

SUBURB TWINNING WITH LE VESINET

At the beginning of October a group from the Suburb, made up of Chris and Julia Kellerman, Tony Mandelson and Micael Graham-Yooll, spent a weekend near Paris as the guests of the Le Vésinet Twinning Committee, who are enthusiastic to link up with the Suburb. Earlier this year two of their officials came here on a visit.

The two suburbs have a great deal in common. Both are similar in size and are conservation areas (Le Vésinet dates from the 1880s) and they are a comparable distance from the two capitals. However, unlike the Suburb, Le Vésinet is a town in its own right, with a Town Hall, theatre, shopping centre, ice-rink and sports stadium. It is already twinned with Oakwood, outside Dayton, Ohio, with Outremont, a suburb of Montreal, and with Unterhaching which is on the outskirts of Munich.

The main objective of twinning is to give children and young people the opportunity of visiting other countries and to get to know people from other cultures. With Le Vésinet's three existing twins there are regular visits by scouts, guides, sports teams, music groups, schools, etc. Since their two English-speaking twins are in North America, the Twinning Committee has been trying over the last two years to find a suitable partner in England. Both the Trust and the RA believe that twinning with Le Vésinet could be very advantageous for both communities. It would provide a unique opportunity for our youth to learn about France and its people. Le Vésinet is a beautiful suburb, with parks, streams and lakes, and is only 15

minutes by métro from the centre of Paris. Moreover it is ideally placed for visits to Versailles, Malmaison, St Germain en Laye and the Seine Valley.

The delegation from the Suburb was warmly welcomed in Le Vésinet by Raymond Caesar, the Deputy Mayor, and James Veragen, a Councillor. On the Saturday, after a tour of the area there was a working session and lunch attended by 15 members of their Twinning Committee at which various ideas for young people were discussed.

On their return Tony Mandelson and Chris Kellerman arranged a meeting on 25 November with representatives of all organisations on the Suburb who would be interested in participating in the twinning venture and they hope that a number of exchanges of groups and individuals will be organised for next year.

Since twinning with Le Vésinet is to be on a Suburb, rather than Barnet, level it is vital that there is wide-spread support from residents to get the project off the ground. Chris Kellerman, of the Trust, and Tony Mandelson, of the RA (458 2763), would welcome further suggestions for twinning ventures as well as offers of help for getting the idea started. CK



Aerial view shows lakes of Le Vesinet.



James Veragen, Tony Mandelson, Julia Kellerman, Micaela Graham-Yooll and Raymond Caesar.



The party enjoying Monet's garden nearby.



Le Vesinet's Rond Point Royale.



In front of Le Mairie at Le Vesinet.

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WHAT'S ON

RA MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETINGS: 4 Nov, 2 Dec, 6 Jan 1987. 8pm: The Community Room, Bigwood House. VISITORS WELCOME.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
HGS INSTITUTE. Central Square.
October 27-30

Half Term Courses for Juniors: Art, Pottery, Stained Glass, Badminton. Contact The Institute for further details.

HGS Floral Arrangement Club: will not be meeting until further notice.

Music For Fun. Informal Choir. Conductor: Peter Lea Cox. Mondays, 8pm: St Jude's Church. Further details Linda or Phil Rowe 886 0284.

Pavilion Children's Centre: Term ends Thursday 18th December.

Mothers & Toddlers (0-3 yrs) 10am-12 noon every Mon, Tues, Weds & Thurs. 60p per session.

3-5 yrs Fun with Art. Every Mon 2.15pm-3.00pm

3-5 yrs Fun with Dance. Every Weds 2.5pm-3.00pm

3-5 yrs Fun with Music. Every Thurs 2.15pm-3.00pm

Bookings & enquiries through Jill Vicefield: 458 7986.

Christmas Party: Thursday 18th December.

Holiday Fun Workshops: 22, 23 & 29, 30, 31 December.

Bookings & enquiries through Taea Widdall 346 9209.

Youth Music Centre:
Saturdays 9.00am-12.45pm (Half Term 1st Nov)

term ends 6th December with an Orchestral Concert in the Institute Theatre. 13th Dec Students will take part in a sponsored 'busk' at Covent Garden

2.30pm-5.30pm, collections for African Famine Relief.

Children are not only taught, but play in any of the Centres 7 orchestras. Enquiries call the Secretary Elizabeth Kingsley. 907 8018.

OCTOBER

27-30 HGS Institute: Half Term courses for Juniors: Art, Pottery, Stained Glass, Badminton. Contact the Institute for further details.

27 HGS Institute: International Concert: Fou Ts'ong (Piano) 8.00pm. Tickets £4.00 & £2.50. Tel: 202 5625 Ex 56.

28 HGS National Council of Women: St Albans Small Hall. 2.15pm. Speaker: Journalist & Author, Mrs Helen Franks "What the Older Woman Wants".

31 Hallowe'en Fair in aid of St Christopher's Hospice. St Jukes Church Rooms 11am-2pm. Morning Coffee, Wide Variety of Stalls, Lunch Traditional Food. Gifts Welcome.

NOVEMBER

1 St Jukes. All Saints Day. 10am Eucharist.

2 St Jukes. Patronal Festival: 10am Parish Eucharist. 6.30pm Solemn Evensong (Sung)

3 HGS Institute, start of Junior Courses (3 terms): Art, Family Craft, Pottery, Stained Glass. Contact the Institute for further details.

3 HGS Townswomen's Guild. St Jukes Church Rooms 2-4pm AGM. Speaker: Miss M Grainger "Leaves from the Family Tree".

9 St Jukes: Remembrance Day 9.45am Requiem.

9 Free Church. United Remembrance Sunday Service 10.55am. Preacher: Kathleen Slack.

12 HGS Institute Society Arts Group: The Community Room, Bigwood House 8pm. A talk with slides "Art on the Grand Tour" by Mrs Joan Marks.

21 HGS Institute. "Wines of Tuscany". Wine Evening in Tea House, Northway with expert Penny Drinkwater. Contact the Institute for further details.

22 HGS Branch of R.N.L.I. Annual Bring and Buy Sale. Fellowship House 2pm. NO JUMBLE PLEASE.

22 HGS Christmas Craft Fair (Annual Event) Free Church Hall. 10am-5pm.

25 HGS Horticultural Society: Fellowship House. 8pm AGM, New, Old and potential members welcome.

25 HGS National Council of Women. St Albans Small Hall. 2.15pm. Speaker: Mrs Howlett "Operation Raleigh".

29 Free Church: Autumn Bazaar, Free Church Hall. 11.30am-3.30pm.

DECEMBER

1 HGS Institute: International Concert: The Hagen Quartet. 8.00pm. Tickets £4.00 & £2.50. Tel: 202 5625 ex 56.

6 Christmas Craft Fair. Fellowship House. 2pm-6pm by "Sugar 'n Spice".

7 Free Church. International Students Service. 6.30pm.

9 HGS National Council of Women: Christmas lunch at Church Hall, 36 College Crescent. Tickets from Mrs Ruth Cass, 60 Rotherwick Road, NW11 7DB. Tel: 455 1664.

11 HGS Townswomen's Guild, St Jukes Church Rooms. 2-4pm. Speaker: Miss Kathleen Slack "One thing leads to another".

13 HGS Institute: Terms ends.

14 Free Church: Children's Christmas Tree Service. Free Church Hall. 3.00pm.

18 Pavilion Children's Centre. Christmas Party.

21 Free Church. Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. 11.00am

24 St Jukes. Children's Nativity Service 4pm. Midnight Mass 11.30pm.

25 St Jukes. Holy Communion 8am. Sung Eucharist 10am.

25 Free Church. Christmas Services: 8.30am Communion. Family Worship 11am.

22/23, Pavilion Children's Centre. Holiday Fun Workshops for 5-11 year old. Bookings and enquiries Taea Widdall 346 9209.

JANUARY

5 HGS Townswomen's Guild. St Jukes Church Rooms. 2-4pm. Speaker: Mr Stuart Gray "The Suburb".

Deadline for Winter issue out January, December 20, WHAT'S ON to Alan Lawson, 68 Oakwood Road. Please send contributions and letters to the Editor, R. J. Wakefield, 26 Hampstead Way, NW11.