

Minutes of the Witney & District Twinning Association Committee

Meeting on Thursday 17th January 2019, 6pm

Present: Mike Breakell, Chris Woodward, Andy Wolf, John Thornton,

Apologies: Margit Kail, Mark Pengelly

AGENDA

for

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- March 2019 - **Witney Beer Festival**
John has already made enquiries with the Round Table, the organisers of the Beer Festival in Witney to have a stand on the premises to serve alcohol free beer and soft-drinks from our Twin Towns. John will further develop this and bring more details to the next meeting and will report back to the Round Table on progress.
The idea is to offer a special membership price and invite people to register for free to join the Twinning Association.
- April 2019 - **Easter Membership Dinner**
As the Membership did not have a dinner around the Remembrance Day Weekend, it would be nice to have a dinner with the membership around Easter, perhaps the week afterwards. A specific venue has not been decided.
- June 2019 - **Le Zeme Rallye Du Touquet to Witney**
Andy believes from conversations he had with some of the organisers that there would possibly another rallye this year. John will email the organiser to see what the plans are and get feedback on what they likes and would like to change this year.
- July 2019 - **Witney Carnival**
Andy will find out more about the Rotary who are the organisers and find out what Twinning can do. If the Beer Festival is successful for Twinning then this can be a repeat providing the brewery does not have exclusivity on drinks.

- July 2019 - **Unterhaching Anniversary**
Unterhaching will be celebrating their anniversary with Witney this July and have organised events for the 6th & 7th July. Number of guests are still to be confirmed.
- September 2019 - **AGM 2019**
John will organise and set a date for the AGM closer to the time in hope that the membership will have grown to require a larger venue.
- November 2019 - **Remembrance Day**
Remembrance Day weekend has become a tradition that will continue in a similar fashion with a welcome for the guest, dinner on the Saturday and light lunch or afternoon tea on Sunday to see off the Twinning guests.
- December 2019 - **Christmas Lights**
It would be great to have a Twinning Representative from Le Touquet and /or from Unterhaching at front and centre to turn on the Christmas lights together with the MP.
- March 2020 - **Anniversary Year with Le Touquet & Unterhaching**
2020 will be a big year for Witney's anniversaries with its Twin Town Le Touquet 40 years and Unterhaching 30 years. This will require special planning and funding that will be applied for and therefore is being taken into consideration already at this stage.
- May 2020 - **Twin Town Challenge**
Planning for the final Twin Town Challenge is on its way and the Twinning Association will be assisting the organiser in any way possible to make this a continued success.

A high priority going forward to allocate dates to each of these events and plan people's availability around the events.

The meeting closed at 7:30pm.

Minutes prepared and written by John Thornton, 19th January 2019