



Fordingbridge Twinning Association

Newsletter for Members and Friends

April 2024

AGM 2024

Our AGM was held in Avonway on 11 April, and welcomed over 20 members and friends. We said goodbye to Keith Bennett who has been Treasurer and Membership Secretary for over 10 years, and done an excellent job of keeping our finances in order. He was presented with a gift and good wishes.

We are delighted to welcome Paul Hammond to the Committee who takes over the role of Treasurer and Membership Secretary. The rest of the Committee were re-elected en bloc and the list of names and contacts is at the end of this newsletter. The Association continues to be in a healthy financial situation, and events over the past year have been well supported. We celebrated the event with cheese and wine after the meeting and welcomed some new members to meet with existing members.



AGM at Avonway

News from Vimoutiers

We do of course keep in touch with our friends in Vimoutiers, and after their annual Easter festival, they are now focussing on their 24 Hour Pedal Car race in July – a major event for the town.



24 Hours Pedal Car Race – Vimoutiers

In May, the Olympic torch will travel through many villages and towns in Normandy on its way to Paris. A few weeks before the Olympic Games begin, several international sports delegations will come to Normandy to refine their preparations. In particular, some equestrian events of the Paris Olympics will be held in Normandy, and Vimoutiers is expecting plenty of additional visitors and trade as a result.

Events for 2024/2025

20 June – Boules Evening

Our next event will be our ever popular Boules event held at Sandy Balls. Meet at the Boules pitches near the entrance to Aubrey's restaurant at 6.30pm. Food and drink will be available to buy from the restaurants on site if you wish.

20 July – Fordingbridge Summer Event and Duck Race

We will be represented at this festival day – do come and see us!

19/20 October – Foire de la Pomme

We are invited to the annual Apple Festival which is a significant event in Vimoutiers' local calendar. Every type of cider, calvados and camembert is on offer to try along with many other local specialities. Do let us know if you are interested in joining us.

26 October – Musical Soiree

We have a new theme this year with music from the 60s and 70s provided by Graeme Parsons. The live music will be accompanied by food, drink and merriment! We will be in Fordingbridge Town Hall.

22 February 2025 – Murder Mystery evening

The subject will be a surprise, and will be all the usual fun, of course!... Please save the date!

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