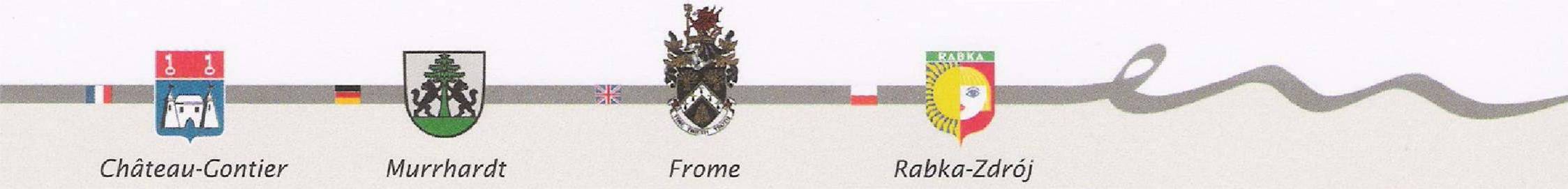
**Frome Twinning Association**



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**AGM 27 March**

Many attended at the Cricket Club. Those present were updated on the situation concerning the Town Council, views on twinning and in particular the decision not to host the Quadripartite in Frome next year. In the absence of a decision conveyed to us by the Town Council about how to proceed in the future, the meeting agreed that the Association will continue to operate in the meantime, perhaps at a lower level of activity. It was also agreed that the Association, in the absence of the need to fund next year’s Quadripartite, could use current funds for activities such as financially supporting visits to Murrhardt by the Football Club or hosting a small party from Château-Gontier to celebrate 50 years twinning next year.

The current Committee continues to operate, with the addition of Lenka Grimes.

The proposed change to the Constitution to change the destination of Association funds should the Association be dissolved was agreed. This means that members would decide where funds go rather than automatic transfer to the Town Council.

The proposal not to collect membership subscriptions this year was not agreed. Therefore, Alan Glover will be contacting all members to arrange payment of subs which will remain at the same level as last year.

**Quadripartite visit to Château-Gontier-sur-Mayenne Quadripartite, 28 June-1 July**

A group from Frome Twinning Association visited our French twin town over the weekend. We were accompanied by Philip and Karin Campagna representing Frome Town Council. This was the occasion of the annual meeting of the four twin towns at which Murrhardt and Rabka-Zdrój were also represented. Also present was a small delegation from the Italian town, Pieve di Soligo, which sits in the Veneto area north of Venice. Murrhardt and Château-Gontier have been discussing a twinning arrangement with Pieve.

During the visit members were hosted by French families giving us a chance to practise our French. We learnt about developments in our twin towns over the last 12 months and in other discussions agreed to compile information about sports clubs in our towns to see if we can add further exchanges to build on the successful 5 way youth football competition hosted recently by Murrhardt.

Visits and walking tours to various places in Château-Gontier were arranged and all were able to attend the annual street festival (La Chalibaude). The weekend concluded with a joint ceremony to mark the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy. Château-Gontier lies about 100 miles south of the landing beaches and was liberated by the Americans in August 1944.

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D-Day commemoration ceremony

Members returned on the Monday with happy memories of their stay and of making new friends and meeting old friends again.

A group of people standing in a yard

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R & S Martin, W Jacques N DeSausmarez M Jacques E Wakefield S Worringham J Dale M Brulais J Worringham

**Young Frome Footballers’ trip to Murrhardt, 4-8 July**

Frome Town United Football Club sent 2 teams of young people (boys and girls) to Murrhardt for the weekend of 6/7th July to take part in a 5-way football competition with our twin towns.

Teams with adults travelled to Murrhardt by minibus arriving on the Thursday and were accommodated in a youth hostel.

The football competition took place on the Friday. The boys’ team got as far as the quarter final. The girls’ team match could not finish for some medical issues but were invited by a local team to a friendly match on the Sunday.

They all went to a fanzone in Stuttgart on Saturday and a walk around the city centre. They were able to watch one of the quarter final matches of the European Championships when they returned to the youth hostel.

On the Sunday farewells were made and coaches from the various towns agreed to consider future exchanges.

A group of people posing for a photo

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10 U14 girls & 8 U15 boys

**Tea in the Garden, Saturday 27 July**

Many thanks to Dinah for again inviting us into her beautiful garden. 37 members and friends enjoyed our tea and cakes party, chatting to old friends or meeting new ones in very sunny weather.

A group of people sitting in chairs under a tent

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**Fish & Chip Supper, Saturday 9 November**

We have booked our regular supper of fish and chips with a quiz, for 7.00-10.00pm at Trinity Hall. The ticket price of £15 per person **must be paid by 31 October.** Please complete the form below.

**Pat Boyd**

Pat has reluctantly resigned from the committee after 12 years, due to personal circumstances. She and her family were involved in the earliest exchanges with Murrhardt and have taken an active part throughout the years. As a member she will still be able to keep up with our news. We thank her for her hard work and our best wishes go to her and the family.

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**Fish & Chip Supper 26 November 7.00-10.00pm at Trinity Hall**

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by cash to

Sue & Justin Worringham, Glen House, Clink, Frome BA11 2EN, tel: 462431, email [worringham@btinternet.com](mailto:worringham@btinternet.com)

or via BAC’s to the following account

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