

Bridgwater-Marsa Trip Members January 2013

Bridgwater in Somerset is twinned with Marsa in Malta back in 2006 when all the paper work was signed in Bridgwater and then in Marsa. Our web site www.bridgwater-marsa.webeden.co.uk is where you can find pictures and much information. We believe we are the first English town to twin with Malta.

There have been visits between mayors, councillors and many private visits over the years and firm friendships made. The 1st Bridgwater Wembdon (St Georges)Scout group are linked with the 1st Marsa Scout Group and have planned a visit to Malta in the Easter holidays-they will miss Easter but will be camping at the island Scout HQ in tents provided by the Marsa group, there are good indoor facilities including the islands Scout museum. There are a mixed sex group of scouts, young leaders, and leaders and helpers going, the planned visit includes history and then lots of visits, sightseeing, hiking, and beach, trying the local food and hopefully meeting up with Marsa group who are also camping at Rinella.

Our Mayor and Mayoress expressed a wish to visit again- they was involved in the first fact finding visit many years ago and wanted to go when he was mayor (the mayor has a one year term of office) and his term of office ends in May. There will be a party including the Mayor and Mayoress some councillors and their wives, our Chairman and his wife plus, Secretary, Treasure and some members going around the same date. We will be independent of the Scout group but hope to meet up with them, the Marsa Mayor and councillors also.

The enclosed photo was taking in the Wembdon Scout hut and shows the young people going (who seem quite excited) holding our banner. It also shows Association members and Steve Austin a councillor and his wife. Unfortunately our Mayor Graham Granter was unable to attend as he was still in an all day planning meeting. Our Chairman Mike Grabner is holding the cheque for £400 that the Association has given the scout group towards the cost of the camp. It also shows Scout Leaders Lorna Walker and James Morgan.

