



Malmesbury



Niebüll



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Dear Twinners,

Hopefully you are enjoying the spring sunshine and beginning to feel, albeit cautiously, that there may be light at the end of the tunnel. MDTA is as busy as ever keeping links with our Twin towns with the aid of technology. It has been interesting to compare experiences of the current situation. Also thanks to technology, MDTA has been in contact with our neighbouring twinning associations to look at ways of extending what we can do and how we can attract younger members to become involved in Twinning. Happily comparisons with other associations showed MDTA in a favourable light. Thank you for your continuing support during these unusual times.

St George's Day Quiz, Friday 23rd April at 7.30pm.

Your splendid quiz meisters Jean and Tim Fitzgerald are preparing another quiz for you to enjoy. Please do join in and take the opportunity to see friends old and new, test your knowledge and most importantly have some fun. It only costs £5.00 per team to enter. You will find a poster attached to this newsletter giving more details.

To enter the quiz all you need to do is:

- email our Treasurer, Phil Exton, saying you want to enter, at exton59@aol.com

Proposed Visits 2022.

In light of the continuing Covid 19 travel restrictions the proposed visits from Niebüll to Malmesbury and to Gien from Malmesbury during 2021 are sadly unable to go ahead. Below you will find the proposed revised dates.

- **Malmesbury to Gien 23rd-28th June 2022**
- **Niebüll to Malmesbury 22nd -27th September 2022**

Joint Twinning Cultural Celebration 22nd-27th September 2022.

The idea of celebrating the cultural activities in our twin towns grew out of discussions about how we could further strengthen and deepen the relationships between the three towns. As a result, it was decided that we should take the opportunity to showcase the diverse range of artistic talents to be found within each town. It was planned that these artistic activities would take place during our exchange visits. Unfortunately, because of the covid crisis Gien has had to postpone the activities that would have taken place during our 2021 planned visit but we hope that these will happen instead during our visit in 2022.

The activities that we had planned for when our friends from Niebüll would have been here for their exchange visit in 2021 have now been rolled forward. So it is planned for a joint music, dance, art and photography exhibition to take place when our friends from Niebüll are here for their exchange visit in 2022. Weavers, potters, painters and photographers from both Gien and Niebüll will join with Malmesbury artists to showcase their work in the Old School Room in the Town Hall during the last weekend of September 2022. We will be part of The Flying Monk Arts Trail and will be featured in their brochure, with details of each exhibitor.

Another exciting project to feature in the exhibition will be the creation of a film which will feature Malmesbury and District residents performing an original song written by David Sturdy who lives in Malmesbury and has composed the piece based on the encounter between Hannah Twynoy and the Tiger. It is hoped that as many people as possible will take part in the performance. So if you want to channel your inner tiger we will let you know more details in the next few months!

Embroideries designed and made in Gien and Malmesbury as 20th year anniversary gifts will be exchanged formally during Malmesbury's visit to Gien in June 2022. The design of the embroideries, decided between the embroiderers in both towns, depict the flora, fauna and history of each town. The exchanged embroideries will be on permanent display in their respective Town Halls.

Website Renewal.

We are pleased to announce that our website has now been refreshed and we hope that you will find it user friendly. Please do visit it to see what is happening. Details of how to access the website are at the top of this newsletter.

Hope that you have enjoyed this short update of forthcoming events. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible taking part in the quiz. Do get family and friends involved. Meanwhile we wish you a happy Easter.

Take care and keep safe.



MDTA committee.