

Lymington & District International Twinning Association Bulletin – March 2011



LITA – forthcoming events

Fish and Chip Quiz

LITA's March event (**Saturday 26th March**, 7 for 7.30pm) is filling up, so if you fancy our annual **Fish and Chip quiz** (choice of fish, chicken or veggieburger and chips), contact *Diana* (dianahastie@btinternet.com or 01590 622578) soon; book a place for yourself, or a team of 6 or 7. The booking deadline is Wednesday 23rd March. Only £8 (£10 for guests) for a fun evening; please bring your own drinks and glasses, cutlery will be provided.



Steel Magnolias

We're taking bookings now for our May event (**Monday 9th May**), a preview performance of the Lymington Players' summer production, *SteelMagnolias* by Robert Harling. The play is

followed by a post-show party of drinks and nibbles and mingling with the cast in the Fuller McLellan Hall. Both funny and touching, *Steel Magnolias* follows the friendships of six women from Louisiana. Set in the local beauty parlour, their lives intertwine with love, humour and tragedy, revealing the deep strength and purpose of the unique characters. Unmissable. See booking form and flyer sent with this mailing.

Conversation groups - next dates

Come along to practise and improve your conversational language skills

French breakfast at *Le Blaireaus* in Brockenhurst, from 10.30am on Friday 1st April (contact Henrietta Morgan henriettabun@aol.com or 01590-623890 to book a place), Friday 6th May.

NB There will be no French breakfast in June due to our 30th Anniversary events. Contact *Diana* (dianahastie@btinternet.com or 01590 622578) for details.

Anyone interested in joining the **Elementary French Conversation Class** (professional tutor) which meets each Tuesday morning at *Brasserie Gerard*, Lymington High Street; contact *Carolyn Miller* (01590 645823) for details.

Spanish tertulia meets at 5 Armstrong Close, Brockenhurst from 2.30pm on Monday 14th March (speaker Maria Anderson), Monday 11th April and Monday 9th May. Please contact *Diana* (dianahastie@btinternet.com or 01590-622578) for details.



German Stammtisch meets on the third Thursday each month in *The Mayflower*, King's Saltern Road, Lymington from 7.30pm: Thursday 15th March, Thursday 17th May, Thursday 21st June. Contact *Joan Wray* (01590 682305) for details.



Membership Details

If you've changed any contact details (home address, email or telephone numbers) please be sure to keep me informed so that LITA records are up to date. Carolyn Miller (01590 645823 or CarolynStBedes@aol.com)

Lymington Directory

Watch out for the forthcoming issue (April/May) of the *Lymington Directory*. There is an illustrated article by Cheryl about LITA and our activities in our Anniversary year.

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LITA: affiliated with the Lymington Community Association
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<http://www.lymington.org/towntwinning.html>

Reminder - LITA's Trip to Mosbach: 29 Sept to 3 Oct

If you haven't booked your flight, please consider doing so urgently; the sooner you book, the cheaper your fare will be! It is cheapest to book individually online. Flights (from **Southampton** to **Frankfurt**) are available on the Flybe website as follows:



Outward: Thursday 29th
Sept Flight no: 1275
Departs at 1535hrs

Homeward: Monday 3rd
Oct Flight no: 1276 Depart
at 1900hrs

Please be sure to inform John and Sheila Ward if you intend to travel to Mosbach. They will provide necessary registration details (*contact sheilaward@talktalk.net or tel: 01590 671205*)

Display for 'Four Towns Twinning' Celebrations June 2011

We are making a display at the Community Centre as part of the programme for the June Anniversary celebration of Twinning. The display will start on **May 20th**.

If you have any posters, photographs or other memorabilia relating to our twin towns and the twinning exchanges, we would be delighted to receive them. You might have photos that are valuable to you: don't worry, these can be electronically scanned and reprinted to keep the original safe. Especially welcome would be photos from the early years of Twinning, together with any interesting details (who, when, where ...) that you can provide. All items will be returned after the event.

I can collect, if necessary, or else please arrange to deliver items to me.

Carolyn Miller (01590 645823 or CarolynStBedes@aol.com)

LITA's 30th Anniversary of Twinning Celebrations - June 2011



Planning for the programme of events to mark the Anniversary is now well advanced. Members of an Anniversary Planning sub-committee (Cheryl, Diana, Dilys, Rosemary, and Sheila C), as well as the rest of the Management Committee and several other LITA members, have been working hard on organising the various aspects of the programme. This has been quite a challenge given the anticipated number (around 90) of visitors!

Separate information packs and RSVP forms have now gone out to all LITA members -- those

who are hosting and helping over the weekend, and those who are not. The programme promises to be a full and exciting one. We hope that as many members as possible will be able to support and participate in this historic occasion.

LITA's most Recent Events

Our thanks to **Douglas Marcuse** for leading an excellent **Birdwatching Walk** in January; cold, bright weather and an enjoyable event. Look out



for the next *Newsletter* with Douglas's report and photos. The tally reached about 37 species spotted (but just missed out on the White Tailed Eagle ...).

In February over 40 members sat down to a delicious meal in the convivial atmosphere of **MJ's Restaurant** at **Brockenhurst College**. This popular event has become an annual fixture in LITA's diary.

Dates for your Diary

In addition to the points above, here is some early information on future LITA events

LITA AGM: Wednesday 29th June 2011

Our Annual General Meeting will start at 7.30pm, in the Phoenix Room, Lymington Community Centre. Details of the AGM will be circulated to members nearer the date.

Summer Barbecue: Sunday 14th August

Our Barbecue will be at the Wilverley Plain site, as last summer. Keep the date free if you can.

Almansa visits Lymington: December 2011

The visit by the Almansa twinningers was aborted last year because of Spanish Air Traffic Controllers strike. It is planned now for the **first weekend in December** (approx. dates 3rd to 6th Dec). We hope for no further difficulties!

.... and finally ...

When you are next in the Lymington Community Centre, have a look at LITA's allocated space on the display board (opposite the cinema). You will see our 'Happy 30th Anniversary' poster, and some lovely photos of the historic Lymington-Vitré Charters, one done with calligraphy and water-colour drawings.

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