

Epsom and Ewell Town-Twinning Association



Twinned with Chantilly, France

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We are delighted to introduce the new Mayor of Epsom and Ewell, Councillor Humphrey Reynolds, who will be our Honorary President for this year. Obviously the current situation has made it impossible for him to meet us in person, but I understand that he and the Mayoress, Mrs Gillian Reynolds, are great Francophiles and we look forward to welcoming them at our events when conditions allow. In the meantime, the Mayor has kindly indicated that:

‘It is a great honour to be President of the Town-Twinning Association during my Mayoral year, especially as it is the 25th anniversary of Twinning between Epsom & Ewell and Chantilly. The current situation will change in time, and when it does, I look forward to meeting supporters of twinning on both sides of the Channel.’

So far activities have been restricted to low key outings such as inspecting the swans at Bourne Hall, when this photo was taken, courtesy of E&EBC. For further information please see: <https://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/council/mayor-epsom-and-ewell>.

Meanwhile.....

Our usual local activities have also been curtailed, so we are trying some virtual meetings via Zoom, starting with



Bastille Day Zoom Meeting



There is still time to sign up for our **Apéritif Virtuel** on Tuesday 14th July at 6pm for up to one hour. Please contact Anne Richardson on anne@epsomtwinning.com and she will send you a Zoom invitation.

We would like you to come to the meeting with a glass of fizz (alcoholic or otherwise) and a suggestion for a canapé one might serve for the celebration. You will learn a little about the history and origins of the celebrations and what they do in France. There will be introductions to each other, and we are hoping that members of the Comité de Jumelage de Chantilly will be able to join us. We hope to have time for you to talk in French if you wish, and translation will be available if you need it.

The Twinning Committee met on Zoom on 29 June – We were only able to speculate on when we might be able to return to the Town Hall for our meetings, including the AGM, and to mark the start of our 25th anniversary of twinning with Chantilly, starting at the end of September, when the charter was signed in Chantilly. Any joint celebration with Chantilly is deferred to next Spring, and ideas include a stall in the marketplace, a day at the races, golf, bowls and pétanque matches, marching bands and a car rally.

This was followed by a link up with the Chantilly committee on 7 July – We were delighted to meet a new committee member, a retired trainer, Tony Clout who is keen to help with any racing activities. In all, three newly elected councillors plan to take an active interest in twinning. We are to decide the scale and possible content of our part of the anniversary celebrations in good time for them to plan a visit.

See over for FUTURE EVENTS:-

Epsom Rotary Lockdown Garden Photo Competition – During the last few months many of us have turned to gardening to help us through. The by-product is that many of us now have lovely gardens. Epsom Rotary would like to see the transformation so, please send pictures of your garden!! We have built into this a competitive element and the competition opened on Monday 25th May and closes on 31st July 2020

You can do this by going to the web page www.woobox.com/pwpqtj , clicking on Enter and filling in your details and uploading your photo. You can also view entries and vote! There is **no entry fee** for the competition, but **if you can spare a pound or two** it would be nice if you supported our charities by going to our [JustGiving page](http://www.justgiving.com) . <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/gardenphotos> . The judge will be the MD of Garden Genies and our prizes have been donated by "The Old Moat Garden Centre".

Closing date 31 July. See epsomrotary.uk

Epsom and Chantilly Rotary Clubs are planning a joint quiz evening via Zoom, questions compiled and vetted by both sides!

We are invited to join in. Details will follow.

Other things you which might interest you:-

How about a Zoom talk on a topic of mutual interest in English or French? Maybe one of Caroline Baldock's fascinating tales about local racing history, full of lesser known facts and intrigue?

Other activities either virtual or suitably distanced in the immediate future or, looking ahead, in conjunction with our anniversary celebration or other occasion. Coffee shops are opening up, other groups may offer something of interest to our members..... **Would you be willing to organise something?**

25th Anniversary of Twinning with Chantilly 2021

In 2021 we intend to celebrate with Chantilly, after the virus has been controlled. Please let us know if you are interested in helping with organising a boules competition, golf match, marching bands, or horse racing.

And finally...

A Correspondent in Chantilly - Would any of you ladies, perhaps fairly recently retired and active, be interested in a link with a similar lady from Chantilly twinning who wants to develop her knowledge of English and England, and maybe exchange visits, etc, in due course? **Contact Diana for more information.**

Please keep in touch with us and keep safe. **The Twinning Committee**

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