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Twinning News December 2019

Chairman: Pat Durrant

Vice Chairman: Sue Dawson



Hello Members,

This year has gone so quickly.

We have had some happy times raising money for funds. Again we had a stall on Retford market on Charter day and a strawberry tea at Clarborough. Thank you very much to all the volunteers.

In May we had a successful visit with our friends from Pfungstadt. The return visit in September was wonderful.

On the 29th November we held a Christmas Concert Spectacular with the Sheffield Folk Chorale supported by Peter Garrett, Ken Atkinson and Geoff Heppell from the Beehive Folk Club in Harthill. A report by Dawn Beaumont will appear in the next Newsletter.

January 20th will be our annual meeting at the Town Hall. The speaker will be John Shephard who with his wife Gill chose to cycle down the Rhine. I hope you will come along.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year.

Best wishes,

Pat





Calendar of Events

2020

Jan 20 th	Annual General Meeting (Worksop Town Hall)
Feb 5 th	Annual Meal - King William IV
Mar 4 th	Executive Committee Meeting (Worksop TH)
March 7 th	41 st Anniversary of Twinning with Pfungstadt
April 10 th	40 th Anniversary of Twinning with Aurillac & Arpajon
May	Retford Charter Day
June 3 rd	Summer Meal at Venus Restaurant
June 12 th	43 rd Anniversary of Twinning with Garbsen
June 13 th	Swaledale Marathon
July 30th -	
6th August	Visit to Bassetlaw from Aurillac & Arpajon
7th - 17th Sep	Visit to Bassetlaw from Farmers Branch
Oct. 27 th	40 th Anniversary of Twinning with Farmers Branch

Black - Confirmed

Red - Visit or date still to be confirmed

Annual Meal (by Eric Lane)

This year's Annual Meal at the King William IV in Oldcotes will be held on Wednesday 5th February.

Can you please let Barbara know if you wish to reserve a place?



Contact:

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Retford Charter Day (by Eric Lane)

This year the early May Bank Holiday will be held on Friday 8th May and will be known as the VE Bank Holiday.

As a consequence the Retford Charter Day will be held on Monday 25th May. The committee have not yet decided whether to hold the normal stall in Retford or whether to move to Langold Country Park in the summer.

Frank is still collecting items for the stall so if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts etc. please contact Frank on:

01909 730652 or ericr.lane@btinternet.com

Summer Meal (by Eric Lane)

A date for your diary, the Summer Meal will be held on Wednesday 3rd June at the Venus Restaurant in Dinnington.

Swaledale Marathon (by Eric Lane)

This year's Swaledale Marathon will take place on Saturday 13th June. If you wish to be entered into the event and haven't already let me know the deadline is 24th December.



At this year's race we will be welcoming Anke and Volker Posega, from Garbsen. They will be supporting our team and may consider entering in 2021.

Primary School Link with Bassetlaw (by Joy Paul)

Since the BTA visit to Aurillac in August 2018 Lyndsay Hatfield has successfully set up a link with Cuckney C of E primary school.

Lyndsay's son attended that school and now her two grandchildren go there. The link is between Severine Poignet, who coordinates the group in Aurillac, and Liz Davey in Cuckney. Lyndsay has known Liz for many years and when Severine was asking for a contact during the visit, said she would speak to her. The two schools made contact last year.

Liz teaches French at the school and also takes a French club, which Lyndsay's two grandchildren aged six and four both attend

weekly. It is an after-school fun club and last year's topics included numbers, colours, shapes, fruit and vegetables and animals great and small. . Fun French learning uses fun and interactive games, drama, rhymes and songs and creative activities. The children have tasted a variety of foods and enjoyed outdoor games.

Last year some of the older children exchanged introduction letters and shared information about autumn and winter and festivals and celebrations in both countries. This year they will introduce their own town or village. There will be lots of indoor and outdoor activities as well as consolidating and extending the children's language learning. The children will also find out more about France and its culture and traditions.

Liz has said that the French school partnership is going really well, Severine has said the same, and Lyndsay is obviously getting positive feedback from her family. Although sadly the Aurillac visit to Bassetlaw in 2020 will take place during the school holidays, it should be possible to take Severine to the school and arrange for her to meet Liz. What a very positive development this is - long may it last!

Farmers Branch Proposed Visit (by Sue Dawson)

An invitation has been sent to members of the Twinning Association in Farmers Branch USA inviting them to Bassetlaw in September 2020. This is to coincide with events celebrating the 400 year anniversary of the Mayflower sailing to USA. We are hopeful that some members of the association will be coming over.

Keith Gibson

It is with sadness and regret that I have to inform you that Keith passed away earlier this year. Keith and his wife Marie were members of the B.T.A. for many years. They supported many functions that we organised and joined us on a visit to one of our Twin Towns a few years ago.

We send our sincere condolences to Marie and Jeff, his father-in-law, and to all their family.

Rest in Peace Keith.

Finally

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year in 2020 - Eric

