



Plougasnou Update

Helston's newly elected Mayor, Councillor John Boase, welcomed visitors from Plougasnou, Brittany this week. The four strong contingent from Plougasnou was on a fact finding trip to both Helston and Upton-upon-Severn, with the view to form a twinning link with one of the towns.

The short visit taken over a very intensive 24 hours included a tour of the Lizard Peninsula and a visit to The Marconi Radio Station at Poldhu. The tour continued with a morning walk around Helston using 'The Town Trail', visiting The Guildhall, Helston Folk Museum, Helston Library and St. Michael's Church. A tour of Helston Community College was also an important part of the visit. A possible link between The College and a college or school near Plougasnou would be of benefit to the pupils and families of both towns.

Helston and District Town Twinning Association have been twinned with Sasso Marconi, Italy since 1968 and this link has gone from strength to strength. HDTTA have instigated this recent visit from the Bretons as a fact finding exercise in the hope that the people of Helston will embrace a new exchange. Before a final decision can be made on a future twinning with Plougasnou, HDTTA will need to seek the approval from Helston Town Council.



Sasso Marconi Receives Civil Merit Gold Medal

The Civil Merit Gold Medal, is to be awarded by the President of the Italian Republic Giorgio Napolitano to the City of Sasso Marconi, for its role during World War II.

".....Lying in a strategic position to reach the City of Bologna, during the Second World War, Sasso Marconi suffered enormous damages: most of it's citizens were obliged to evacuate, even if many of them gave their personal contribution and their lives to the Liberation Fight. In its territory, during the bloody Nazi occupation, a prison camp was settled, where prisoners were tortured....."

On Tuesday, June 1st, the **Civil Merit Gold Medal** will be presented to the citizens, on the occasion of an official ceremony at the Town Hall, in the presence of the Mayor, Stefano Mazzetti, The Prefect of Bologna, Dr. Angelo Tranfaglia, The Chairman of the Province of Bologna, Mrs. Beatrice Draghetti and Mr. Tiberio Rabboni, Councillor of Emilia Romagna Region.



Italian Lessons

Giuliana Hanman has been offered a chance to teach Italian lesson in Helston Community College. The lesson will be suitable for beginners and start on 22nd September, running for 6 weeks, 5.30-7.30. If you would like more information please email Giuliana direct at

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Diary

14-21 June 2010

Delegation from Sasso Marconi will be visiting Helston

3 July 2010

Food Festival, Helston Community College.

2-4 July 2010

Table Tennis Tournament, Sasso Marconi

19 July 2010

Twinning meeting, The Corn Exchange, 7.15pm.

8-12 September 2010

Sdaz Fair, Sasso Marconi

19 September 2010

Museum and Castles festival, Sassenage, France

30 October -1 November 2010

Tartufesta, Sasso Marconi.

6-7 November 2010

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