

Hayling Island Gorrton Twinning Association - Chairman's report
April 2019 to May2020

Firstly, I am sorry that we had to cancel the AGM and Quiz/supper evening at the end of March. Everyone knows the reason why, but I had hoped that we could reschedule it for later in the summer, this looks unlikely now.

I would like to thank on your behalf all elected committee members who have worked tirelessly during the year to keep the Association solvent, our accounts show that having entertained our Gorrton friends over here for two consecutive years we have recovered a healthy balance in our Bank Account for our future visit to Gorrton to celebrate 20 years of twinning over there. Julia Kitchen, a long-standing member of both the main and the ale-ing fest committees resigned as she is moving away from Hayling to pastures new. All the committee thank her for her excellent contribution and wish her well in the future.

Our year started with a visit to Gorrton where we were entertained by our hosts in an excellent and generous manner. We travelled over on the Friday and were greeted with a reception by the Mayor in their convention centre. We met our host families and returned to their houses for dinner. A trip out to a Vietnamese restaurant on Saturday followed by some competitive ten pin bowling in Fougères proved extremely popular. On Sunday, a visit to the Chateau de Bourgon followed by an excellent lunch hosted by the owner culminated in a classical piano concert which was enjoyed by all.

Far too soon our trip ended with an excellent buffet lunch on Monday at the sports club, where gifts were exchanged and promises made to visit again next year.

We would like to thank all the organising committee for a great and entertaining weekend.

Our summer BBQ was a great success hosted by Peter and Sue Loveridge in their large garden on Hayling Island. The weather was very kind to us, and a convivial afternoon was spent in the company of members, their families, and children.

Next on the agenda was the Ale-ing Fest, Hayling Island's own real ale and cider festival. This year managed by Chairman Allan Fischer for the first time. Rod Carter who has run the event for many years stepped down and we owe him our thanks for leaving the event in good shape. The event was again well attended and as below in the Ale-ing Fest report financially successful. For new members to the association and there were many this year, the beer festival is our main fund-raising event and enables the Twinning to continue without any financial contribution from Havant Borough Council. Allan's report on the event is attached.

The winter programme commenced with a visit to the Petersfield Twinning Association Quiz and supper evening, this was closely followed by a skittles evening challenge at the Barley Mow at Walderton, teams from Hayling and Petersfield enjoyed a curry evening, the home team won the main trophy but Petersfield won the killer.

Our Christmas party was postponed due to a clash of dates, but the Annual Dinner went ahead at the Newtown House Hotel in January and good food and good company was enjoyed by all.

One of my main goals during my chairmanship of the association is to increase the membership and to encourage younger members to join who will run the twinning in the future. I was therefore pleased when Catherine Duchemin (President of the Gorrton Twinning Association) invited Wendy Sherrington to bring a group of dancers over this year and join with a group in Gorrton to do a show during the 20th Anniversary visit. Unfortunately, this had to be postponed until 2021 due to the Coronavirus epidemic. It has however given us a group of 36 new family members who are very welcome, and we hope to see some of you at the events planned for the rest of the year.

We have also had to cancel the summer BBQ, but the Ale-ing Fest may still go ahead on the 2nd and 3rd of October. subject to Government guidance.

Our next event after the Ale-ing Fest will be skittles and curry evening at the Barley Mow at Walderton, again subject to Government guidance, dates and details to follow. The Christmas party and quiz evening is planned for December (dates to follow) and the annual dinner in late January.

Hopefully, we will all get together again for the delayed trip to Gorrion to celebrate 21 years of twinning in France for the weekend of the 8th May 2021. This will give the new members the opportunity to meet people of their own ages in France and maybe strike up friendships which will continue through the years as members of the Twinning. Gorrion is very kindly sponsoring the accommodation in France for the Dancers and Hayling Island will make a substantial grant towards their food.

Let's all hope we can see the back of Coronavirus soon and that our lives can return to normal.

Stay safe.

Dudley A Clarke-Jervoise
Twinning Chairman

ALE-ING FESTIVAL 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

I can report that Ale-ing Fest 2019 was once again a great success and returned a healthy profit. The event took place over the weekend of 4th and 5th October.

The festival included 24 real ales and 15 ciders, music was provided by Jackdaw Train on Friday night and Creative Covers Band on Saturday night.

We were supported by 500+ paying patrons plus sponsors.

We received 24 Barrel sponsors and 1 glass sponsor.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Twinning members who volunteered their time over the weekend to staff this event and the Fest committee who put in all the pre-fest work as well.

Finally, I can report that the event grossed a total of £13,714.43 and after the deduction of running costs the Ale-ing Fest committee is delighted to announce a profit of £5499.74

Allan Fischer
Chairman Ale-ing Fest

MEMBERSHIP 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

We, currently, have 102 members who have been with us for some time.

This year we have 36 new family memberships from Wendy Sherrington's Dance Fusion group who joined us in order to participate in this year's visit to Gorrion.

Unfortunately, as you know, the visit was postponed until next year and we hope that these new members will join us at events later in the year when the current global situation is over.

We are hopeful that they will want to continue their memberships regardless.

Kathy Fischer
Membership Secretary

ACCOUNTS 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

| Ale-ing Fest 2019 | | | Twinning Account 2019 | | |
|---|---|--------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| INCOME | | | INCOME | | |
| Advance Ticket Sales & Takings | £ | 10,606.43 | AGM | | 150.00 |
| Sponsors | £ | 3,040.00 | BBQ | | 263.00 |
| Refund | £ | 68.00 | Quiz | | 249.00 |
| TOTAL ALE-ING FEST INCOME | | <u>£ 13,714.43</u> | New Year Meal | | 956.40 |
| | | | New Year Meal 2020 | | 195.65 |
| EXPENSES | | | Skittles | | 447.00 |
| Advertising | £ | 207.72 | Twinning Exchange | | 1,542.00 |
| Bands | £ | 800.00 | Total Event Income | | <u>3,803.05</u> |
| Beer | £ | 3,412.81 | Gift Received Ale-ing Fest 2018 | | 4,300.00 |
| Catering | £ | 352.44 | Membership Fee | | 406.00 |
| Cooling Equipment Hire | £ | 878.78 | Total Other Income | | <u>4,706.00</u> |
| Buy a brick HICCA | £ | 100.00 | | | |
| Equipment Hire | £ | 219.60 | TOTAL INCOME | | <u>8,509.05</u> |
| Equipment | £ | 24.99 | EXPENSES | | |
| Gifts | £ | 100.00 | AGM | | 132.00 |
| Glasses | £ | 717.91 | Barbecue | | 118.51 |
| Hall hire | £ | 565.00 | New Year Meal 2019 | | 850.30 |
| Insurance | £ | 275.00 | Skittles | | 373.35 |
| Miscellaneous | £ | 6.00 | Quiz | | 67.63 |
| Postage & Stationery | £ | 143.96 | Twinning Exchange 2019 | | 3,444.00 |
| Printing | £ | 54.50 | Twinning Exchange 2020 | | 1,353.00 |
| Promotional Items | £ | 201.60 | TOTAL Event Expense | | <u>6,338.79</u> |
| Website | £ | 72.00 | Accounts package update | | 19.50 |
| Wash Up | £ | 82.38 | Buy a brick HICCA | | 100.00 |
| TOTAL ALE-ING FEST EXPENSES | | <u>£ 8,214.69</u> | Event refund | | 147.95 |
| | | | Insurance | | 216.00 |
| Donation to Twinning Account | £ | 4,300.00 | Website | | 23.98 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | | <u>£ 12,514.69</u> | Total Other Expenses | | <u>507.43</u> |
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| OVERALL TOTAL | | <u>£ 1,199.74</u> | TOTAL EXPENSES | | <u>6,846.22</u> |
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| OPENING BALANCE | | <u>£ 5,407.80</u> | OVERALL TOTAL | | <u>1,662.83</u> |
| INCOME | | <u>£ 13,714.43</u> | | | |
| | | | OPENING BALANCE | | 559.96 |
| | | | INCOME | | 8,509.05 |
| EXPENSES | | <u>£ 12,514.69</u> | | | <u>9,069.01</u> |
| CLOSING BALANCE | | <u>£ 6,607.54</u> | EXPENSES | | <u>6,846.22</u> |
| | | | CLOSING BALANCE | | <u>2,222.79</u> |
| Note: | | | | | |
| Total funds raised from 2019 Ale-ing Fest | £ | 5,499.74 | | | |

Stacey Carter
Treasurer