

Report to Twinning Committee from Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association

AGM : Council Chamber, City Hall, 12 March 2009

After minutes of the AGM of March 17th 2008 had been read and approved, the Treasurer reported that the bank balance as of March 12th was £1682.85, and the remaining deposit was £2664.21.

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Jeremy Hook was thanked for his support of the Association, and Christine Wilson was thanked for her report and for arranging the 50th Anniversary Events. She was also warmly thanked for all her work in the past years.

Election of Officers

Mary Corbould : Chairman

June Perkins : Vice-Chairman

Ron Scarborough

Lyn Holt

50th Anniversary Weekend

Events to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the signing of the formal Civic Twinning agreement between Norfolk and Norwich and Rouen began when the group from Rouen arrived on May 21ST at 5.p.m.

The following day there was a guided visit to the Cathedral preceded by coffee in the cafeteria. This was followed by a visit to the Sainsbury Centre and tea. In the evening there was a very successful reception at Blackfriars Hall, hosted by NNRFA and attended by The Lord Mayor of Norwich, the Deputy Mayor of Rouen and other civic dignitaries, members of the NNRFA and their guests.

On Saturday most interesting films of old Norwich and Rouen were shown at Cinema City in a venture supported by Pole-Normandie and Screen East. The rowing teams met at the Norwich Rowing Club at Whitlingham in the morning and the football teams at the Sportspark in the afternoon. The team of futsal players from City Hall were beaten by the French team, and the French rowers were beaten by the team from Norwich. A good time was had by all.

The event concluded with an enjoyable Civic dinner.

The event seems to have been much enjoyed by both English and French groups, and injected a well-timed boost of enthusiasm to the NNRFA.

Future Plans

The proposed visit to France will be October 15th – 19th

The approximate cost will be £125 for members staying with families.

There is a planned visit to the Church at Bon Secours and participation in the Fete du Ventre

There is also a projected visit to Le Havre.

The Management Committee warmly welcomed a new member, Chris Rowe as Minute Secretary.