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**TWINNING ASSOCIATION**  
**OF RUSHMOOR**

# ANNUAL REPORT

2018

## Foreword by Alison Boukhobza



The Twinning Association of Rushmoor continued its core work in promoting, supporting and assisting local organisations to establish and maintain links with Rushmoor's partner towns.

2018 saw a very welcome 22% rise in the number of events and activities involving Rushmoor's twin towns. Support from local politicians and Brexit have helped to rekindle interest and promote the value of having international partnerships, which is so often misunderstood.

European links and friendships bring many benefits to students and young people in particular, and as long as those links remain strong and secure, they can provide inspiring and exciting opportunities, which may not be available otherwise.

On behalf of the Association, I would like to thank all the volunteers and members of the community who continue to contribute such valuable support.

Look out for us on:



The Twinning Association's purpose is to facilitate and support European links for local clubs, schools and organisations. It is an independent organisation and meets six times a year to review and plan activities. All of its members are volunteers, supported by one part-time member of staff.

Any Rushmoor resident, member of a club, organisation, society or school can become a member and have a say in twinning activities and how they are organised.

The Association receives no funding and relies solely on its own efforts to fundraise and bid for grants.



The Twinning Association raised £2027 of which £550 was used to help hosting groups visiting Rushmoor, and assisting young people to participate in a visit to a twin town.

## SOME HIGHLIGHTS

Many visits and exchanges took place over the year (an average of 2.5 per month), with direct participation of at least 300 Rushmoor residents. In half of the events, audiences of many hundreds watched performances or attended events. Members of school communities, sport's clubs, bands, choirs, host families and helpers were also involved.

### *In Rushmoor*



Young visitors from Meudon performed in St Peter's Church, Farnborough alongside choirs from Farnborough Sixth Form College and HawleyHurst School.  
April 2018

Prof. Lieselotte Bieback-Diel attended public readings of her book 'Stolen Childhood' in Farnborough, to which Rushmoor residents had contributed. February 2018



Oberursel's Fountain Queen visited Aldershot to take part in switching on the Christmas lights.  
November 2018

## ***In Sulechów***

Music students from Farnborough Sixth Form College at the Chopin Festival in Sulechów, recording at the RecPublica studio and performing at Trzebień Palace. November 2018



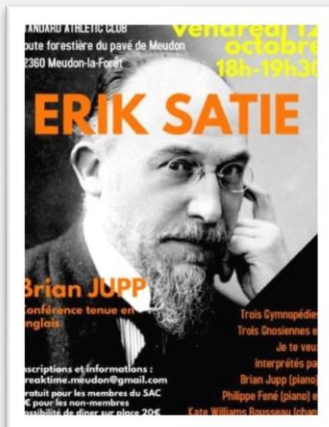
## ***In Meudon***

### **New link**

Hawley Badminton Club in action in Meudon – the Club's debut visit to Meudon. Return exchange planned for May 2019. October 2018



Musicologist, Brian Jupp delivered a lecture on Erik Satie in Meudon. October 2018



Farnborough Sixth Form College's 'The Prospective Jazz Collective' performing in Meudon. December 2018

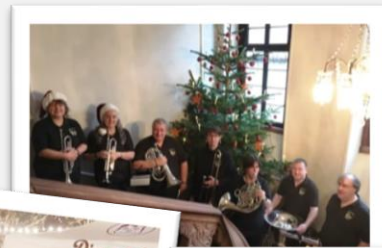




## ***In Oberursel***



**Twinning Association of Rushmoor  
members and friends' visit to Oberursel.  
September 2018**



**Christmas Market in Oberursel –  
Cactus Brass serenading shoppers  
and Team Rushmoor selling English  
Christmas goodies. Dec. 2018**



## **WW1 Centenary remembered**

**in Meudon by  
Veronica Graham-Green,  
Chairman of the Twinning  
Association of Rushmoor**



**in Oberursel by  
Cllr David Clifford,  
Leader of Rushmoor  
Borough Council**



# Value of twinning

This is what people taking part said:

**About The Prospect Jazz Collective trip to Meudon: second year student Sam** said, *"It was a fantastic experience musically, culturally and socially. I made so many new friends, practised my French skills but most importantly had the opportunity to perform the pieces we have been working on for the past month. It was a weekend I won't ever forget!"*

**About Farnborough Sixth Form Sulechów trip: second year student Jennifer** said, *"This is the second time I have attended this music festival, and I have enjoyed the experience even more this year. We were given amazing opportunities to record, perform and listen to professional musicians all while celebrating the music of the great composer Chopin."*

**Ben Dowsett, Curriculum Manager for music** commented, *"It was an intense four days for the students, but as always they performed brilliantly and astounded the audiences. It was also a significant cultural experience for them thanks to the generous welcoming nature of our hosts. I am grateful to The Twining Association of Rushmoor and The Rotary Club for their support with this trip."*

For the full list of current and past twinning events, please look at [www.rushmoortwinning.org.uk](http://www.rushmoortwinning.org.uk).

## Membership



Any resident of Rushmoor or individual interested in twinning can become a member. Application forms can be found and downloaded from [www.rushmoortwinning.org.uk](http://www.rushmoortwinning.org.uk)

## Facebook – Twinning Association of Rushmoor



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