

Twyford Twinning Association Report for Parish Council AGM April 2021

This has not been a good year for the Twinning Association along with most local activities. Sadly our concert scheduled for last April had to be cancelled along with other events such as the proposed football team visit in June and a proposed cycle trip to join Cuincy cycle club at Cuincy.

However, despite all these setbacks the Twinning Association has managed to maintain its links with Cuincy through several Zoom sessions with our friends over there. They have been having a tough time as well as us and are not so advanced with vaccination as we are in the UK so are still enduring degrees of lockdown. It has been great to chat with our friends in Cuincy through Zoom and they appear to be in good spirits. Claude Hego, their Mayor, has been re-elected which is great news for the community as he is very committed to Twinning and moving forward.

They have a new library (La Mediatheque) in Cuincy and it was suggested at our last meeting that we send them some English books for their library. Hazel has offered to co-ordinate this and will be looking for some easy to read adult books and of course children's books in English and in good condition.

We can only hope that things will improve in the next few months so that we can reconnect properly with our friends in Cuincy. We do plan to go ahead with the events that were cancelled and will let everybody know as soon as something is likely to happen.

On the home front we were delighted that the Parish has arranged for a sign denoting that we are Twinned with Cuincy to appear below the village sign at Bell Corner. We are looking forward to the village gateway signs to appear with Twinned with Cuincy on them.

Our finances are healthy although not rich with £419.20 in the bank account, mainly from fund raising and membership fees. However, we have recently been awarded a grant from Tesco Bags for Help scheme of £1000. Although we don't yet have this money it is brilliant news and will give us a bit of a boost for the next time we are entertaining visitors from Cuincy. In the long term we are thinking that perhaps some sponsorship from local businesses would give us an income that would enable us to continue to entertain visitors from Cuincy in something approaching the very generous manner in which they entertain us when we visit them.

We currently have 26 members in the association and would like to sign more up to join us.

We have 76 people on our FaceBook page which is well used for posts from the members..

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