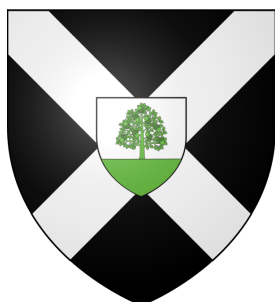


# NEWSLETTER



Royston & District Town Twinning Association



## FRANCE

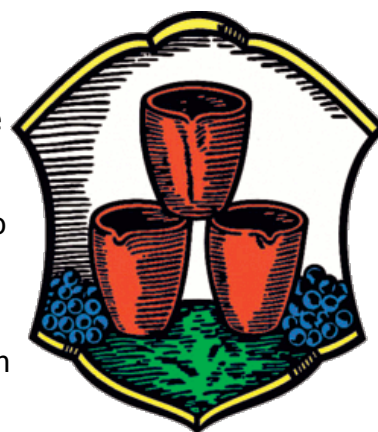
We have made arrangements for our Twinners in La Loupe, France to visit Royston from 30th May to 2nd June 2019. There are plans to take the group to Duxford and/or Cambridge with punting on the Cam and afternoon tea at The Orchard Tearooms in Grantchester. We have successfully placed a number of families but still need a few more hosts and would very much appreciate your help. Please do contact Sheila at [france@roystontowntwinning.org](mailto:france@roystontowntwinning.org) for more information.

## GERMANY

Over the weekend of the Arts Festival 2018 we entertained a group of 47 German visitors, including the Musikzug band. Their itinerary included a day trip to Cambridge, a party at the Old Bull Inn and the concert at St. John the Baptist with our own Town Band, the young musicians from Villaneuva de la Cañada and a lone resident of La Loupe. They played a variety of music ranging from the traditional to a rather spirited rendition of "Sweet Caroline", which got the entire audience enthusiastically waving their arms in time. One of the younger lads celebrated his sixteenth birthday with another trip to the Old Bull Inn and the whole trip was rounded off with a day out in London, visiting Camden Lock, Primrose Hill for a very large group photo, and the Embankment for an impromptu commentary on why Westminster is currently shrouded in scaffolding and Big Ben is silent.

On 4th March 2019 a large group of German students will be visiting the Meridian School to take part in the "International Summit" with the visiting Spanish students and their Royston partners.

We have a trip planned to **Großalmerode** from Friday 25th to Tuesday 29th October 2019. Please contact Ruth to register interest at [germany@roystontowntwinning.org](mailto:germany@roystontowntwinning.org)



**WINNERS!** The weekend of 13th/14th October 2018 saw Royston's Pétanque team defeat Hitchin, Knebworth and Welwyn to bring home both the cup and the plate! Our swimmers completed a total of 113 lengths raising a fantastic total of £357 to divide equally between the Town Twinning Association and the Rotary Club. Bien joué!





## FORWARD PLANNING

We are looking forward to our **SUMMER SOCIAL** and AGM at the Heath Sports Club Wednesday 26th June 2019 at 8:00pm. Join us for dinner at 7:00pm with a free drink on arrival. There will be a short recap of the past year and plans for our year ahead. Pre-booking choices for the meal is essential so please do contact Elizabeth by Friday, 14th June at [chair@roystontowntwinning.org](mailto:chair@roystontowntwinning.org)

**SAVE THE DATE!** Saturday, 19th October 2019 there will be a fund-raising **QUIZ** in the Market Hill Rooms at 7:30pm. Help us make this event a success and ask your friends to join us in teams of eight! If yours is just a small deputation we can match you up! Details will follow soon.

**ALSO!** Saturday, 8th June 2019, 8:00am to 12:00 midday, we have arranged to have a promotional stand in the Market Place. There will also be a stand at the May Fair on Monday, 6th May 2019. If you have an hour or so to spare please come and help encourage the locals to join us. Contact Elizabeth to register your interest. [chair@roystontowntwinning.org](mailto:chair@roystontowntwinning.org)

## SPAIN

A delegation of five from Royston visited Spain for the Fiesta del San Isidro on 15th May 2018. We joined three French Twinners and a group from Villanueva de la Cañada's newest "sister" town, La Cañada-Flintridge near Pasadena in California. We started the visit with a formal dinner where district councillors Jean Green and Ruth Brown spoke on behalf of the mayor of Royston. The celebration of the local saint's day, San Isidro, started with a mass and a procession through the park, followed by sangria, a gigantic paella and a concert. We also visited the magnificent medieval city of Toledo, with an excellent local guide, but the highlight of the visit was a tour of the European Space Agency Astronomy Centre near Villanueva de la Cañada, seeing satellites and wonderful pictures of Mars.

At the end of September we welcomed six young musicians and three adults from the Villanueva's music school to play with Royston Town Band and Musikzug during the Arts Festival weekend. As well as being accomplished musicians they were enormous fun and wowed the Saturday night party audience with their "La-La Land" style dresses and cleverly arranged rendition of "Bohemian Rhapsody".

New for 2019 is an exchange between Meridian School and Instituto Las Encinas, with a visit planned for seventeen Spanish students to their Royston partners from 3rd to 8th March. Here, they will explore Cambridge and London, and the first "International Summit" will be held for English, German & Spanish students on Monday 4th March at the Meridian School. Our own pupils will visit their partners in Villanueva from the 12th to 18th May, coinciding with the Fiesta del San Isidro.

There will be opportunities to arrange additional individual exchanges between families during school holidays. More information is available from Jane at [spain@roystontowntwinning.org](mailto:spain@roystontowntwinning.org)

We will send a small group of adults to Spain for Fiesta del San Isidro from 13th to 16th May 2019 and in return invite our Spanish friends over for the Arts Festival from the 27th to 29th September 2019. Anyone interested in going or hosting or both please contact Jane.

