



Friends of Alzey

HARPENDEN GERMAN TOWN TWINNING



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1st March 2022

Liebe Freunde,

We hope that this newsletter finds you well and that many of you have managed to avoid covid. We have several events arranged this year and we hope they can all be in person.

AGM

We would like to thank those of you who joined us at the AGM but did understand that there were some of you that didn't feel comfortable coming along in person. There were 25 members present.

CONVERSATION EVENINGS

We are very pleased that Steve Williams is our new conversation evening co-ordinator and that we will be holding conversation evenings in person once again. Thank you to those hosts who welcome members into their homes to practise speaking German. We hope to welcome more of you to come along and join in with our friendly and relaxed conversations in the coming months (a charge of £1.50 will be made by the host for drinks). If you are able to phone ahead to let your host know of your intention to be there, that would be appreciated but do not be deterred if you don't call ahead. A loose theme will be suggested to get the conversation started. The next Conversation Evenings are scheduled as follows:

HOST	VENUE	DATE	TIME
Susan Vinther (theme: family history)	67 Dalkeith Road AL5 5PP Tel: 01582 622816	Monday 21 st March <i>(note change from Tuesday 22nd)</i>	7.30 - 9pm
Fiona Gaskell	5 Hartwell Gardens AL5 2RW Tel: 01582 461093	Tuesday 19 th April	7.30 - 9pm
Steve Williams	78 Townsend Lane AL5 2RQ Tel: 01582 715878	Wednesday 18 th May	7.30 - 9pm

STAMMTISCH

These meetings are held on the last Saturday morning of each month: members are very welcome to drop in for an hour or so of German conversation at the **Harpenden Arms** from 10am to approximately 11:30 am. The bar staff will direct you to our table. The next one will take place on Saturday, **26th March**. We try to ensure that a committee member is present, but this is not always possible.

SOCIAL EVENINGS

We continue to enjoy our English-speaking social evenings on the second Tuesday of each month. Just turn up from 7:30pm at the Oddfellows Arms in Amenbury Lane. The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, 8th March and after that on Tuesday, 12th April.**

TOWN TWINNING CELEBRATION EVENING – Saturday, 23rd April at 7 p.m.

We are pleased to inform you that we are holding our annual Social Evening this year in person at Park Hall. We would love to see as many of you as possible at this event. This year we are inviting the Friends of Cosne to join us – please also bring your friends or family or neighbours to hear about what we do in town twinning. We have been designated by the British-German Association as one of the most active twinning groups in the country, so we have lots to talk about!

Tickets are priced at £12 each to include a cold plate (see form for options) with salad buffet followed by a choice of desserts and tea or coffee. This is a departure from previous years, and we hope it will be a success. Please apply for tickets **by Monday, 11th April** using the form at the end of the newsletter.

We would be very grateful for offers to make and bring a dish to serve 6- 10 people. If you provide an item, you will be recompensed for this by our Treasurer as soon as possible after the event. Please email Susan Vinther susan@vinther.co.uk with your offer as soon as possible and by 31st March at the latest. We are seeking any of ...

- Quiche Lorraine (or onion tart suitable for vegetarians)
- Green salad
- Potato salad
- Coleslaw
- A typically French or German dessert
- Fruit salad

We will have received notice of meal choices by 11th April and will return to you after this with confirmation of what will be required. THANK YOU!

2022 VISIT of the FRIENDS OF HARPENDEN Thursday 7th July - Monday 11th July

We are looking forward to seeing our friends from Alzey this summer in Harpenden. The Committee has started to prepare for the visit; we intend to stick to the established pattern of an evening arrival on Thursday, a full day group outing on Friday, a day spent with host families on Saturday and finally on Sunday an optional visit to the Highland Gathering then a farewell evening meal at Redbourn Golf Club.

The visitors will depart early on Monday 11th July. Details will follow in due course.

In Alzey and Harpenden we are emerging from a very challenging two years; planning is not as advanced as it would have been by now in normal times, and, in particular, many of our friends in Alzey are still reaching a decision about whether to commit to traveling here in July.

We would be most grateful if you would contact Hayley Young at hayleymyoung@gmail.com

- a) with any arrangement you have made to host a visitor/visitors for this visit
- b) if you were due to have guests in 2020 and are unable to do so now (so we are not left wondering how you are placed)
- c) if you haven't hosted before, or not for some time but might be willing to do so, should a visitor/visitors be without a host.

Thank you.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

A reminder that subscriptions are due by 1st March each year and remain at £5 per household. Forms are added to the end of this newsletter should they be applicable. Many of you already have a standing order set up with your bank and if this is the case no action is required on your part. If you are unsure whether you have a standing order in place, please contact the Treasurer, Andy Young (amcyoung@ntlworld.com).

Payments can also be made by cheque made payable to "Friends of Alzey"
or by online payment, bank details:

Sort code: 30-93-90
Bank account: 00245212
Name: Friends of Alzey

If you wish to pay by cheque, please send it to:

The Treasurer
Friends of Alzey
16 Ashley Gardens
Harpenden AL5 3EY

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We are delighted to welcome Jonathan Bullock as a new member of the Friends of Alzey.

It is with great sorrow that we must inform you of the passing of Julia Cross. Julia was an active member and supporter of the Friends of Alzey for many years. She attended many of our events with enthusiasm

Her funeral will take place at St Nicholas Church at 11.15 on Friday 11th March.



(Julia at our 40th birthday party in Park Hall in 2019).

Alles Gute, on behalf of the committee
Hayley (Newsletter Secretary) and Susan (Chair)



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**CELEBRATION EVENING TO BE HELD ON
SATURDAY 23rd APRIL 2022, at 7 for 7.30 pm
AT PARK HALL**

Name(s): _____ Tel: _____

Email: _____

I/we would like to book tickets for the Celebration Evening at £12 each.

Total payment £ _____ (non-refundable)

Our meal choices are:

MAIN COURSE CHOICE	NAME
Quiche lorraine	
Onion tart (vegetarian)	
Charcuterie plate	
Cheese and terrine plate (vegetarian)	
Vegan terrine with garnish	

Paid by cheque (to 'Friends of Alzey')

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**PLEASE TICK BOX
AS APPROPRIATE**

Please return this form (even if paying electronically), together with any cheque, to:

HAYLEY YOUNG
16 ASHLEY GARDENS, HARPENDEN, AL5 3EY
(01582) 622918
hayleymyoung@gmail.com

Food Allergies (if applicable)

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Tel: _____

Email: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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STANDING ORDER MANDATE

To the Manager	
Bank Name	
Bank Address	
Bank Account Number	
Bank Sort Code	
Please Pay	
Payee Bank Name	Lloyds TSB Bank PLC
Payee Account Name:	Friends of Alzey
Payee Sort Code:	30 – 93 – 90
Payee Account Number	00245212
Payment Amount	£5
Frequency	Annually on March 1 st
First Payment	On receipt of this form
Reference	– _____/Alzey [Enter Surname]
Your details	
Name	
Address	
Signature:	

This form should be completed and forwarded to YOUR OWN BANK