

Kenilworth Twinning Association



Twinned with Bourg-la-Reine, France and Eppstein, Germany

Linked with Roccalumera, Sicily

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Gremlins appear to have got into the distribution process here so it has been decided to separate the writing of the newsletter from its distribution. Consequently I will still put it together but Dave Shurrock has kindly agreed to take over its distribution and keep the circulation list up to date. Firstly, apologies to those who might not have not received anything during the summer and, secondly, would you please let Dave know if you have received this edition so that he can work out who might not have received anything. Contributions to the next newsletter would be welcome so if anyone has anything they wish to air, please E-mail them to me.

Armistice Commemoration - Those who fought in the Second World War and the conflicts which followed its aftermath are becoming fewer and are becoming older. Sadly, but understandably, we do not have anyone from Kenilworth who will make the trip to Bourg-la-Reine to join in the November 11th commemoration there. However the *Anciens Combattants* from Bourg-la-Reine are visiting Kenilworth between the 12th and 15th November. They will arrive in London on Eurostar on the Saturday and then come to Kenilworth by coach. The party comprises 21 people, most of whom will stay at the Holiday Inn. On Sunday they will take part in the ceremony at Kenilworth war Memorial at 10.45 a.m. and on Monday they will

travel by coach to the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas in Staffordshire. If anyone is interested in joining them then please contact Malcolm Trewick: there will be a small cost (probably £15) to help with the coach hire. This may well be the last opportunity we have to host such a large gathering during an armistice week-end.

Bourg la Reine - Next year's visit was planned for late in September but this would coincide with the 50th anniversary of Coventry Cathedral when a delegation from Dresden will visit and in which a number of KTA members are involved. We are currently looking at the week-end of September 14th - 18th and we will let members know as soon as a date is firmed up.

Roccalumera - again we have not yet firmed up a date for next spring's visit but we are looking at the second half of April and the current price for flights from Gatwick to Catania look reasonable. However Easy Jet does not fly every day so we are looking at probably either a Wednesday or Saturday outward trip. Unfortunately, due to other commitments, it seems unlikely that Town Mayor Dave Shilton would be able to join us. Further details of the trip will follow.

Eppstein visit - Ten of us enjoyed a visit to Eppstein at the eshnd of August with a packed

programme which began on the Thursday evening with a reception in the Town Hall. On Friday we took the train to Frankfurt Airport where we were treated to a bus trip airside accompanied by a guide. We were able to see the new twin deck airbus at close quarters as well as the maintenance facility for such huge aircraft.

Following lunch in one of the airport restaurants we took the S-Bahn train into the centre of Frankfurt for a walking tour of the centre of the city. We enjoyed a guided tour of the Kaiserdom St. Bartholomaeus - despite its name it is not really a cathedral but the main Catholic church for the city with a huge west tower and a magnificent interior.

On Saturday afternoon we went by coach along the right bank of the Rhine to the Loreley, a rock spur 132 metres above a bend in the Rhine at a point where the river flows through a long gorge. According to legend the Loreley was a water sprite who bewitched boatmen with her beauty and melodious songs at the river's most dangerous point. Close to the top of the rock there is a statue of the maiden and Europart Eppstein's chairman, Franz Fluch, conducted a mixed Anglo-German choir singing the song of the Loreley entertaining (or otherwise) a large number of fellow tourists. A photograph of some of the group at the viewpoint subsequently appeared in the *Kenilworth Weekly News*. On the return trip we visited the castle of Pfalz which lies on a small island in the river itself and was constructed so that the local landowner could collect tolls from passing boats - a big chain could be stretched across the river to ensure payment. An evening meal was taken at a wine cellar in the picturesque town of Hochheim. On Sunday we visited Eppstein castle for the last day of the Burgfest where a bar-b-q, cake sales and a lot of drink kept us well replenished. There was also musical entertainment and, for those wishing to walk off the cakes, a hike up to the top of the tower for magnificent views across the old town.

SOCIAL EVENTS

American supper - Saturday October 1st - our thanks to Keith and Liz Smithson who allowed about 22 of us to invade their house for an American Buffet coupled with the usual attraction of Pat and Sandra's Irish bingo - played, for a change, with Pat in the hall calling out the numbers as we hadn't got the usual bag of numbered balls.

Barn Dance at the Wardens on Saturday November 19th - Tickets will cost £8 payable in advance and will include a fish and chip supper and the services of a caller. Please book with Pat Tipping before November 12th - cheques payable to "KTA".

Annual lunch on Sunday January 15th 2012 - this is replacing the Christmas meal and the cost will be £20 to include coffee but not drinks. There will be a choice of starters, a carvery main course and a choice of desert. The location is "Woodside" conference centre, Glasshouse Lane Kenilworth CV8 2Al and we are aiming to meet at 12.30 for lunch at 1 p.m. Please book with Sheila Skinner before December 15th - cheques to be made payable to "KTA".

Fish and chip quiz - probably on Saturday February 11th 2012 - this annual event is being organised by Sandra Smith (the quiz) and Gino and Carol (the food) and further details will follow.

Evening meal out - probably on Wednesday March 21st 2012 - as we have not had a meal out for some time Gino is looking for a suitable venue and, again, details will follow.

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PICTURES FROM THE EPPSTEIN VISIT

A hot day in the middle of Frankfurt



Eppstein castle and the old town



Community singing at the Loreley

Group photograph at the Loreley



Pfalz castle in the Rhine

