



## Tunbridge Wells Twinning & Friendship Association

### EVENTS SPRING/SUMMER 2009

As promised in our recent Newsletter, we have now put together a list of events that we hope may be of interest to you in the coming months. Here are some details for your diary:

- Tuesday 17 March* **"The Lifetime in Film of Sir Michael Balcon"** - a talk by Jonathan Balcon about his father's work as Director of the Ealing Studios.  
7.30 pm at St John's Church Centre, Amherst Road, Tunbridge Wells  
Admission £4 (£3 members) which will include refreshments.
- Saturday 21 March* **TWTFA AGM**, to be followed by a buffet lunch,  
11.45 for 12.00, St John's Church Centre, Amherst Road, Tunbridge Wells  
(see enclosed documentation).
- Tuesday 28 -  
Wed. 29 April* **Visit to Tunbridge Wells by a group from Wiesbaden's Adult Education College**; the group will be staying at the Ramada Jarvis for 2 nights as part of a week-long trip to S. England. It is hoped to be able to organise a lunchtime reception for them at the Town Hall on 28 April and that TWTFA members will also be invited. If you would like to meet our visitors and perhaps be involved in showing them their twin town, please let us know.
- Thursday 7 May* SHDOFA, our sister organisation in Southborough, is planning a **day trip to Ardres** in N. France. Details available from Mireille Marchant, 01892 520548.
- Tuesday 19 May -  
Monday 25 May* **Celebrations of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Twinning Charter between Tunbridge Wells and Wiesbaden.**  
To mark this anniversary, we are happy to announce that the **Oberbürgermeister of Wiesbaden**, Dr Helmut Müller, will be visiting Tunbridge Wells as the guest of TWBC. He will be accompanied by Rita Thies, the Wiesbaden Town Councillor with responsibility for cultural affairs. At the time of printing this programme, the exact dates of his visit are still not fixed. The Oberbürgermeister wishes to get to know Wiesbaden's twin town in the UK and also to explore possibilities for greater cooperation with the local business community.  
As in 2006, the year of Tunbridge Wells' 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary when we also had a visit from the then Wiesbaden Oberbürgermeister, the current Mayor's visit will also feature the **Wiesbaden Brass Ensemble**, the excellent brass band of Wiesbaden's Music Academy. We are very happy to welcome these excellent young musicians back to Tunbridge Wells. This year their visit will be in two stages, with an advance party of 5 young musicians arriving on Tuesday 19 May

and the remaining musicians arriving on Thursday 21 May. As usual they will be accompanied by the Director of the Music Academy, Christoph Nielbock.

The Quintet is arriving early in order to provide music at the Mayor-making celebrations at the Town Hall on Wednesday 20 May. They will also visit Rusthall Lodge Old People's Home to play to the residents there, and on Thursday hope to play at Morning Assembly at Claremont Primary School. The Quintet will also be giving two hands-on work-shops for pupils at Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School and Kent College to encourage more girls to take up brass instruments.

You will have an opportunity to hear the full Ensemble play on the following dates:

*Friday 22 May* The Brass Ensemble will give an **open-air concert on the Pantiles Bandstand** at 3pm on Friday 22 May

*Saturday 23 May* **Gala Concert** by the Brass Ensemble together with the choirs of TWGGS and Kent College at 7.30pm at St John's Church, Amherst Road, Tunbridge Wells. Guests of honour will be the Lord Mayor of Wiesbaden and the Tunbridge Wells Mayor, Councillor Len Price. Tickets at the door, single £3, family £5. All profits will go to the TWTFa 2010 Fund.

We do hope members will support the visit of the young musicians to Tunbridge Wells by coming to their public performances. We would also be very grateful if anyone could offer B&B accommodation to the musicians during their stay here. Contact Sheila Kirby on 01892 526891.

*22 - 26 May* The **Baroque Singers, Tunbridge Wells' premier chamber choir**, plan to visit Wiesbaden where they hope to give a concert and workshop at St Augustine's English Church. Details from Richard Gosling on 01892 546899.

Looking further ahead :

The following events are still in the early stages of planning, so details have yet to be fixed.

*Sunday 19 July* Margaret Fuller has once again kindly agreed to host the annual **Lunchtime Barbecue** in her garden, 24 Delves Avenue, 1.00 pm. Cost (including food and drink) will be £10 per person. There will be a raffle in aid of TWTFa, for which any donations would be gratefully received.

*Monday 13 July* Our local Samba Band "Bloco Fogo", whose colourful open-air performances many of you may have seen, has been accepted to perform on Monday 13 July at Wiesbaden's annual **Schierstein Harbour Festival**. This is a very popular three-day open-air festival on the banks of the river Rhine and we are delighted that it will be possible for Bloco Fogo to appear there. We hope to get together a party of TWTFa members to go to Wiesbaden over that weekend to cheer on our local band.  
More details soon, but we hope you will consider a summer visit to Wiesbaden.

*Thursday  
29 October* A talk by Tim Everard, ex-Ambassador to the erstwhile German Democratic Republic entitled "**Enjoying Life in the GDR, a little unexpectedly**".  
St John's Church Centre, Amherst Road, Tunbridge Wells. Details to follow.