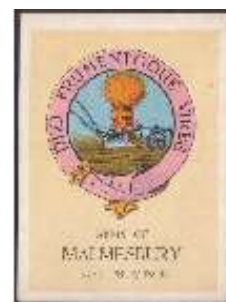




# Malmesbury and District Twinning Association Newsletter



## APRIL EDITION

Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2008. This will be a short edition, as its main purpose is to inform you of the arrangements for the visit to Malmesbury of our friends from Gien. Please read the attached information sheet.

## NEWS UPDATE

A quick thank you to all those who came to the annual Twinning Supper. It was a most enjoyable evening, and very well attended. As usual our bevy of cooks produced a super meal of 3 courses, each featuring the cuisine of one of our twin towns. So many people had generously donated raffle prizes that almost everybody went home with a prize! Over £300 was raised for Association funds.

The visit to Gien in January by the students from Malmesbury school was very successful. They enjoyed trips to Sully, Orleans, and Paris, as well as spending a morning in a local school. They were also set the challenge of interviewing people in the street about their views of England - a daunting task indeed! Thank you to the Gien Twinning Committee who kindly treated the whole group to a meal in the local crêperie.

A return visit took place at the end of January when 9 students and 2 teachers from Gien, accompanied by members of their twinning committee, were hosted by Malmesbury school. The French students visited Oxford,

Bath, and London. They also spent a day visiting our local primary schools, and also took part in lessons at Malmesbury school.

The groups really got on well together, and the schools hope in future to extend the age range covered by these exchanges.

We are currently awaiting news of the visit by sixth formers to Niebüll which took place in March.

*Zofia Gale*

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

April	16th-20th
	Official Visit from Gien
May	2nd-5th
	Malmesbury Veteran Football Team ( the "Vets") to visit Gien.
May	am Saturday 10th
	Cake Stall at Malmesbury Market Cross.
May	24th-29th
	Official visit to Niebüll
May	24th
	Stall at St Aldhelm's day Fair. Catch-a-Duck
June	Saturday 21st
	Midsummer Duck Race

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June Saturday 28th  
Barbecue at The Chestnuts, Seagry. 7:30 pm

July tba  
Malmesbury School children to visit Friedrich Paulsen Schule, Niebüll

July Thursday 10th: 7pm  
AGM. Rose & Crown at Lea

July Saturday 12th all day  
Sherston Boules Tournament Return of our friends from Gien. Please support them, and/or our Twinning team "Malmesboulery".

July Monday 28th - 3rd August  
Comice Agricole at Gien

August Sunday 24th  
Stall at Petticoat Lane

September Thursday 18th  
Visit to Gien by Little Somerford Gardening Club. 4-5 days tba

October 10:30am Saturday 27th  
Coffee morning, venue tba.

For further information, please contact committee members.

### PROGRAMME OF VISIT FROM GIEN 2008

We are looking forward to seeing our friends from Gien on Wednesday 16th of April. Thank you very much to all those who have offered to host. We also hope that non-hosting members will join us on the excursions and other occasions. Here follows the programme:

Wednesday 16th 6:00 pm  
•Official Welcome in the Market Room by Town Hall, about 1 hour.

•Free evening with hosts.

Thursday 17th 10:30am  
Visit to Blenheim Palace. Travel by private car. If you are unable to take your guests, please contact Bryan or Zofia Gale at latest the day before!

•10:30am: Meet at Blenheim Palace main entrance to get group ticket.

•11:00am: Guided tour, with French speaking guide, about 1 hour.

•Please note: Hosts will be responsible for providing guest's meals during the day. You could provide a picnic or use the cafeteria or restaurant.

Hopefully the weather will be kind and you can enjoy the park and gardens.

•Free evening with hosts.

Friday 18th 9:00am  
Visit to Forest of Dean by coach.

•9:15am: Departure from Station Yard, Malmesbury.

•11:00am: Visit Dean Heritage Centre, including lunch.

•2:00pm: Visit to High Nancy bird viewing point, and Mallards' Pike, with Cream tea.

•4:30pm: Depart Forest of Dean.

•6:00-6:30pm: Arrive Malmesbury Station Yard.

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Saturday 19th

Free Day

•6:00pm: Joint Committee meeting with Gien guests at King's Arms.

•7:30pm: Carvery meal followed by Barn Dance at King's Arms, Malmesbury.

Sunday 20th

8:00 am

Depart from Cross Hayes.

For more details, including costs, please find attached Information Sheet.



## MALMESBURY SOUTH AFRICA (SA)

### PRESS RELEASE.

Finally it is going to happen. Following the recent visit to South Africa by 10 students accompanied by Margaret Sutherland (Deputy Head) and John Lambert from Malmesbury School, they have agreed to help bring to the UK, disadvantaged children from Malmesbury South Africa. The trip will coincide with their "Activities week" in July 2008. They will arrive on Thursday 17th and return on Tuesday 29th. The team will be lead by a teacher and assisted by Marguerite Holtzhausen, the Municipality Senior Youth and Community Officer, who was instrumental in organising the last three Sondeza youth camps, to the last two of which we were privileged to send students. Also in the party will be three talented musicians whom the school requested to come over to assist in the arts and music department during this week. The children again had a fantastic time, meeting others from other countries in Africa. They also went to Malmesbury for a day; whilst there they visited the crèche and gave away luxuries like pens

and pencils. I am hoping to obtain with the help of Councillor Simon Killane some lottery funding to go with the monies we already have and that which the school is going to raise. On Friday 14th December I was presented with a cheque for £700.00 from Malmesbury Carnival for the fund. Photograph below.



*Ray Sanderson*

## VISIT TO NIEBÜLL IN MAY

The coaches and flights have been booked. Doreen Campbell has once again produced a unique piece of Malmesbury lacework, to be presented during the visit. For any further information, please contact Mrs Linda Davies.

## WANTED!

We need cakes for the stall at Malmesbury Market Cross on Saturday 10th May.

Please could you help us by contributing? Could you either bring your cakes to the stall by 8:45am that morning, or give them to a committee member the day before?

Health & Safety Note: Please label your cake if it contains nuts!

## MRS MAY MARTIN

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to May, who is moving to Bishop's Waltham soon, and can therefore no longer be secretary to the committee. May has been a wonderful asset to the Association and she will be very greatly missed. The committee would like to

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extend their thanks for all her hard work, and wish her every happiness in the future.

The committee is, of course, now in need of a new secretary! Anyone interested, please contact any committee member.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2007/8

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