



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM took place at Alton Maltings on Monday, 27 April, with 24 members attending. Merula Frankel welcomed everyone, including Town Mayor Cllr Annette Eyres, and gave a report about the past year. Further reports were given by Patric Hinde, Finance and Membership; Pauline Esland, Montecchio and Sarah Hinde, Pertuis.

The following people were re-elected to the committee:

Chair: Merula Frankel

Treasurer/Membership Secretary:

Patric Hinde

Secretary: Eileen Fawcett

Liaison with Pertuis: Sarah Hinde

Liaison with Montecchio Maggiore:

Pauline Esland

Richard Hill

Jean Vacher was elected as a new committee member.



Merula welcomes Jean to the committee

WINE TASTING

Around 30 members attended the wine tasting evening on 20th February at Alton Maltings. This ever-popular event was organised again by Peter Mitic and Andrew Sorrell. They presented a carefully chosen selection of wines from France and Italy, as close to our twin towns as possible. This was the Veneto region for Montecchio but, for Pertuis, they expanded it to include the South of France.

All wines were sourced locally, so that members could buy them if they wished. We were given a description of each wine before Richard and Patric circulated round the room to pour a tasting into the waiting wine glasses. We sampled two white wines, both Soave from Italy, to start with followed by a rosé from France.

We then had a break to enjoy the splendid spread of food prepared by committee members, which included large bowls of imaginative salads, delicious quiches and a cheeseboard. This gave attendees a chance to socialise before the serious business of wine tasting recommenced. We tasted another French rosé and then followed two reds, a Valpolicella and a Bardolino.

Everyone agreed it had been a most enjoyable and sociable evening and we look forward to the next one.



Some of the wines tasted

QUIZ NIGHT

Who would ever have thought that the standard collective term for a group of giraffes was a **tower of giraffes** if they were standing or grazing or a **journey of giraffes** if they were on the move? Well, this was one of the questions at the Alton Town Twinning Association annual Quiz Night held at the Harvest Church otherwise known as the Alton Maltings. The evening was planned and compered by Marilyn and Bob Young and was very much enjoyed by 34 members and guests of the ATTA.

Those present at the fund raising event had fun pitting their wits against the question setters to try and win extra points. The funds raised are to be spent on entertaining the French guests at their visit to England in May to celebrate the 20th year of the linking by the Mayors of Pertuis and Alton.

It was a fun evening enjoyed with a drink or two, often water! The winning team were each given a box of chocolates and the losing team a small wooden spoon each !

The evening concluded with Merula Frankel, Chair of the Committee, thanking Marilyn and Bob for a super evening and presenting them with a potted orchid.



A break for fish 'n' chips

We look forward to seeing you at the 20th Anniversary celebrations with Pertuis

The ATTA Committee