

# PATCHWAY TWINNING NEWSLETTER



PATCHWAY TWINNED WITH CLERMONT L'HERAULT AND GAUTING

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## GAUTING VISIT

We are looking forward to the weekend visit from Gauting at the end of July and are very grateful to the members who have offered accommodation to our visitors in their homes.

The programme for the weekend is given below:

### Friday 30 July

- 11 a.m. Visitors will be collected by coach from Bristol Airport
- 12 noon Greet visitors at Patchway Town Council offices in Rodway Road and introduce to hosts
- 7.30 p.m. Barbecue and jazz evening at Patchway Town Council offices

### Saturday 31 July

- 9.30 a.m. Depart from Patchway Community Centre by coach for day at St. Fagan's Museum of Wales. Please bring a packed lunch.
- 5 p.m. Return to Patchway Community Centre
- 7.30 p.m. Evening at Patchway Sports & Social Club in Scott Park with a buffet supper and folk dancing by the Marlwood Companions

### Sunday 1 August

Free day to attend Bristol Harbour Festival or other sightseeing with hosts

### Monday 2 August

Morning free with hosts for shopping.

- 1 p.m. Meet at Patchway Community Centre for coach to airport

All members are welcome to join in with this programme, whether or not they are hosting a visitor. There is no charge for the Friday night event, but members will be asked to contribute £5 for joining the coach trip and £5 for the Saturday evening event. Please telephone John Thomas on 01454-612577 to let him know which events you will be attending. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible over this weekend.

### **SCHOOLS VISIT FROM GAUTING**

From 10-17 July we welcomed six pupils from the Real Schule in Gauting and their teacher, Barbara. The children were aged 16-17 years and they spent the week helping out in Holy Family, Callicroft and Stoke Lodge Primary Schools and staying with local families. On Wednesday they took a day trip to London and on Friday night the visitors and hosts were joined by Patchway's Mayor, Eric Gordon, for a farewell meal.

On Thursday evening the six pupils were joined by a pupil from the grammar school in Gauting, who is working as a volunteer with CLIC in Filton for a month, to make presentations about their schools to the Annual Meeting of the Twinning Association.

The Twinning Association is grateful to Patchway Town Council for funding this visit and to the Head of Stoke Lodge School and Head of Languages at Bradley Stoke Community School for their co-operation in planning the week.

### **VISIT TO CLERMONT L'HERAULT**

A group of 20 people travelled from Patchway for a weekend visit to Clermont l'Hérault at the end of June to celebrate 15 years of twinning between our two towns.

The weather was extremely hot and sunny and we enjoyed a varied programme including an official dinner, a day trip to the coastal area around Sète and a concert by a local choir and orchestra followed by a meal in the grounds of an historic house. Our hosts, as ever, looked after us very well and it was a pleasure to renew old friendships and meet new friends.

## **VISITS BY YOUNG PEOPLE FROM PATCHWAY**

We are delighted that this summer two groups of young people from Patchway will be visiting our twin towns.

A group from the Saturday Youth Club run by Southern Brooks Community Partnership at the youth centre has just spent a weekend in Clermont, camping by Lake Salagou with 3 of their leaders, enjoying a programme of water sports and cycling.

In August another group from the same organisation will take part in an international youth camp at Lake Starnberg, just south of Gauting.

The Twinning Association is delighted that young people from our community are taking the opportunity to have fun in our twin towns and we thank our friends in Clermont and Gauting for their help in making the arrangements.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ANNUAL DINNER**

The AGM at Stoke Lodge School last week was attended by over 30 members and chaired by our President, Ian White. As mentioned above, we enjoyed presentations from the Gauting pupils after the meeting and also a show of photographs of our recent visit to Clermont.

Those members present renewed their annual subscriptions and if you were not there, please post yours (£5 per person or £10 for an organisation) to the Membership Secretary at 224 Dewfalls Drive, Bradley Stoke, Bristol BS32 9DU.

We held our Annual Dinner at Thornbury Golf Club on 30 April this year and were pleased to see so many members for a very pleasant evening and excellent food.

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