

# Epping - Eppingen Town Twinning



## Newsletter February 2011



### Chairman's Notes

Once again, we have had a very active and successful year, and our thanks go to Uschi for her wonderful last three years as Chairman, admirably supported by David. Uschi, together with the support of the full committee, has been so enthusiastic and energetic in her drive to maintain and drive forward the Association which has proved to be very infectious. I hope that I can follow well in her footsteps.

I am pleased that she will continue to take an active role, particularly with the encouragement of new family members and the re-establishment of the Youth Group. On this note, I am pleased to report she has been successful in that the Youth Group is being re-formed with a planned visit to Eppingen by 6 sixteen year olds next July.

Having spoken to the Headmaster at St. John's School, there is an interested movement forward to foster links between the pupils and those of the Realschule in Eppingen. This is a very positive step forward.

I would also like to thank Richard Binfield for his many years of sterling and meticulous service as our retiring Membership Secretary. He has maintained accurate records for most of the life of the Association and has been extremely active in chasing and obtaining our ever needed subscriptions. We wish him all the best.

The year ahead is a busy and exciting one for the Association. We are hosting guests from Eppingen (and from their other twinned towns of Wassy and Szigitvar) in the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Twinning Document here in Epping, on the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October 2011. Is it really 30 years ago?

There is an action packed weekend scheduled, to include a formal ceremony for guests by the kind invitation at Epping Town Hall on the Saturday morning, followed by art exhibition in St. John's Church, a visit to Copped Hall in the afternoon and culminating in a celebratory meal for our membership at Theydon Bois Village Hall. There will be an optional visit to London on Sunday. Full details of this event will be detailed later.

We are also hosting a stand at this years Altstadtfest on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July, an event that is held every 2 years. It is always a lively (and exhausting) festival and we would welcome people to contact us who are interested in participating.

This years AGM was held on 27<sup>th</sup> November last followed by a fascinating talk on the history of the local Gunpowder Mills, expertly and entertainingly given by John Vernon. I wish to thank him for enlightening us all regarding the part the Mills have played not only in our local history but that of the Nation (Guy Fawkes having acquired his gunpowder from this Mill, amongst other national events).



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Barbara has again proudly represented us at this years Christmas Tree Festival in St. John's Church, for which we are very grateful.

You will see from this newsletter that there are many events planned in the forthcoming year and we hope that you will support them fully and enjoy the social events. We are keen to attract new family and younger members as well as new youth members, and if you know of any interested parties, please encourage them to join by explaining the fun and friendships we have all made over the last 30 years, and ask them to contact a committee member or myself for more information.

Lastly, I hope that you all enjoy the forthcoming year, especially the exciting 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in October.

Tony Church

### **30 years of Twinning**

In 2011 the Epping Eppingen twinning association celebrates 30 years since the start of the twinning arrangement with Eppingen in Germany. Visitors from Eppingen will be with us in Epping for the weekend of 14-16 October 2011. On Saturday October 15 we are planning a number of events including a celebration dinner in the evening. We hope that people from Epping who have been associated with the twinning over the 30 years will join us for the dinner and we always welcome new members to the association. We will be looking for host families for this weekend so it would be helpful if people could make a note of this in their diaries. Eppingen is twinned also with a town in France and a town in Hungary and we invite their representatives to join us for the celebrations. We would like to hear from anyone in Epping who speaks Hungarian to help us with any necessary translation. If you have any questions at this stage please contact Lis Goodwin on 01992 812083 or by E-mail on [lisgoodwin@btinternet.com](mailto:lisgoodwin@btinternet.com).

## Christmas Tree Festival

Once again we took part in the Christmas Tree Festival at St Johns Church, Epping.

The tree was mainly decorated with scrolls giving the music and words to

'Stille Nacht' and 'O Tannenbaum'. German biscuits and pretzels were added to give an extra flavour! We hope that the tree conveyed a feeling of Christmas in Germany. Thanks to Humphrey for producing the scrolls.

Barbara Lane

## AGM 2010 Report

The AGM was held on Saturday November 27<sup>th</sup>. 31 Members attended. Uschi reported on a successful year and said that it was a sad evening for her as she stood down as Chairman. She was thanked by Letitia for her three years of unstinting hard work for the association and she hoped that Uschi would continue to be a member of the committee. Uschi was presented with some flowers and a gift.

We also lost two committee members this year. Kirsty Simpson has moved from Epping and found it difficult to get to meetings. She was thanked for her contributions, especially to the Language Course. Richard Binfield stepped down after 16 years on the committee, latterly as Membership Secretary. He was thanked for his meticulous record keeping and diligence in collecting subs.

The Treasurer reported that there had been a small deficit over the year but our balance remains healthy. However, we would need member's support for fundraising events in the coming year to fund our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

The following were elected to the committee:

President	Letitia Berry
Vice Presidents	Denys Favre, Ralph Dulwich, Humphrey Wheeler, John Spencer
Chairman	Tony Church
Vice Chairman	Lis Goodwin
Hon Secretary	Barbara Lane
Hon Treasurer	David Goodwin
Hon Social Secretary	Vicki Corbett
Membership	Humphrey Wheeler
Publicity	Humphrey Wheeler
Committee Members	Sylvia Spencer Daphne Jenkins Uschi Jesson Birgit de Kretzer

Following the AGM, we enjoyed a supper and a talk by John Vernon on 'The Gunpowder Mills.' Waltham Abbey

## Quiz Night Report

In October last year, members enjoyed a quiz devised by Barbara Lane. The President's team, consisting of Gertrud Baehr, Roger and Letitia Berry, Roger and Rosie Hipkin, Peter Irons, Anne Munro and Roger Payne were the winners, and proceeds went to the Association's funds.

## Letters to the Editor

I have spoken to several of our members and am pleased to say that some that have moved away are still in contact with their friends in Germany.

Tony and Sandy Lamberti tell me that they still see the Reimolds and that they came over to England and stayed with them down at Hayling Island.

Paul and Mary Simons who moved away some 22 years ago are really involved with Germany and are God Parents to two children over there.

If you have any news such as this please drop me an E-mail

## Epping Town Show 19<sup>th</sup> June 2011

As a local Association, we are keen to give our support to Epping Town Council with regard to local events. We are looking for Marshalls to assist with this years Town Show which is being held at Stonards Hill Recreation Ground on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

If you can spare some time, even a few hours, we would be pleased to hear from you and you may even get to wear a uniform!



In consideration of our help to the Town Council, they will give us reciprocal support for our forthcoming events, more particularly the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations in October.

We would appreciate as much support as you are able to give and would be grateful if you could contact us for more information.

Tony Church

## Neighbourhood Watch Day

There will be an exhibition in the Town Hall St Johns Road on Saturday 5th March at which the association will be taking part.

The idea of this day is to make the people of Epping aware that Epping is a community and to that end we and other clubs and associations will be showing what we do as part of that community.

Do come along and make Epping an even better place to live with a greater sense of community.



Opening times are 9am till 4pm

## Gaming Evening

This evening is a chance to try your hand at the gaming table without loosing your shirt. Vouchers will be supplied to enable you to play the tables and there will be prizes for the best luckiest punters.

Food and refreshments supplied at a modest cost of £5.00 sounds like a great fun evening to me. Tickets from Vicky name and telephone number supplied. Details to follow.

## Townsperson of the Year Award

At the Town Mayor's "At home" on Friday February 18th, the Town Mayor, Cllr Olive Dunseath, presented the award for Townsperson of the Year to June O'Brien, who has served the town for many years in several different capacities. She has been a Town Councillor, District Councillor and organiser of the Evergreen Club, the successor to the Darby and Joan Club.

June was also Secretary of the Epping-Eppingen Association for many years, and was, among other things, responsible for organising the Epping contribution to the international art exhibition which was held in Eppingen during the celebrations for the thousand year festival in 1985.

## May Fayre Swaines Green

Another fun day, this time at Swaines Green, to get there go to Lower Swaines playing field and follow the signs. The great thing is that its free but there will be things to buy and you can even try to put a pin in the map to find an elusive German town with a £25 prize for the nearest. Just turn up !! On 30th April

Tony Church

## Magic Evening

An evening to relax and meet friends old and new, food is supplied and you will be amazed by the magic tricks performed before your very eyes, "how do they do that" you will say. Unfortunately you will have to wonder as being true magicians they will not tell you their secrets.

This will be on Saturday 18th June at the Catholic Hall Epping starting at 7.00pm with food served by willing helpers.

Cost £12.50 tickets from Vicky or Committee members

Bring your own drinks

## Altstadtfest 2011

Work is in hand to put together our stand at this years Eppingen Festival, more details later.

## 30th Anniversary Proposed Celebrations

Assume arrival Friday 14th October 2011

Main day of celebration Saturday 15th October 2011

Timetable:

10.00 Event in Epping Hall: Speeches plus Epping Forest Band

11.00-11.30 Coffee

11.30 Opportunity to visit an art exhibition in St John's Church

14.30 Visit to Copped Hall

19.00 Exhibition, meal and entertainment in Theydon Bois Village Hall

Sunday 16th October 2011

9.20 St John's Church Service will have a twinning theme.

11.00 Visit to London for those who wish

Note: This is only an outline and may change.

## Forthcoming Events



Join in  
The Fun

### Neighbourhood Watch Day

5th March 2011

### May Fayre Swaines Green

30th April 2011

### Gaming Evening

7th May 2011

### Language Course in Eppingen

1st to 8th June 2011

### Magic Evening

18th June 2011

### Epping Town Show

19th June 2011

### Altstadtfest

23rd and 24th July 2011

### Tennis Club Visit to Epping

August 2011

### Quiz Night

17th September 2011

### Twinning Anniversary

14th—16th October 2011

## Contacts

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## What would you like to see in your News Letter?

Any ideas please to Humphrey

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## Eppinger Stadtanzeiger

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### Time to relax when in Eppingen

The old timber framed building standing on the market place in Eppingen is a favourite place for twinnners to meet and pass a few relaxing hours away. The Pension is run by



Herman Schaefer who serves a selection of Italian ice cream. if the weather is unkind he has room for 35 people inside and also has Guest bedrooms available.

### Fachwerkpfad Eppingen

The old part of Eppingen is best known for its timber framed builds dating back to the 10th century and have, over the past few decades, been lovingly restored.

To celebrate the work an area has been put aside showing examples of the type of wooden joints that have been used.



### Quote from the Stadtanzeiger

In the summer of 2002 a framework path in Eppingen was constructed. At nine stations elements from the framework construction are represented as well as functions and technical refinement of the elements explained. The footpath between the station and the old part of town becomes thus the Eingangstor (Gateway) into the historical part of Eppingen.



Subscribers to the project were the city marketing association, the homeland friends Eppingen, the carpenter's workshop Mack & Fischer, Hans Weilguni, which carved the ornaments worked affectionately, and not least the sponsors, who donated in each case 2,000 euros for one of the works. On the one hand it acts as an pathway for tourists visiting the old part of the town. On the other hand it gives those interested in the construction an insight into how the framework was made

### E-mail Contacts

The association have embarked on a new contact method to enable our membership to be kept up to date on a more regular basis. Two e-mails have already been sent, if you did not receive one and have an e-mail address please send me details and I will add you to the list.

The Association runs a language course each year in conjunction with the German Association. One year, we will visit Eppingen where a course is held for learning German at all levels and therefore beginners are welcome. The participants are hosted and the course is for only part of the day so that you can practise what you have learnt whilst socialising and taking in the local sights. This always proves popular and is very entertaining, as well as educational. Last year the trip was extended to include a few days excursion to Dresden.

On the alternate year, we host a similar course in Epping, giving the German members a chance to improve on their English. Again, this is well attended and involves entertainment and some sightseeing. We are always looking for people to help host our guests and join in with the merriment.

We are being hosted by our German friends this year from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 8<sup>th</sup> June inclusive. If you are interested in being involved with either next years course in Epping, or this years course in Eppingen, please contact us for more information.

### Eric Pretz Former Burgermeister at 70

On Sunday, 9 January the former mayor of Eppingen Erich Pretz celebrated his 70th Birthday. The present mayor Klaus Holaschke held an official reception for him. Many companions of the former Eppinger mayor were invited to the town hall for the celebration. "Today we would like to thank you again expressly for the way you carried out your duties for the town during your 24-year term of office" said Herr Holaschke "You left many traces in Eppingen. We can look on a well ordered city", said Holaschke.

Erich Pretz was born in the former Yugoslavia and was at the age of 25 selected in 1966 as mayor into the municipality of Eltershofen, later in Untermünkheim and Enslingen. This office he held for 14 years. On 1 April 1980 Pretz was elected mayor of Eppingen following mayor Rüdiger Peuckert.



The number of inhabitants has risen since 1980 by over 6.000. A high point in his vocational life was on 1 January 2002 Eppingen was made a large district town by Minister of the Interior Dr. Thomas Schäuble. In Eppingen during his term of office 125 million euros were invested in town projects.

Holaschke went on to say how the town had progressed during the years which Pretz was at the helm. In acknowledgment of his services Pretz in 1991 received the coat of arms plate of the city Eppingen and in 2004 the service medal of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Holaschke expressed the thanks of the whole community to Erich Pretz for his life achievement as mayor.

Hope to see you at some of our events  
Humphrey Wheeler  
Editor