



Malmesbury



Niebüll



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Dates for your Diaries

We are already on the way to planning our events over the next year. So, you can put the following in your diary. More information to follow:

■ 25 April 2020	■ Greek Safari Supper (Goss Croft Hall, Seagry)
■ 19 May 2020	■ Annual General meeting (AGM)
■ 25-30 June 2020	■ Visit to Gien
■ 24-29 September 2020	■ Cultural Festival 2020 and Niebüll Visit to Malmesbury

Fabulous 100 Up Quiz Night

We held our annual Quiz this year in February in the Town Hall, aiming to avoid the Beast from the East of last year. We needn't have worried. Even better we had 100 people turn up to the quiz, with 15 teams.



Fabulous Quizmaster Zofie Gale launches the Quiz under the Italian flag



While some people are taking it extremely seriously – who's that in the background?

Was it competitive? Well, it wasn't meant to be, but some people did get very engaged. There was the odd challenge to the referee's judgement, but she astutely called in VAR, which ruled that both answers were right. We know how to build friendships in our twinning associations.

Well the final outcome was very close, with the margin between first and second being only 98-97! Did someone cheat? Would twidders do that?



Others were just there for the fun! Or was that just a strategy?



And the winners took away a great big bowl of fruit. God. How smug they look!

A light supper was provided by the magnificent team of our social sub-ctte. This was very favourably commented upon by many of the guests. Did they come for the quiz or the food? But it was very hard work. They didn't anticipate 100 people. Great thanks and congratulations to Jean, Carole, Sue, Celia, Linda and Catherine, as well as to Brian and Zofie managing the quiz, and Tim magnificently managing the bar. The beer and wine certainly help a wonderful evening.

We sadly missed our wonderful Mayor, and hope, Julie, that you will soon be fully recovered and back with us.

Cultural Celebration

Our three-town cultural celebration has made excellent progress thanks to the sterling work of Julia Bowen, Stefano Vandelli, John Fairhurst, Jill Stephens, Kim Langley, and our collaborators in Niebüll and Gien led by Diana Klüger and Annie Mas. When Gien visit Niebüll in May there will be, among other events, a joint exhibition of objects and artefacts from Malmesbury, Gien and Niebüll. This will be a fantastic launch of celebrating our common European heritage with Gien and Niebüll.

When we visit Gien in June there will be an exchange of embroideries between the two towns to mark the 20th anniversary of our twinning; an art exhibition of

paintings, ceramics, and photography; a folk-dance workshop and performance between *Malmesbury Morris* and *Gien Folk Abeille*; as well as musical performance and workshops.

The culmination for us will be during the Niebüll visit here in September, which will be preceded by a three-towns musical broadcast on Carnival radio, and History of Twinning Exhibition in the Athelstan Museum throughout September and October.

During the visit weekend (alongside the Flying Monk Arts Trail) there will also be a joint Art exhibition in the Town Hall's Old School Room; a musical installation with contributions from Niebüll and Malmesbury; and the Meerklang Saxophone quartet from Niebüll will also perform on the Saturday evening.

So much to do and celebrate. We hope you will put these events in your diary, and look forward to seeing everyone.

Website

After a few months of host transfer and technical issues we now have the website back running and up-to-date (well almost). Please do use the website, and also follow us on Facebook (we like you to like us!). If you have any issues or suggestions about the website, please do let us know.

AGM, 19 May

On a more prosaic note, please do not forget the AGM on Tuesday 19 May. It's your chance to say what you think we are not doing right. We will also try to arrange some entertainment. More information to follow.

Greek Evening, 25 April

Get your tickets (£15 each) early, available from Tuesday 10 March, either from Jean Fitzgerald (jeanfitzgerald34@gmail.com) or from Sandy at the Work Box.

After the sell-out for the quiz you might find these too are at a premium. The evening will include a three-course Greek meal, to the usual excellent culinary standard, a safari roundabout to ensure you meet lots of new friends as well as old mates; and even possibly one of those dastardly silly quizzes.

This will be at Goss Croft hall in Seagry. By waiting until after Easter we are sure the roads this year will be perfectly clear.

Visit to Gien, 25-30 June

This visit is now well on the way, with 32 people crossing the water to Val-de-Loire. We are being accompanied by colleagues from Malmesbury Morris (see Cultural Celebration) and the visit is likely include a trip to Orleans as well our activities in the town. This year we are travelling a novel way. We will be taking the Eurostar

between London and Paris, with coaches direct to and from the Eurostar stations so with minimum fuss getting there. And it will be our 20th anniversary celebration.

South Cotswolds Twinning Umbrella

We are also pleased to report that our co-ordination with Cirencester, Tetbury and Nailsworth twinning associations is going well. At our umbrella meeting in February we exchanged information about fundraising, using new media, and arranging travel. We also learned that Cirencester have their Town Band visiting Itzehoe this year; Tetbury are organising many events including at the Woolsack races at Whit (25th May) and at the same time Nailsworth will have 100 visitors coming from Lèves near Chartres for the weekend 21-24 May. There will be grand concert at St George's Church on the Friday evening, performed by the Leves Music School. If you would like tickets, please do contact Glyn Davies.

So, an awesome lot is going on. Hope we'll see at many of the events.

Best wishes,

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