

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Hartley Wintney Twinning Association  
held on 19 March 2009 in the WI Hut, Hartley Wintney**

**Present:** Tony Davies (Chairman) and 19 Members

**Apologies:** Ruth and Danny Pickett. Shirley and Chris Wilkins, Ron Osborne, Jean Price, Arnold Bennett

**Minutes of AGM 2008:** The Minutes were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Andrew Morton, seconded by Nigel Beazley.

**Matters Arising:** The history of Hartley Wintney Twinning will be written in 2009 by Nigel Beazley and Matthew Bennett.

**Chairman's Report:** *Please see attached.*

Rosie Hughes was concerned that people did not know enough about the Golden Bridge Project but was assured by the Chairman that every member had been given details. Martin Tucker felt that the relationship with Saint Savin was dead but the Chairman said he had had very positive discussions when he was there last year. Nigel Beazley felt that the apathy could also be in Hartley Wintney and the Chairman acknowledged that communications had not always been good on both sides. Sophy Bennett wondered if the time had come to twin with another place. Gerda Bennett felt that exchange activities between organisations was the way forward. The Chairman hoped that the Golden Bridge Project would open up connections between our twinning partners and the next Committee would work on these ideas. He hoped that respect would always be retained for the Saint Savin Chairman.

**Treasurer's Report:** The attached audited accounts were circulated. It was proposed by Gerda Bennett and seconded by Mike Croxford and unanimously agreed that they be accepted. Andrew Morton was thanked for his work over the last year.

**Election of Auditor:** The Chairman reminded the Meeting that according to the Twinning Constitution the auditor for the 2009 Accounts should be agreed at this meeting. Philip Caunt was proposed by Andrew Morton and Seconded by Jenny Brown. Andrew Morton offered to help if he was needed.

**Election of Officers to Committee:** The Chairman thanked Louise Cox for being on the Committee but she now had to retire because of Twinning Constitution rules.

The Committee for 2009 is: Tony Davies (Chairman), Steve Sharpe (Deputy Chairman), Lindsay Toomer (Treasurer), Sarah Beazley (Secretary), Gerda Bennett, Sue Skellern, Ron

Osborne, Jean Price. A further Committee Member could be co-opted as and when necessary.

**Any Other Business:** One of the old Twinning road signs was being kept by Wanda Tucker in her garden and she agreed to have the second one for safekeeping.

There are five categories in the Golden Bridge Project which is being run by Malle for all its Twinning partners. The categories and leaders in Hartley Wintney are: Photography - Dave Skellern, Art - Sue Skellern, Environment – Cathy Roberts, Music – Steve Sharpe, Heritage – Gerda Bennett. The finances for the project will be strictly controlled by the Chairman.

Sophy Bennett had liked the old style Gourmet Raffle and also felt that younger children were excluded because it was [not] held at lunch time. The Chairman agreed that the event and the possibility of giving some of the profit to charity would be reviewed by the Committee.

Articles and photographs of events were urgently needed by Gerda Bennett for inclusion in the Newsletter.

Sophy Bennett asked if events could have a French/Belgium orientation.

Nigel Beazley hoped that a budget would be drawn up for 2009 by the Committee. He would also like to see more promotion of Hartley Wintney Twinning Association at events.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55