

# THE NEWSLETTER

Winter  
2017-18

## Dates for Your Diary



**January 25th** - Coffee morning at Sylvia and Terry's.

Starting 10.30am - coffee/tea + biscuits and cake + raffle

cost £5 pp payable to Elizabeth either by post and a cheque made payable to Chippenham Twinning Association or by BACS details further in this newsletter.

Contact: [Sylvia@hotmail.com](mailto:Sylvia@hotmail.com) OR [01249 444206](tel:01249444206)

Please reply by 20th January.

**February 21st 2pm** - talk by Chippenham Museum staff on the history of

Chippenham Twinning Association in the Museum.

Tea/coffee + cake courtesy of Marshfield Bakery + raffle

Cost £5pp payment and contact as above.

Please reply by 7th February



**February 25th 7.00pm** at Chippenham Constitutional club, Foghamshire. Free evening + cash bar and nibbles.

Raffle and game of Beetle, charge £1.

Just turn up!

**March 15th** at Elizabeth and Ken's - Stonehayes, Allington, Chippenham. Afternoon tea cost of £10pp + raffle.

Tea/coffee, sandwiches & cakes

Payment and contact as above

Please reply by 1st March

Please support with your presence and donations for the raffles.



**25th-29th May 2018** Visit to La Fleche

We have been invited to La Fleche for the weekend of 25th May.

On our last visit we made our own way there; is that what you'd prefer to do this year?

If there is anyone who would prefer to go by coach I have the following information. I plan to leave on the night ferry on 24th May from Portsmouth to Caen.

A 19 seater coach costs £3,200.

This includes the cost of the coach, driver and ferry crossings.

An 8 seater minibus costs £1900 with an extra cost of £17 each way for adults and £11 each way for children.

Cabins are an extra £48.

A 17 seater self drive mini bus for 5 days including insurance would cost £700.

there would be extra costs for the crossings for minibus and passengers and fuel, we would also need one or two drivers.

Please let me know:

- If you plan to visit La Fleche for this visit
- The names of your hosts (if known)
- How you plan to travel.

Ruzi Buchanan

French liaison officer

[ruzi.buchanan@btinternet.com](mailto:ruzi.buchanan@btinternet.com)

## From the Chair

Happy New Year! Frohes neues Jahr! Bonne Annee!

As I write this the sun is shining, having dispelled all the snow. Here in Chippenham it came and went although friends further a field had it for several days. It is good to see and for the children to enjoy but once it has served this purpose I am more than happy to wait another year for the next lot. Sorry Friedberg but it is different to your snow, sounds silly but somehow yours is much drier.

Although writing this before the festive period, Terry and myself are off for Christmas and New Year, I do hope everyone will enjoy good health and enjoy sharing with others the true meaning of these celebrations. Once again our Christmas lunch was held at the Golf Club where 25 members shared good food and friendship along with a quiz and the seasonal raffle. We were able to formally welcome new members, Pip and Chris Higman, to our Association and look forward to sharing many happy times with them. We were delighted that our President, the Mayor of Chippenham and her consort were able to join us.

At our last committee meeting we welcomed Councillor Nick Murry as the representative from the Town Council. We thank him for his time and look forward, through him, to having a closer relationship with the Town Council. The New Year brings with it the need to renew your subscriptions and 100 club subscriptions, remember with the later you can have more than one number.

Our AGM will be held on 25th February, more details later in this Newsletter, when the post of Treasurer, presently held by Elizabeth and the post of French Liaison Officer, held by Ruzi, are up for renewal, both have indicated that they are willing to stand for ONE more year. This gives us a year's grace to find people to take on these posts. We still have a vacancy for a Social Secretary. We have lots of activities in the pipe line it just needs someone to co-ordinate them and send out and collate the information from members. At the actual activity we all work together. Other committee members are willing to continue with their terms of nomination.

We will be visiting La Fleche at the end of May and welcoming our friends from Friedberg to Chippenham during August - more details of both later in the Newsletter.

If you have visited places or know of some that would be suitable to take our guests please share this information with us.

Finishing, as I started, with the weather; the bookmakers have now reduced their odds on us having a white Christmas, but whatever it was like for you the weather will continue to be a subject of discussion - where would we be without it!

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM (Details and Nomination Forms on Pages 3 and 4 of the Newsletter).

Sylvia Gibson

## Welcome to Nick

The Twinning Committee are delighted that Nick Murry will be joining us with immediate effect.

Nick is our new Town Council representative on the committee. Nick is keen on twinning and continued European relationships, being part Dutch, and through his work has strong ties with the local schools. We look forward to his input and support at our future meetings and events.

## Year 11 Celebration Awards Ceremony at Hardenhuish School - 23 November

Hardenhuish School held their Year 11 Awards Ceremony on 23 November. John Scragg and Nigel Thomas attended as representatives of the Twinning Association.

Before the ceremony itself we were supplied with drinks and canapés prepared and served by the students and spent the short time available answering their questions – mostly about twinning. After a brief welcome by the Chair of Governors Mr Geoff Wells, Headteacher Mrs Lisa Percy introduced the ceremony and Year 11 Learning Manager Mrs Becky Parry-Jones presented the prize-winners and delivered the citations. We were entertained with a brief piano interlude midway through the proceedings. The Twinning Association prizes were awarded to Anna Dirs for French and Faye Hutchinson for Spanish. Congratulations to both students for their achievement.

Nigel Thomas

## Notice of Annual General Meeting 2018

Notice is hereby given that the 2018 Annual General Meeting of Chippenham Twinning Association will take place on Sunday 25th February 2018 in The Constitutional Club, Chippenham, commencing at 7.00 pm. There is parking in the Bath Road Car Park and a walkway through to the Consti.

Written nominations are required for vacant committee positions (signed by proposer, seconder and nominee). If you require a Nomination Form please contact the Secretary before 25<sup>th</sup> February. The completed form can be returned at the start of the AGM. Any items for inclusion under Any Other Business should be made in writing to Mrs Carolyn Gilman, Littledown, Parkers Lane, Kington Langley, Chippenham Wiltshire SN15 5PH (email: carolyn.gilman2@btopenworld.com) by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018.

### AGENDA

1. Chairman's opening remarks
2. Welcome address by Mayor Mrs Mary Norton
3. Apologies for Absence
4. Minutes of 2017 AGM
5. Matters arising
6. Chairman's report
7. Treasurer's report and presentation of accounts for year ending 31.12.17
8. Social Secretary's report including reports on France and Germany visits
9. Webmaster and Newsletter Report
10. Election of committee for 2018

***Paragraph 7b of the 2011 Constitution states that "A Committee member, once elected, may serve for a maximum period of three years before being required to stand for re-election."***

Two members of the Committee are therefore due to be re-elected at this AGM. These is Elizabeth Kennedy, Treasurer and Ruzi Buchanan, French Liaison - both have agreed to stand for one further year.

- a. Nominations are required for Social Secretary
- b. Any further nominations to fill the other vacancies on the committee
11. Appointment of Auditor for year 2018 Accounts
12. AOB
13. Draws for 100 Club for January/February/March 2018

**An updated copy of this Agenda will be available at the meeting.**

As at previous AGMs, the bar will be open (both before and after the meeting) for alcoholic/non-alcoholic drinks and coffee. At the end of the AGM there will be the annual Raffle, followed by a Beetle Drive - a bargain at £1 per card. Good quality prizes would be most welcome. Please contact Sylvia Gibson (Chair), or the Secretary.

**CHIPPENHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION  
NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 25 FEBRUARY 2018**



**Nomination for:** \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by proposer: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 100 Club Draw

Winners of the Oct, Nov and Dec draw - made at the CTA meeting 12 December

1st	38	Bernice Salmon	£30
2nd	3	Sarah Martin	£20
3rd	34	Ken Kennedy	£13
4th	29	Jackie & Graham Baskerville	£11
5th	21	Roy & Wendy Brooks	£7

## Twinning Visit to Marshfield Bakeries



Whilst waiting for our guide we saw the variety of items on sale which have been produced in the bakery. Our guide, Ben, joined us; he is the son of the owners who started a bakery in Marshfield several years ago. With sales still growing year on year new premises were built, which just about able to cope with the volume of orders but this situation is under review.

Some recipes being used are those kept from the first bakery operations although adaptations are always being made or considered when requested by large national companies who purchase the products. Apologies were not forthcoming for the amount of sugar, butter, cream, chocolate, nuts, cereals, and golden syrup used in producing cakes, sponges, fruit bars, and flapjacks! These ingredients are bulk buys, most of which are sourced in the UK.

We were led through various offices seeing staff working on computers dealing with sales, purchases, customers, suppliers, administration and accounts. In another area we remove our coats, jackets, rings, earrings, watches and anything which could accidentally drop off into a cake mix! We were given white

coats, hairnets, plastic overshoes and, in one case, a beard net.

In storage areas we saw vast quantities of ingredients carefully monitored to prevent contamination, especially thinking of allergies. Next, we saw people busily engaged in mixing ingredients whilst others were spreading mixtures in lined trays, firming and flattening them down before placing trays onto trolleys ready to go into ovens. The ovens give out tremendous heat and inside we saw trolleys stacked with trays rotating until pre-set finishing times are reached. Leaving the ovens, we saw a stamping out machine being used to drop down on trays of flapjacks to make a finished size and shape.

From here we moved on to watch operatives at work packing, labelling, and boxing items ready to be put into larger boxes prior to going through sensors to detect any metal that could be present following a production problem.

In producing such large quantities the bakery employs staff on one of two shifts; there are other important roles such as engineering, maintenance, monitoring, cleansing, quality control, and research especially when buyers request new products or changes to their requirements.

In the dispatch bay we saw pallets being assembled and covered in plastic, then labelled ready for collection.

We were very impressed with everything we saw, after which we removed protective clothing and replaced it with those items we had to remove.

Back in the shop we treated ourselves or purchased Christmas gifts before going over the road to The Crown pub for lunch. We enjoyed each other's company, and thanked Sylvia warmly for arranging this extremely interesting tour.

**Bryant Vincent**

## Scottish Margaret

We learned that Scottish Margaret, as she is very fondly known to one and all, was not very well in early December and went into hospital for tests. Whilst there she had a heart attack.

The doctors undertook a procedure and we are delighted to hear that she is now on the mend and hoped to be out by Christmas and make a full recovery.

The whole of the Chippenham Twinning Association - Committee and all its members wish Margaret a speedy recovery and we all look forward to seeing her here in the summer.

**Carolyn Gilman**

## Friedberg Christmas Market - December 17th - 19th December



We visited Friedberg, staying with our hosts Wolfgang and Monika Hullerman, during our Bavarian holiday in December and went to see the Christmas Market in Friedberg which is set all around the Church.

It seemed that most of Augsburg was there, as well everyone in Friedberg. It is a very friendly and busy market with lots of artisan traders, as well as the usual variety of wurst and gluwein. You certainly would not go hungry when visiting! We tried the Gluwein and wurst just to check of course - Yummy!

(Photo of Wolfgang, Paul and Monika)



The Partnerstadt Christmas Stall was doing well. It is a big job running this every day whilst the market is open and they have a great team of volunteers - I even helped on one morning down to a cellar to fill up the bags to replenish stocks. Whilst we were there supplies of tea were plentiful but Mamade had disappeared in the first few days.

We also bumped into the Mayor by chance - Mr Roland Eichmann, chatted and had a photo of course!!!



(Carolyn and the Mayor with the Partnerstadt stall behind)

We met several of the Twinning members during our stay and they all sent Greetings to their friends in Chippenham. It is a very charming market and the setting is perfect. We made several other trips out whilst we were there to other artisan markets, our favourite was Affing - and on Tuesday bade a fond farewell to our friends and returned home on the 19th December and look forward to meeting everyone in August when they visit us here in Chippenham. **Carolyn and Paul Gilman**

## Bangers & Mash 30 September

In the Autumn an early Bangers & Mash evening was held at the home of Philip and Margaret Dyke in Yatton Keynell. Sixteen members came together for a social evening of eating, drinking and generally having a good time.

Guests were greeted with a glass of Prosecco and nibbles and much jollity and banter followed whilst Margaret went off to the kitchen to carry out final arrangements for the main course. The sixteen then took their seats at a large oblong table, which of course was not quite big enough, so the overflow joined them through patio doors from the conservatory at a smaller table. There then followed Cumberland sausages (+veg option) with creamed mashed potatoes, a variety of vegetables and oceans of onion gravy. Red and white wines were served together with a non-alcoholic option - more chatter ensued.

After the table was cleared a variety of fresh fruit crumbles were served with custard and/or cream. There followed a selection of cheeses and guests could choose from Danish Blue, Brie, Bleu de Bretagne, Camembert, Double Glos., Extra Mature Cheddar and a herb roulade, of course all washed down with more wine.

When everyone had seen off the cheese and biscuits coffees and teas were served. Margaret and Philip would like to thank all who attended this evening especially as we managed to raise £163 for Twinning funds. It was a lovely relaxed opportunity to catch up with friends from Twinning that we might not otherwise see. **Margaret Dyke**

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## PLEASE NOTE!!!!!!!

The **DEADLINE** for articles for the Autumn Newsletter is **STRICTLY 05 APRIL 2018**; items received after this date will unfortunately not be included, but may be held over until the Spring edition.

Please send items directly to:

[chriscrosby24@mac.com](mailto:chriscrosby24@mac.com), in Word (NOT PDF), with the Subject 'CTA Newsletter'.

Please send related text and photographs in the **same email**.

**Please do not send items for the Newsletter in text boxes. Thank you**

Many thanks

Chris (Ed.)



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