

# CHARNWOOD TWINNING UPDATE

February 2010

## Shepshed and District Twinning Association- Twinned with Domont in Val d'Oise

### Activities 2010

These are the events that we have planned for the coming year. Some have become traditions within the association and some are being held for the first time. We are very grateful for the active involvement of our members, which makes it possible for us to put on a varied programme.

#### Friday January 16<sup>th</sup>

Croissant baking demonstration by one of our members.

#### Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup>

Crêpes Evening hosted by members

#### June 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

Visit from our Twin Town of Domont to celebrate 20 years of Twinning. The majority of our visitors will be hosted in families. The programme will include: A welcome drink on arrival at the Town Council Offices, a debate on a current European theme, a guided visit of Leicester, a Ceilidh and buffet, a visit to Calke Abbey Gardens and a guided tour of historic Shepshed. We need to find host families for our guests. If you are interested please contact Alan Robinson on [ar@tutor.open.ac.uk](mailto:ar@tutor.open.ac.uk)



The following events form part of our regular programme. Precise dates have not as yet been fixed.

#### October

Walk in the Peak District

#### November

AGM at Town Council Offices, Shepshed

#### December

- Stall at Shepshed Christmas Event at Shepshed High School to include a seasonal quiz and prize. This will be followed by a meal at a local restaurant.
- French Film evening hosted by members

#### On-going Projects

In addition to the above events, the Twinning Association is working with our Primary Schools. Each school has a link with a primary school in Domont. We would also like to encourage a sporting link between swimming and/or football clubs in the two towns.

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**Proposed visits to Charnwood by Twin Towns in 2010**

**Gembloux – MAY 20 – 25 About 30 visitors expected**

In celebration of 15 years of twinning with Gembloux and rather than seek the usual Mayoral buffet reception, it is planned to hold a full scale celebratory event over which our Mayor would preside and possibly local dignitaries from Gembloux would be invited, paying their own way, of course. This would ease the burden on CBC, bring business to the Borough and help to repay considerable hospitality debts.

**Zamosc – August 13 – 21 About 40 visitors expected**

Drawing on the professional skills of some members of the Zamosc group, it is proposed to hold a mini-conference on Climate change requiring accommodation and food. As a development of this, the group will try to organise a visit to a re-cycling facility as Poland is particularly lacking in this field. It may be possible to invite Civic dignitaries from Poland to see for themselves Charnwood's record in re-cycling.

**Epinal -- October 2010 to include the weekend October 30/31**

In the past there was an occasional exchange of choirs. The most recent was in 2006 of the Charnwood Choral Society with the Polysons. Dancers from Epinal also came for those celebrations. The Epinal group, are now hoping to revive this exchange. Negotiations are in hand for the Marc Boegner choir to come to Loughborough for the weekend of October 30/31. An application to the EU to help with the costs of a joint concert and the travel expenses of the Epinal choir is planned. Help with transport around the borough and perhaps some B&B accommodation costs, if there are not enough family hosts, may be necessary as would some help with the concert expenses if the EU application is not successful

The cultural benefits of this visit could reach far beyond straightforward twinning

**Visit to Schwäbisch Hall – July 28 – August 4.      30+ likely to take part**

## East Goscote Twinning Association

We have just had our AGM on the 21<sup>st</sup> January and the Committee has stayed the same.

Planned events for the year are as follows:-

**February** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> a Quiz with supper.

**April** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Modern Jive Night at Birstall.

**May** Our French Twin will visit here.

**June** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Venetian Night – social gathering & supper.

**September** Sunday ? Boat trip with lunch – Nottingham.

**October** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Casino Night with supper.

**November** DTA & venue Skittles Evening

Other suggestion, a Mystery bus tour!

**Terry Brown**  
**Chairperson**

### **The Loughborough – Gembloux Twinning Group**

Loughborough has been twinned with Gembloux in French speaking Belgium for fifteen years. It is to the south east of Brussels near the city of Namur and is easily accessed via Eurostar or car and ferry. The town has a university and is also famous for its belfry. It is not far from the site of the battle of Waterloo and Brussels itself is easily reached by train.

The twinning visits usually take place in May and in 2010 it is the turn of Gembloux to visit Loughborough. Our guests will be staying in families and take part in a varied programme of visits and social occasions. We will be marking the fifteenth anniversary. Last year the Loughborough group travelled to Gembloux. The weather was lovely and we visited Brussels and an animal park as well as playing the Gembloutois at pétanque and being extremely well fed!

Last year for the first time, football teams from the Loughborough Dynamos Club went over to Gembloux to play in a tournament.

New members are always welcome – please contact:-

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