

Frome Twinning Association



Annual General Meeting Trinity Hall, Thursday 12 March 2009

As already announced, this year's Annual General Meeting is to be held at Trinity Hall on Thursday 12 March at 7.30pm. Members are asked to please bring a plate of finger food for a buffet to follow. To ensure a balanced mix, could those members with surnames A-M bring savoury food, and those N-Z bring sweet. There will be drinks available for suggested donations and a raffle.

The present committee is willing to stand again: Elizabeth Wakefield as Chairman; Clive Rees, Treasurer; Pat Oatley, Secretary; plus Peter Bardgett, Malcolm Begley, Rachel Blacklidge, Margaret Brulais, Hilary Daniel, Blanche Farley, Christine Potter and Sue Rees (although some would be happy to stand down if there were others who would like to join). Christine Potter stood for one year as Vice Chairman, but we are now looking for someone to fill this post. A year serving as a general committee member first could be arranged. This could be an opportunity for an interested member who has already enjoyed twinning, or someone new who would like to get involved. Anyone who would like to discuss this further, please contact Elizabeth on 01373 304266. Should any member be interested in joining the committee, or know of someone who is, please complete the attached form.

Do come along and bring any friends who would like to learn more about twinning and the friendship between our towns, as well as the developing links with Rabka-Zdrój. Take the chance to share with others news of any events of the past year. We are always looking for new ideas for our social events calendar, so come and share ideas with us, or speak to any committee member if you cannot attend.

As already advised, the annual Quadripartite meeting is to be held in Rabka this year. Just 15 people from each town have been invited officially, but we are assured there facilities for others willing to pay for their own accommodation, etc. We understand that for these people there will be an opportunity to join in some social events. It is hoped that further details will be available on the night.

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I/We will be attending the AGM: Name(s) (please print)
and would like the following matter to be raised

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Please return to Mrs P Oatley, 42 Mendip Drive, Frome, BA11 2HU or email patriciako@talktalk.net by 3 March.

FTA Committee Membership

I would like to volunteer/propose (please print)
to stand for election as a committee member.

Signed Date
Name (please print)

Please return to Mrs P Oatley, 42 Mendip Drive, Frome, BA11 2HU or email patriciako@talktalk.net by 3 March.

Other news

Late Christmas Dinner, 24 January

Once again the annual dinner was a great success, enjoyed by 37 members and friends. All agreed the meal by Simon Dredge was superb and the service excellent. Conversation flowed long after the meal was cleared away, a sure sign that everyone enjoyed the evening.

Signing of Town Twinning Agreement, 30 January

To mark the closer cooperation between Frome Twinning Association and Frome Town Council, a reception was held at Rook Lane Chapel. The Mayor, Cllr Alvin Horsefall invited MEP Graham Watson and all those who were interested in our town's twinning. A broad cross-section of about 80 people, either already involved, or interested in our links, attended. After a few short addresses, two Frome College students, gave the powerpoint presentation they had compiled during their visit to Murrhardt in October, which had been funded by the twinning association and the town council. Brian Potter also screened some memories of twinning over the years. Everyone then enjoyed a generous fork supper whilst catching up with old acquaintances and new.

Student accommodation

Michèle Hartmann from Murrhardt, who many of us have known for her work in twinning for many years, has requested help to find accommodation for her granddaughter, who wishes to stay in Frome in the late Summer for three weeks, to improve her English and knowledge of the English way of life. Payment would be offered to hosts, or this could be on a reciprocal basis. If anyone is able to help, please contact Elizabeth Wakefield on 304266, or email dandewake@blueyonder.co.uk

Future dates for your diary

June 22 A walk round Stourhead finishing with supper at The Spread Eagle
August 23 Lunch in the garden of Malcolm Begley
Oct/Nov A parlour games evening with supper

Subscriptions

Members are reminded that subscriptions for 2009-2010 will be due on 1 April. These will remain the same at £7.50 for a family membership and £5 for a single. If you are unable to pay at the AGM, please send to the membership secretary Christine Potter, 21 Whitestone Road, Frome, BA11 2DW (cheques payable to Frome Twinning Association).