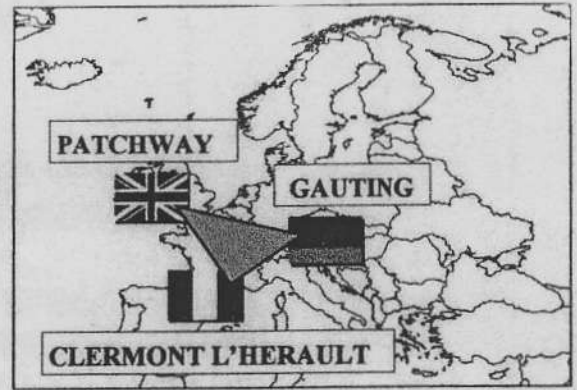


PATCHWAY TWINNING NEWSLETTER



PATCHWAY TWINNED WITH CLERMONT L'HERAULT AND GAUTING

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REPORT ON VISIT TO GAUTING

All those who were part of the visit to Gauting from 16-22 May had a fantastic time. The visit incorporated the official celebration of 10 years twinning between Patchway and Gauting but there was plenty of time to enjoy the company of our hosts, visit interesting places and watch the parade of traditional costumes and bands from all the villages around celebrating a folk dance competition and 140 years anniversary of the local voluntary fire brigade.

We were delighted to have a group of young people and the Head of Stoke Lodge Primary School with us and they were able to participate in a meeting between the three towns planning for the future of twinning links involving young people and schools. They also visited the Real Schule and met some of the pupils.

CLERMONT INVITATION

Our French twin town have invited representatives of Patchway to visit Clermont next May to be part of the celebration of 40 years' twinning between Clermont and Gauting. They are putting together a book of photographs for this event and if you have any photos of twinning events involving either Clermont or Gauting please send them to John Thomas so he can forward them for consideration. All photos will be copied and returned.

More details of the visit to France will be circulated when we receive them.

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner in March at 7.30 pm at Bristol Golf Club was an enjoyable occasion for the members and friends who attended. There was good food, good company and a pleasant venue – and we raised money for Association funds through a raffle. What a lovely way to spend a Friday evening! Thanks to you all for your support.

VISITS BY YOUNG PEOPLE TO PATCHWAY

Two students from the Lyceé in Clermont studying business are currently in Patchway for a two month placement supported by the Erasmus programme through the EU.

From 23-29 June, six pupils from the Realschule in Gauting will be in Patchway obtaining work experience in the local primary schools and staying with families.

All members of the Twinning Association are invited to meet these young people for a meal in the café at Coniston Community Centre at 6 p.m. on Thursday 28 June. Please contact Lucy Hamid on 01454-868530 to reserve a place. The meal will cost £8 and the menu will be lasagna with a side salad, fruit salad and fruit juice. There will be a vegetarian option and tea and coffee will be an additional charge.

FUTURE EVENTS

This is what your committee have planned for the rest of this year. We hope that you will support these events:

Pétanque (boules) will be played on a sand pitch at the Community Fair in Scott Park on Saturday 14 July as part of Patchway Festival. Please come along, whether you have ever played this game or not – it will be a fun session which we hope everyone will enjoy. The event runs from 1-5 p.m.

Wine Tasting on Friday 19 October at 7.30 p.m.: An evening at Patchway Community Centre's New Hall introduced by a wine expert.

Tickets will be £10 to include wine and a bread & cheese supper.
Tickets on sale at the AGM or from any member of the committee.

Another 60s Evening: No date fixed yet but planned for the late autumn. Same musicians as last year so a great evening assured!
More information in the next Newsletter.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year the AGM will be held on Thursday 12 July at Patchway Town Council Offices, Callicroft House, Rodway Road at 7.30 p.m. All members are invited to this meeting, which will start with a presentation on the experience of the young people during the recent visit to Germany and will end with light refreshments.

The agenda for this meeting is enclosed and we look forward to seeing you.

FILTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

We have had an urgent request from Filton for families willing to offer accommodation for their French and German visitors during August. If you might be able to help them, please contact John Thomas on 01454-612577.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you have not paid your membership this year (due at the AGM in July) please send a cheque for £5 or £10 per family to our Membership Secretary: Jenny Gammon, 224 Dewfalls Drive, Bradley Stoke, Bristol BS32 5NY

<p>MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE: Alan Bamforth, Steve Bloggs, Jill Clapp, Richard Clark (Schools Representative), Jenny Gammon, Lew Gray, Lucy Hamid (Secretary), John Hooper, Derek Horner, Paul & Elaine Martin, Annette Morgan, Eve Orpen, Alex Seaman, John Thomas (Chairman), Ian White (President) and Win Williams (Treasurer).</p>
