



Alton Town Twinning Association NEWSLETTER August 2022 info@altontwinning.org.uk

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM took place at Alton Maltings on Monday, 25 April. As we have no Chairman, John Jones chaired the meeting and, as we have no Secretary, Pauline Esland took the minutes. Resignations from the committee had been received from Andrew Sorrell and Linda Mizen. We are very grateful to both of them for the work they have done: Andrew as liaison with Pertuis and Linda as Minutes Secretary - a role she performed for much longer than she had originally intended... and with great efficiency.



The President and the following officer and committee members were re-elected:

President Pam Bradford

Officer -
Treasurer John Williams

Committee Members

John Jones	Membership Secretary
Pauline Esland	Liaison with Montecchio Maggiore & Publicity
Sarah Hinde	Liaison with Pertuis

Officer vacancies: Chairman and Minutes Secretary

Committee vacancies: two ordinary members

TALK ON ART

In March, Dr Wayne Jefferson returned to the Maltings where he gave an interesting, illustrated, talk about the artist Henri Matisse, 1869-1954. Wayne told us that Matisse, with his colourful and emotional works, is one of his favourite artists. Matisse originally studied law and took up painting at the age of 20 whilst recovering from an illness.

The slideshow started with a rather conventional painting: *Still Life With Books*, 1890, and continued through the various periods of his career such as Fauvism, Impressionism and Modernism. Some of his most famous paintings shown were *Portrait of Madame Matisse*, *The Green Line*; *The Dance*; *Le Bonheur de Vivre*; *The Fall of Icarus (Jazz)* and his series of *Blue Nudes*.

Wayne also spoke about the Chapelle du Rosaire de Vence, on the French Riviera, which Matisse decorated with murals and stained-glass windows and which he himself considered to be his "masterpiece".

We were pleased to welcome some non-ATTA members to this talk.



Reports on this talk and our summer lunch were published in the Alton Herald.

SUMMER LUNCH

On Sunday 3rd July we held a buffet lunch in the grounds of Thedden Grange by kind invitation of Tony Cohen and Charlotte Wigzell.

In the absence of any guests from Montecchio or Pertuis, their countries were represented by the food that we all contributed: quiches, cured meats, cheeses, pasta, bread, fruit and desserts, not to mention French and Italian wines! The food was laid out in a marquee decorated with flags of all

three countries. Our thanks go to Tony and Charlotte for hosting and setting up and to Sarah for co-ordinating the food.

After lunch, members were invited to tour some of the grounds. Tony took us to see the walled gardens and Bryan Harrison guided us through the woodland. It was a truly glorious afternoon and everyone would love to go again – if Thedden Grange will have us!



MONTECCHIO MAGGIORE - Thanks to responses from members, Pauline will be able to advise Diego that we should be able to host about 12-16 people if they wish to proceed with their plans to visit Alton in 2023.

PERTUIS - The most recent news is that they appear to have no Alton liaison committee, so exchange visits in the near future are unlikely.

FUTURE EVENTS

WINE TASTING – We are still hoping to hold a wine tasting, with the preferred date being a Friday in mid-November. Are there any wine buffs out there who would like to lead this event or anyone else who would be prepared to help?

NEW YEAR LUNCH 2023 – The committee are actively seeking an appropriate venue for this.



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We hope that you are all well and look forward to seeing you at future events.
the ATTA Committee