

Pre AGM presentation

Viv Marriott (Chair) welcomed everybody to the social/AGM and explained that there were going to be speakers who would talk about the projects so far. Viv explained that Buxton one of 5 towns who form a twinning group. Bad Nauheim is the lead town but also in the group are Bad Langensalza, formally in East Germany, Chaumont, France and Oostkamp, Belgium. Last March Buxton received an email from the art gallery in Bad Nauheim about a proposed exhibition with the work of artists from all 5 towns. They invited a Buxton artist to the exhibition. With the help of Caroline from the Green Man and Pauline Townsend from High Peak Artists the event was publicised and a shortlist drawn up. Images of the work from shortlisted artists were sent to Germany and Pam Smart was selected.

Pam Smart – Pam has only recently become a full time artist and is delighted to have been selected. She had been asked to send 10/15 pieces of work for the exhibition in September 2020. Her main focus was on architecture and flowers and she hoped that the gallery in Bad Nauheim wanted the architecture pictures as this more truly represented Buxton. At the moment Bad Nauheim are applying for grants to pay the cost of transporting the works of art. It is intended that the exhibition will then go to Chaumont and possibly onto the other towns. Pam had brought samples of her work for us to see.

Viv then explained that one of our guiding principles when restarting this group had been a wish to be inclusive and give opportunities to many people. On the committee is a 6th form student, Naomi Craig, who has taken on the task of trying to encourage younger people to develop an interest in forming links with Germany, and other European countries. Her first initiative is to run a German Club at Fairfield Primary school. There will be 4 sessions and children will learn simple words and phrases. If this is successful Naomi may continue or repeat the sessions in another school.

Viv said that Naomi was happy for her materials to be shared if there is anyone who would like to run a German club in another school.

Viv also reported that a project proposal for a junior school link had been drawn up by Fairfield Junior School. Pupils would look at how recycling is managed in their respective towns. We are still awaiting a response from Bad Nauheim.

The next speaker Viv introduced was Kitty Randle from the REC youth theatre group. Every year the Bad Nauheim Town Council show pupils of a certain age videos of the twin towns. They had requested an updated video of Buxton. Kitty explained that the REC group consisted of 3 companies and that some of the members from the oldest group 14 – 18 had been developing an interest in films. They had been attending film workshops and were also very competent at posting clips on YouTube. Kitty now wants to support them to run the film group themselves. The theme for the Buxton film will probably be stories from people who live in Buxton. Viv suggested the film could be shown at the Green Man gallery.

The final project Viv spoke about was a potential link with a Bad Nauheim choir. There had been links previously and they are remembered with fondness by some of the older residents of Buxton. Viv explained that there were some challenges in re-establishing these links. Suzanne Pearson Chair of Chapel Ladies Choir told us that there had been exchanges in the late 1980s. There were two fluent German speakers on the committee and the group were keen to re-establish links. Carol Bowns from Kaleidoscope Choir told us about a joint initiative between Kaleidoscope, Chapel Ladies choir and the U3A singing for fun choir. Andy Parker is in the process filming a number of the Buxton choirs and music. The intention is to put the video on YouTube and make a link from the twinning website and also send a link directly to any Bad Nauheim contacts as well.

AGM

Present: Carol Bowns, Chris Clegg, Martin Collins, Catrin Davies, Tony Glew, Alicia Hill, Elizabeth Hill, Ian Hamilton, Elizabeth Lindley, Jim Marriott, Viv Marriott, Suzanne Pearson, Kitty Randle, Keith Ray, Caroline Small, Pam Smart, Deborah Ward

Apologies

Julia Baker, Lynne Bowden, Catharine Gundy-Glew, Bernard Martin

Apologies for absence (committee members): Naomi Craig, Jean Todd

The minutes of the inaugural AGM (2019) were agreed.

Matters Arising:

During the year resignations were received from Trevor Gilman and Catharine Gundy-Glew. Mike Reynolds volunteered for the committee but had to resign due to ill health.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence to report.

Constitution

The Constitution was agreed and adopted. Viv Marriott reported that although the constitution mentioned membership costs it had been decided not to charge for membership because the Association was still in an emergent form. This decision could be reviewed at the next AGM. Viv Marriott also explained that membership was given to anyone who signed up to our contact list, which was kept on our email address.

Proposed: Ian Hamilton

Seconded: Keith Ray

Chairperson's report – Viv Marriott

Report attached

Treasurers Report – Tony Glew

A National Westminster business account has been opened. This is a free account. We have received a start-up grant of £500.00 from Derbyshire County Council. Tony reported that there were grants of up to £3000.00 for large projects but that we were not in a position to apply for one of these at the moment.

(Report attached)

Jim thanked members who had given in time and in kind to the newly formed association. The AGM had been provided with excellent German patisserie by Catharine Gundy-Glew and a vote of thanks was given to Catharine.

Website –Keith Ray

Keith was happy to report that the website was up and running. He appealed for all members to send him information to put on the website. He explained that there was a link to the Bad Nauheim website. He also explained that we could be contacted through the 'Leave a message' page on the website. Future

developments that Keith hopes for are to put a link from our web site to the Oigines web site and to have a list of groups who have an interest in the twinning.

Viv proposed a vote of thanks to Keith.

Election of officers and committee

Chair	Viv Marriott	Proposed: Jim Marriott	Seconded: Ian Hamilton
Vice Chair	Ian Hamilton	Proposed: Viv Marriott	Seconded: Keith Ray
Secretary	Keith Ray	Proposed: Jim Marriott	Seconded Ian Hamilton
Treasurer	Tony Glew	Proposed: Jim Marriott	Seconded: Ian Hamilton

Committee

Jean Todd	Proposed: Tony Glew	Seconded: Keith Ray
Naomi Craig	Proposed: Viv Marriott	Seconded Keith Ray
Jim Marriott	Proposed: Tony Glew	Seconded: Keith Ray
Deborah Ward	Proposed: Caroline Small	Seconded: Elizabeth Lindley
Elisabeth Hill	Proposed: Pam Smart	Seconded: Suzanne Pearson

Appointment of Auditor

Viv Marriott reported that Peter Quas-Cohen, who also checked the accounts for Friends of Oigines was happy scrutinise the accounts and sign them off.

Date of next committee meeting

To be confirmed after the AGM

AOB

There was no AOB.
meeting closed at 8.35?

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Date of next committee meeting

Thursday 26th March
6.30pm

5.00 –
21 Springdale