



# NEWSLETTER

THETFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION

## Next Event

### Annual General Meeting

Friday, 19th February, 7.30 pm

St Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Newtown, Thetford

**There will be social time after the meeting with a light supper - RSVP.**

Nominations are required for **all** posts, which are shown below with the current postholder:

**Chair** - Janet Smith Gibbons      **Vice-Chair** - Vacant

**Secretary** - Vacant      **Treasurer** - Kate Coghlan

**French Secretary** - Vacant      **German Secretary** - Gerald Bass

**Dutch Secretary** - Janet Smith Gibbons      **Polish Secretary** - Judy Chisman

**Committee Member:** Albert Paines

If you could offer your services in any of these roles we would be pleased to hear from you. Please contact Margaret Ince for general information, or any of the current Committee for more detailed information on what the role entails.

**Note that subscriptions are now due. The current subs are £6 single, £10 family/corporate. It is proposed that these stay at the same level.**

Please let Margaret Ince know if you intend to come so we can ensure there is enough food and drink for everyone: **RSVP by Monday 15 February** to [margaretince@btinternet.com](mailto:margaretince@btinternet.com) / 01842 763183.

## FUTURE EVENTS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**AGM 19 February 2016.** See above.

**CAKE STALL - 3rd September.** With Thetford Garden and Allotment Club as part of the Thetford Festival. Fundraising for our Association.

**VISIT FROM LES ULIS, September.** The date is still to be confirmed but

we hope to have a visit from Les Ulis to celebrate 20 years of Twinning.

**HURTH INTERNATIONAL EVENT** Postponed. More details will be circulated as soon as they are available.

**AUTUMN FUNDRAISING** **November.** Date to be confirmed.

**Fundraising** Despite the cold, wet, windy weather which seems to be the norm for our fundraising events, our Soup Kitchen and Christmas Fair in the Baptist Church in November raised a healthy sum for the Association's funds. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day, donated produce, or enjoyed soup and cake. We will repeat the fundraising events this year (hopefully with better weather).

**Marianne Crook:** With great sadness we must announce the death on 21 December of Marianne Crook. Marianne was, with Mayor Lilo Frost, at the origin of our twinning with Hurth - on 31 January 1992 she became a founding member of Thetford Twinning Association. She travelled in 1994 to Skawina and was part of shared holidays with Les Ulis 'Third Age Group'. Her enthusiasm for international friendships and cultural exchanges, and for peace between people, never waned.  
*[Catherine Dubois]*