

Coalville & District Town Twinning Association

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55 YEARS OF TOWN TWINNING

ANNUAL MEETING

AGM 2018

This year's AGM was held on the 14th February. The positions held in the Association are as follows:

Chairman	Paula Purver
Vice Chairman	Jennifer Chapman
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
Webmaster	Chris North

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Town Twinning was represented as usual at the Remembrance Sunday service. This began with a service at Christchurch. Then the parade was formed to march to Memorial Square. Here there was the minute's silence. Then our chairman, Jennifer Chapman, was amongst those who laid a wreath at the memorial.



QUARTERLY MEETING

THURSDAY 3 MAY 2018
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

EXCHANGE

THIS YEAR'S EXCHANGE

2018 should be a year when the French come to Coalville. Last summer, if you remember, the exchange to France did not happen.

At the moment there seems to be no co-ordinated group to advertise the possibilities and go out and find new members. This work used to be done by Romans International until the mayor changed the priorities of the office which now focuses on mobility of the young. We keep in touch but have not yet heard whether a group will be coming over this summer.

Here in Coalville we have decided on a topic should we manage to organise an exchange. It will be Health and Wellbeing - looking at what this means to individuals, its implications for businesses and services as well as the importance of leisure activities and belonging to local groups. This aspect of belonging to a community is extremely important no matter where you live.

We will keep you informed if we hear any more from Romans.



RECENT EVENTS

ANNUAL DINNER

This was held at the end of January. We had our fingers crossed that the weather would be alright. It was! We went to Da Vinci's in the centre of Coalville - as we did last year.



Member of Parliament Mr. Andrew Bridgen MP, with District Councillor Michael Specht

Everyone had enjoyed the tapas evening then, so we asked for the same type of meal again. We had a whole variety of cold dishes to begin, followed by the hot main courses. There was dessert to finish and a coffee.



It was set out at one long table, so there was plenty of conversation going to and fro.

It was a very enjoyable evening and we were really able to relax and not think of the hard work ahead. Our thanks to Marco for putting on another excellent spread !

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please don't forget to renew your membership subscription.

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£4

Per Household ([Form Attached](#))

Please send to Keith Pare,

Membership Secretary
103 Tressall Road, Whtwick.
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RECENT EVENTS

LIBRARY BOOK EXCHANGE

This is a project which, as we said in last October's issue of the newsletter, began last year.

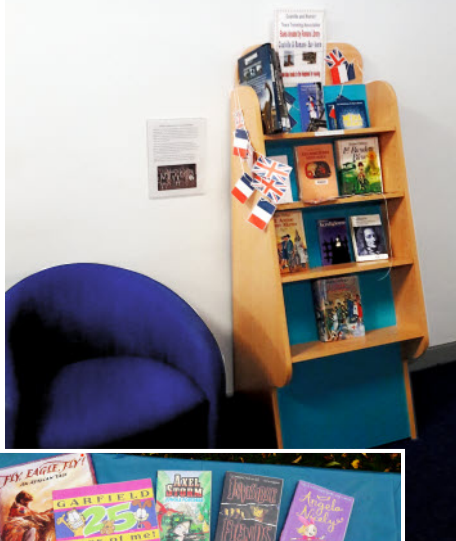
More books should be added this summertime - the book exchange is ongoing. It is set in a pleasant corner of the library with seats next to it.

Jennifer Chapman, our twinning association's vice-chairman, met the Coalville library group supervisor, John Prattley, down at the library. They looked at some of the French books on display.



The French Corner in Coalville Library

Some of the books we will be taking to Romans this summer



FOCUS ON FRANCE

WINE THEFT

Clarets, burgundies, champagne and cognac have risen in price by 150% over the past 5 years, and are now being targeted by organised criminals.



The industry is now protecting its stocks with CCTV cameras and the warehouses are protected by walls, wire fencing and high grass banks. Some wines are even transported under police escort because of fear of hi-jacking.

A restaurant in Annecy was one of the latest victims. The wine cellar at l'Auberge du Pere Bise was equipped with a steel-plated door, but the thieves got in anyway. They took the finest wines - Chateau d'Yquem, Mouton Rothschild, and Chateau Latour - the oldest dating to 1950 - they knew what they were looking for as they took nothing produced after 2000.

Jean Sulpice, the owner, has certainly been through the highs and the lows. The theft was discovered on a Wednesday morning,two days after he had celebrated the award of 2 stars from the Michelin food guide!

FOCUS ON FRANCE

NUTELLA RIOTS !

If you want to buy Nutella in France, be careful when you go shopping. Intermarche reduced the price by 70% - from 4.50 to 1.41 Euros. And shoppers went nuts - literally fighting to get hold of a pot of the spread. In one supermarket in Rive-de-gier in Central France, shoppers were said to be 'going for each other like animals'. Was it the price (probably) - or was it that World Nutella Day had been declared just around the corner.

On the topic of Nutella, did you know that the Great Wall of China could be covered to a depth of 2 feet with the amount of Nutella produced each year? Or that the sugar in 2 years production of Nutella would outweigh the Empire State Building?



OYSTERS ON THE MENU

Oysters need to be fresh and usually you wait for the market day - though supermarkets do sell them now.



But now you do not necessarily have to organise your shopping - you can buy them from a vending machine (or rather, a refrigerated automatic oyster dispenser). In Pirou in Normandy a machine was installed last year charging 11.50 Euros for 24 medium-sized oysters. Apparently over Christmas the machine totally sold out.

On the Ile-de-Re an oyster farm has installed a dispenser. Normally they sell them at their farm shop but people on holiday from big towns are used to being able to shop all hours of the day and night and so they lost sales. With the machine, people can place an order and collect or just choose from the oysters on display.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL The annual International Festival of Culture will take place in Romans from 4-8th July 2018.

It is well worth fitting in this spectacular event with a trip to the southern part of France. Let us know if you are thinking of going.



PUBLICITY

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