

# *Twinning News*

*Winter 2016-17*

*a snapshot from the Twinning Association of Rushmoor*



**Farnborough Sixth Form jazz band 'Sixth Spice' performing in Meudon in December**

**Ben Dowsett, Curriculum Manager for Music commented,** *"Our musical links started with Meudon back in 2011 and now playing at the Christmas markets is something that students look forward to every year. It is a chance for them to demonstrate their performance skills to the local dignitaries as well as perform with people from Meudon. These strong links will certainly not be affected by BREXIT!"*

*The trip would not have been possible without the support and organisational skills of Susanne Gremillet and the host families. Special thanks must also be given to her husband Yves and ex-Farnborough student Bennett Soundy (now living and working in Meudon having performed as part of the College jazz band a few years ago), who organised the loan and set up of the instruments."*



**Explaining what the weekend meant to her, Alicia Rockall, vocalist in 'Sixth Spice', commented** *"The tour to Meudon was incredible! Not only was it amazing to busk for a live audience and be immersed in the French culture, but my improvisation skills were put to the test and I learnt so much from the French musicians during our jam session! A highlight of the trip for me was performing with my friends after we'd put so much hard work into the rehearsals; it was a weekend I won't forget!"*



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With the aim of improving French writing and speaking skills, links were set up in 2015 for Fernhill Secondary School with a secondary school in Meudon. Mrs Nadine West, French teacher at Fernhill Secondary School, Farnborough reports:



### **Fernhill Secondary School Farnborough Exchange with Collège Rabelais in Meudon**

*In 2015-16, as part of the twinning between Rushmoor and Meudon, Year 7 students from Mandela House and students from Class 6G from Collège Rabelais in Meudon exchanged letters. This year, our exchange is taking place between students from Year 9 (9a Fr1) and students from Class 4G from Rabelais.*

*So far, students have already exchanged letters and are now*

*working on a podcast project. Fernhill students have prepared a presentation about themselves and their favourite gadgets and are looking forward to listening to their French counterparts' presentations. They have also sent their French pen pals a Christmas card and are looking forward to continuing the exchange in the New Year.*

*November 2016*



### **Herzlichen Glückwunsch!**

The winning picture at Farnborough Camera Club's 75th anniversary exhibition in Princes Mead, Farnborough in January 2017 comes from Oberursel.

FCC's partner club in Oberursel, Photo-Cirkel, submitted 10 photos for the exhibition and it was this one by Karl-Heinz Weber that won the public vote.



Flying the flag for Rushmoor,  
**Cactus Brass** on tour in Oberursel.  
December 2017.

Linda Somers writes: *"Cactus Brass were delighted to take part once again in the Oberursel Christmas festivities, performing around the tree each evening, for the Twinning Association both at their stall and at a farewell event for Andrew Lloyd, at retirement homes and of course around the bars for our beer - zum Adler and the Brauhaus being our favourite haunts. If there is any resident of Oberursel who did not hear us with our selection of festive music they must have been on holiday! In all, over the 2½ days we performed on 10 occasions and still had time to catch up with old friends, eat, drink and make merry. We are very grateful to Andrea Einig in particular for arranging over half of our performance opportunities.*

*The members of the group who performed on this occasion were Andrea Day, Gaynor Popplestone, Linda Somers, Anthony Green, James Alcroft, Ray Somers and Stephen Osborne."*

For more details of twinning events, please see our  
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## Rushmoor Visitors' Corner .....



**FAST (the Farnborough Air Sciences Trust)** was founded in 1993 to safeguard Farnborough's priceless aeronautical heritage. It works to preserve and promote Farnborough's great heritage in aviation science - an important educational resource and an internationally significant part of the nation's scientific progress. A visit to the FAST Museum in Farnborough is essential!

**Members of Meudon's English language circle "Tea & Chat" with their exchange partners in Rushmoor's Rendezvous on the steps of St Michael's Abbey with organist Neil Wright. October 2016**



Members of Rushmoor's French language circle, Rendezvous, hosted their visitors in October and among the group's activities was a visit to Salisbury and Stonehenge. In Farnborough, the group went to church harvest services, an organ concert at St Michael's Abbey (above), a harvest supper with Scottish country dancing and the trip ended with a day's sightseeing in London. The return trip will be to Meudon and the Loire Valley in June this year.



**Andrew Lloyd, Chief Executive of Rushmoor Borough Council, being presented with the Badge of Honour by Oberursel's Mayor, Hans-Georg Brum.  
December 2016**

In view of Andrew Lloyd's announcement that he would retire in February 2017, Oberursel bestowed on him one of its highest honours, the Badge of Honour. This was in recognition of Andrew Lloyd's unfailing friendship and support for the partnership link between Rushmoor and Oberursel.

### **Some of the forthcoming events for spring/summer 2017**

- 17 students studying German at Farnborough Sixth Form College will spend a week with their Oberursel exchange partners in Oberursel. Return visit by Oberursel students to Rushmoor will be in June.
- About ten athletes from Rushmoor running clubs will participate in this year's Fun Runs in Meudon.
- A member of Rushmoor's Twinning Association has been asked to run a workshop at the British-German Association Conference at Bristol's City Hall.
- Cove FC is planning to send an U12 team to Oberursel to take part in an international youth football tournament.
- Oberursel's annual Brunnenfest - members of Rushmoor's Twinning Association mans a beer/cider/whisky stall.
- Some 20 members of Rendezvous will visit their partner club in Meudon.
- Oberursel's Wine Festival -Rushmoor residents are always welcome.
- 12 members of Oberursel's Twinning Association will be visiting Rushmoor and staying with Rushmoor Twinning Association members.