

# Newsletter

April 2019

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## Forthcoming Events

<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Joint Film Show</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Talk on Recycling</b>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Europe Day Meal</b>
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Léger</b>
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Evening Drinks Party</b>

*Evening meetings are held at Preston Road Community Centre – 7:30pm for 7:45pm*

### Thursday 4th April - Joint Film Show

*From 7:00pm 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.



This is the last event of the ABCD season and is celebrated with a convivial cheese and wine party. ABCD provide the food and soft drinks, but as they have no drinks licence, you should bring your own wine and beer etc. ABCD will provide glasses.

- Doors open: 19:00
- Cheese and wine begins: 19:10
- Film starts: 19:45 (or soon afterwards)
- Film ends soon after: 21:30 with tea and coffee available.

There is no specific charge for the bread, cheese and soft drinks, but ABCD try to avoid losing money! So please make a realistic assessment of the value of what you have consumed (and make a contribution for any leftovers you take away with you!)

## Abingdon Passion Play weekend

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Church Twinning will be hosting guests from Argentan and Sint-Niklaas. The Passion Play takes place in the Abbey Grounds at 2:00 pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

There will be a Barn Dance in Trinity Church Hall at 7:30pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Snacks and soft drinks are included in the ticket price and beer and wine is available for a voluntary contribution. Tickets are £10 each or £20 for families.

On Saturday evening 6<sup>th</sup> April from 7:30-9:30pm, there will be an opportunity to sample cheeses and drinks (probably cider, calvados and beer) from Argentan and Sint-Niklaas at St Helen's Church Parish Centre. Tickets are free but must be booked in advance.

For more details and tickets for both events please contact Eileen Bontempelli (01235 526331) or Angela Waterhouse (01235 532296). <http://www.abingdonpassionplay.co.uk/>



## Europe Day Dinner

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 7:00 for 7.30 pm  
The Council Chamber, Guildhall

As I am sure most of you know The Guildhall has recently reopened in Abingdon. Not only have they established the cinema but have also refurbished the other main rooms. So, this year we are delighted to have exclusive use of The Council Chamber for our special Europe Day meal. The Guildhall has taken on new chefs and they are delighting in coming up with a special menu, just for us, with a nod to the regions of our Twin Towns.

It will be a three course meal with coffee and tea and the cost will be £29.95. There will also be a private bar set up in the Council Chamber so we can meet and mingle before sitting down to dinner.

The menu is being finalised but just not quite in time for this newsletter. So, please, look out for a separate e-mail shortly. In the meantime please put the date in your diary. Our Europe Day meals have always been very popular and we hope this one will be very special. Also it will be a Brexit free evening, so if nothing else entices you I am sure that will!

Stella Carter

## Twinning Weekend in Colmar

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Colmar are hosting a Twinning Weekend for their twin towns.

Four participants from Abingdon will be going for what is always an enjoyable and rewarding visit, and we look forward to hearing from them following their visit.



## Bastille Day Visit to Argentan

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> –Saturday 15<sup>h</sup> June 2019

Unfortunately, this visit has been cancelled owing to insufficient number of participants.

However, Richard is hoping that the event can be held next year. Included, alongside celebrating the French national holiday in our twin town of Argentan, will be visits associated with the D-Day landing and the life of William the Conqueror. Accommodation will be with host families or in a hotel. What more could you ask? If you would like to go next year, or get further information contact Richard Smart 01235 523344 [dickcsmart@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dickcsmart@hotmail.co.uk)

## Twinning News

### Clubs and Societies Day in the Guildhall

ADTTS shared a stand at the Clubs and Societies Day held in the Guildhall on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. We shared a table with the Church Twinning Group.

A good number of people visited the stand, including many newcomers to Abingdon. Nicki Henton and Nick Marsh from ADTTS, and Ruth Sillitoe from Church Twinning greeted visitors to the stand, and answered their many questions.



### Lucca Parkrun

A number of Abingdon park runners visited Lucca to run the Lucca Parkrun on March 23rd. The Parkrun is a timed 5km run around the city walls. The Abingdon runners did well coming 2nd and 4th, although it isn't a race. Only a race against yourself!



The Abingdon runners



Nicky Brock and Stefano



Meal organised by twinning committee

*Report by Emma Moore.*

"Fourteen of us travelled to Lucca essentially to do the Parkrun and we were warmly welcomed by not only the Parkrun team but also the Twin Town Committee in Lucca itself. It was a gloriously warm weekend and we were very well looked after. Nicky Brock who was our organiser did her 100th parkrun as did Jan McCabe who was part of the party. The 14 of us knew each other because of Abingdon AC or the Parkrun community."

See pictures at: <http://www.parkrun.it/muradilucca/news/>

## New Members

We welcome Christine and Malcolm Daniels to the Twinning Society and look forward to meeting them again at future events

## Past Events

### French evening on 21st March



"An excellent evening" "good fun" "Great fun, we really enjoyed the karaoke" "Super food!"

"The ukulele band was in fine tune!" "What an interesting quiz!" "We must do this again!"

Around 40 people attended our recent French bistro evening at Preston Road Community Centre. Spring was definitely in the air as the tables were laid out in café style, complete with a host of daffodils in vases on each table. Each table for 6 was laid with a selection of French cheeses including Brie, Camembert, Bleu d'Auvergne, and Goats cheese, accompanied by French bread, fruit and garlic bread, helped down with wine, beer or apple juice. This was followed by a traditional apple pie with cream. While we all feasted on this excellent spread Richard Smart conducted a French-themed quiz, testing our knowledge of all things French! The members were in fine voice as we did karaoke, featuring French classics such as the ever-popular "Je ne regrette rien" and the Françoise Hardy classic "Tous les garçons et les filles". One of the many high spots of the evening was the appearance of a ukulele band, the Bakehouse Strummers, which led the twinnings in outstanding renditions of "Alouette" and "Mademoiselle from Armentiers". Great fun was had by one and all!

Huge thanks due to Richard Smart for creating and conducting the quiz, the Bakehouse Strummers ukulele band, Nick and Jacqui Marsh for organising the food, Brian Read at the computer and Linda Phillips for the Karaoke, and all who helped with serving the food and drink and clearing up afterwards!

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