

# Bathford with Kingsdown Twinning Links with Artannes

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## Newsletter June 2003

Dear Supporters,

There is a lot to tell you this month about the activities of our twinning activities with Artannes.

I will start by explaining why there is a different format to this newsletter. Tony Woodcock our newsletter editor and secretary was taken ill last week and now, although things seem fine, he intends to take it easy for the next few weeks. He is then off with Anne to France for 3 months to be on hand while their daughter gives birth to twins and should be back with us again in November. I am sure that you will join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Secondly, you will see a change in the title, to include Kingsdown. Sixteen of our members/supporters live in Kingsdown, three of whom are members of our committee. The decision to include Kingsdown in the name is in recognition of the significant interest and involvement from their community.

### Visit by group from Artannes 5-8 July 2003

You will find a copy of the programme attached to this newsletter. The programme reflects our desire to give a balance between large group activities and time for hosts and their guests to get to know each other and allow our visitors the opportunity to pursue some of their own interests.

Items in blue on the programme are open to all residents of Bathford and Kingsdown and their friends. There will be a charge for some of these. Tickets are available from [Richard Hathway, tel 852124](#) and [John Lees tel 859508](#).

We anticipate that we will sell out of tickets for the event at the Parish Rooms on Saturday night so you should book early for this.

Other events are restricted to hosts, committee members and all helpers. These are in green on the programme. Tickets are also required for some of these. Again contact Richard or John.

Final visitor numbers will be confirmed w/c 9 June, however at this stage we are anticipating around 24 people including 4 children ages 10-16. We have already had volunteers for hosting but it would be good to have some reserves - particularly if you would not mind having a young person as well as their parent. I am co-ordinating hosting - please ring me ([Maureen Breeze](#)) on [852444](#) if you are prepared to be added to our list as a reserve host. I will be contacting all people hosting our visitors by the end of the week commencing 9 June.

We will need help over the weekend whether you are a host or not. Here is a list of tasks:

#### Friday night 4 July

Decorating the Parish Rooms. [Tony Evans](#) is co-ordinating - tel [859132](#). Small bunches of flowers, bunting, flags or anything else appropriate would be welcome as well as some willing hands to help set it up!

#### Saturday morning 5 July

Assistance in setting up and serving coffee in the Parish Rooms - time required ~ 10.15-11.30am. Contact [Anne Woodcock, 859132](#) or [Jan Hooker, 858338](#).

#### Saturday evening 5 July

Assistance with social event, Parish Rooms

**Cooks** to help prepare food. This would be gratefully appreciated. Tel. any of the catering team - [Jan Hooker, 858338](#); [Anne Woodcock, 859132](#); [Emmanuelle Ginn, 858385](#); [Maureen Evans, 859415](#); [Pam Priston, 743499](#).

We would also like help in organising the 'bar', and on the door taking tickets. Any volunteers for these jobs, contact John Lees, [859508](#).

## **Sunday evening 6 July**

### **Hosts for safari supper**

This will be a meal for small groups 6-8 people (including hosts) where each course is taken in a different home. We need hosts for starters, main courses and desserts. A small contribution towards food costs will be made. Colin and Pam Priston are organising the logistics of this. We would be glad if you could help. Please call [Pam or Colin on 743499](tel:743499) for further information.

## **Monday evening 7 July**

There will be a fish and chip supper at Church Farm, by kind permission of Anne and Philip Harris. For dessert we need volunteer cooks to prepare tray-bakes - brownies, chocolate shortbread, flapjack or anything similar. Can you help? Contact any member of the catering team above if so.

Any other questions or issues/volunteers of help etc., please contact myself ([Maureen Breeze](tel:852444)) on 852444.

## **Bathford Video**

The twinning committee is in the process of producing a video of the village. It is being made by a professional video maker. We hope that it will be ready by the end of the summer and will be available for sale. More details of this later.

## **Artannes' links with Roccastrada**

Artannes became formally twinned with a small town Roccastrada, in Umbria, Italy over the last weekend in May. John Lees, myself and my husband Nick, were guests at the ceremony. It was a colourful and musical affair with over 130 Italians travelling to Artannes for the event!

Also there was a small delegation from a village in the Rhine wine producing region of Germany called Zeiskam who are formally twinned with Roccastrada. This opens up the possibility in the fullness of time, to extend our relations to both of these other communities. We had a very clear sense that Zeiskam had a lot in common with Bathford. Watch this space....!

## **French Conversation Classes**

Under the competent tuition of John Lees, two French conversation classes are currently underway with almost 20 participants. These taster courses run for 6 weeks and then take a break for the summer. It is hoped to restart in September with the beginners classes and a more advanced class. Anyone interested should call [John Lees tel 859508](tel:859508).

## **Web site**

A few changes have been made to the site, so it might be worth another look. The site address is [www.bathfordtwinning.org.uk](http://www.bathfordtwinning.org.uk)

And finally...

## **Visit to Artannes October 2003** (Exact dates to be confirmed)

We currently have over 20 Bathford residents signed up. We will go for 3-4 nights during the half-term week at the end of October. We will confirm the dates by the end of July. If you are not yet signed up and would like to add your name to the list, please ring me.

With kind regards

Maureen Breeze

Chair, Bathford with Kingsdown Twinning Committee

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## Visit to Bathford and Kingsdown by group from Artannes 5- 8 July 2003

Approx 09.00	<b>SAT 5 JULY</b> French Group arrives at the Crown Inn. (Time depends on ferry times.)
11.00	After greeting, guests depart with host families for breakfast, settle in, unpacking etc. <i>Assemble at Parish Rooms, Formal Welcome. Notices &amp; Arrangements.</i>
12.00	Lunch with host families. Over lunch, discussion with guests their preference for a visit or outing locally. Eg's. walk around Bathford for new visitors (nb. it is the school fête that day and the Bathford cricket team are playing on the Folly field), Bradford on Avon, walk along Kennet and Avon Canal, Dyrham Park etc etc.. Hosts will then transport and entertain their guest for the rest of the afternoon until taking them to the evening event.
19.30	<i>'BATHFORD MEETS ARTANNES' - Social event with entertainment, including supper &amp; glass of wine - Entry free to French visitors, by ticket sales to locals (£6 adults, £3 children).</i>
09.30	<b>SUN 6 JULY</b> <i>Leave for Avebury. On arrival, tour stone circles and various other places of interest in the village.</i>
12.30	<i>Arrive at the Oddfellows Arms, Manton, near Marlborough. Lunch - 2 courses plus coffee £11 per adult (reduced rate for children). Everyone to pay.</i>
14.00	Free choice Possibilities: Marlborough. Look round town and buildings of interest Bowood House and gardens Corsham, walk round village and park of Corsham Court Laycock, walk round village and visit Abbey etc etc <b>Or</b> return directly to Bathford
19.00	Set out on Safari Supper. 3 course meal, each course in a different home. Assemble in one venue for coffee at end - probably 24 Church Street - Richard & Jill Wallis or Parish Rooms if weather bad. No charge for French visitors. (£4 adult and £2 child for locals)
09.30	<b>MON 7 JULY</b> <i>Leave for Bath. Assemble in front of Abbey at 10.00</i> <i>Optional visit to Roman Baths. Entry fee to be paid individually.</i>
11.30	<i>Optional walking tour led by John Lees ending with visit inside Bath Abbey.</i>
12.30	Lunch - free choice to be taken independently
Approx 16.00	Afternoon at leisure to explore Bath/go shopping etc. Return to hosts
17.30	Meeting to discuss future plans - for small group of committee members
18.30	<i>'Sports day' style fun activities at Church Farm - outside in field or in barn if wet.</i>
20.00	<i>Fish and Chip supper at Church Farm, in barn or outside, depending on weather.</i> <i>Brian Tilley's musical entertainment after the supper. No charge for French visitors, by ticket sales to locals (£6 adult, £3 child).</i>
	<b>TUES 8 JULY</b> Departure times to be advised. Send-off from the Crown. If group do not need to leave until late morning, something appropriate will be organised - a possibility is that the group could be escorted them to Salisbury for short look around.

**It is essential to book for all events** to ensure that we get catering numbers accurate.

Booking via Richard Hathway - tel. 852124 email [Richard.Hathway@Ivensys.com](mailto:Richard.Hathway@Ivensys.com)

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