



Malmesbury



Niebüll



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Dear Twinners,

A Winter Quiz, Friday 11 December at 7.30pm

As our activities are again suspended for the duration, we thought it would be a good idea to have another Zoom Quiz, especially as everyone so enjoyed it in July. So, we are setting one up for Friday 11 December, to start us off on what we hope will be a joyous and relaxing Christmas (Hope springs eternal!). At least the Quiz will be joyous and relaxing. We hope you will join us. Details on the Quiz, and how to subscribe and join the Quiz are at the end of this Newsletter. We look forward to seeing you.

Virtual Civic Reception, Friday 25 September

We had an excellent virtual civic reception on 25 September, thanks so much to our President and Mayor, Cllr Campbell Ritchie, and his team. There were wonderful presentations from all five towns in our Twinning and Friendship agreements. It was so good to hear about how things are going in Niebüll, Gien and also Malmesbury South Africa, and Bad Hersfeld.

It was especially good to re-establish contact with Malmesbury RSA, and we are following this up to see if we can organise a joint project in the coming year. Our links with Niebüll and Gien will simply roll forward next year as they had been planned for 2020. Links with Bad Hersfeld are of course managed by the Friends of Lullus, and we have been asked to leave that to them, but we wish them all the best and have indicated that we are happy to contribute if they wish.

Margaret Sanderson

We were all very saddened to hear of Margaret's passing since our last Newsletter. Ray and Margaret have been such wonderful contributors to Twinning, and Margaret

will be sorely missed. We know that everyone offers their sincere condolences to Ray and his family. She was always there, contributing so much.

Follow Up to AGM and Thanks to Retiring Committee members

Following the circulation of the AGM Reports to all members, the Committee approved the changes to the Constitution (these were all tidying-up amendments) and approved the audited accounts. Thanks were given to Phil Exton (our new Treasurer) and our new Auditor Brian Hooper, for their thorough and clear review and presentation of the accounts.

We also noted that Zoe Watson and Jill Stephens were standing down from the Committee. Zoe was thanked for her valuable work on new media publicity for the Association, and Jill for all her sterling works over the decades, going back to the first visit to Niebüll in 1955.

If there are any other members of the Association who would be interested in being co-opted to the Committee for the period up to the AGM next May, please do get in touch.

Welcome to New Members

Even though our activities are dormant at the moment we are very pleased to welcome two new members – Christine Eickelmann and Jacqueline Tong. We hope to offer a full programme next year, to welcome yet more new members.

Website Being Renewed

You may have noticed that we have been having a few problems with the Website. We were in process of some updates and changes, but because the Platform Theme on which the website is founded has become unsupported this caused major problems. The website is now in process of being rebuilt by our provider, on a good will basis, on a new Platform Theme. We hope it will be back fully operational by the end of November. Our apologies for the interruption.

Next Year's Programme

Other than the Quiz (but don't miss that) we will essentially be hibernating until next Spring, but we will keep you informed. But don't forget the main events next year which you are very welcome to join:

Malmesbury Visit to Gien:

Thursday 24 June to Tuesday 29 June

Niebüll to Malmesbury, including Malmesbury events in the Cultural Celebration:

Thursday 23 September to Tuesday 28 September

Put these in your diary.

With very best wishes,

T'Committee.

Dear Twinners and Supporters

MALMESBURY TWINNING: A WINTER QUIZ, FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER (FROM 7.30PM) - BOOK NOW

A great chance for us all to see each other again!! But book you Quiz place now! Do not delay!!

As we are not been able to organise any social events, we thought it might be a good idea to organise another Quiz, following the very successful one in July, and we hope as many of us as possible will join.

The quiz will be done on **Zoom**. The invitation to the Zoom meeting and details for joining it, if you subscribe, will be sent out on Monday 7th December along with the score sheets.

The Quiz

This will comprise six rounds of 10 questions and a picture round. Jean and Tim Fitzgerald have kindly offered to be our question mistress and master, so the questions should be good, funny and reasonably answerable. Good entertainment of all the family.

Entry Fee

We thought we would make this into a little fundraiser as well, so we are proposing to ask for £5 for every entrant (which might be a single person, a couple, a family, or as many as you want or can get around your phone, tablet or terminal.

Prizes

We hope it will be fun. There will be a prize of two bottles of wine for the winners, one bottle for the runners-up, a box of chocolates for the winner of the picture round, and the inevitable honorific and long-lasting wooden spoon for the courageous team who holds up the final table.

How to enter

To enter the quiz all you need to do is:

- email our Treasurer, Phil Exton, saying you want to enter, at exton59@aol.com
- Give Phil the mail address you wish to use (presumably the one you write from)
- then preferably make a BACS transfer of £5 to the Twinning account (**Malmesbury & District Twinning Association, Sort Code: 40-31-07: Acc No: 91028553**)
- or if you not able to do a bank transfer send a cheque to Phil at Mr Phil Exton, (Malmesbury Twinning Association), 101 Parklands, Malmesbury SN16 0QL.
- Do this ideally before **Tuesday 1 December**.
- However, if you are not able to join before then, you can check with Phil whether spaces are still available up to Friday 4 December (final closing date).

Who Can Enter?

If you have received this invite then of course you may. But please feel free to copy it to anyone else you feel may be interested. We also hope to be advertising this on Facebook, on our Website, on Malmesbury community social media, and through the Town Council. There is a limit on the number of teams we can take. But that will be on a first come, first served basis. So do reply to Phil quickly!!!

What Happens Next

When you have entered Phil will allocate you a Team Number. This will be your main identifier. You can also give yourself a team name.

On Monday 7 December you will be sent the details of Zoom meeting ID and the password. You will also be sent a copy of your individual scorecard to maintain during the Quiz.

You will be asked to mark your own answers, honestly, and to report these to the Quiz team at the half-way point and at the end of the Quiz.

At 4-5pm on the day of the Quiz you will be sent the picture round. You will have until the half way point of the Quiz to complete this, when the answers will be given, and your score for this round taken. The prize for the picture round will be separate from the prize for the quiz rounds, and not added in to them.

You will of course be visible to the quiz mistress/master throughout the quiz, and to the other teams.

It should be a good evening. Have your favourite drink and refreshments to hand throughout the quiz.

If you have any queries please do get to me.

Best wishes, ever,

Glyn Davies, Secretary

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