



NEW YEAR LUNCH

On Sunday, 7 January 2024, we held our New Year Lunch in the Barn at the Hen & Chicken for the second year running. Thirty five people had booked for the lunch and we were pleased to welcome new members David Weeks and Sophie & Peter Schofield. At the end of the meal Patric gave a short speech and Sarah and Pauline gave updates on Pertuis and Montecchio Maggiore. There are some photos of the event on page 2.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 15 April, at Alton Maltings

Please join us for a drink at 7.30pm before business commences at 7.45pm. More details and nomination forms will be sent out in due course.

MONTECCHIO MAGGIORE

At the New Year Lunch some members expressed an interest in returning to Montecchio in the autumn this year. Pauline has written to Diego suggesting a visit to cover **the weekends of 5/6, 12/13 or 19/20 October** and is currently waiting for a reply. If you would like to participate in this visit please contact Pauline on **pauline_esland@hotmail.com**. In the meantime, you might like to check flights and decide on your preferred dates of travel.

PERTUIS

The dates for the visit are **Thursday, 20 to Monday, 24 June 2024**. If you are able to host, please contact Sarah on **sarahandpatric@yahoo.co.uk**. We are expecting visitor numbers to be in the mid-twenties so we shall need as many hosts as possible. Please let Sarah know how many guests you can accommodate and, if only one, if you would prefer a male or female.

The programme so far is:

Thursday

Arrival at Heathrow Airport at 15.55; Dinner with hosts.

Friday

Daytime excursion; Dinner with hosts.

Saturday

Welcome at the Town Hall, Regency Day;
Buffet supper at Beech Village Hall.

Sunday

Day with hosts; Dinner at the Rose & Crown.

Monday

Morning to be arranged; 18.00 flight from Heathrow.

FRENCH PEN PAL SCHEME

Some Pertuis twinning members are attending English lessons and are keen to find a 'pen pal' in Alton. Correspondence could be in English and French or just English on its own. Some of our members (including new member Sophie) have already asked to be put in touch with someone in Pertuis, but it's not too late to join in! If you are interested, please contact Eileen at **eileen.fawcett6@gmail.com**.

Here are some photos taken at the end of our lunch, hence all the empty plates and glasses!



PUBLICITY

In the hope of attracting some new members, a notice, designed by Pam Jones and incorporating the poster she produced for the 25th Montecchian anniversary plus a matching design for Pertuis, has been sent to the

Holybourne Village Magazine for inclusion in the next three editions. A laminated poster of the same notice will be displayed in various locations in and around Alton.

Here, as a reminder, are the contact details for:

Hosting guests from Pertuis: **sarahandpatric@yahoo.co.uk**
Visiting Montecchio: **pauline_esland@hotmail.com**
French Pen Pal Scheme **eileen.fawcett6@gmail.com**

We look forward to seeing you at the
AGM on Monday, 15th April, at the
Maltings.

From the ATTA Committee

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