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NEWSLETTER APRIL 2017

OVER 50 YEARS OF TOWN TWINNING

AGM 2017

This year's AGM was held on the 16th February. The positions held in the Association are as follows:

Chairman	Jennifer Chapman
Vice Chairman	Paula Purver
Secretary	Lesley Storer
Treasurer	Janet Christopher
Minute Sec.	Hazel Lilley

The committee chairmen are:

Membership	Keith Pare
Social	Paula Purver
Adult Exchange	Lesley Storer
Publicity	Delphine North
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THIS YEAR'S EXCHANGE TO ROMANS



So far we have heard nothing from Romans about the exchange. We have suggested dates and asked who we deal with - but we have had no reply - so as yet we do not know. We are still trying to discover whether any exchange will be possible this year.

Since the mairie cut back drastically on its budget, including to Romans International, which organized the exchange and was the centre for information about it, we have been struggling to get an official response.

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QUARTERLY MEETING THURSDAY

4th. MAY & 3rd AUGUST
6.15pm

Council Offices, Coalville

Open to all Members

Come along and find out what goes on to make the Exchanges happen and give us your ideas

RECENT EVENTS

ANNUAL DINNER HELD AT DaVinci

The first dinner date that we announced seemed to be one that people already had organised in their diaries, so eventually we had to change the date.



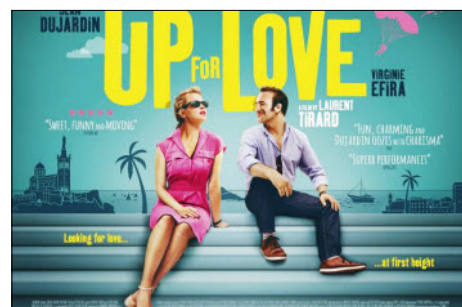
In doing that we also changed venues, to one we had thought of going to later in the year. We went to Da Vinci's in the centre of Coalville. It was a very social evening - we had a long table for the 23 of us and the meal was a 'tapas'. So starting off with dishes of cold meats, which were set down the table at intervals to help yourself - we then moved to pizza, fish, mussels and then spaghetti, and then on to meat courses. And to finish a taste of panna cotta and chocolate cake. And everyone chatted as they passed the dishes about.

Jennifer Chapman, our chairman, thanked everyone for coming, and hoped they had enjoyed it. This was a moment of relaxation, but she hoped it would be a busy year ahead. She then thanked Marco and the staff for the very enjoyable evening.



FILM NIGHT

Last month Keith Pare organised a private French film evening for us at the Thringstone Community Centre. The title of the film shown - **Up for Love** - perhaps did not give away quite how funny the film was. It was about a tall girl (who also liked wearing very high heels) and an unusually short man (some referred to him as a dwarf) and how they got together. Their first meeting was arranged over the phone - sight unseen as it were - and so the comedy started. Not slapstick, by the way.



I think that only the French could have made the film - obviously non PC, with references to the difference in heights - but still nevertheless a love story. There were sub-titles, but they were barely needed - the facial expressions said it all. Everyone seemed to enjoy the film.....and it was certainly different.

We enjoyed a good turnout and were joined by some new faces also. Thanks to Keith for putting on such an enjoyable evening and to Members for providing the buffet.

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FOCUS ON FRANCE

'BREXIT' APPEARS IN FRANCE

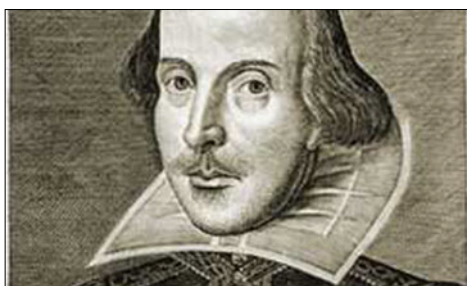
Beaucaire is a town below Romans, on the Rhone, south of Nimes. The mayor, Julien Sanchez, a member of Marine Le Pen's party, has named a road 'Rue de Brexit'. He won the vote by a substantial margin: 23 - 9, to give the name to a 400m road on an industrial estate. He said it was especially fitting that Rue de Brexit was next to streets named after Robert Schuman and Jean Monnet, founding fathers of the European community. However, on the social networks one tweet said: 'A road that leads nowhere - a great prospect for progress.'

Meanwhile, we still have the Rue de Coalville in Romans !



SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARIS METRO !

Yes, last year, for two weeks in April, you could find quotes from Shakespeare's plays all over the Metro. Twenty years ago the Metro began celebrating French and foreign poetry. Last year was the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death - thus all the quotations.



They were in English on all 368 stations and most trains - and a French translation was underneath in smaller type.

Apparently the only original Shakespeare known to most French speakers is 'To be or not to be'. Now they may be able to add another quote from Hamlet: 'Give me that man That is not passion's slave, and I will wear him in my heart's core.'

THE COLOUR - RED

When we were last over in Romans we went to the newly opened replica cave at the Caverne du Pont d'Arc. Some of the cave painting had red as part of the colouring. Apparently red was the first 'colour'.



The straightforward charcoal drawing was done by simply burning a stick in a fire resulting in a chacoal stump. But red - that came from an iron ore called hematite. First of all you had to find it and dig it out. Then wash it. After that it had to be ground and mixed with vegetable oils or animal fat before it was ready for use. So these paintings may go back 33,000 years - but the red shows that it was not just a case of survival, but that these people were examining what was around and basically producing early forms of chemistry!

JUST OVER 100 YEARS

As we put our clocks forward the other weekend, did you realise that we have been doing this since 1916. This one extra hour of daylight was brought in during the First World War so that the farmers would have more daylight to tend the crops that were needed to feed everyone. Lots of the men from the land had gone off to the war and there would be less people to help in the fields. That first Daylight Saving Bill was passed on April 29th 1916, but most European countries discontinued the practice after the war until it was introduced again for the Second World War.

It has now been in place in most European countries since 1960 as an energy saving measure but it led to confusion since change times varied. In 1981 the European Community began issuing Directives requiring countries to legislate for the start and end dates. It starts on the last Sunday in March but end dates differed until 1998 when it was decided that the end would be the last Sunday in October for everyone.

SACRE BLEU !

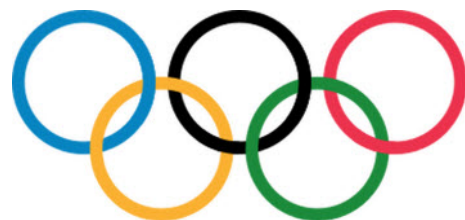
That was the reaction of the Academie Francaise (the organisation that watches over the French language). And what had incurred its wrath?

It was the decision by Paris to use an English slogan as its punch-line for its bid for the 2024 Olympic Games. To be fair - it was not just the fact that it was English, but the slogan itself which they felt was really downbeat:

'MADE FOR SHARING'

The committee disapproved of the priority given to the English language but even more to the slogan itself which they say sounds like a junk-food advert. In fact the headlines had already been used in campaigns for Quality Street sweets and for pizzas from the Burger King chain. The committee putting forward the bid for the Olympics has already projected the slogan onto the Eiffel Tower, But they have also launched a French version of it: (Come and share)

Venez partager



MEMBERSHIP

SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE

Subscriptions are now due for this year. The cost remains at £4 per family.

As a subscriber you can attend quarterly meetings and you will hear about any social activities that we are running. You will also get a copy of the newsletter - or be alerted that it is available on the website.

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