

### Edition No. 9 October 2023 Newsletter



# **PAST EVENT**

### Rungis' Journée des Associations 9 September 2023

Dedicated committee member Peter Jones recently embarked on a journey to Rungis for their annual Open Clubs Day, 'La Journee des Associations'. It's an event where Rungis proudly showcases its rich tapestry of clubs and organisations, similar to Stansted's Wellbeing Day event.

The many and varied clubs of Rungis were represented there and the Rungis Twinning Association had a stand decked out in Union Jacks.



We're all about fostering connections, and we're excited to share that we're planning to send a group of representatives from Stansted to their next Open Day in Rungis on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

If you're keen to join to represent a local club at the Rungis event, we would be delighted to hear from you. Just drop us a line at twinning@stansted.net.



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### The Essex & Suffolk Twinning Association Congress, Chelmsford 8 October 2023



This AGM of the organisation which brings together Twinning Associations from all over Essex & Suffolk was hosted by Chelmsford Twinning Partnership. Over 35 delegates represented 13 Twinning Associations.

Some excellent speeches were given by Councillor Linda Mascot, the Mayor of Chelmsford, and by David Monk, the former BBC Essex DJ and Deputy Lieutenant of Essex for many years.

The speeches were followed by break out groups to discuss topics ranging from sustainable Twinning to exchanges on a budget with some lively debate. It was good to see that the spirit of Town Twinning is alive and well in Suffolk and Essex, and the event was a useful platform to share ideas.

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#### Stansted Wellbeing Day 9 October 2023

The annual event bringing together the various clubs, organisations and support groups in the village was held at St John's Church and the Twinning Association had a stand alongside the Parish Council as in previous years.

The weather was glorious, which may have had an effect on visitor numbers, but a good number of clubs and businesses in Stansted were represented, filling the church and the church hall.













#### Forest Hall School & Houses of Parliament visit 31 October – 4 November

A group of 10 teenagers from Rungis' Youth Council will soon be coming to visit London and Forest Hall School in Stansted.

Their visit will include a day at Stansted's Secondary School as well as a tour of the Houses of Parliament accompanied by members of the Stansted Youth Council. Our thanks to the new Head of Forest Hall School, Dustin Schuyler, for kindly agreeing to host the visiting teens from Rungis for a day.





### Remembrance Day Service Stansted & Rungis 12 November

The Twinning Association will be laying a wreath on behalf of the people of Rungis at this year's remembrance service, to be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at St. John's Church.

A wreath will also be laid during their service at the war memorial in Rungis on behalf of the people of Stansted.



Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December Doors open at 7pm for 7:30pm start Day Centre, Crafton Green



#### Christmas Day Out in London 16 December

Four of our lovely friends from Rungis will be coming to London for the day to do a bit of sightseeing - including the hop-on-hop-off guided bus tour - and a bit of Christmas shopping!

If you would like to join them for a day out in London, please email us.

We are planning to catch the train from either Stansted or Bishops Stortford and meet them there.





#### Rungis Visit to Stansted 18-20 May 2024

The dates for next year's exchange visit to Stansted by our friends in Rungis has been set for 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Further details regarding the itinerary will follow.

Anyone wishing to host or chaperone the visitors can register their interest now by email at twinning@stansted.net or on our Facebook group "Stansted-Rungis Twinning Association".



#### Join our Association!

Do you have some spare time? Are you looking to do some voluntary work? Look no further. Your Twinning Association needs you!

We are looking to grow our committee numbers. No French required. Just a willingness to support our events and contribute ideas to promote the Twinning Association.

Monthly meetings are held via Zoom, usually on a Friday morning.

Contact the Committee at: twinning@stansted.net