

Twining Association

The Twining Association had become an organisation almost in name only in the recent past. The invitation to attend our Diamond Jubilee Celebrations briefly reignited cross-channel interest, and the visit to the Jubilee celebrations by the Mayor and other representatives from Villeneuve sur Yonne was an unqualified success. I have to thank Rosie Scott and Bill Jackson and his wife for hosting the visitors, and Nigel Priestly for providing such pleasure with his vintage car. The French visit created some links with organisations in the village such as the photographic club who are sending their photos to France for an exhibition, but there has been no interest from residents to resurrect it. We received only one response from Rosie's article in the Fleet and I believe the association is in the process of being wound up. We will of course continue to maintain our twinning link at a civic level.

Business Club

Our contact with the Business Club proved invaluable for the Jubilee Celebrations. Many local businesses supported us with donations to the raffle or with their time and expertise. Gusto construction came on board because of an invitation sent to the Business Club and both Steff and Jerome were extremely supportive and generous. Steff provided the fireworks at cost price and among other things Jerome built the steps for our temporary stage and the tower for the beacon, and provided a trailer for the rubbish which he disposed of at the end. Although I do not attend many meetings, I receive regular email correspondence which is every useful and informative. Contact over the Jubilee served to strengthen our relationship with the Business Club and there is a definite feeling that we can work together for the good of the village. It is also a useful way of spreading the word about any activities or campaigns happening in the village as it reaches people who do not come into the village to read the posters etc.

Jubilee

I think we can agree that the Jubilee was a huge success and really brought the village together. We were incredibly fortunate with the weather and having East Midlands Today at the event really made it and has provided us with a permanent record of the day. It showed Collingham at its very best, a united village enjoying an event that was only made possible by the generosity of the villagers themselves. It has been done already but I would like to record my thanks to the fantastic committee who worked their socks off and everyone else who contributed to such a special day. I would also like to thank Councillor Vincent Dobson for his generous donation that bought the beacon for the Parish Council. The enduring legacy of the Jubilee celebrations in the village is a continued willingness to work with the Parish Council and a lasting reminder is the Jubilee Lights, which now provide us with an excuse to get together once a year. Thanks once again to Collingham Fire Crew for their help putting up the lights and then taking them down again and to Robert Townsend for all his work on putting in the necessary electrical connections and to Lincolnshire Co-op for providing the power.

Clerk's Performance Appraisal

We have had two meetings with Jane since she started and at the 6 month mark recommended her for her promised pay rise. We will continue to meet regularly and give her support as and when she needs it.

Celia Moody
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