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1. **Your Newsletter**



Food for Thought:

The secret of change is to focus all your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.

Socrates



All ETC members are welcome to attend the **DTC Meeting** which will be held on Saturday, **October 20, 2018** in Teignmouth. If you would like to come for the lunch and then stay for the meeting or just to attend the meeting, please contact **Josie Mardon** by email: mandj@heimat.plus.com or telephone: 01392 253469.



Please make a note in your diary that this year's **ETC Autumn Event** is a talk about the iconic Anglo/French enterprise – 'Concorde' by Brian Portch on Saturday, **October 13, 2018** from 19:00 at **Clyst St**

George Village Hall, Woodbury Road, Exeter, Devon, EX3 0RE.

This will be a social gathering with 'Fish & Chips' etc plus 'bring your own drinks' followed by tea and coffee during the course of the evening. A charge of **£7.50** for members and **£8.00** for guests has been agreed to help cover our costs. All members and friends are welcome! Will you please return the 'reply slip' together with your payment, by Friday, **October 5, 2018** to **Josie Mardon, Heimat, 35 Woodwater Lane, Exeter, EX2 5JY; Tel: 01392 253469.**

Our friends from Bad Homburg will be visiting us from **November 2** until **November 8, 2018**. The ETC Committee has already drafted the programme which will include a visit to Knightshayes Court, a coach trip with lunch and supper to the Exmoor National Park (home to Europe's first International Dark Sky Reserve) to enjoy a dark sky experience; trip to Exeter Round Table's Annual Charity Fireworks Display at Westpoint; the Lord Mayor's Welcome at the Guildhall; visit to the Winter Fair at Exeter Cathedral and a Farewell Dinner.

The date of the next **ETC AGM** has been fixed for Monday, **February 11, 2019** at the Devon Hotel. The ETC Committee has agreed that this will now be a lunchtime function.



2. Word from the Chair

Hello twinnners! I hope you have all had a good summer, enjoying the blessing of so much fine weather, even if the farmers had been praying for some rain. I have just returned from a week in sunny Italy some 300 miles north of Terracina in the beautiful and historic city of Bologna. They do all manner of tasty pasta dishes down there with the exception of Spaghetti Bolognese, which is quite unknown. You will however get *Tagliatelli* Bolognese if you ask for it!

Since the visit of our friends from Rennes in June it's been a relatively quiet time, except that of course a group of committee members have been busy preparing for the visit from Bad Homburg from November 2nd – 8th. We are now expecting a group of 15 guests, so the hosting details are being sorted out. The programme looks good, including a visit to Knightshayes Court, cream tea in Sidmouth followed by a firework display at Westpoint, a trip to Exmoor as well as the usual Guildhall reception and farewell dinner, not forgetting all the informal activities that take place during these visits. Apropos fireworks I think we could explain to our German visitors that Parliament has no need of a Guy Fawkes these days as the atmosphere is already explosive enough!

Looking forward to our social calendar for the rest of the year we have booked Brian Portch to talk to us on Saturday 13th October in Clyst St George Village Hall about that iconic Anglo-French project Concorde. We are planning to make it a Concorde themed evening with Fish and Chips etc and drinks as usual. Finally I can confirm that our traditional Christmas party has been booked for December 13th in the Cardinal Newman centre.

John Whitton



3. New Members

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to the following new members:

Miss K L Hurley and also the Stan Hacking Concert Band.



4. Dates for Your Diary

Every Third Thursday of Each Month - 'Coffee Meet' at Ferns Cafe – from 11:00

Saturday, October 13, 2018 - Lord Mayor's Charity Coffee Morning, Exeter Guildhall from 10:00 to 14:00

Saturday, October 13, 2018 – ETC Autumn Event, Clyst St. George

Saturday, October 27, 2018 – Big Noise Concert, St Thomas Methodist Church

November 2 – 8, 2018 – Inbound Visit from Bad Homburg

Saturday, November 17, 2018- Lord Mayor's Charity Coffee Morning, Exeter Guildhall from 10:00 to 14:00

Saturday, December 8, 2018 – ETC Christmas Party, Cardinal Newman Centre

Monday, February 11, 2019 – ETC AGM



5. ETC Twinning Groups Contacts

Your contact for Bad Homburg

- Alison Sykes alisonsykes14@gmail.com

Your contact for Rennes

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Your contact for Terracina

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