



**MMTTA**  
**MARLOW/MARLY-LE-ROI TOWN**  
**TWINNING ASSOCIATION**  
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## *Bulletin* *November 2021*

Dear Members, we hope you're all well and enjoying our mixed autumnal weather – a bit blustery, and slowly getting colder as expected. Mind you, the sunny days are wonderful, and the Autumn russet colours are glorious. Certainly, things to appreciate and to look forward to, as are the events publicised in this bulletin, which includes the following:

- A brief resumé of Carole Petipher's talk.
- An invitation to our Christmas event – **“Canapés, Wine and Music for Christmas”**
- Notice of the 2022 AGM
- Request for your annual subscriptions for 2022 (bearing in mind we didn't have to pay any in 2021)
- Reminders of the dates when we sincerely hope we shall be able to visit our friends in Marly-le-Roi in May.

### *“Behind the Scenes at Château de Malmaison”*



Carole Petipher once again gave us a fascinating Franco-related talk (her third in the series), this time about Napoleon and Josephine centred around their time spent at Chateau de Malmaison which is situated not very far from our twinned town of Marly-le-Roi. It was interesting to hear how Josephine acquired the

château when both she and Napoleon were relatively poor and unknown and to see how the house developed as they became famous and wealthy resulting in grandiose designs and beautiful artefacts. We also learnt how their relationship developed from the initial infatuation of Napoleon, through to mutual admiration, reaching their pinnacle position as Emperor and Empress and then to the final divorce. We hope everyone went away with a lot more information about the couple and their home, plus a glass or two of good wine and social catch-up.

### ***“Canapés, Wine and Music for Christmas” Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021***

We are organising a slightly different but exciting Christmas Social this year, as described in the title.

Our tried and trusted caterer Carole Thurston has retired and rising costs are making it difficult for us to organise the usual Christmas meal so instead, for a cost of £10 per person, we’re hoping you will take the chance to come and celebrate the festive season together. Wine and soft drinks will be served during a time to mix and socialise, together with tasty canapés and mince pies.

We shall then sit down to listen to the music of Allsorts Saxophone Quartet to give the evening a musical finale. Please complete and return the form below; bring your family and friends and enjoy!

### ***MMTTA Annual General Meeting Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022***

Our AGMs are usually fairly swift affairs and this meeting will be followed by a delicious buffet meal served once again by Richard Chalmers. Please put the date into your new diaries; full details will be sent to you in the New Year.

### ***Annual Subscription renewal***

You may remember that no subscriptions were requested for 2021 due to the cancellations and disruption caused by the pandemic. We trust that this will now be behind us and would ask you please to renew your membership (£10 per person) for 2022. The necessary application form follows at the end of the Bulletin.

*Visit to Marly-le-Roi Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022*

Your Committee are having a zoom meeting with Marly on 16<sup>th</sup> November to discuss plans for on French soil, after to give you more day trip on the



our reunion with them which we shall be able information. For the Friday they have,



amongst other suggestions, proposed a visit to *Château de Bizy* in the commune of *Vernon*, further west along the River Seine.

It will be so good to meet up again with our twinning friends, and for anyone going for the first time to discover historic Marly-le-Roi and the interesting area surrounding it. We are currently researching the cost of transport (probably via coach and shuttle and/or ferry) so if more members and their family/friends are interested in going, who haven't already given their names to Suzanne, please do so on 07984 929812 or [suzannebrown900@btinternet.com](mailto:suzannebrown900@btinternet.com).

*Think of a Theme !*

2022 celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the twinning of Marlow and Marly town councils. Does anyone have any ideas for the theme we might choose for the Saturday evening soirée? Please put on your creative thinking hats and let Suzanne know your inspirational thoughts !



Amusez-vous bien et restez sauf, les Amis de Jumelage !