



SEPTEMBER
2025

NEWSLETTER

EVENTS FOR 2025

OCTOBER
AN EVENT IS BEING ARRANGED

REMEMBRANCE DAY
WREATH LAYING AT WAR
MEMORIAL. 11am
SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

CHRISTMAS BUFFET, BRING
AND SHARE AND AGM
SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER
12.00 - 15.00
MOUNT PLEASANT CENTRE

PAST EVENT
BAUM/TREE CHALLENGE
TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER
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NORDEN VISIT
SUNDAY 26TH JULY - SUNDAY
2ND AUGUST

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I am pleased to tell you that we have two new members, and welcome Marvyn Turrell and Alison Arnold to our German Twinning Association.

We are delighted that our Norden friends will be with us from the 26th July to 2nd August next year, with 25 or 26 (plus coach driver) in the group.

I will be in touch separately with those of you with whom Germans have said they would like to stay, just to confirm that you are able to host them. However, we will need accommodation in homes for at least 7 others. One is Reiner Kretzmer who speaks very good English, and known to most of us, the others are 6 women: Theresia Weissmüller, Ilona Baske, Gabriele Akkerman, Maike Martikke, Gisela Poelders and Doris Friede (these two would like to stay together if possible).

I am awaiting more details for all of them about their interests, language ability etc. In the mean time, if you are able to offer accommodation, or have friends, family or neighbours who could help, please let me know.

Do please get in touch if you have any brilliant suggestions of where we might take our visitors, especially any local activities which they might enjoy. In particular, I'd be interested in hearing from any of you who play with a band or orchestra or sing in a local choir which might be willing to perform for us, or take part in a local craft or activity that the visitors could experience.

I look forward to hearing from you and to seeing you at the October event and AGM.

MAYOR TAKES UP TREE CHALLENGE

Bradford on Avon Mayor, Councillor Jack Vittles, was nominated by the Mayor of Trowbridge to plant a tree in honour of our 55 year long relationship with Norden. Cllr Vittles planted a Silver Birch tree at Culver Close on Tuesday 9th September.

Although the Baum Challenge began as a German initiative, Trowbridge's Mayor hopes it will take root here in Wiltshire too, especially in towns with German twinning links.

The assembled company was quite small, a few councillors, council workers and the communications officer taking photographs. The tree chosen for planting was a beautiful weeping silver birch and is situated quite near the tennis courts. A big

thank you to Chris who helped plant the tree with the Mayor, and to Fay for the photos. Not sure your umbrella will take root though Chris! It needs to be the Australian variety of umbrella tree.

A similar occasion took place in 1997 at the water sports club in Norden when Bradford on Avon German Twinning Association presented and planted a tree as a gift to the Norden Association.

A report can be found on the Town Council web site, including a photo of Fay.

<https://bradfordonavontowncouncil.gov.uk/mayor-helps-international-baum-challenge-branch-out-to-wiltshire/>



CHARTER LUNCH

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Held at Cumberwell golf club on 10th August and lovely to see so many members there, including the Bradford on Avon Mayor and his wife.

