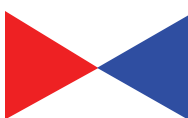


TWINNING CHAMPS-BRADLEY



**Champs sur
Marne**



THE TWINNING IN A FEW WORDS



The Champs sur Marne twinning committee was created in the beginning of 90's. The twinning agreement be-

tween our cities was signed in May 2000 at Bradley Stoke. We will celebrate the 10th birthday of our collaboration next year! A good opportunity to strengthen our links!

Since this date, we have organized sport meetings, school exchanges... Some of the events are engraved on the memory of the Champs and Bradley inhabitants. A few of them have kept in touch! That's why we would like to restore an active partnership and organize new events with you.

OUR GOALS

- Promote cultural exchanges between France and Great Britain.
- Enhance the use of foreign languages.
- Give to the European Union project a concrete, human, cordial and hearty dimension.
- Make possible friendships between French and British people.



TWINNING COMMITTEE

The board of our committee was elected last October as follows:

President - *Julie Gobert*

Secretary - *Hermine Sommier*

Treasurer - *Michèle Palmyre*

Vice-president in charge of Spanish field - *Alvina Rodrigues*



REALM OF POSSIBILITIES FOR OUR FUTURE COOPERATION

- Convivial events for the population in order to make young people and adults aware of British and French culture, as well as to promote the use of foreign languages. As example: Harry Potter's quiz with the city library, the toy library (Jara/Brassens) and the shopkeepers...
- School exchanges between the school communities (secondary schools, high schools...)
- Exchanges between the associations and clubs located at Champs and Bradley and organization of sport, cultural and educative meetings
- Tourist information so that all inhabitants of Champs should know Bradley and its region and reciprocally...
- Organization of family trips!

We are eager to work with you and to renew the cooperation between our two cities.



Champs-sur-Marne is a town with an ancient center but it also includes different poles with very diverse architectures. In la Cité Descartes you can admire buildings created by famous and contemporary architects like Dominique Perrault, Paul Chemetov, Yves Lion and Edouard François. The city has particularly changed since 1970, particularly since the State has launched a huge program to establish “new towns” (villes nouvelles) around Paris. Champs-sur-Marne was one of 26 communities enclosed in an urban plan, named Marne-la-Vallée. The city is situated halfway between Paris and Eurodisney; you just need to take the RER (rapid transit rail system in the Paris region). It's not just a suburb of Paris or a dormitory town!

As a matter of fact Champs has its own identity, its own history and dynamics that we are ready to make you discover... We and the Champs population are also impatient to get a better knowledge of Bradley and its surroundings.



Center town



Cité Descartes

CHAMPS SUR MARNE



The castle of Champs sur Marne - Not far from Paris, Champs-sur-Marne is surrounded by a large track of land acquired by the financier Poisson de Bourvallais at the end of the reign of Louis XIV. Built at the beginning of the 18th century, it belonged to the Dukes de La Vallière, who entertained the Encyclopédistes : Diderot, d'Alembert, Voltaire, etc. The Marquise de Pompadour rented it in 1757-1758. The castle was restored at the end of the 19th century by Earl Louis Cahen d'Anvers. The house is situated in a long perspective with terraces running down to the Marne river.

The decoration of the rooms reflects the tastes of the successive owners: original monochromes in the oval drawing room, rococo paneling in the Chinese drawing room created for the Duke de La Vallière, and delicate wainscoting in the room of the Marquise de Pompadour. Albert Lebrun, the President of the French Republic, made it an official residence for distinguished foreign visitors, a role it fulfilled until 1974.



DISTRICTS

Champs sur Marne have many districts. Each has its own features:

- **The center town** that keeps a typical architecture with the castle, a few Menier houses - Menier was a great industrial chocolate maker of the 19th century. As a paternalistic owner, he built houses and “offered” other services to the workers... The area is marked by this period. However some changes have recently happened and the modernization process is going on...
- **Les Deux Parcs**
- **Le Luzard**
- **Pablo Picasso**
- **Le Nesles Nord**
- **Le lotissement**, residential area along with of Marne river.
- **La Cité Descartes** that hosts the University of Marne la Vallée and some of the French “Grandes écoles” like the *Ecole nationale des ponts et chaussées* (which trains construction engineers) ... A cluster was created in 2007, focusing on urban questions : mobility, urban planning, sustainable development... Partnerships between high-tech firms and research laboratories have been signed...

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