

# Foxton Twinning Association – Annual General Meeting 2 July 2025

## Minutes

### Apologies

Tony and Carol Garrick, Simon Buggey, Cheryl Pusey

### Minutes of meeting June 2024

The minutes of the last AGM were approved.

### Chair Report

Peter summarised the year in his report:

*Once again I have the pleasure to report back on the past year.*

*Both committees have a strong representation and enjoy running the associations.*

*Every visit to Montigny and to Foxton seems to get incrementally better each time. I think we all agreed that the last two visits were the best yet. We are all familiar with each other's village and environs, we know everyone so much better and can enthuse over the twinning with new members.*

*Our visit to Montigny in May commenced as always with a reception at the Mairie and a chance to reconnect. It was good to meet and chat with some of the younger Montignais and provide them with an opportunity to practice their English. (and we our French).*

*The Saturday morning visit was excellent. An immersive experience at the Jeanne d'Arc exhibition in the bishop's palace in Rouen. The audio-visual tour took us from room-to-room and followed the life of Joan of Arc.*

*After a delightful lunch (they all are) we had individual visits in and around Rouen. Tessa and I went to the Château de Martincour where there is a regional museum of culture.*

*We were treated to a fun evening with karaoke and games – interspersed with the usual excellent food.*

*Sunday was the traditional day with our hosts and the farewell drinks in the evening.*

*Another visit over – all too soon it seems.*

*We now start planning for 2026 and keeping the friendships alive and growing.*

### Treasurer Report

Andy presented the accounts and a summary of our hosting in 2024. We have a total of £910.95 in the funds. There was £40 to add from the safari supper.

New bank cards were issued to Jill, Anne and Andy. Jill thanked Andy for his comprehensive summary.

### Subscription Rate:

We voted unanimously to keep the subscription rate at £0.00 and to raise the Montigny visit rate to £15.00 per family. (proposed: Peter Howell seconded: Andy Wall, all unanimous)

### Committee members

Martin decided to step down from the committee, and Neil Pinto subsequently joined. All the other current committee members agreed to continue. Apart from the officers the committee comprises: Anne Fleming, Cheryl Pusey, Neil Pinto and Deborah Richardson.

### Re-election of Officers

All current officers were willing to continue in their positions.

a). Chair – Peter Howell

b). Secretary – Jill Buggey

c). Treasurer – Andy Wall

All voted unanimously.

### **Debrief from the Montigny weekend visit in May**

Everyone felt the group as a whole is now very cohesive and relaxed regardless of whether from Foxton or Montigny. There is a great mix of old friends and new ones each time. We felt generally as a group that we would be happy to move around and stay/host different families (some of us already do this). The food and karaoke evening was fabulous and it was great to meet some younger members of the community. We said that if any of them wanted to practise their English we would happily help them with this. We thought we should work harder on the school links. Maybe try and involve the school by contacting Janet Muir and seeing if any young families wanted to arrive on Thursday and spend Friday in school when they come here in 2026. The Friday reception needs to be not too long, as we were tired and needed to eat, but it's hard to stop the conversation flowing! Rouen visit was very good, with flexible lunch on Saturday and garden visits proposed for the afternoon, which were lovely. Sunday drinks was great as well, with the views across Rouen in the evening.

### **Future events**

- Joint meeting with Comberton Committee
- Twinning weekend Fri 8 – Sun/Mon 10/11 May 2026 (in Foxton)
- Film night
- Safari Supper
- Other fundraising ideas

**Date of next AGM: 24 June 2026 from 7pm**