



## Trowbridge/Leer Twinning Association Newsletter March 2019



**(l-r) Cllr John Knight and Mayor Dennis Drewett congratulate in-coming Chair-man Clarence Benbow.**

At the AGM in March Clarence Benbow was voted onto the Committee as Chairman of the Trowbridge/Leer Twinning Association (TLTA). He thanked out-going Chairman John Knight "for your marvellous work leading the committee and organising TLTA over the past years. We have enjoyed the socials and our trip to Leer." Clarence lives in Hilperton, works at apetito, plays golf and loves sailing, walking and watching rugby. He also likes making wine and drinking beer.

Clarence's aims for the group are:

- to increase the membership list,
  - raise funds for the group's coffers so that we can host and be hosted in comfort with our German counterparts.
  - Raise awareness of both business and social matters involving TLTA and our contacts with both Councils.
  - For all of us to enjoy the coming year ahead.
- He encouraged ideas saying "If anyone has any ideas on what type of social events they would like to attend, please come and talk to me, or email, or text or phone."

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### Website

It was agreed at TLTA's committee meeting that a website should be set up and [www.tlta.co.uk](http://www.tlta.co.uk) has been established and is in the process of being fully operational. Check it out. It includes an email facility including [info@tlta.co.uk](mailto:info@tlta.co.uk) for all general enquiries which Michael Brain will monitor.

### Bristol trip



**TLTA committee members took their German visitors on a boat trip around Bristol harbour and canal.**

Visitors from Leeraner Stadartnerschaftsverein (LSPV) attended Trowbridge's annual Civic Dinner in March. The next day they enjoyed a sunny trip to Bristol's harbour area taking a boat ride first and then inspecting SS Britain, a tall sailing ship from days of yore.



**Leer trip 2018**  
Some of the ladies swapped cooking hints and Birgitta gave Anne a pastry making lesson.

A coachload of TLTA members visited the Gallimarkt last year and had a week long fun time. Their German hosts arranged visits to a castle, park, town architecture and even a local ship builder that makes cruise ships even though 15 miles of river separate the town from the sea.



**Clarence Benbow, Michael Brain and Linda Self enjoyed the 1960s theme party last year at Doug and Marj's.**



**Town Crier Trevor Heeks and Mayor Dennis Drewett enjoyed the Civic Dinner with their german guests Ulf, Claudia, Hauke, Ute and Steffi.**

**Intended dates for the Diary**

A list of events to be held this year has been drawn up and are being organised. More details will be put on the website and sent to members soon. Please let the Secretary, Linda Benbow, know if you are interested in attending particular events, especially the **30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations here in July** and those to be held in **Leer in October**. This is for planning purposes and is only a 'register for intent' plea, it is understood that you cannot make a commitment until further details are given.

**March** – Committee meeting on 20 March, Website set up 21 March, Newsletter sent to members end of March

**April** – Beetle Drive. Venue to be confirmed.

**May** – Skittles evening. Venue to be confirmed.

**June** – Car Boot Sale selling donations from members. / Cheese and Wine party

**July** – 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of TLTA, 19-22 July.

*Fri* – BBQ. Location to be arranged.

*Sat* – Evening meal and entertainment at Civic Hall.

*Sun* – Civic Service at St James Church at 11.00am. Afternoon/evening entertainment TBC

*Mon* – Lunch. Venue to be arranged.

**August** – family Horse Race Night with dice and cut-out racers. Requires at least 30 people to play to make a success of the evening.

**September** – canal boat trip. TBC,

**October** – Visit to Leer. Pre Gallimarkt party on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>. Gallimarkt opens Wed 9-13 Oct.

Invitation from Leer is for TLTA and other past Trowbridge contacts including Trowbridge Arts, Cloth Road Artists, Avon Valley Runners, Trowbridge Fairtrade Group and Dorothy House Foundation.

**November** – Party at Doug & Marjorie's home.

**December** – Christmas Party

**January** – TBA

**February** – Annual Dinner at Lovemead

**March** - AGM

*Suggested 'likes' include:* Quiz Night, a sponsored walk. Any suggestions from members?