

Hartley Wintney Twinning Associations

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2000

FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to the second newsletter of 2000. Despite our best intentions to publish a letter every two months, we have decided to follow the example of our twinning colleagues, the St Savin group, and lower our sights to a more achievable four monthly publication.

As we announced in our previous letter, the dates for the Hartley Wintney leg of the formal twinning ceremonies has been set for the weekend of the 18th to the 20th August. Preparations are now well under way and provisional details of the weekend's events are published elsewhere in this letter.

Response to the International Youth Camp, announced in the last letter, has been disappointing so far. One reason for this is the timing, as it will take place during the school term and effectively restricts participation to youngsters in their GCSE year, as they will finish school early. Nevertheless, we will continue to support this activity and would welcome additional participants. Details of events are provided below.

One of our memorable activities in 1999 was the Friends of Malle Belgian Beer tent at the village festival. It proved a great success with the attendees and there were numerous sightings reported of people staggering around with 'trifle glasses' in hand. Well, our success was apparently responsible for disappointing takings in the official beer tent, and as a result we are not going to be allowed to repeat the activity this year. However, we will explore ways that we can reintroduce the Belgian beer tent in future years.

Steve Sharpe - Chairman

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CAMP - MALLE 2000

Places are still available for the youth camp in Malle. The camp is intended for young people aged between 15 and 17 from Malle and their twin towns of Heusenstamm, St Savin and, of course, Hartley Wintney. The camp will be held mainly in and around Malle, but will also include an outward bounds element in the Ardennes.



The camp will run from 3rd July to 17th July and will include mountain biking, canoeing, camping, shooting, archery, orienteering, sightseeing and will also involve making a video diary.

Approximately, 15 young people will attend from each of the other towns, accompanied by appropriate responsible adults and the cost will be in the region of £150 per person.

Anyone interested in receiving more details should contact Steve Sharpe on 01252 842781.

MALLE TRIATHLON

As reported in the last newsletter, the Malle Triathlon will be taking place on 30th June this year and a group from Hartley Wintney will be taking part. We currently have seven confirmed (or is the word committed?) participants. If there are any more masochists out there who would like further details, please contact Steve Sharpe on 01252 842781.

Congratulations to Andy Ball, Dave Skellern, Richard Jones, Chris and Kath Roberts and Dave Thomas, who all completed the Fleet Triathlon in May. And good luck to the remainder of the Hartley Wintney contingent, who can occasionally be seen struggling around the locality on Sunday mornings.

MALLE HIGH DRAW

The results of recent draws are as follows:

JANUARY

1st Prize £15 Martha Tattershall
2nd Prize £10 Peter McOnie

FEBRUARY

1st Prize £15 Steve Ayres
2nd Prize £10 Ian Coster

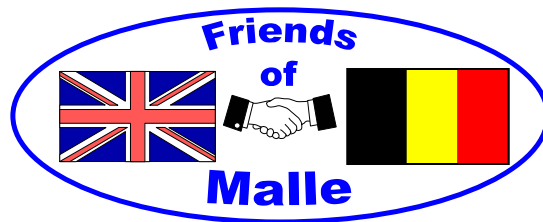
MARCH

1st Prize £30 Peter McOnie
2nd Prize £15 Bill & Ruth Hudson
3rd Prize £10 Bill Sandle

APRIL

1st Prize £15 Peter & Ann Bridges
2nd Prize £10 Alan & Pat Paul

New subscribers are welcome for the second half of 2000. The cost is £15 per number for six months commencing July. For further details, contact Steve Ayres on 01252 845138.



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TWINNING EVENT – AUGUST 2000

Arrangements are now well under way for the visit by our friends from Malle for the Hartley Wintney 'leg' of the formal twinning between our communities. A provisional programme of activities is detailed below:

FRIDAY 18th August

1400Hrs Guests arrive from Malle
1700Hrs Twinning Ceremony at Hart District Council Offices
2030Hrs English Pub Night at Victoria Hall

SATURDAY 19th August

0930Hrs Project Meeting (Committee only)
1100Hrs Wellington Country Park for picnic lunch
1400Hrs Visit to Stratfield Saye
2000Hrs Dinner/Dance at Victoria Hall

SUNDAY 20th August

0930Hrs Project Meeting (Committee only)
1030Hrs Pedestrian Treasure Hunt in Hartley Wintney
1400Hrs Guests depart Hartley Wintney

SOCIAL DIARY by Cherylle Ayres

Since the last Newsletter, the Friends of Malle have had 2 very successful events. The first was the St Valentine's Barn Dance organised by Peter and Ann Bridges. This was a tremendous success with a good mix of young and old and more importantly some new faces. Word is getting around about our social events!

The second event was the Beer Tasting organised by Big Steve and Not So Big Steve. Yet another great success with the Malle Tripel and Dubbel along with Guinness proving to be the favourites. Word about this event even reached Europe – 5 of our friends from Malle turned up and one even managed to win the Tasting competition.

Forthcoming events are:-

- The second Race Night on 3rd June 2000 in the WI Hut organised by Steve Sharpe
- A Belgian Brunch on 25th June 2000 at Datchets, Cricket Green Lane organised by Sarah Beazley & Jean Amos
- A Summer Cocktail Party on 22nd July 2000 at Oak Green Lodge, The Common organised by Andy & Joan Ball

These promise to be excellent occasions so don't miss out, contact the organisers or Steve and myself for more details or tickets.

Cherylle Ayres (01252 845138)

Next Event:
Horseracing at the WI Hut
Saturday 3rd June – Tickets £6
Free Beer and Wine



COMING SOON TO A VILLAGE NEAR YOU



Three Gentlemen from Malle
.....Chairman Herman, Jan (the coat) and Mayor Harry.

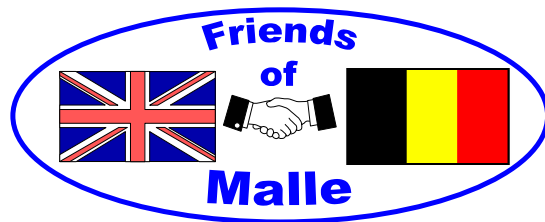
PRINTS

Copies of the limited edition print of scenes of Hartley Wintney, commissioned by the Friends of Malle to commemorate the official twinning with Malle last June are still available at £49.95 each. If you are interested in purchasing one, contact Cherylle Ayres on 01252 845138

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Contrary to popular opinion, the European Commission does not spend all of its time defining the ideal shape for bananas etc., it is also active in twinning. It gave the Friends of Malle a grant towards our travel costs to Belgium for the ceremony in June and is also expected to help fund the forthcoming Youth Camp. Additionally, we have recently made an application to the Commission for a grant to help fund the costs of hosting the Twinning event in August.

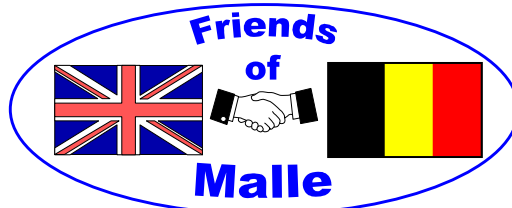
The Friends of Malle would like to thank the EC for the assistance that they have provided.



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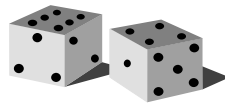


Horse Racing Evening
Free Beer & Wine
(While Stocks Last)
Malle High Draw & Raffle



Come dressed for the races

At the WI Hut
£6 Entry



Saturday 3rd June 2000
at 8pm



Hartley Wintney Twinning

BELGIAN BRUNCH



Sunday 25th June 2000 at
Datchets, Cricket Green Lane Hartley Wintney
Please arrive between 11am - 12:30pm and bring your own chair

Tickets £7

Contact Sarah Beazley 01252 842139 or Jean Amos 01252 845505