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## A TRADITIONAL BURNS NIGHT DINNER

A great night enjoyed by all—including a visit from John and Anne Queen from East Renfrewshire. John was inspired to 'poetry' for his comments on the evening, and wrote:-

### A Scottish Address to an English Burns Night....

Fair fa' yer honest Burns Night bash  
Including haggis, neeps and mash  
With a speaker from a foreign land  
With words no-one could understand  
Which could have been a little risky  
At least before the second whisky.

But all went well with food to snaffle  
And then there came the unique raffle  
In which there was a chance to shout  
"No-one has that" or "Mine's left out"  
And you could either laugh or cry  
At what was won by whom and why

An unforgettable event  
I'm really awfully pleased we went  
In fact, if it was so good I fear  
We'll have to try it out up here.

*John Queen*

*Gillian Michael writes:* Special thanks to John and Anne Queen who took a great part in the evening, and 'JP', a former CCW colleague of Graham, who entertained us as well. Many thanks also to all the chefs and helpers for their great efforts in making the event a success. We could not have done it without you. Also a big thank you to Tunnock's for donating two raffle prizes which everyone wanted to win.

**Masthead:** *The first Camellia of the year.*

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# IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL MEMBERS

## Annual General Meeting

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**  
**at Tankerton Evangelical**  
**Church Hall**  
**Northwood Road**

**7.30pm for 7.45**

### **New Committee members needed**

Most of the current committee members have served for a very long time and will eventually be stepping down, so new blood is needed. Please let Gillian know if you would consider joining the Committee, which meets once a month.



### **Dominican Priory's future secured**

The Dominican Priory, one of Canterbury's most historic 13<sup>th</sup> century buildings and well known to members of WTA as the venue for many of our events, is to be taken into the care of the King's School.

The owners, Don Beerling and his wife Poppy, worked tirelessly to keep the Priory open for the use of local organisations, not least the Scouts. However, when Don died the Cantiacorum Foundation was bequeathed the building, but was unable to commit to running it as it had been.

The King's School has had long association with the Priory and will use it for educational purposes but have said that it will still be available for some community use.





John Queen read the traditional “Address to a Haggis” by Robert Burns, and Anne Queen entertained us with a modern take on it.....

**A slightly updated version of the address.....**

(c) E. K. Esq (with apologies to R. Burns)

The Chieftain o’ the puddin’ race,  
In history now takes its place  
Wi’ delicacies fondly kent,  
Their tenure on our menus spent.  
For Haggis has usurp-ed been  
By Scotia’s ain nouvelle cuisine.  
Our pallid, plooky faced complexion  
owes much to this august confection.

It helps you work, and rest, and play,  
“Aye, right!” the dieticians say.  
So, anxious to resolve the matter,  
We fry it in deep fat, wi’ batter.  
For have we not, since we were weans,  
attacked our arteries and veins  
wi’ sweeties, crisps and all things fried?  
Our hunger never satisfied,  
we cry for seconds, even third yins,  
despite the pleas of cardiac surgeons.

And pity we the fool who eats a...  
savoley or deep fried pizza,  
when there amongst the pies and fish,  
resplendent lies our National Dish.  
As much a part of Caledonia  
As midgies, rickets and pneumonia.

So all guid Scotsmen, spread the word,  
Proclaim the carbohydrate turd.  
And from the land of kilts & cabers,  
go forth, evangelise your neighbours.  
Cycle near and drive your cars far  
All hail, the glorious Deep Fried Mars Bar!



John Michael ensured the evening started well by greeting guests with a welcoming punch (not literally).



Many thanks to Tom and Dave for once again organising the raffle which raised funds and laughs.



Cranachan-cream,oatmeal, raspberries topped with a shot of whisky liqueur.

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**Tankerton Christmas Market, Whitstable Castle.**  
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The date of the Tankerton Christmas Market, held at Whitstable Castle, was brought forward to 30<sup>th</sup> November which may have been a factor contributing to the very quiet event. It was especially disappointing that so few WTA members came along to visit the stall.

As usual we sold hot German gluhwein (popular with customers on a chilly day) and stollen, as well as treats from the other partnertowns.

At the end of the day we only raised just under £200 for our funds and there has been much discussion over the viability of continuing to attend the event in its present form.

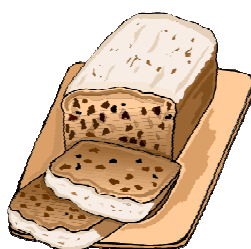
Very many thanks to Gillian Michael, Carol Tadman, Dave Parris, and David and Sylvia Carter who were the mainstay of the stall, and did their best to keep a smile on their faces.

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**WTA ANNUAL**  
**COFFEE MORNING**  
**and SALE OF GOODS**



at St Alphege Church, **SATURDAY 25th APRIL, 9am-12.00**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MAKE  
CAKES**

The cake stall is always popular and this year we want to make a special effort to sell even more.

So please put your apron on and find your inner baker and do your bit to help fill a table (and WTA coffers!).

Scones and savoury items such as sausage rolls also welcome.

**ALSO NEEDED** :~ children's books, toys, jigsaws  
and bric-a-brac (not jumble)



: ~WTA MEMBERS TO HELP on stalls  
or in the kitchen even for a short time.



*First timers very welcome.*

**NB. If possible please deliver donations to St Alphege at 8.30 on the day.**

**PLEASE CONTACT:** Dave Parris Tel: 01227 261928,  
Sylvia Carter Tel: 01227 771022 or 272903 or Judy Sutton Tel: 01227 276659

**If you can't help, COME ALONG.**

**WTA will be delighted if MEMBERS call in to have a coffee and cake in support of this event to raise essential funds.**





# CANDLES AND CAKE

Many thanks to Gill and Norman for providing us with a sumptuous Swedish lunch marking the Swedish tradition of celebrating St Lucia.

Saint Lucia's Day is on 13 December. The feast once coincided with the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year before calendar reforms, so her feast day has become a festival of light.

St. Lucia's Day is celebrated most commonly in Scandinavia, with their long dark winters, where it is a major feast day. In Scandinavia, she is represented by a girl dressed in a white dress and red sash with a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In both Norway and Sweden, the St Lucia girls (sometimes accompanied by Moon boys ) carry rolls and cookies in procession as songs are sung. It is said that to vividly celebrate St. Lucia's Day will help one live through the long winter days with enough light.

Gill surpassed herself this year by making a kransekake, magnificent and it tasted good. The crayfish went down with schnapps rather well. A lovely way to spend a lunch time with friends and fine food.

Thank you Gill and Norman. Until the next time.

*Gillian Michael*





# Whitstable Twinning Association ~ Dainville Group

We start the year's activities with the **BISTRO**

**Friday, 20th March 2015**



The Parish Social Centre, Castle Road

This year's menu is:  
**Soup - Crème du Barry**  
**Chicken Chasseur**  
**Apple Pie and cream**  
**Coffee**



The evening starts at **7pm**, and the meal will begin at **7.30pm**.  
We will provide water and glasses, but ask you to bring your own choice of drinks.  
The cost of the evening is **£12.00 per person**, the same as last year.

You may pay in advance or pay at the door, as long as you contact us to reserve your place by 13<sup>th</sup> March on 01227 275036; or 07812 135 864; or lizziehubb@gmail.com

We need to know numbers for catering purposes.

Please use this opportunity to bring along friends and family.

The Dainville committee look forward to seeing you again.

*Richard and Lizzie Hubbard*

**N.B Also .....TRIP TO DAINVILLE ~ 22<sup>nd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> May**

If you would like to go on this visit to Dainville please reserve your place(s) with us (as above) as soon as possible. Please also contact us with any queries.

We were asked in January for numbers!

*Richard and Lizzie Hubbard*

## WHITSTABLE HARBOUR DAY ~ 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

Once again Carol Tadman and Sylvia Carter are organising a stall at this well attended event at the harbour.

**You too can help with a donation of jigsaws and dress/costume jewellery.**

These items were very popular last year, so please sort through your cupboards and jewellery boxes.

This is an important fund-raising opportunity for WTA, so all contributions will be very much appreciated.

Please contact Carol Tadman to let her know if you are able to help or need further details:

caroltadman@hotmail.com or 01227 791912

**DON'T FORGET TO COME AND VISIT THE STALL**



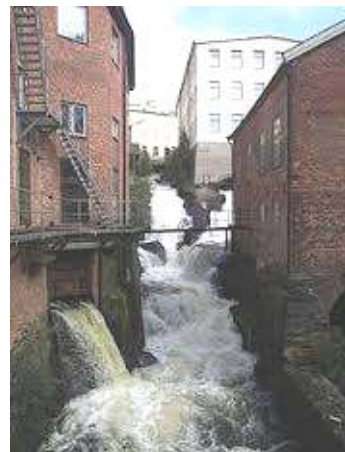


## WHY DON'T YOU VISIT OUR SWEDISH TWIN TOWN OF MÖLNDAL?

**Friday/Saturday/Sunday 14/15/16 August.**

Further to the advance notice of this visit that you received in January, **please let us know if you wish to be included.** I know it is a long way ahead, but no doubt you have already made some arrangements during the school holidays.

We will be flying with Norwegian Airlines from Gatwick to Gothenburg-Landvetter, (Gothenburg-City is now closed) departing Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 19.35 and returning on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August arriving at Gatwick at 23.15. The cost when writing this was less than £100 return per person including reserved seat and checked baggage, and all taxes. Of course this cost may go up when booking.



We will car-share travelling to Gatwick and share petrol/parking costs. You will be hosted.

This trip will be at the end of the week of the Gothenburg Arts Festival, which we will visit. To give you an idea of what goes on, those of you with computers can go to the website for last year's programme :- <http://kulturkalaset.goteborg.com/>

**Please contact Gill and Norman Fox (Möln dal co-ordinators) as soon as possible to let us know that you are interested or for further information.**

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### ALBERTSLUND FRIENDS TO VISIT WHITSTABLE



This year the main visit to Whitstable is from our twin town in Denmark, Albertslund. They will be arriving via Gatwick on **Thursday June 26<sup>th</sup> and staying till Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>**, not a long visit, but we hope a chance for us to get to know them better. They are all members of their twinning association and I am sure most will be known to many of us.



They will all need host families, so we would be very pleased to hear from any members who can volunteer to host a couple or an individual.

The names of those coming are not yet known, but if anyone has already heard direct from friends who will be coming it would be most helpful if you could let us know.

Our subcommittee has started the planning and full details and requests for helpers will follow. The WTA Albertslund team is: Judy Sutton, Dave Parris and David Carter.

**More on this at our AGM. Come and listen (and volunteer).**

**Stop press-** I and three others have been invited to Albertslund for June 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> to a "Meet Friends" weekend.

*David*



# EVENTS

## **2015**

### **March**

- 15 Car Parking, Junior School. Please contact Norman Fox if you can help for a short time.
- 19 **Annual General Meeting-Tankerton Evangelical Church-see page 2**
- 20 Dainville Group Bistro-Parish Social Centre- contact Richard and Lizzie Hubbard
- 25-29 Remigus Hauptschule students visit Whitstable (26<sup>th</sup> WTA to do supper for them)

### **April**

- 25 Coffee Morning- St Alphege Church – see page 4

### **May**

- 22-24 Whitstable members to visit Dainville-contact Richard and Lizzie Hubbard
- 23 Car Parking-Junior School. Please contact Norman Fox if you can help for a short time.
- TBC Tankerton Youth FC visit to Dainville

### **June**

- TBC Dainville Youth FC to visit Whitstable
- 26-28 Albertslund members to visit Whitstable – contact David Carter

### **July**

- 4 Dainville Group Summer Lunch – contact Richard and Lizzie Hubbard
- 11 Car Parking, Junior School. Please contact Norman Fox if you can help for a short time.
- TBC Wine tasting tour in Germany-contact Gillian Michael

### **August**

- 14-16 Whitstable members to visit Mölndal- contact Gill Fox
- 15 Harbour Day-contact Carol Tadman
- 22 Car Parking-Junior School. Please contact Norman Fox if you can help for a short time.

### **September**

- 3 Car Parking, Junior School. Please contact Norman Fox if you can help for a short time.
- 12 1940's Dance with 1st Whitstable Scout Band -All Saints Church Hall-full details later.
- 26 Whitstable Clubs and Associations' Fair- St Alphege- contact Norman Fox
- 26 Cake Stall at Dainville – contact Ann Moulton

### **October**

- 16 Dainville Group Autumn Social- Contact Richard and Lizzie Hubbard

### **November**

- 7 Car Parking, Junior School. Please contact Norman Fox if you can help for a short time
- 8 Remembrance Day
- 11 Armistice Day - contact Richard and Lizzie Hubbard
- 13-15 International Partnership Network Meeting-Whitstable

### **December**

- 6 Tankerton Christmas Market – **NB Change of date**
- 13 Christmas event TBC

### **January 2016**

- TBC Czech themed event

### **Other Events in Whitstable**

**Oyster Festival Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> ~ Regatta 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> August**

**LAST BUT BY NO MEANS LEAST.....**

**LAST CHANCE TO SHOW INTEREST IN WINE TOUR OF GERMANY**

Further to the flyer distributed earlier, this is the final call for members to express interest in a tour to German vineyards possibly breweries and maybe a schnapps distillery.

We are thinking of the Rhine/Mosel area to cut down on travelling as this will be by coach or minibus, staying in a local hotel for 4-5 days with some sightseeing and visits as above. Probably end of July.

Please contact Gillian Michael: [JOGI102@aol.com](mailto:JOGI102@aol.com) Tel: 01227 793212 as soon as possible.

