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## NEWSLETTER

### Dear Friends,

It is nearly time for our AGM again, which as you know always takes place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April. At this time of year I try and think back over the past 12 months and report to you what has been happening within our links with Biberach.

2009/10 had been a particularly busy time with the Guernsey Week held in Biberach. Things have been much quieter since, but our links still continue to grow and develop. It has become very noticeable to me, that quite a number of groups both in Biberach and in Guernsey have built up direct links which flourish quite independently of the GFBA. We are very pleased about that, but it also means we don't necessarily hear what is happening and so can't keep a complete record of joint ventures. So please, if you read this and you have some link with Biberach which has not been mentioned in this Newsletter, do get in touch.

The most important news item is that we now have a website.

[www.guernseybiberach.com](http://www.guernseybiberach.com)

The German Honorary Consul Chris Betley and his firm Betley-Whitehorne have kindly designed a website for us. Please have a look at it. We keep it up-dated regularly and you should even find this newsletter on it.

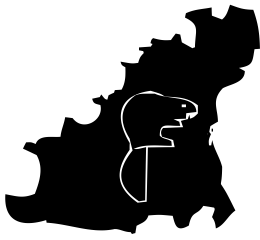
Mr Betley is helping our link with Biberach in a number of different ways. For instance at the moment he is investigating the possibility of organising a cultural trip to Biberach for a group of local students who would have taken part in a competition.

### Future Events

Looking ahead, there are a number of visits either from or to Biberach being planned. For instance, 16 members of the Historical Society from Biberach led by Kristel Buttschard will be in the island from 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011, staying at Les Cotils. You are of course very welcome to go to Les Cotils and make contact with the group.

### Rococo Dancers from Biberach

This group of dancers had been planning a trip to Guernsey in August 2011. We had worked together with Culture and Leisure so they would be able to perform their dances along the seafront when the road was closed on a Sunday. However, for the time being the group have now cancelled the trip.



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## **German Language Course in Biberach**

As every year up to 5 Guernsey youngsters get the chance to attend an intensive German Course in Biberach from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> July together with young people from Biberach's other partner towns. The information is passed on to local schools. At this stage we don't know if there will be any Guernsey students going this year.

One former student who took part in this intensive German Course in Biberach a few years ago is Emilie Yerby. She got in touch with us as she would like to be more actively involved in our link with Biberach and would like more young people to be involved. With this aim she is in the process of forming the **Biberach / Guernsey Youth Network** which could become a contact point for any groups or individuals interested in our link with Biberach.

Through our connections with the schools and the youth network we have for instance managed to pair up pen friends and we might be able to arrange individual exchanges. We regularly get requests from Biberach to find a host family in Guernsey, so if you are willing to have a guest from Biberach in your home, please let us know. The Biberach people are always willing to offer hospitality in return.

## **Bailiff's visit to Biberach**

Mr Fettback, Biberach's Mayor, has invited our Bailiff Sir Geoffrey and his wife Diana to come to Biberach from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011 during their Schützenfest celebrations. Minister of Culture and Leisure Mike O'Hara and his wife and Deputy Education Minister Tony Spruce and his wife will accompany them.

## **Visit of Biberach Youth Red Cross**

This year a group of 18 youngsters of the Biberach Red Cross will be visiting from 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> August 2011. They are in contact with the local St John's Cadets who have previously visited Biberach.

## **Guernsey Scouts visiting Biberach**

A group of Scouts under the leadership of Eric Grimsley will be going to Biberach in August.

Sadly, we have just had the news from Biberach that Ursel Goehner, wife of Pastor Eberhard Goehner has passed away. I am sure many of you will remember this friendly, gentle lady. Jurat Peter Lane has been so kind as to offer to represent the GFBA and the GDA at her funeral in Biberach on 18<sup>th</sup> March.

We hope to see you all on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 12.00 o' clock at the Peninsula Hotel for our AGM. This will be followed by the Guernsey Deportees' Association St George's Day Luncheon at 12.30 for 1.00 pm where you will also be very welcome. The cost will be £ 14.50. Please telephone Tom Remfrey on Tel. 254185 if you want to attend the lunch.

With best wishes,

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Secretary, GFBA