



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NORTH BADDESLEY TWINNING ASSOCIATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 30th APRIL, 2014 AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL, ROWNHAMS LANE

Present: Andy Marsh (Chairman) Angela Pickett (Hon. Secretary), Tony Forward (Hon. Treasurer), Robin Oliver, Pat White, Lizanne Hardcastle and 29 members of the Association.

Apologies: Were received from Tom and Sue Radford, Chris and John Powell.

1.	Minutes of Last AGM held on Wednesday, 24th April, 2013: The Chairman read out the Minutes of the last meeting. It was proposed by Bryson McAdam and seconded by Jan Marsh that the minutes be accepted as a correct record. Motion carried.
2.	Matters Arising from the Minutes: None.
3.	<p>Chairman's Address:</p> <p><i>"Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen welcome to you all. Little did I think sat on the beach in Brisbane in 35 degree of wonderful sunshine that 48 hours later I would be the Chairman of the North Baddesley Twinning Association. Well our year started still under Judith's splendid leadership with the trip to France for the 20th Anniversary and what a weekend it was. The two benches we presented to the French were received with much amusement and appreciation. Our next event saw us make a return to Village Day with our Famous Crepe stall a good day was had by all ,but unfortunately despite a great deal of hard work and effort by the committee and others we didn't make a great deal of money and didn't manage to enrol any new members. In June we then held a Treasure Hunt around Chandlers Ford this was well organised by Michael and Lorraine Cooke many thanks to them. In October we held our annual Skittles Evening at Wellow Golf Club this was well supported and along with the raffle we made a good profit for the Association, the evening was won by Nora for the girls and by David Rogers for the men. This year we tried a different event instead of having a Christmas Dinner we tried a Valentine's Evening again we went to Wellow Golf Club who did us proud, and although they had a few power cuts during the serving of the meal and a misunderstanding about whether it was to be a Dinner or a Dinner Dance so with suggestions from members and the technical expertise of Rob Williams we managed to provide both background music with the meal and then some dance music for the more energetic. We finished the year off with the very successful Quiz Night run by Judith and as usual what she said was final. Again this year our best fund raiser were the raffles we ran and thanks goes to all who donated prizes, sold tickets, most of all bought the tickets. Also I would like to thank our Quizzers who have been out and about this year spreading our name and performing well. Although we have not had so many events to organize this year the Committee have been working hard on organising this year's French visit details of which will be given to you later. This brings me on to the subject of the Committees, as you can see from the Agenda we are going to lose our Treasurer (Tony) who I would like to thank for all his help this year, and I hope that you enjoy your retirement. So if you would like to start forming an orderly queue on the right we can select our new Treasurer. We are also looking for new committee members to help with the day to day running, if we don't get a Treasurer, according to our Constitution we can't go forward so heed this warning. So have a think about this and if anybody feels able to help please come and speak to us afterwards. Talking of Committees I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to this year's committee Tony, Angela, Robin, Pat, and Lizanne, without who's help I wouldn't be here tonight, and look forward to working with them and others next year Hopefully next year we are holding a Treasure Hunt – Skittles Evening- and a year- end Dinner plus also a Quiz if I can persuade Judith to perform her magic? Right, I think you'll have had enough of me for one night so it just leaves me to thank you for attending tonight and remind you that without your support we can't continue!!" Andy Marsh</i></p>

4.	<p>To Receive the Annual Report from the Honorary Treasurer:</p> <p><i>“Good evening everybody – once again I have to admit my inability to balance the accounts. I have struggled to do so for some while and believe I know where the anomalies lie but do not have the nous to go and prove it. The adjustment almost mirrors last year’s figure, but on the opposite side and so would seem to cancel itself out.</i></p> <p><i>The problems seem to arise at crossover of year-end figures, eg payments made and in this particular year, late arrival of 2012 Xmas party income which has been paid in in this current year. Having spent some time trying to resolve the issue, it occurred to me that life is too short to worry overmuch and to just admit defeat. Whilst I am content to remain in Post, I think it only fair to you all to stand aside and let a more astute member of the Association take on the role of Treasurer, hence my resignation as noted on the Agenda.</i></p> <p><i>That said, the job is not overly onerous and I can now give you a broad-brush overview of the annual figures. Bank balances remain robust and at the year end totalled some £6330. Since then we have collected this year’s subs, enjoyed a Valentine’s Dinner and the annual Quiz, and as I write the bank balances exceed £7,189. This has to be tempered by the fact that large outgoings currently and over the next few weeks will put quite a dent in that figure and, having just been given a list from the Secretary of the cheques required we may need to delve into the Reserve Account.</i></p> <p><i>The 12 months to December, 2013 showed net income from fundraising events amounting to £667, bolstered by Subs, donations and a grant from Hants CC totally £750. The grant is earmarked towards the forthcoming French visit. Against this Admin. type expenditure, including the Insurance Premium, amounted to just £1904, whilst the nett cost of the visit to France amounted to £666. The relatively new method of travellers covering the full cost of the trip certainly helped here because the expenditure solely involved payment for the gifts that were taken over.</i></p> <p><i>Bank balances rose over the year by £648 due to the excess of income over expenditure plus other factors, e.g. late banking of Xmas Party Income as stated earlier. You will be pleased to know that is all I have to say, so thank you for your interest and may I offer my best wishes to my successor. If there any questions I will do my utmost to answer them now. Thank you.”</i></p> <p>It was proposed by Terry Randall and seconded by Barbara Randall that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted. Motion carried.</p>
5.	<p>Election of the Committee for the Next Year:</p> <p>All the Committee are prepared to stand again (the Chairman was elected for two years last year). Andy Marsh proposed that all the Committee be re-voted in en block. Seconded by Terry Randall and carried unanimously. As no one had come forward to stand as Treasurer Tony Forward agreed to stand again. It was, therefore, proposed by Robin Oliver and seconded by Janet Marsh that he be re-elected as the Hon. Treasurer. Motion carried. The Committee therefore, now consists of:- Chairman – Andy Marsh; Hon. Treasurer – Tony Forward; Hon. Secretary – Angela Pickett; Members – Robin Oliver, Pat White and Lizanne Hardcastle. The Chairman stated that we would like some more Committee members, if anyone was interested the next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, 12th May, 2014 at Robin Oliver’s House (5 Spring Gardens, North Baddesley).</p>
7.	<p>Open Forum:</p> <p>Bryson McAdam suggested that in future the Minutes of the last meeting be sent out with the Agenda, to save having to read it right through at the meeting. This was agreed.</p> <p>The discussion during the Open Forum centred mainly on events held during the year and whether having fewer events meant a drop in finances. The answer to this was no and the Quiz evenings continue to be a big money spinner as the main expense is just the hire of the Village Hall. Our visits to France are self-funding, everyone pays to cover the cost of the coach hire but the visit to us this year is going to make a big dent in our Finances. It is a shame that our visitors come over for such a short space of time. The question of grant money or funding from Europe was discussed but it was felt that most EU money goes to the Eastern Bloc countries these days and you have to go through hoops to try and get anything</p> <p>Other methods of funding will be looked into. We had a table at the Village Open Day in the Village Hall and the Mayor’s Consort suggested that there were other avenues to get funding and</p>

	<p>he would get back to us. The question of holding a free Cheese and Wine evening was again put forward – but it was not felt that this would pull in droves of people and could be mainly a social event for our benefit. The question was asked as to whether Twinning has a future as it stands – there is not much new blood joining – young families do not have the accommodation and go elsewhere for holidays now. All organisations are having the same problems and some local Twinning Associations have already ceased to exist. We are still the largest one in Hampshire.</p> <p>Our Carpiquet friends get a lot of sponsorship money from the many businesses etc. that they have in the town so they are in a different league moneywise to us and also Authie. It was considered that the rules could be flexible as to whether members lived in North Baddesley or not. The final comment was that it was considered that the group of members we have at the moment will see it through to the end.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Final Briefing for the French Visit: The details of the French Visit are now complete and detailed below is the itinerary as we know at the moment.</p> <p>Timetable for the Weekend: Friday, 9th May, 2014 Carpiquet people arriving 5 p.m. – Meet them at the Chilworth Golf Course for a small reception and then hosts take them home for the evening – we are not having a separate evening gathering on that evening this year. Authie people arriving approximately 7.45 p.m. at North Baddesley Village School (unfortunately this year there was no boat coming over in the morning from Caen to Portsmouth so they are coming over from Cherbourg to Portsmouth on the Fast Cat and will arrive in Portsmouth at 7 p.m.) We have now confirmed from the Authie people that they would like a meal when they arrive.</p> <p>Saturday, 10th May, 2014 10 a.m./10.15 a.m. Leave North Baddesley Village School to drive to Winchester – you can leave your car at the school. 10.30 a.m. Arrive Winchester – Queen Elizabeth Court – where we will be met by Mr. Roy Perry (Head of the County Council) who will give us a presentation of the work of the Hampshire County Council (in French and English). 12.30 p.m.- 1.30 p.m. Picnic lunch (provided by yourself for you and your guests). We suggest you take everything that can be thrown away so that you do not have to carry it around all day. Mr. Perry has kindly offered us the use of the Podium in the Castle to have our lunch – this is a lovely airy location looking out onto the inner courtyard. There are toilets etc. available here. 1.30 p.m. Our Winchester Guides will come and meet us and take us over to the Great Hall – we will be divided into French and English Speaking Groups – 3 of each. We will then be taken on a walking tour of Winchester – in our groups – taking in the major sights of the city – this will take approximately 2 – 2 ½ hours. At the end of the tour there will be some free time to go and have some refreshments before our coach picks us up at about 4.30 p.m. by King Alfred statue to come home to North Baddesley. Hosts will take their guests home for a couple of hours. 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. meet up again at the Crosfield Hall in Romsey (hosts to make their own way there with their guests – this will enable people to go home when they want to). We will have dinner, drinks and some entertainment throughout the evening. 11.30 p.m. Evening ends.</p> <p>Sunday, 11th May, 2014: Morning free with hosts – our guests will leave at approximately 1 p.m. from North Baddesley Junior School.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Any Other Business: Andy reported that the NBTAs would not be manning a stall at the North Baddesley Village Day this year. There is an awful lot of work for very little reward. This will be looked at again next year. There being no further business Andy Marsh thanked everyone for coming and brought the meeting to a close. The final details for the French weekend were distributed to host families and members who were joining in some of the weekend events.</p>