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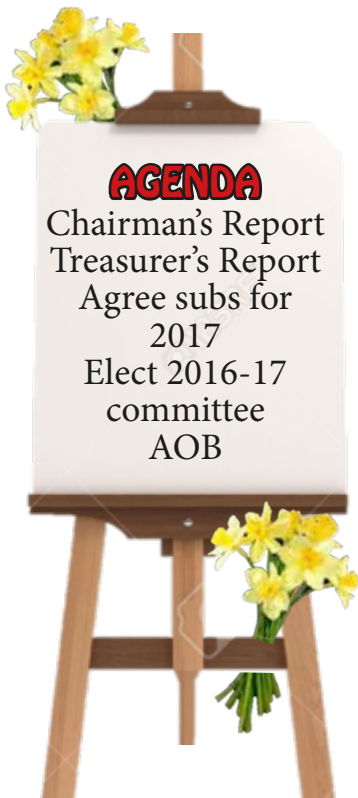


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Nailsworth & District Twinning Association

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Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 1 March 2016, 7.30pm

Comrades Club Skittle Alley.
AGM, followed by fish & chips from Walkers
and a game of skittles.
paying Bar.

RSUP with your order for fish & chips at £6.30
to rachael.kayani@btinternet.com 835518
(pay on the night)



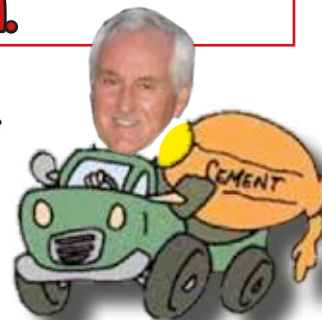
Committee

Carole and Gill Ogle are retiring from the committee, although Carole is happy to continue producing the newsletter unless anyone else would like to take this on. **Rachael Kayani, Allan Beale, David Jackson, Marie & John McColl** will form the new core team, with **Judith Haines, Sue Smith and Elisabeth Targett** in a supporting role. **Debbie Powell** is our NTC representative.

New committee members would be very welcome - Please come forward.



Many thanks to Les, overseen by Allan, who cemented in the dedication plaque for our anniversary cherry tree to make it safe from any potential souvenir hunters. We think the tree is growing . . . a little!



Subs for 2016 are now due

If you cannot attend the AGM, please send your cheque (payable to Nailsworth Twinning Assoc) to treasurer: David Jackson, Coombe Rise, Hollies Hill, Nailsworth GL6 0AW

Or you can pay online to sort code 30-94-28 Acc. 58825360 ref your name (and drop David an email to let him know: david.jackson@homecall.co.uk)

2016 rates remain at £12 (couple/family) and £6 (single)

2016 annual town visit in Nailsworth

Our French friends arrive **Thursday evening 5 May** and leave again **Sunday morning 8 May**

Please contact Judith if you can help with accommodation - 833547
family.haines@btinternet.com



French Student seeking 3 month summer job

19 year old Juliette Vivien from our French twin town is in her 2nd year at Rouen University studying Biology.

She would like to come to England for three months (June/July/August) to work and stay with a host family.

Can Juliette help you in your restaurant, hotel, shop or office? If so, please contact her on vivien.juliette@gmail.com

Baguette machine cuts bakers' daily bread

There was a time when no French village would be without its flour-covered baker — an endless source of bread and gossip

Now this most emblematic of Gallic figures is being replaced by a machine after the invention of the automatic baguette distributor.

Hundreds of the vending machines, which cost about €9,000 each, have appeared on streets across the country, and manufacturers say there is no end in sight to the rise in sales.

The innovation is proving controversial. Mayors welcome the distributors in villages that have often not seen a baker for years, and some councils have agreed to subsidise their

installation. Traditionalists say that the machines will stop people travelling to buy bread, leading to the ruin of the traditional bakery.

The distributors, which maintain the baguettes at an ideal temperature (15C to 20C) and humidity level (50 to 60 per cent), were developed a few years ago but the concept has caught on only recently.

MaBaguette, a company based in western France that makes one of the most popular models, sold about ten when it launched them in 2010. Last year it sold 400. Philippe Retailleau, the sales manager, said he believed that there could soon be as many as 10,000 baguette distributors across the country. Typically, they are installed in villages where the bread shop shut years ago and villagers must drive to a nearby town or wait for the nearest baker to make a daily visit, traditionally in a battered Citroën van.

Now they have a continual supply of baguettes that stay fresh for 24 hours and cost about €1 — a little more than at the bakery.

“The trouble is that nowadays everyone gets in their cars to go to work and so they are not there when the baker comes to the village,” Mr Retailleau said.

He said that the distributor was better for villagers and more profitable for bakers, who only needed to fill them once or twice a day instead of employing an assistant to drive from community to community.

François Bernard, a baker in western France, who has already installed two distributors, announced the installation of a third last week, in the village of Breuil-Chaussée, after the local council begged him to come to the rescue of breadless inhabitants.

Emmanuel Gripon, chairman of a branch of the Federation of Bakers, said: “I am against these machines which stop people coming into our shops . . . That contributes to the desertification of the countryside and the end of social relations.”



NAILSWORTH & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION 20th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At Nailsworth Sub Rooms, Wednesday 11 March 2015

PRESENT: Bill & Joyce Affleck, Tony Anhoury, Allan & Daphne Beale, Sue Bean, Carole de Lacroix, Jeff Green, Les & Judith Haines, David & Ann Jackson, Rachael Kayani & Anthony Locke, Tony & Pat Marston Smith, John & Marie McColl, Myles & Angela Robinson, Steve & Liz Robinson, Laurie & June Smith, Sue Smith, Richard & Elisabeth Targett

APOLOGIES: Gill & Rog Ogle, Liz Green, Gill Anhoury, Paul de Lacroix, Colin Smith

Report of Chairman Minutes from the 2014 AGM and the 2014 accounts had been circulated in the last Bulletin and were taken as read. A quick recap of events over the past year –

- New mayor in Lèves April 2014 – Rémi Martial – apparently pro-twinning and keen to come and see us.
- Very successful visit from Lèves end of May with super walks led by Jeff and Liz; good weather; concert from François Cornu and singers. We received 45 visitors.
- Rachael and Allan manned a stall at the primary school summer fête. Thanks to Rachael's perseverance, we've managed to renew tenuous contact with the school – more of that later
- We now have a town boules pitch in KGV field and Allan is in charge of running the League!
- We were all very sad to have lost long time member Paul Carter but were delighted that Linda had indicated she would be coming to Lèves this year.
- The Beales & Fenns attended the 11 November Remembrance ceremonies in Lèves.
- Members of the Association joined with town cllrs and church representatives for a "Je suis Charlie" solidarity photocall by the SNJ in Mortimer Gardens on 13 January.
- Allan & Daphne reported that their old friend Heide Mouchot from Chartainvilliers near Lèves, who joined in the twinning over many years, had passed away, her husband Patrice having died some years ago.

Looking ahead

- The 20th anniversary trip to Lèves takes place w/e of 2/3 May.
- We currently have 21 (unconfirmed) on the coach + 6 under their own steam.
- Unfortunately there will be no NDS players nor cyclists.
- We have agreed on an anniversary gift of a tree. Owing to restrictions on the importation of plant material, each town will be buying their own. Ours will be a weeping cherry and we have just had approval to plant it at the bottom of Spring Hill. The tree will cost £50 + £20 for the plaque. It will be planted at the appropriate time (?early summer) and dedicated with the plaque when the French come over in November. Lèves will be planting a traditional English Oak at Espace Soutine.
- The Art Competition between the primary schools is hopefully underway. Sue Smith's daughter Jess (reception teacher) is managing the NW side. Once Lèves School has chosen the NW winners, we will ask our Mayor to present the prizes on their behalf.
- A return visit from Lèves is scheduled for November Remembrance Sunday and we have said we can accept a dozen people instead of the usual 4, as a reciprocal anniversary visit.
- Rachael reported that there had been an exchange of emails between Sir William Romney students (year 10 & 11) and a secondary school in Chartres, and that letters were now being written.

Accounts: There were no questions on the accounts. Retiring treasurer Gill Ogle could unfortunately not be present but David Jackson introduced himself to the meeting and was thanked for taking on the role of treasurer. Gill was thanked in her absence for carrying out this task over several years, and also Richard Targett for auditing the accounts every year. It was explained that our funds were used towards cost of entertaining the French when they come here + an occasional expense, on which subject the meeting was asked whether it approved a subsidy for the coach to Lèves this year. Allan Beale proposed, seconded by Richard Targett that £300 be taken from Association funds for this purpose and the motion was unanimously approved.

Subscription rates for 2016: Subs had been increased for 2015, and so would remain at £12 and £6 for a single person. Membership was down to about 25 families last year, of which at least 2 we already know will not be renewing.

2015-16 Committee: Frances Lewis was retiring and we were delighted to welcome John and Marie McColl to the team. Existing committee members were happy to continue for another year - Allan Beale, Jeff Green, Judith Haines, David Jackson, Rachael Kayani, Carole de Lacroix, Gill Ogle, Sue Smith, Elisabeth Targett. Allan gave a vote of thanks to Carole for holding it all together. The meeting was reminded that Carole, Sue, Judith, Gill, Elisabeth were retiring at the 2016 AGM.

AOB:

We were asked if we publicised the Association in surrounding villages. We did have an advert in the Horsley newsletter when we had the AGM there 2 years ago; we have had publicity in the SNJ, and of course regularly in Nailsworth News; displays in the TIC window.

Tony Anhoury suggested the Association have a stall on Festival Saturday as a marketing exercise, with photos of visits over the last 20 years, possibly sale/give away of French produce, a prize draw, French music (Jeff knows an accordionist), French dancing (Myles knows William Laurence who runs a French dance group in Horsley). It was agreed to have a brainstorming session on ideas and let Tony know if we would like him to arrange a stall for Festival Saturday – cost would be about £10 for table and umbrella.

The meeting was followed by a splendid bring-and-share supper coordinated by Elisabeth with her usual efficiency. Apologies again for the plastic cutlery and paper plates but it doesn't half save on the washing up - single-handedly managed by Elisabeth in her purple gloves!

Income and Expenditure Account

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Membership Subs.	£300.00	Rent	£15.00
Grants/Donations	£1,000.00	Transport Costs	£3,000.00
Entertainment Mbr. Contrib.	£528.00	Entertainment	£748.00
Trip Mbr. Contribution	£2,860.00	Miscellaneous	£110.32
Balance of Expenditure over Income			£814.68
Total Income	<u>£4,688.00</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>£4,688.00</u>

Reserves

Balance Brought Forward 01/01/2015	£639.91
Balance of Income over Expenditure	£814.68
Reserves at 31/12/2015	<u>£1,454.59</u>

I have examined the records and statements provided to me and can confirm that in my opinion the above Accounts represent a true record of the income and expenditure of the Association for the year to 31/12/2015

R H Targett
Independent Examiner
Date: 30/01/2016