Abingdon and District Twin Towns Society

Newsletter

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From the Editor

With summer now definitely behind us, our twinning attention is on the winter programme before thoughts turn to plans for venturing forth for visits to and from our twin towns in 2027. Already on the horizon, after the great visit of the French party from Argentan in August, is a return visit next year. The provisional dates are 19th to 23rd August 2027. We expect that a good number from Abingdon will take this opportunity to visit our nearest twin town. (Will cricket be in the programme?) Also, note before then a trip to Argentan for the annual Bastille Day activities in July. As for our other twin towns, we await news from them of their plans for 2027.

Lastly for this year, there was a gathering of representatives from the partnered towns for the mayors' conference at the end of September. Generously hosted by Schongau, the mayors and their equivalents enjoyed a weekend meeting together. We have a report in this issue of the newsletter.

Looking ahead in Abingdon, we have three events coming up. First is Remembrance Sunday in which ADTTS will participate. The civic service in St Helen's Church will be preceded by a procession from the Guildhall, followed by the ceremony of remembrance at the war memorial. The Society will join in the laying of wreaths.

Then November brings an evening meeting at Preston Road Community Centre. On Thursday 19th we are promised a fun evening trying to play simple parlour games in French! Wits, rather than language skills, will matter.

Most importantly, we look forward, too, to our traditional Christmas lunch on Sunday 20th December. Don't miss out on this popular social event. Bring family and friends. Full details of the menu and how to book are in this newsletter. Get your application in now!

Brian Read

Forthcoming Events in 2026

Sunday 8th November	Laying of Twinning Wreaths on Remembrance Sunday
Thursday 19th November	French Games Evening at PRCC
Sunday 20th December	Christmas Lunch, 12.00 for 12.30 pm at Hilton Garden Inn

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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.

Thursday 19th November 2026: French Games Evening

7.30 for 8 pm at Preston Road Community Centre

Richard Smart will challenge and entertain us with familiar games - but in French!

The games on offer are, French Scrabble, Cheat (Menteur), Happy Families (les 7 Familles), Trump and Nomination Whist (Wist Nominatif). Participants should choose three games out of the five and there should be exactly four players for each game. There will be extras around to make up numbers if necessary.

The proceedings will conclude with results, prizes and refreshments.

Richard provides these details of the games we shall play:

SCRABBLE (2–4 players)

Usual Scrabble rules and if the word is in the dictionary provided without a capital letter or if all agree the word is acceptable.

MENTEUR (4 players only)

The aim is to get rid of all your cards. Deal all the cards and sort your hand numerically. Whoever has the ace of spades starts by putting aces face down and saying what it is. Un as or deux as, etc. The next person can go up one, down one or the same, i.e., deux, as or roi. If you cannot go you must put any card down and LIE. If you think someone is lying you shout 'menteur' and look at the cards. If the person was cheating, they pick up all the cards and you start off with anything you like. If they were not cheating then you pick up the cards and the innocent accused starts again. The winner is whoever gets rid of all their cards or whoever has the fewest left.

Vocabulary: 1=un, 2=deux, 3=trois, 4=quatre, 5=cinq, 6=six, 7=sept, 8=huit, 9=neuf, 10=dix, valet=jack, dame=queen, roi=king, as=ace, menteur=liar or cheat

LES 7 FAMILLES (4 players only)

The aim is to get as many whole families as possible, a family consisting of grand-père, grand-mère, père, mère, fils and fille. Deal out all the cards, sort them into families and see what you need to get a full family. The player to the left of the dealer, player A, then chooses someone, player B, and asks for a card, for example 'tu as le grand père de la famille Tom Chaton'? If B has that card, he hands it over and A gets another go. If he hasn't player B has a go. When you have all six of a family you put it to one side. You MUST have at least one member of the family in order to ask other players for the others. The player with the most families is the winner.

WIST NOMINATIF (Nomination whist, 2-6 players)

Deal out 7 cards each and turn up the top card of the pack to see what are trumps. Next everyone must tell the scorer how many tricks they think they will win. You then play whist whereby the player to the left of the dealer lays a card and all the other players have to follow suit if they can. If you do not have the relevant suit, you may put a trump card down and win the trick. If you end up getting what you predicted you get a bonus of ten points. So, if you think you'll win three tricks and you do, you get 13 points, but if you get 4 you just get 4 points. Whoever gets the most points chooses trumps on the next round, which will be six cards each, then 5, then 4, 3, 2, 1, 2, 3, etc., back up to 7.

Vocabulary: atouts=trumps, piques=spades, coeurs=hearts, carreaux=diamonds, trèfles=clubs

TRUMP (4 players only)

The aim of the game is NOT to be TRUMP. Put 3 spoons on the table and deal out all the aces, kings, queens and jacks. Try to get four of the same by passing a card you don't need to your left and receiving one from your right. The first person to get four of a kind takes a spoon, then the other three players all try to grab a remaining spoon. Whoever does not get one is the loser and is T, the first letter of TRUMP. The ultimate loser is whoever is TRUMP or nearest to it. The winner will be whoever has the fewest letters.

WORDSEARCH with a hidden message.

Cross out the swearwords as you find them in all five languages. To avoid giving offence I've changed the spelling of the English ones, e.g., 'sod' would be 'sad'. Once you've found all the words there should be a message in English.

On arrival, get a drink and chat. Just before we start, we shall sing to the tune of *La Marseillaise:*

Pour tous les enfants de la terre chantons amour et liberté
Contre toute la haine et les guerres l'étendard d'espoir est levé
L'étendard de justice et de paix
Rassemblons notre force notre courage pour vaincre la misère et la peur
Que règnent au fond de nos cœurs l'amitié, l'amour et le partage
La flamme qui nous éclaire traverse nos frontières
Partons, partons amis solidaires, marchons vers la lumière

After an hour's playing, complete the wordsearch. I will award prizes and we shall then sing *auld lang syne* in French:

Ce n'est qu'un au revoir mes frères ce n'est qu'un au revoir
Oui nous nous reverrons mes frères ce n'est qu'un au revoir

Faut-il nous quitter sans espoir sans espoir de retour
Faut-il nous quitter sans espoir de nous revoir un jour

Formons de nos mains qui s'enlacent au déclin de ce jour
Formons de nos mains qui s'enlacent une chaine d'amour

Should be fun. See you then.

Richard Smart

Argentan Activities for Bastille Day 2027

Once again, we are invited to celebrate Bastille Day in Argentan. I am told there are plenty of families happy to host us. The timetable for 2027 is:

11.7.27 Get to Portsmouth by 21.00 in order to catch the 22.45 night ferry to Ouistreham. Some of us will cycle it but others can drive or go by train with or without a bike. I am happy to forgo my bike if anyone has a space in a car and would like someone to contribute to expenses. On board you can have a cabin or a couchette.

12.7.27 7.00 ish arrive Ouistreham and go by bike, train or car to Argentan. I always like to visit Pegasus Bridge, Caen castle and Falaise castle where William the Conqueror was born *en route*. Meet our hosts and settle in.

13.7.27 Relax, recover, do some sightseeing and treat our hosts to a restaurant dinner.

14.7.27 Visit war memorial, join parade, listen to speeches and spend the day in 'les patures', which they turn into a sort of fairground with bars, music, food and lots of other activities including the hire of kayaks for a couple of euros per hour. Fireworks in the evening.

15.7.27 Free day to sightsee, relax and recover from the night before.

16.7.27 Set off for Ouistreham to catch 23.45 night ferry.

17.7.27 Return to Abingdon.

If this trip might interest you, please contact me, Richard Smart at 01235 523324 or dickcsmart@gmail.com.

Richard Smart

ADTTS Christmas Lunch 2026

ABINGDON HILTON GARDEN INN

SUNDAY **20th DECEMBER 12.30 pm.**

We hope that you will be able to join us for our Christmas lunch at 12.30 on Sunday December 20th at the Hilton Garden Inn, Marcham Road, Abingdon (near Tesco).
We shall have a private room for our meal and there is plenty of parking at the hotel.
(But do remember to give your car registration number in at reception!)
If you would like a lift on the day, please let us know.
Our Christmas meal each year is always a great success and much enjoyed by all.
We shall be served a three-course meal for £30 to include coffee, mince pies and tip. Wine and other drinks can be purchased at the time.
Vegetarian/vegan or gluten-free can be catered for. Please ask.

Please make your choices from the menu below.

Starter: a choice of:

Terrine	Ham Hock Terrine *Piccalilli, melba toast and basil cress* (GFA)
Soup	Butternut Soup *Roasted pumpkin seeds, sage oil and bread rolls* (VG) (GFA)
Fish	Steamed Cod & Prawn Timbale *With chives and caviar dressing* (GF)

Main Course: a choice of:

Turkey	Roast Turkey *Pigs in blankets, roast potatoes, seasonal veg, turkey jus, sage and onion gravy*
Beef	Braised Beef *Brisket of beef, creamed potatoes, buttered tender stem broccoli, beef jus* (GF)
Salmon	Salmon Fillet *Salsa verde, seasonal veg* (GF)
Vegetarian	Roasted Crown Prince Squash *With Mediterranean vegetables and feta snowflakes* (V) (VGA) (GF)

Dessert: a choice of:

Pudding	Christmas Pudding *Crème anglaise* (V) (VGA) (GFA)
Jelly	Strawberry Champagne Jelly *Strawberry ice-cream, brandy snap* (V) (VGA)
Trifle	White Chocolate Trifle *Mixed berries compote* (V)
Cake	Fruits of The Forest *Panna cotta polenta cake* (VG) (GF)

VG = Vegan; VGA = Vegan Available; GF = Gluten Free; GFA = Gluten Free Available; V = Vegetarian

£30.*00* per person

Please note your menu choices on the next page and send them to Nick Marsh.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2026

Booking Form

Name		**Tel. no**	

Number of places requested	

Menu Choice

Name	**Starter** *Terrine* *Soup* *Fish*	***Main*** *Turkey* *Beef* *Salmon* *Vegetarian*	***Dessert*** *Pudding* *Jelly* *Trifle* *Cake*

Send Nick an e-mail to nickqgmarsh@gmail.com with your choices.

Please pay the full cost of the meal @ £30 per guest by bank transfer to:

National Westminster Bank Plc
Account Name **Abingdon and District Twin Towns Society**,
Sort Code **60-01-01,** A/c No **08616752**

Make sure you include your surname as the reference.

Alternatively, send the booking form to:

Nick Marsh, 2 Kingston Close, Abingdon OX14 2ES

and enclose a cheque made payable to **"ADTTS".**

We need to have your menu choices and payment before **Saturday 14th November.**
If you have a query, please e-mail nickqgmarsh@gmail.com or phone 07745 440047.

Please let Nick know about any **dietary requirements** or if you would like a **lift** to the hotel on the day.

Mayors' Conference in Schongau

Friday 18 August to Monday 21 August 2026

This autumn, our twin town of Schongau organised a twinning conference, inviting all the mayors and burgomasters for a weekend to meet and strengthen the bonds between the individual towns. Abingdon was represented by the current mayor, Councillor Andrew Skinner, who was accompanied by his wife Jan.



The Twinning Signpost

In parallel with the programme for the official guests, the *Freundeskreis* (the local twinning society) invited two persons from each of Schongau's twin towns for a small twinning weekend. We were able to go from Abingdon and we were generously hosted by our friend Doris Küter.

The Friday and Monday were arrival and departure days, so the programme began on Saturday morning when all the visitors were welcomed to a formal reception in the town hall. This was preceded by a special performance on alphorns outside.

The new Bürgermeister of Schongau gave the welcome address. This was a comprehensive account of the great value of twinning, referencing many practical aspects. For example, the friendship link with Gogolin in Poland had facilitated the support from Schongau citizens for relief effort in Ukraine. (Usefully, we were provided with a five-page English translation of the speech.) A drinks reception accompanied by the town band followed.



The alphorn performance



Opening session in the town hall

For the rest of the day, the mayors held their formal meeting, discussing matters of mutual interest. That left us free and Doris took us on a visit to the interesting town of Landsberg. There we followed the *Planetenweg* (Planets Trail) along the River Lech.

For the Sunday, the town hall had organised for all the visitors (official and twinners) a day out by coach to the ancient town of Augsburg. Although famous for the Fuggerei (early social housing), we had a fascinating guided tour of the town's Water Management System. We learnt how drinking water from a forest spring was conveyed to the city separately from the river through the town. After the tour, for lunch our group found a vegan restaurant – adequate, but perhaps not our first choice.



The Bürgermeister with predecessor



The band at the reception



Mayor, Bürgermeister and wives on the raft

Returning to Schongau, we all had a timber rafting tour on the historic "Schongauer Lechfloß" (recognised as UNESCO Cultural Heritage). The weekend concluded with an informal dinner for everyone in the "Bootshaus" restaurant by the river.



Aboard the raft on the River Lech



The final dinner in the Boat House

For us, the visit was a delight: an interesting programme, good company and the opportunity to renew friendships. Thank you!

Susan & Brian Read

Visit from Colmar

24th – 28th September 2026

It is quite a daunting task when you know that your visitors had been planning to go to Princeton in the United States, one of their twin towns but, instead, have decided they would rather visit Abingdon, England. What can we do? How can we make it a great trip for all 25 people? Claudine from Colmar had lots of ideas! Expect the unexpected with twinning! High on their list was Sudeley Castle in Winchcombe. None of us had ever been so my Korean friend Jin and I did a recce. What a gem!

First, though, was a full afternoon tea* at The Old Bakehouse and a chance to meet members of ADTTS who had made sandwiches and scones, sausage rolls and cakes, a feast to rival even Raffles in Singapore, which is where I last enjoyed a full English tea.

We are lucky here in Abingdon that there are several ways to get to Oxford. If you are really wealthy you can pay the fines and go by car. There were no multi-millionaires amongst us so a group of six opted to cycle with Richard. Another group went by bus with Peter and his colleague Martin. They were met by Gloria in Oxford and the three of them gave illuminating guided tours of our wonderful city. Meanwhile Norma and I took a third group on the bus to Sandford Lane in Kennington and then walked via coffee and pastries at Proof Social, the amazing bakery on the industrial estate there, run by ex-prisoners, to Oxford along the Thames, and then the 'Head of the River' for lunch. It was a great day with everyone enjoying different experiences and with stories to tell.





At the Bakehouse and on White Horse Hill

Claudine wanted to take the group to White Horse Hill, so we thought we would fit it in on our day in the Cotswolds. The whole day could be a moveable feast as it is so weather dependent. As it turned out the weather was absolutely perfect. The views were spectacular and the red kites soared on the thermals. Milans royaux in French as everyone kept telling me, are obviously as common in Alsace as they are here in Oxfordshire.

Sudeley Castle nestled in the valley of the River Isbourne, in the town of Winchcombe in the Cotswolds is the home of Katherine Parr, the sixth of Henry VIII's wives, who survived him. If you know only one thing about English history it is that Henry had six wives so it is a great place to visit with overseas guests. Phil was our very knowledgeable guide for the day and a good French speaker too. The castle is interesting and the grounds are beautiful. We were lucky that a wedding was taking place that day in the Rose Garden. Although this meant the garden was off limits, we were able to take photos of a very English wedding from the castle windows. It was beautiful. In the chapel in the grounds lies Katherine Parr, the only English queen to be buried on private land.

Sunday dawned, another beautiful day and we all set out for Henley, making the most of our £3 tickets on the local bus. It is a long but interesting journey taking us via Didcot, Benson air base and Wallingford. How do you keep occupied on a long bus journey? Some people knit. I try to complete tough sudokus. François does origami. Born in Cambodia but moving to France many years ago with his wife Rosalyn, François is a master at the art. Throughout

their stay tiny paper figures appeared: swans, jumping frogs and spinning tops. Where was Howard François enquired on that journey? Sorry, he had a previous appointment I replied. On our return journey a piece of origami was given to me for Howard. The size of a large postage stamp it was an immaculate shirt and tie. Amazing!

Henley also lived up to expectations with everyone able to do their own thing thanks in part to a wonderful lady in the Tourist Information centre who had given me so much information for everyone. We ended the visit with a river cruise, a relaxing way to spend the afternoon. Then, in typical English style, we finished the day with an Indian meal at Tiffins.

Our Colmar visitors' last morning was spent in Abingdon, doing the Ock Walk and visiting the Monday morning market, which was very bright and lively.





Sudeley Castle and the Ock Valley Walk

Old friendships had been strengthened and new friendships formed by the time the coach arrived to take our guests to St Pancras and their journey home to Colmar by train.

Special thanks should go to Claudine and Christiane from Colmar for all their hard work and ideas to offer a different but very interesting programme. It sat very much with my own feelings that, although we are twinned with cities or towns, these places are very much part of a wider area as we all travel further for work, for sport and for leisure and we are part of a bigger picture now. Even in my own small family, although I live in Abingdon, I work sometimes in Oxford, have a son in law who works in Wallingford, a son who lives in the Cotswolds and young grandchildren who play sport in Didcot, Henley and different Cotswold towns. So, most of the places we visited are very much part of our everyday lives.

Of course, no twinning trip is successful without much help and support from members of the Society. Apart from those already mentioned I would like to thank Margaret Simpson, Nikki, Lorraine, Susan, Neil and Nick. Oh, and special thanks to Margaret Hancox. Although she had had an operation on her hand the day before Colmar's arrival, Margaret, with one hand bound, still hosted and still brought food for the tea and participated in everything.

And finally! Extra special thanks to all our lovely friends from Colmar for putting your trust in us and giving us the chance to show you just a small part of our special part of Oxfordshire. There are lots more to see, so please come again!

Stella Carter

* Pictures in the October Newsletter

What's On in Abingdon in November

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.

4th November *7:30 – 9:30 pm*	*The King's Head and Bell*	*Abingdon Speakers' Club* *Do you want to improve your public speaking? Join us and learn how to be a better communicator. Toastmasters is a nonprofit organisation that operates clubs worldwide for the purpose of helping people develop communication, public speaking and leadership skills.*
5th November *8:00 – 10:00 pm*	*The Tipsy Mercer*	*Awkward Actors present: How Awkward – an evening of spontaneous comedy* *Fast-paced improvised comedy inspired by your suggestions. Monthly show with the Awkward Actors. Upstairs at the Tipsy Mercer, Abingdon.* *Every scene, sketch and story is created on the spot, meaning no two shows are ever the same.* *Expect quick wit, unexpected twists and plenty of laughter as the cast turn audience suggestions into completely original comedy.* *We love suggestions but audience participation is entirely optional – if you'd rather sit back and enjoy the show, that's absolutely fine. No-one ever gets picked on, it's just not our thing!* *Whether it's your first improv show or your fiftieth, you're guaranteed a unique night out. Tickets £5* *Awkward Actors event tickets from TicketSource.*
5th November *7:00 – 10:00 pm*	*Amey Theatre*	*TNT Live: Golden Boy* *Josh O'Connor (The Crown; Challengers) leads the cast in this searing revival of Clifford Odets' knockout American classic.* *1930s New York, at the height of the Depression. Joe Bonaparte is a gifted young violinist with a future in music, until a chance at fame and fortune lures him into the brutal world of professional boxing. He must confront what he's willing to sacrifice, who he's willing to become and how to find his place in a world that demands he choose a side.* *Brought to life with a live string quartet and filmed live from the Almeida Theatre. Olivier Award-winner Sam Yates (Vanya) directs this propulsive drama exploring ambition, identity, and the high price of success.* *£13 - £15*
5th November *7:00 – 10:30 pm*	*St Helen's Church*	*Gilmore and Roberts with support from Rob Clamp* *Contemporary folk/acoustic duo Gilmore & Roberts combine award- winning songwriting with astounding musicianship and their trademark harmonies to create a powerful wall of sound.* *Nominated three times at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, Katriona Gilmore (fiddle, mandolin) and Jamie Roberts*

		(guitar) met while studying at Leeds College of Music and released their debut album in 2008. *Since then, the duo have toured Canada and mainland Europe, played some of the UK's biggest acoustic festivals, toured with folk rock legends Fairport Convention and won countless accolades for their genre-spanning work.* *Support is from Rob Clamp. £15*
8th November *10:00 am – 12:00 pm*	*St. Helen's Church & War Memorial*	*Remembrance Sunday* *Join us at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon for a Remembrance Day Service from 10am.* *This will be followed by a parade to the War Memorial for the 2-minute silence at 11am.*
9th November *8:00 – 10:00 pm*	*Methodist Church Hall, Dorchester Crescent*	*Abingdon Astronomical Society* *Abingdon Astronomical Society have a meeting on Monday 9th November at which Dr Imogen Whittam (Oxford University) will give a talk titled "Exploring the Universe Via Large Surveys".* *The meeting starts at 8.00pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Dorchester Crescent, Abingdon, OX14 2AH.* *All welcome, just turn up, first visit is free.* *More details at www.abingdonastro.org.uk*
10th November *7:00 – 10:00 pm*	*Amey Theatre*	*RBO Live: Carmen* *Under the oppressive heat of the Spanish sun, the fiercely independent Carmen attracts the attention of Don José. She warns him not to fall in love with her, but his obsession knows no bounds. Damiano Michieletto's searing production returns, casting scorching light on the lust, violence and destructive desire of Bizet's ever-popular opera. An all-star cast brings this white-hot drama to life, with Ginger Costa-Jackson in the fiery title role, alongside Russell Thomas as the jealous and despairing Don José. Following his 2023 Royal Opera debut, Sesto Quatrini returns to conduct Bizet's electrifying and sensual score.* *£14 - £16*
12th November *6:00 – 7:00 pm*	*Abingdon Library*	*Romance Novelist Linda Corbett* *Come and meet local author and Romantic Novelists' Association member **Linda Corbett** as she shares the story behind her writing success. Her debut Love You From A–Z was shortlisted for the RNA's Joan Hessayon Award in 2023, and she'll reveal the inspirations, decisions, and lessons that shaped her publishing journey.* *Expect insider tips for aspiring writers, insights into her three published novels, a reading from Rosie's Garden of New Beginnings, plus an audience Q&A and book signing. Tickets £2, including a welcome drink, are available from Abingdon Library, by calling 01865 815005 or email abingdon.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk.*
13th November *7:30 – 11:45 pm*	*Abingdon United Football Club*	*Motörheadache + Disciples of Sin* *Motörheadache bring the speed, grit and volume of Motörhead to The Northcourt LIVE, with special guests Disciples of Sin. Ages 14–18 welcome when accompanied by a responsible adult. Primarily standing, with limited seating available on a first come, first served basis.* *Tickets £18*

14th November *1:00 – 10:00 pm*	*Abingdon Airfield*	*Abingdon Funfair & Fireworks 2026* *Officially the UK's BIGGEST 270° Wraparound Fireworks Light & Laser Spectacular & now the South's BIGGEST Fairground!* *£15 - £25 + parking*
17th November *2:30 – 3:30 pm*	*Abingdon United Football Club*	*Dr Trevor Rowley - William the Conqueror: A lucky king* *2026 is the 960th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings and 2027 is the 1000th anniversary of the birth of William the Conqueror. These two events changed the course of British history and now seems a good time to understand more about all this – to add to the summary in "1066 And All That"!* *With the Bayeux Tapestry coming to the British Museum, and with our Association having visited the copy in Reading in the not-too-distant past, another look at all this is very timely.* *To tell us why William is considered a "Lucky king", we are fortunate in capturing Trevor Rowley to come and talk about it. Trevor is a noted historian and archaeologist and an expert on aspects of the English landscape and the Normans, having written several books on this subject and spent a career making history accessible to the public. £4*
17th - 21st November *7:30 – 9:30 pm*	*Abingdon Guildhall*	*The Importance of Being Earnest* *An in-the-round staging, at the Old Magistrates' Court, of Oscar Wilde's sparklingly funny masterpiece.* *£14* *https://www.studiotheatreclub.com/*

Twin Towns Calendar

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

Argentan	https://en.normandie-tourisme.fr/hidden-gems/argentan/events-in-argentan/
Colmar	https://www.tourisme-colmar.com/en/whats-on/events/event-agenda
Lucca	https://www.luccawhatson.com/calendar
Schongau	https://www.schongau.de/de/Aktuelles/Veranstaltungskalender
Sint-Niklaas	https://www.ontdeksintniklaas.be/en/see-and-do
Thames, Coromandel Peninsula	https://thecoromandel.nz/events/events-calendar/

ADTTS Contacts

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The Society's website is https://www.abingdonandvaletwinning.org.uk/.
This address may be abbreviated to http://adtts.eu. (Just type adtts.eu into a browser.)

The deadline for copy for the next newsletter is two days before the end of the month.
Please send contributions to newsletter@adtts.eu.

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

Membership Subscriptions 2026/2027

Subscriptions for members for the year to August 2027 are due.
The current rates are £7.50 per person or £15.00 for a family.

They can be paid with a Banker's Order. A Banker's Order form can be found on the ADTTS website (*www.adtts.eu*) under Contacts. If you already pay by Banker's Order, could you please check that you are paying at the current rate.

Payment can also be made directly to our Bank account by BACS to:

National Westminster Bank plc
Account: *Abingdon & District Twin Towns Society*
Sort Code: 60-01-01 **A/c No:** 08616752

Please use your name as a reference.

For payment by cheque, payable to ADTTS, contact Susan Read (treasurer@adtts.eu).



After the storm, late October sunshine