

Presteigne and Norton Twinning Association

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**Tulips at Hergest
Croft**

Welcome to Newsletter 26

The traditional winter quiz and AGM were held at Emily's again. Ruth's excellent quiz was won by a team comprising Jenny and John Kendall and Marion and Tony Cox.

Italian Murder Mystery Evening

John Kendall writes:

“A very successful fund-raising event was held on Saturday March 13th. There was a strong Italian theme. Some 60 people bought tickets for a three-course Italian dinner. After each course there was one scene of a three-scene theatrical entertainment. The drama was written by Hugh Pope and performed by Pope with members of the Presteigne players. The script allowed for plenty of ad-libbing in wonderfully exaggerated Italian accents. The mystery was who had murdered Luigi, and all the other characters were prime suspects. The drama was set in a (naturally, Italian) restaurant, and in a police station where the inspector wore a Napoleon hat and epaulettes. Everyone was invited to guess the identity of the person(s) responsible for this appalling crime, and Jeanette Washington won the prize for the first correct guess drawn out of a hat.

The three-course Italian dinner of salad antipasti, spaghetti bolognese and ice cream dessert was prepared by Ann Wake, Jenni Simpson, Marion Cox and Liz Joyce who put in a vast amount of work to bring off this catering feat, and was both delicious and very well-presented.

This single event raised a staggering £779.70, and is a very welcome addition to our funds as we prepare for the July twinning visit to Presteigne by our friends from Ligné.

We are very grateful to all those who worked so hard to make this event a success.”

Fun Day

The weather was not very kind to this year's Fun Day. Although the rain

held off, it was a little cold and blowy, with clouds that may have worried the fainthearted. This probably accounted for a lower turnout than usual and the rather modest proceeds of £73.50. However, those who did make it had a good time. There was plenty of youthful football, a very active dog show with no less than eleven categories. Both adults and children came from a very wide radius to compete in the dog show for titles that included the dog with the most beautiful eyes, won by Jacob. Laura won first prize for the best junior dog handler, pictured later with family.



The best answer to the wind and the cold was a cup of tea, efficiently dispensed by a team of ladies comprising Jane, Jeanette, Marion, Patricia and Teresa, and cakes generously donated by many members. But if more sustenance was needed, James, John and others were dispensing burgers in the Ligné garden.

The background atmosphere was provided by Paul's evocative Country & Western music, belted out from a gramophone carefully shielded from a possible shower.

Anwar supplied more varieties of jam than you could possibly expect to find anywhere else.



My favourite event was the young talent show organized by Paula Bowen and judged by Marion Rowlatt. The Toddlers came fourth with their rendition of Incy Wincy Spider.



The clear winner however was a very energetic performance of athletics given by Esmé, whose grandparents live in Presteigne. Population Zero came second and Caithlin was third. Marion hopes to organize a Presteigne Eisteddfod one day. There is no shortage of talent.





Forthcoming Events.

The next big event is the planned visit by our French friends to Presteigne. Here is the outline programme

Monday 28th June. Ligné Ramblers arrive – this is a separate group staying in self-catering accommodation and sharing a programme with local ramblers groups during the week. They will join in with the main group's activities with us on Sunday 4th July. The ramblers are leaving on Monday July 5.

Saturday 3rd July. Arrival of main group at 12.00 at the recycling car park. Group then goes in the coach to a welcome and buffet lunch at St Andrew's Hall. They then go for a town trail walk round the town and tea at the Curlew Centre at 16.00, from which they will leave with their luggage to go to spend the rest of the day with their host families.

Sunday 4th July. Breakfast with families. 10.30: debate in Assembly Rooms on zero waste. Children to leisure centre. 12.15 Children reunited with parents at Assembly Rooms. 12.30 Buffet lunch at Radnorshire Arms. 13.45 Coach leaves recycling car park for visit to Hay-on-Wye. 17.30. Coach returns to recycling car park. 18.45 Coach leaves recycling car park to go to Barbeque at Boultibrooke, finishing by 22.30

Monday 5th July. Breakfast with families. 8.45. Coach leaves recycling car park for visit to Ten Green Bottles at New Radnor, Elan valley and Crystal shop. Some children to the primary school. Tea at Farmers Pub at 17.15. Evening with families..

Tuesday 6th July. Breakfast with families. Departure from recycling car park, exact time to be confirmed.

Volunteers are needed to host families. Please get in touch with Bryan Gale (01544 260779) if you are able to help or just to find out more about what's involved.

Please Come to Boultibrooke on Sunday evening July 4th

The event at Boultibrooke is open to all members of the Twinning Association, not just those hosting. Please come and bring a bottle, a pudding, and a chair. If you are not hosting, please call or email a committee member (see numbers on last page) to say you are coming, so that we can get the number right for catering. Also please note that some help is needed with setting up marquees on Thursday July 1st. Please contact Bryan Gale on 01544 260779 if you can help..

Please keep an eye on the website www.pnta.org.uk

Table Top Sale

The next table top sale will be on Saturday June 12 at 9.30 am in Broad Street. Bargains galore!

Articles for Newsletter

Any suggestions for topics of interest to include in this newsletters are always welcome. If you fancy writing something with a French connection, please let me know. My email address is included overleaf.

Funding

Despite strenuous and well-directed efforts, we did not win an EU grant for the next visit. This and the poor income from the Fun Day means that the newsletter will have to be distributed by email only this time. It will also be available in the library, the Judges Lodgings and on the website.

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