

BH mentioned that Peter HOWARD (our honorary auditor for many years) wished to step down from this post. We are therefore looking for a replacement and MB invited those present to consider giving a couple hours for this work each year around February.

MB thanked BH for the many hours spent over the year in keeping the committee informed of the Association's finances.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report: Proposed by Melanie ODELL
Seconded by Fay FOSTER

7. ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

Committee 2016

Michael Bawtree	Chairman
Beryl Buckley	Vice-Chairman
Ann Fitchett	Secretary
Brigitte Hewett	Treasurer
Rosemary Foster	
Sheila Nicholas	
Simon Levene	

Those standing for election 2017

Michael Bawtree	Chairman
Beryl Buckley	Vice-Chairman
Ann Fitchett	Secretary
Brigitte Hewett	Treasurer
Rosemary Foster	
Sheila Nicholas	
Simon Levene	

As in previous years, the voting in of the committee was carried out 'en bloc' being

Proposed by Dianne BENNETT

Seconded by David ROUND

The whole meeting was in favour.

8. FORTHCOMING EVENTS (2018) and DISCUSSION TIME (MB)

Horb to Haslemere

May (Wed) 30th to June (Mon) 4th

- MB outlined the forthcoming visit mentioning a quick stop-off at Guildford Cathedral on the way back to Haslemere from Heathrow (Wednesday);
- the free day on Thursday;
- the day out together to Chichester (coffee etc) and the Weald & Downland Museum at Singleton (Friday);
- the concert at St Christopher's Church (Saturday morning) and the Gala Dinner at Haselwey (Saturday evening);
- the lunchtime BBQ at Bunchfield (Sunday) and the return home on Monday. The reason why the visit had been extended by one day was the exorbitant air fares on Sunday 3rd compared to the more normal prices the following day. Those hosting this year were thanked in advance for being ready to entertain our German friends for the extra day.

Summer Social (5*BBQ Sylvia and Christopher) July (Sat) 14th

Once again, Sylvia and Chris were thanked for having offered their place for our Summer Social marking Bastille Day. MB reminded the meeting that this is an excellent opportunity to introduce friends not currently connected with twinning. This will again be a self-catered event; the generous BBQ being followed by a variety of 'games' for those that want to play.

We will be making a special effort this year to attract younger families with children at St Bart's Primary school and will have activities that will appeal to them.

Haslemere to Bernay

October (Wed) 24th to (Sun) 28th

Quiz Night

November (Fri) 2nd

This will take place in the hall of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Derby Road.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

There was discussion about the value and purpose of subscriptions. We have a number of people who attend some of our events for which they pay, without being members. However, only those who pay a subscription are full members who are involved in exchange visits (hosting or being hosted) and decision making. The meeting agreed to maintain the subscription of £10 single or £18 a couple, (but on reflection the committee is proposing that with effect from 1st January 2019 the subscription be £9 per person) so bringing to an end the practice of distinguishing between couples and singles.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

New EU legislation comes into effect in May 2018 requiring the specific agreement of members for the Association to communicate by any means. Permission from members will be sought in the next newsletter coming out at the end of March 2018.

The business concluded at 8.45pm, after which everyone enjoyed cheese, pâté and wine, thanks to Rosemary FOSTER.

We were delighted to welcome for the first time the following ...

Jean LESTON

Karen FLETCHER

Joe MCDONALD

John WHITING

Evie PAGE

Janet ODELL

40 attended the AGM