



# Le Bulletin



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Nailsworth & District Twinning Association

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Looking forward to seeing as many as possible at the AGM on 12th March, 7pm at the Comrades Club. Meeting first, followed by buffet and skittles.

Remember to bring annual subs of £7.50 per person and £5.50 for the buffet.

If you have not already been in touch with Rachael please confirm if you can attend or not.

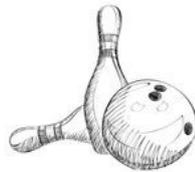
Also let Rachael know if you do not want to renew your membership in 2018.

## AGM 2018 MON 12 MARCH 7PM



at the Comrades Club

skittles and buffet supper



**RSVP** - ~~£6~~ <sup>now only £5.50!</sup> a head on the night, but advance booking essential.

*NB. if you've booked and don't turn up, you will still be charged, as food will have been bought for you*

*Please review the minutes of the 2017 AGM and the 2017 Accounts, attached and let us know if you have any questions to be answered at the meeting.*

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## Help Wanted

### Volunteers Needed!

Can you help run the Association? As with many voluntary groups our success relies on willing volunteers. We have spaces on our committee for anyone with an interest in getting involved, no matter what the role or how much time you have to give. We are particularly keen to appoint a new secretary or chair and Rachael will be happy to stay on and help handover gradually. The May visit will be fully organised by the existing team but extra hands are always welcome. Please get in touch if you feel you would like to find out more or talk to Rachael at the AGM.



## French visit to Nailsworth 2018

arrival 6.30/7pm

**SATURDAY 5 May,**

departure early am

**TUESDAY 8 May**

Plans are advancing well to welcome 44 visitors from Lèves for the first May bank holiday weekend.

We are still looking for hosts for the weekend so if you have a spare bed you can offer and we've not heard from you already, please contact Judith Haines ASAP (family.haines@btinternet.com)

There will be a reception at the Town Hall to welcome our guests on arrival and dinner organised for all involved with the Association on the Monday evening. Visitors will leave first thing on Tuesday morning.

Further information will be sent to all members soon.

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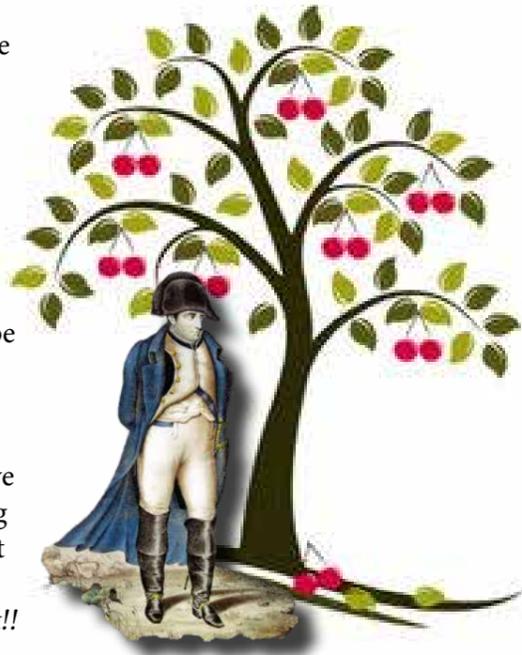


We say a sad goodbye to "Frilly Frock" and hello to "Napoleon Bigarreau".

What am I talking about?

The 20 year anniversary Cherry Tree has sadly had to be replaced.

Hopefully Napoleon will take to the local environment and thrive at the bottom of Spring Hill. Fingers crossed it won't be a casualty of *the beast from the east!!*



## NAILSWORTH & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION AGM MINUTES 9th MARCH 2017



**Committee members present:** Allan Beale, Rachael Locke, Judith Haines, Elisabeth and Richard Targett. **Apologies** from Sue Smith.

**Members present:** 28 members present. **Apologies** received from those unable to attend.

**Minutes of 2016 AGM + 2016 accounts** circulated prior to meeting by email to all members - taken as read. No questions arising from the minutes.

### 2017-18 Committee

Allan Beale (President), Rachael Kayani (Chair/Sec), Richard Targett (Treasurer), Judith Haines (accommodation) Sue Smith, Elisabeth Targett, Isobel Hie, Pauline Scotting  
The committee also thanked outgoing members David Jackson and Marie and John McColl who have served on the committee for a number of years.

### Report on the year's activities - 2016

**March** – new committee formed with some new members and we said goodbye to Carole and Gill, who had been on the committee for many years.

**May** – 29 French guests came to stay in Nailsworth. We were blessed with lovely weather and had a successful weekend thanks to the generosity of the hosts. The weekend's activities included boules at the KGV field and a social evening at Shortwood Football Club with the Old and Ragged Morris Dancers and a Hog Roast. Two of our talented thespian members (Graham and Pauline) put on a memorable performance from Shakespeare's Henry V, which went down favourably with our guests.

**May** – we gained a new Council Rep in Angela Norman.

**July** – annual boules match with the Stroud Twinning Association. I believe we won overall this year but as we all know, it's not about the winning, it's about the CAKE! We had plenty! Sadly the Stroud Association has now disbanded.

**October** – we strengthened our bonds with Nailsworth Primary School with an exchange of letters between children in Lèves and Nailsworth. I was invited to the school to speak to the children about the Twinning Association and was overwhelmed by their interest and enthusiasm. The Head is supportive in encouraging the children to take an interest and in developing some links. He sent letters home to parents about the coming trip and publicised it in the school newsletter.

We have 2 children coming with us to Lèves from the school !

**November** – Bruce, Sue, Allan and Daphne travelled to Lèves for the remembrance ceremonies. Whilst there, Allan checked on our oak tree (which was a gift from Nailsworth to mark 20 years of our association). It seems to be doing fairly well! Our cherry tree next to C2, whilst still small, appears to have survived the winter and will hopefully blossom soon!

### Report from Nailsworth Town Council

Angela reported that new "Welcome to Nailsworth, Twinned with Lèves" road signs are to be ordered soon and requested advice on the use of the accent on Lèves. Isobel, Carole and Elisabeth to advise.

### 2016 financial report

The report in full is attached. Our Treasurer reports a headline balance of £1170 but this includes £500 in deposits for the coach. The committee will have to look at boosting funds this year if, as anticipated, we receive visitors from Lèves in early 2018.

### Annual Subscriptions for 2018

Remain at £15 per family and £7.50 per person.

Thank you to the children of Year 5 at Nailsworth Primary School for working hard on their letters to pen friends in Lèves. These were gratefully received by English teacher Brigitte Delannoy and her pupils will be sending some replies back soon.  
Well done to all at NPS!



The committee has plans for a mural to help brighten up Lèves Corner which was recently vastly improved by painting the railings and tidying up the gardens.

The attached first sketch has been presented to the committee for approval, designed by 17 year old Lilia Kayani and we are happy to receive any comments / suggestions. We are now looking for ideas about how it can be funded.

Also, if anyone has spare paint in the shed that can be donated, please get in touch with Rachael. (Paints must be suitable for an external wooden surface).

# NAILSWORTH & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

## INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2017

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Membership Subs. (49)	367.50	Rent for AGM	20.00
2017 Trip to Lèves- member contributions	3,082.50	Cost of AGM buffet	185.00
Receipts re AGM Buffet	150.00	Transport costs re coach to Lèves	2,990.00
Receipts re October Quiz evening	223.30	Wine purchased May 2017 for future fund raising events	77.00
Members payments re Remembrance Day Lunch	184.00	Miscellaneous	55.48
		Cost of Remembrance Day lunch (French visitors funded by Nailsworth)	335.80
		Excess of Income over Expenditure	344.02
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£ 4,007.30</u></b>	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£ 4,007.30</u></b>

### Reserves

Balance Brought Forward 01/01/2017	£ 1,170.41
Excess of Income over Expenditure	344.02
Reserves at 31/12/2017	£ 1,514.43

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 31/12.2017.



J.W. Davis  
Independent Examiner

Date: 27/02/2018