

# Frome Twinning Association



NEWSLETTER

MAY 2009

*You are invited to join our next*

## Country Ramble Monday 22 June 2009

starting at The Spread Eagle, Stourton, 6.00pm  
and returning there to share a meal or a drink  
(approx 3 miles)



We hope you can come along to enjoy a summer evening stroll with friends,  
or simply meet the group when they return at about 7.30 - 8.00  
(Please be sure to bring good walking shoes, in case of muddy paths!)

*Please complete form below*

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**Other news**

**AGM, 12 March**

Over 30 people attended a short, friendly meeting, followed by a bring-a-plate supper and chat, shared and enjoyed by all. (A floral china plate was left behind, could the owner please contact Pat Oatley.)

In her report, Elizabeth Wakefield spoke about the new developments during the past year. The main one was the agreement with Frome Town Council under which, together with the partner towns, they hope in the future to apply for funding from the European Union for various community projects to benefit the towns.

The other highlight of the year was the welcoming of the Polish town of Rabka-Zdrój into the twinning partnership along with Château-Gontier and Murrhardt. The initial

agreement was signed by the towns' Mayors at the annual meeting in Murrhardt last year, when it was also agreed to hold the joint meeting in Poland this July.

The officers elected for the coming year were Elizabeth Wakefield (Chair), Christine Potter (Vice-Chair), Pat Oatley (Secretary) and Clive Rees (Treasurer). The remaining members of the committee were re-elected en bloc. After thanking everyone for their support during the past year Elizabeth concluded by saying that the association would love to welcome more people, especially anyone who would be willing to serve in an active role on the committee. Anyone interested in joining can contact the Secretary on (01373) 46398  
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Country Ramble : Monday 22 June 2009**

I/we will be coming to ramble :

Name(s) ..... *please print*

Address .....

Please indicate how many will want to have a meal at the pub ..... (order your own at the table)

*Please return to Elizabeth Wakefield, 5 Catherston Close, Frome, BA11 4HR  
or email dandewake@blueyonder.co.uk - no later than Thursday 12 June*

## Why Rabka?

The suggestion to twin with a Polish town came from our German friends. The possibilities were discussed at the Tripartite meetings in Murrhardt in 2005, and in Château-Gontier in 2006.

After consulting the German Consulate in Krakow, Thomas Zeeb did a lot of research into possible towns. In late 2006/early 2007 he sent information on Darlowa, Glucholazy, Miechów, Rabka-Zdrój, Stary Sacz, Zabkowice Slaskie, Zagan to Château-Gontier and Frome, which was considered at length by representatives of the council and this committee. During a visit to Frome in March 2007 Thomas was able to discuss the possibilities with these representatives. Later that month Christine Potter (then Chairman), together with Patrik Leroux of the Château-Gontier twinning association, attended a presentation which Thomas gave in Murrhardt.

Our three towns each made a short list of two or three, to be discussed at the Tripartite meeting in Frome in 2007, where it was agreed to investigate Rabka-Zdrój and Zabkowice Slaskie further.

In April 2008 delegations from Frome and Château-Gontier met the German one in Murrhardt, to travel together, to visit these two towns in southern Poland. Frome was represented by Maggy Daniell, then mayor, Sue Wilthew, town clerk, Elizabeth Wakefield, FTA Chairman, and Christine Potter, who had been Chairman during the preliminary discussions. During the return journey to Murrhardt the whole party agreed that Rabka-Zdrój should be the final choice.

## Subscriptions

Thank you to all those members who have paid up promptly. Just a friendly reminder to those who haven't, subscriptions for 2009/10 became due on 1 April.

## Summer Sale

It has been suggested that we take a table or space at a local summer fayre or boot sale, to raise funds. In order for us to get an idea if we could get enough goods contributed to make this viable, could members please contact Christine Potter, 469972, or email [christinee@talktalk.net](mailto:christinee@talktalk.net) with details of any offers. Please do not deliver any items, until advised by Christine.

*Dates for your diaries . . .*

## Corsley Garden Tea, 26 July

By kind invitation of Gill & Guy Parkinson.

## Lunch in the Garden, 23 August

Once again Malcolm Begley kindly invites us to his home and gardens.

*Details to follow*

## Jock Garland

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of our good friend Jock on 8<sup>th</sup> May. He will be sadly missed by this association, and friends in Murrhardt and Château-Gontier.

Jock was first involved in twinning in early May 1986. As Mayor-elect, he was part of the 100 strong group that travelled to Château-Gontier, to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of twinning between Murrhardt and Château-Gontier.

Later in 1986, as Mayor, he joined the Frome/Murrhardt twinning committee and was very active and supportive from then on. In 1990 he became chairman of the association. When the Frome/ Murrhardt and the Frome/ Château-Gontier associations amalgamated in 1992, to become the Frome Twinning Association, Jock was appointed as chairman. He retired from this post in March 2000, though continued to be a keen supporter of twinning.

There will be a service at St John's Church on Saturday 23 May, at 12 noon.