

Ludlow French Twinning Association Annual General Meeting 2015
Minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2015 at Ludlow Women's Centre

1. Introduction: Tim Mawson [Chair], on behalf of the Association expressed thanks to Martin and Lesley Knowles for once again hosting the wine-tasting and making for a most convivial evening.

2. Apologies: Were received from Pam and John Aitken, Judy Hennah, Harry Grove, Wendy Shearman.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th March 2014.

These were approved. [Prop. David Chapman, Sec. Sheila French]. There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's report: Tim outlined details of the French visit to Ludlow in May 2014, mentioning the reception at Ludlow Brewing Company on the Thursday and the visit to Shrewsbury and Cosford on the Friday. This had been successful although just visiting Shrewsbury would have been enough. The exhibition of wild life images produced by Les Fertois and displayed at Stone House Gallery had generated a good level of interest and he thanked Valerie Cooke for having arranged it. The dinner/social at Brimfield Sports Hall with catering provided by 'The Cookhouse', Tenbury had been an enjoyable event, especially since it enabled young members to meet each other, in some instances for the first time.

Philip Adam's Newsletters and Shirley Davies's website had been a valuable innovations for the twinning, and thanks to the liaison with schools carried out by Philip, Sylvia and Linda Monteith, several young people were coming on the 2015 visit to France. He extended thanks to Wesley's and to Judy Hennah for their generous sponsorship which was used towards assisting the young people with their travelling expenses. He was disappointed that requests for sponsorship from estate agents had produced no response.

He outlined arrangements for the visit to La Ferté-Macé from 21st to 25th May. These included departure from Ludlow, breakfast in Caen, reception at La Caves des Andaines, the social at Le Chateau de Renes, a triathlon on the Saturday in which members were invited to compete and the visit to Avranches on the return journey, sailing from Cherbourg at 6.30pm. It was hoped that there would be no need for a relief coach driver for the journey from Poole to Ludlow as this had been unsatisfactory on the previous occasion.

5. Treasurer's report: Dave Mulliner tabled the itemized accounts for 2014, showing a balance of £4,090.22. There had been a £947 difference between income and expenditure since it had cost of £470 to set up the website and £530 for the reception at the Brewery. There had been a standard grant from Ludlow Town Council but an application for further funding had been turned down because the council had changed its criteria. To date £394 had been received in subscriptions and there had been donations of £250 each from Wesleys and from a member of the association. Donated money was used to subsidize school aged children to take part in the exchanges and the on-going initiative of encouraging parents and children from local schools was being led by Sylvia Duffy and Philip Adams. The cost of trips to

France this year, as in previous years was based on the cost of hiring the coach and the return ferry crossings. This allowed for whether members opted for cabins or reclining chairs. The meal at the Chateau de Renes was optional and the cost £20 per person. Tim thanked Dave for his continued and detailed stewardship of the funds and the accounts were unanimously adopted by members, [Proposed by Lesley Knowles and seconded by Jill Swift]

6. Elections: Current members were re-elected en masse. *[Philip Adams volunteered to shadow John French in his role of secretary and subsequently took on that role at the end of April. John remains as member of the committee].*

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Open Forum: David Chapman suggested that members interested in the way the Twinning works, might be invited to committee meetings. It was agreed to give notice of committee meetings in the Twinning Newsletter and if possible, on the website. Any members wishing to attend should contact the secretary in advance to allow for seating and catering arrangements.

David Jackman suggested that when the French visit next year, a bowls/boule challenge might be arranged at Ashford Carbonell Village Hall. The hall had recently been re-furbished and sported an astro-turf bowling green. The kitchen is well equipped and from it, cream teas could be served. There is a display area indoors which might be used for twinning information. The hire of the hall is £50. He invited a small party of members to have a look round it and it was agreed to arrange for this. Dave Mulliner suggested that prior to the visit in May, participants could meet each other and receive information at this venue. It was agreed to look into this at the next committee meeting.

A triathlon event was being staged in La Ferté-Macé during the period of the visit and visitors from Ludlow had been invited to take part. Valerie Cooke explained that there was a triathlon club at Lucton School. Dave Mulliner agreed to email the school to see if anyone might be interested. There were still a couple of seats available on the coach.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.05pm.

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