

Abingdon and District Twin Towns Society



Newsletter

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Chairman's Message

Howard and I are feeling bereft this week. The Winter Olympics are over! Who would have thought I could spend two and a half hours glued to the television watching curling, or become engrossed in halfpipe snowboarding, not to mention speed skating. We were with the athletes every move.

But Great Britain isn't a winter sports country. If you can afford to ski in our main snow area in Aviemore, Scotland, you can afford to ski anywhere in the world and I can't remember the last time we saw snow in Abingdon. So, many disciplines didn't have UK athletes taking part. Who do we support then? For Howard and I our second team is quite easy. With a sister-in-law, niece, nephew, and now a great niece, Winifred, born last week, all New Zealanders, as well as a sister city, Thames, New Zealand is our country of choice. At one event though we both thought we heard that one athlete came from Colmar and we got terribly excited and supportive (it turned out we were wrong). It got me thinking though that any sport is more exciting if you support a team or an athlete taking part.

In the past we have always looked out for Jan Vertonghen, the Belgian footballer from Sint-Niklaas, and supporting the French Paralympic table tennis team based in Argentan, at the Paralympics in Paris, was BRILLIANT!

So, please, twin towns and sister cities, do let us know about sporting events around the world and who of your townsfolk are taking part that we can support. The world table tennis championships are coming up, the Formula 1 season, World Cup football, cricket and athletic events all in the next few months. To get you going look out for Eddie Pepperell on the European golf circuit. He is from Abingdon.

Also coming up, on 9 May is Europe Day. Here in Abingdon, we get together for a meal. This year we are going Italian at Bella Napoli. Numbers are restricted to 32 so please put your name down early.

Stella Carter

From the Editor

There are plenty of last-minute items in this month's newsletter. We report on two successful events: the twinning concert in Oxford and the barn dance organised by church twinning.

Looking ahead, we draw attention to an invitation to visit the German twin town of Wantage and Grove and to the call for more hosts for a large party visiting from Argentan in August.

Brian Read

Forthcoming Events in 2026

Thursday 19 th March	Evening Meeting at PRCC – Would I Lie to You?
Thursday 16 th April	Evening Meeting at PRCC – The Little Basement Museum
Saturday 9 th May	Dinner to Celebrate Europe Day
21 st – 24 th August	Anniversary Visit from Argentan
Sunday 8 th November	Laying of Twinning Wreaths on Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 20 th December	Christmas Lunch

Other events in the programme are not yet scheduled, but they include a Wine Tasting, a Treasure Hunt, a Games Evening and the Garden Party.

Evening Meeting – **Would I Lie to You?**

Thursday 19 March 2026 – 7.30 for 8 pm at Preston Road Community Centre

Members may recall the evening meeting in 2023 when we had great fun listening to convincing accounts from each of a panel of eight members and trying to decide whether each was telling the truth, or just spinning a tall tale. It was not easy!

Howard Carter and Richard Smart have offered to present another WILTY evening. Contestants should think of two stories connected to twinning, one of which should be true and one false. They will take it in turns to tell their two stories and the audience will decide which story is true and which is false. There will be a prize for the best liar and a prize for the best lie detector. The best competitors will make a true story sound incredible and a lie sound perfectly reasonable. If you wish to participate, please let Howard or Richard know beforehand.

Howard Carter (01235 520317, carterhoward441@gmail.com)

Richard Smart (01235 523324, dickcsmart@gmail.com)

Trip to Argentan for the Bastille Day Celebrations

I have been going just about every year for the last 20 years to celebrate Bastille Day, 14 July with our twinning friends in Argentan, sometimes alone, sometimes with others, sometimes by bike and sometimes by train and bus.

This year I had hoped to visit Oradour-sur-Glane, but on reflection it would be too complicated so the programme I propose is as follows.

Afternoon of Saturday 11 July: Go by bus and train via Didcot, Reading and Basingstoke to Portsmouth harbour and get the night ferry to Ouistreham.

Morning of Sunday 12 July: Go by bus and train from Ouistreham to Argentan. Often our hosts offer to meet us off the ferry and take us to Argentan by car. Meet our hosts and settle in.

Monday 13 July: Free day to explore Argentan, la Suisse Normande, the Normandy beaches, Falaise, Caen and many other exciting places.

Tuesday 14 July: Bastille Day with lots of music, dancing, singing, eating and drinking.

Wednesday 15 July: Free day for exploration.

Thursday 16 July: Set off by car or bus and train back to Ouistreham for the night ferry.

Friday 17 July: Arrive in Portsmouth and return to Abingdon by bus and train via Basingstoke, Reading and Didcot.

Please contact me if you would like to join me and say how you would like to travel, bearing in mind that recently I have travelled by train and bus to and from Portsmouth and by bike between Ouistreham and Argentan. Our Argentan friends are very hospitable, but if you have any friends who you would like to host you, please let me know.

Richard Smart (01235 523324, dickcsmart@gmail.com)

For an interesting account of last year's trip, see the September 2025 Newsletter.

Argentan Anniversary Weekend

Friday 21 August to Monday 24 August 2026

Abingdon's first twinning link after the war was with Argentan in Normandy in 1956. This year marks the seventieth anniversary! In August, a large party from Argentan will travel to Abingdon as part of the celebrations. The Town Council is inviting official guests from the Argentan Mairie; the visiting twinningers will be hosted jointly by Church Twinning and by ADTTS.

The preliminary programme for the weekend is:

Friday 21 August: Arrive by coach at 30 Thesiger Road to relax, play garden games, eat and drink while waiting for the hosts to come and collect their guests.

Saturday 22 August: Abingdon Town Council will lay on a programme of meals, Morris Dancing and walks in Abingdon and Oxford, as well as the signing of a new agreement.

Sunday 23 August: Free day when our guests can explore Abingdon and Oxford. As a suggestion, they can go to Oxford for the day, either on foot, by bike, by boat, by bus or by car. While there they can explore Oxford, enjoy a guided tour or visit some of the very interesting Norman churches on the outskirts.

Monday 24 August: Depart

Hosts have already been identified to provide accommodation for a good number of the visitors. However, we still need about ten more host families. If you would like to host any of our visitors then do please get in touch.

Richard Smart (01235 523324, dickcsmart@gmail.com)

Europe Day Meal

Saturday 9 May 2026 – Bella Napoli Restaurant

Every year on Europe Day, 9th May, we celebrate with a meal together here in Abingdon. This year it is a Saturday and we are doing Italian, with a nod to our twin town of Lucca.

We have booked the front room of Bella Napoli in the town centre for 7pm. There is seating for a maximum number of 32.

The cost of the meal will be £33. This will include a shared starter of antipasti, main course and dessert of your choice and a tip. Drinks will be extra and can be bought and paid for individually at the restaurant.

The menu is typical Italian. The antipasti will be shared and there will be something for everyone. The main courses include vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options. And pizzas! However! The chef can only promise to make and serve eight pizzas in time for them to be served with the other main courses. So, if you fancy pizza, book early! (A Belgian waffle has crept into the desserts!)

So, if you would like to join us, and we hope you will, please contact Stella to book your place:

bakehouse@supanet.com

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The Old Bakehouse, Winterborne Road, Abingdon-on-Thames, OX14 1AJ.

Full details and the menu will be in the April newsletter. We don't ask for menu choices and payment now, but will need them by 25th April.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Stella Carter

Leiden Twinning Anniversary Gala Concert

Saturday 21 February 2026 – Oxford Town Hall



The link between the cities of Oxford and Leiden in the Netherlands dates back to 1956. Starting with the exchange of sports teams, later non-sporting groups joined the visits. By the 50th anniversary in 1996, it was estimated that over 10,000 people had taken part in the exchanges.

To celebrate 80 years of twinning, a gala concert was organised in the grand surroundings of the Town Hall in Oxford. It was billed as “an evening of operatic highlights and orchestral splendour”. The audience filling the hall were not disappointed. The choir of 29 singers from Leiden combined with nearly as many OSJ Voices (Orchestra of St John). Even this size choir had at times to compete with the large orchestra of thirty musicians from Leiden.

Right from the opening bars of Wagner, the orchestra made an impressive sound. The programme included familiar arias from *La Traviata*, *Madame Butterfly*, *Carmen*, *Nabucco*, *Lohengrin* and the *Meistersinger*. There were two excellent soloists, the tenor Dominic Bevan and a wonderful soprano, Hannah Davey. Even without understanding of the words, we were enraptured as they conveyed the emotion in a love duet. The evening ended with a rousing performance, with audience participation, of Elgar’s *Pomp and Circumstance*.

Brian Read

Ukelele Happening in Sint-Niklaas

Saturday 20 June 2026

't Ey is an independent music club in Belsele near Sint-Niklaas. They promote the international folk music by organising concerts, dancing, workshops about traditional instruments.

Every year they organise in June a [Ukelele Happening](#) with lessons. Conferences and concerts and ending with a jam with all the participants. Since Abingdon has a large Ukelele Band, we invite you to participate on Saturday 20th June 2026 and meet other people with a common interest. Thus, Twinning can be enriched and maybe lead to a different kind of twinning for the years to come.

Hope we can welcome the Ukelele Band of Abingdon.

Luc Potiau, Sint-Niklaas, Belgium

Church Twinning Barn Dance

Saturday 28 February 2026 – Trinity Church Hall

It was a fun evening. Members of Abingdon Church Twinning organised a Barn Dance in the big hall at Trinity Church Conduit Centre. It was a fund raising initiative, with all tickets successfully sold. Alan Fisher from Abingdon Baptist was the caller directing the dances, mostly to plan, (though a little chaotic at times when some dancers failed to fully grasp instructions). Most importantly, the committee members from the various churches had worked hard to prepare a generous ploughman's supper, which was much appreciated. There were plenty of raffle prizes too. It was enjoyable company and we look forward with hope for a similar event in the future.



Brian Read

Everybody swimming in the new swimming pool

Yes, dear reader, we've a new swimming pool in Sint-Niklaas.

Actually, a swimming complex.

The old swimming pool, situated near the well-known hotel Serwir, was in a sorry state. Opened in 1956, it was beyond its service to the public.

The city government decided to create a sports park including a swimming complex in the grounds of the old football pitch of Sint-Niklaas.

The works started in 2023 with the demolition of the football pitch. The complex was completed and officially opened the fourteenth of February this year.

It contains an Olympic size swimming pool which can be divided in two. Also, the bottom is moveable. There are an instruction pool and the fun-swimming part, including a toddler pool, a pool that can generate waves, and some sliding tubes.

To relax you can use the jacuzzi or the sauna.

On the first floor there is a fitness and, of course, a cafe and small restaurant.

The necessary energy is won from solar panels.

The swimming water is heated using "sewer heat recovery". Don't panic, you don't swim in sewer water and you don't smell it. For those who are really curious how things are working, ask ChatGPT.

Also, there is a maximum reuse of rainwater.

The old swimming pool is drained and will be sold.

As a kind of farewell, there was a gig of two bands in the empty pool. The spectators did wear headphones to listen to the gigs, because the acoustics of the venue were beyond bearable.

Siegfried Waterschoot
Sint-Niklaas

Visit to Seesen with Wantage Twinning

19th – 26th June 2026

WGDTA (Wantage, Grove and District Twinning Association) makes a visit to their German twin town of Seesen in alternate years. Seesen is a rural town of about 23,000 people in Lower Saxony. It is 80 km from Hannover, on the edge of the Harz mountains.

This year, due to illness, they have a few spare places for their visit and would be pleased if any members of ADTTS would like to join them. Below are the details of the trip. If you might be interested, do contact Ann Dee. Seesen is an interesting town and this is a good opportunity to make new twinning friends!

Outward Flight: Friday 19th June 2026 BA Flight 888 depart Heathrow 08.25 am, arrive Hannover 11.00 am

Return Flight: Friday 26th June 2026 BA Flight 889 depart Hannover 11.50 am, arrive Heathrow Terminal 3 at 12.35 pm

Estimated cost £190 return (*estimated only because the tax may change but not significantly*). The cost of flight includes checked as well as carry-on luggage.

Estimated total UK costs £190. Deposit £40 per person payable asap. Balance £150 per person payable by Friday 3rd April 2026

We will then need the Advanced Passenger Information for the flight when the balance is paid – this would be passport details and requests for special assistance. In addition to the UK flight costs, we will also need to pay for the coach travel provided in Germany for transport from Hannover to Seesen and return as well as for the excursions while we are there. Although we have asked for estimated costs, we have not had any information yet but judging by last time we are estimating in the region of £270 – but, as yet, have no idea when that will need to be paid. Last time that was paid on our return to the UK.

The prospective programme so far is as follows:

Friday, 19/06: Arrival at the Rathaus, welcome and prosecco

Saturday, 20/06: Afternoon: coffee and cake plus fun at the museum
Evening: Visit of the concert of the Phil Collins cover band "True Collins" at the "Blaues Auge" in front of the courthouse in Seesen.

Sunday, 21/06: Free day to spend with hosts

Monday to Wednesday (22/06 to 24/06): - Visit to Autostadt in Wolfsburg with a guided tour of the factory // Museum mills (different mills) in Abbenrode, free time in Wernigerode in the afternoon. Instead, we'll go to Thale (which is Seesen's twin town in the eastern part of the Harz mountains) and will take a cable car up to the Hexentanzplatz (the place where the witches dance every year on April 30th). A very mystic place with lots to see and to do.

Monday to Wednesday may vary. We have first asked at Volkswagen for a tour on one of these three days and will plan the other tours around this trip.

Thursday, 25/06: Glow Golf (a mini golf course with fluorescent colours in black light) Wildemann, free afternoon in Seesen. Farewell party in the evening.

Any questions – please contact **Ann Dee** 07503 698902

If you would like to join us, please email anniedeuk@aol.com asap and I will send the reservation forms.



Summer Jobs in Colmar

The town of Colmar has contacted all its twin towns offering summer jobs for students. Deputy Mayor Ms Sengelen-Chiodetti writes (translated):



In the city of Colmar, international relations have been integrated into the Directorate for Cooperation, which confirms the importance attached to them.

In this new context, our traditional summer job fair will be given a facelift.

We will continue to offer seasonal, full-time positions in a municipal department or museum in Colmar for students of legal age, which will be remunerated. The city of Colmar will also provide accommodation.

In return, we would be delighted if young people from Colmar could find similar opportunities in your city, in accordance with your possibilities, your rules or those of the companies that are willing to take them on.

To this end, we are offering you two posters that you can translate:

- one to encourage young people to apply for a summer job in Colmar,
- the other to draw attention to the possibility of hosting a young French person in your city,

either in your departments or in a company.

Please let us know by reply, preferably before 15 March, whether you would like to participate in this summer job exchange in 2026.

Marc Lischer will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Michèle SENGELEN-CHIODETTI,

Deputy Mayor

Translation of the jobs offer poster:

DISCOVER COLMAR

Our city is twinned with the city of Colmar, in France. Together with our French partner, we organise a summer job fair. For the months of July and August, the Town Colmar offers seasonal jobs to students and high school students in our city.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The one-month experience will take place in Colmar.

The candidate will receive accommodation and compensation.

The cost of return travel will be borne by the candidate.

HOW TO APPLY?

Use the Internet website:

<https://colmar.nous-recrutons.fr/poste/mjnvzqmb7a-emplois-saisonniers-pour-la-periode-estivale-2026/>

Or contact Marc Lischer at the City of Colmar, who will provide you with the application details. Email: marc.lischer@colmar.fr / Tel: +33 389 206 776

As we are not in the EU, young people from the UK, would need a "short-stay" visa (90 €) and work visa. Unfortunately, visa restrictions mean a French student cannot come for a summer job in the UK.

What's On in Abingdon in March

Here are just a few of the forthcoming events culled from Abingdon Town's events website, <https://www.abingdon.gov.uk/events>.

Click on the links for further information on each event.

And if any of you have an event you would like put in here – please let us know via the email link at the end of this Newsletter.

Nick Marsh

<p>10th January 10:00 am – 29th March 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Abingdon County Hall Museum</p>	<p><u>Exhibition: South Indian Years – The Art and Poetry of Oswald Jennings Couldrey</u> Oswald Jennings Couldrey is Abingdon's best-known twentieth-century artist. He was born into a local family of seed merchants and agricultural suppliers, which for several generations had included musicians, scholars and teachers, especially at Abingdon School, then Roysse's School. Oswald went up to Pembroke College, Oxford as an Abingdon Scholar, then gained a teaching qualification and entry to the Education Service of the Indian Civil Service, living and working in India from 1909-1919, for eight years as Principal of the Rajamundry College of Art in Andra Pradesh. This exhibition shows paintings made during these years, complemented by examples of his poetry. FREE ADMISSION</p>
<p>14th February 10:00 am – 26th April 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Abingdon County Hall Museum</p>	<p><u>Exhibition "Text and Texture" – the artworks of Pat Russell and Janet Boulton</u> Pat Russell and Janet Boulton were both acclaimed artists who lived in Abingdon for many years. In 1986, they both attended a paper making workshop at Oxford Polytechnic (later Oxford Brookes University). Inspired by the possibilities of this medium, they decided to set up their own paper making studio and start creating art using paper pulp. The works on display are now a part of the Museum's permanent collection and range from photographic documentary of Janet's garden installation art featuring text, paper pulp works and embroidery. Location: Attic Gallery 14 February to 26 April 2026 Free Admission</p>
<p>4th – 7th March 7:30 – 9:30 pm</p>	<p>The Unicorn Theatre</p>	<p><u>A Murder is Announced</u> An announcement in the local paper tells its readers that a murder is to occur. It confirms the date, place and time. The murder does happen – but the victim is an unknown visitor. What follows is a classic Christie puzzle of mixed motives, concealed identities – with Miss Marple on hand to help the police! £14</p>
<p>5th March 7:30 – 10:30 pm</p>	<p>Amey Theatre</p>	<p><u>Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour 2026</u> The Banff Mountain Film Festival features a brand-new collection of short films filled with extreme journeys, untamed characters and captivating cinematography! Join the world's top adventure filmmakers and thrill-seekers as they climb, ski, paddle and ride into the wildest corners of the planet! More information from www.banff-uk.com. From £15.48</p>

9 th – 14 th March 10:00 am – 4:30 pm	St Helen's Church	Abingdon Artists Exhibition Abingdon Artists spring exhibition of recent work. Work for sale, including browser items and cards. Demonstrations by our members – check website for details. Free entry.
9 th March 8:00 – 10:00 pm	Methodist Church Hall	Abingdon Astronomical Society Abingdon Astronomical Society have a meeting on Monday 9 th March when Prof. Patrick Roche (University of Oxford) will give a talk titled 'Supernovae Observations Seen With JWST'. We meet at the Methodist Church Hall, Dorchester Crescent, Abingdon, OX14 2AH. Start time 8.00pm. All welcome. Details can be found at www.abingdonastro.org.uk .
10 th March 5:30 – 6:30 pm	Somerville College, Oxford	Dorothy Hodgkin Memorial Lecture 2026 "An Exemplary Life: The Scientific and Humanitarian Legacy of Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin" speaker: Georgina Ferry (science writer, broadcaster & biographer) venue: Somerville College, Oxford, OX2 6HD REGISTER – https://sites.google.com/view/oxfordawise/ organisers: Oxford AWiSE & Somerville College. FREE. Public Lecture. All Welcome. Commemorating Nobel-prizewinning scientist, Dorothy Hodgkin, and her determination of Penicillin's structure.
11 th March 6:00 – 7:30 pm	Abbey Cinema	Gentle Angry Women Film and Q&A with director Abbey Cinema in Abingdon are showing a new film about Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp, "Gentle Angry Women", followed by a Q&A with the director, Barbara Santi of Folklife Films. It follows 3 teenage women as they learn about Greenham Common Peace Camp for the first time, and realise the parallels with their own activism today. Now a nature-rich common, Greenham Common was a USAF base which housed nuclear-armed Cruise Missiles for about 9 years in the 1980s. Many Abingdon residents supported the protests which led eventually to its removal.
14 th March 10:30 am – 3:30 pm	Abingdon Museum	Atom Festival Science Market Day Join us for some family-friendly activities at Abingdon Museum! If you'd like to know the full programme of the ATOM Festival 2026, please visit their website at https://www.atomfestival.org.uk/ .
16 th March 8:00 – 10:00 pm	Methodist Church Hall	Abingdon Astronomical Society Abingdon Astronomical Society is having a 'Beginners Meeting' on Monday 16 th March. The meeting starts at 8.00pm at the Methodist Church Hall, Dorchester Crescent, Abingdon, OX14 2AH. All welcome. Details at http://www.abingdonastro.org.uk
17 th March 2:30 – 3:30 pm	Abingdon United Football Club	Dr Nick Snashall – Discovering Avebury - Landscape and People Avebury, its ancient stones and burial mounds have been the subject of speculation and exploration for centuries. In this talk Nick will reveal the story of a

		<p>landscape that almost four hundred years after the antiquary John Aubrey first encountered and is still giving up its secrets.</p> <p>She is the National Trust archaeologist for the Stonehenge & Avebury World Heritage Site and has excavated on prehistoric, Roman and Medieval sites across Britain and Europe. An expert in the Neolithic and Bronze Age, her research interests include prehistoric stone tools, landscape inhabitation and the archaeology of ritual and religion. She is co-director of the Avebury Living with Monuments Project. You can follow her on BlueSky @drnickarchaeo.bsky.social. This talk was postponed from 2024 and complements the visit to the site that we undertook that year. £4</p>
19 th March 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Abingdon Library	<p>Author talk with Dr Cathy Wield</p> <p>Join Dr Cathy Wield as she talks about Unshackled Mind; a doctor's story of trauma, liberation & healing. Cathy was an A&E doctor who endured years as a psychiatric patient, diagnosed with treatment-resistant depression. Her book outlines her extraordinary journey to freedom and the remarkable healing that followed. Tickets £2, including a welcome drink, are available from Abingdon Library, by calling 01865 815005 or email abingdon.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p>
21 st March 7:00 – 9.00 pm	St Michael and All Angels' Church	<p>Abingdon Concert Band All at Sea</p> <p>Abingdon Concert Band are All at Sea! in our next concert on Saturday 21 March 2026, 7pm at St Michael and All Angels' Church, Park Road Abingdon (doors open at 6.30pm).</p> <p>We'll be playing music that includes: The Old Ship by Lucy Armstrong, Beyond the Sea, music from both the Pirates of the Caribbean and Penzance, Plymouth Hoe, Titanic Medley, Seal Lullaby, By the Sleepy Lagoon, Wellerman. Tickets £10 /£8. Concession tickets are available for students and those aged 60+. Under 12s free</p>
27 th March 7:00 – 11:00 pm	Harwell Village Hall	<p>Mishra & Deepa Shakthi</p> <p>In 2022, Danny Kyle award winning global-folk band Mishra began a new cross-cultural collaboration with international fusion vocalist Deepa Shakthi. The resulting album 'Turn O Spinning Wheel', set for release in October 2025, is brimming with multilingually reimagined folk songs, new compositions, and swirling Celtic melodies underpinned by hypnotic qawwali grooves. Mishra draws from UK folk roots and an instrumental palette including low whistle, tabla, banjo, clarinet, and double bass. Deepa Shakthi (formerly Deepa Nair Rasiya) has a vast repertoire of songs from the Indian subcontinent and over 30 years' experience of performing in cross-cultural projects. Support is from Oxfordshire based Wednesday's Wolves. Doors at 7pm, music at 7:40 pm £16 - £22</p>
29 th March 7:00 – 9:30 pm	All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay	<p>Sutton Courtenay Singers Spring Concert</p> <p>Performance of Mozart Requiem and Vesperae solennes. Professional soloists, conductor and organist. Free programme notes. £8 - £15</p>

Twin Towns Calendar for 2026

Here we wish to list festivals and events in our twin towns that may be of interest to potential visitors during 2026. Do now please tell us about all the major events for each twin town this year! Use the email link at the end of this Newsletter.

<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>Argentan</i>	https://en.normandie-tourisme.fr/hidden-gems/argentan/events-in-argentan/
<i>March 2026 onwards</i>	<i>Colmar</i>	https://www.tourisme-colmar.com/en/whats-on
<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>Lucca</i>	Calendar of Events
<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>Schongau</i>	https://allevents.in/schongau/all
<i>March 2026 onwards</i>	<i>Sint-Niklaas</i>	https://www.ontdeksintniklaas.be/en/see-and-do
<i>March 2026 onwards</i>	<i>Thames, Coromandel Peninsula</i>	https://thecoromandel.nz/events/events-calendar/

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Non-members of the Society are also welcome to receive copies of this monthly newsletter. Just email your request to newsletter@adtts.eu. Back copies are also available on request.

The deadline for copy for the next newsletter is two days before the end of the month. Please send contributions to newsletter@adtts.eu. (No publication in August)

The Society's website is <https://www.abingdonandvaletwinning.org.uk/>. This address may be abbreviated to <http://adtts.eu>.

The programme may be found on the website at <https://www.abingdonandvaletwinning.org.uk/future.htm>.

The website also has reports, with pictures, of all twinning events going back to 2007.

Membership

To join the Society, apply to the Membership Secretary, Rosemary Jardine. See the [membership page](#) on the ADTTS website for forms and contact details.