



Bath - Aix-en-Provence Twinning Association Newsletter

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Christmas event



Join us in the Mayor's Parlour
on 11th December at 6.15pm
for our Christmas get-
together.

Bring some food with a
French theme and enjoy
festive company!



**The France Show
- now on Sunday!**

This is the first of our new e-mail newsletters.
We hope you like the format - let us know what you think.
All information about meetings, events, visits to Aix, and visits
by our Aixois friends will be sent to you monthly.

Message from Marian



Chers Amis

Welcome to our first Bath-Aix Twinning e-
news. We hope you will find it interesting
and full of current news about our many
Twinning activities.

This has certainly been a Year of the
Choirs with great visits to Aix from several
Bath choirs, including the Camerata and the Bach choir.
The Mayor led a delegation from Bath to participate in an
international conference in Aix and Isabel de Castro from the
Jumelages joined us for Mayor Making.
We look forward to various visits next year including Les
Seniors to visit us, the Bath Artists to exhibit in Aix for the
first time and the second garden tour next June. We had great
fun when I organised the first visit 2 years ago - details to
follow very soon.

We wish Lesley "bonne route et bonne chance" for the
Marche de Noel at the beginning of December in Aix and are
delighted she will be flying the flag for Bath.
Hope you can come to our Christmas party at 6.15 in the
Mayor's Parlour on 11th December -- we would love to see you.
Tres amities
Marian

Film night



**In response to requests,
the trip to the France
Show is now Sunday 19th
January.**

We will travel by coach, leaving Bath about 9.00am and returning about 8.30pm.

£30 per person will cover return coach fare & entrance to the show. If not enough for a coach, group train travel will be arranged.

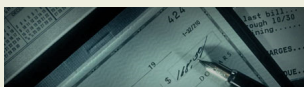
Bath's League de Petanque & 'Fanny Club' will play an exhibition petanque match on the day - come and support!

Please send cheques by 14th December, made payable to C Garratt, with your name and contact number, to:

Chris Garratt
Old Mill Cottage
Deadmill Lane
Lower Swainswick
BATH
BA1 8DE

Click [here](#) for the France Show website

Have you renewed?



If you haven't yet renewed your subscription to the Bath-Aix Twinning Association, please get in touch with the Secretary:

Lesley Hall

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or download the form

[Twinning Association membership form](#)

On September 10th members and friends enjoyed a French Film Night at BRLSI. After our welcome glass of wine we settled down to watch

Seraphine. Made in 2008, it was based on the true story of a French artist who lived in the first half of the 20th century. A poor servant, she secretly painted obsessively using mainly materials found around her - wax from the church candles, plant matter etc. The story of her discovery of course was not a straightforward one, but her work can now be seen in major civic galleries in France. It was a beautiful film, subtle and mesmerising, and appreciated by our audience.

Our next film will be in the Spring.



Bath Bach Choir in Aix

The Bath Bach Choir visited Aix on 25th-28th October at the invitation of the Darius Milhaud Choir and the Twinning Association in Aix. They performed at the Cathedral to great acclaim, and also sang Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday morning. This was followed by a picnic in the woods near Mont Saint Victoire. The choir were received by the Mayor of Aix at a civic reception where gifts were exchanged, and tributes paid to all concerned. Click [here](#) for a report of the visit (in French) on the Aix Jumelages website



Gardens tour 2014

Marian McNeir will be organising another Gardens Tour to Aix in June 2014 - here are a few photographs from the last tour.



Christmas market



Your Secretary, Lesley Hall, will be returning to the Twinning Christmas Market in Aix for the second year, selling Christmas cake, puddings, mince pies, chutney and tea. Let's hope the French are ready for such treats!

[Aix Twinning Christmas Market](#)

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New Constitution

As Secretary of the Bath-Aix Twinning Association I have been working with the secretaries of the other Associations to produce a common form of constitution, which will be agreed at our November meeting.

Each Association will still be able to have their own 'ethos' within this framework, but it will mean greater consistency on basic administration and accounting methods.