

NEWSLETTER



Royston & District Twinning Association

QUIZ NIGHT!

Join us for our main annual fund-raising event on Saturday 19th October 2019 at Market Hill Rooms, Fish Hill at 7.30pm, with Neil Jinkerson as quizmaster. Tickets are £7.50 per person. Please bring your own drinks, but nibbles will be provided. Get together a team of up to eight people or join in with an existing team. Email social@roystontowntwinning.org to reserve your tickets. We expect this event to sell out so early booking is highly recommended. More details will follow very soon.

GERMANY

A group of 23 people, including 7 children, from Royston & District are expected to join the twinning trip to Großalmerode this year. Most of the group will travel by air from Stansted on Friday 25th October, returning on Tuesday 29th October, during the Hertfordshire half term break. The provisional programme, organised by our German hosts, includes visits to the local towns of Kassel and Meslungen, including a tour of the medical products manufacturer, B. Braun, a local walk, and civic reception. There is still space for more people to join the trip so please email germany@roystontowntwinning.org by this



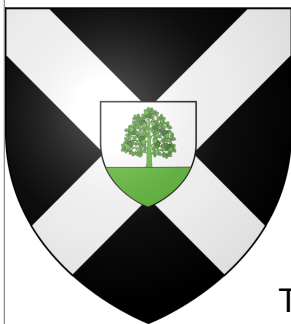
For an informal opportunity to practise German conversation, the local Stammtisch meets on the second Thursday of every month from 7pm at the Old Bull Inn and is always delighted to welcome newcomers. For more information visit [Royston Deutscher Stammtisch](#) on Facebook.



SPAIN

Since our last newsletter we have had a highly successful trip to Villanueva de la Cañada to celebrate the Fiesta del Saint Isidro. Four representatives from Royston were treated to delicious food and fascinating day trips to Peñafiel, Cuéllar and Madrid as well as being taken in by kind and generous hosts. The student exchange trip for RSAT (now King James Academy) took place in the same week and was also a great experience for all involved. The weather was magnificent and a party atmosphere prevailed. Since then three more individual student exchanges have taken place with positive results all round.

After careful consideration it has been decided that this year there will not be a visit from our friends in Villanueva de la Cañada. However the band, around 35 musicians, would very much like to visit in 2020 and we are also looking forward to celebrating our ten year twinning anniversary with Villanueva in 2021.



Thank you to everyone who hosted families from La Loupe who came to Royston to share a fun weekend in May/June. We were blessed with marvellous weather and thoroughly enjoyed all the organised activities.

Dates for next year's trip to La Loupe have been agreed for Friday 22nd May to Monday 25th May 2020. Do look out for emails regarding detailed arrangements and costs. france@roystontowntwinning.org

The Royston French Language Meetup takes place on the last Wednesday of every month at The Banyers from 7:00 to 9:00pm. Contact Rob Smith via: <https://www.meetup.com/French-Conversation-Club-Royston/>

FORWARD PLANNING

SWIMATHON 2019 Can you swim? Would you like to help raise funds for Town Twinning and the Rotary Club of Royston? If so please do join the team. The event takes place at Royston Leisure Centre on Sunday, 13th October from 6:00 to 10:00pm. You only need to swim for one hour! Closing date for entries is 6th October so please contact Ruth Brown at germany@roystontowntwinning.org

SAVE THE DATE! Friday, 15th November 2019 will be our annual dinner. Details will follow soon.

AND... Saturday, 16th November 2019, from 8:00am to 12:00 midday, we have arranged to have another promotional stand in the Market Place. Hopefully the weather will be a little kinder this time so if you have some time to spare please come and help boost our membership. Contact Elizabeth to register your interest. chair@roystontowntwinning.org

2020 will be the Hertfordshire Year of Culture. To kick off in January we will link to the "Try Something New" category with our Stammtisch & French Language Meetup groups.



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Royston hosted the Hertfordshire Inter-Twinning Pétanque competition on Sunday, 8th September at the Black Horse in Melbourn. Teams from Knebworth, Letchworth and Welwyn joined us for an enjoyable and sunny afternoon. The event was superbly organised by Keith Ginsberg and there was excellent hospitality from the Black Horse. It was an all Royston final, which was narrowly won by Royston who played last year's winners, La Loupe. Here are the winning team and Welwyn who won the plate. Anyone is welcome to play pétanque on Tuesday evenings at 8:00 pm at the Black Horse.

