 per person (£15 per couple). Cheques to be payable to ADTTS and should be sent to Ian and Rosemary Jardine – their address is at the bottom of this newsletter.

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