

FRIENDS OF OIGNIES TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Visit by our Oignies friends, 2017

We are now very much looking forward to the 2017 visit which will take part over the Easter weekend. It is likely that Buxton will also be able to welcome **l'Harmonie d'Oignies** band and their leader, William Houssoy.



Some of the Oignies band seen here at this year's memorial service.....

Preparations for the visit are already underway. Jek Jacob has bravely offered to organise the Boitrel Cup Games - especially the ones that we can win this time! We have some good ideas and plans for the Saturday night dinner and plans for the outing on Monday are 'on the table' (not the dinner table!). Please put the dates in your diariesArrival - April 14th, Depart - April 18th

Twinnings wed after pledging their troth at Solomon's Temple during last year's twinning. The French couple, Suzanne and Eric - seen here with Jane and John McGrother - married in April. Congratulations and very best wishes from everyone in the Association.



October AGM It soon comes round! In fact it will come round on October the 8th at Burbage Village Hall. The present officers and committee are listed below. Anyone who would like to join the committee or who be interested in any of the roles would be very welcome. We need people to head up some of the various events, such as our showing at the the May Fair - we are planning to give this a very French flavour - a volunteer to take a lead on this please?

Chair - Derek Thomas derekjthomas@aol.com

Secretary - Sue Quas-Cohen susan@quaternion.com

Treasurer - Anne Johnson

Committee - Ian Calvert, Karen Done, Ian Hamilton, Jane McGrother, Sue Hodgkinson and Jim Marriott.

Situation vacant A volunteer is needed to head up the preparation of a float - walking or otherwise - for next year's carnival. Let's be in it! Please phone Derek or Sue. Details of pay, conditions etc in July, 2020 newsletter.



The French evenings have been very successful. Many thanks to Karen Done and Ian Hamilton for hosting these so well. Karen continues to hold the beginners' evenings and Ian, the conversation group.

New joiners very welcome. Contact Karen on 01298 25563 or Ian on 01298 27290.



Dickensian Market
Saturday
November 26th

Once again, Friends of Oignies will be at the Dickensian Market to raise funds for next year's visit and to promote the twinning.

There will be a new look to this year's market stall. As well as a few select items of bric-a-brac, there will be a range of home-made Christmas items for sale - decorative boxes, cards, crackers, etc. If you would like to join a group in the making of these, please let either Sue (01298 22792) or Karen (01298 25563) know. Happy decorating!

Kim and Gareth Flanagan representing Fairfield Band did an excellent rendition of The Last Post at the Oignies ceremony - see page 2 for a picture of our two musicians in action.

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