

French Twinning Report for Town Meeting 30-4-25

At the AGM held in November 2024, the Chairman for 13 years, David Williams, stood down and was replaced by David Crawley. All the officers stood down and a new committee was elected.

46 French visitors came to Faringdon in May last year including many children. A visit to London was organised and the Saturday soirée was held in Stanford-in-the-Vale hall. 10 young French visitors had an activity packed week here in July followed by the reciprocal visit to France by 10 young people from Faringdon. In August 50 people joined our trip to Le Mêle-sur-Sarthe including several new members.

The winter dinner was held at the Sudbury in January and the two French film nights have been very well attended.

This year marks the 35th anniversary of the twinning with a large group visiting from France plus delegates from Falkenstein/Königstein and Libcany over the weekend of 29 May – 1 June. A day out in Bath has been planned for the Friday with a visit by the Königstein Mandolin Orchestra in the Corn Exchange in the evening. A formal lunch and soirée will take place in the Corn Exchange on the Saturday with the French returning on Sunday 1 June. The return visit to France is planned for the Bank Holiday weekend 23 - 25 August with a formal ceremony in Le Mêle-sur-Sarthe on 23 August. A coach is booked and there are still places available. The reciprocal youth visits will take place in July.

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