

Marly-le-Roi



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**MARLOW/MARLY-LE-ROI TOWN
TWINNING ASSOCIATION**



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MMTTA WINTER NEWSLETTER 2025

Happy New Year to everyone. Let's hope that 2025 is a good one.



Just to finish off 2024, as a reminder, we had a splendid afternoon tea party at the Greenlands Hotel on the Henley Road last October. The setting was superb, and the tea and cakes were abundant and delicious. Suzanne reminisced on our visit to Marly-le-Roi last May, with a film show of photographs.



And in December, we had our Christmas Party. Richard Chalmers provided an alternative type Christmas dinner using mediterranean dishes which everyone seemed to enjoy. Roger provided a quiz with a difference, whereby for some of the clues you had to provide the possible question from the given answer. As you might expect this caused some contention which provided much laughter and fun. The evening was finished off with a few French carols, including a version of the 'Le douzieme jour de Noel' which didn't resemble the English version at all in the objects delivered. Anyway, I think everyone enjoyed the evening, which was a suitable finale to the end of the year.

AGM 8th March

So, onto the new year, starting with our **AGM**, which is now being held on the **8th March 2025** (*not the 8th February as previously advertised*) at the **URC** in Oxford Road. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. This will once again be a wine and cheese event price £10 per person, commencing with a brief business update for the AGM followed by the AGM supper and social.

It is also time for the renewal of membership subscriptions which has now been raised to £10 per person for the year.

As per always, we are looking for members to join our organising committee, and particularly as Suzanne who has agreed to stay on for one more year will be stepping down at the end of it.

For all details and forms for the AGM then refer to the appended annexes_

A – Application form for the Cheese and Wine Party.

B - Renewal Membership Subscription Form.

C – AGM Agenda

D – AGM Minutes

F – Committee Nomination Form

Visit from Marly-le-Roi 1st – 4th May 2025

We also look ahead to the visit of our friends from Marly-le-Roi from Thursday 1st May to Sunday 4th May 2025. Suzanne has planned an itinerary as follows:

- They will arrive Thursday 1st May, and be welcomed by their hosts, with an evening meal.
- Friday 2nd May, we are taking our guests to Fawley Court to see their estate railway and parkland. Hosts will provide a picnic for themselves and their guests.
- Friday evening, it is hoped to gather everyone together for a meal and maybe an activity like skittles at a local venue.
- Saturday 3rd May, is a free day. There is a market in the town in the morning, but otherwise the hosts will entertain their guests themselves.
- Saturday evening, we will have a soiree at the URC hall, which will include a meal and music. As per usual it will be a chance for people to dress-up in an amusing costume, as the theme will be Paddington Bear.

We are told that this will be Patrick Gautier's last year as president of les Jumelage. We will certainly need to say goodbye and thank him, in recognition of the exceptional work and effort, he has put in, to make our town twinning such a successful enterprise for the last 50 years.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the AGM.

Suzanne Brown

Chairman of Marly-le-Roi Town Twinning

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AGM WINE AND CHEESE – SATURDAY 8th March 2025 –

7.00 for 7.30PM at the URC

Please confirm attendance and fill in form by 1st March 2025

£10/person to attend

Name(s)

Address:

Postcode: Telephone No:

How many attending..... x £10

I enclose a cheque (*payable to MMTA*) // have made a bank transfer

(60 – 14 – 12 a/c 64077624 Ref: AGM/*your surname*)

for...£.....

Please return this form together with your cheque // confirmation of bank transfer to:

Mrs Jill Smith

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SUBSCRIPTION FORM – 2025

Annual Subscriptions are due on 1st January each year:

£10.00 for each person wishing to continue their membership,

Newsletters are sent by email a few without email will be posted
please ensure we have your up-to-date email address(es).

Name(s)

Address:

Postcode: Telephone No:

Email address: 1

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I/We give permission for my/our records to be held on a computer for the sole use of MMTTA. (NB: All members must sign, please.)

Signed

I enclose a cheque (*payable to MMTTA*) // have made a bank transfer

(60 – 14 – 12 a/c 64077624 Ref: 'Subs'/*your surname*)

for...£.....

Please return this form together with your cheque // confirmation of bank transfer to:

Mrs Jill Smith

If you have any membership enquiries please contact John Smith, Membership Secretary

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AGM A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 10th February 2024 *–(see attachment (D))*
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Annual Report
5. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for 2024
6. Election of Officers and Committee members, who have agreed to continue for 2025 plus any nominations
7. Subsection Reports - (i) Pétanque (ii) French Groups
8. Record of thanks to the Independent Examiner and Website Master.
9. Any Other Business

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Minutes of the AGM held on 10 February 2024

at the United Reform Church Hall

The meeting was chaired By Roger Smith in the unavoidable absence of Suzanne Brown who sent her apologies.

1. Apologies received from: Shirley Arnold, Sue and Chris Bateman. Maria and Ron Davies, Carol Heap, Caroline Wesson Helen and Bob Dixon, Patricia Hall and Norman Crowther. A welcome was extended to new members Peter and Christine Titus and Helen and Bob Dixon. 3 Members were lost during the year – David Buttle, Joan Drew, and Michael Carey. There were 33 attendees.
2. 2023 Minutes accepted
3. No matters arising.
4. Chairman's annual report published in the newsletter was accepted.
5. Treasurer's report was circulated. A question was raised concerning the stock of wine purchased for the French visit. 47 members renewed including 7 new members. £1839 in current account £1318 in reserve Balance is satisfactory. A vote of thanks was proposed by Dee and seconded by George Flett. Thanks noted to Ray as independent examiner. Accepted by all.
6. The president will remain. Suzanne will stand again as chair. All the committee have agreed to stand for a further year and were unanimously elected. Renee has joined the committee. It was noted that next year a chair and vice chair would be needed.
7. Reports presented - Petanque raised £300 . Wilma's group meet regularly each week. George's group meet weekly and Wendy's group meet fortnightly.
8. Ray will not be continuing and Natalia has agreed to take over.
9. AOB
The decision was made to raise the subs to £10 this was agreed by all with 1 abstention A vote of thanks was made to Suzanne.

The meeting closed at 20.06

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COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM – 2025

Nominee:

Nominated by:

Seconded by:

Position (if applicable):

Signature of nominee:

Please send the above form to:

Mrs Jill Smith, by Wednesday 1st March